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Made of all wool English Paramatta, an extra heavy material, collar can be buttoned tight around the neck or rolled back, strap on back and well ventilated under arms, black and navy shades, at \$8.50.

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Men's English Paramatta Raincoats—Guaranteed waterproof, in the new sulphur shades, size 34 to 44, and special value at \$8.00.

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English Gabardine Waterproof Coats in the new military style and khaki shade, special at \$15.00.

Young Men's Balmacaan Raincoats in grey and tan mixtures, straight button close up to the neck, a very swaggy coat for men or young men, priced at \$10.00.

Men's Spring Overcoats \$8.50—A very special value this week in grey and brown shades with good serge lining, \$8.50.

(Men's Store)

Children's Rain Capes with Hood

The new Coronation Collar Hood cape for girls 8, 10, 12 and 14 years of age. Hood when not in use folds into sailor collar. Special value at \$4.00. Other Prices \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Another Shipment of NEW YORK DRESSES

Now on show at the dress section, introducing some of New York's latest and most stunning models, in Voiles, Crepes, Poplins and Crepe de Chenes, priced from \$5.00 to \$27.00.

Children's SPRING COATS

An extensive showing of Children's Spring Coats now displayed in serges, cashmere and fancy tweed materials, nicely trimmed with braids, fancy buttons and contrasting materials. All the leading shades of the season represented for ages 4 to 12 years. Priced from \$2.50 to \$8.00.

Infant Cream Cashmere Coats \$1.90 to \$3.50

Nicely trimmed with Braid. (Mantle Department.)

Special Values in LADIES' SUITS at \$12.75

Smart Spring Styles in blue, black and copenhagen, made up in fine serges, mostly plain tailored and extra good values at \$12.75.

See Our Special Men's Suit Values at \$15.00

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Have Your Shabby Furniture Upholstered Now

That's a problem that in all probability is uppermost in your mind just now. Housecleaning time usually reveals the fact that the coverings of certain pieces of your furniture have grown shabby and should be renewed.

We have a splendidly equipped upholstery department with a skilled upholsterer in charge ready to execute furniture upholstery and repairs of the finest character.

Possibly you thought it "might cost too much" to have the necessary recovering done just now, but we are sure that if you phone 820 or call personally and have us give you an estimate on your particular needs—you will have it done at once.

Furniture Covering Materials—We are now showing an exceptionally good range of materials for the covering of furniture—Chintz, Silks, Tapestry and Velours—priced from 25c to \$2.00 yard

Timely News from the MILLINERY PARLORS

A visit to the Millinery Parlors this week will reveal many new and stunning Hat Styles just out from the workrooms. Many of the large hats for summer now on show. (2nd floor)

Our Spring Stock of Oilcloths and Linoleums

Now is the most opportune time to buy and lay your new oilcloth, we show a complete range of the very best quality in Block, Floral and Hardwood Stripe designs in 1, 1 1/4, 1 1/2, 2 and 2 1/2 yards wide, priced at 85c sq. yard.

Linoleums In Floral, Block and Oriental also Hardwood Stripe Designs in 2, 3 and 4 yard widths at 50c, to 75c square yard. Inlaid Linoleum, 2 yds. wide, \$1.00 sq. yard. Bathroom Linoleums, 50c and \$1.00 sq. yard. (Basement)

Dressmaking and Ladies' Tailoring

Of the Highest Character at Lowest Prices. Our New Head Dressmaker announces the following scale of prices for the making of Dresses and Suits in the most fashionable styles—satisfaction guaranteed. Dresses, \$10.00 to \$15.00. Cloth Suits, \$12.00 to \$15.00 for the making.

OBITUARY

GEORGE CALCUTT

George Calcutt, a well known resident of Belleville for many years, died on Sunday at his residence, 74 Pine street, Belleville. He was in ill health about one year. He was taken seriously ill only last Tuesday. Late George Calcutt was born at Barre, Vermont, in 1839. He had resided in Belleville for thirty-four years and had been in the service of the G.T.R. as section foreman until five years ago when he retired with a pension. In religion he was an Anglican, being a member of Christ church. He leaves his widow, four sons, Ernest of Ottawa, Alfred and John of Belleville, George of Lenoir, Saskatchewan and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Dillault and Mrs. James R. Reid of Belleville.

