

10 Day Sale

We find our stock too heavy and must reduce it. You can expect extra bargains for next 10 days

- Prints, fast colors, 12 1-2c yd.
- 8-4 Sheetings, a good heavy cloth, 23c yd.
- Heavy Flannelette, white and colored, 15c yd.
- Washed Towelling, pure linen, 10c, 12 1-2, 15c.
- Table Linen, 35c, 45c, 50c, 65c and up to \$1.50 yd.
- English Calicoes, fast colors, 25c yd.
- White Quilts, \$1.25 to \$4.50.
- Women's Skirts, in Navy and Black extra good serge \$2.50, \$4.25, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$8.50.
- Women's Underskirts, made of good material \$2 to \$3.00.
- Silk Blouses, \$1.15 to \$3.50.
- 10 doz. Lingerie Blouses, worth \$1.75 for \$1.10.
- House Dresses, an immense range to choose from \$6 to \$20.00.
- All Over Aprons 25c, 30c, 50c, 70c.
- Wool Collars 15c to \$2.00 each.
- White Cottons 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c.
- Circular Pillow cotton 22c yd.
- Ready Made Sheets, double bed size \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.
- Table Napkins \$1.25 to \$3.00 doz.
- 40 Inch Serims 15c, 20c, 25c yd.
- Grey Cottons, 8c, 10c, 12 1-2, 15c yd.
- Flannelette Blankets, \$1.25, \$1.65, \$1.90.
- Grey Wool Blankets, \$2.50 and \$4.50.
- Black Silk, Pallote Silk, yard wide, guaranteed not to cut, worth \$1.50 of sale at \$1.25.
- Hosiery and Gloves, for Men, Women and Children, 25c to \$1.50 pr.
- 20 doz. Cashmere Hose size 8 1-2 to 10 25c pr.
- Corsets, 50c to \$4.00.
- Underwear 25c to \$3.00 piece.
- Men's Furnishings, 10 doz. Ties, Shirts made to retail at \$1.00 on sale at 75c.
- 20 doz. Wool Sox 25c pr.
- 10 doz. Heavy Sox 15c pr.
- Men's Overall and Smocks, best Brands.

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GOODS PRICES

SLACKERS ARE LOSING THEIR OPPORTUNITY

Powerful Address by Mr. N. F. Davidson, K.C., of Toronto at 235th Recruiting Meeting

Under the auspices of the 235th Battalion last evening a recruiting meeting was held in Griffin's theater which was packed with citizens of all classes. Mr. N. F. Davidson, K.C., of Toronto, the speaker of the evening delivered one of the most ardent addresses ever heard here.

"There is one way to live down a reputation and make a name and that is in Flanders," he said. He spoke of the boys of Cookstown, among them young Duff who had laid down their lives for the Empire and Canada, for home, property, virtue, and the lives of those at home. "The men who have you as the winners. Those of us who stay at home are the losers."

"What makes the difference in the price of wheat 50c in Russia and \$1.50 in Canada? The British navy it has made us prosperous so much so that our young men prefer \$3 to \$4 per day to enlistment and leave some one else to keep the old flag flying."

It is not going to be many months before the Militia Act will be called in force, at least for home defence, releasing all the battalions for overseas and wiping out the crying disgrace of waste of officers' time in recruiting. The appeal of the returned soldier has been heard, bearing in his body evidence of the ferocity of the Hun. Almost all who are willing to go have done so. The time has come when the citizens, the great populace of Canada must take a hand. Are we satisfied with what we have done? He liked to think that when the men return, the country will experience such a wave of emotion that those heroes will obtain the first choice and the best homes. The second choice will be a poor one, for when peace comes hard times will follow with many plants shut down. The men who stay at home will get the second choice and little pity will be shown them.

Mr. Davidson cited cases of men who had gone and died and died, winning an immortal name.

If the women of Belleville could see the women and girls of Belgium and France, they would not hold back their whole family left alone one soul. Those who reject the call, place themselves in the position to which they belong. If they do not recognize it now, they will in the day of the soldiers' home coming, change in the estimation of the value of things. The regeneration of mankind and womanhood is the miracle which is happening in this 20th century.

Think of the mistakes of life, the pitfalls, all wiped away in the glory of a life laid down for others! What is it to be called to join in a patriotic fund campaign? Necessary, yes, but a mere bagatelle, as compared with the risking of life.

This country is paying a heavy price for the single man who won't

Legislative Snapshots

By Don Hunt.

F. Wellington Hay, M.P.P. for North Perth. A jolly-faced fellow and a pleasant reminder. For Liberals. Of last summer. He took North Perth from the Tories. Just like Billy Lowe did in Peel and Hartley in South-West Toronto. Charlie Bowman and Jack Elliott introduced him to the House this week. They said He had taken the oath and signed the roll And therefore claimed the right to take a seat. Nobody objected. And Wellington took it.

