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Our Building Sale Booms Along

About the first of August we will have complete and ready for you one of the finest and most up-to-date Dry Goods stores in Canada for its size. We are putting on an addition that will make the store one-third larger; we are tearing down all interior walls and remodelling all our shelving and store fixtures. Just at present however we are turning all our efforts towards getting our immense stock reduced and out of the way of the builders, and that's the reason we are making such extraordinary offerings in the different departments. For complete list see half page advertisement in this issue.

Sale of Remnants

Remnants of Black and Colored Dress Goods, Black and Colored Silks, in lengths from 1 1/2 to 6 yards, suitable for waists, skirts and children's dresses, ends of the most desirable goods we have had in stock this season.

On Sale Saturday for One-half Price

PINS

Adamantine Pins, assorted sizes good strong useful pins, on sale Saturday, very special at per paper

LADIES COLLARS

All sizes in all the new W. G. & P. ladies' Collars, good value at 1/2c

MEN'S BRACES

Good heavy Braces for men, regular price 25c a pair, and extra value at that, very special on Saturday for 12c

HANDKERCHIEFS

Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, very suitable for children to loose at school, on sale Saturday 12 for 1c

LADIES' TIES

Satin Bow Ties in cream and cardinal, regular price 25c each, on sale Saturday for 12c

PINS

Rheine Stone Brooch Pins, suitable for neck pins or ribbon belts, very neat and pretty, regular price 20c each, on sale Saturday for 7c

SPIKES

Gilt Spikes, plain and fancy, regular price 4c to 5c each, on sale Saturday at each 1c

BELT PINS

Nickle, black and oxidized Belt Pins, neat and useful, regular price 2c each, on sale Saturday for 1c

Thomas Stone & Son, Direct Importers



Now is the Season

When One Requires a Cool and Comfortable Shoe.



TURRILL'S

Rubber Heels attached to any Shoe for 50c.

We have a special line in

Tan Vici Kid Lace

AT

\$2.00

We also carry a large line of

Men's Canvas Shoes

In different colors. Our prices are the lowest.

Children's Footwear

Our lines are the most up-to-date and the most durable on the market.

Our Little

Gents' Shoes

Are made exactly on the same principle as the gentlemen's, and in all stock and colors.

FOR SALE

Modern House, Wellington Street, all conveniences, front and back stairs, bath, gas, furnace, stationary washbasin, basement, etc.

HOUSES TO RENT. The Octopus. The Mountain Lover. All of Old Vincennes. Every Inch a King. Let Me Pledge. The Cardinal's Rose.

Dunn & Brisco Fire Insurance. Phone 207. 113 King St.

Popular Books

The Helmet of Navarre. The Mountain Lover. All of Old Vincennes. Every Inch a King. Let Me Pledge. The Cardinal's Rose.

W. J. Kenny King St. East.

MEN WANTED

Scarcity of Mechanics and Laboring Men in This District—Everybody is Busy.

"I never saw a time when men were so scarce as they are at present," said Ward Stanworth to a Planet reporter this morning. "I have been looking all over to-day for a painter and I have not been able to get one yet. The same difficulty is experienced by every one wishing to procure men with any trade. I was over near Ridgeway lately and I found that the farmers in that part of the county will pay almost any price for a good man. It is hard to amount of standing orders for men to take positions on farms at from \$25 to \$30 a month."

INVESTIGATING

The Harwich Township Council Looking into the Matter of Complaints Against Drains.

Reeve McCully and Councillors C. Buchanan and R. Young, of Harwich, were in the city to-day consulting Wilson & Co. in reference to the writ that has been served on the township by Mr. Henry, asking damages by reason of more water coming down the drain through his farm than should. This is the same drain that was the cause of so much difference between Mr. Henry and the township of Harwich some years in former years. A good quantity of the water that goes down this drain, the council claims, comes from the town of Blenheim. A special meeting of the township has been called to determine what action should be taken. The councillors, however, have expressed their intention of referring this matter to the bottom, and settling it once for all.

PAN-AMERICAN, BUFFALO, N. Y.

Parties who intend visiting the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, can secure private accommodation within ten minutes walk of the grounds. For particulars and rates address M. H. Terry, formerly of Chatham, 1262 West Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

EX-PREMIER OF ONTARIO CALLED TO THE BEYOND

Hon. Arthur S. Hardy Passed Away Last Evening From Paralysis of the Heart—Had Been in Public Life for 26 Years.

