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The Clearing Time

This is the time of the year when everything seasonable has to go. Fall goods are already beginning to tumble in on us and room must be made for them. For the last Saturday in July we are preparing to do a large business and make the prices accordingly. It is a well known fact that the qualities we keep are the best and for the matter of prices we refer you to some of these:

SILKS	PRINTS	DRESS GOODS
A table of colored Silks, consisting of Foulards in navy and black, fancy striped wash silks and crystal cords worth 50c to 60c a yard, all on sale Saturday for.....35c yd	We have still a nice lot of those yard wide American Percales, in good colors and patterns, we will sell them on Saturday for.....65c yd	A new shipment of Homespuns is just here, all the new shades of grays, fawns and browns, 56 inches wide, all wool and.....\$1.35 yd
15 pcs. Japan Wash Silks, in stripes, checks and plaids, pretty colorings, worth reg. 40c to 45c a yard, very special, on Saturday.....21c yd	6 pcs. American Shirting Prints, in light grounds, on Saturday for.....40c yd	Just the material for separate skirts and tailor suits.
SHIRT WAISTS	MUSLINS	GLOVES
The balance of our entire stock of colored print and cambric shirt waists will be cleared-out on Saturday at.....HALF PRICE	Muslins must go—all our 20c, 25c and 30c muslins are going to be cleared out on Saturday next, the price will be.....12c yd	On Saturday we are going to give you an opportunity to buy a black skirt very cheap, we will place on sale 6 pcs. of fancy black dress goods, worth 75c and 85c a yd. for.....45c yd
A complete assortment of black saten waists is here for you—a special line well made and corded, mercerized saten, all sizes, very special at.....\$1.50	French Pongees, just like silk, in very handsome designs and colors, reg. price 25c yd., on Saturday for.....12c yd	White and cream, silk and taffeta gloves, new stock just in, very exceptional values and all sizes, at.....25c, 35c, 50c pair

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250 yds. Blouse Silks, in stripes, plaids and checks, in all the newest colorings, good firm quality, were sold at 50c and 65c, your choice to clear at.....35c	Men's and Boys' American and English Fine Straw Sailors, silk bands, this season's goods, were sold at 40c, 50c and 75c, your choice to clear at 25c	Colors, were sold at 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c and 20c, your choice to clear at.....7c
Special lot French Semile, Pongee and Foulards, lovely patterns, in good summer shades, pink, pale blue, steel gray, lavender and purple, were sold at 25c, your pick to clear at.....15c	20 only, Pure Nottingham Lace Curtains, 34 in. wide, 3 1/2 yds. long, fine dainty patterns, double thread, worth \$1.75, Saturday.....\$1.10	Ladies' Shirt Waists, in fine quality of print and percales, choice patterns, new colorings, perfectly fast, worth 75c to 85c, your choice of Saturday.....50c
Just a few fancy parasols left, the balance we will clear almost half reg. price	Ladies' Wash Skirts, in crash, P. K. cord and fancy jeans, nicely trimmed, worth \$2 to \$2.50, special Saturday.....\$1.25	White Lawn Waists, fine quality, with insertion front, also fine colored muslin and P. K. waists, worth from \$1.25 to \$1.50, Saturday at.....95c
Gun Club Checks, 350 yds., good firm quality, in blue and white, black and white, brown and white, and castor and white, 42 in. wide, your choice to clear at.....25c	French Grenadines, in stripes and checks, light and dark colors, lovely goods for warm weather, were sold at 45c to 50c, your choice Saturday at.....35c	Ladies' Vests, with half sleeves or long sleeves, fine quality, nicely trimmed, reg. 25c to 30c, Saturday.....19c
White Quills, full 10 1/2 size, heavy weight, fine soft finish, without fringe, reg. \$1.25, Saturday.....98c	600 yds. of Best English Prints, in stripes, checks and fancy, good patterns for shirt waist or dresses, perfectly fast colors, 10c and 12 1/2c, your choice to clear at.....7c	White Wear, a clean sweep of all our white wear on Saturday at prices cut away down.
Cushions, feather filled, good cotton covering, sizes 18x18 and 22x22, very special at 50c and.....25c	450 yds. Fine Dimity and New York Muslins, in blue grounds, stripes and fancy patterns, lovely quality, fast	Millinery Special—Ladies' Straw Shapes that were sold at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2, your pick at.....Half Price
Men's and Boys' Crash Hats, this season's styles, light and dark colors, just the thing for this hot weather,		Ladies' Straw Sailors, your pick of all our \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2 sailors Saturday at.....95c

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MIDDLESEX TRAGEDY.

Hired Boy Confesses to Helping to Kill the Old Man.

Says the Son Arranged the Affair to Prevent His Father's Marriage—Both of Them Arrested.

