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THE ..Attractiveness.. Of Spring

is in our dress goods. The most attractive, the best assorted, the most up-to-date stock of black and colored dress goods ever in this store. The trip to the Old Country was taken by our buyer this winter most especially to secure the choicest dress goods shown in the world. The World's market is open to our buyer and with exceptional care and the advantage of being a member of the great Canadian Syndicate he has beyond doubt secured the greatest values ever shown in this city.

DRESS GOODS

54 inches wide, all wool fine black French chevrot and Thibet suitings, in black only, bought direct from the best makers in France, fully guaranteed for wear and appearance, elegant black dyes, a tremendous range of qualities and very special values at 75c, 85c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35 and \$1.50.

46 inches wide, fine pure wool and mohair armures, in black only, correct for any style of dress, large range of neat weaves, and exceptional values at 60c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

48 inches wide, novel black embroidered crepelle, fine colines, crepe de chine, embroidered voiles, fine satins, unshrinkable grenadines, etc., all the novelty black dress goods from London's West End, in dress lengths, no two alike, extra values at a yard \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00.

DRESS GOODS

48 inch wide, firm all wool canvas voiles, open mesh, strong weave, guaranteed for wear, in the new shades of champagne, biscuit, roseda, navy, and pearl grey, very special value at 85c.

48 inches wide, silk and wool Cripelle—the new weave of the season, correct for dressing gowns, and for street wear, in elegant tints of navy, brown, roseda, pearl, biscuit, sky and black, the best value we have ever shown at a yard \$1.00.

44 in. wide fine Etamine canvas, correct weight for shirt waist suits, pure wool, beautiful bright finish, in eight desirable shades for spring and summer, extraordinary value at 50c.

44 in. wide, Knap Canvas, a new weave for suits and skirts in every wanted shade for immediate wear, special at a yard 75c.

Thos. Stone & Son.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD SUGAR YEAR.

Sap Buckets

Handmade, Largest Size,
8c.

These are not cheap factory made stuff. We have some beautiful heavy handmade tinware

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

Leaders in quality and price.

THE ARK Snow Shovels

We are clearing the balance of our stock out at the following prices:

Child ren's Shovels at 10c
Youths' Shovels at 15c
Full Size Shovels, Wood, 25c
Full Size Shovels, Steel, 25c
Full Size Shovels, Steel 4 1/2 x 30c

This is Your
Opportunity to
Get Something
Which You Re-
quire, Cheap.

SATURDAY BARGAINS

JET FITCHERS, 3 sizes, your choice of decorations.
Regular Price 30c, Saturday, 25c; Regular Price 35c, Saturday, 30c; Regular price 40c, Saturday, 35c.
See Samples in THE ARK WINDOW.

Bargain Store H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

JAP TROOPS ENTER COREA

Pouring into this Territory
and Preparing for Big
Movements

Russians Retreat Across the Yalu
Before the Jap Advance—
Eastern News

London, Friday, March 18.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo, who has just visited Chiampo, Corea, says:—On the way to Chemulpo we passed a constant succession of Japanese transports. Three thousand Japanese landed at Chemulpo at the end of last week. The correspondent adds that the Russians are retreating across the Yalu River before the advance of the Japanese outposts, and that their force in this district numbered 20,000.

JAP ADMINISTRATION FOR COREA
The Daily Mail's Wei-Hai-Wei correspondent learns that Viscount Aoke, formerly Japanese minister to Germany, is going to Seoul to establish practically a Japanese administration for Corea.

PROVISIONS FOR PORT ARTHUR.
Under date of March 17, the Chefoo correspondent of the Standard reports that provision trains are arriving hourly at Port Arthur, the railway being intact.

BACK TO PORT ARTHUR.
The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent, writing March 17, asserts that the Russian fleet is en route to Port Arthur. If this is correct, the correspondent adds, it is evident, from Rear Admiral Baron Von Stokelberg's report that the Russian cruiser which left Vladivostok returned to that port without an attempt having been made to unite the fleet, or if an attempt was made, it was unsuccessful. The Chefoo correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald, writing under yesterday's date, asserts that a portion of the Russian fleet made several cruises within a radius of 50 miles of Port Arthur, without finding any trace of the enemy.

VAGUE RUMORS.
London papers have vague rumors of alleged movements of the opposing forces in the vicinity of Yalu River. It is stated that the Russians are again negotiating for the purchase of Welsh coal, and it is reported from Hamburg that Russia is trying to place contracts with German shipyards for several new torpedo boat destroyers to be delivered this year. According to a despatch from that city to the Daily Telegraph, Russia has acquired twenty large Antwerp transport steamers and has insured each of them for \$250,000.

