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A GROWING LIST. The list of counties which have returned members in favor of the local government by acclamation in the by-elections is steadily increasing.

A MODERN HEROINE. A practical illustration was given the other day in New York of the importance of order in the prevention of serious calamities.

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THE LATE A. C. SMITH. At a meeting of the board of trustees of St. Stephen's church, held on the 6th inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

MANY CANADIANS CURED OF CANCER. You can have the names and addresses for the asking.

Conservative admiration for the Liberal candidate in Carleton, and we can hardly tell what in Kent. The opposition seems to have a good deal more success in supplying reasons for the return of government candidates by acclamation than they have in preventing that result.

THE ESTIMATES. The prophecies of the Conservative press that a Liberal victory at the polls in November last would mean a carnival of corruption and extravagance is not being borne out by facts.

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Men's Trousers.

You don't need a plumb-line to discover that the trousers you got with your suit some months ago are a little out of kelter. The trousers always go first. And so we sell enormous quantities of separate Trousers. February is a great month for trousers business.

At \$1.25—An All-Wool Canadian Tweed, light and dark greys and browns in stripes. Strong and serviceable.

At \$2.25—A nice neat Stripe in browns and blueish grey—a good business trouser.

At \$1.50—A heavy All-Wool Canadian Tweed in fine patterns; also, a line of Eloff Trousers. These make exceptionally fine working pants, and an extra value for the price asked.

At \$2.50—Fine All-Wool Canadian Tweed in neat stripes and patterns, an extra large assortment.

At \$1.75—All-Wool Grey and Brown Homespun in stripes of various widths. They are durable and would be cheap at twice the money.

At \$3.00—An English Hairline of good quality in fine stripes. You have paid \$5.00 for trousers not as good.

At \$2.00—All-Wool Tweeds in browns and greys, with a smooth finish, and can be worn for business or dress-up occasions; also, a line of finest quality of Eloff, and a line of extra heavy Homespun hard twill with a smooth finish.

At \$3.50—Another line of Trousers of English Hairline Cloth of exceptional value. Extra heavy weight for winter wear.

At \$4.00—At this price we can give you a fine Striped Worsted Trousers, and a very fine All-Wool Tweed. These you will find really first class value. A large assortment.

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOYIL BROS. & CO., King Street, Corner Germain. St. John, N. B.

THE BAKU FIRE.

Nine Bodies Recovered—One Hundred and Sixty People Hurt.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 8.—Advice from Baku announces that the fire has been extinguished. Ten factories and five depots were burned, containing altogether 35,000,000 pounds of naphtha and naphtha refuse. It is estimated that the losses will exceed 6,000,000 roubles.

Nine charred corpses have been recovered. One hundred and sixty persons were injured by burning. 41 of these severely and six have succumbed to their injuries. Many victims are still under the ruins and the search is proceeding for material assistance for the sufferers.

A hundred homeless families are being distributed and housed in the neighborhood; bread is doled to the employees of the factories at the expense of the authorities and the public is subscribing generously to the relief fund.

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New York, Feb. 8.—Because the papers had insistently demanded it, Ex-Judge Garry, chairman of the board of directors of the Federal Steel Company, today said he had consented to make the following statement regarding a big steel combination:

"Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Company are undoubtedly considering plans for the acquisition of the properties of some of the largest iron and steel companies of this country. Presumably they will not make or authorize any official statement until after the plans are perfected. It is probable there will be some ownership or control as to secure perfect and permanent harmony in the larger lines of this industry. It is not intended, however, to obtain control of any line of business or to create any monopoly or trust, or in any way antagonize any principle or policy of the law."

"The method to be adopted in acquiring properties will not permit any minority stock interests to interfere if such stockholders were so disposed, which is not probable as his pecuniary interest will influence him otherwise."

"He will be fully protected in any event. The success of enterprise will result in the benefit to investors in the securities, the consumers and the workmen or employees. Little, if any, new cash will be required and therefore the present financial condition will not be disturbed."

"This statement is made solely on my own responsibility."

THE BLAST FURNACE. The Start of a Great Industry at Sydney.

Sydney, C. B., Feb. 6.—(Correspondence)—The first cast at the enormous works of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company here was very successful. The cast was made in the number 1 furnace, which is the only one starting at present. The first cast was completed on Saturday night at 10 o'clock, and the blowing engine was started in the furnace on Sunday at 9 o'clock, and the first cast of 30 tons was completed on Tuesday afternoon, the 5th inst., at 5.30 o'clock.

Everything in connection with the furnace and blowing engine working very satisfactory. In fact there was no hitch or accident of any kind in connection with the cast, which could have been completed on Monday afternoon, but, as the entire plant is a new one, Mr. McCready, the superintendent of the works, did not think it wise to force the furnace in the first cast, consequently he ran the blowing engine slowly in order to heat up the furnace by degrees. The Telegraph was the only paper that had the correct statement in regard to the first cast, as all the other papers were incorrect in stating that the cast was made on Monday night at 12 o'clock. As stated, the cast was not completed for the reasons mentioned, until Tuesday afternoon, at 5.30 o'clock.

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When the first Canadian contingent was dispatched to South Africa, they were supplied with "FOOT ELM" as it had been so wonderfully successful in preventing and curing scalding, blistering and chafing of the feet, as well as being of especial comfort to tired and tender feet, that the authorities knew what a benefit it would be to the Canadian boys on their long marches over the hot sands.