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WHITE WEAR
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Our February

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CARPET SALE COMMENCES TOMORROW

This February Carpet Sale of ours is now looked forward to by many housekeepers in Chatham and vicinity. It has become an annual event in our store life and has grown in size and importance very rapidly since its inception some five years ago.

Our carpet stock is unusually large this year so that we have an unusually large selection of reduced prices to offer you. If you are buying new carpets this season you cannot well afford to miss this opportunity. In addition to the reductions in the prices we make and lay free of extra charge all carpets purchased during this sale at 50c a yard and over. Here are some of the particulars:

CARPETS

English Velvet Carpets in two excellent designs of brown and green floral effects, borders to match, regular price \$1.15 a yd., on sale for... **85c**

One excellent design of Crossley's well known Velvet Carpet, now worth \$1.35 a yd., border to match, on sale for... **\$1.15**

Crossley's best 5 frame Brussels Carpets in very new and effective designs, regular price \$1.40 a yd., on sale for... **\$1.25**

Crossley's extra 5 frame Brussels borders to match, in excellent drawing room and bed room designs, regular price \$1.25 a yd., on sale very special at... **\$1.15**

Extra English 4 frame Brussels Carpets, as shown in West window, border to match, regular value \$1.00 a yd., on sale for... **85c**

Crossley's extra 4 frame Brussels Carpets in very handsome designs with borders to match, regular value \$1.15 a yd., on sale for... **\$1.00**

CARPETS

English Balmoral Tapestry Carpets, with borders to match, in three excellent designs, highly recommended for wear, regular price 85c a yd., on sale for... **75c**

Three excellent designs of English 8 wire Tapestry Carpet, regular price 68c a yd., on sale for... **59c**

English 8 wire Tapestry Carpet in good range of designs and colors, regular price 58c a yd., on sale for... **49c**

3 good designs of very best quality Canadian two ply all wool Carpet, regular price 85c a yd., on sale for... **75c**

3 excellent patterns of extra all wool filled Carpet, yard wide, recommended for wear, regular price 65c a yd., on sale for... **59c**

50c Union Carpets for... **44c**

45c Union Carpets for... **39c**

40c Union Carpets for... **36c**

10% reductions during the sale on Wool, Union, Tapestry and Brussels squares.

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in every garment we make, but it is especially noticeable in our

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made to order. The material is just right, and the garments have a "set" which particular men like. Come in and look at the cloth.

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From actual tests is found to contain as many heat units per ton, as the best quality of Anthracite Coal. At the reduced price now in effect, Gas Coke costs about two-thirds as much.

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Chatham Gas Company, Limited.

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We make a specialty of Evening Dress Suits, and carry in stock a full line of Rich and Elegant Materials, suitable for this Formal Evening Attire.

We invite your inspection and comparison of prices with other first-class houses.

ALBERT SHELDRICK

TAILOR and WOOLEN MERCHANT
King St. near Garner House

CAPT. SALMON'S CASE

Mr. Ames Moves For All Documents Relating to Dismissal.

Shows in the House That Capt. Salmon Made the Direct Charge That He Had Been Tampered With and Restrained in the Execution of His Duties by Minister of Marine and Fisheries—Militia Estimates.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—H. B. Ames, member for St. Antoine division, Montreal, made his maiden speech in the House yesterday, dealing logically and forcefully with the dismissal of Capt. R. Salmon, former Wreck Commissioner in the Department of Marine and Fisheries. He moved for copies of all correspondence, telegrams, etc., which passed between the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, or any other official of the department and Capt. Salmon. In the matter of the Canada-Cape Breton investigation, and the resignation of Capt. Salmon from his position as Wreck Commissioner.

Capt. Salmon's Story.

Mr. Ames told of Capt. Salmon being ordered to investigate the accident, and of that officer's duty opening of a court of enquiry under order from the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Counsel for the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company declined the invitation to submit evidence to Capt. Salmon's court. Capt. Salmon went ahead with the examination of the crews of the two boats. On Sept. 26 he announced that he would shortly render a decision.

On Oct. 5 he gave judgment placing the responsibility where he thought it belonged, and at the same time tendered his resignation and gave his reasons therefor. His resignation was the result of certain things which took place between Sept. 26, the day of the announcement that a decision would be shortly rendered, and Oct. 5, the date of the decision and resignation.

Had Been Tampered With.

Capt. Salmon made the direct charge that he had been tampered with and restrained in the execution of his duty by the Department of Marine and Fisheries. On Sept. 26 the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company asked for the re-opening of the case. Capt. Salmon acceded to the request and granted a delay of seven days before rendering his decision.

On Sept. 29 he received a communication from Mr. Archer, one of the counsel for the Richelieu & Ontario, and forming one of Mr. Prefontaine's law partners, requesting him to accept a typewritten statement of evidence taken before the Admiralty Court at Quebec. Capt. Salmon refused it. Then followed pressure from the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Capt. Salmon was ordered not to give his decision until he heard from the department. According to the statement that accompanied his resignation, he was asked by the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries what his probable verdict would be, and was further told that it might be advisable to consult counsel for the R. & O. before rendering his decision.

