THE WIND UP OF WINTER SELLING.

Our aspirations are towards spring. New Goods are arriving. We were never so successful in clearing winter stocks. Some things here and there remain, however. Scan this list over carefully, for in it you will find such values as only our anxiety to make a clean sweep would dictate.

Dress Goods.

At 27½c. heavy Amazon suiting in dark grey, 48 in. wide, former price 45c.

At 69c, 1 piece homespun skirting, 56 in. wide, purple and green mixture. Our price was $1.00.

At 89c. 1 piece heavy diagonal suiting, 54 in. wide. Our price was $1 75.

At 38c, 2 pieces blue and gold, strawberry and green, has been sold at 75c,

At 17½c. 4 pieces all-wool serge, black, green and brown, close weave, splendid value for 25c.

At 24c velvets, corded velvets, dark purple, this price to clear balance of our 45c. line.

38c. velvet, metallic brocaded, was 75c.

29c. 1 piece good shade, crimson velveteen silk finish, was 45c.

At 17½c. red and gold metallic skirting, was 25c.

Millinery Department.

At $27.00. electric seal mantle, was $35.00.
At $29.00, do do was $30.00.
At $23.00, Astrachan mantle. Our price was $30.

At 15c. 10 ends silk plush, in brown, grey, navy, &c.
At 10c., 15c and 20c, 3 boxes wings and ospreys. These prices are less than half the usual.

At 10c. one box corded ribbon, 6 in. wide, dark coloring, stripe pattern, value for 40c.

Staple Department.

At 49c. odd lot of shirts and drawers, all wool, were 75c., 85c. and 90c., and all our fleece-lined 75c. goods, for the same price.

14c. wool flannel, 26 in. wide, sold for 20c.

9c. heavy pink domette, best dye, worth 15c.

8½c wrapperette, smooth finish, for which our price was 15c.

10c. all-wool tartan flannel, for which our price was 25c.

5c. 5 pieces wrapperette, was 10c. and 12½c,; also a line of flannelettes will be sold at 5c.

Small Ware Department.

49c. hose bargains. All our 65c. and 75c. cashmere hose, at 49c. and 50c., for 40c.

20c. hose bargains. All wool cashmere hose, were 25c.

49c. for ladies' Scotch wool vests, fashioned open fronts. Our price was 75c.

35c. Vest, in ladies' winter, white silk finished front, range of sizes, usual price 50c.

15c. or 2 for 25c. Basket of child's vests, 20c. and 25c. goods.

18c. for drawers, in union, both women's and children's, a lot to clear.

75c. 4 moletto dressing sacques, ladies' sizes, yoke back and front, splay cuff, usual price $1.50.

Clothing Department.

5 men's fine, long wool serge suits, D. B. coats, with pure Italian linings, will be offered at $8.79.

Your choice of any winter caps for 25c.

20 per cent reduction on every overcoat in the store.

THE DOWLER Co.

The Hawksworth Mystery,

—: OR :—

More Sinned Against Than Sinning.

BY M. E. O. MALEW.

CHAPTER XXV.

Philip could scarcely hide the feeling of deep satisfaction this admission gave him. He saw now that she was not easily won, and if she had been ready to sacritice so much for his sake it was because he was, as she had declared, the first true deep love of her life. She considered that she owed nothing to this man who had virtually given her up. Sir Walter had also deserted her, she believed, and why should she not be happy in her way? But she had not realized what her own way would lead to until Philip had put the truth before her in plain language, and then she had been grieved and ashamed, for if passionate she was pure.

This was his full belief, or he could not have loved her so dearly, and every word Armytage spoke concerning his wife confirmed the impression. Philip would not allow himself to dwell on the possibilities this death would open out—it was not the time for such speculations, but he could not help rejoicing that she would be free soon to shape her own future.

The dying man had sunk back on the pillow exhausted, and his eyes were closed. But Philip administered a restorative. He had yet more questions to ask him that needed an answer.

"John Armytage," he said, impressively, "tell me, as you hope for mercy, had you anything to do with the murder of Walter Neil's child, and his unfortunate nurse?"

