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HOW RODEN'S LOT DID GROW

Did the Little Man Fence in the City's Property?

MR. CASWELL SAYS HE DID

And the Board of Control Will Change the Size of the Lot.

That Claim Against the City From a Man Who Never Had a Frontage on the Don According to the Archives—The Question of Tax Exemptions Again Up for Discussion—Should Burying Grounds Pay Local Improvement Taxes?—City Hall Notes.

The Board of Control held a special meeting yesterday morning to consider the startling revelations which Corporation Counsel Fullerton submitted in reference to the Roden arbitration. All the members were present.

City Solicitor Caswell wrote: "I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. Fullerton, showing that Mr. Roden is in possession of a piece of city property belonging to the Jail Farm, now Riverdale Park. It is important for you to give instructions in this matter at once."

Mr. Fullerton and Surveyor Sankey were present and produced the plan showing the land originally deeded to one Collins, which is now owned by Mr. Roden. Also the plan showing the land purchased by the city. The boundaries were traced by Surveyor Sankey and both plans showed that there was a road between the property deeded to Mr. Roden and the River Don, so that he never had a frontage on the river. Such was Mr. Fullerton's reading of the plans and description, and in this he was supported by Mr. Sankey. This contention is further supported by the implication contained in a clause in the conveyance which gave him a right of way over a 30-foot roadway running along his southern boundary and extending westward to the river. Mr. Fullerton's explanation briefly was that Mr. Roden, with a deed for half an acre, has a fence around about an acre and a quarter of land for which the city of Toronto holds a title deed.

HAS THE LOT GROWN?

Ald. Lamb suggested that Mr. Roden thought perhaps his land had grown since he bought it.

A letter from Mowat, Langton, Mowat & Macdonald, solicitors for Mr. Roden, was read, in which they stated that "after many years of pressing this claim and as many years of inaction by the aldermen and engineers, Mr. Roden, at Mr. Fullerton's suggestion, brought his claim before the official arbitrator." "That is untrue," was Mr. Fullerton's remark in reference to the above statement. The letter also requested that the Board would take no action in the matter while the arbitration is pending, and in conclusion expressed the opinion that the arbitration will show that Mr. Roden's right to compensation is absolutely certain, even if experts differ as to the amount of it, and also that Mr. Roden claims to own no land not shown to be his by the city's surveys and the city fence.

The controllers hardly knew what to make out of the statements, being unable to grasp the fact that the city park had been curtailed to the extent stated. The Mayor asked Mr. Fullerton for advice in the matter, and the board received it promptly and clearly as follows: "My advice to you at present is simply that as far as this land is concerned it has been encroached on and you had better take steps to recover it by instructing the City Engineer to fence in the land that belongs to the city, as advised in my letter to Mr. Caswell."

The board unanimously resolved to instruct the City Engineer to fence in the land in question as advised by Mr. Fullerton, who received carte blanche to protect the city's interests.

THE RODEN ARBITRATION.

The following information was furnished by Mr. Roden: "The Roden arbitration proceeded yesterday before Official Arbitrator James A. Proctor. One of the most important items of evidence elicited was that Mr. Roden's property on the east bank of the Don was fenced in by the city in 1878 according to stakes laid out by Mr. Charles Sproatt, late City Engineer, who was instructed to make the survey by the Property Committee. Mr. Sproatt's plan was produced at the arbitration and shows the boundaries between Mr. Roden's property and the city's, and the evidence of Mr. Hewett, who constructed the fence, went to show that the property was fenced from the banks of the Don, backward towards Broadview-avenue. Judgment will have to be suspended, therefore, on the argument made in Corporation Counsel Fullerton's letter of Monday last, wherein it is claimed that Mr. Roden was occupying only land, property, between himself and the River Don."

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

Ald. Scott called the Committee on Legislation and Reception together yesterday afternoon to consider the question of exemptions. The members spent a considerable time in an informal discussion.

At Ald. Lamb's request the Assessment Department was instructed to prepare a statement showing the population of the various denominations in the city and the value of the property owned by each which is exempt from taxation.