RECROSSED THE YALU.
A Seoul despatch dated 4:30 p. m., Thursday, says:—The Japanese authorities have been advised that part of Russian cavalry in Northern Corea has recrossed the Yalu River, and that a Cossack battery has also withdrawn. A small Russian force still occupies Jong Ju. Five thousand engineers are now employed in the building of the railway from Seoul to Wiju. Only a few miles have been completed. Civilians are working on the railroad from Seoul to Susun. The road cannot be completed before next October.

KUROPAKIN'S PROGRESS.
A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the Standard writes that General Kurupakin telegraphs that he has passed Omsk and he adds that to-morrow there will be 230,000 Russian troops concentrated between Harbin and Port Arthur. The same correspondent has interviewed General Dragomiroff, ex-Governor General of Kiev and later a member of the Council of State, while making reservations, owing to his possible ignorance of localities in the theatre of the war, gave the following conclusions at which he arrived:—The Japanese will be much hampered by the necessity of making an invasion by sea. Sea crossings are always disastrous to cavalry, which is notoriously the weak point of the Japanese troops. Moreover, the Japanese will need in Corea conveyances drawn by horses to which they have been unaccustomed. The Japanese will not be able to depart from the Korean coast, as they must remain near their ships. The general added:—The Russians must watch the Yalu River, which is liable to sudden floods, and which it would be useless to cross if they could not return. It is essential, he said, to have a strong bridge fortified on the side where the Japanese are.

DETAINED AS SUSPECTS.
Twelve Japanese including five women arrived at Moscow yesterday and were detained by the police as suspects. They claim they had been working in China, but fearing persecution by their co-laborers they determined to come to Moscow. At Omsk one of their number was arrested and held.

LIVING COMES HIGH.
A correspondent of the St. Petersburg (Norvich) at Vladivostok, writing under the date of Feb. 23, says that the cost of living there is high notwithstanding the action of the municipality in fixing the price of necessities. The correspondent describes a panic which prevailed in the city after the declaration of war,

and says all the institutions of learning were closed.

FAILED TO DELIVER CARGO.
The steamer Kitai, which left Odessa for the far east, with supplies, has safely returned, though the vessel failed to deliver its cargo.

TO CONVEY THE SICK.
A Kieff despatch says the management of the Southwestern Railway has decided to organize a special train to convey the Manchurian sick to the interior of Russia.

WE'LL BE GOOD NOW

The Chatham Planet one day last week urged the Chatham Board of Trade to get after the Dresden Sugar factory, saying that it was on the market at a bargain and was leaving Dresden on account of a misunderstanding with the town. It is simply a case of one of The Planet's wheels slipping a cog, for the plant is not and never was on the market as far as settling in Canada is concerned but is being moved to the States on account of the low price of sugar here, and there is not any misunderstanding either. The true Planet would like to uphold Chatham's reputation of "grab-everything in sight," but they cannot secure a sugar factory under present conditions.—Dresden Standard.

TRAGIC END

Ridgetown Woman Burned
to Death in her Home
This Morning

Mystery Surrounds the Whole
Affair—Thought the Lamp
Exploded

(Special to The Planet.)

Ridgetown, Ont., March 18.—A frightful discovery was made here this morning, when the charred remains of Mrs. Twigg were found in her house, which was almost totally destroyed by fire in the early hours of the morning.

Complete mystery envelopes the whole affair. The origin of the fire is not known and it can only be conjectured that a coal oil lamp exploded.

The deceased had lived alone in the house for some time.

CHATHAM CALL

Hamilton Baptist Minister Con-
sidering Call from the Will-
iam St. Baptist Church

The Hamilton Spectator, of yesterday says:—

Rev. John Hoyt, M. A., pastor of Victoria avenue church, has received a call to the William St. Baptist church, Chatham.

Mr. Hoyt was present at a meeting of the board of managers of the Victoria Avenue church last night and informed the board that he had received the call, and that an answer was required by Tuesday next. He said he was considering the call, but at the present time could give them no definite information.

If Mr. Hoyt decides to accept, he will probably tender his resignation on Sunday to the church. The Chatham church is a larger church than his present pastorate and is one of the best churches west of London from a minister's point of view. The pastorate has been vacant for a few months, the last minister, Rev. J. J. Ross, resigned on account of ill health. Rev. Mr. Ross is now pastor of Talbot street church, London.

From all indications it is probable that Mr. Hoyt will accept and the Victoria Avenue church managers will have to appoint a pulpit supply committee until a successor to Mr. Hoyt is secured.

Mr. Hoyt has been pastor of the Victoria Avenue church for the past five years and a half and has been very successful. The membership has increased considerably and the finances have also improved. The congregation and managers will be sorry to lose Mr. Hoyt, and are hoping that he may see fit to remain with them.

FEEL SORE

"I was up in Petrolia for a couple of days this week," said Ald. Geo. G. Martin to a Planet reporter this morning. "I had business with several lawyers up there and had conversation with them about the appointment to judgeship of George B. Douglas. They are all indignant over the appointment and asked who never heard of him. Several said that the man who should have received the appointment was Fred. Stone. Mr. Craig, one of the lawyers, said he had gone to school with Mr. Stone and that he was one of the smartest young lawyers in the country and should have got the appointment."

