

Labor Day.

Successfully Celebrated by London's Workmen.

A Big Procession, With 3,000 Men in Line.

A Striking Testimony of the Strength of Organized Labor.

The Attendance at Queen's Park Estimated at 10,000.

An Interesting Programme of Sports and the Results.

Profuse Decorations and Four Bands—Speeches by Messrs. Esery and Marks—Special Features of the Procession—Notes.

For the first time in Canadian history Labor Day was celebrated throughout the Dominion yesterday as a statutory holiday. The day was observed in London for the third time, and the demonstration was in every way a complete success. Many visitors were present from surrounding towns, and as there were no excursions from London of any account the citizens turned out nobly, and the crowd at the park was as large, if not larger, than the attendance at any of the several picnics already held in that place this summer. Thousands witnessed the parade at noon, although the heat of the day was very oppressive. The procession was a big one, and was a fitting evidence of a strength of organized labor in this city. A striking feature of the parade was an exhibit of the Industrial Brotherhood. It did not take up much room, and was not a brilliant display, yet it tended to show the good sense of Canadian workmen in a marked degree. In a decorated wagon rested an improved ballot box, and above it was a marked ballot paper. On the ballot paper were printed, one above the other, the words "Masses" and "Classes." The X was placed after the word "Masses," and above the whole was the simple sentence "Strike here." It conveyed a world of meaning.

The procession was not only of great size, but it was a marvel of decoration. About 3,000 persons were in line, and each exhibitor, each society, and everybody connected with the long line vied with one another to present the neatest appearance and the most tasteful decoration. It was a rolling stream of color. Flags and streamers, banners and evergreens, bright uniforms and pretty flowers made the moving mass pleasant for the eye to rest upon. The men in line presented a well-fed, comfortable appearance, and the intelligence stamped on the faces of the mass was worthy of the dignity of its calling.

The procession left the Market Square almost sharp on time, and at 12:15 was moving down Dundas street. It was headed by about 75 butcher boys on horseback and a butcher boys' band on foot. The men rode splendid mounts and looked neat in their white hats and shirt sleeves with clean baskets on their arms. Decorated butcher wagons came next and the Cavalry band followed. Cottam's bird food pyramid preceded Hamilton's bird exhibit, and then citizens were treated to a free lance at three wagon loads of coal and two of cordwood. Each wagon was safely returned to Daly's wood yard without being held up. Smith brothers had a statue of Venus taking a shower bath in public. She was clad in cheese cloth and looked wet but cool and beautiful. The four merry plumbers at work on a float completed Smith Bros.' exhibit. The three steam laundry companies—Parisian, Dominion and Forest City—showed a beautiful line of delivery wagons all covered with bright paint, collars and cuffs and naughty little caps, who leaned on collars and thought they were in full dress.

The London Gravel Felt Roofing Company's exhibit followed, Bartlett & Parsons' amateur minstrel show kept a respectful distance ahead of Pawnee Willie's wild west aggregation, who looked fierce and dirty and scaly. Keene Bros. and Tradd's furniture exhibits gave the young people matrimonially inclined something to talk about in their evening rambles. Then came the Iron Molders' Union and the Seventh band. The two car shop fire companies came next, with the always smiling "Jerry" Laughlin in command. With their white shirts and black felt hats the men looked natty. The reels were beautifully decorated and little Freddie Alward occupied a flowery seat of honor upon one of them. "When duty calls we no danger fear," their banner read. The round house fire teams followed with the captains on decorated wheels. The hose reel in this case was draped in the form of a prettily colored chariot, and little Nellie Smith made a correspondingly pretty chariot. Captains Loveridge and Harrison commanded. The men wore blue shirts and yachting caps.

Conclave No. 2, K. S. F., under command of Capt. Jacobs, were the first uniformed company in the line of march. The Cigar Makers' Union and Industrial Brotherhood quickly followed. The latter had a patriotic badge consisting of a Maple Leaf with the name of the society in golden letters. In succession came the Federated Shoemakers, Machine Woodworkers, Tailors' Union, International Association of Machinists, Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners, and Railroad Trainmen and Firemen.