The first question taken up was that relating to the exemption of the Dominion Government property and officials' salaries. The Chairman asked the wisdom of asking the abolition of all exemptions, and suggested that it would be better to call the Government's attention to the flagrant cases. Ald. Sheppard favored asking for total abolition and leaving the Government to refuse what it thought fit. Ald. Lamb thought the Dominion Government might, with some reason, object to pay taxes for general purposes, but it should certainly not object to pay local improvement taxes. The Dominion Government should not be asked to pay taxes upon its forts, maintained for defence of the country.

It was agreed to ask the Ontario and Dominion Governments to pay local improvement taxes on their property. As the Ontario Government have made their officials liable for income tax, the Dominion Government will be asked to do the same.

Ald. Lamb urged that no class of men are better able to pay income tax than the judges and an effort will be made to secure legislation authorizing their assessment.

Ald. Sheppard could not see the advantage of taxing charitable institutions, and Ald. Scott put in a plea for the exemption of universities and colleges, which were of national benefit, and the committee concurred in both of these proposals.

The committee favored the taxing of land surrounding churches and not actually required for church purposes.

Ald. Lamb insisted upon burying grounds paying local improvement taxes, and the committee adopted the proposition.

Ald. Hallam made a strong plea to exempt the bank stocks from taxation and ridiculed the idea of placing them on the same level as personal property or real estate.

The committee were in favor of placing banks upon the same basis as loan companies.

CURTAILING THE BOARD'S POWERS.

The committee then took into consideration the resolution of Ald. Bousted recommending that the Board of Control be increased to four aldermen, depriving the Mayor of his double vote and making the Controller's salary of $700 include his allowance as alderman.

Ald. Sheppard moved that the Board of Control be composed of four aldermen and the Mayor, ex-officio.

Ald. Lamb moved that six aldermen, one from each ward, and the Mayor, ex-officio, compose the board, and that the chairman be elected by the members.

The amendment was adopted. Ald. Joliffe, Lamb, Russell, Hallam, Small and Dunn voting yea, and Ald. Sheppard nay.

The committee then unanimously agreed that the Mayor should be deprived of the double vote, and that the salary of members of the board be $500, inclusive of the allowance as alderman. Also that the Mayor should receive no additional salary as a member of the Board of Control.

Other amendments to the act relating to the Board of Control which were approved of were that chairmen of standing committees of Council shall not be eligible for membership on the Board of Control; also that a majority vote of the members present be necessary to elect to a seat on the board.

Ald. Sheppard at this point raised the question that the best men in Council should be eligible to seats on the board, irrespective of ward boundaries.

Ald. Lamb objected strongly to the question being re-opened, and after a sharp passage at arms between the two aldermen, the committee adjourned to give the members time to consider the matter.

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES.

Residents of Huntley-street have expressed a desire to have a brick or asphalt pavement instead of macadam.

The Mayor, after an inspection of the site, in company with Assistant Engineer Rust and Surveyor Sankey, states that the bridge across the channel at Queen's Wharf and the approaches will not cost more than $100,000.

A petition for a public meeting in St. Paul's Hall to discuss municipal questions has been presented to the Mayor.

Corporation Counsel Fullerton has given notice of the city's intention to appeal to the Supreme Court against the decision of the three County Court judges in respect to the assessment of the Street Railway Company's ties and rails.

The insurance companies have settled with the city on the recent losses by fire at the Exhibition grounds at $4186, being one-half the loss.

The Fire and Light Committee will meet this afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Fireman Bertram in a body.

J. H. Hall has his cards out for alderman in Ward 6, and Mr. J. M. Godfrey is out for school trustee in the same ward.

Teachers' Reading Course.

The Minister of Education may prescribe a course of reading for the teachers of Public Schools. The course shall extend over three years, and certificates for reading more than three books in one year shall not be granted by the inspector. For the purpose of the course the year shall commence and conclude with the calendar year. A teacher may enter on the course by taking any of the books prescribed for the year. The list of books for each year will be announced by the Education Department.

Any teacher who desires a certificate of having taken the Public School teachers' reading course shall make a synopsis of not less than ten or more than fifteen pages of each book read, and shall transmit the same to the inspector of his district on or before the 30th of June in each year. Such synopsis shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five cents and a declaration that the books prescribed for the year were read and that the synopsis submitted was prepared without assistance by the person signing the same.