WILLIAM ROBINSON.

On Thursday afternoon, April 8th, Mr. Wm. Robinson passed away at his home in the fifth concession of Tyndinaga after an illness of five days of pneumonia. Deceased who was a son of the late Thomas Robinson of Hungerford, was born in that township 66 years ago and has lived in Tyndinaga for the past eleven years. Being of retiring disposition, he won for himself many friends who now feel they have lost one who was ever ready to give a helping hand in time of trouble of any kind. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and 1 daughter, Margaret, at home, besides one sister, Mrs. James Crouse of Roslin and Jas. P. Robinson, South Riverside, California. The funeral took place from his late residence, Saturday afternoon to St. Andrew's Church, Thurlow which was largely attended by relatives and friends. Services were conducted by Mr. Conrad of Melrose. The bearers were John Goodfellow, William Jordan, Robert Goodfellow, Frank Casey, George Boldrick.

The writer believes that deep down in the soul of the average Prussian is a hatred of the Prussian military and bureaucratic system. From the cradle to the grave he is haunted by the spectre of centralized authority. He fears and despises the military caste, but politically helpless as he is, he has found no safe way of ridding himself of it. Dr. Raupert assures us that for years there has been a haunting fear among the German civil population that the military caste would some day involve it in some such war as is now being fought. War having come, feelings of patriotism inspire the ordinary German citizen to fight for what he detests. After the war, when he realizes that he has been misled, and that the defeat of his military rulers is a blessing, and not a humiliation, he will thank his conquerors, and will admit that it was only by outside means that he could have been rescued from the yoke that irreligion and militarism have fastened upon him.

going no further back we find that the leaders of scientific and religious thought were unconsciously or designedly misleading the people. The idea of a future world having been banished from the minds of the great majority of the German people, they naturally fell back upon the ideal expressed in the words, "Let us eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die." In recent years this doctrine has become so prominent in German conduct that many publicists have protested. They have seen homes become more and more like homes, husbands and wives taking their independent pleasures, and the growing child displaying a taste for restaurants and music halls that threatened the very foundations of the family life upon which are founded the well-being and security of the modern state. Cultivated decadence, material wealth and power, however, were a combination that could not be broken by newspaper warnings. Only such a catastrophe as the present war can challenge it.

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ATHEISM TO BLAME FOR GERMANY'S FATE

Nobody since the war began has made more frequent appeals to "our old God" to bless his arms than has the Kaiser. He is as full of pious expressions as was Paul Kruger. Yet, according to Dr. Geoffrey Raupert, a Prussian by birth, but a naturalized British subject for years, and a prominent Roman Catholic and medical practitioner, the chief reason why Germany must fail in this war is because her people have lost communion with God, and have become pagans. He writes: "I hold it to be simply inconceivable and inconsistent with any reasonable belief in God and in a moral world-order, that after nineteen centuries of Christian thought and teaching a nation exhibiting all the marks of paganism should triumph and should become dominant in Europe. . . . If God and Christianity be true, there cannot, and must not, surely be any real doubt as to the ultimate issue of the conflict."

Blames Darwin. If Germany were not pagan at heart Prussian militarism could never have been developed to its present state, and lacking Prussian militarism there would have been no war. It is rather astonishing to find Dr. Raupert blaming Darwin for German paganism. He says that the religious life of the greater part of the world was not seriously affected by Darwin, but that in Germany his teaching fell upon favorable and well prepared soil, and brought forth fruit a thousand-fold. If this is true, the reason probably is that Darwin was not understood in Germany, or that some of his translators and disciples there were atheists, and found in Darwin's discoveries isolated texts from which to maintain their impious doctrines. The reason Dar-