married men. Their usual good clothes and good looks were enhanced by a navy blue yachting cap and the prettiest badge in the whole procession. Red, white and blue was the body of the badge and the lettering was in silver. "Typographical Union, No. 133." To show the international character of the society the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were presented in raised colors on the upper portion, and above all, on the pin bar, were two clasped hands and the motto "In Union There is Strength." One printer who served his time in the old country absolutely refused to wear the badge because of the American flag that was on it. Another removed the obnoxious flag and walked through the streets with a mutilated badge. The printer's devil rode in state, and a real fierce little fiend he looked with his horns and his trident. It being a holiday he was dressed in red instead of the usual black. The apprentices were brown caps to distinguish them from the full-fledged types. The barbers, with plug hats, white jackets and clean shaves, marched to the music of the Sons of England Band, which was immediately following. Then came the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, with the announcement that "We build on a sure foundation." The Amalgamated Society of Engineers and a float with several of Hyman's tanners at work followed. Stationary engineers, carpenters and railroad societies came next. The city fire department brought up the rear. Ald. Parnell, chairman of the fire, water and light committee, rode in a buggy with Chief Roe. Nos. 1 and 2 wagons and the hook and ladder wagon were prettily decorated with flowers. No. 3 rode beside a lavish display of flowers and banners, was decorated with the person of Ald. Coe.

Several Patrons of Industry were in the procession, which passed in the following order: Citizens' band—Harry Pope, leader. About 75 butcher boys on horseback. Capt. Jacobs' decorated wagon, commanded by K. Brooks, T. Hamlyn, James Johnson and C. E. Elliott. Cavalry Band. Cottam's bird food display. Kent brewery wagon, decorated with hops and evergreens. Daly & Sons—Three wagon loads of coal and two of wood. Smith Bros., plumbers—Men at work on a float. Banner of Iron Molders' Union on a float. Dominion Steam Laundry. London Gravel Felt Roofing Company's display. Bartlett & Parsons' negro minstrel show. Pawnee Willie's Wild West show on a wagon surrounded by a Union Jack. Six Parisian Laundry wagons. Forest City Laundry. Keene Brothers' furniture. Wm. Tradd's furniture. Iron Molders' Union, No. 37—President, Albert Cook; financial secretary, George Grant; corresponding secretary, Joseph Feden. Seventh Band. No. 1 Company carshops hose reel—Captain, Jerry Loughlin; J. Phillips, lieutenant. No. 2 Company carshops—W. Reid, lieutenant. Carshops' firemen's banner—"We're Here!" We No Danger Fear. G. T. R. locomotive fire team, No. 1—W. Lovelidge, captain; H. Brown, lieutenant. G. T. R. locomotive fire team, No. 2—Charles Harrison, captain; J. Jenkins, lieutenant. Conclave No. 2, K. S. F.—Captain Jacobs. Cigar makers' Union, No. 278—President, Fred French; financial secretary, R. A. Schriber; corresponding secretary, Frank O'Neill. Industrial Brotherhood of Canada, Local Directory, No. 7—Worthy director, George Birrell; secretary, H. B. Keene. Local Directory, No. 9—Worthy director, J. W. Birrell; secretary, Joseph T. Marks. Industrial Brotherhood ball box, surrounded by a ballot paper marked like this: "Classes—X" With the words above, "Strike here." Federated Shoemakers, No. 3—President, Jas. Cummings; secretary, Geo. Dickson. Machine Woodworkers—President, Frank Ball; secretary, Wm. Gough. Tailors' Union, No. 2—President, Matthew Ferguson; financial secretary, George Parkinson; corresponding secretary, Harry Samuel Hunter. International Association of Machinists, No. 383—Master machinist, O. C. Brady; financial secretary, Geo. Nixon; corresponding secretary, Wm. Buskard. Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners, No. 437—President, Alex. Gunn; secretary, R. Bonney. Railroad Trainmen, No. 249—Master, C. Johnson; secretary, Wm. Wallace. Railroad Trainmen, No. 415—Master, John Kelleher; secretary, Robt. McDougall. Railroad Firemen, No. 117—Master, George Black; secretary, Ed. Atkinson. Railroad Firemen, No. 468—Master, Wm. Russell; secretary, Geo. Gourley. St. Albans Church Lads' Brigade—Thos. Hogg, captain. Robin Hood Drill Corps—Capt. Brown. Free Press decorated wagon. Typographical Union, No. 133—President, A. E. White; financial secretary, Frank Plant; corresponding secretary, James McNeil. The printers' devil in a carriage. Barbers' Association—President, C. Brennan; secretary, John Farr. Sons of England Band. Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, No. 5—President, Walter Tolt; secretary, Jos. Hawthorne. Bricklayers' streamer—"We Build on a Sure Foundation." Amalgamated Society of Engineers, No. 468—President, Thomas J. May; secretary, George Storey. Hyman's tannery display with tanners at work. Stationary Engineers—President, R. A. Lyons; secretary, Wm. Meaden. Brotherhood of Carpenters—President, Thos. Burns; financial secretary, E. Aust; corresponding secretary, Jas. Crawford. Bell pianos. Conductors, No. 15—Chief conductor, W. Farrell; secretary, J. McAniff. Railroad Engineers, No. 538—Chief engineer, Jos. Fitzgibbon; secretary, F. Cottrell. Coxey's Army on a wagon. Railroad Engineers, No. 55—Chief engineer, A. Templeton; secretary, Harry Crouch. Railroad Telegraph Operators, No. 161—Chief operator, W. Sauter; secretary, W. Allison. Clowns and jesters. Chief Roe and Ald. Parnell in a carriage. No. 1 company hose wagon. No. 2 company hose wagon. No. 3 company hose wagon. The mounted marshals were Messrs. Anderson, James Cummings and Michael Fowell.