The Management Committee of each Teachers' Institute shall appoint two persons, who, with the inspector, shall form a committee for determining whether the synopsis made by the teacher desiring a certificate indicates that the books have been read intelligently. The inspector shall issue a certificate for each book so read, on the form prescribed by the Minister of Education, to every teacher whose synopsis has been found satisfactory. If a teacher is unable to read all the books prescribed for the year or if his synopsis of any book has been rejected, he may substitute the books of the next year for those omitted or rejected.

Any teacher who submits to the Education Department certificates showing that he has satisfactorily read nine of the books prescribed, shall be entitled to receive from the Minister of Education a diploma certifying to the completion of one full reading course covering three years. Additional diplomas shall be awarded to teachers who complete additional courses of three years.

The Single Taxers.

The Single Tax Club last night discussed the proposed business tax, which seemed to find some favor with several aldermen. The question, on being debated at length, failed to find any member who could consistently advocate a business tax in preference to the personalty tax, as being of any advantage to the community. The business tax adopted in Montreal and Winnipeg was looked upon as a poor substitute to apply in Toronto. Numerous instances were quoted showing the irregularities arising and the difficulties met in trying to reach the business classes. As a method of raising revenue, a business tax was quite as absurd as the personalty tax. Anything coming under the operation of a business tax would suffer precisely the same as with the present method in vogue. It means a tax on production, and the consumer must bear all taxes that are liable to be shifted. The view was expressed that every attempt to tax income and productions would end in failure. The experiences of many States in the Union proved this conclusively. The kind of legislation everywhere was in the direction of simplifying the tax laws, and to remove such laws as hampered trade and industry. Especially was this the case in New York, Ohio, Illinois, California and other States where strong movements were formed to secure local option in taxation matters, so that municipalities desiring changes in the assessment law could decide for themselves.

The only logical tax that a municipality had a right to levy was that based on land values, the benefits the community bestowed, which includes all public services, were always reflected in the values of land and upon nothing else. In taxing land values alone every citizen, whether rich or poor, would pay his proportionate share of taxes for the benefits the community bestowed upon him. The practice of assessing on what a man has earned and saved in the form of wealth was vicious in the extreme, and any tax so collected was wrong and injurious.

Bible Training School.

The enrolment of students for the term just closing is 45 in the day classes and 125 in the evening classes. The Rev. Jas. McCaul, M.A., of the Church of the Covenant, the second of the special lecturers, is just completing a helpful course of "Studies in Leviticus." Written examinations will be held from Dec. 17 to 22, and in these an average of 50 per cent. is required to pass on the different subjects. Two young ladies from the school have recently left for distant mission fields, one to labor in China and the other among the Indians of the far Northwest. The students' public meetings are always occasions of interest to the friends of the school. One of these was held last night in the school room of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bloor-street east. After the Christmas holidays lectures will be resumed on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

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THE METHOD OF A GREAT TREATMENT FOR WEAKNESS OF MEN, WHICH CURED HIM AFTER EVERYTHING ELSE FAILED.

Painful diseases are bad enough, but when a man is slowly wasting away with nervous weakness the mental forebodings are ten times worse than the most severe pain. There is no letup to the mental suffering day or night. Sleep is almost impossible and under such a strain men are scarcely responsible for what they do. For years the writer rolled and tossed on the troubled sea of sexual weakness until it was a question whether he had not better take a dose of poison and thus end all his troubles. But providential inspiration came to his aid in the shape of a combination of medicines that not only completely restored the general health, but enlarged his weak, emaciated parts to natural size and vigor, and he now declares that any man who will take the trouble to send his name and address may have the method of this wonderful treatment free. Now, then I say free, I mean absolutely without cost, because I want every weakened man to get the benefit of my experience.

I am a philanthropist, nor do I pose as an enthusiast, but there are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Do not try to study out how I can afford to pay the few postage stamps necessary formation but send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth that, although they cost nothing to get they are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us. Write to Thomas Slater, Box 2058, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain sealed envelope. 63

AFTER MR. FARROW'S SCALP

Brussels Postmaster Accused of Partisanship.

THE INVESTIGATION BEGUN

Mr. Lazier, Q.C., of Belleville is in Charge of the Enquiry.

