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## <del>\*\*\*</del> Fifty Ladies' Hats Sale Saturday Next,

\$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4 and \$5.

The great problem in millinery business is to show the new ideas of both foreign When successful and home artists first. models are beginning to be copied we dis card them, and introduce something new. The offering of hats for Saturday comprise the very newest creations of millinery art. We invite your inspection.

### A Continuation of Our Great | Special Underskirt Sale, Suit Sale.

Regular \$20 quality on sale - \$15.50 Regular \$19 and \$20 Tweed Suits at - \$14 00

Made to your order by the very best tailors and guaranteed to fit. A magnificent range of patterns to choose from, suitable for summer wear. You save \$5 on each suit. Worth looking after, don't you think?

Extra Print Value, full Width, · at 10c, Yard,

The best quality we have ever shown for the price, dark and light patterns, stripes and checks, suitable fot shirt waists, men's shirts, ladies' and children's dressers, at per yard, 10c

## Regular \$1.50 Quality at 98c

Made of extra fine mercerized sateen, with 13 in. accordian pleated flounce, regular \$1.50 quality at

Ladies' Shirt Waists, special showing at 75c and \$1

Lawn Shirt Waists, the very newest styles, trimmed with tucks and rows of insertion, on sale Saturday, extra special, at 75c. and

Silk, Direct from Japan, at 36c. Yard

Regular 5oc. quality.
Special shipment of seven
hundred yards, in all the very
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suitable for waists or dresses, a great silk bargain at

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Made by a special patented process owned by its manufacturers. Provides a live wool cushion felt next to innersole, which makes an elastic surface for the sensitive part or the foot to rest upon. The pad is a register of cold and heat, and absorbs moisture, increasing the blood circulation and keeps the feet dry, comfortable and warm.

TURRILL, THE SHOE MAN.

## BINDER TWINE FACTORY SOLD TO NEW COMPANY

Will Likely Start Operations by the First Week in June—Loca Company Outbid the Deering People - Price Paid

Mr. S. B. Arnold, on behalf of Mr. Baldwin, took possession last night, and the company, overbidding the Deerring people.

It is understood that the price paid was \$21,000.)

The new company propose to commence operations immediately and will endeavor to put the concern on a good paying business basis. Mr. Wilson will be set in motion as soon as supposed and he expects to have the factory running by the first week in June.

Chatham is a splendid site for a binder twine factory and, after the varied tribulations, which the local concern has experienced, it is hoped its business possibilities will now be developed.

The machinery and equipment is all its averallar condition and the new company and its manager every success, and the citizens at large will be glad.

After earnest and persistent endeavors on the part of the directors to raise \$10,000 preference stock, the undertaking had to be abandoned.

Then pursuant to the request of the shareholders, the factory was advertised for sale by tender. Several tenders were received but none such as the directors felt justified in accepting until the final cash offer from Mr. Richard W. Baldwin, of New York.

Manager J. J. Ross, when seen by The Planet, said:—

"The directors of the Chatham Binder Twine Co. received several offers to their advertisements. The highest received was from Richard W. Baldwin, of New York City, was the highest offer it was accepted."

The machinery and equipment is all in excellent condition and the new company purpose to utilize it at the carliest opportunity.

The Planet wisnes the new condition and the new and the citizens at large will be glad to know that this splendid factory will, within a week or two at most, become a live running concern.

### CONTRACT LET

Library Board met last Evening and Awarded Contract for Interior Furnishings.

A special meeting of the Library Board was held last evening with Chairman Charteris and Messrs. Humphrey, Sheldrick, Twohey, Thibodeau Stone, Smith and Davis present.

The invoice of the Book Supply Co. vas referred to the Finance com-The report of the special committee

appointed to interview the local manufacturers of interior fixtures Mr. McEwan, of the Office Supply Co., Toronto, was heard regarding

the furnishings and equipments of the library, submitting plans, details, etc. His tender was \$1,536.70, not in-cluding card cabinet system or wall shelving.

Mr. Wyman, representing the Lib-rary Bureau of Boston and Ottawa, full plans and specifications; his

rary Bureau of Boston and Ottawa, full plans and specifications; his figure was \$2,377.