At the Park. Long before the procession reached its destination—before it started from the square, in fact—citizens began to flock to the park. They were of every class. Rich men and "bosses" were there in plenty. But it was Labor Day, the toilers' turn, and of course the latter were in the majority by long odds. And they seemed to be as happy as the man who made his wealth by their toil.

The parade arrived close on the schedule time, and close on it came the thousands of people who had lined both sides of Dundas street, from Talbot to the park gates. The bands sought the center of the ring, but nothing less than the stands would suit the crowd. The sellers could not begin to meet the demand made for tickets, and the games were under way before the rush was over. Everyone knows the huge accommodation at the park, but it was sorely taxed. The number of people was placed at over 10,000 by several who were supposed to know.

THE SPEECHES. Addresses of welcome were first delivered from the platform facing the stand. The corporation was responded to by Mayor Esery in a three-minute speech, in which he said: "This is the first day when labor in Canada has had a national holiday of its own, and we have not today not only to celebrate that notable event in the history of the country, but to celebrate the annual outing of the Trades and Labor Council and those affiliated with them in the city of London. There is one thing of which the citizens can well be proud, and that is the standing occupied by the men of labor in this country of ours. We have an important holiday—the civic—and on that day the teamsters made an outing, but the trades and labor men are going in the future to make their day one on which every citizen can afford to stay at home and see the events that take place. There was a time when the men who worked were supposed to do nothing else, but in this country the workmen's sons always come out on top, and why shouldn't they have their day? These men are endeavoring to make a national reputation for themselves, and they welcome you to their festivities. They intend that they shall be better, and they intend to make a stand that will be creditable to themselves. They belong to a people second to none on God's earth." (Cheers.)

JOSEPH T. MARKS. That ever active labor representative, Mr. J. T. Marks, was given a warm reception. His remarks were very brief. "On behalf of organized labor," he said, "I would also like to welcome you. We hope that your visit will be a profitable one, and that in years to come we will increase in strength. We thank you for turning out in such large numbers to this demonstration." (Applause.) Grand President Mallory, of the Patrons of Industry, was expected to speak in behalf of the order, but owing to pressing official business was unable to be present.

THE RING ATTRACTIONS. The managers of the athletic programme had a deal of trouble owing to the crowd of sight-seers who blocked the track. By some vigorous hustling the ring was partly cleared and the sports pushed through with energy. There were 32 events on the programme. Half a dozen clowns kept the audience in good humor between the many events. Jakey Butts was the leader.

In the line of special attractions Messrs. Partridge and Stevens, the well-known local slack wire and horizontal bar artists, gave another of their clever exhibitions and received merited applause. The St. Albans Church Lads' Brigade executed some physical drill which was a great credit to the instructor, Captain Thomas Hogg. The prizes, valued at about \$20, will be divided at the discretion of the captain.