Jonathan Moore of Walton Heard Mr Farrow Speak Against the Liberal Party—Other Witnesses Testified to the Same Effect—Mr. Denman of Morris Thought Mr. Farrow's Speech Was Fair—The Postmaster Was Called Upon Because Mr. Dickenson, the Candidate, Was Ill.

Brussels, Ont., Dec. 15.—This afternoon Barrister Lazier, Q.C., of Belleville, began an investigation into charges laid against Postmaster Farrow, of Brussels, for offensive partisanship in connection with the last Dominion election contest. In the Town Hall, Brussels, a large audience being present.

After the commissioner had stated the object of his visit, Lawyer Sinclair, on behalf of complainant, and Lawyer Taylor, for the respondent, discussed some preliminary points, as what should be included in the investigation.

THE FIRST WITNESS.

Charge 3 was taken up. The first witness called was Jonathan Moore of Walton, who testified that he had heard Mr. Farrow speak at a Conservative meeting last June in Walton village, in the interest of Mr. Dickenson, the Conservative candidate, and in opposition to the Liberal party.

James McDonald, a ratepayer in Grey Township, was also at the Walton meeting. Mr. Farrow opened the meeting. There were three Conservative speakers against one Liberal. Mr. Farrow spoke at the instance of Mr. Dickenson, as the latter was ill. Mr. Farrow was at the meeting, and I asked him to speak for Mr. Dickenson, and he consented, after pressure. He said he was not there intending to speak, but that he had driven out to hear the addresses. Did not think his speech was partisan; thought it weak. I thought he could have done better, comparing it with former efforts. He dwelt on the development of Canada and its growth, nothing a Liberal could take offence at. Did not hear him mention the name or either candidate nor request electors to vote for either party. I asked Mr. Farrow to do some canvassing, but he declined owing to his position. Have known Mr. Farrow for years, and looked upon him as out of politics, since taking the Brussels Postoffice."

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Blair conducted the cross-examination.

Mr. Denman said he thought he was not asking Mr. Farrow to do an improper act in soliciting his aid, as a citizen has a right to have a say in the laws by which he shall be governed. Mr. Farrow said he would do no canvassing owing to his position as postmaster. Speaking may be done from an independent standpoint, but in canvassing it narrows down to party lines. I wanted Mr. Farrow, at Walton, to take the place of Mr. Dickenson as the latter was ill. He spoke of the progress of the country, and contrasted it with the Mackenzie regime. Don't remember the National Policy being mentioned, but he spoke of the moral of duties; not positive whether he referred to expenditures or revenues. It was a loyal speech, but don't think it helped the Conservative party. He did not refer to either candidate. Was present at a convention at Gorrie, when Mr. Dickenson was nominated. Mr. Farrow's name was mentioned as a candidate. The persons so proposed adjourned to a room to discuss this subject; remember meeting Mr. Farrow in the convention club room. Mr. Farrow was proposed as a Conservative candidate at Gorrie, but an adjournment was made before a decision was arrived at, and another convention called. Was present at the American Hotel, Brussels, to arrange for a protest against Dr. McDonald; among others present was Mr. Farrow; don't remember Mr. Farrow speaking. He was there about 20 minutes. He spoke and said he did not think the protest would be successful. A subscription was to be taken to defray expenses, but I didn't see the Brussels list.

CHARGE SEVEN.

Charge seven was taken up. Charles Eaket of Grey swore he knew Mr. Farrow for about two years, and knew him to be postmaster at Brussels. He heard him make remarks about Dr. McDonald. He said Dr. McDonald was the biggest political liar he ever knew. Alex. McDonald was present; it was before voting. The statement was made before Mr. Barker of Brussels. Mr. Sinclair served me with a subpoena.

An adjournment was made until Wednesday morning at 9.30 o'clock.

A Working Girl's Just Plea.