He criticized strongly the action of the Department in interfering with an officer who was acting in the capacity of a judge. The effect of the Department's interference would be to weaken confidence in the administration of Canada's water routes, and prevent any reduction in marine insurance rates. Canada's marine courts are degraded in the sight of the world, declared Ald. Ames.

Mr. Prefontaine's Defence.

Mr. Prefontaine took the ground that Capt. Salmon was not holding a court, and that he was merely conducting a preliminary investigation as an officer of the Department. He read from the Shipping and Casualties Act to prove that such was the status of Capt. Salmon in the enquiry.

Asked for a copy of the instructions under which Capt. Salmon conducted the enquiry, Mr. Prefontaine replied that they would be brought down later. He contended that Capt. Salmon was prejudiced against the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., and quoted from the latter's decision in proof of this theory. When the Admiralty Court at Quebec rendered judgment in the case of the Canada and the Cape Breton, Mr. Prefontaine said he felt justified in ordering Capt. Salmon to suspend the investigation. Mr. Prefontaine declared that all the trouble was due to Capt. Salmon's ignorance of the statute under which he was acting.

Importance of a Document.

Mr. Monk echoed the feeling of the Opposition side of the House when he emphasized the importance of the document which authorized Capt. Salmon to proceed with the investigation. He reminded the House that two or three years ago, Mr. Prefontaine had praised Capt. Salmon to the skies.

"I didn't know him then," said Mr. Prefontaine.

"Then you shouldn't have gone so far in praising him," was Mr. Monk's response.

He regarded it as significant that Mr. Prefontaine, in defending himself some weeks ago against Capt. Salmon's charges, did not suggest that the investigation was a "preliminary" one. Why, he asked, did the Deputy Minister try to dissuade Capt. Salmon from rendering a decision, and why did he ask that official to see counsel for the R. & O.?

Mr. Monk claimed that Capt. Salmon was acting under a much wider statute than that quoted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Rodolphe Forget, Conservative member for Charlevoix, supported Mr. Prefontaine's contention. The four counsels employed by the R. & O. were recognized as the best marine lawyers in Canada.

Warlike Minister Was Careful.

Mr. Haggart pointed out that the Minister had been careful not to produce the instructions to Capt. Salmon, which would show whether the investigation was preliminary or formal. The question before the House, he said, was not the merits of the case but the interference of the Minister of Marine with an officer authorized by law to conduct an enquiry into a casualty. Why, he asked, should the Minister suggest that other evidence be heard, or that the judgment be delayed? It was plainly a case of tampering with an official enquiry on the part of the Minister and his Deputy. Mr. Prefontaine also attacked his own judge on being unfitted for his position, but the evidence he offered on that point was letters furnished after he had dismissed Capt. Salmon, and then, continued Mr. Haggart, there was the mean insinuation of the Minister that this honest officer was to-day in a state of vagrancy in New York. Such was the result of a man exercising his independent judgment. The warning was plain to all other officers. Don't dare to exercise your independent judgment because the Minister of Marine may think differently, and you may become a wanderer in the streets of New York.

Mr. Ames closed the debate. He wanted to know how the Minister became aware that a judgment was going to be given which would prejudice one of the parties of the case, unless he had interfered during the enquiry. He also quoted from eulogistic references to Capt. Salmon, made by the Minister of Marine himself, in the House last year, when he referred to Capt. Salmon as a very efficient officer whose services had been secured after prolonged search and careful enquiry.

Make Explosives Here.

Militia estimates were under discussion in the House last night. Col. Fowler asked if it was the intention of the Government to establish another arsenal.

Sir Frederick Borden replied that was the intention, and he hoped before the end of the session to supply further information and perhaps a contract. It was desirable that ammunition should be manufactured at more than one place, and that one place should be in the city of Ottawa. All explosives, he said, should be manufactured in Canada.

Col. Fowler suggested that the Government should manufacture all ammunition, which would ensure a first-class article.

The Minister thought this a good time to encourage private capital, especially in the manufacture of explosives. The railway building that is going on in Canada would provide a good market.

In reply to a question from Col. Fowler, Sir Frederick stated that the Government had not been advised of any change regarding the garrison at Halifax.

Mr. Osler protested against the desecration of the Plains of Abraham and their historic environment by the tower of the Ross Rifle Company's works being erected on top of one of the old martello towers.

Sir Frederick Borden regretted the offence to Mr. Osler's aesthetic taste and promised to see if the matter could not be remedied.

Significant Figures.

The Minister of Customs, at the request of Hon. G. E. Foster, supplied these figures: The total importation of merchandise for home consumption into Canada for the current fiscal year, up to Dec. 31, 1904, was \$128,048,650; importations from Great Britain during the same period, \$28,920,464; from the United States, \$74,239,937; Canada's total exports were \$118,438,346; exports of home products, 113,229,216; exports of home products to Great Britain, \$63,072,738.