CHAS. R. PEARCE KILLED IN AIR

First Definite Information Regarding Belleville Boy, Missing Since Aug. 24th, 1916

Charles Ripley Pearce, son of Mr. T. E. Pearce, of Toronto, formerly of Belleville was killed in an air battle on August 24th last. He was reported missing from that date and since then the family had lost hope. Definite information has just been received by his father, who made inquiry through Col. Hendrick, American Consul at Plauen, formerly of Belleville.

January 25th, 1917.

Sir, With further reference to your letter of October 20th, 1916, inquiring concerning a British aviator, named Pearce, I regret to have to advise you that according to information received from the German Society of the Red Cross, Charles Ripley Pearce, Royal Flying Corps, was killed in an air battle near Goncourt north east of Peronne on the 24th of August, 1916.

I am sir, Your obedient servant,
For the Ambassador,
Lithgow Osborne,
3rd Secretary of Embassy,
Michael J. Hendrick, Esq., American Consul, Plauen.

"Charlie" Pearce, although not a native of Belleville, was well known here as he spent a great part of his school life here, where he attended the High School. He was about 22 years of age, and three or four years ago went to Toronto with his family. He enlisted at Toronto.

STOLE MONEY AND JEWELS

Soldier Purloined Cash and Valuable White and Influence of Liquor

There was excitement aplenty at the Provincial Hotel on Saturday evening last when it was discovered that the house was sheltering a sneak thief of the holdest description. A couple of young soldiers came off the evening train and registered at the hotel. One of them had been at the hotel frequently and was well known. He asked for a room for his friend, whom he said was 'sick', and shortly after left the house to call on some friends in town.

Later in the evening Miss Josephine Ford, who occupies a room in the upper flat, went down stairs to join some friends, omitting her usual custom of locking her room door. She was absent about an hour, and when she returned found her room topsy turvy, various articles of clothing being scattered about the floor, and bearing a general appearance of invasion. The light which usually burns in the upper flat was turned out, and as the sick soldier was the only person about, suspicion at once rested upon him. Investigation of Miss Ford's room revealed the fact that money and jewelry had disappeared, and the manager was called to look into the matter. In company with Miss Ford he went to the soldier's room but was at first disappointed. When the soldier was finally persuaded to open the door, he was accused of purloining the articles, but stoutly denied his guilt. Even when informed that if he would return the stolen property he would be permitted to go unmolested, he maintained his innocence, and it was not until Constable Sweet was summoned and the young man searched that his guilt was established. On his person and in the room were found cash amounting to \$20.33, a gold bracelet, pendant with chain, crescent brooch, and three small brooches, two gold safe pins, a string of pearls, a traveler's stick in 'pleash case', a small metal mirror, three gold rings with settings of various stones, gold lock-set, two gold pens, gold coin case, pair of pearl cuff-buttons, pocket watch and pocket squares. Much of the jewelry was marked with Miss Ford's initials, and her claim to the other articles as well as the money, was clearly established.

BUFFALO BILL AND THE POPE

Probably the most striking scene witnessed at the Vatican during the memorable year of Pope Leo XIII's jubilee, was the day when Buffalo Bill 'threw in Rome with his Wild West Show', in his scout costume, diamonds and lion hair, and accompanied by twenty-five painted and feathered 'Caribbee Indian' warriors, knelt at the feet of the Pope as he stopped on his way to St. Peter's to take part in the solemn ceremonies.

The Pope's father, surrounded by the Roman prelates and patricians, was being borne through the sala Clementina in the sedia gestatoria, on his head the gorgeous gold and jeweled triple crown, presented to him by Kaiser William I of Germany, and around his shoulders the heavy chain of gold coins of Charlemagne. The beavers stopped at a signal from the Papal Head, and Buffalo Bill and his little company pressed forward and devoutly kissed the ringed and aged Pontiff. The Pope spoke pleasantly to all of them, gave them his blessing, and a chamberlain, at his request, presented each one of these with a jubilee medal. Buffalo Bill carries this in his reminiscences.

Buffalo Bill (Colonel William Frederick Cody), the great scout and showman, had some thoughts of becoming a Catholic long before he was on his deathbed, according to facts that have come to light since the story of his baptism was printed in the Beaver "Catholic Register" several years ago, when Colonel Cody was paying a visit to Denver, Stanley McDinnis, who has a national reputation as a color photographer, expert and lecturer, went by appointment to take some pictures of Buffalo Bill. Five or six men were waiting to see the scout, when a couple of Catholic sisters who had come business with Colonel Cody made their appearance. With his characteristic gallantry, Buffalo Bill immediately waived aside all the men and had the sisters admitted immediately to his presence. When they were going, Colonel Cody made this remark about them:

"Those dear sisters belong to the noblest women on this earth. They are always doing good. They don't ask you 'Wat's your religion?', either. You know there's some Catholic blood in my family, and I'm not so far apart from them as you might think."

