

TYPHOID IN VALLEY CITY.

SEVERAL CASES EXIST—SOME BROUGHT TO HAMILTON.

Melbourne Hotel Likely to Change Hands—Fifty-eighth Anniversary of Marriage.

Dundas, Dec. 12.—Among the visitors in town this week are Miss Ethel Ruddy, of Brantford, with Miss Carrie Hornig; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson, of Ancaster, with her father, Wm. Burton; Walter G. Burton, of New York, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burton; Miss Lucas, St. Thomas, and Miss Graham, St. George, with Joseph W. Boyle; Miss McKinnis, New York, with her father, R. McKinnis; Walter Cull, Galt, at his father's.

Among the sick in town are Mrs. J. Builder, Frank Cummings, J. D. Pennington, George Turnbull, jun., with typhoid fever. Charles Martin, typhoid, and Thomas Lennox, typhoid, have been removed to the Hamilton Hospital.

Mrs. A. W. Fisher, of West Flamboro (is very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Will Moore, of Vancouver, B. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson.

Ed. Smith, of Victoria, B. C., is visiting among former friends in town.

Dr. Wyld was calling on a number of friends here yesterday. He will spend the Christmas holidays in Sherbrooke, Que.

R. T. Wilson has returned from a two-months' visit to the Canadian Northwest.

C. A. McGara has resigned his position as manager of the Dominion Natural Gas Co. here and has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa.

James McQueen, the town's old time postmaster, now living in Montreal, after spending some years in the west, has been visiting in town and county.

The Melbourne Hotel is likely to change hands, owing to the continued ill-health of the present proprietor. The purchaser is Mrs. Haley, who, with her late husband, at one time kept the Rockton Hotel.

At the recent Poultry Show in Guelph L. K. Millard carried off a good number of prizes, including a handsome cup, besides highest honors for hatched rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Fortnum observed the 58th anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday. Their many friends wish them many more years of health and happiness.

Town schools close on Friday, the 20th inst., with a reunion of pupils and parents, and a good programme of songs, music, addresses, etc. Parents are requested to attend.

HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER.

Some Questions the Voters Should Think Over Before voting.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—The Government of the Province, by its act to provide for the transmission of electrical power to municipalities, has apparently taken the position that the generation and transmission of electrical power or energy to municipal corporations is a matter of such public importance that it should be undertaken as a Government work.

A perusal of the act gives rise to several questions of interest to municipalities and to the province at large with reference to two of which it is proposed to make a few remarks.

It is a principle which governs every business man when embarking in an enterprise or making a contract to enquire what the cost is to be; this is the item above all others which must be absolutely fixed.

When the terms upon which the commission proposed to supply power are considered, one is amazed that the Legislature could consider such provisions economically workable or that any municipality could be induced to take advantage of them.

It is impossible to tell what a horsepower will cost any municipality. The only certain element of price is that the municipality will pay the Commission the price per horse power which the Commission pays for the same; but, in addition to this the following items of price, all of which are uncertain, have to be added to the original cost and paid by the municipality, viz:—

(1) Annually a proportion of 4 per cent. interest on the total expenditure on capital account.

(2) A proportion of an annual sum sufficient to form in thirty years a sinking fund to retire bonds issued for payment of the cost of the works. This means the payment by the municipalities in thirty years of all the expenditure on capital account.

(3) Annually a proportion of line loss, cost of operating, maintaining, repairing, renewing and insuring the works.

How is it possible under such conditions to ascertain the cost of power, and how is the municipality to determine how much it should charge the consumer and what guarantee is there that such governmentally supplied power will not be more expensive than power supplied by a private company?

Is it not likely that the price to the consumer will vary from year to year, and will it not get more expensive as the length of transmission lines is increased and as the cost of maintenance grows with the passage of years?

These questions are important and worthy of serious consideration before any municipality finally and definitely makes a contract for power under the act.

