

FIRE IN TORONTO MATTRESS FACTORY



Photograph taken by The World's staff photographer while the blaze in the Whitworth & Restall factory was at its height.

GOVERNMENT TO PUNISH GRAFTERS

Premier Borden Calls on Critics to Make Definite Charges.

LIGHT ON EXPENDITURE

Statement Covering Incidental Outlays Was Presented to the House.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, March 17.—Special government expenditures in connection with the war, other than expenditures on the defence of Canada, naval and military operations, and the promotion of a continuance of trade, were set forth in a statement made to the commons today by Hon. Louis Coderre, secretary of state, at the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Canada's gift of one million bags of flour to the British Government.

J. G. Turritt was informed by General Hughes that no tires were purchased from the Dunlop Company for the first contingent, but that 150 sets of 38-inch single front and dual rear truck tires were purchased for the second contingent at \$2.77 per set, and 80 sets of single front and single rear tires were purchased at \$1.69 per set.

BOOTS NOT FIT FOR SOLDIERS TO WEAR

Gauthier Shoe Supplied to Calgary Troops the Worst of All.

NOT UP TO SAMPLE

Some Would Not Last Three Days, Declared Sergt. Wainwright.

Special to The Toronto World. OTTAWA, March 17.—Capt. Taunton of Winnipeg, sergeant-major of the boot company committee of the commons this afternoon, produced a sample which was manufactured by the Gauthier Shoe Company, and declared that the boots were "the worst of the worst."

Semi-ready Store Closes at Easter

Store to Rent The whole building at 143 Yonge Street offered free of bonus on six year lease.

On April 5th, Semi-ready clothes will be on sale only at the store of Ed. Mack, Limited, 167 Yonge Street. This store will positively close on Saturday night, April 3rd.

Fixtures for Sale Clothing Cabinets, Cash Register, Show Cases, Safe, Desks.



Every Tailored Suit and Spring Overcoat—all Shirts, Collars, Underwear and Men's Furnishings now offered at less than cost—the balance to be disposed of en bloc.

As is usual in clearing sales and auction sales the highest priced things are left until the last—and we intend closing out now all our \$25, \$30 and \$35 Suits and Overcoats—Silk-lined Overcoats, Frocks, Tuxedos, etc.—for Mr. Mack says he will have nothing to do with any stock not personally selected and made to his own order and designs.



Spring Overcoats

- 128 Overcoats in all—exactly that number to start with—in all sizes from 38" chest to 44" inches, in all prices and from imported British fabrics. 14 Spring Overcoats, \$18 label, for \$11.55. 2 Spring Overcoats, \$18.00 label, for \$12.55. 32 Spring Overcoats, \$18.00 label, for \$14.55. 38 Spring Overcoats, \$20.00 label, for \$14.55. 14 Spring Overcoats, \$22.50 label, for \$16.55. 20 Spring Overcoats, \$25.00 label, for \$18.55. 3 Spring Overcoats, \$30.00 label, for \$21.55. 2 Spring Overcoats, \$35.00 label, for \$23.55. Fitted and finished to your exact measure free of extra charge.

Fancy Worsted Serges and Tweeds

- Imported English fabrics—all bought direct from the weavers—including pure Indigo-dyed serges, homespuns, tweeds, plain grays, blue grays, fancy browns, olive leather, alençon, shepherd's plaid, checks and stripes, and plain blues and blacks. 38 Suits, worth \$15 and \$18, for \$11.55. 18 Suits, with \$20 label in pocket, for \$14.55. 58 Suits, with \$22.50 and \$25 labels, for \$16.55. 23 Suits, with \$28 label in pocket, for \$19.55. 30 Suits, with \$30 label in pocket, for \$22.55. 13 Suits, with \$35 and \$40 labels, for \$25.55. 52 Black Serge Suits, with \$16 to \$30 labels, though hard to get now at any price, we will clear at the same prices. 50 Navy Blue Serges, mostly \$20, \$25 and \$30, a few with \$10 labels—at exactly the same prices. 15 Norfolk Suits, with \$18, \$20 and \$22.50 labels, at like reductions.

Men's Furnishings

We will make a special effort to get rid of all our Men's Furnishings—right now—just before Easter—when every man is interested in what he will wear when he dons his spring topcoat.

New Tooke Collars

All our linen Tooke collars, worth \$1.00 a dozen, we offer for the closing days, 9c each, or a dozen for 99c.

New Tooke Shirts

Made-in-Canada shirts from shirtings of Dominion Textile's best mills, worth \$1.25 in all sizes—but best range in large sizes, 16 1/2-17, 17 1/2-18, closing out at 87c.

Anderson's Scotch Zebray and Crepe Shirts

regular \$3, for \$1.55. White Figue Dress Shirts, regular \$2.50, for \$1.55. Pleated White Shirts, \$1.50, for 98c. Fine Dress Shirts, for 87c. Scotch Flannelette Night Shirts, 87c. English Flannelette Pyjama Suits, 98c. Soisette Pyjamas, 87c. Garters, 19c pair.