London, Ont., July 27.—A sensation was created at the village of Arva, four miles from here, when it became known that two arrests had been made in connection with the death of Joseph Sifton, the well-to-do farmer who was said to have fallen out of his hay-loft on June 30th, and received injuries from which he died in a few hours without regaining consciousness. The persons taken into custody are Gerald Sifton, the only son of the deceased, and Walter Herbert, a young lad of 18 years, who has been employed as a farm hand by his fellow-prisoner during the summer. Neither exhibited any signs of excitement. They were driven to the county jail and remanded until August 2nd.

THE CRIME.
Sifton, the alleged murdered man, was between 60 and 70 years of age, and the possessor of 600 or 700 acres of land. He had twice been married; and a day or two before his death it became known that he was to enter the matrimonial field for the third time, and that Mary McFarlane, daughter of a neighboring farmer, was to be his bride. The ceremony was postponed until 5 o'clock on the afternoon of the 30th. The following morning about 9 o'clock the old man, after donning his wedding clothes, proceeded to the barn to oversee the erection of a hay carrier by Gerald Sifton and Herbert, both of whom had come from the former's place on the 7th of the month especially to do the work. A short time after the wedding the old man was found unconscious on the ground, with his head lying on an axe and some stones. His head was badly crushed, and Sifton was unconscious.

Some of the neighbors were immediately called in, and to them Gerald Sifton stated that his father was knocking some boards off the end of the barn with an axe, when he lost his balance and fell to the ground, striking his head on some stones and the axe, which fell from the loft with him. Sifton said he was standing close by at the time, and that Herbert was at the other end of the barn, and saw nothing whatever of the affair. The injured man died that evening, never having regained consciousness, and he was buried at Arva cemetery Wednesday night, and while he was taking over the Sifton matter with Morden, Herbert unexpectedly walked into the room. Going over to the high constable, he asked him if he could untie a knot in his watch chain, and when McLeod failed he cut the chain with his knife and handed the gold watch to McLeod, with the request that if anything happened him the timepiece should be handed over to his grandmother. Then the boy broke down and said he wanted to tell what he knew of the affair. If he tells the same story in the box as he did to McLeod it will be very damaging to both himself and Sifton. Herbert's story was to the effect that the elder Sifton was to be induced to go into the hay loft, and that while he was climbing the ladder, he (Herbert) was to hit him on the head with the axe. Herbert stood at the appointed place, axe in hand, but he said that when he saw the old man coming up the ladder he heart failed him, and instead of hitting him with the edge of the axe he only struck him with the side of it. Gerald Sifton then seized his father by the arm, he says, and while dragging him on to the barn floor struck him on the head two or three times. The unconscious form was then placed on the ground below, with his head lying on the axe and stones, and some of the neighbors were called. Herbert did not hesitate in telling the story, and he expressed his readiness to give it under oath. He then returned to Sifton's, where he slept during the night.

THE BOY CONFESSES.
The hired lad, Herbert, is said to have made a confession to McLeod. The high constable had occasion to go to the residence of Edgar Morden, on July 2nd, about Wednesday night, and while he was talking over the Sifton matter with Morden, Herbert unexpectedly walked into the room. Going over to the high constable, he asked him if he could untie a knot in his watch chain, and when McLeod failed he cut the chain with his knife and handed the gold watch to McLeod, with the request that if anything happened him the timepiece should be handed over to his grandmother. Then the boy broke down and said he wanted to tell what he knew of the affair. If he tells the same story in the box as he did to McLeod it will be very damaging to both himself and Sifton. Herbert's story was to the effect that the elder Sifton was to be induced to go into the hay loft, and that while he was climbing the ladder, he (Herbert) was to hit him on the head with the axe. Herbert stood at the appointed place, axe in hand, but he said that when he saw the old man coming up the ladder he heart failed him, and instead of hitting him with the edge of the axe he only struck him with the side of it. Gerald Sifton then seized his father by the arm, he says, and while dragging him on to the barn floor struck him on the head two or three times. The unconscious form was then placed on the ground below, with his head lying on the axe and stones, and some of the neighbors were called. Herbert did not hesitate in telling the story, and he expressed his readiness to give it under oath. He then returned to Sifton's, where he slept during the night.

THE MORDENS ASKED TO HELP.
High Constable McLeod also claimed to have received damaging statements from Morden—all of whom have been friends of the prisoner for years. Edgar Morden, who lives a mile and a half from Sifton, has told the high constable that on the evening prior to the old man's death, Gerald Sifton went to his house, and after telling about his father's marriage, said something should be done to stop it. Morden, however, did not encourage Sifton in the matter, and the accused left the house. James Morden, another brother, has made the statement that the same evening Sifton came to him and offered him a large sum of money to help him get rid of the old man. Morden declined to have anything to do with it.