"Nothing, so help me Heaven!" was the prompt reply. "I know no more about it than you do, but I have my own theory."

"I believe William Baines killed them when he had one of his fits on him. The skipper told me he was not to be trusted at those times, and they had to fasten him into his berth, and leave him there until he came to his senses."

"And yet he was allowed the run of the mansion,' said Philip, indignantly. "He could penetrate to nearly every room, I fancy. I know the mistress was entirely at his mercy —I wonder you liked that."

"I did not know it.'

"But you knew of the secret passages, since you used them for your own purposes."

"But not of the one leading into my wife's bedroom. I should have made use of it if I had——"

"You would have been a worse scoundrel even than I take you for if you had," exclaimed Philip, hotly.

"Everything is fair in love and war,' Armytage said. "If you can't take a citadel by storm, you must take it by stratagem."

Dr. Frazer was so utterly disgusted with the man he moved away lest his temper should master him. When he returned the other had sunk into an uneasy sleep, which lasted for a full hour. Philip utilized the interval in writing out a brief but comprehensive account of his confession, and made him sign it directly he awoke, getting one of the other doctors to witness it with him.

He was glad he had been prompt, for Armytage's mind wandered a little towards morning, partly, perhaps, through the opiates it was necessary to give him in order to soothe the pain. Later on these were discontinued, as he became easy, and his mind grew clear again.

"It was odd how the Nautilus got caught," he said narratively, when Dr. Frazer was standing beside him. "She had had so many near escapes."

"How was it?"

"Miss Harvey waved her handkerchief, and the skipper mistook it for Baines's signal, that all was well, and the Nautilus could unload that night. She was to shelter until dark, and ran straight into the cutter's arms so to speak. I saw it all, but could do nothing to help them, and just made myself scarce."

"But who telegraphed to you if the others were all caught, and Baines away?"

"A friend," he answered. "It is no use dragging in any more names. Let them find out if they can. They will have hard work, and some pretty long journeys, and plenty of surprises, too," he concluded with a cunning smile.

Once he taxed Philip with having deceived him concerning his state.

"I am perfectly easy now," he said, "and there's no reason why I shouldn't get well. You ought not to have persuaded me to confess it was certain I must die."

"It is certain," answered Philip gravely.

"Then why have I no pain?"

"Because mortification has set in——"

"Oh," he murmured, and relapsed into silence.

Later on he beckoned Philip to his bedside, and said in a hoarse whisper:—

"I wish I had been a better man. I have been trying to pray, but it doesn't come easy when you have been out of the way of it so long."

Philip spoke a few words of comfort to him, such as a man can speak who is himself a believer. He felt that such an admission as this was as good as a prayer on such callous lips.

It was past one o'clock in the afternoon before he spoke again—for he had lingered much longer than seemed possible at first, and the greyness of death was on his face, and his lips were ashen.

"Tell her," he gasped, "that I was sorry at the last for the pain I had caused her. And give her my love—it cannot hurt her now."

Philip promised, and after this he lay quite still, and spoke no more. When one of the doctors looked behind the screen half an hour later he was dead.

CHAPTER XXVI.

Bad news travels fast. Lord Baddiscombe heard of the accident to the London express before he had finished luncheon that morning. Two hours later he knew that Lord Horsley was amongst the dead, and sent off his steward at once to claim the corpse, and make all the necessary arrangements for bringing it back on the morrow.

The task was beyond his strength. He was an old man, and the burden laid upon him seemed heavier than he could bear. One son cut off suddenly in the pride of life, the other in prison—he was bereaved indeed, and he felt as if he should go mad if he stayed alone at the castle during that awful evening and night.

Suddenly he bethought himself of Mr. Harvey, whose recent visit had revived all the old friendship and affection, and, ordering his valet to pack his Gladstone bag, he went off to Hawksworth alone. It was scarcely an hour's journey from Baddiscombe, and he was there just as the sun was sinking behind the church tower, and the mists of evening were beginning to gather softly over woods and distant valleys.

All he knew of Mrs. Harvey was from Jack, whom he believed to be prejudiced, but she was at her best and really touched by a trouble she could understand as she went forward to welcome him to the rectory.