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

Mr. Welch of N. Dakota is visiting Mr. Wood to Picton. Stone church will conduct the reopening services at Mountain View church morning and evening Sunday, April 18. The ladies of the neighborhood will put the finishing touches on the decorated church Tuesday, April 13. Mr. Arthur Gorman has returned from his home West Hill where he spent the Easter holidays. Mrs. Thompson is slightly better. Mr. Wannamaker and family have got settled in Mr. C. Sprague's tenement house. Mr. T. Thompson has been pining for Mrs. L. E. Sprague. The Women's Institute for April met at Mrs. Jas. R. Anderson's with a bout 25 in attendance. A contribution was made to the Belgian Relief Fund Miss Zetta Canby was Toronto Easter week attending the O.E.A. Master Seldon Way has just recovered from an attack of measles. Miss Mildred Parliament was very ill last week with the whooping cough Mrs. S. Armistead has been quite ill. Mr. Grant Wannamaker went to Belleville on Saturday. Mrs. Arthur Eggleston spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sprung. Miss Myrtle Spencer went home for Easter.

MADOC JUNCTION.

The Easter services here were well attended, the collections for the afternoon and Monday evening amounting to over twenty dollars. The W. M. S. appreciate very much the assistance of the Sidney people and their pastor, Mr. Richmond, also the sermon and lecture by our own pastor, Rev. C. S. Reddick, both of which were so appropriate and helpful. At the close of the Sunday service Mrs. J. Stapley and Mrs. S. Stapley were made life members. Several from here attended the Box Social in Sidney on Friday night in aid of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Arthur Eggleston and Miss Helen McWilliams spent the week end with friends here. Mrs. W. M. Montgomery of Sterling visited friends here on Monday.

Another Hastings Boy on Duty

Captain Jack McDonald, son of Mr. A. A. McDonald, barrister of Marmora, and well known in Belleville is now serving as a captain in a regiment of territorial cavalry and is stationed at Canterbury. He is acting as Drill Instructor of the regiment, and our readers who know him and his family will look for good results when Captain McDonald and his squadron reach the front.

Lake of Bays.

One hundred and forty-six miles north of Toronto, on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, nestles Huntsville, and the Lake of Bays district. The region is replete with natural beauty and loveliness, and comprises some of the most beautiful water stretches and picturesque landscapes, for which that vast portion of northern Ontario is becoming so famous. Here are the lakes and winding rivers and islands innumerable, water absolutely soft and without any admixture of minerals. The scenic grandeur of hill and mountain, the placid beauty of the lakes, the loveliness of their peluic waters flowing through banks of delightfully variegated foliage, are not surpassed in any country. Good hotel accommodation at reasonable rates. The Wawa at Wawa Bay accommodates 300 people. It is modern in every respect. Hot and cold water in every room. In addition to the numerous bath rooms on each floor, there are forty private bathrooms in connection with suites. For copy of free literature telling you all about it write to C. E. Hornig, D.P.A., Toronto, Ont.

Civic Welfare League

Thursday evening, the so-called "Civic Welfare League" held a very important meeting in the Y.M.C.A. building. About twenty well known citizens were present. A committee submitted a constitution which was adopted, and then the election of the permanent officers took place and resulted as follows:— President—Dr. Yeomans 1st Vice Pres.—J. Elliott 2nd Vice Pres.—W. B. Dacon Secretary—J. L. Hess Treasurer—R. Templeton It was decided to hold regular meetings the last Thursday of each month. The constitution so adopted defines the purposes of the organization to be:— 1st—The minimizing of the evils of intemperance. 2nd—Encouraging the observance of the curfew regulations. 3rd—Arousing the civic consciousness to the need of better observance of the Sabbath, Industrial, confectionery, etc. 4th—Strict regulations of health laws, pure food, clean yards, cleaner Alleys, signs erected—"Please do not spit on the sidewalk." 5th—The beautifying the appearance of the city. 6th—Public playgrounds. 7th—Public bath-houses at waterfront and swimming taught. 8th—Medical inspection in schools. 9th—The fostering of authentic purity education. All present then subscribed their names to the constitution and paid the membership fees. Rev. Clarke then gave a brief and vigorous address, reporting on the outstanding features of the Temperance Convention held recently in Massey Hall, Toronto.

