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## Our Annual Carpet Sale.

During the past few years we have held our Great Annual Sale of Carpets in February. This year owing to the great severity of the weather we postponed it until this month and now we will make it more interesting for you than ever. Bring in the measurements, especially of your halls and small rooms and you will be surprised to see at how little cost you can cover them. Bring in also the measurements of large rooms and the cost will be proportionately low. Come in and see us this week—the earlier you come the better chance you have of getting just what you want.

### VELVET CARPETS—

English Velvet Carpets in elegant designs and rich colorings, regular price \$1.15 a yard; on sale, special, made and laid, at a yard (borders to match) 98c.

### WILTON CARPETS—

One pattern of Wilton Carpet in very handsome design, with border to match, regular price \$1.25 a yard; on sale, very special, made and laid at a yard 98c.

### TAPESTRY CARPETS—

Crossley's Balmoral Tapestry Carpets, positively recognized as the best value in the trade, in excellent designs and colorings, borders to match, regular price 85c a yard; on sale, special, made and laid at a yard 75c.

8-wire English Tapestry Carpets in good designs and colors, regular price 75c a yard; made and laid for 65c.

3 good designs in heavy Eng. Tapestry Carpets in excellent designs and colorings, regular price 85c a yard; on sale, made and laid, for 75c.

### CARPET ENDS—

Ends of Velvet, Brussels and Tapestry carpets, up to 10 yards long, regular price 50c to \$1.25 a yard, on sale at exactly half price, 25c to 65c.

Small room lengths of velvet, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets, up to 25 yards, at these great reductions: \$1.25 Velvets for 98c, \$1.00 Brussels for 50c, 85c Tapestry for 49c, 65c Tapestry for 49c.

TAPESTRY CARPETS—Three good designs and colorings, good well covered Eng. Tapestry carpets, regular price 58c yard, on sale made and laid at a yard 49c.

Two nice light designs in Eng. Tapestry carpets, regular price 40c a yard, on sale very special at a yard 29c.

### NEW MATTINGS—

Choice new designs in Japan matting, are just arrived and marked at special prices for this sale at 12 1/2, 18c, 20c and 25c.

## Thos. Stone & Son.

## GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS WENT OFF IN A RUSH....

## Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.  
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.  
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.  
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.  
White Soap Dishes, 15c.  
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.  
No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

## GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

## THE ARK

Among the many modern conveniences, to get the best results, both in labor and economy, is the

## TIN SAIL AND EUREKA SPILE

Suspending the sail on the spile there is no waste, no time lost blocking up buckets under the trees.

As the season is to hand for syrup making, call and see our supplies at The Ark.

## BARGAIN SALE OF GLASSWARE NOW ON. See Samples in Window.

SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

## FALSE EVIDENCE AGAINST DREYFUS

The Case Before the Court of Cassation - Charges All Vanished.

Declares the Attorney-General, Leaving Only Accusation Without Importance or Consistency

Paris, March 3.—The Court of Cassation began at noon to-day the consideration of the appeal of Alfred Dreyfus for a revision of his trial. The court was crowded. Former Colonel Picquart was present. Dreyfus was not present, his interests being in the hands of lawyer Morhard.

M. Boyer, reporter of the court, read his report, in which he presented the two new facts upon which the Minister of Justice, M. Vallé, recommended a revision of the case. These were set forth as follows:

(1) The secret documents include a letter bearing the initial 'D'. Now, by an affidavit of Oct. 6, 1903, signed by M. Gréber (keeper of the archives) it appears that this document previously carried the letter 'P'. For this letter was substituted a 'D' and thus the altered document was presented to the court at Rennes. (2) According to the Minister of Justice another letter signed 'Alexandrine', which agent 'A' addressed to agent 'B' contained some words in the handwriting of the late Lieutenant Henry (who committed suicide in prison after having confessed to committing forgery in the case). This letter relates to the organization of French railways.

M. Gréber swore during the inquiry of the Minister of War that this letter was false. It was true, however, that the date of this document was March 28, 1895, when Dreyfus was imprisoned on Devil's Island.