Toronto, June 13.—Hon. A. S. Hardy died at eight minutes past ten to-night of paralysis of the heart, following on the operation performed on Saturday for appendicitis. Mr. S. H. Hardy, Dr. Hardy and C. H. Hardy, son, and Miss Gladys, a daughter, were with him. Mr. Hardy had been unconscious for some time before death. Arthur Sturgis Hardy, K.C., LL.D., ex-Premier of Ontario, was the son of the late Russell Hardy, and his wife, Julietta Sturgis. He was of U. E. L. descent. Born at Mount Pleasant, Ont., Dec. 14, 1837, and educated at Mount Pleasant Grammar School and Rockwood Academy. Studied law with his uncle, H. A. Hardy, and with the firm of Chief Justice Harrison, Toronto. Was called to the bar in 1865; Q. C. in 1876; a bencher of the Law Society of Ontario. Was first elected to the Legislature of Ontario in April, 1878, and represented South Brant continuously until his retirement in 1899. He entered the Mowat Administration in March, 1877, as Provincial Secretary, which portfolio he held until January, 1899, when he was appointed Commissioner Crown Lands. On the appointment of Sir Oliver Mowat to be Minister of Justice for Canada, July 13, 1896, Mr. Hardy became Premier of Ontario and Attorney-General. Was elected a Vice-President of the British Association for Advancement of Science at its meeting in Toronto in 1897. Received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Toronto University, 1897. Married January, 1870, Mary, daughter of the late Mr. Justice Morrison. Was a member of the Church of England. Owing to declining health he retired from the Premiership two years ago and accepted a minor office in Osgoode Hall, having declined a Superior Court Judgeship on account of his failing that the weak state of his health would not permit of his giving the onerous duties the attention they deserved. A year ago he was presented by his friends and admirers throughout the Province with a testimonial which aggregated \$20,000. Funeral arrangements have not been definitely completed, but it is proposed that the body shall be taken to Brantford by the C. P. R. train leaving Toronto 4.40 on Saturday afternoon. The interment will probably be at Brantford on Sunday afternoon.

NO FOUNDATION FOR RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Balfour, the Government Leader, Makes an Authoritative Statement in the British House of Commons—The Cost of the War.

London, June 13.—A. J. Balfour, the government leader, answering a question in the house of commons to-day, said there was no foundation for the rumors of peace negotiations with the Boers. The Boer strength in the field was estimated to be 17,000 men.

RUMORS GALORE.

Before the above official announcement was made in the commons, a London cable stated that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman would ask the government in the house of commons to-day whether it will give full information as to the condition of affairs in South Africa. The despatch added: "It will be a surprise if he elicits anything very definite. What most people would like is the exact truth concerning the basis of the various peace rumors which are daily becoming more numerous and more emphatic, but which are bewilderingly divergent. There is daily some fresh version of the mission to Europe of Mrs. Botha, wife of the Boer commandant-general. The latest comes to the Morning Post from Brussels in the form of a summary of a statement issued by the Transvaal agency there. It says in effect that Mrs. Botha is not acting as an intermediary for the purpose of terminating hostilities. She is visiting Mr. Kruger as the emissary of her husband to explain the situation in South Africa to him. The initiative of any peace negotiations is in Mr. Kruger's hands. Neither Gen. Botha nor any other Boer leader will abandon arms except under orders from Mr. Kruger. The Standard's Brussels correspondent, however, attributes to the same source a statement that negotiations are possibly passing between General Kitchener and Gen. Schalk Burger, although Mr. Kruger has not been informed to that effect. From other Boer and pro-Boer sources on the continent come stories which almost compel belief that negotiations or tentative proposals in that direction are under way. The correspondence in South Africa contribute to the rumors. One declares that the Consul of the Netherlands, with Gen. Kitchener's permission, has returned to Standerton from Pretoria, and resumed negotiations with the Boer leaders. The Cape Times optimistically predicts an early peace, declaring that the Boers are only anxious to surrender."

COST OF THE WAR.

London, June 13.—Sir David Barbour, whom the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, sent to South Africa to investigate the sources of revenue of the Transvaal and Orange River Colonies, with the view of estimating how much they should contribute towards the cost of the war, reports in favor of a ten percent tax on the profits of the mines, yielding, on the basis of the profits of 1898, \$450,000 yearly. After paying this Sir David Barbour considers the mines will be better off than before, as they will save \$600,000 per year on dynamite, owing to the abolition of the monopoly in that commodity. The Orange River Colony will be unable for some years to meet the ordinary cost of administration and pay its share of the cost of the constabulary.

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ON SCHOOL BOYS try a pair of our Box Kip Balmorals with solid leather nailed soles:

Sizes 11 to 13 \$1.25

Sizes 1 to 5 \$1.50

The greatest wear resisters of neat, dress appearance made for boys.