"I see you know all," he said, as he sank heavily into the chair Edna set for him. "I have no one left now to solace my old age——"

"Lord Baddiscombe," said the brave young voice, reproachfully, from behind; "you have Jack."

"Do you forget where he is?" asked the lady mournfully.

"No, I don't, but he has no business there—for he is innocent, of course.'

"Innocent, of course," he repeated after her as she moved forward, and perched herself on the arm of his chair, bringing the frank sweetness of her glance and all the pleading of her gentle voice to bear upon him.

"Yes, innocent, of course,' she said, confidently. "He said so, and Jack was never a liar that we should doubt his word."

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For *Caked Breasts* or *Cracked Nipples*, which cause women so much suffering, they will find nothing to equal Troop Oil.

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TREATMENT:—Bathe freely with B.B.B., and take internally according to directions. Three bottles will prove its efficacy for relieving or curing any kind of cancer.

MR. GEO. MEGGISON, of QUINN, ONT., writes under date of Dec. 17th, 1900, of the wonderful benefit he has received from the use of B. B. B. for cancer on the throat, from which he has been suffering for seventeen years:

"Seventeen years ago a cancer formed on my throat just beside the wind-pipe.

I doctored with several physicians, but they failed to give me a particle of relief.

Some of them advised an operation, others cautioned against it as the cancer was in such a delicate place.

But to make a long story short, for seven years I suffered untold agony, until at last the cancer broke and discharged a thick bloody matter, after this it would heal up and a scab would form, but would eventually drop off and leave the opening larger than before. I suffered this terrible agony until a short time ago, when I happened to read of Burdock Blood Bitters being good for cancer, and I decided to procure a bottle, but hardly had faith in anything and did not dare to think of it giving me any relief.

However, I started applying it to the sore with a piece of cotton. I also took the B. B. B. internally according to directions.

I had not used the treatment long before I could notice a great change for the better, and believe by continuing its use I will ere long be permanently cured. I cannot too highly recommend B. B. B. to any person who is troubled with cancer.

MORGAN--WHITNEY

President Whitney Says He Has No Intention of Selling Out to the American Syndicate.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—H. M. Whitney sent yesterday the following telegram to The Star, which appears to give Mr. Thomas Ryan the quietus:

Boston, Mass., Feb. 27.

To the Editor of The Star: I have heretofore stated that there is no truth in report that the Dominion Iron and Steel Company has sold out to Morgan syndicate. I do not know how it can be more explicit.

Nor have there been any negotiations looking to such purchase. Neither is there likely to be any temptation offered in the way of exchange of securities which would induce stockholders of Steel Company to part with their property.

Considering our natural advantages and our low fixed charges, we occupy a unique and impregnable position.

We shall join no syndicate, but shall go on and develop our enterprise on lines originally projected which results in the actual making of iron have demonstrated to be sound. (Signed) H. M. Whitney.

THE PETERBORO GRAVE ROBBERY.

Peterboro Police Magistrate Has Reserved His Decision.

Peterboro, Ont., Feb. 28.—William Patterson appeared before Police Magistrate Dumble yesterday morning to answer to the charge of "grave robbing," preferred against him as a result of his episode of Wednesday of last week. There was nothing at all important brought out in the evidence. The report, which has already appeared, was simply verified.

Mr. Dennis Sheehan, husband of the woman, gave evidence as to the identification of the body, while Mr. Frank Brown, caretaker of the Roman Catholic Cemetery, told of the burial of the body on Monday, and the re-opening of the grave on Wednesday, when it was seen that the grave had been tampered with, and when they reached the coffin nothing was in it but the wearing apparel of the corpse.

The two charges against Patterson were that of offering an indignity to a dead body and of having on the 20th day of February unlawfully robbed the grave of Mrs. Dennis Sheehan at the Roman Catholic Cemetery. The magistrate reserved judgment on the charge of offering indignity to a dead body, the Crown having withdrawn the charge of grave robbing.

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No. 1 and 2 sold in Guelph by all responsible druggists.

GEN. BOTHA'S MAJUBA.

Commemorates the Day by Surrendering to Kitchener.

