

# NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

## SAYS FIRE WAS OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Deputy Fire Warden's Comment on Blaze at Simcoe Wool Stock Co.

### OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

#### Police Department Seeking For Bible Students' "Finished Mystery"

Simcoe, March 15.—(From Our Own Correspondent).—Provincial Deputy Fire Warden Lewis took evidence here yesterday in the matter of the fire which burned three separate and parallel store-houses of the Simcoe Wool Stock Co. early in January. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock of a Sunday morning, and was then breaking through the roof of each building. Owing to the fact that the buildings were in no way connected, and the contents were of such a nature that fire would have to work long to make headway, the Warden concludes that care was taken to sprinkle the goods before touching off the match—that all were lighted at once, that the fire must have been under way several hours before it was discovered and that the fire was designedly set, by a professional who knew time was required and chose Saturday night for the job, as the workmen would not be about early Sunday morning. There was no watchman on the

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plant. Residents two or three hundred yards away smelled odors of burning cloth before and after midnight, while the fire must have been working, but thought that the odor came from something in their own house and gave no alarm. This phase of the matter did not come out in the evidence, but goes to substantiate the Fire Warden's theory.

**Better Destroy the Books.**  
The address presented to our esteemed townsmen Mr. W. P. Innes, by the Town Council on behalf of the citizens of Simcoe, on the occasion of his golden wedding, has been engrossed and illuminated. The committee in charge thought it proper that citizens interested in this class of art work should have an opportunity to see it before it is handed over, and for that purpose it is on exhibition today and tomorrow at Deputy-Reeve Langford's office, opposite the town hall. Call and see it.

We would advise any of our readers who have in their possession copies of "The Finished Mystery" to destroy the book or turn it over to the police, for we learn that under instructions from Ottawa the Police Department is likely to come across all such. The fine is \$5,000 or five years' imprisonment, so it is not safe even to allow a boarder in the house to have one hid away. And as pamphlets advertising this book were recently and perhaps innocently distributed about town the police perhaps think they have a clue to where some books may be found. Better destroy the books.

**St. Paul's People Fraternize**  
There was a pleasant social assembly at St. Paul's last night. The function had been held for years back, but was omitted recently. It was the first opportunity that Rev. Fulton had to meet all his people in a social way. For many others, too, it was the first social evening of the kind here. A very pleasant time was spent, though owing to the bad weather, few got in from the country. Members of an impromptu programme provided for the occasion were recitations by Miss Hadden, who always pleases Drummond's "Stove Pipe Bole" and "The Coward" (Service). Miss Hilda Hurley, of Brantford, and Miss White contributed well received solos, and Messrs. Cobley, Gibbs, Haggan and the pastor provided a male quartette. A bevy of boys in masquerade put on a clever diverting stunt.

Little Louise McKay and Kathleen led off with a piano duet. Misses Margaret Jamieson and Marjorie McKnight occupied the stools later very acceptably. Miss Helen and Master Thornley Chadwick ranted with piano and violin number and the backing of a splendid programme was provided by a four piece string orchestra—Misses Helen Forsyth and Madeleine Darling and Messrs. Hilton Forsyth and Tomby Chadwick.

**Press Photographs**  
Mrs. W. P. Innes, who was reported quite convalescent, suffered a decided setback early yesterday evening and the family were summoned to Strafford. Towards midnight the esteemed lady's condition was reported considerably improved.

Mr. Innes has shown remarkable powers of endurance and recuperation and hopes are entertained for his being able to be about again.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Nicol have been able to leave the couch for a short season.

Miss May Austin, of Buffalo, is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Austin, Union St.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Misner left for Alberta to-day, after spending a couple of months visiting relatives in town and throughout the district.

Red Stevens has gone back to Copper Cliff to join a musical organization there in connection with a mining camp. Mrs. Stevens shipped the household furniture yesterday and will follow.

J. D. Christie, B.A., received yesterday, deserved congratulations for his five minute address at the Lyric Wednesday night, between first and second reels. The veteran high school principal gripped his audience to the point that prompted them to rise and finish off his address with the National Anthem.

Mrs. Chas. Misner is reported to be quite indisposed.

Miss Hilda Hurley of Brantford is visiting Miss Bailey.

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## SPRING IS HERE

That will be welcome news to many.



Although March 20 is set as the opening date of the spring season, the appearance of the robin is probably the best sign—and the red-breasted fellows are sure here.

### New Spring and Summer Footwear

and this store as usual has a most beautiful stock. Although we have been showing new models for some time, we have not made a full display. Watch our window this week for its spring dress. Come in and see all the handsome foot togs we have for men, women and children at the style centre for footwear.

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122 COLBORNE ST  
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## WARNING!

The cold weather of the present winter has frozen the ground to an extraordinary depth and the danger of broken and leaking service lines is correspondingly increased.