M. Boyer made an exhaustive review of the case, declaring he could find no proof to establish the existence of the document which was claimed to have been annotated by the German Emperor, which was transmitted to one of Dreyfus' judges at Rennes. There was no doubt, he added, of the transmission of the 'Alexandrine' letter with the false date. The words in Lt.-Col. Henry's handwriting had an unfavorable effect upon the court. M. Boyer concluded with saying that the letters used against the accused were falsified prior to the proceedings of 1899, but he added that this had not yet been judicially determined upon. Attorney-General Baudouin said that when he began his consideration of the Dreyfus case he was satisfied that a judicial error had not been committed, but as the investigation proceeded his amazement increased. "One by one," the Attorney-General continued, "all the charges vanished, leaving only accusations without importance or consistency. When I examined the secret collection of documents in the case and saw their miserable character, valuable only because of mystery cleverly thrown about them, I concluded it was necessary for justice to have the last word, it is my conviction that there is not one of us in the army, and not an officer now in the army, who would not have succeeded had he been under an accusation thus managed." The existence of a traitor in the French War Office was revealed by an alleged foreign diplomat who acted without compensation. It is now claimed that Lt.-Col. Henry, in 1897, caused a book of expenditures to be recopied in order to remove all trace of payments to this diplomat, who, it has developed, was an employee of the intelligence department.

### RADIUM IN CANADA

Toronto, March 3.—J. Obalski, inspector of mines in Quebec, read a most interesting paper before the Canadian Mining Institute to-night on minerals in Quebec containing radium. He announced radium is likely to be found before long in considerable quantities in Canada. The Laurentian formation is full of uranium. About 10 years ago he found in the white mica mine, operated by the Canadian Mica Company, a remarkable quantity of uranium, which he identified as uraninite. It consists of over 70 per cent of oxide of uranium. He experimented with the specimen and found it reflected strongly the photo plates, as shown by a number of radiographs which he displayed. It had also a well marked action on the electroscope. Prof. Rutherford, of McGill, had found the radio activity was equal to four or five to one of the crystal, and that it contained one-tenth of a milligram of radium, making the comparable with the best pitch-blends so far operated for radium. This crystal may be accidental. Mr. Obalski also found a mineral like coke, burning quite easily, the substance which contained uranium. The white mica vein is near Pied des Monts about 18 miles back of Murray Bay, in Charlevoix county.

### CITY'S HEALTH

The health of the city is gradually getting down to normal again after probably the most severe winter in the history of the Maple City. There are still quite a number on the grip list. The number of contagious diseases are becoming fewer. Health Inspector Arroyo, Monday, furnished the contagious disease wards, yesterday, when they were empty for the first time in a long while.

There are now only two contagious cases up and one serious fever at present in the city.

### A CLOSE CALL

Toronto, March 3.—The damage at the Parliament buildings which were struck by lightning early this morning was much greater than at first stated. It is now said that \$1,500 will scarcely cover the loss. The Minister of Public Works who has supervision of the building, said that the building narrowly escaped destruction, and that much credit was due both to the watchman and the fire brigade for their prompt action. Owing to the deep spaces between ceiling and floor caused by the heavy girders and joists which carried the wide floors, the danger was very great where the fire would get a headway which would render it uncontrollable. Had the fire ever got under the chamber and galleries it would have been doubtful if the main portion of the building could have been saved. Immediately in the path of the fire and within a few feet of where it was stopped, were large oil paintings of Sir Oliver Mowat, A. S. Hardy, and C. F. Fraser. The building was constructed when Mr. Fraser was Minister of Public Works.

### DIDN'T SING

Travelling Tenor up Against a Proposition in Rev. Mr. Knowles' Scottish Presbyterian Devine

Galt, March 3.—It was announced in last Saturday's dailies that Geo. Neil, tenor soloist of the MacKenzie Munkie Concert Co., would sing Sunday morning in Knox church and in the evening in the Methodist church. A large congregation heard Mr. Neil on Sunday evening in the Methodist church give an effective rendition of "Good Night and Heavens Bless Thee."

Mr. Neil did not sing in Knox church on Sunday morning, and in reference thereto the pastor, Mr. Knowles, said: "I was much surprised on glancing into my evening paper last night to observe a conspicuous announcement to the effect that a solo would be rendered in this church to-day by a singer whose voice is to be heard in the opera house to-morrow night in connection with some concert company. I immediately gave instructions that this solo was not to be sung, and whatever responsibility pertains to the cancelling of it rests upon myself and upon myself alone. In taking this course I am actuated by no unfavorable opinion either of the gentleman concerned or of the company with which he is connected, for I am unacquainted with both. But since the services of the Presbyterian church are in the control entirely of the minister of that church, I shall use my utmost vigilance to provide that those services shall never be made to serve as an advertising medium for any concert company or any opera house, however worthy they may be. The services of this church are for the worship of Almighty God."