Keen rivalry has existed during the summer between the Conclave of the Knights of Sherwood Forest and the Robin Hood corps, organized in the city of London. The two bodies competed at the teamsters' picnic, and honors were even—so the judges decided. Capt. John Brown, of the Robin Hoods, was after the \$50 cash prize offered yesterday, and got it without any great effort. His corps went through twenty minutes' drill, and introduced movements which were never before shown in the city. But one error of any account was made. The marching of the troop was steady, the crosses, circles, triangles and squares looked pretty, and the audience heartily applauded. Captain Jacobs, of the Conclave, handled the Knights very well, though it lacked the business of the opponents.

The judges were Major Stanbury, of London Canton, I. O. O. F., Captain J. Somerville, of the Canton, and Sgt. Major Muir, of Wolseley Barracks. They awarded the Robin Hoods 422 points and first prize, and the Conclave 324 points and second prize (\$20).

The hose reel competition brought out only No. 1 company from the Grand Trunk roadhouse and No. 2 from the company's employees. The teams from the car works were entered, but through a little dispute decided not to compete. No. 2 was under Capt. W. Loveridge and Lieut. H. Brown. They laid six lengths of hose, coupled on a hydrant at 100 yards, and at 200 yards detached the hose and reached a nozzle in 20 1/2 seconds. No. 1 was captained by C. Harrison, who had as lieutenant J. Jenkins. They had little trouble in lowering the record of No. 2 on the same routine by nearly three seconds, being ready for attacking a fire in 27 3/5 seconds. No. 1 also secured the prize for the best decorated hose wagon.

The tug-of-war proved an easy victory for the "Patrons' team." It comprised Messrs. Wm. Storey, M. P. P. W. Estlin; J. Thornycroft and St. Folker, Messrs. D. Smith and W. H. Smith, Dorchester Station, and A. Hamilton, of Westminster. The first pull was against Messrs. J. Arthur, J. Larkin, G. Black, G. Mall, J. Cockrell and G. Allan, of the G. T. R. The stalwart farmers started with the drop of the handkerchief and in less than a minute had their opponents prostrate on the dust. A team consisting of Messrs. Chas. Johnson, Chris Johnson, Ed. Dibbs, Joseph Mayor, Ben Campbell and Wm. Culbert, of the railroad trainmen, fared no better. The second set to was between six of Capt. Loveridge's men from No. 1 G. T. R. fire brigade and a C. P. R. team captained by N. Henry. Two straight sets were taken by the latter. The remainder of the events resulted as follows: Married ladies' race—1 Mrs. A. Lockwood, 2 Mrs. S. Pring, 3 Mrs. Hamilton, 4 Mrs. Burgess, 5 Mrs. Howard, 6 Mrs. H. Pierce. Patrons of Industry, 45 years or over—1 James Thomas, 2 Thos. McCreedy, 3 John Hobbs, 4 Geo. Crinkley. Bicycle race, one mile—1 W. Allison, 2 R. Dillaway. Time, 3:02. Obstacle race—1 C. Caswell, 2 F. Short, 3 W. Bennett, 4 A. Ritchie, 5 A. Johnston. Running race, horses, 1 mile—1 Mitchelltree's Nettie, 2 Leathorn's Rose, Time, 4:20. Wheelbarrow race—1 F. Short and A. Ritchie, 2 W. Bennett and J. Watson, 3 A. Johnston and E. Gillett. Grab race—1 W. Hexter, 2 N. Wanless, 3 J. Gillett, 4 B. Wheatcroft, 5 F. White, 6 A. Bright, 7 F. Groves, 8 J. Porter. One hundred yards, open—1 N. Wanless, 2 W. Ashman, 3 W. Hexter, 4 F. Short. Committee's race—1 W. Hunter, 2 W. Carroll, 3 Geo. Hendry, 4 W. Sanderson, 5 G. Anderson, 6 Geo. Black. Grab race (open)—1 F. May, 2 R. Robertson, 3 A. Chamberlain, 4 H. Parry, 5 J. Butts, 6 George Hall, 7 F. Gray, 8 W. A. Chisholm, 9 W. McGregor, 10 F. Elliott, 11 M. Hueston. Tub race—1 F. Short and A. Ritchie, 2 Tierney and Hendry, 3 Bennett and Watson, 4 Carroll and Kelly. Pail race—1 W. Hexter, 2 F. Short, 3 J. Gillett, 4 E. Gillett, 5 A. Johnston. Butcher boys' race (horses), one mile—1 Mitchelltree's Nettie, 2 Leathorn's Rose. Boys' tri-cyle race—1 W. Tuxford, 2 George Risler, 3 Roy Freeland. "CHINA VS. JAPAN." The crowd diminished but very little before the band played "God Save the Queen," although it was nearly 6:30 o'clock. They had all waited to see the concluding event, the burlesque entitled "China vs. Japan." The army of each country numbered only about twenty. They were attired in Oriental costume, and the representatives of Li Hung Chang's forces had big tails of something resembling seaweed. Swords and pig tails flew in every direction. Fire crackers of every size were exploded, and the contestants could say that they smelled smoke, at any rate. An attack by both armies on the city of Seoul (erected on the platform) wound up the fracas, and honors were about evened up. Noses were counted, and it was found that no lives were lost.

