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MR. GUTHRIE'S COMPROMISE OFFER.

It is not certain that Mr. Guthrie has the official sanction of his party for the proposal of compromise which he makes to Mr. Borden. But on the face of it, how can the members of the Government consistently refuse to adopt Mr. Guthrie's suggestion? And there is a chance for the Government to score over the Laurier policy. It may be urged that the two Canadian Dreadnoughts called for by that policy would take years in building here in Canada, where shipyards are not yet. Mr. Guthrie concedes that they be built in Britain and available as early as possible for both British and Canadian navies, while Mr. Borden shall proceed at once to establish shipyards in Canada for the construction of the lesser ships of a Canadian navy. Is not this a good plan? Should it not satisfy the ideas of Conservatives and Liberals alike?

Conservatives pretend to fear a German peril, or an acceleration of German building either open or secret. Well the two Dreadnoughts would be building as fast as possible and would be soon at Great Britain's disposal. Liberals want a navy for Canada such as Australia is organizing in and for Australia. The two big ships would be Canadian, and by the time they were built, according to the compromise plan, Mr. Borden would have Canadian shipyards ready to undertake the smaller craft and an organization well under way for the manning and maintenance of both them and the Dreadnoughts. We should be carrying out the very policy for which Messrs. Borden and Foster held up their hands three years ago. Here is a chance for Mr. Borden to take the navy out of politics as he professed a wish to do, and show consistency and sincerity.

But Mr. Borden dare not and cannot accept Mr. Guthrie's invitation. He is tied up to the Nationalists. As Mr. Guthrie says, he could not even put a straight, manly question to the British admiralty. All he could say was, what sort of ship would you most like me to throw you, just for the moment? He cannot proceed to draw up a permanent naval policy because of his pledges to the Nationalists. Mr. Monk looks upon him already as having broken his word. Mr. Borden dare go no further than he has, and he must continue to make out to his Quebec allies that he is opposed to a Canadian policy, to paying a single Canadian to serve on a Canadian or even a British vessel. He must not take a step in the construction of shipyards, because he signed away his freedom as a chief minister before he attained the office. A shuffling, indecisive attitude he must keep up till the next election, trusting for something to turn up about that time, some excuse for a continuation of inaction perhaps. He will not meet the Liberal halfway, even though half of his party must favor Mr. Guthrie's plan.

THAT REPORT ON HYDRO.

A New York State committee has reported adversely upon Ontario's hydro-electric enterprise, alleging that it is being conducted at a loss of over a quarter of a million dollars yearly, in addition to annual administration expenses of \$275,000, which are not charged against the cost of power.

Nobody in Ontario was so prejudiced as to credit such a report without knowing what degree of thoroughness and impartiality the committee brought to its inquiries in this province. The report can do no harm in any event, and it may provoke a discussion that will do good. The committee will be put on the defensive by the attempts to discredit its findings, and it is just possible that the people of Ontario may hear and learn some things which they have not heard and learnt from sources at home.

The whole question of hydro-electric finance is wrapped in such secrecy, or so clouded with technical jargon, that the average layman is disposed to give it up as a Chinese puzzle. Taking merely the local situation what is he to think when he sees it blazoned that there is a surplus of \$20,000 on the year's operation, and reads somewhere else that this so-called surplus is destined to some end which is not the ratepayers' pocket, and represents in whole or in part debts to the hydro-electric commission to be collected later on? He cannot understand why machinery capable of generating several hundred horsepower if harnessed to the waterworks dam is lying idle, while the city pays for electric energy for pumping at the same spot. In Toronto the city auditor reported a deficit of nearly \$300,000 on the local enterprise up to June last, but he was at once denounced by the politicians

who produced a different set of figures prepared by different auditors. The layman has some excuse if he confesses his inability to see very far into a millstone, and protests that the facts about the hydro-electric system are not so clear and luminous as they might be made.