Busy Trenton

OUR daily news letters from this thriving town furnished by The Ontario's special representative.

THE latest news of the town and surrounding neighborhood is given in an interesting manner.

TRENTON, April 14th. Mr. John Farley, K.C., St. Thomas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Thomson, for a few days. While we were not present at the rendition of the cantata "Ruth," sung on Tuesday evening last, by the Trenton Choral Society, we have been told by several of those who were present that the work was well done and the outside soloists, as good as any ever heard here. Professor Taylor adds one more scalp to his belt. The Boy Scouts of the Bay of Quinte District will have an opportunity to compete for a handsome silver cup, at the Odd Fellows' demonstration to be held here on Wednesday, July 7th. Mr. H. G. Hammond, General Secretary, is to be asked to prepare a program of events and to provide for the judging. The local boys are starting to brush up their drill and scout lore now, and it is expected that they will make a strong effort to hold many of the prizes in Trenton. As soon as it can be procured, Mr. Hammond has a program setting out the different events, will be mailed to all the known scout corps between Toronto and Belleville. It is expected that several corps from across the line will be present. Scout Masters noting this item and

desiring further information should write to Mr. J. H. Tinney, Secretary of the committee. Capt. and Mrs. Sills, of Kingston, are in town. The "Matt and Jeff in Mexico" Co. will be at the Weller Opera House, on Monday, April 19th. The attendance promises to be large. Much needed repairs are being made to Dundas street in front of the residence of Mr. Geo. A. White. Two town merchants had a little argument yesterday in which both of them lost their tempers. Not much damage was done. Tenders are being called for the machinery to operate the lock gates on the Trent canal. A protest of the Trenton branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, against a sentence recently given for criminal assault, is printed in this week's Advocate. We are in entire sympathy with the ladies of the W.C.T.U. and think the sentence did not in any way fit the case. We have been urging the council to give us better police protection in East Trenton, and hope that our representations will touch the heart of the Police Commissioners. Don't forget the Odd Fellows' Field Day on July 7th, next.

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MRS. MCARTHUR.

(From Monday's Daily.) Mrs. (Rev) D. O. McArthur of Ironopolis, whose husband was formerly on the Melrose Presbyterian Circuit for twelve years, died yesterday morning at eleven o'clock. The remains will be brought to Belleville and will arrive at 4.50 p.m. of Tuesday. The body will be taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett, 175 Charles Street, when it will be removed for interment in Belleville Cemetery.

Organize Machine Gun Section

The machine gun section of the 39th battalion, is now in process of organization under command of Lieut. Ross Cameron. Sergeants Arthur Macle and A. Ketcheson are qualified N.C.O's. They took a course at Kingston for this purpose. The section consists of four guns and thirty-two men. They have not yet arrived and it is not definitely known when they will be ready for the men. Capt. Sills of the 21st battalion, C.E.F., Kingston is in town today. He is a former officer of the 49th Regt. A board of officers composed of Capt. Vanderwater and Lieuts. White and Thompson will meet on Wednesday and inquire into the burning of several palliases and hostlers belonging to "A" company. A court of inquiry will be held on Thursday to investigate the breaking of a rifle belonging to a private of "A" company. The four men in the hospital with meningitis are recovering to all appearance. If nothing unforeseen happens they will be completely cured. Yesterday, they sat on the hospital verandah, and in the evening the medical officer was surprised to hear them all singing "Tipperary" in their ward.

IMMENSE OIL STORAGE TANKS AT PRINCE RUPERT.

Prince Rupert—The Imperial Oil Company is fast constructing the great storage tanks and other facilities for handling the oil trade here. One of the largest sized tanks is already in place. The second and third are under construction, but with the completion of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through to Prince Rupert, is now attracting attention from experienced cultivators, who realize the great possibilities of this new district. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, while it has not an acre of agricultural land for sale, has just issued a comprehensive booklet of information for intending settlers, with a map showing the natural resources of the various localities. It deals with the Coast district of British Columbia, as well as the Central Interior and is called "Plateau and Valley Lands." Copies may be had free from Grand Trunk Agents.