The other point to which we desire to draw attention is that although the now proposed transmission line will benefit comparatively few municipalities, all of which can be served by the transmission lines already built or projected the act in question provides that all such sums are requisite for the purposes of the act may be raised by loan on the credit of the province.

Stop and realize what this means: The general credit of the province may be pledged to raise money which is to be expended for the sole benefit of a very small section which already has running through it a line or lines capable of supplying all its needs.

Is it proper that the credit of the province should be used for such a purpose? If so, what public utility is the Government about to give to those municipalities which can derive no benefit from proposed power schemes?

Yours truly,
The Economics Society. C. T. Moffat, Secretary.

Ottawa, Dec. 6th, 1907.

STOLEN PICTURES.

Five of the Most Valuable Taken in France.

Amiens, France, Dec. 12.—Five of the most valuable pictures, the works of Fragonard, Boucher and Van Loo, have been stolen from the musée de Picardie, together with a collection of coins and art objects, valued at about \$50,000.

The thieves did their work so skillfully that the police are convinced they are members of an international gang, which it is thought, is responsible for the theft of Van Dyke's masterpiece "The Erection of the Cross" from the Church of Notre Dame at Courtrai, recently, and valuable ensembles from the National museum at Rouen.

CASHIER SUICIDES.

Official Shoots Himself But Bank All Right.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Inter-Ocean from Kankakee, Ill., says: R. P. Easton, 48 years old, cashier of the State bank of Kankakee, a small town 18 miles from this city, committed suicide in his bank last night by shooting himself in the head.

Easton, who was favorably known, had been cashier of the bank since its organization and was one of its stockholders.

When the recent call for the condition of all State banks in Illinois was made, Easton's bank made one of the best reports that was sent out from the section of the State. The report showed the institution to be in excellent condition. The bank is capitalized at \$25,000 and carries deposits of \$150,000.

DOCTORED BOOKS.

Trust Co.'s Manager Confesses to Fictitious Entries.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—J. Dalzell Brown, the imprisoned manager of the California Safe Deposit & Trust Co., yesterday made a confession to the bank commissioners that fictitious entries were in the books of the bank.

The confession came after Brown had been subjected to a long sweating process by Bank Commissioners Garrouste and Sherer.

Finally when Brown was cornered he said: "Yes, it is true; those entries do not represent real transactions."

The entries related to two items each of \$100,000 which appeared as assets of the bank. These items as recorded on the books made it appear that the California Safe Deposit & Trust Co. had on deposit \$100,000 in two New York banks.

STORMY VOYAGE.

Plymouth, Dec. 12.—Capt. Smith, of the White Star Line steamer Adriatic, from New York for Cherbourg and Southampton, which arrived here to-day reported that fierce storms were encountered on the voyage delaying the Adriatic's arrival here 16 hours.

AN OLD MAN.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 12.—John Busha, 114 years old, died Tuesday night. Busha took part in the Black Hawk war in 1832. He has been blind and helpless for 15 years.

"The Creation."

The Hamilton Oratorio Society will give "Hyden's Creation" on Thursday, Dec. 19th, at the Drill Hall, in aid of the Hamilton Mountain Sanitarium. The chorus, which consists of about 300 voices, will be assisted by 35 of an orchestra, and the city's leading soloists, and as the work is in first-class shape, a fine production is looked for. The performance is under the patronage of the directors and officers of the Hamilton Health Association, who are giving every assistance to make the event successful in every detail, and being a worthy cause, from a charitable, as well as an artistic standpoint, is looked forward to by the public with great interest.

The Workingman's

Staple store. Cardigan jackets, underwear, waterproof reefers, leather coats, hats, gloves, socks, etc., at staple prices. Our \$1.25 and \$2 shoes are the best value in the trade. M. Kennedy, 240 James street north.

ROOSEVELT'S LAST TERM.

President Announces That He Will Not Run Again.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Roosevelt will not be a candidate for a third term. All doubt on this point was tonight dispelled by the authoritative statement of the White House that Mr. Roosevelt still adheres to the declaration of renunciation made on the night of the election three years ago. In the statement issued to-night President Roosevelt says he has not changed and will not change his decision communicated to the American people in 1904.