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Trunks and Valises....

danger and closed upon the would-be assassin. Realizing that with such antagonists his case was hopeless, Epperson offered but a short resistance. He was soon overpowered and Mr. Brackin nervily confiscated the murderous weapons, while Mr. Goodall held the prisoner in his iron embrace. Incidentally Constables Chas. Cape and Jeff Thompson, and some of the court officials were mingled in the melee.

The presence of mind and brilliant heroism of the two young men who overpowered the desperado, demands suitable recognition by the authorities. Their claims to the Victoria Cross should at once be submitted to the King.

THE YOUNG HEROES' STORIES.

"I heard this morning," said R. L. Brackin with becoming modesty, "that all the lawyers had rushed to the rescue of the judge, but when I emerged from the melee with the razor, gowns were flying in every direction and the judge was standing up at his desk yelling 'Seize him! Seize him!' I didn't see the prisoner jump from the box, but I heard a chair fall over and, seeing Epperson making for the knives, I at once divided his seized the prisoner and the corner was so small that at first neither Goodall nor myself could render any assistance. We had both been sitting near and rushed to render aid. Although I couldn't participate actively in the rescue at first, still I yelled at Thompson to seize the hand of Epperson and put his foot on the prisoner's wrist. By this time I had got in and took the razor. It was open I know, because I thought at first I would pull it through Beck's hand and put him, but I changed my mind and pulled it out the other way. After the prisoner had been removed I handed the razor to Chief Young."

Charlie Goodall, the other hero, is also very modest over the matter and says that the most of the credit is due to Mr. Brackin. In describing the scene he says: "I saw the man jump from the box and make for the judge's chair. Before I knew what his intentions were he had grabbed the razor and had opened it. No sooner had he done this than Mr. Brackin and I jumped up and grappled with him. The desperado brandished the razor above his head and I saw that either one of us was going to be hurt and I cried out, 'Get the razor.' At this time a colored man named Jeff Thompson joined us and caught Epperson's wrist and Mr. Brackin procured the razor. The man was then soon handcuffed and taken to the cells."

"Did you feel at all nervous when he was flourishing the razor above your head?" asked The Planet. "Not at all," replied Mr. Goodall. "I saw that someone was going to be slashed and I thought it might as well be me as anyone else."

VIEWED BY THE COURT OFFICIALS.

Judge Bell spoke of the occurrence afterwards very calmly and dispassionately. "I had ordered the prisoner to be removed," said the judge, "and was reading at my desk when I heard the scuffling and looked up. I can't say what the intentions of the prisoner were because I didn't see him until Cape had seized him. I never saw Epperson before yesterday, but I should judge him a dangerous man. He is reckless and a man of violent passions, but none of his actions are premeditated. His intention at the time was no doubt to kill Mr. Ellison, but he hadn't prepared to do so. I think that the man has an uncontrollable temper and that he just gave an exhibition yesterday of his passions getting the mastery of him. Crown Attorney Douglas, when asked if a charge of threatening the judge would be laid against the prisoner, replied that it was impossible to lay any such charge as Epperson had threatened no one. It was very hard to tell what the prisoner's intentions were.

Chief Young said: "The jury had just brought in a verdict of guilty against Epperson, and the judge, after dismissing them, had adjourned court till 9.30 a.m. The sheriff had nodded to the constable to remove the prisoner and Constable Cape was just entering the prisoner's box when Epperson jumped over the railing into the space before the judge's desk that

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SAVED THE JUDGE'S LIFE

Heroism and Brilliant Bravery of Two Young Men Protect the Community From a Desperado.

Others who Incidentally Assisted—Ep. person made a Break for Liberty or worse—Comments of the Court Officials.

The heroic acts and daring bravery of two young lads prevented an appalling tragedy at the Court House yesterday afternoon at the conclusion of the trial of Andrew Epperson, convicted of wounding Mrs. Ellison. But for their splendid presence of mind and courageous conduct the life of the presiding judge and the safety of the entire entourage of the court would have been in imminent danger.

Epperson was in the prisoner's dock when the jury returned the verdict against him, while on a table to the left of the judge and immediately in front of the witness box lay three pocket knives and a razor, which had been used as exhibits in the case. Without a moment's warning the prisoner sprang from the dock to the table and seized the weapons, the knives in his left hand and the razor in his right. These he brandished. The whole court was petrified with the audacity of the act, while the desperado still stood still, handling the terrible weapons.

Knowing instinctively that the man meditated the life of his honor, R. L. Brackin, an intrepid young law student, and Chas. Goodall, a fearless young reporter, leaped manfully to the rescue regardless of their own