English "Dreadnought" Underwear

pure wool, worth \$1.75, for \$1.20. Wolsey Medium Weight Underwear, worth \$1.75, for \$1.45. Watson Combination Suits, \$1.55; silk and wool, regular \$3, for \$1.55. Morley's Spinning-wheel Underwear, \$1.20.

Any Real Estate Broker who can rent this store while we are selling may have his commission.

Closing Days at the Semi-ready Store 143 YONGE STREET

Advertisement for The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company. It features a decorative border and the text: "So that my executors may have ready money." The following extract is from the will, recently probated, of a keen, successful, and, as the will proves, thoughtful business man. Among the insurance policies on my life which are now payable to my children in equal shares, I am endeavoring to arrange that these policies shall be made payable to my estate so that my executors may have in hand ready money for immediate requirements. If this shall not have been accomplished at my death I desire my children to release their interest in the policies and in lieu direct to them the \$27,847 life insurance prevented the sale of property which would otherwise have had to be disposed of at a great sacrifice. The moral is plain. There is no estate, be it large or small, but should be covered by life insurance. A policy would prevent losses to your widow or your children that could not otherwise be averted, because it places "ready money," especially if spent with

Not Dozen Up to Sample. He said the Gauthier boot was the worst and the McCready boot the next worst. Out of 198 boots furnished to the regiment, not more than a dozen were as good as the sample shown him. When the military boots were placed to be worn, 200 of the men threw them away and bought their own. Witness told the commission that General Hughes said, "I don't know when he heard about the boots at Calgary, but he was at the meeting addressed by the minister of militia he did not hear that the boots were shot the men who made the bad shoes. Sergeant Wainwright said he had been 14 years in the British army, and also worked in a boot factory. Asked what he thought of the British army boot he made this reply: "I landed in South Africa early in November and marched from Modder River to Bloemfontein. I used the same boots until April. They were comfortable in every way. I forded rivers and walked over rocks. The declared emphatically in reply to a question that the boots they got at Calgary would not last three days. The rest at Calgary was to place the boots after dubbing in a bathtub with water half an inch above the soles. After four hours the McCready and Gauthier boots were full of water and after 24 hours the Murray shoe was absolutely dry. "When did the trouble start with the boots?" asked Mr. Macdonald. "The very first day." Boots useless. Colds and sore throats were common, he said. The men had not got a new issue since. When Gen. Hughes was in Calgary the regiment could not turn out to parade in full force for want of boots. "Can you get us some of the shoes?" he was asked. "I cannot very well take them off the soldiers' feet," was the reply. Major Andrews of Winnipeg also condemned the boots. When these wore out the men put on overboots, but he did not think much of those. Quartermaster-Sergeant Underwood, who was in the imperial service 23 years, was asked his opinion of the boots and replied: "Useless, absolutely useless." As to the samples, a soldier or a policeman would not take them, they were not heavy enough.

PROPOSES TO CUT JUDGES' SALARIES

Proulx Would Also Have Bench Contribute to Superannuation Fund.

FOUR JUDGESHIPS FOR WESTERN PROVINCES

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, March 17.—Hon. C. J. Doherty gives notice that provision will be made this session for the appointment of an additional county court judge for British Columbia and three additional district court judges for Saskatchewan. The salary in each case will be \$3000.

DUNNING'S, LIMITED

Specials today: Calf's head and salt pork, brain sauce, Turkey wings fricassée, farmer style. Country sausages and mashed potatoes. 37-31 King street west, 28 Melinda street.

LIEUT. BEVAN MISSING.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, March 17.—Lieut. P. J. Bevan, King's Royal Rifles, wounded and missing, is a member of the firm of Bevan Brothers, financial brokers, Vancouver. He originally served with the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles and came to England with the Seventh Battalion of the Canadian contingent.

ESCAPED EASILY FROM THE FLAMES

Fourteen Employees Were in Mattress Factory When Fire Started.

The mattress factory of Whitworth and Restall, in the rear of 112 West Adelaide street, was gutted by fire which broke out about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The damage is estimated at \$9000, equally divided between the building and stock. The cause of the fire is unknown and insurance covers all the damage. Fourteen employees in the building escaped easily when one of the members of the firm gave the alarm, although several lost their hats and coats. The inflammable nature of the material in the building made the task of fighting the flames a very difficult one. More difficulty was experienced in getting the line of hose in position, because of the situation of the burning factory between two streets. According to Mr. Whitworth the blaze commenced in a small room on the second floor, and the piles of mattress filling caused it to jump quickly to the third and fourth floors. Chief Thompson superintended the work of the fire fighters. One of the fire hose wagons swung into a street car at the corner of Bay and Richmond streets on the way to the fire, because the motorman disobeyed

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