NOTES. Jakey Butts was awarded first prize as the funniest clown. Harry Hogg took second. The track was very dusty until Josh Hartley appeared with his watering cart. No. 1 fire company from the G. T. R. took the prize for the best decorated reel. Ald. Coe refused to command the Japs in the burlesque. He was sure that his countrymen would trim the Chinese without him. Norval Wanless had an easy victory in the 100 yards open race. He played with Ashman, of Chatham, who is considered by his friends as superior to any runner in the peninsula. The contestants in the tub race went in pairs and had to carry a tub containing water. The prizes were allowed to those spilling the least fluid. Some of the runners went through the trying ordeal of getting their feet wet. In the pail race the vessel, which was filled with water, was carried on the head. Some of the participants got their necks wet, but didn't take a cold. G. T. R. lorries in the parade were conspicuous by their absence. The reason was a lawsuit which arose over some Sheddon lorries taking part in a Michigan street parade. An accident happened, and the friends of the injured are now suing the company. This accounts for the non-appearance of G. T. R. lorries in yesterday's parade. Secretary Plant, of the demonstration committee, had not a minute to himself during the whole afternoon. To him is due, in a great measure, the success of the day. Wm. Carroll, the chairman, and John W. Johnson, treasurer of the committee, share the honors.

President James S. Reardon, Vice-President James Cummings and Secretary Joseph T. Marks, of the Trades of Labor Council, also worked unceasingly.

A SIGNAL SUCCESS. Labor Day Heartily Observed in Ontario and Quebec. Big Demonstrations in Montreal, Quebec, Peterboro, Kingston and Elsewhere—A Public Holiday. OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 3.—Labor Day was becomingly celebrated by the local labor today. In the morning there was a parade, over 2,000 men being in line. A programme of sports was carried out successfully in the afternoon. AT ST. JOHN, N. B. The labor parade to-day had about 1,500 men in line and was a success in every particular. MONTREAL. The celebration of Labor Day in this city was a great success. Fully 5,000 took part in the great procession, in which every trade and labor organization in the city was represented. The French workmen attended service at Notre Dame Church. The procession marched through the leading streets to the exhibition grounds, where a picnic was held.

AT QUEBEC. Labor Day was duly observed today, the authorities having made the day a civic holiday. Local horse races took place on Desjardins Park, while on the Q. A. A. grounds all sorts of sports were given. AT KINGSTON. Labor Day has been very generally observed as a holiday. Great crowds gathered at the cricket field to witness lacrosse, baseball and other sports. Many excursionists left the city, and large parties arrived from Ottawa, Brockville and other places. AT PETERBORO. To-day was celebrated here as Labor Day. The town was visited by a large crowd of people, and the day's sports were well carried out. At ten o'clock a large procession of the trades and labor men of Peterboro paraded the streets, headed by the fire brigade band. During the afternoon a lengthy programme of sports was proceeded with. Millbrook was defeated by Peterboro at lacrosse, 4 to 2. AT BRANTFORD. Labor Day was a public holiday, business being entirely suspended. The streets were thronged to see the procession. A long procession marched to Agricultural Park, where a fine programme of sports was carried out. There were about 5,000 spectators on the grounds. OVER THE LINE. NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—The celebration of Labor Day turned out a grand success. Over 30,000 men were in the parade. The day was a general holiday throughout the city. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 3.—Labor day was celebrated here by a union picnic of all the local labor bodies except the Typographical Union. The printers refused to participate in the parade. AT TORONTO. All public institutions, professional offices and leading business houses were closed today in recognition of Labor Day. The celebration was held at Center Island. Sir John Thompson and Sir Oliver Mowat were both unavoidably absent, the former from press of business, the latter from illness. About 8,000 were present. Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, Mayor Kennedy, Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, of the executive board of the Patrons of Industry, and Mr. A. F. Jury spoke on labor questions. A HOLIDAY IN HAMILTON. All houses of business, banks, law offices, etc., were closed, and the streets had a holiday appearance. Excursion under the auspices of the Typographical Union was run over the G. T. R. to Buffalo, where Hamilton labor men helped their American brethren to celebrate the day.