London, Feb. 28. — The Daily Chronicle has received a report, which it believes trustworthy, though it has no means of verification, that Gen. Botha has surrendered to Lord Kitchener. It says:

"According to earlier information, Gen. Botha was to have been received at Lord Kitchener's camp about the end of this week, but, if the foregoing report is correct, events have ripened with unexpected rapidity."

Thorneycroft Chasing Dewet.

De Aar, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Feb. 26.—Thorneycroft's column, when last heard from, was a few hours' march behind Dewet. The other columns have seemingly lost touch with him.

Hertzog, the Boer commander, is reported to have crossed the Orange River, and appears to be still inside the rectangle formed by the railroads and the river.

MORE MEN THAN THEY NEED.

Recruits For Baden-Powell Police Offer in Large Numbers.

Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—Major Williams was busy at the barracks yesterday enrolling recruits for the Baden-Powell police force. Only 138 men, he says, are required from Winnipeg. He has plenty of good material, but is having a most severe examination of the men made by Surgeon-Lieut.-Col. Codd, who rejects all men who in his opinion are not physically and morally first-class. Forty-four men were secured in the Portage and sixty-eight in Brandon and Virden, making a total of 122. The limit from this Province is 250, and, as Major Gardiner has received applications from several hundred, the necessary number will be easily obtained.

Notice Sent Out From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—The Militia Department has sent out a notice that there are more applicants for positions in the South African police force than there are men required.

RIFLE PRACTICE.

Government Has Taken Active Steps to Increase Efficiency in This Direction —A Musketry Training School.

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Hon. J. M. Gibson presided at the 33rd annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, held in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons yesterday morning. There was a good attendance, amongst those present being His Excellency Lord Minto, attended by Captain Harry Graham; Hon. Dr. Borden, Major-General O'Grady-Haly, G. O. C., Col. Hon. M. Aylmer and the members of the headquarters staff; Lieut.-Col. Hoggins, secretary; Lieut.-Cols. Otter, Tilton, Hughes, Sherwood, White, C. M. C., Burland, Macpherson and others.

An address to His Majesty was adopted.

The annual report was adopted.

In reply to a vote of thanks for kindly assistance Lord Minto made a speech evincing much interest in rifle shooting.

Hon. Dr. Borden in replying to a resolution of thanks acknowledging the work he had done for the D. R. A., said that it would interest them to know that Major-Gen. O'Grady-Haly had recommended and the Government had adopted the establishment of a school of musketry in Canada on the same basis as that at Hythe, England. This was now an accomplished fact. The rifle clubs would be established with a minimum membership of 40, the Government granting arms and a certain amount of ammunition. They had thought it right to make each member contract, if necessary, to serve his country, so that they would not only have ornamental rifle shots, but a reserve of men able to serve their country. As regarded ranges, they had been spending from $105,000 to $115,000 a year. They were establishing new ranges in each great centre, and that in other centres where rifle practice could be carried on. He felt the country owed a deep debt to the D. R. A.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the old officers.

Death of David McQuade.

Collingwood, Ont., Feb. 28.—David McQuade, Grand Vice-President of the National Association of Marine Engineers, died here Tuesday night.

DEATH OF MAJOR CROZIER.

The Canadian Who Captured Sitting Bull Died in Oklahoma.

Belleville, Ont., Feb. 28.—Major L. N. F. Crozier, formerly superintendent of the N. W. M. P. and of late years a judge at Guthrie, Oklahoma, died there on Monday at the age of 55 years. Deceased had a most distinguished career, he having single handed captured Sitting Bull, the Indian Chief, and fought in the battle of Duck Lake in the Northwest rebellion of 1885. He is survived by his mother and his brother, Mr. J. A. G. Crozier of the Crown Lands Department, Toronto.

A Bullet in His Neck.

London, Ont., Feb. 28. — P. C. Frank Slater, one of the latest additions to the police force, has been dismissed for conduct unbecoming an officer.

Mr. Powell, a mining engineer of this city, who was recently shot by bandits in Mexico, is now at Victoria Hospital. An effort was made to locate a bullet that is still in his neck, by the use of the X-ray machine. It was discovered in the muscles of the neck, and so placed that its removal would endanger his life.

