

NEXT CAMPAIGN WILL BE TORIES' GREATEST BLUFF

Signs Reveal Preparations To Shamelessly Exploit Returned Soldiers.

WELLAND LIBERALS MEET

W. M. German Says Greatest Need of Reconstruction Is at Ottawa.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WELLAND, Feb. 5.—Welland County Liberals met this afternoon in the largest convention of Liberals ever held in this county. The convention was marked by all the evidences of the revival of Liberal thought, and was marked in its condemnation of the present federal administration.

The present Government, said he, "is existing, whether it has any right to exist or not, and while it is not endeavoring to legislate, it is governing the country by orders-in-council."

"The people of Canada believe that if the Union Government ever had any usefulness, that day of usefulness is gone. We believe that the time has come for the dissolution of the Government into its constituent parts, a revision to the tried and proven system of party government. (Applause.)"

"Reconstruction." "The papers say that the present Government should be continued in power until after December, and then reconstruction. Most necessary in Canada, the reconstruction of the Government," declared the speaker, "and laughter."

"Our greatest problems are the assimilation of the aliens in the country, and the re-establishment of our returned soldiers in civil life."

"The greatest problem of the Government at this time is that of arranging a fiscal policy which will provide for the raising of a revenue so that taxes may be as light as possible upon laboring men and farmers, and so that the men of wealth may pay their share."

Mr. German demanded the repeal of the war levy of 2½ per cent and declared that the lowering of duties on farm implements an absolute necessity.

Present issues in federal and provincial politics were also discussed by Messrs. J. P. Gross, F. B. Leslie, Dr. Snyder and others. W. G. Charlton, secretary of the Western Ontario Liberal Association, was present, and also delivered a stirring address upon "The Opportunity of Liberalism."

"Liberalism is being democratized in Ontario," said Mr. Charlton, "and Liberalism is destined to rise to the height and grandeur of a compelling circumstance in national affairs."

He forecast that the next general election would be one of the greatest in the history of this country, and pointed to the fact that all signs were pointing to the fact that the administration was preparing to shamelessly exploit the returned soldiers, as it exploited the farmers in the last election.

Resolutions in accord with those passed by the western, central and eastern Liberal associations were passed, and expressions of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier were enthusiastically indulged.

Officers were elected as follows: President, F. B. Leslie, Niagara Falls; first vice-president, Joseph Wilson; second vice-president, Mrs. George Mann; third vice-president, Mrs. Dr. Emmett; secretary, George Porter; treasurer, Mrs. G. H. Leslie.

and Mrs. George Mann will represent Welland on the Western Ontario Liberal Association executive.

WINDSOR VETERANS CLAIM GOVT. BROKE PLEDGE WITH THEM

WINDSOR, Feb. 5.—Members of the Windsor branch of the Canadian Great War Veterans' Association expressed surprise today when the announcement was made that the Government had violated the agreement by returning soldiers by appointing Walter Duncanson, a retired Toronto chief inspector of Dominion police in Western Ontario, to the position of chief inspector of the Dominion police in Windsor.

The Government, it is claimed, had clearly declared that only returned soldiers would be considered for Government positions. There are many officers now in Western Ontario, Windsor veterans say, who could ably fill the position.

Captain Minard, who has accepted the permanent secretaryship of the Windsor veterans' organization, made his final inspection of the police post today.

Hospital Transport Araguaya Bringing 750 Invalid Troops

65 of Company Are For This District — To Land in Maine.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The militia department has received word that the ambulance transport Araguaya, with approximately 750 invalid Canadian soldiers on board, left Liverpool on February 3 for Portland, Me. She will probably reach that port about February 10. The invalids on board are all hospital cases.

The number from London military district is 65.

The total of 757 includes nursing sisters carried on the transport.

ELEVATORS AT HEAD OF LAKES ARE PACKED FULL

PORT WILLIAM, Feb. 5.—That there is a margin of only 5,000,000 bushels of grain storage at the head of the two cities at the head of the lakes to come ashore on the report now given out. It is pointed out that the only thing that prevents an embargo upon any shipment from the west at all is the fact that the 1918 crop was small.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

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BEER IS PRESENTED BY BULK OF LABOR

Deputation Represents 1,500 of 1,900 Unions.