On motion of F. Stone, seconded by J. W. Humphrey, the plans submitted by Mr. Wyman, No. 16,839, be accepted subject to alteration by reducing the size of the delivery counter to dimensions satisfactory to the architect and Building committee, leaving out shelving on the southerly and easterly side and on the brick, wall of the north side of adults reading room. The entire work to be ready

of the north side of adults reading room. The entire work to be ready for use not later than August 1st. By accepting Mr. Wyman's plans \$575 in metal railing is saved on the original contract, besides a considerable amount of wall panelling, wall shelving in the children's reading room being substituted.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Davis that the Chairman of the Building committee and the architect be authorized to arrange with the contractor for reduction on contract price for all changes incidental to this contract according to contractor's proposal on May 8th. The meeting here adjourned, as it was 12,30 o'clock, but met right away and on motion of Mr. Sheldrick, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, an expert in the card system and library cataloging was hired for a month to teach the librarian and assistant the most modern systems. A supply of cards was also ordered.

The contract is being prepared by the city solicitor between the Boston Library Bureau and the local Board. The library furnishings are all to be manufactured in Canada.

THREATENS ' PAY DEST. The Dominion Wis is to Reduce In-

Toronto, May 15 .- The financia, and the Domirion have and the Domirion have assumed a new position, as indicated by the correspondence brought down in the Legislature yesterday by the Fremier. Hon. W. S. Fielding, as Finance Minister, has written the Premier, as Provincial Treasurer, that the interest on the funds held by the ominion for the Province will be received from 5 to 4 per cent, or that the Dominion will pay over the funds. The Premier has replied protesting aga st either course. The House devoted ome time to a discussion of veterans' 1 grants on the second reading of the Government measure, and passed the second reading of the Premier's municipal power bill. In supply, agricultural estimates were passed.

### DAMAGING EOREST FIRES.

THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF DO-MINION TIMBER.

On Both Sides of Lake Winnipeg-No Lives Lost as Yet-Many Families Destitute.

Winnipeg, May 15 .- Owing to the absence of rain, prairie and bush fires are causing enormous damage in the west. Word has reached the city of terrible forest fires raging on both sides of Lake Winnipeg. The fires commenced evidently about three days commenced evidently about three days ago, and parties arriving from Selkirk say that an army of soldiers could not stop the conflagration. The district on fire covers thousands of acres of valuable timber lands, chiefly the property of the Dominion Government. The loss of personal property is also tremendous, and over a hundred families have lost their homes and stock. The fire is reported to extend from along both sides of Lake Winnipeg, running right up into Kildonan, where the cultivated lands have stopped its course about ten miles from the city.

Mr. E. F. Stephenson, Commissioner of Crown Timber Lands, just returned from the lake, says the whole country on either side of the lake is either on fire or the fire has run through it, leaving nothing but ruins of the trees and buildings. Valuable Government timber is being destroyed, but they are powerless to do anything to check the fire. The timber is parched dry, and

and buildings. Valuable Government timber is being destroyed, but they are powerless to do anything to check the fire. The timber is parched dry, and the undergrowth is very rank and like tinder, owing to the scarcity of rain this spring. Through this the fire has run, with terrible rapidity. The high winds have helped, and the embers have jumped the trails thirty and forty feet, and carried the fire to the growth beyond. The area covered is about 300 miles square, stretching from Tyndall to Balsam Bay, from there to Gimli, and from Winnipeg Beach down to Selkirk. Many homes have been destroyed in the German settlement, and all buildings where the fire has reached have been destroyed. Fences, barns, farm houses and valuable timber is burnt to an amount Mr. Stephenson cannot estimate. So far as known no lives have been lost, but many families are destitute.

Fires are also reported from the Dauphin district. The Canadian Northern track was burned over for some distance, preventing the Swan River train going through last night. All the logs and lumber belonging to the Swan River Lumber Co at Fisher's Siding have been burned. The loss is estimated at \$30,000. Only a few days ago their mill was burne. The other mills are being well guarded, and are believed to be out of danger.

The vilage of St. Claude, in southern Manitoba had a very narrow escape from destruction yesterday, fires surrounding the place.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. Wm. McGregor, ex-M.P., collector of sustoms at Windsor, is dead.

The C. P. R. west in express was de-layed by a rock slide in the mountains. Dr. Forrester of Ontario captured the standard-bred stellion championship at the Calgary show.

Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., is mentioned as the probable successor of the late Hon. David Mills in the Supreme Court.

The question of the reduction of naval armaments was again discussed in the British House of Commons.

#### SATURDAY PLANET

Next week is military week in the Maple City. Her gallant sons of the 24th Kent Regiment are energetically preparing for their forthcoming visit to St. Thomas and inspection by Lord Dundonald.

Planet readers are interested in our young men and the Saturday special to-morrow will contain an interesting article upon them and their work, supplementing the record of their predecessors in the Old Battalion, published in last Monday's Planet.