THE ATTACK ON THE M. C. R.

No manufacturer, no wholesaler, no jobber, no shipper, no newspaper, has taken the position that the London and Port Stanley Railway should be leased on terms which would close the harbor, or even jeopardize any of the advantages of water transportation which London now derives from a railway to the lake. It is unfair and dishonest to accuse those who are seeking to protect the present steam road connections of minimizing the importance of cheap freight rates to Port Stanley, and lake carriage. There is no hostility to the water route implied in the eagerness of the mercantile community to preserve the railway facilities which are indispensable to London as a manufacturing and distributing centre.

The attack of the London Free Press on the Michigan Central Railway Company is short-sighted and lacking in civic patriotism. It is an attack on the business interests of London, which are admirably served by that road. The effect the Michigan Central is told that it is useless to the city; that it touches only one point that is not touched by other roads! One is tempted to ask whether the amazing ignorance of the railway situation shown in this statement is not also characteristic of the whole electrification project. When the Free Press says that Comber is the only place in Ontario that London shippers cannot reach by other railways than the M. C. R., it exposes itself to the ridicule of every firm that ships goods out of this city. Elsewhere in this issue is given a list of the towns and villages which have no other railway connection than the Michigan Central, and which furnish customers for every wholesaler in London. If war is to be declared on the M. C. R., the Pere Marquette and other steam railways in the interest, not of London, but of one man's ambition, it is well that it is known before any damage has been done.

FACT.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)
There would be better things in store in this life than we live.
If we would never ask for more.
Than we'd be glad to give.

EXERCISING HER RIGHT.

(Chicago Tribune.)
"Mamma, young Mr. Ketchley wants to come and see me."
"When did he tell you so, child?"
"Last time I saw him. I asked him if he wouldn't like to call, and he said, 'Why, certainly.'"

THE HERO.

(Life.)
His Sister—"His nose seems broken."
His Father—"And he's lost his front teeth."
His Mother—"But he didn't drop the ball!"

TONSorial CONVERSATION.

(Washington Herald.)
"I hate a barber that talks politics all the time; don't you?"
"Can't say I do. I'd rather have him talk politics than hair tonics."

HOME.

(Edward Rowland Hill.)
There is a little city in the hills;
White are its roofs, dim is each dwelling's door,
And peace with perfect rest its bosom fills.

There the pure mist, the pith of the sea,
Comes as a white, soft hand, and reaches o'er
And touches its still face most tenderly.

Unstirred and calm, amid our shifting years,
Lo! where it lies far from the clash of arms and war,
With quiet distance blurred, as if thro' tears.

O heart, that prayest so for God to send
Some loving messenger to go before
And lead the way to where thy longings end.

Be sure, be very sure, that soon will come
His kindest angel, and through that still door
Into the infinite love will lead thee home.

HAS HOPES.

(Life.)
"How old are you, Ethel?"
"I'm five, an' mamma says if I'm good an' eat lots o' oatmeal I'll be six next birthday."

NOT A GOOD TITLE.

(Boston Transcript.)
Quint—"So you've written a new song for soprano voice. What's it called?"
Quaver—"Would That I Were Young Again."

Quint—"Great Scott! You'll never get any woman to sign that."

THE DECLINE OF CHIVALRY.

(Washington Star.)
"You never thank a man for giving you a seat in a street car."
"Not any more," replied Miss Cayenne. "I used to until I noticed that almost invariably he was going to get out at the next corner anyhow."

WHEN THE HONEYMOON WANES.

(Yonkers Statesman.)
Belle—"How do you know their honeymoon is over?"
Beulah—"Why, didn't you notice? She's begun cooking for him in the chafin' dish."

NOT A STREET CYLINDER.

Man in Auto—"Will you marry me, Lucille?"
Girl at Side—"No, Charles; this isn't the make or priced car I could ride in as a wife."

CAUGHT.