HEADED BY TOM MOORE

Arguments Range From Industrial Content To Prospective Immigration.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—A plea for stronger beer was presented to the Government this morning by representatives of the labor movement in Canada, among whom were Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada; Controller H. J. Halford, Hamilton, chairman of the Ontario executive of the Ontario Trades and Labor Congress; J. T. Gunn, vice-president of the Independent Labor party and a member of the electrical union; James J. Ralph, executive board member of the International Union of Brewery Workers from Toronto; M. J. Walsh and E. Dion of the Quebec Trades Council; A. Garvey, Montreal, Canadian board member of the Cigar-makers' International Union; J. Suberland, Building Trades League.

The Government was represented by Sir Thomas White, acting premier; Hon. F. B. Carvell, Hon. J. A. Calder and Hon. G. D. Robertson.

1,500 Trades Unions. The deputation presented resolutions from over the 1,900 existing labor unions of the Dominion. This, itself, is proof, the delegation declared, that the laboring minority who are representing total prohibition are representing the thoughts and desires of the great masses of workers of the country.

The Government was for the removal of the "present unnecessary restrictions" relative to the manufacture and sale of beer. The order-in-council, it was claimed, was placed on the statute books as a war measure, and not on its merits as social legislation. The war is now over, further need of this measure of restriction if ever such need existed.

Other speakers emphasized the thousands engaged in brewing and allied industries in the Dominion at the present time, and in view of the impossibility of the employers assimilating those at present unemployed, it was argued, that care should be taken before the labor market is further restricted.

Would Affect Immigration. Another important point raised was the question of future immigration. The last action of the British Government in acceding to the demands of the British workers by granting them a total prohibition of beer, means, it was argued, that if Canada follows suit, it will restrict immigration instead of the past the laws of the Dominion must be such as to command themselves to the workers of this Dominion.

Expressions of opinion received from many sources in England caused the assertion to be made by the labor representatives that the tide of immigration has not yet been spoken unless the palatable beer is conceded to the workers of this Dominion.

HON. GEO. S. HENRY OPPOSES PLANTING FLANDERS POPPIES

Minister of Agriculture Wants Ontario Free of Weed.

MIGHT BECOME NUISANCE

Proposes Rather That Highways Be Lined "Row on Row" With Trees.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TOLEDO, Feb. 5.—Flanders poppies in the grain fields of Ontario as a memorial to the heroic Canadians who lie "beneath the crosses, row on row" in Flanders fields, do not find favor with the department of agriculture, Hon. George S. Henry, minister of agriculture, speaking at the Ontario Horticultural Association convention tonight, read a report on the subject submitted at his request by Professor Howett of the Ontario Agricultural College, in which he says:

"Varieties of the European poppy have been many times introduced into Canada and grown in gardens. So far as I am aware there are no records of poppies having escaped from cultivation and becoming troublesome weeds in cultivated fields in Ontario. This fact, however, does not make it safe for us to assume that the poppy might not be introduced wholesale by various patriotic committees throughout the province."

In view of the fact that the poppy is such a common weed in grain fields in Europe, and that the seeds have considerable vitality, and will remain dormant in the ground for several years, it seems to be there would be considerable risk that the poppy might become a troublesome weed in Ontario if it were introduced wholesale for patriotic purposes."

There was another suggestion, said Mr. Henry, which, he thought, worthy of consideration. That was the planting of trees in memory of the men who have fallen. This had been taken up in the United States, and the result was an avenue of trees 400 miles long had been planted along a highway. He thought there were many districts in Ontario where this plan might be adopted with great advantage.

CANADA MUST SHOW SOLDIERS THEY ARE TRULY APPRECIATED

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5.—"The majority of the returned soldiers will come back sound in body and mind, and on the whole will be better citizens for having been overseas. It only remains for the people of Canada to put into concrete action the expressions of appreciation they have been making during the last four years, so that the returned men may be given the opportunity of furnishing the backbone which this Dominion appears to need."