### SUCCESSFUL GRATHAMITE

To-day's London Free Press contains an excellent likeness of A. E. Berube, a popular Maple City boy, who graduated in the offices of W. H. Harper. Of him the Free Press says:—

"Mr. A. E. Berube, the newly appointed agent of the Dominion Express Company here, is now in full charge of the local offices of the Company, in succession to Mr. H. P. Sharpe, who has been promoted to the Toronto general agency. Mr. Berube's rise in his profession has been a rapid one, for he is still a comparatively young man. Commencing in the business at Chatham, he was promoted in June of 1900 to St. Thomas, where he conducted the agency of the C. P. R. ticket and telegraph offices, the Dominion Express and the Pacific Express. From there he was promoted to this city, his four years of office in St. Thomas having been spent in such a manner as to earn him the esteem of his employers. He will doubtless make many friends in this city."

### TOM'S GOOD JOKE

The map of Ontario, that ornaments the walls of the reception room at the Police Station, had become tattered and torn, so P. C. Tom Groves undertook to repair the map. He was busily engaged at the work when Judge Houston asked him what he was doing. The policeman looked up seriously and with ready wit replied,—"Like the Hon. G. W. Ross, I'm trying to save Ontario."

### DIED IN SEATTLE

Mrs. Alfred Bogart, Queen street, has received word of the death of her brother, Chas. Baxter, on March 1st at Seattle. Deceased leaves a wife but no family.

For many years he was manager of the Western Union Telegraph office in Grand Rapids, but has since held a very responsible position with the same company in Seattle. Deceased was 55 years of age and death was due to a paralytic stroke. The late Mrs. Fred Wood was also a sister of the late Mr. Baxter.

### STORM IN ESSEX

Windsor, Ont., March 3.—A terrific storm of thunder and lightning combined with torrents of rain, and a 50-mile gale passed over the city about 9 o'clock last night. One of the dynamos of the electric light plant was burned out, and one-half the city was in darkness for the remainder of the night. Despite the hundreds of thousands of dollars expended in drainage off the flat country of Essex, the farms of the entire peninsula are almost without exception under water and boats and rafts have been in use for several days. The big government ditches are totally incapable of carrying off the water and the farmers of Essex will be losers to the extent of many thousands of dollars by the serious setback given spring farming operations.

### PLAYED PRANKS

The lightning Wednesday evening played havoc at the civic electric light plant and put two circuits out of business. Henry Dunn, the electrician, says that he never saw such a brilliant electrical storm and the lightning was playing round the machinery in the dynamo room in a very awe-inspiring and threatening manner. The dynamos lighting the western portion of the city and the eastern portion were used up. The field coils were burned out, but were re-wrapped yesterday morning. At noon the damage to the eastern circuit had not been discovered. Mr. Dunn says that the lightning didn't only come in on the wires, but every little while there would be sharp reports in the room like the noise made when a gun is fired off.

### LEAMINGTON'S GUSHER

Petrolia, Ont., March 3.—The well struck by the Light Well Oil Co. on the Rymer farm, Talbot Road, five miles south-east of Leamington, on Monday last, is causing great excitement. When struck it threw the fluid over one hundred feet above the ground, and it came from a depth of one thousand and thirty-five feet below the surface. Various estimates are made of its producing abilities, but at this early date accurate estimates are not easily made. The important points, however, are that the well is deep, has plenty of gas, and not much water.

### IS TRANSFERRED

Walter Thrasher, of London, formerly of this City Has Been Sent to Sarnia

London, March 3.—Mr. Walter Thrasher, Deputy Collector of Inland Revenue, has been transferred from London to Sarnia, Mr. Hicks going from the latter place to Palmerston. Mr. Thrasher's successor here has not been appointed.

### LAI TO REST

The funeral of the late Maggie Morand, aged 81 years, relict of the late Jos. Morand, was held this morning from the Park House, William St., to St. Joseph's Church, thence to St. Anthony's Cemetery. High Mass was held at the church.