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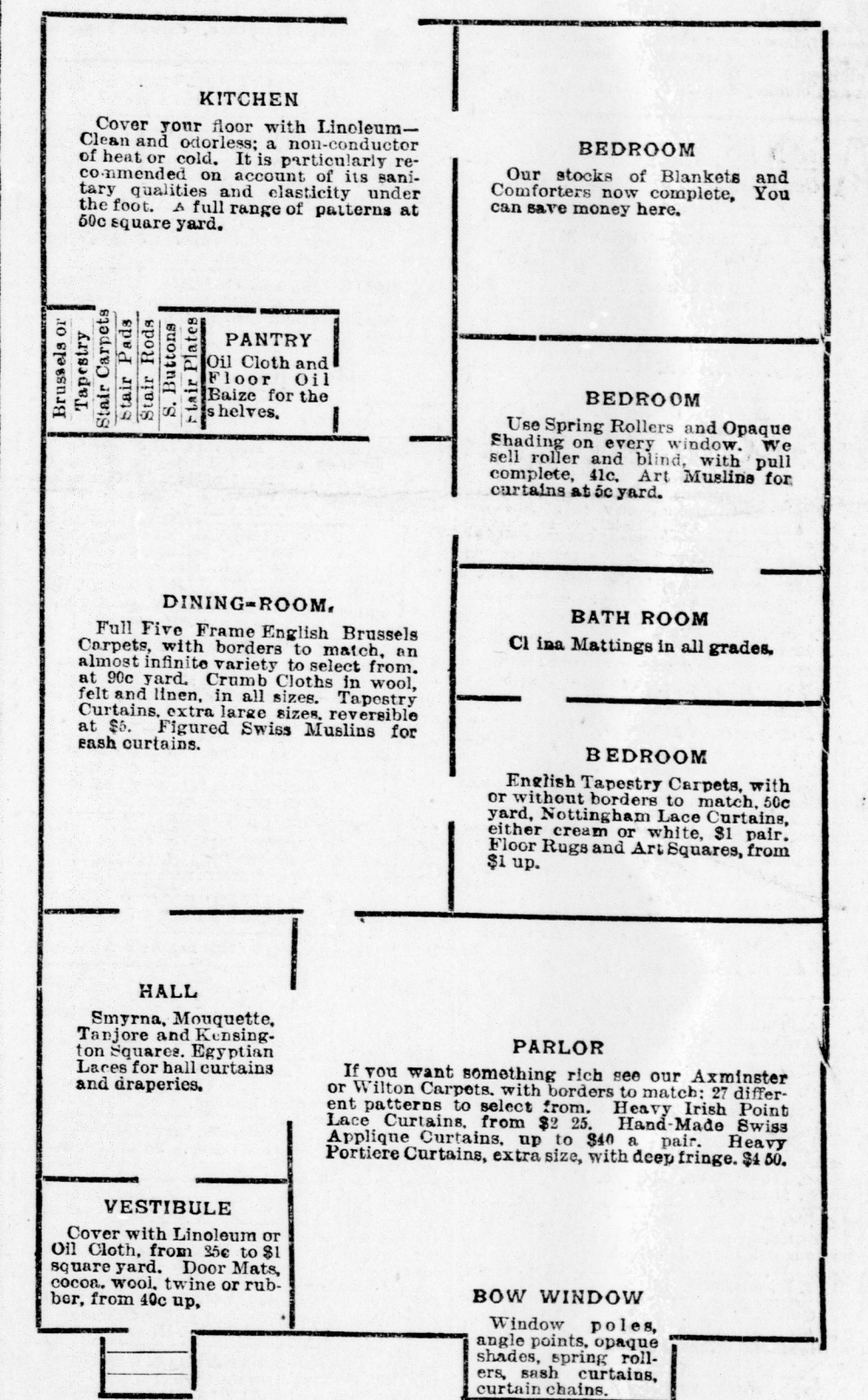
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