Editor World: It is a crying shame the way these Chinese are helped along in the City of Toronto. I will give you a few facts, and, knowing you, as we working girls do, feel sure you will have our grievances put before the public. For the past three years my father has not had sufficient work, and the result is my sister and self are nearly the whole support of our family; but here the trouble comes in. I am the only one able to get employment. My sister and self have been working at the laundry, but, as there was not enough work to keep us going, some one had to leave, and, as there were two of us out of the same house, my sister had to go. Now, the reason of this scarcity of work is caused by the great number of Chinamen coming into the city and starting laundries. These Chinamen are to be found on every street, and I am told they are coming into Toronto in dozens. Another thing, we all live as Christians should, but those Chinamen live as many together as 20 in a small house, and in that way do not pay any taxes to the city. My father has to pay his rent, which includes taxes, but the way things are looking now, we will be hard pushed to get enough bread to eat and fire to keep us warm during the winter, while those Chinamen can have their gambling and opium-eating, and carry on all sorts of sin in their beastly dens. Charity begins at home, and it would be well for those who send their work to those Chinamen to think of this, and send it to the laundries where we are employed and paid for our work. Mary C.

An Artistic Window.

The store windows are assuming holiday attire and some nice effects appropriate to the season are to be observed. One of the most artistic is that of the Clapp Shoe Co. This enterprising firm, as usual, are well to the front and make a display which, for originality of conception and beauty of design, surpasses anything seen. That the public appreciate their efforts is evidenced by the crowds which throng the sidewalk opposite their store at all times of the day and evening, and the exclamations of pleasure and surprise which are constantly heard.

Letter Carriers to Sell Stamps.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Postmaster-General Wilson has extended the house-to-house collection and delivery system so as to provide for the sale of postage and special delivery stamps by letter carriers by means of the house collection and delivery boxes, and an official stamp-selling envelope has been approved to carry the project into effect.

Their Terms are Up.

The following are the Public School trustees whose terms expire this year:

Ward 1—Thomas S. Lobb, Joseph C. Clarke.
Ward 2—William J. Hambly, Dr. John Noble.
Ward 3—R. S. Baird, R. W. McPherson.
Ward 4—Dr. W. W. Ogden, H. A. E. Kent.
Ward 5—W. W. Hodgson, James Burns.
Ward 6—Dr. James Spence, John Douglas.

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Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1896.

Christmas Silk Specials.

100 Blouse Waist Lengths (3 yards), Beautiful French Plaid Taffetas, at $3.75 each, worth $5.
400 yards very light grade of Black Silk, at $1 a yard, worth $1 a yard. These two lines represent our greatest holiday offering in the Silk Department. The goods are new and fresh, such as we can confidently recommend.
Three Great Leaders in Black Satin Duchesse at $2, $2.25, $2.50, offering for holiday trade at $1.50, $1.75, $2.
68 Knitted Silk Shawls, cream and chintz, $5 each, for Christmas $3.
1/2 Real Ostrich Feather Boas, $4 to $10, for holidays $3 to $6 each.

SAMPLES.

of our two Great Holiday

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are being made up. Requests for them by mail will receive immediate attention.

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KING STREET,
Opposite the Postoffice.

THE ROBERT SIMPSON CO.

The Store Beautiful

It is worth anyone's visit to the Big Store to see the Christmas decorations. The large Christmas tree, obtained specially from the pine forests of the Georgian Bay district, as it hangs in the well in the centre of the store, lighted with fifty electric lights and beautifully ornamented, is a picture not to be forgotten.

On the four sides of the well are other Christmas trees, ornamented in a fashion to make you feel that this is indeed the Christmas season, despite the want of the usual snow and cold.

While others have slept we have toiled, determined that, as this store leads in retailing in every way, so shall it lead in the beauty and uniqueness of its Christmas display.

SHOP EARLY—FORENOONS—AND SAVE SOME OF THE CRUSH.

Christmas in the Drapery Section.

Here you will find seasonable materials in abundance. Some of the things we sell at these counters are Down Sofa Cushions and Tea Cosy forms. The newest things in Cushion Tops—the biggest range of Art Materials in the City. We quote some prices, which are as distinctive as the goods themselves