This sentiment was expressed at the Canadian Club luncheon today by Major-General A. D. McRae, when dealing, among other things, with the problems which confronted the country in the matter of the employment of men returning from the front.

B. C. MODERATION LEAGUE OPPOSING PROHIBITION

VANCOUVER, Feb. 5.—Officials of the British Columbia Moderation League will, within the course of the next few days, circulate a petition throughout the province, calling for the repeal of the prohibition act, and the passing of another act in conformity with the proposals of the league, as an alternative to the submission of a referendum on the whole prohibition question.



"Listen. What's that?"



"My! It looks like big bargains in furniture."



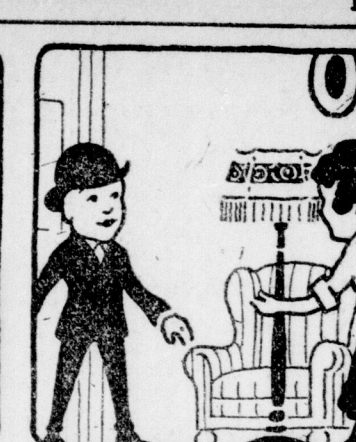
"Oh, that's just what I want. And such a low price!"



"I'll hurry right down to the Ontario Furniture Company. Their last sale was such a money-saver."



"It certainly is a wonderful value. Yes, you can deliver it right away."



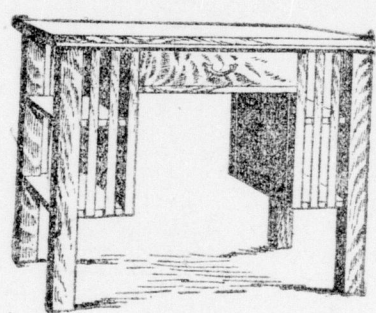
"Isn't that a beauty, John? I bought it at the Ontario Furniture Company's sale, and at such a bargain."

A Record Breaker! Our Great February Furniture Sale!

IT STARTED OFF Friday morning the minute the doors opened and has kept up its record-breaking pace right up to the time this advertisement goes to press! Seems as if everybody is buying Furniture here during the sale. The people of this city realize that when we advertise a furniture sale it really means a reduction from our regular prices.

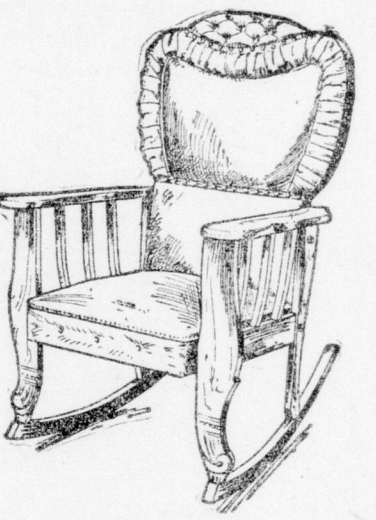
AND NO WONDER! With the largest stocks of beautiful Furniture we have ever had on our floors at any one time and with big reductions from our already low prices, now is the time and this is the place to buy Furniture. Furniture for every room in the home is included. The items listed below are but a few of the many bargains.

Rare Table Bargains



THIS splendid Solid Oak Library Table, with book racks in ends. Finished in fumed or golden oak. Special sale price... \$19.50 Others at \$15.00, \$18.00, \$25.00 up to \$50.00.

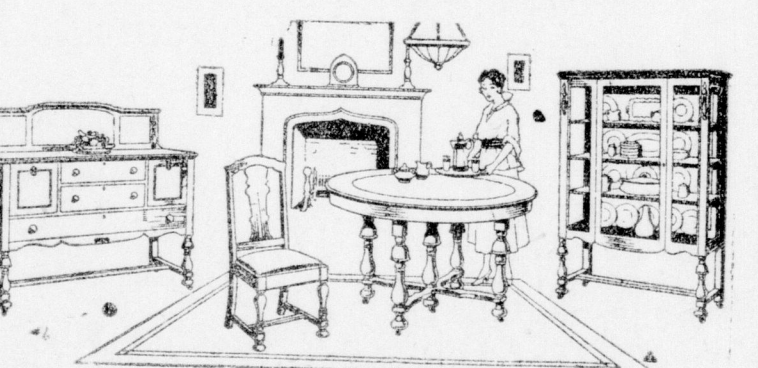
Couldn't Duplicate These Rockers Today at This Price