Strike of Lake Engineers.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 28.—As a result of the refusal of the Lake Carriers' Association to grant the demands of the marine engineers for additional help for engineers on steamers, the National President, George Uhler, last evening declared a strike in force, affecting about 800 engineers on the great lakes.

Over 2,000 Miners Called Out

Cumberland, Md., Feb. 28. — The United Mine Workers' officials of the George's Creek-Myersdale district, have called out all the miners of the Meyersdale field, over 2,000 in number, because of the discharge of some men by Ehlen Brothers of Baltimore at their Tub Mills mines. No cause is given for the discharge.

Eight Bodies Recovered.

Kemerer, Wyo., Feb. 28. — Eight bodies were recovered yesterday from the Diamondville mine, where 32 men perished in Monday's fire. Fire damp finally drove out the searchers, and it is probable no more bodies will be recovered for several days.

Famine Increasing in Shen Si.

Pekin, Feb. 28.—Reports from the Shen Si Province show that suffering, due to the famine there, is increasing.

CONTAGION AND INFECTION.

La Grippe is Infectious but not Contagious.

Contagious diseases are communicated from one person to another; infectious diseases are conveyed through the air.

Smallpox is a contagious disease; La Grippe is infectious. When an epidemic of the grip is prevailing it is in the air we breathe and no one is safe.

The only safeguard is to keep the system in the highest possible condition of health and on the first appearance of a cold in the head to use some safe antiseptic like Stuart's Catarrh Tablets freely, a tablet taken every hour or two for a couple of days will be sufficient to break up the attack.

La Grippe attacks the weakest part of the system, it may be the lungs, heart, liver, stomach or kidneys, but wherever it finally locates it almost invariably starts with cold in the head and throat or in other words, the disease at the beginning is acute catarrh.

This is the reason Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have been so successful in breaking up attacks of grip. The antiseptic properties of the remedy destroy the germs before the whole system is thoroughly infected.

Dr. Annison says: Stuart's Catarrh Tablets being free from cocaine and harmful drugs should be freely used at this time of year on the first appearance of grip symptoms.

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Dr. Lewis on says: My usual prescription for the grip is Stuart's Catarrh Tablets which can be found at all drug stores. Keep to the house for a day or two and use the tablets freely, and I have never heard any complaint of failure to cure.

The Mission to Lepers.

Between eighty and ninety ladies assembled in Knox church on Tuesday afternoon, at the monthly meeting of this mission.

Miss McLellan presided, and she, with other ladies, succeeded in making it a most enjoyable and impressive occasion.

All were much interested in a long letter from Mr. Jackson, Secretary for London, now in India, visiting the asylums and homes. His own pleasure in seeing these homes and lepers of which he has often written and spoken is very apparent, and his descriptions are so graphic that the audience could see them too.

The Rev. Mr. Neffman with his "village," in which there are buildings for men, women and children, tainted and untainted; a church, of which both the worthy Superintendent and his community are very proud. There he is with his dear lepers, to the number of six hundred and over, with everything in perfect order, and every creature happy and content. They could see "Sarah," who is a light in the world, and "Dyamony," and others whom the ladies know so well.

Mr. Jackson had a most enthusiastic reception. With arches, Chinese lanterns, and music from instruments of their own construction, and processions, they gave this sympathetic and faithful friend a unique and joyous reception.

Mr. Jackson spent Christmas among them, and the poor creatures thought the services all too short. They were too pleased to end so soon, and he, on his part, had many compensations for being away from home at that time of the year.

Another visit of much interest, described by Mr. Jackson, was that to Asansol, where Mr. and Mrs. Byers have worked faithfully for ten years.

The exquisite neatness of everything attracted him at once. The happy and contented lepers, gathered here and there, under beautiful trees planted by Mr. Byers, on what was a barren and sandy spot, and all the surroundings spoke of the care and thought given to everything to make the outcast comfortable.

This visit is giving much joy, and the account of it gave pleasure to the ladies.