Art Materials, the newest patterns, elegant colorings, the most useful line of goods now showing for cushion coverings, screens, mantel and piano drapes, over 50 patterns to select from, special close selling price, 30 in., 15c; 36 in. ..... .20
Japanese Silk Cushion Tops, embroidered with gold thread, make a handsome cushion, shades of white, cream, buttercup, pale blue, Nile green, cadet blue, cardinal, etc., reg. value 65c, clearing price 45
Down-filled Sofa Cushions, size 24 x 24, the best value in the city when $1.25, special for Thursday .. 1.00
"My Own Art" Cushion Tops, the latest, a close imitation of genuine hand-painting, handsome designs, figured and flowered, on good quality satin, in shades of pale blue, pink, Nile green, white and buttercup, size 19 x 19, special price, each 1.00
Down Tea Cosy Forms, all sizes, special for Thursday, each 45
20 x 20 Down Sofa Cushions, reg. 90c, Thursday 75
18 x 18 Mixed Down Sofa Cushions, reg. 35c, Thursday 25
Turkish Hand-made Real Hair Squares, for Cushion and Ottoman tops, elegant colorings, in the most popular Eastern patterns, sizes 22 x 22 and 24 x 24, reg. price $4.50, a splendid Christmas present, Thursday, special 2.50
Japanese Tinselled Cushion Tops, suitable for 22 or 20 in. cushion, the newest and colonial designs on the market, at our special price 12
100 Pieces Boudoir Cretonne, for Xmas decorations, 20 art shades, 24 in., 5c; 36 in. .....$ 1.2

Holiday Specials in Silverware.

Our display is very extensive. You have our guarantee of what you buy, and we know that prices are lower than you have been accustomed to pay:

Children's Gold-lined Mugs, best quadruple plate, 70c, 85c and $1.00
Jewel Boxes 90c and ..... $ 1.
Stud or Collar Button Boxes 85c and $1 15
Butter Knife and Sugar Spoon in Satin-lined box $1.20
Hairpin Boxes 95c and $1.15
Gravy Ladles $1.00
Ring Tree $1.35
Napkin Rings, 85c, 90c and $1.00
French Bronze Photo Frames 75c
Salad Sets, Crown Derby decoration $3.85
Salad Sets, Worcester and Lobster decoration $4.70
Silver Fish Sets $4.70
Sardine Forks in Satin-lined Cases 85c and $1.00
Butter Sifters in Satin-lined Cases $1.00 and $1.35
Coffee Pot
Bon-Bon Scoops in Satin-lined Cases 85c and $1.00
Pickle Castors 85c
Pickle Castors, fine Etched Glass, $2 and $2 85
Pickle Castors, Ruby Glass, $1.15, $1.35, $1.85 and $4.00
Coffee Spoons, 1-2 doz in Satin Case, set $1.60
Fruit or Berry Spoons $1.35; Gilt $1 85
Silver Cake Trays $1.20, $1 35 and $1.70
Butter Knives, an immense variety, at 80c, $1.[illegible] and $3 35
Salt Stands, Ruby Glass $1.60
Breakfast Cruets $1 65, $1.85, $3.35, $6.75

Christmas in the Clothing Section.

No reason why you should not be intensely practical at Christmas. A tasty suit for the boy is a good Christmas present. A dressing gown or smoking jacket for father is a good Christmas present. See what we suggest:

Men's Fine Camels' Hair Dressing Gowns and Smoking Jackets, in checks and fancy patterns and colors, silk cord edge, girdle and tassels, worth from $7 to $15, for from $5.50 to $11, a very handsome Christmas gift.
Men's Fine West of England Worsted Pants, in fine hair-line and fancy stripes, latest shades, equal to any ordered goods at $5, for .. 3.25
Children's Fancy Eton Suits, with fancy vest, in red or blue, fine all-wool worsted serge, a very dressy suit, and would make a very fine present for Xmas, worth from $4.50, for 3.25
Men's Fine All-wool Marimy Beaver Overcoats, with fine, pure satin lining, mohair sleeve lining, all silk-stitched, 4 in. silk velvet collar, perfect fitting garment, if ordered from your tailor would cost you $25, for 15.00

Specials in Furniture for Thursday.

Many Christmas presents are chosen from the furniture section. There is hardly an article that may not serve as fitting. Here are four specials for Thursday:

50 Mantel Beds, 5 ft. 7 in. high, 6 ft. 3 in. long, best woven wire spring, antique finish, reg. $8, sale price 6.25
100 Bookcases, hardwood, antique finish, adjustable shelves, 5 ft. 2 in. high, 3 ft. wide, reg. $4.75, sale price 2.90
Solid Oak Corner Wardrobe, handsomely carved, six raised panel door, one drawer, reg. $16, sale price 10.75
Pillows, full size, all feathers, good tick, reg. $1.10, sale price 70

So that our usual promptness will mark the despatch of mail orders, the staff in this department are working nights to keep up with orders. Select from the daily lists, and order quickly.