WE HAVE been holding these Rockers in our warehouse especially for this sale. They could not be bought today to sell for the same price. These rockers have comfortable arms, spring seat construction and are perfectly proportioned in every way for unusual comfort. Your choice of fumed or golden oak finish with upholstering of fine imitation leather at this specially low price of

\$7.50

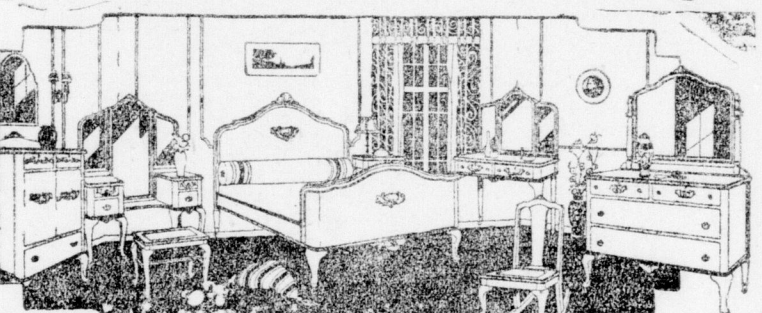
All Dining-Room Suites Are On Sale at Clearance Prices



THE dining-room suite illustrated above is an example of the kind of dining-room furniture that is entering this sale at reduced prices. Every suite has unusually fine cabinet work and design; they are matchless values at these sale prices.

NOW is the time to buy new furniture because prices are increasing every day. And this February Clearance Sale offers exceptional opportunities to buy the best kind of dining-room furniture at a saving. The suite illustrated in black walnut is specially priced at \$195

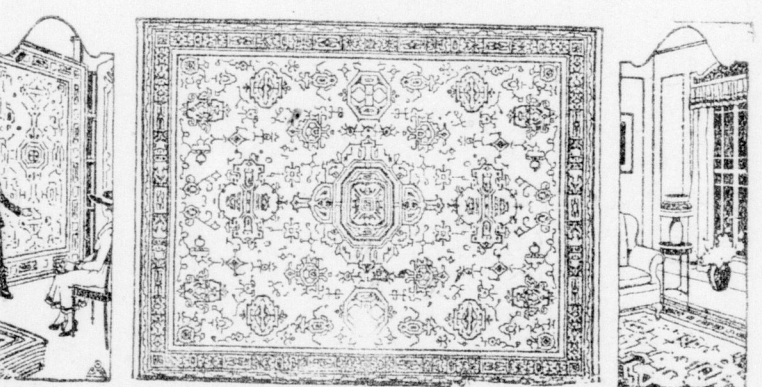
This Black Walnut Bedroom Suite Is a Beauty



JUST think of this beautiful period design bedroom suite in American walnut on sale at such a reduced price. The entire suite of four pieces is typical of the fine values you will find on sale this week.

EACH piece is exactly as illustrated and every detail of workmanship, finish and design is perfect. It will be on sale at the special reduced price of... \$275.00 \$125 Suites for... \$95.00 \$250 Suites for... \$185.00

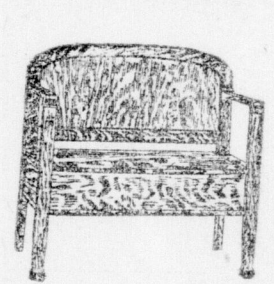
Every Rug in Our Stock Reduced



THIS includes every axminster, velvet, Brussels, tapestry, fibre and summer rug in our stock without exception. Never has there been a finer opportunity to secure the highest quality floor covering at such low prices as during this sale.