(San Francisco Chronicle.)
The average man nearly always manages to get caught in the act when he has occasion to perform a charitable deed.

THE WILDER WEST.

(Calgary News-Telegram.)
A Saskatchewan man writes from Chicago

go to deny that he's dead. Probably the report of his death was merely owing to the fact that a fellow would feel rather "dead" in a place like Chicago after living in Saskatoon for two or three weeks.

AN IMPORTANT OMISSION.

(Saskatoon Phoenix.)
John D. Rockefeller has been telling a party of school teachers that the way to become as wealthy as he is, was to "save your pennies." J. D. forgot to mention how many of other people's pennies were included in his savings, which after all is the great secret of the millionaire-making process.

TURKEY WEEK.

(Minna Irving.)
Turkey roasted, turkey broiled, Turkey soup and turkey stew, Turkey fritters, turkey hash, Turkey giblet, gravy, too, Turkey in a chafin' dish, Turkey pate, turkey pie, Turkey minced and in croquettes, Turkey sandwich, thin and dry.

Turkey salad, turkey broth, Turkey deviled—oh, my soul! Turkey ravigote, turkey loaf, Turkey served en casserole, Turkey on our buttered toast, Turkey cold, and turkey hot, In a thousand ways disguised— And at night the turkey trot!

CURIOUS.

(Baltimore American.)
"Fashionable people surely do get things mixed up," you think what way? "There should be a horse show they make a dress parade, and a dress parade they call grand opera."

A WASTED EXAMPLE.

(Milwaukee Sentinel.)
An old lady leaving church after a service which had been attended by a crowded congregation, was heard to say: "If anybody else would only do as I do, and stay quietly in their seats till everyone else has gone out, there would not be such a crush at the doors!"

HIS GUESS.

(Boston Transcript.)
"Say, Bill, you're a peddler?"
"Same as hydrophobia, I guess."
"Hydrophobia nothin'! You're way off."
"Well, it's somethin' does have, anyway."

USELESS!

(Punch.)
She—"There's always a crowd round the dear old professor. He's such a wonderful conversationalist."
He—"Lor! You think so?"
"I tried him just now on every possible topic—hounds, bridge, golf, music-halls, everything—and he was simply useless."

POSTAL SERVICE IS NEEDED BADLY

Chelsea Green People Desire That Major Beattie Should Move in the Matter.

WATER, LIGHT, DISCUSSED

A Public Meeting Held at Which the New Citizens Aired Grievances and Stated What They Want.

A citizens' meeting was held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church in Chelsea Green on Wednesday evening and the people discussed several problems relating to street lighting and water mains systems, which they need badly.

Chairman Pocock and Manager Glauzitz of the city electrical department, were present and explained the advantages which they said would accrue if hydro power was obtained. Mr. Pocock assured them that if the people were willing Niagara power would be extended to them as soon as possible. Mr. Glauzitz could perceive no difficulty in the way of their securing hydro power almost immediately. Nearly all the ratepayers considered that having their homes and streets lighted with Niagara power would be advantageous to them. Several have already wired their houses. Mr. Glauzitz informed them that these would have to be inspected by competent inspectors.

Mr. Glauzitz said it is possible that the city will be able to give a rate of 2½ cents per kilowatt for cooking. This would be cutting the present rate of 4½ cents in two.

Want City Water.

The people in Chelsea Green are dissatisfied with their water system. Their mains are also inadequate. Manager Glauzitz stated the water problem would be at once attended to and city mains would be extended to the suburb in the spring.

General dissatisfaction was expressed with Major Beattie's apparent lack of interest in securing free mail delivery for them in addition to other Government boons. Several stated that Major Beattie, as their representative at Ottawa should take steps to obtain mail delivery for them, but he had done nothing.

Mayor Graham, who is in Ottawa today, has promised Mr. Aldrich, the chairman of the meeting, to discuss the subject of mail delivery in Chelsea Green with the postmaster-general.

