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3-quart Granite Saucepans 15c
Granite Wash Basins 15c
Granite Preserve Kettles 15c
Fruit or Potato Presses 15c
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25c Gas Globes 15c
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Large Granite Wash Basins 25c
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NOT HELPFUL TO THE FARMER

Agricultural Policy of the Whitney Government Shown To Be Weak.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 19.—Loud cries of "Order" started the Legislature out of wonted calm while the routine business was being disposed of yesterday. The cause of the commotion was Mr. Bowyer (East Kent), who arose to present a petition, without taking of his hat. The offending headgear was removed, and when the member sat down, a dozen kindly voices gave him permission to resume his hat. Another lap was covered in the debate on the speech from the throne. It was expected that would be concluded tomorrow, but the leader of the Opposition is credited with a desire to have it go over to next week. Messrs. Hugh Clark, R. A. Thompson and T. H. Lennox were the orators of the afternoon. Mr. Clark interspersed his address with his wonted quips. Mr. Thompson scored the Government's agricultural policy, and Mr. Lennox spoke on the improved administration of the crown lands department, and denied that the Government had introduced the spoils system. Before the orders of the day were reached, Col. Munro (North Oxford) rose to read a news article, and an editorial from the Toronto Telegram, referring to the Electoral Development Company's reorganization, and its probable effect on the Government's power policy. The Premier, in his usual heavy-handed fashion, said that Col. Munro was out of order, and Speaker Crawford ruled to the same effect, although Mr. MacKay claimed that Col. Munro was within the rules. Hugh Clark.

Col. Hugh Clark (Center Bruce), in resuming the debate on the speech from the throne, said that the changes which had affected the Legislature since the last election had been more felt by the Opposition than by the Government, as time always affected the weak more than the strong. It had become the custom during the present Parliament to congratulate at the opening of each session the new members of the Opposition. Hon. Mr. Graham, with great optimism, had reported that he found the recreants, the renegades and the recalcitrants returning to the fold. But Mr. Clark thought differently. Mr. MacKay, who once had to bear the cross alone—several times in fact—was now assisted by a following, although it was significant that four or five of the Opposition had decided they would not follow their leader in another election campaign. Mr. Clark, in closing his speech, said that the Government was disposed to cavil at such beneficial expenditure as the increased school grants or the railway taxes turned over to municipalities. Mr. Clark said that some Opposition critics had manifested a sort of contempt for the present Minister of Education. Mr. Clark said he could share this feeling only in case the minister left things in as bad a mess as he found them. For instance, there were subjects for which the textbooks had been trebled and quadrupled, while for one subject there were no less than seven text books. The prices of text books were also a hardship on the public, and Mr. Clark predicted that this evil would soon be remedied.

Mr. Clark charged Mr. MacKay with telling the farmers that the Government had taken the rural school trustees by the throat, in the matter of minimum salaries for teachers. Mr. Clark quoted the Globe, showing that Messrs. MacKay, Preston and Harcourt had all indorsed the minimum salary clause. He said that the penal clause against trustees had been inserted at the suggestion of Mr. MacKay himself. Temperance.

Touching on temperance and local option legislation, Mr. Clark said the three-fifths clause had not had a fair test. He accused Mr. MacKay of shirking the three-fifths clause in his three-fifths clause a good one, only from the fact that with such substantial odds against them, the liquor interests recognized the hopelessness of a fight, but in the case of a bare majority the helmet kept up a constant agitation to repeal.

Capital had been made by the Opposition of the fact that the Manitoba Government had not insisted upon a 60 per cent vote. Mr. Clark, however, said that the Manitoba proposal was not for a 60 per cent majority of the votes cast, but a 60 per cent majority of the voters on the list. Had such a provision been in force in Ontario, not a local option bylaw would ever have been carried. Mr. Clark, in concluding, said he would not make any prediction as to the coming election, but he claimed that the Government had carried out every one of its pre-election promises.

Avoiding the Facts.
Mr. Thompson (North Westworth), in a half-hour speech, showed that Mr. Clark's statement regarding local option, were not borne out by the facts. He claimed that the people had no reason to thank the Government for any special aid to the agricultural interests. Three times as much money was invested in agriculture in Ontario as in manufacturing, yet the farmer got only 18 per cent return on his investment, while

the manufacturer got 32 per cent return. The membership of the farmers' institutes had dropped, simply because the department of agriculture was not energetic enough, but was pursuing a policy of drifting, while the minister was "taking things easy," going along with the lines, instead of mapping out new ones. There were Conservative farmers in the Province who did not even know the name of the Minister of Agriculture, so little had the minister kept his department before the public. The minister was shirking the responsibility devolving upon him in the matter of immigrant farm laborers, by allowing the control to go from the hands of the Province to those of the Dominion. The speech from the throne contained no reference to legislation benefiting the farmer, and altogether Mr. Thompson claimed, the Minister of Agriculture had failed to make an impression in the councils of the Government.

Mr. Lennox (North York) followed Mr. Thompson. He expressed pleasure at the tacit vindication of the Government by two members of the Opposition, Messrs. Preston (Brant) and Harcourt (Monck), who had no criticisms to offer of the Government's course.