GET FULL VALUE FOR SHEEP.

The Department of Agriculture proposes to further protect the owners of sheep against loss from dogs. In the Agriculture Committee last week Hon. Mr. Duff characterized as an outrage the fact that when a farmer's sheep is killed he can only recover two-thirds of his loss from the municipality. The Minister announced his intention of bringing in legislation that would enable the farmers to recover from the fund made up of dog taxes full value of any sheep destroyed.

Mr. S. M. Sprague of the G.T.H. call office phoned to the police that one of the small boys had found a horse and buggy on Emily street. It was afterwards claimed by Messrs. Bell and Scannell, who took the outfit in charge.

Not Exciting Warfare

Kept German Reserves Busy During Neuve Chapelle Fight.

Rev. J. F. Fraser of this city has received the following letter from his son, Pte. H. G. Fraser, who enlisted in Edmonton, and is now in No. 3 Company, second battalion. The letter is dated March 23. "We just got back last night from our fifth trip to the trenches. We haven't had any very exciting times yet, though we have officially taken part in one engagement. Our small part was to keep the German reserves busy while an attack was made (successfully) on one of our flanks. The first trenches we held were only 100 yards from the Germans, but the ones we are in now are six or seven hundred yards away. Almost every night we are out fixing the wire entanglements in front. It is rather exciting. The ground between the trenches is all cut up with old diggings, shell holes, etc., and quite a number of dead men and animals lying around. The artillery is playing a big part in this war."

TELLS OF WONDERFUL GAME COUNTRY BETWEEN WINNIPEG AND GRAHAM ON G. T. P. RAILWAY.

On the Grand Trunk Pacific line between Winnipeg and Graham there exists a veritable hunter's paradise. "When I tell you that I have seen red deer so close to the train that I could throw a stone at them; that Moose have been killed by train No. 22, and I have seen a herd of seventeen caribou crossing a lake not more than a quarter of a mile from our main line, I think you will agree with me that the opportunities for hunting are securing a head in this region are probably the best in the country," reports Train Agent Wilson. Mr. Wilson gives the stations from which good hunting trips could be made as follows:—Lewellyn, many moose in vicinity; Hector, moose and caribou; Bereton, Dett and Ophir, great deal of game of all kinds; Farlane, deer abound; McIntosh, moose and caribou; Millidge and Webster, good hunting territory. Splendid fishing is also to be obtained at many points.

TWO MILLION ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR SETTLERS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The interior of Central British Columbia has a vast area of rich soil and enjoys splendid climatic conditions. It has hitherto been practically closed to settlement owing to lack of means of transportation facilities, but with the completion of the main line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through to Prince Rupert, is now attracting attention from experienced cultivators, who realize the great possibilities of this new district. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, while it has not an acre of agricultural land for sale, has just issued a comprehensive booklet of information for intending settlers, with a map showing the natural resources of the various localities. It deals with the Coast district of British Columbia, as well as the Central Interior and is called "Plateau and Valley Lands." Copies may be had free from Grand Trunk Agents.

Congratulated by King

Mr. Green, residing at 514 Patterson street, Peterborough, received a letter on Wednesday, April 14th, from his mother, who resides at Leves, Sussex, England, saying she has been highly honored by receiving a letter from His Majesty King George, congratulating her on having had five sons serving with the colors. Mr. Green was one of them. He joined the 1st Battalion, 2nd Canadian contingent, but has been rejected owing to ill health.

Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is agreeable to the taste, and is a certain relief for irritation of the throat that causes hacking coughs. It used according to direction it will break the most persistent cold, and restore the air passages to their normal healthy condition. There is no need to recommend it to those familiar with it, but to those who seek a sure remedy and are in doubt what to use, the advice is—try Bickle's Syrup.

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