REMAINS BROUGHT HOME

The remains of the late ex-Ald. J. Lyle Anderson arrived here today from Edmonton and will be taken by Messrs. Tickle and Sons Co. to Roslin tomorrow for interment.

YOUNG MAN BADLY FROZEN

Napanee, Feb. 15.—A young man named William English, who was making his way from Kingston to his home near Shannonville on foot, under the shadow of St. Ann's Church, where are gathered many of the old Irish and French pioneers who made history here in the early days

Colonel Cody never visited Davenport that he did not make a pilgrimage to the grave of his mother. No matter how intense the heat during the professional season nor how man the social and business engagements to be met, Colonel Cody never failed to visit St. Ann's, and he has been known to withdraw from pleasant convivial gatherings where he was the centre of attraction that he might pay his tribute to the mother who bore him. Undoubtedly the prayers of that good mother gave him the grace of a deathbed baptism and repentance.

When Colonel Cody was a boy it is doubtful if there was a priest within miles of his home. So it is not surprising that he was not reared in the Catholic faith. The Catholic Church lost thousands of members in the early days of the west in this way—and it still loses them.

CHARGE ALLEGES FALSE PRETEXTS

Fictitious Names Given to Victimize Firm.

(Peterborough Review, Feb. 16th.) The police arrested a local man today on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretences. About the middle of December the Peterborough Creamery Co. got a telephone order from a customer who gave the name of J. B. Watson, Belleville, for a case of butter. The goods were sent, and when the money was not forthcoming an inquiry was made and no trace of J. B. Watson could be found. The matter was placed in the hands of the police and it is said that the prisoner has been identified as the man who received the goods.

Annual Meeting of P. E. Liberals

Prince Edward Liberals held their annual meeting at the Town Hall Picton, on Saturday last, with a good crowd in attendance, the body of the hall being well filled. The reserved seats at the rear were occupied by ladies, quite a number of whom were out for the occasion. The election of officers resulted as follows:— President, Clarence Stevenson; Lat. Vice-President, Willet Benson; 2nd Vice-President, Hubert McDonald; Secretary, W. V. Pettet; Treasurer, C. B. Allison.

The Chief Speaker for the occasion was J. G. Turill, M. P. of Alberta, who spoke at some length on the political questions of the day.

At the conclusion of Mr. Turill's address a collection was taken, to be divided between the Red Cross and the Daughters of the Empire. Mr. H. H. Horsey made a short address, saying that the events of the next few months decide as to an election. Personally, he hoped to be able to avoid a war this election. He said that if the Conservatives forced an election they would be defeated. He also referred to the large profits being made on war contracts, and said that the bad element seemed to be in ascendancy in the Conservative party.

Mr. N. Parliament, M. P. F. also gave a short address and referred to the presence of the ladies, and said that he had voted to extend the franchise to women and would continue to do so. Mr. Parliament said that this was a serious time and and that the only question before the people should be the successful prosecution of the war. His only criticism of the Government was that the Liberals were not invited into the Government at the beginning of the war. He referred briefly to Ontario, and strong appeal for Canada with a British ideal and British liberty might prevail.

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Better values have never been offered at such low prices. Come down at once and share in this Great Sale, below we list a few specials. Thousands of other similar bargains are to be had here.

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- 50c Towels, special, 35c

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Farmers After Fuel.

Many in the Squads in Coal Offices These Days.

Even the farmers are feeling the bitter nip of the coal shortage. Many of them, from the adjoining townships have recently made their appearance among those who daily visit the local coal offices in an endeavor to place orders for heating material. But the agriculturists are more fortunate than the city people because their own horses and rigs with which they can deliver their own stove fodder.

Cord wood has become practically a thing of the past in the rural districts, the trees left standing being too valuable to be used for anything but lumber. No more the good old bucksaw rings out in the frosty air, and the axe that once gave the farmer's boy voracious appetite, now rusts away in the woodhouse which has been converted into a storehouse or chicken pen. Never again will that horse command "Josh and Hiram, fetch in some more wood for the stove", issue from the smokecloud above the agrarian's head as he toasts his shins at the kitchen fire. Instead comes the order, "Si, go down and fetch up some more coal."

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RITCHIE'S

An Initial Display of LADIES' NEW SPRING SUITS

OUR First display of the charming New Suit Styles for Spring and your first opportunity to see a few of the advanced models that our Buyers selected in New York just last week.

One particularly stunning Model on show in, of a Golden Shade, with the large pointed collar falling well over the shoulder, the back of the Suit Coat being pleated with belt all around. See it and many others in our centre window tonight.

ALSO THE NEW COATS

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Great Savings Here For You On Tapestry Rugs

Vestibule and Small Den Or Bedroom Rugs

Large Floor Rugs

Evenly Woven

- size 3x3 1/2, price, \$12.50
- size 3x4, price, 15.75
- size 3x3 1-3, price, 15.50
- size 3x4, price, 19.75

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