Police on the Green.
Lucas of the city police department, had paid Chelsea Green a formal visit on New Year's Day, and assured him that the London police were still alive and promised that the new citizens would receive due police protection.

A committee of six citizens was appointed to interview the city council and bring before that body the pressing needs of Chelsea Green.

LONDON CREW WAS IN SMASH AT DUNDAS

Three Were Hurt, But Not Seriously, in G. T. R. Accident.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Dundee, Jan. 15.—While the extra eastbound freight from London in charge of Conductor W. J. Ball and Engineer McCauley was backing over the crossover here last evening, the train was sidetracked by an immigrant special en route from Toronto to Detroit. One of the cars was badly pressed along the side, and three of the passengers were severely shaken up. None of the injuries were very serious.

SHILOH
quickly stops coughs, cures colds, and heals the throat and lungs.

EDMUND GOSSE ON SWINBURNE

[By Special Arrangement With the Winnipeg Telegram.]

"Darry" Rossmore is not the only man who can write on "Things I Can Tell." Mr. Edmund Gosse, librarian of the House of Lords, could probably rather a whole volume of reminiscences of the titled persons who patronize his book-shelves, but he has not given us any gossip in the Rossmore style of duchesses and aristocratic sports; he has specialized on the literary people of the Victorian era. It is well within the mark to say that Mr. Gosse is better qualified than any living Englishman to write of the habits and personal graces or defects of the great authors of the Victorian period. Because of his eminence as an historian, and literary critic he has been on terms of friendship with almost all the leading writers of the last and present generation. In his Kit-Kat volume, which I read with delight many years ago, he had very interesting stories to tell of Stevenson and others, and he has now put lovers of literature under another debt by publishing a new collection of reminiscences under the title, "Portraits and Sketches" (Heinemann).

He has tried, he says, in his sketches, "to concentrate attention, not on vague anecdotes, and empty tricks of conduct, but on such traits of character as throw light on the man's intellect and imagination and are calculated to help us in the enjoyment of his work."

One of the best sketches in the book is Mr. Gosse's picture of the poet Swinburne. No one has yet written a life of that fantastic poet, although he has been dead several years. Theodore Watts Dunton, who once lived in the same house with those two erratic sons of song, Swinburne and Rossetti, could write a life of Swinburne, if he would. But as it was frequently Mr. Dunton's office to nurse Swinburne through attacks of delirium tremens, perhaps he hesitates to write a biography where frankness would conflict with friendship. Anyway we should be grateful to Mr. Gosse for his vivid picture of the poet who sang of "the lilies of virtue and roses of vice." He thus describes Swinburne as he appeared in a melancholy mood: "When he and I were alone he closed up to the fire, his great head bowed, his knees held tight together, and his finger-tips pressed to his chest in what I call his penitential attitude, and he began a long tale, plaintive and rather vague, about his loneliness, the sadness of his life, the suffering he experienced from the slanders of others. He said that George Eliot was hounding on her myrmidons to his destruction. I made out that he referred to some attack in a newspaper which he supposed, very groundlessly, I expect, to be inspired by George Eliot. Swinburne said that a little while ago he found his intellectual energy succumbing under a morbid distress at his isolation and that he had been obliged to review before his conscience his imaginative life in order to prevent himself from sinking into despair. This is only a mood, to be sure, but if there are any people who think so ill of him, I only wish I could see him as we see him at those recuperative intervals. Whatever he may be elsewhere, in our household not a kinder, simpler, or more affectionate creature could be desired as a visitor. The only fault we find with him is that his little mournful ways and his fragility drag painfully upon our sympathies."