With the advent of the spring thaws the ground will melt and swell and be not to cause broken lines. The Gas Company is doing everything in its power to prevent and take care of leaks in its lines and consumers are requested to make careful examination of the house piping and their service lines leading from the street to ascertain that they are in proper condition for transferring gas from the Company's line to the point of consumption. Consumers should make their inspections, as above indicated, at regular and reasonably frequent intervals that accidents and avoidable injuries by their keeping the pipes and fittings owned by them in first-class condition.

If any leakage or odor of gas is detected do not light any matches; keep the doors and windows shut and do not enter the premises, notifying the Company immediately so they can send a man to investigate.

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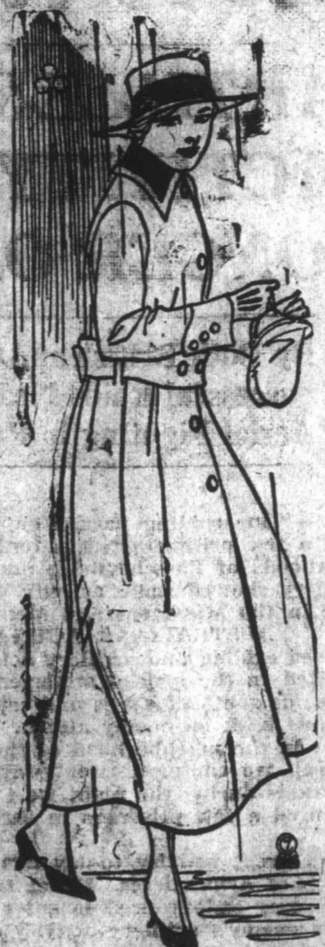
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# SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

## A GOOD CHOICE That's What You'll Find in the New Spring Coats



### SMART COATS OF TWEED, COVERT AND VELOUR CLOTHS.

A very desirable loose fitting coat is made of good quality Tweed, in grey and brown mixtures, raglan sleeves, finished with welted seams, extending to collar, large convertible collar, patch pockets and pointed cuffs, the three inch belt is fastened with the large buckles, Saturday's price **\$30.00**

**A SMART COVERT CLOTH COAT**, suitable for Spring or outing trips or for chilly evenings, the collar buttons well up around the neck, straps and buttons of self mixtures and a wide belt with large buckle back and front; lengths 42 to 46 in. Saturday's prices \$30.00, \$27.50, \$25.00 and **\$22.50**

A very useful coat made of heavy storm Serge in the new Spring colorings, made with pleats and large collar. These **\$21.00** come in Misses' sizes only, at . . .

### New Spring Tailor-Made Skirts

A new shipment of Dress Skirts, especially designed for stout figures, made in black and navy serge bands, ranging from 30 to 38; Special at **\$10.00, \$6.50, \$6.00 and . . . \$5.50**

### TAFFETA and SATIN UNDERSKIRTS

Ladies' Underskirts, made of Taffeta and Satin, in plain or short effects, in medium and extra large sizes, at \$10.50 to \$6.00 **\$5.00** and . . .

### Silk Camisoles

Camisoles, made of Satin, Crepe de Chine and Habitu Silk, some with sleeves and trimmed with lace, colors flesh, maize and white, sizes, 34 to 46; Special **\$4.00 to \$2.00 to . . . \$1.50**

## SILKS For Service and Wear

- Black Duchess Satin, extra heavy quality, recommended for wear; Special **\$1.50** at . . .
- 36 in. wide, Black Palette Silk, a silk which will give all kinds of wear and service. Special **\$1.50** at . . .
- Black Taffeta Silk, 39 in. wide, soft finish, Special **\$2.00** at . . .
- Black Habitu Silk, 36 in. wide at **\$2.00, \$1.75, \$1.25 and . . . \$1.00**
- White Habitu Silk, 36 in. wide, at **\$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c and . . . 50c**
- Satin Stripe Habitu Silks, elegant range of colors, etc., worth \$2.00; Special **\$1.50** price . . .
- Silk Poplins, 36 in. wide, bright silky finish, black and full range of colors; Special **\$1.75** at . . .

### Dress Goods Specials

- Shepherd Check Dress Goods, in various size checks, at 75c, 50c, 35c and . . . **25c**
- 54 in. wide, shepherd Check, suitable for separate coats, etc., etc., very special **\$1.00** and . . .
- Coating Serge, 54 in. wide, in navy, Russian green, brown, Alice and black, a cloth worth \$3.00; Special at **\$2.50**
- Plaid Dress Goods, variety of colors, etc., Special at **45c**

### UNBLEACHED TABLE LINEN 65c YARD

Heavy Unbleached Table Linen, 58 in. wide; extra value, per yard **65c**

## Ready in the Millinery Room

How would you like to get your New Spring Hat and a little change—out of ten dollars? That's what you can do if you share in our special Saturday Sale of Smart Trimmed Hats at **\$9, \$8, \$7 and \$4.50**

## Here are Three Special Waist Bargains

- Striped Habitu Silk Waists, convertible or roll collar in rose and white, mauve and white and sky and white. Good washable Silk **\$4.00** Special . . .
- Habitu Silk Waists, in white, flesh, maize. These come in all sizes; Special **\$3.50** at . . .
- Silk Crepe de Chine Blouses, dainty styles, in flesh, maize, navy, ivory and black, Burgundy; made with sailor or convertible collars; exceptional values at \$8.75 to \$6.00, **\$3.95** \$5.50, \$4.95 and . . .