Mr. Lennox spoke of the Montreal River pulp concession, which was canceled by the present Government and resold for a substantial sum. It made no difference whether the pulp was made into paper at Ottawa or at Quebec, as the original concession provided; the important fact was that the people of the Province had benefited to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars. Mr. Lennox reviewed the history of the Macdonald timber limit, and said that despite the fact that it had been made by the Liberal Government, and confirmed by two Liberal ministers of crown lands, the present minister had made the Georgian Bay Lumber Company pay \$50,000 for its transfer.

Mr. Lennox devoted the major portion of his address to a defense of the Government against the charge that it had introduced the spoils system. On the other hand, the Government deserved great credit for its treatment of civil servants. Personally, the speaker disapproved of the spoils system. The Government was between the devil and the deep sea for the Liberals blamed it for adopting the spoils system, while the Conservatives criticized it for not doing so. No other government ever found itself in the same position as the present one taking office, for it found nearly every civil position filled by men who believed that the Liberals had a divine right to rule the Province. Many of these men had been guilty of violent partisan acts, yet the majority of them were re-elected in their places and generously treated. Taking the justness of the peace, for example, Mr. Lennox said that of 77 J. P.s in North York before the new commission, the Liberal Government had appointed 12 Liberals and 1 Conservative. The new commission of J. P.s consisted of 38 Conservatives and 23 Liberals, and at the recent North York Liberal convention, of the place in nomination to oppose the speaker, six were J. P.s, recommended by Mr. Lennox himself.

STOESSEL TAKES BLAME

Asks for Death Sentence If Court Decides Surrender Was a Crime.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The trial of Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel reached the last act today, the prosecution waiting the privilege of putting in rebuttal to the defense. The last word was given to the accused general, who uttered only a few sentences in a firm voice and shouldered the responsibility for the surrender of Port Arthur. "If the court decides that the surrender was a crime," he concluded, "I ask for the death sentence."

NARROW ESCAPE OF FORTY

Explosion of Turpentine Causes Heavy Fire Loss at Pittsburg.
Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—An explosion of turpentine, which started from the Capital trunk and bag factory today, started a fire which caused a \$60,000 loss.

The trunk factory was completely destroyed, the adjoining residence burned into the mass of flames, and other residences and the factory of the Eagle Trunk Company were damaged. One employee was slightly burned and forty others had narrow escapes from a second and more violent explosion which was caused by the first.

LETHBRIDGE COAL LANDS

Regulations Under Which Leases Are Given—Ten Applications Granted.
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Mr. Barker (Hamilton East) in the public accounts committee meeting today made inquiry regarding leases of coal mining lands in the Lethbridge district to C. A. Caldwell.

H. H. Rowat, of the interior department, explained that under the regulations of 1906 only 820 acres of coal lands could be sold to any one applicant. On March 20, 1906, applications were received bearing the name of Mr. Caldwell and several others. Since then the department had received 236 applications on printed forms, signed by each case by Caldwell, as agent for the applicant. The lands covered by these applications aggregated 75,300 acres. Mr. Rowat said he had noticed in the press a statement that Caldwell had been going around the Russell House and getting bell boys and others to sign applications for these coal lands, and then giving them a dollar apiece to assign their rights to him. Mr. Rowat said that of the entire 236 applications referred to, only 2,920 cases.

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KEEPS UP ELUSIVE SEARCH FOR CHILD

Alberta Farmer Vainly Seeks Eight-Year-Old Girl Lost Seven Months Ago.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Feb. 12.—A pathetic mission brought J. D. English into Medicine Hat this week. He is in search of his little 8-year-old daughter, who has now been missing from home more than seven months. On a Sunday morning in June last Mr. English set out from his ranch near Grassy Lake, en route for the town, taking with him two of his daughters. Their departure was hurried, and the little 8-year-old girl, not being ready to accompany her father, was left behind in tears. Determined not to lose the outing, she dressed quickly and ran after her father and sisters, who were now well on their way and did not notice her. She did not overtake them, and on the evening of the return of the party was the child missed, Mrs. English never having suspected that she was not safe under her father's care in the nearby town.

A search party was organized, in which all the neighbors for miles around, more than 100 in all, took part, but to no avail, and the conclusion was reached that the child had fallen into the river and had been drowned. Grappling proved fruitless, no trace of the missing child being discovered, and it appeared all hope of ever seeing her again was gone. As a last resort Mr. English consulted a clairvoyant, who informed him that he would find his daughter in the home of a certain Mr. Sanderson, in the district. A visit was paid to Mr. Sanderson, whose little daughter bore a close resemblance to the lost girl. Since that time Mr. English has consulted a number of clairvoyants, who have all assured him that his daughter is still alive. On this forlorn hope he has visited every spot in Southern Alberta where he thought she might be found. Recently he heard that there was a white girl in the Indian camp in Medicine Hat. He came here, explained his errand to Chief Melkilejohn and visited the encampment, only to find that the child he had heard about is a half-breed about the same age as his daughter.