Mr. Gosse gives a snap-shot of "Orion" Horne, a poet who had his little day and long since ceased to be. "In those days," says the portraitist, "he was the proudest of proudest, a little more than at afternoon parties, carrying with great care under his arm the precious guitar which he called 'my daughter,' and was used ceremoniously to introduce as 'Miss Horne.' A little later in the evening Horne would be discovered on a low stool warbling Mexican romances or murmuring with exaggerated gallantry to the prettiest girl in the room. All this time he was thirsting for publicity—if he could only be engaged to sing in public, to box in public, to swim in public, how happy he would be. A wonderful little ringleted athlete, no doubt."

Joanhoe.
BIG BATTLE CREEK FIRE

Damage Done to Extent of \$20,000 in Business Section.

[Canadian Press.]
Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 15.—Fire which started early today in the Eldred block, a three-story structure in the centre of the business district, spread to several adjoining buildings and caused a loss estimated at \$20,000.

Among the burned buildings are the Eldred block, the Hinman block, the Kaph block, and the Rex Theatre. Jacob Weickgenant, drygoods, is the heaviest loser, the damage to his store being placed at \$75,000. Foster & Gordon's shoe store and a restaurant were also destroyed. The losses are partially covered by insurance.

Two firemen were overcome by the smoke, and were taken to the hospital. They are expected to recover.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
CURES ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
BRIGHT'S DISEASE
DIABETES
RHEUMATISM
GRAVEL
MIGRAINE
HEADACHE
NEURALGIA
PAIN IN THE BACK
PAIN IN THE LIMBS
PAIN IN THE JOINTS
PAIN IN THE MUSCLES
PAIN IN THE NERVES
PAIN IN THE STOMACH
PAIN IN THE THROAT
PAIN IN THE EYES
PAIN IN THE EARS
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PAIN IN THE LIPS
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PAIN IN THE HEEL
PAIN IN THE BALL OF THE FOOT
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PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE SHOE
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE SOCK
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PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE STRAP
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE BELT
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE GAITHER
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE BUCKLE
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PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE POINT
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PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE END
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE HEAD
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE BODY
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE LIMB
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE MEMBER
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE PART
PAIN IN THE HEEL OF THE WHOLE

January Sales in All Departments

Friday and Saturday Bargains

"I can always do best at Chapman's," is a remark that is often heard in the store and out of it. This is our constant effort, and we strive to make it possible for all shoppers to "do best" at the Chapman store.

HALF-PRICE EMBROIDERIES.

The following lines will be added to the Embroidery Sale. ALL OVER EMBROIDERIES. Fine cambric, muslin and Swiss Allovers, suitable for waists, yokes and sleeves. Regular 25c, 30c, 60c, 65c, \$1 and \$1.25 a yard. On sale Friday morning at exactly half the above prices.

EMBROIDERY-SKIRTINGS.

45 inches wide. Were \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.35. Friday morning at half these prices. EMBROIDERY SKIRTINGS. 27 inches wide. Were 35c, 60c, 90c and \$1.25 a yard. Friday morning at half these prices.

SPECIAL SALE OF WAISTS.

4 dozen Women's Flannelette Waists, in navy and black stripes and dots. Open fronts, long sleeves and high collars, sizes 34 to 42. Regular 50c. On sale Friday and Saturday 35c.

3 dozen Women's Black Satene Waists, open tucked fronts, long sleeves and high collar. Large sizes only, 42, 44 and 46 inch bust measure. Were 85c. Clearing at 55c.

3 dozen Women's Black Poplinette Waists, open tucked fronts, long sleeves, V high collar. Large sizes, 42, 44 and 46. Regular price \$1.25. On sale Friday and Saturday at 75c.

10 dozen Women's White Mull and Lawn Waists, embroidery fronts, back fasteners, ¾ sleeves and high collars, sizes 34 to 42. Worth \$1.50, on sale 95c.

BOYS' BLOUSES.

10 dozen Boys' Wash Blouses, collar attached, light and dark colors. Fit boys from 4 to 10 years. A bargain at 25c.

WOMEN'S COATS.

12 only Women's Tweed Coats, new styles and new colorings. Worth \$15, \$16 and \$18. A great January clearance. FRIDAY and SATURDAY \$9.00

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 239 and 243 Dundas St.