## Hosiery and Glove Specials Sat'day

- Ladies Lisle Thread Hose in cream and brown, full fashion, double heel and toe, extra wide top, medium and heavy weight, all sizes; Special 60c, 65c, and **75c**
- Ladies' fine Cashmere Hose, light weight, with perfect fitting ankle, all sizes, \$1.40 to **85c**
- Ladies' Fine Silk Gloves, 2 dome fasteners, double tips, all sizes; come in white and colors, at per pair **85c**

## Saturday's Specials in Housefurnishing Dept.

- A special new sanitary matting, particularly well adapted for halls and bedrooms, has arrived in brown and tan shades. This matting is fast colors and 36 in. wide; Special per **75c** yard . . .
- Fancy Scrims for Curtains, with colored floral borders in all shades; Special per **25c** yard at . . .
- Still a few remnants of Linoleum. Just the thing for small bathroom and for under stoves, to clear Saturday. Remnants of Scrims, Nets and Cretonnes, to be cleared out at special prices.

### PILLOW COTTON & SHEETINGS

- 40, 42 and 44 in. Pillow Cotton, (circular) good heavy even cotton, special at **35c** per yard . . .
- Extra heavy circular Pillow Cotton, 40, 42 and 44 inch width, special price per **45c** yard . . .
- White Sheetting, 2 yards wide, free from dressing, extra value, yard **39c**

### BUY PURE LINEN WHILE IT MAY BE HAD

- Pure Linen Table Cloths, 2x2 1-2 size, in stripes, rose and spot designs, Special at **\$5.95** each . . .
- 8 only Pure Linen Cloths, J. S. Brown make, 2x2 yards size; worth \$7.00 each; Special **\$5.00** at, each . . .
- A few good Sets of Pure Linen Cloths, size 2x2 1-2 yards; 1 dozen Naps, 22 in. size **\$13.00** Special at, per set . . .
- 3 Sets of Pure Linen Cloth, 2x2 yards; 1 dozen Naps, 22 1-2 size; Special at, per **\$11.75** set . . .

### PURE LINEN UNBLEACHED DAMASK \$1.00 A YARD

2 pieces only of Unbleached Table Linen, absolutely pure; Special price, per **\$1.00** yard . . .

### UNBLEACHED TABLE LINEN 39c YARD

2 pieces of unbleached Table Linen, 54 in. wide; Special at, per yard **39c** . . .

### TOWELLINGS AT SPECIAL PRICES

- A heavy White Crash, 18 in. wide; red border; special at, per yard **15c**
- Heavy grey and white stripes towelling, 18 in. wide; Special at, yard **22c**
- A Pure Linen Crash, 18 in. wide; with red or blue borders, Special per yard **25c**

A Big Lot of Ends of Towelling and Table Linen at Reduced Prices.

### You Can Save 50 per cent. by Buying Flannelettes Now—Lay Them Away

- White Flannelette, 29 in. wide, nice soft finish, special at, yard **15c**
- 5 pieces colored striped Flannelette, in pink and blues, worth 25c; special at, per **20c** yard . . .
- 4 pieces of Dark Shirting Flannelette, grey with red and blue mixed, worth 55c, Special **25c** price at . . .
- White Flannelette, 36 in. wide, a good heavy quality and free from dressing, extra value at, yard **25c**
- A heavy colored Flannelette, in 33 to 36 in pinks, greys and blues, worth 35c to 37 1-2c yard, special at, yard **28c**

### WHITE TABLE LINEN \$1.25 YD.

5 pieces of Heavy White Table Damask, 70 in. wide; Special at, yard **\$1.25**

## Three Big Bargains in Flannelette Blankets

(A Great Chance to Save by Buying for Next Winter)

- 12-4 Ixex Blankets \$3.00 Pair**  
30 pairs only, of White Flannelette, (Ibex make), 12-4 size, will be sold at \$3.50 to \$4.00 later on; a big bargain for you **\$3.00** at, per pair . . .
- White or Grey Blankets, \$2.49 Pair**  
White or grey Flannelette Blankets, 66x80 size, good heavy blankets; worth to-day \$3.25 pair; Special-bargain price, per **\$2.49** pair . . .
- 12-4 Grey Blankets, \$2.79 Pair**  
18 pairs only of 12-4 grey Flannelette Blankets (slightly imperfect), blue and pink borders, a soft nice quality, extra value at, pair **\$2.79**

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