Sifton then wheeled to London, it is alleged, and called on Martin Morden, a carpenter, who boards with a family on Dundas street, near Rectory. Martin Morden was engaged to be married to Mary McFarlane, it is alleged, and Sifton, after telling him about the girl's approaching marriage to Joseph Sifton, wanted to know if he would not go with the deceased's. He said they could easily let something fall on the old man. Morden's only reply was that he would have nothing further to do with the girl if she had been acting as stated. None of the Mordens made their statements voluntarily. They did not desire to be mixed up in any case of the kind, and it was only after considerable persuasion that they consented to talk. Edgar Morden told McLeod further that after Sifton left he got on his knees at his own gate and asked God what to do. He then started out to find Joseph Sifton, whom he met driving in a rig with Miss McFarlane. He got both the old man and the girl to his house, where Sifton remained until 5 o'clock in the morning. Morden told him of what had happened, and the old man made his will. At daylight Sifton left for home, saying that they could not "do" him then, and that he would put on his wedding clothes and be married at 9 o'clock instead of 5. Other damaging evidence is said to be in the possession of the crown. On the way to the jail Sifton said everything would be all right. He told the officer that about a year ago the deceased had fallen out of the barn and would have been killed had not a load of hay been standing below the opening. Sifton did not know at the time of his arrest that Herbert had made any statement.

THE LEGATIONERS

Some of Them Now on Their Way to Tien Tsin

So Li Hung Chang Says—The Rest Probably Being Held as Hostages.

London, July 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express, telegraphing yesterday, says:—"Li Hung Chang now states that some of the members of the legations have already left Peking, and may be expected shortly. He is becoming angry at the skepticism of the consuls. The impression is gaining ground here that the maintainers of the powers to whom China has appealed for mediation may still be alive. The representatives of France, Japan, Russia and the United States have visited Li Hung Chang, but the others still keep aloof. The Americans here are indignant over the fact that U. S. Consul Goodnow has entered into relations with Earl Li, but Mr. Goodnow defends his action on the ground that he is following the instructions of his government. Trade in Shanghai is so paralyzed that the customs revenue will not suffice to secure the payment of the next instalment of the foreign loan.

AN ADVANCE TO BEGIN.

London, July 27, 4.30 a. m.—With the report that the allies will begin the advance upon Peking in a fortnight, and in view of Admiral Seymour's visit of inspection to the Yang Tze Kiang, the feeling is that no great time will elapse before matters assume a more definite shape. There is an unconfirmed Chinese report that 60 Protestant and Catholic missionaries have been massacred in Kie Yuan-Fu and the vicinity. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail, describing the massacre at Mukden, says: "The bishop had armed 200 converts to defend the cathedrals, and a body of Chinese troops had been sent to defend the convents, but the soldiers were leagued with the Boxers. While the Christians were holding a service, believing themselves safe under the Chinese section of the troops, the signal was given and the soldiers and Boxers surrounded and set fire to the church, putting the escaping worshippers in front of the pinnacles. The bishop was captured and taken to the vicerey's yamen, where he was diabolically tortured and decapitated. His head now hangs in front of the pinnacles."

The Daily Mail explains that the Chinese employes of the British legation, who according to its advices yesterday, escaped from Peking to Niu-Chwang, and reported there that when he left Peking most of the members of the legation were dead, and the fate of the others was hopeless, did not actually leave Peking until July 8, and this goes to show, if his statement is to be relied upon, that a general massacre had not occurred on July 6, as had been reported.

The Russians inflicted another serious defeat upon the Chinese at Fort Echo on July 23. From Kobe comes report that eight battalions of Russians have been compelled to

leave Vladivostok and Tien Tsin on account of the Manchuria trouble.

HELD AS HOSTAGES.

As the result of a constant correspondence with the governor of Shanghai, Li Hung Chang announced that the imperial government was prepared at any moment to give safe-conduct to the members of the foreign legations from Peking to Tien Tsin, provided that a guarantee were given that no advance would be made upon the capital, and that all matters in dispute between China and the powers would be made the subject of friendly negotiations. In the same communication to the consuls, Earl Li stated that the Imperial government had submitted to the powers a statement of its position, declaring that it had suffered greatly by recent events, but desired not only to suppress rebellion, but also to remove the causes of the hostility of foreign powers. Therefore he hoped that the offer to escort the foreigners to Tien-Tsin would be regarded as an earnest desire of the Chinese government for the renewal of friendly relations. The consuls replied that no basis for friendly negotiations was possible until proof was at hand that the ministers were still living. Consul Warren declined to discuss the matter at all, but in his reply to the French consul, Li Hung Chang undertook to obtain a satisfactory message from the French minister (M. Fichon) within five days.

GIVEN FIVE DAYS.

Telegrams from Shanghai report that Li-Hung-Chang has taken up his abode at the arsenal as a measure of precaution. It is not stated whether he feared attack by Chinese or attempts of the powers to curtail his liberties. Apparently the foreign consuls at Shanghai have informed the Viceroy that unless he should obtain definite despatches from Peking within five days, they would conclude the ministers had been murdered, and act accordingly.

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