"That's right, too," chimed in Ald. John Edmondson, who was nearby at the time.

BALLOT BOXES WERE MISLAID

Collector of Customs Re-
members Their Loss
Some Twenty
Years Ago

But Why they were Hidden and
not Returned Remains a Mys-
tery Which Should be
Looked Into

"I think I can explain the mystery of those ballot boxes," said Collector of Customs D. R. Farquharson to a Planet reporter this morning. "I think they, at one time, were Tibury East boxes and were lost about 1885 or 1887. I was township clerk of that township at that time, and consequently returning officer when the Provincial election came on."

The Reeve of the township was sent in for the boxes, but he got mixed up in one of the hotels and either lost the boxes or some one hid them from him, because we had to get three other boxes to go on with the election."

Mr. Farquharson's explanation of the loss of the boxes should be looked into and, if possible, established. This being done, their loss would be accounted for.

But it is still difficult to understand why they were hidden in this effectual and unaccountable manner. If the then Reeve lost them why did not the finders promptly notify the authorities? And why were they stored away in this safe and secure hiding place—and by whom, and for what purpose?

It would be very satisfactory to the public to have these matters effectually cleared up.

DAMBRIDGE DEAD

London, March 17.—The Duke of Cambridge died at 10:35 o'clock this morning. He was a cousin of the late Queen Victoria, and was born March 26, 1819. The Duke of Cambridge died peacefully at Gloucester House.

The aged Duke had been confined to his house for some weeks, but until compelled to take to his bed he was about with his accustomed activity, being, as was his custom, a constant attendant at functions of a national or charitable character. At the most recent of these it was observed that the duke was becoming exceedingly feeble. He presented a somewhat pathetic figure, as, leaning heavily on the arm of one of his sons, he advanced with faltering step to address a gathering in aid of some patriotic movement. When it was announced a month ago that the Duke was obliged to forego his annual visit to the south of France it was recognized that his chances of recovery were slight.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra had been constant visitors to the sick room, while the Duke's sons, Admiral and Colonel Fitzgeorge, were almost incessantly at his bedside.

ADMIT WOMEN

Toronto, March 17.—The Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W., of Ontario, opened its session yesterday in the Temple Building. Grand Master Gibson was in the chair, and about 500 delegates and members were present.

The recommendations of the Executive committee that ladies should be admitted into the order was received with cheers. There was some discussion, but from the first it was quite obvious that the plan was popular and a foregone conclusion that it would pass. Only nineteen delegates rose to vote nay.

The committee on laws recommended an establishment of a sick benefit fund. After considerable discussion the recommendation was adopted, and the legislation will go into effect on July 1, of this year.

The figures presented show that at the end of 1903, there were 465 lodges with a total membership of 69,986 certificates issued.

O. O. I. HUMANE AND SUNSHINE CIRCLE

A meeting of the above organization was held in the Assembly Hall yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Mrs. D. S. Paterson occupied the chair. Allen Fritz was elected vice-president, and Flossie Smith was appointed, assistant to the secretary, Beatrice VonGuntin.

Readings and addresses on the intelligence of animals and necessity for humane work were given by Daniel Foreman, Flossie Smith, Irene Paterson, R. M. Campbell and the president.

The meetings will be held fortnightly, and an active campaign for the protection of dumb animals will be entered upon.

Many people are like coupons—cut off in their prime.

WALL PAPER



We have succeeded in securing for our customers this season the choicest goods and largest assortment of wall paper in the trade, and as we do the largest wall paper business in the city, isn't it reasonable to suppose that we buy in the largest quantities and get the best discounts, and can therefore sell cheaper than smaller dealers. When we say we have the largest and finest stock of wall paper in the city and sell it at the lowest prices, we mean it. We do not make that large claim carelessly. We are absolutely sure of our ground. We can readily prove it and are always glad of the opportunity to do so. Really we think we are pardonable for boasting about our wall paper. Samples are now ready. Call and look them over. It is a pleasure for us to show the new goods; they are so beautiful.

Sulman's Beehive

King and 6th Sts.

The Wall Paper Emporium of Canada



We keep just a few sorts of shoes as we can, but enough to serve ninety-nine in every hundred customers.

What is most important is to have every size that can be made to do, but exactly the right size. The fewer sorts a dealer carries the better he can afford to have a full supply of sizes, and if you can go back to him and get the same size every time it's like having a last at your shoe-maker's.

We try to serve you just that way, and our salesmen are instructed accordingly. Rather lose a sale than give you a bad-fitting shoe.

The general idea of salesmanship is to make sales. Our idea of business is that money should be less esteemed than good will.

TURRILL,

The Shoe Man.

Repairing Done at the Store