And there will be other entertaining features in the Big Saturday Planet o-morrow

Miss Edna M. Martin, one of Chatnam's fair and accomplished musicians, contributes an exceedingly pleasing sketch, answering the query, 'What is Song ?" Her admirable article will be read with interest by every lover of music.

Our fair readers will find another series of rich half-tone photogravuers, illustrating the latest and most alluring creations in the fashion world. "In the Days of Auld Lang Syne," will once more take the reader to the

long ago and entertain by "looking backward" over half a century. "Joe Discusses the Vice-Regal Visit."-The irrepressible young shiner was everywhere at once on the occasion of the recent visit of Lord and Lady Minto and evidently saw many things that escaped the eye of the casual spectator. He tells of them in is own inimitable manner.

A local philosopher suggests a pic ture gallery for the new Carnegie Library and submits a few subjects which might appropriately be chosen. "Our Sunshiners" conduct a capital department devoted to their splendid work in Chatham.

There are many other interesting and attractive features. The Satchel of the Satellite, the Church Chimes, of the Satellite, the Church Chimes, the Talmage sermon will all be read with interest; while all the news, local and foreign, will be covered in the full and up-to-date manner which Planet readers so much appreciate.

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NIAGARA FA LS LIMITS. Town and Village Ordered to Form

May 15.—An hour Toronto, a half was consumed the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature yesterdry with a bill submitted by W.M. German, M.P., on behalf of the village of Niagara Falls, for the purpose of extending its boundaries to take in the sites of the three big electric power companies. The territory asked for comprises 245 acres, lying partly in the township of Stamford and 30 acres in the present town of Niagara Falls. The town and the village have thus far failed to agree upon terms of amalgamation. The committee thought that a city would eventually grow up around the big power plant, and deemed it best that the present two municipalities should be united. The matter was adjourned till next Wednesday to afford them an opportunity to agree upon terms of union. the Private Bills Committee of the

### Big Fire at Winnipeg

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Winnipeg, May 15.—The buildings and plant of the Northern Iron Works on the corner of Point Douglas avenue and Gladstone street were completely destroyed by fire which started yesterday. The loss is about \$30,000. The insurance was held as follows:—Canadian Fire Insurance Company, \$3,000; Queen, \$4,500; Phoenix of Hartford, \$1,200. The company employed 45 men, and was started on its present site two years ago. Several large contraots were being filled.

Never scold. Never fear hard work.

### SENTENCED TO DEATH.

THE VERONICA MUTINEERS FOUND GUILTY.

The End of a Sensational Case-Captain Shaw and Others Were Foully Murdered.

St. John, May 15.—A cable to William Thomson & Company yesterday brings word from Liverpool that the Veronica mutineers were convicted of murder to-day in the Liverpool court, and were sentenced to death. The prisoners numbered four. The Veronica was a bark, owned by William Thomson & Company. On the high seas last December some of her crew mutineed, and then ensued one of the most atrocious series of murders which have been chronicled in the annals of the modern merchant marine. Captain Shaw, who was a Prince Edward Islander, his mate and five of his crew were shot or driven overboard. Then the mur-Edward Islander, his mate and five of his crew were shot or driven overboard. Then the mutineers provisioned a boat, fired the bark and left. They were pickeds up and taken to Liverpool, but the story of their awful crime was given out by one of the number, and the trial of four of the men followed.

#### IN THE COMMONS.

Government Aid to Dry Docks-Customs Officials Overtime.

Ottawa, May 15 .- What would otherwise have been a dull day in the House was enlivened by an acriminous dis-cussion, in which Mr. Walter Scott (West Assiniboia) and Mr. R. Blain (Peel) were the principal figures. The incident arose out of the utterances with which Mr. Blain was credited during the recent western trip of the Conservative leader and party. The resolution of Hon, W. S. Fielding, increasing the assistance given to encourage the construction of dry docks, was reported. Hon, Wm. Paterson, during the discussion upon his resolutional parts of the discussion upon his resolution. paid to officials of the Customs Department who work overtime in order to meet incoming trains and steamers. This exemption does not, however, apply to cases where a special officer is employed solely for the convenience of the transportation companies to bond baggage through from otherpoints than at the boundary.

# Girl's Strap Slippers.

A large variety of Girl's Strap Slippers has been put into stock at prices from 50c. to \$1.00, sizes 3 to 7½

75c. to \$1.25, sizes 8 to 10 \$1 and \$1.25. sizes 11 to These are the best we have ever offered for the money.

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