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S.W. COR. YONGE AND QUEEN-STREETS,
170, 172, 174, 176, 178 Yonge-street. 1 and 3 Queen-street West.

HUSBAND LAYS DOWN RULES.

Mrs. Susie E Mains Was Afraid of Being Brought to Time With a Razor.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Susie V. Mains of this city began suit for divorce today from John Mains of Menlo, Iowa, to-day from John Mains of Menlo, Iowa. They were married in Des Moines Oct. 29 and went to his 800-acre farm in Guthrie county the same day. The next morning she returned home and has since refused to live with him.

Mains advertised for a wife and got sixty letters from Des Moines women. He came to Des Moines, and, getting a city directory, started out with it under his arm to decide which wife to choose. Mrs. Susie Watson was the choice. She claims that when they arrived at his farmhouse he began laying down the rules of the house, which, aside from the regular household duties, consisted of bringing in the wood and building all the fires. She says that night he began telling her of the death of his first wife. He said he had been accused of murdering her. During his story he got a razor, and, trying the edge on his finger, said, aside, that his rules must be obeyed.

She sues for alimony, alleging that he is worth $10,000.

Where are the Free Traders?

Editor World: Seeing a portrait of Mr. Stapleton Caldecott in Saturday's Mail and Empire and a letter from that gentleman on the subject of taxation, reminds me that we have not heard anything from him on the trade question since the Federal elections last June. Previous to that he was a constant contributor to the press on the subject of free trade, and his denunciations of protection through that medium as well as from the platform were like the individual, very energetic, to say the least of it. We all have a lively recollection of his solicitude for the overburdened Canadian farmer, and how much cheaper he (Mr. C.) could sell his denims, cottons, jeans, tapes, sanitary towels, etc., if it were not for the burdensome taxes imposed on these articles, and, indeed, on everything the farmer consumes. Can it be possible that this worthy gentleman who filled the distinguished position of President of the Board of Trade was not sincere, or that he and some others, notably Robert Jaffray, R. C. Steele and George H. Bertram, also persistent advocates of free trade, were working for and more interested in the success of the Grit party than in that of the aforesaid overburdened farmer? Come, Mr. Caldecott, and you other free traders, speak up and tell us why you did not appear before the permanent commission that sat here a few days since and plead for the removal of those burdensome taxes which you so persistently and so forcibly asserted, before June 23 last, were the cause of all the depression existing in this country.

A Member of the Board of Trade.

A warrant is out for Harry Harris on the charge of failing to support his wife Annie.

GREAT SALE OF FURS

Mr. J. Harris

is offering his large and well-selected stock of HIGH-CLASS FURS at a reduction of from 25 to 50 per cent., for this month only; and for the purpose of this sale has taken the premises, No. 67 KING-STREET WEST, and would respectfully invite those about to purchase their winter's Furs to visit his stock before going elsewhere.

SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

Pacific Seal Cape, 30 inches long . . . $35.00
Former price, $50.00.
Pacific Seal Mantles 35.00
Former price, $50.00.
Otter Gauntlets 15.00
Former price, $25.00.
*Black Siberian Raccoon Scarfs 5.00
*These goods cannot be purchased elsewhere in Canada.

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Yet Money is Tight in the World's Metropolis.

A TALK WITH MR. CLOUSTON

Gold Shipments to the United States Caused Rates to Rise.

English Money Lenders Not Yet Satisfied With the Outlook in the United States—They Fear a Repetition of the Silver Agitation Four Years Hence—Canadian Affairs Much and Favorably Discussed—Another C.P.R. Link to be Opened—Two Failures in the Lumber Trade.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Your correspondent had an interview to-day with the General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, who has just returned from London, and who reports business good, yet money tight enough.

"However," said Mr. Clouston, "the rates now paid for call loans in London would not seem very high in Montreal or Toronto. Some time ago, call loans could be obtained at ¾ per cent. a year, yet the rate is now 3½ per cent."

"What is the cause of this considerable rise?" he was asked.