It appears that, excluding warships, there were 450 vessels of 1,080,987 tons gross, under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended Sept. 30 last.

Have You Pains In Side or Back?

Pains anywhere—in the chest, neck, side, back or muscles—they are always a discomfort. If the inflammation is severe, the pain will be intense. If allowed to continue, complications will follow. Physicians say one of the best remedies is "Nerviline"—it can't help curing, because it penetrates through the sore tissues, carrying healing properties that destroy every symptom of pain. In case of colds, sore throat, and, of course, to prevent the trouble coming back, it's advisable to put on a Nerviline Porous Plaster, which, by absorption through the skin draws out all congestion. For general household use, for curing the ailments of the young and old, for destroying all pain, outward or inward, no combination could excel Nerviline and Polson's Nerviline Porous Plasters. Sold by all dealers.

BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION

Red Letter Day in the History of a Popular Caradoc Family.

On the evening of Thursday, Feb. 13, there was assembled at the home of Robert Allen, of Caradoc, a goodly number of the youth and beauty of Mount Brydges, Delaware, and vicinity, who "chased the glowing hours with flying feet," while "eyes looked love to eyes which spoke again," and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

Mrs. Allen were asked to step forward and a handsome hanging lamp, accompanied by a touching address, signed by the members of their family. The presentation was made in honor of Mr. Allen's birthday.

The family include Mrs. Stevens, Misses Emma and Lydia Allen and Messrs. R. A. W. H. M. and A. W. Allen.

In reply (though taken entirely by surprise) Mr. Allen, on behalf of Mrs. Allen and himself, thanked the company heartily in a few well-chosen words.

When all was over the guests departed feeling deeply indebted to the genial host and gracious hostess for the happy evening spent, and wishing both many pleasant returns of the day.

WHO BLEW UP THE MAINE?

Havana, Feb. 18.—The Diario Espanol, a Spanish organ, commenting editorially upon the anniversary of the loss of the battleship Maine, says:

"Every one, including the large part of the Yankee nation, which is honest and which maintained that the declaration of war against Spain was a crime, believes and will continue to believe that the explosion was arranged by the war department at Washington and that it was carried out by mercenary hands among the crew, acting under orders from officers on board."

"At the burial of the victims of the tragic event, which was arranged and paid for by the Spanish city government, all the officers of the wrecked vessel assisted, with their captain at their head, wearing their brilliant full dress uniforms. That circumstance was and continues to be one of the weighty proofs that must convince all that all the officers, save the one chosen as a victim, had taken their luggage ashore from the ship and placed it in a safe and convenient place."

The editorial contends throughout that the world will continue to believe the Maine was destroyed by an explosion from the inside until the Washington Government raises the wreck and from this evidence proves the contrary.

The Daily Telegraph prints a translation of the editorial, which it calls a lie spread.

WHERE IS J. L. W. SPEARS?
President of Mining Syndicate Said To Be \$50,000 Short.
Toronto, Feb. 18.—W. H. Price, acting for Vice-President Warren, of the Bonanza Consolidated Mining Syndicate, said that it appears the shortage of J. L. W. Spears, the absentee president of the concern, is in the neighborhood of \$50,000 gathered, it is said, from the small investors in sums ranging from \$10 to \$300.

These investors, it is alleged, were attracted by the lurid prospectus sent out broadcast, by the company's promoters. No trace has yet been found of Mr. Spears.

TALK ABOUT T. ABER

Hon. Mr. Scott Replies to Questions Propounded in the Senate.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Senator McDonald, of British Columbia, asked in the Senate today, what the Government was doing with regard to its timber areas in the west to protect the settlers from high prices for lumber occasioned by the action of speculators.

Mr. Scott, secretary of state, said the Government had always used its best endeavors in the interests of new settlers.

Senator Loughheed, Hon. Mr. Scott said that the Natal act, passed by the British Columbia Legislature, had arrived and had been referred to the justice department for a report.

The debate on Senator Ross' proposal for under-secretaryships was resumed, after which Senator Ross withdrew his notice.

Senator Davis offered a resolution, declaring the railway commission should be enlarged and the telegraph systems placed under its control and investigated to assure the public of efficient service and equalization of rates.

ROBBED THE BOARDERS.

Hamilton, Feb. 18.—J. M. Cushen, a young man, was in the police court this morning on a charge of stealing 25 cents from L. J. Brandon, a fellow-boarder. For some time it was suspected that Cushen, who is not very fond of work, was going through the

pockets of other boarders in their absence and helping himself. Yesterday Constable May concealed himself in a clothes closet, and peeping through a small hole saw Cushen rifling Brandon's pockets, and arrested him. The young man admitted his guilt and was remanded for sentence.

TO PROSECUTE RACERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The races on the ice track yesterday were attended by the police, who took all particulars and names, and prosecutions will follow by the Lord's Day Alliance. These will be the first prosecutions regarding to Sunday racing here, though such races have gone on for years. Part of the track is in Ontario, and part in Quebec, the division of the Ottawa River being the boundary.

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