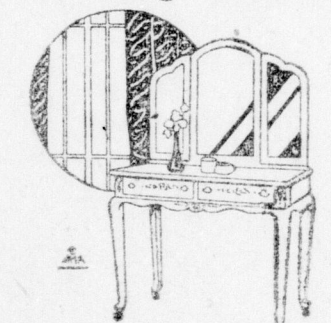
TO THOSE not familiar with the Rug situation we would say that inasmuch as the government has taken over most of the rug factories that the supply of rugs in the future will be somewhat limited. By all means take advantage of these special sale prices this week.

Hall Seats Reduced



THIS Solid Oak Hall Seat, finished in fumed or golden oak, is especially well made and finished. Sale price... \$12.95 Others at... \$10, \$15 and \$18

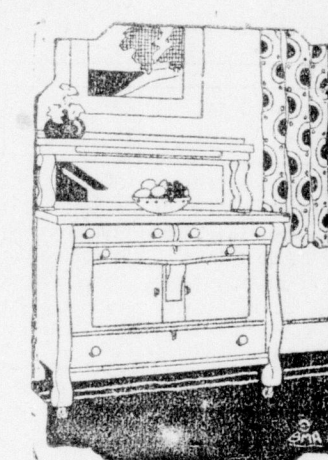
Dressing Tables



THIS Queen Anne Dressing Table comes in mahogany or walnut and is a wonderfully well made and designed piece of furniture. It has large genuine French plate mirrors and the cabinet work is unusually excellent. Specially priced at... \$25

A Great Value In Buffets

THIS massive Colonial period design Buffet comes in either golden oak or mahogany. Don't fail to take advantage of this special sale and secure a new Buffet for your dining-room. Has a large size French plate mirror with plenty of drawers for linen, silver, etc. Specially priced at... \$45.00 \$35.00 Buffets for... \$27.00 \$45.00 Buffets for... \$35.00

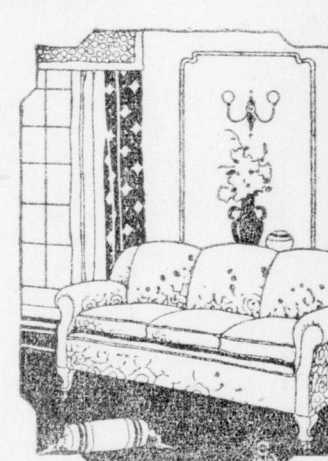


Buy a Chesterfield For Your Living-Room During This Sale

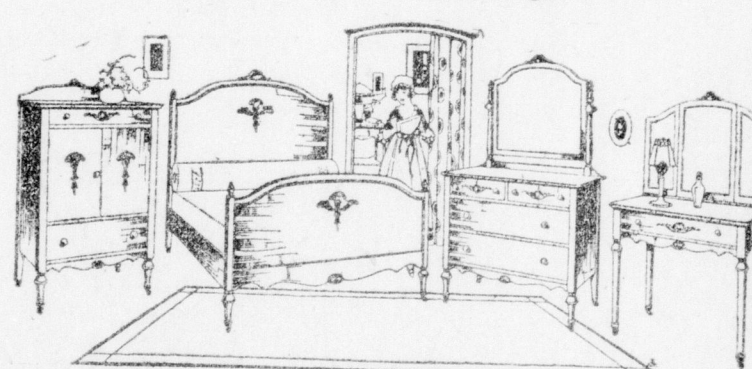
WE were fortunate in buying a lot of these Chesterfields over a year ago at a very low price. They are going on sale this week at practically cost. Take advantage of this opportunity. Your choice of tapestries at the special price of

\$85.00

Others at \$95.00, \$110.00, \$150.00 and up.



This Four-Piece Bedroom Suite Is a Bargain



IT includes every piece exactly as illustrated above and is beautifully finished in keeping with the fine workmanship that characterizes all furniture from this store. You must see this furniture to really appreciate its beauty.

THIS fine bedroom suite is now on display on our sales floor in ivory, walnut, mahogany or golden oak, and any home can afford to have this complete suite delivered at once because it is marked at the exceptionally low price of... \$135

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