The Secretary announced that she had been receiving funds the last two days from Nova Scotia, Owen Sound, Durham, Hamilton and Belmore. A lady in Toronto had sent in $100 to the Treasurer there, after an address on the work; and $100 more had been left the mission under the will of a faithful friend, lately deceased. All of which is recorded with gratitude by the Committee.

The next meeting will be held in the First Baptist church.

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CANADIAN FORESTERS.

Statistics of the Year's Work Show Much Progress.

The 21st annual meeting of the Canadian Order of Foresters opened at Sarnia Tuesday afternoon, H.C.R. Elliott presiding.

The reports of the High Court officers were very satisfactory. At the close of the year the order had a membership of 40,142, and a surplus in the insurance branch for the payment of death claims of $982,029.32, reaching past the million mark on Feb. 1. The death benefits in the year reached $195,669, the sick benefits $59,880, and the funeral benefits $3,732. The receipts on the several funds were:—Insurance, $340,428.11; sick and funeral benefit branch, $71,852.80, and on the general fund, $47,482.69, making a total of $459,763.80. The total expenditure in these funds amounted to $306,717.39. The interest receipts were $32,386.92.

The death rate for the year 1900 was only 4.88 per 1,000 of membership, being lower than the average for the whole 21 years of the order's history.

The net increase in the insurance surplus for the year was $144,767.66, the largest addition to the reserve in any one year. During the year there were 58 Courts organized, with a membership of 1,402. A total of 6,819 members, with an average age of 28.2 years, were initiated during the year.

FERGUS.

Curling and Skating Races —Purchased a Residence —Independent Convention—Death of H. Rathburn —Notes.

Fergus, Feb. 26.—Our curlers were defeated at home last week by four rinks of the Guelph Royal City club, and last night were again defeated three rinks a side in Guelph by the same club, though they defeated the other club of Guelph. Of course it was fun they were after and they enjoyed it. It would be better sport if there were more games for sport alone and fewer for trophies.

Harley Davidson, of Toronto, champion quarter-mile, and J. Forrester, of Fergus, race on Friday night here for $25 a side. It will be a hot race and worth seeing. Meagher, champion fancy skater, performed here last week.

Mr. John McDonald, of Ennotville, has purchased the splendid residence of Mr. J. Jas. Craig, of the News-Record, for a good figure, about $2,300, we hear, and Mr. Craig has purchased the next lot and will build on it this year. Mr. McDonald gets possession about the 1st of April. He gets a very nice, comfortable house, and will be welcome to the village.

We congratulate Mr. Wm. Dix on his marriage, last week, to Miss Thomson, of Erin, and we wish the bride and groom very much happiness. The wedding was a large one. Owing to storm and bad roads it was difficult for guests from here to get there and back. All, however, were well entertained and enjoyed the happy event.

Mr. R. Brooks, Eramosa, lost a good cow last week for which he had been offered $80. Garafraxa, lost a good steer, already sold, and was worth about $80.

Mr. Mullan spoke on "Lent" last Sunday evening, and did not think it had the authority of the Bible.

Mr. MacVicar has recovered and preached morning and evening, though still weak.

Mr. Harvey is to preach to the Masonic body before long.

A number from here, mostly ladies, attended the presbyterial in Elora last week.

The convention of the Independent political party held here this afternoon was mostly Garafraxa men. You have the particulars.

Mr. H. Rathburn, Garafraxa, died last week at the age of 66 years, after a few days' illness. He was a hard-working, industrious, honest man and a good neighbor. The body was not buried for nearly a week so that the family could arrive from the west.

A good deal of wood coming in now and a large lot of sawlogs at Black's sawmill. A large quantity of boats also being delivered at Wilson's mills.——Mr. Argo is selling off his $18,000 stock and giving up his store and business. It will take some time to sell the stock. Mr. Argo has been in the same stand many years.——Bad roads and stormy weather. A great deal of snow and pitcholes on the roads bad.——Mr. Geo. Lindsay has returned to Brandon, after putting in the winter at home, and Miss Jean Lindsay to Buffalo.——Mr. Norman Richardson left for California today for his health.——We were pleased to see Mr. Galbraith, of the Mercury, with Guelph curlers in Fergus.

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