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TWO SPECIAL DAYS' SELLING OF DRESS GOODS.

300 yards of Novelty and Two-Tone Tweed Suitings, also a few pieces of handsome Camelshair Suitings, perfect in weave and coloring. Choice of blues, grays, greens and browns. Suitable for making suits and separate skirts for spring wear. 48 to 52 inches wide. Regular values 75c to \$1.00. 39c

On sale Friday and Saturday, at a yard.

UNDERWEAR.

Women's Vests and Drawers, heavy rib, gray only. Large and roomy garments. Regular 50c, on sale Friday and Saturday. 43c

Each garment.

BLOOMERS—Heavy fleeced stockinette, knee length, gray and black mixed. For women who drive. Special, per pair 89c

BLACK TIGHTS—For women and misses, ankle length, fast black. Special, a pair 47c

CHILDREN'S VESTS—Pure white wool, soft and warm, long sleeves and high neck. 4 to 6 year sizes at 59c. Were 75c.

7 to 10 year sizes at 69c. Were 85c.

WRAPPERETTES. A few odd pieces of Wrapperettes, in red and blues. At 6½c yard, 16 yards \$1.00

LINEN SALE.

54-inch Half-Bleached Tabling, January Sale 22c price, a yard.

60-inch Pure Irish Linen Tabling, half bleached. Sale price, a yard 36c

62-inch Bleached Table Linen, pure linen. Sale 42c price, a yard.

68-inch Bleached Tabling, fine quality and pure linen, yard 65c

DOWN COMFORTERS.

One case of Down Comforters that should have reached us last October is only now to hand. The gain is to the buyer. Down Comforters, worth \$4.00, for \$2.95

Down Comforters, worth \$5.50, for \$4.50

Down Comforters, worth \$7.50, for \$6.00

Down Comforters, worth \$9.50, for \$7.00

Down Comforters, worth \$14.00, for \$11.00

Down Comforters, worth \$15.00, for \$12.00

SEE THEM IN OUR EAST STORE.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 239 and 243 Dundas St.

High Praise.
He may not be a saint, but, hush!
He keeps his sidewalk free of slush.

Experts from New York can do no wrong. But investigators from New York must be, of course, the minions of "the private interests."

Can this be so?
Can this be so?
That the F. P.
May take hydro!!

If those New York State investigators had been operating in Ontario, would the Free Press accuse them of being servants of the Cataract Power Company?

Would you sooner wear a belt on the back of your coat, or live next to a man who plays the flute? Neither would we.

Once the novelty wears off hydro for the people, it will have to stand on its own merits.

"My future as a public man depends upon the success of this scheme (electrification)."—Adam Beck.

What's the matter, Mr. Beck? Is hydro getting so weak in the back that you must seek a new mount?

Many a man who merely spoke out of his turn wears an eyelid draped in purple.

In a word, electrification is the BIGGEST GOLD BRICK that anyone ever tried to foist upon the people of London.

F. R. WALLACE WILL BE NEW PRESIDENT
Western Ontario Draymen's Association Meeting Closes at Woodstock.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Jan. 15.—The winning of the grand challenge cup, as first prize for the best cheese in the exhibition, was the feature of the Draymen's Association today, and R. E. Hastings, of Silver Corners factory at Newry, carried off the honor with a splendid sample. He also won the Imperial Bank silver cup and a gold watch. Features of today's session were the lists of prize-winners, the report of instruction by Chief Instructor Frank Hearn and an address on cheese investigations at the O. A. C. during the past three years by Professor H. H. Dean.

President Dempsey announced that

the cause of Hon. James Duff's regrettable absence last night was a wreck on the line ahead of him. This was the information in a telegram received today.

Tonight officers will be elected, and it is considered a certainty that F. R. Wallace, of Burgessville, Oxford County, will be new president.