The funeral was very largely attended. The pall-bearers were, Jerry O'Brien, J. N. Thibodeau, C. Mount, Theo. Bourassa, John Liddy and Geo. Taylor.

### WATERY ROADS

The water is over the railroad fence on the south side of the track at Barr's bush, Park avenue, west for half a mile, is almost entirely inundated and the inhabitants are having great experience.

A ferry is being used Indian Creek, but very few farmers are bothering about coming into town, except when absolutely necessary. A load of young people started for Cedar Springs last night, turned back as far as Bridge End, couldn't get any farther and returned. The river came up rapidly yesterday, but went down a little during last night. The freeze-up of last night will ease off the flood to a great extent.

## JAP ATTACK ON YIN KOW

Force of 15,000 Japanese Troops on the Way to Ping Yung.

Russians Preparing to Retire Up Railroad Line—The Eastern Situation.

London, March 4.—The far eastern news published this morning consists chiefly of more or less reliable reports of Japanese military movements, and the general idea among correspondents appears to be that no important land battle is expected before the end of March.

A despatch to the Daily Express from Chemulpo, dated March 2, says that 15,000 Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo and gone to Ping Yang.

Cabling from Harbin, Manchuria, a correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives a rumor that 60,000 Japanese have landed at Wonsu.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph asserts that three separate Chinese armies have landed in Korea, and the Paris edition of the New York Herald publishes a report from Choo-Poo to the effect that six Japanese cruisers, escorting ten transports, have been seen steaming in the direction of the gulf of Liao Tung.

Nothing in any of these reports is improbable, but it is evident that Japan is maintaining strict secrecy as her plans.

Cabling from Choo-Poo, under date of March 3, a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that although Japan has lost a small cruiser, and that the machinery of two of her warships has been damaged, these probably have been fully repaired and in any event Japan has complete command of the sea and will effectively isolate Port Arthur. He anticipates the early renewal of naval movements, the landing of Japanese troops at the best strategic positions and the occupation of territory near Port Dalry as soon as the winter moderates. He predicts that having secured the Yalu river, the Japanese will threaten Kharin, cutting the railroad and menacing Vladivostok, while a second force deals with the Liao Tung peninsula.

According to the correspondent of the Morning Post at Choo-Poo, a Japanese battleship has run aground near Chemulpo. "Refugees from Port Arthur," the Nagasaki correspondent of the Times cables, under date of March 3, say there were 30,000 troops there the middle of February. They report that the 10,000 Russian troops who were dispatched to Korea the beginning of February, were so ill-equipped with transport and supplies that they were thought they would be compelled to return. "They say also that the Russians treated the Japanese at Port Arthur so brutally that they fled to the sea shore, embarked in sampans (small harbor boats) and endeavored to reach Dalry. Several were drowned."

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### DAY OF ACCOUNT

This is the end of the monetary year with all the banks. Nearly all commercial paper comes due on this date, and this is the critical point in the history of the merchants. In consequence many failures take place at this time of the year. The paper in the bank was fairly well met, and all the merchants apparently had plenty of funds to meet all their obligations. They say that on the whole the year was not as good as the previous one, but still there are no grounds for complaint. The same condition of affairs applies to the farmers. S. F. Gardner says that the mortgages are not being paid quite so quickly this year. The farmers have the money but it is invested in pigs or cattle, and they are not prepared at present to meet their payments. Taking it altogether, last year was a prosperous one for the farmers, and many of them used their surplus funds in the purchase of more land, and are in consequence a little shy of ready money.

### LACROSSE MEETING

The meeting of the Lacrosse Club for re-organization will be held at the Hotel Garner to-night. Those who so thoroughly enjoyed the many magnificent games played by the local team under Manager Frank Babcock last year, will be pleased to know that the prospects are equally bright for the ensuing season. Mr. Babcock has raised the standard of the game in Chatham, and with his enthusiasm and the splendid material at his disposal, should be able to put a splendid team on the field.

## Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly, and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

## Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c each. Call and look them over.

## Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Windsor, 3 for 10c, worth 5c, cake straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

### Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.  
King and Sixth Sts.  
The Finest Retail Store in Ontario.

Shoe stores are of two sorts in regard to their

## Shoes.



Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by nothing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts:—

Perfect Service  
Reliable Makes  
Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted. Trade says as much.

## Turrill,

THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store.