THE BANK MUST PAY.

Justice Anglin Decides in Favor of the Dominion Government.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Justice Anglin yesterday decided that the Bank of Montreal must pay to the Dominion Government, \$75,705, less \$12,450, recovered from A. Martineau, the clerk in the Militia Department, who went into forgery on a large scale. The bank will appeal.

The Quebec, Royal and Sovereign Banks, through which the forged cheques were cashed, are released of liability, Justice Anglin holding that the acceptance of the cheques when they came through the clearing house by the Bank of Montreal led others to believe that the cheques were good.

Fireman Will Die.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 2.—At 7:30 last evening Fireman F. Neustadt of Sarnia, while under engine 761 on train No. 85 in the Grand Trunk yards, taking out the ash-pan, yard engine 76 placed the conductors' van on the opposite end of the train, and in doing so moved the train that engine 761 was on and crushed both legs of the fireman. He was taken to St. Catharines Hospital on the 8:10 p.m. train, but is not expected to live. He has a young wife and two young children residing at Sarnia.

OFFICERS ARE NOW LEGAL

Public Library Board at Last Re-organize According to the Statutes

Dr. Charteris thinks Obedience to the Law is "a Petty Thing to Kiek up a Row About."

The Public Library Board has at last got its officers properly and legally elected and is fairly launched on the business of the year.

As was announced in The Planet a couple of days after the last meeting the chairman and officers were improperly and illegally elected. According to the statute the officers should be elected at the meeting in February.

J. W. Humphrey, the supposed chairman-elect, keenly felt the awkwardness of his position so he wrote about the matter to the Minister of Education and received the reply that he was not legally the chairman of the Chatham Public Library Board. Mr. Humphrey brought the matter up before the Board himself.

Mr. Sheldrick, Mr. Stone and Mr. Twohey were of the opinion that the officers had been illegally elected but Dr. Charteris thought that the Board had acted properly at its last meeting.

Mr. Humphrey (the supposed chairman-elect)—Couldn't some one make a motion to the effect that the officers elected at the last meeting be elected at this meeting?

Mr. Stone moved that the action taken at the last meeting be confirmed. This was seconded by S. M. Smith and carried.

Dr. Charteris—it is a petty thing to kick up a row about.

It was also discovered that the Separate School Board had re-appointed Mr. Twohey instead of Mr. Thibodeau. Mr. Twohey's term does not end until next year, while Mr. Thibodeau's term is up this year. This mistake, however, will be rectified at the next meeting of the Separate School Board.

There were present at the meeting Messrs. Humphrey, Sheldrick, Stone, Twohey, Charteris and Smith.

A communication was read from the Book Supply Company asking for a settlement of their account. This company's factory was burned some time ago and all of the books of the company destroyed. They wrote to the Chatham Board asking for copies of their accounts with them.

Mr. Twohey—We owe the Book Supply Company nothing—especially when the accounts are burned," he smilingly added.

The following accounts were passed:

R. Cooper, 40c.
Electric Light Co., \$16.52.
Waterworks, \$6.35.
The following was the report of the Librarian as received and adopted:
New borrowers, 44.
Books given out, 1,745.
The books for Central school were not taken out until the middle of the month and consequently have not been returned.
Cash received—For fines \$1.09, for Scotch \$2.30, for County fee 50c, for Scotch American 50c.
Books asked for by the public—Memoirs of Murray the Detective, A Wise Woman, Burnham; Merely Mary Ann No Name, Wilkie Collins; Sea Wolf, London; Prodigal Son, Caine; Over the Border, Barr.
EDITH M. BARASSIN,
Librarian.

The City Treasurer notified the Treasurer of the Board that their account for this year was overdrawn. The City Treasurer included the amount of debentures drawn for the site of the present library. The matter was referred to the Finance committee to investigate.

It was decided to change the name of the Library committee to Book committee.

Mr. Humphrey reported that he had changed the location of one of the radiators in the library building. The action was endorsed.

The salaries were ordered paid.

Mr. Sheldrick thought that Mayor Cowan should have been present at this meeting as it is the custom for Mayors to attend the first meeting of all public bodies.

The chairman of the Finance committee of the City Council will be invited to be present at the next meeting of the Library Board, when the estimates will be struck.

Just before the Board adjourned some suggested that the newly elected chairman should treat to an oyster supper, but as Mr. Humphrey had treated his fellow members of the Board after last month's meeting the hint was not pressed.

AT THE GRAND

Marks Bros. gave their farewell performance last night to a crowded house. The play was in "Convict Stripes" and was well put on. The specialties were the feature. It is surprising the crowds that always attend Marks Bros. show. Harry Salisbury won the top of coal given to the luckiest person in the house. The Marks Bros. Co. left this morning for Port Huron. To-night the Master Singers, to-morrow night Uncle Tom's Cabin.

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