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- 3 lbs. Select Raisins, 25c. 3 lbs. Best Cleaned Currants, 25c. Lemon Peel, 15c. per lb. Mixed Orange, Lemon and Citron, 25c. per lb. Tomatoes, 10c. per can. Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c. per lb. Corn Starch 7c. per package. Tapioca, 5c. per lb., six lbs. for 25c. Honey Syrup, 15c. per qt. Pickles, 10c. a bottle. 7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c. 3 lbs. Sodas, in tins, 25c. 1 lb. cans Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c.

John McConnell, Phone 190, Park St.

No man can do more than his best. But a good many men can do more than they think is their best.

BRITAIN'S STRUGGLE.

THE FISCAL FIGHT WAGES WITH INCREASED ARDOR.

Relations Between Canada and the United States—Onslaughts Upon Protection Proposals Are Many.

London, Dec. 3.—The Scottish Chamber of Agriculture at Edinburgh yesterday agreed to ask Mr. Chamberlain to address a meeting upon the proposed fiscal changes, with special reference to agriculture.

Mr. W. Davis of Birmingham, Secretary of the National Society of Amalgamated Brass Workers, has been selected as the Labor candidate to oppose Mr. Chamberlain in West Birmingham.

Mr. W. A. Long, M.P., speaking to the Metropolitan division of the National Union of Conservative Associations yesterday, said a statesman holding Mr. Chamberlain's views was bound to put them before the country when he found the colonies were ready to meet us half-way to make the empire a sustaining whole, which ought to have been done many generations ago.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress has issued a manifesto, headed "Chamberlain's Modern Fallacies With Regard to Workingmen and Protection."

Mr. Haldane, M.P., speaking at Hull yesterday, said that free trade was the great factor in Great Britain's lead over the United States and Germany. Mr. Chamberlain has been forced, in his latest revised edition of his speeches, to strike out the proposal he made to the colonies that they should give up the manufacturing competition with us.

The Times prints a survey of the position of Canada in relation to the United States by Sec. Gossell of the British Columbian bureau of information, in which he details the manifold part taken by Canada in hewing out a national structure of her own, and says he believes the stimulus of competition between the two countries will make Canada greater in the future than if they were united.

Lord Coleridge, speaking at Wellingborough, yesterday said the introduction of protection would be the establishment of Tammany Hall in Britain.

WAR FEELING GROWING.

Japanese Favor an Ultimatum to Russia.

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 3.—A meeting of the Shempoo members of the Diet today passed a resolution denouncing the Cabinet's dilatory foreign policy and recording the opinion that peace in the far east demands the evacuation of Manchuria and the opening of the principal ports there.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Inquiry has been made at the Foreign Office here respecting the announcement from Paris that a basis for an agreement between Russia and Japan has been reached. It was impossible to secure any confirmation beyond the statement that a mutual desire for peace exists.

MR. MILLER TAKES HOLD.

New Railroad Expert of Manufacturers' Association.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Mr. W. H. D. Miller, who was appointed to take charge of the bureau of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, has taken up the duties of his new office.

COLOMBIA HAS LOST.

The Panama Canal Treaty Signed at Panama City.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The State Department has received a message from Panama City saying that the proper officials, in the presence of Admiral Walker and other United States representatives, signed the Hay-Herran treaty, giving the United States sovereign rights over the Panama Canal strip, the termini and the islands therein.

New Life Saver.

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—A successful trial of the Doering life-saving globe has been made at Skaw on the dangerous north Jutland coast during a storm. After a trial had been made with a ballasted buoy, the inventor, Captain Doering, with four other persons, entered a buoy which was launched from the cruiser Heimdal. It successfully cleared the breakers and aboals and drifted safely ashore.

COUNTY COUNCIL

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The Council resumed Thursday morning with the Warden in the chair.

H. J. French presented the report of the special bridge committee re Long's Creek bridge. The proposals were the same as the one presented on Tuesday except that the amount, \$30.25, paid to W. G. McGeorge, the surveyor, and the \$3.50 paid Wells & Company were added to the cost of the bridge.

On motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, the report was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, that all societies receiving a grant from the County Council should furnish a yearly financial statement to this Council showing their standing.

Mr. Chinick gave notice that he would move a resolution calling the attention of the C. P. R. Company to an agreement made in 1902.

It was moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Vestey, that the Council grant the sum of \$200 to Romney to assist in repairing the County townline between the Township of Romney and Mersea on condition that Essex County or Mersea Township meet the grant with an equal amount and that Warden Robinson be commissioned to expend the same.

It was moved by Mr. Roycraft, seconded by Mr. Handy, that in the opinion of this Council the securing of the positions of stenographer for facilitating the taking of evidence before the Courts as at present the whole of the evidence has to be written down by the presiding judge, thereby prolonging the sittings of the several Court sessions at great expense to this County, be it therefore resolved that the Warden be instructed to take steps as soon as possible for the securing of a suitable person for the position.

This motion was laid over till the afternoon.

Mr. French moved, seconded by Mr. McCoy, that Mr. Syton be empowered to send Thomas King, of Zone, provisionally to the Honor of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, notified that he was there at that Township's expense.

TO TAX THE RAILWAYS.

Warm Discussion With Farmers' Representatives.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—The principal rival interests affected by the Pettypiece bill, the railways and the farmers, occupied the entire day in a battle royal before the special Assessment Committee of the Legislature yesterday.

The bill provides for the creation of a Provincial board of three assessors, which shall assess all the real and personal property and franchises of steam railways, electric railways, telegraph and telephone companies. This board of assessors shall, by statistics obtained from municipal clerks, ascertain the average rate of taxation levied on all other kinds of property throughout the Province, and shall levy the average rate upon railways and telegraph and telephone companies.

When the Committee opened yesterday morning Mr. J. Locke, Warden of Alexandria, President of the Farmers' Association, was introduced by Mr. W. L. Smith as the head of the delegation from that body.

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We Would Remind You

That CHRISTMAS is not far ahead—three weeks, that's all—not too soon to look around or even to buy. If the present is to be something for a man (or boy) to wear, the proper place to buy it is at a men's store, where the man himself does his buying.

Ours is a men's store, pure and simple yet fully three quarters of our customers during December are women, and that's as it should be.

Our Christmas stocks are now at their fullest and while we will do our utmost to give you perfect service until the last sale is made on the night of the 24th., we would urge early selections as both stocks and service are bound to be better now than during the rush of the last week.—Here are some suggestions in—

Christmas Things for Men.

- NECKWEAR, MUFFLERS, SUSPENDERS, GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS, FANCY HOSIERY, FANCY SHIRTS, UMBRELLAS, HOUSE COATS, BATH ROBES, DRESSING GOWNS, FANCY VESTS, FUR CAPS, FUR GAUNTLETS, FUR LINED COATS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- At the Chatham Grand:— Merchant of Venice—Dec. 3. Monarch Minstrels—Dec. 10. Gibeon Stock Co.—Dec. 14 to 19. Ceciliaan Co.—Dec. 25. Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1.

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MERCHANT OF VENICE

This (Thursday) Evening.

Messrs. Fletcher and Stronach, in presenting Mr. Elmer Buffham in a production of "The Merchant of Venice," feel that they are offering to the public a long felt want.

Mr. Buffham is not an unknown or untried quantity in the dramatic world. His excellent work some two or three years ago is well remembered in a round of Shakespearean character, and the year following, he delighted the theatre-going public with his artistic work in "The Prisoner of Zenda."

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