"You will remember that some time ago large quantities of gold were shipped to the United States, and this had the effect of tightening the money market. Discount rates at the Bank of England increased from 2 to 4 per cent., and call loan rates increased accordingly."

The banker was then asked if the English money-lenders were yet satisfied with the financial and commercial outlook in the United States, and he promptly replied in the negative. He said that they were too far away to correctly gauge the American political situation, and they still appear to fear a repetition of the silver agitation four years hence. They cannot realize that all the votes cast for Bryan were not for silver, yet, it must be said, they view the future with more or less apprehension.

"And what do you think about it?" the correspondent queried.

"I think the silver is dead, and that the Democratic party will be reorganized on new lines, for the leaders must see that the silver vote, which seemed so formidable at one time—that of the Chicago convention—gradually dwindled away before the work of educating the masses so successfully carried on by the advocates of the 'gold standard.'"

"You think, then, that English investors are still afraid of American securities?"

"I believe they unloaded very largely previous to the Presidential election, and, as the Americans purchased pretty freely themselves, they will, no doubt, sell back to the Englishmen when once confidence is restored, and at a good advance."

The general manager said that the cable conference was attracting a good deal of attention, and, although nothing was yet known, the opinion prevailed that a Pacific cable from Canada to the East was one of the strong probabilities of the near future. The great mining development of British Columbia was also much discussed in London, and Canadian affairs in general were widely and favorably commented upon.

ANOTHER C.P.R. LINK.

Another link in the Canadian Pacific's Montreal and Ottawa line on the west side of the River Ottawa will be opened on Monday next. Trains will then run on the new line as far as Alfred, 30 miles beyond Rigaud, and running through St. Eugene, Vankleek Hill and Caledonia Springs. Those who are in the secrets of the company say they will reach Ottawa next fall.

LUMBER FAILURES.

Two large failures took place to-day in the lumber trade. Mr. P. Donnelly of Craig-street assigned at the demand of J. R. Fair. Liabilities were placed at $84,000, the Bank of Commerce being in for $8000. The secured creditors are: British Empire Insurance Co. $18,000 and the Canada Investment Co. $3600.

Mr. Joseph Robert, lumber dealer, also goes under, with liabilities of $135,000. Amongst the creditors are: J. C. Robert, $2580; the Bank of British North America, $8500, and James McLaren estate, $5714, with the same estate secured for $60,000.

NOTES.

Rev. Joseph Thompson of Chinese missionary fame was to-day elected Moderator of Montreal Presbytery.

East End Notes.

Mrs. R. Murphy of Rosemont, Ont., is visiting friends in the East End.

Mrs. Katherine Wilson of Orangeville is staying with friends on Bolton-avenue.

Ice has re-formed on the Don and if the cold continues there will be safe skating on Saturday.

St. Matthew's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held their usual meeting yesterday in the school room in Degrassi-street. Mrs. Shore presiding. The attendance this session has been uniformly large.

The funeral of John Bertram, the driver of the Ronald fire engine, who was killed in Richmond-street on Sunday, takes place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 510 Eastern-avenue.

No. 1 Ward Conservatives will have a smoking concert to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at Dingman's Hall, corner of Queen-street and Broadview-avenue. A first-class program has been arranged. All Conservatives will be welcomed.

It's Not True.

Madrid, Dec. 15.—The report that Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, intends to abdicate his claims in favor of Don Jamie, his son, which this time originated in a despatch to The Imparcial from Rome, is without foundation.

Don't Stand Still!

This is the season of the year when everybody spends money. Some people open their hearts but once a year—at Christmastide. If you have holiday goods to sell let the people who want to buy know all about it. The chief reason customers pass your doors is that you have been standing still. Get into the swim. Show what you have. The easiest mode of doing this is to talk to the public through the columns of THE TORONTO WORLD, which goes everywhere.

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WATER RATES.

Public notice is hereby given that, in pursuance of bylaw No. 3451, a discount of fifteen per cent. will be allowed on water rates, which should have been paid on November 30th, if paid on or before December 24th.

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New Way to Mend Sidewalks.

Yesterday evening corporation men were busy filling in holes in the defective wooden sidewalk on the west side of Victoria-street, between the Arcade and Richmond-street, with ashes. This is certainly a novelty in the mending of our ways.