It appears that the President had been awaiting the call for the Republican National Convention to afford the proper opportunity for making his position clear and unmistakable, thus leaving the field clear for Fairbanks, Taft, Cannon, Knox, Foraker and other declared or prospective candidates for the Republican nomination.

For Boys

Boys' Own . . . \$1.75
Chums . . . \$1.50
Chatterbox . . . 75c
Henty Books, 25c and up.
(Canadian Series.)

Strang's Books for Boys
Ungava Bob (by Wallace)
And numerous others.

A. C. Turnbull

Bookseller & Stationer
17 King Street East

THE RIGHT HOUSE

As an accommodation to Right House patrons, this store will remain open Saturday evening until 9:30 p. m.

Friday---our great special value day

TO-MORROW will be another great day of golden opportunities to save at this store. Christmas goods and warm things to wear are included in one of the best Friday special value day sales we have yet held. A great proportion of the special offerings are suitable for Christmas gift giving. Don't

delay longer. Come to The Right House to-morrow and enjoy the splendid saving chances we have made possible. Note the morning specials as well as the all day bargains. Doing your Xmas shopping to-morrow at The Right House will make your Xmas money go almost twice as far. Read every item carefully.

Morning specials

On sale from 8.30 to 11.30 a.m.

8c to 12c Valenciennes laces and insertions, 8.30 to 11.30, 4c

A variety of nice patterns and widths to select from

12c to 15c Oriental net top laces, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at 2c

Slightly soiled, but nice patterns in butter, ivory and ceru

12c to 15c white Swiss embroideries, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., 7c

Edgings and insertions, various widths; neat patterns

\$1.50 saten undershirts, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at 98c each

Nice rich black; deep, full filled and tucked flounce, dust ruffle

75c flannelette gowns for women, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., 59c

Plain pink and white; finished with yoke and fancy frills

60c flannelette gowns for women, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., 37½c

Pink and blue stripes; full fitting; neatly finished

\$35 natural mink muffs, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., \$25

Very rich markings; large new style; warm down beds

Children's 50c tams, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at 39c each

Assorted colors and styles in warm winter qualities

\$32.50 Astrakhan coats for women, 8.30 to 11.30 at \$25

Nice bright even curl; very superior quality; satin lined

Women's \$1.50 umbrellas, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at only 98c ea.

Neat, effective handles, good wearing, fast black covers

Women's \$2 lustre blouses, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at \$1

Black, white, navy, grey; neat tailored styles

Women's \$1.25 housewaists, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., 50c

Neat styles, made of pretty heavy cashmerettes

10c colored border handkerchiefs, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at 5c

Hemstitched hems, neat style, good quality, limited quantity

20c Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs, 8.30 to 11.30, at 9c

Nice qualities, neat patterns, hemstitched, scalloped edges

\$1.25 all wool armure suitings, 8.30 to 11.30 at 69c yard

Very superior quality; wide widths; new shadow checks

Women's 75c wool and cotton vests, 8.30 to 11.30 at 39c

Nice winter weight fleec-lined quality; warm styles

60c all wool Henrietta, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at 48c

Nice, rich finish and good heavy weight

50c Tamoline silks, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., at 39c

White, black and all shades in plain; also nice check patterns

\$1.65 sideboard and dresser scarfs, 8.30 to 11.30 a. m., 98c

All linen Irish hand embroidered and drawn work

An Xmas sale of fine ostrich boas

ALL French made and full round effective styles; large at neck with tapering ends; full fibred and superior in every way. Rich fine glossy finish. Just the thing for a beautiful Xmas gift that is sure to be appreciated. Black, grey or white. A splendid saving chance to-morrow and Ostrich Boas are extremely popular now.

\$16.50, value \$20 \$11.95, value \$15 \$9.95, value \$12.50

Women's underwear 33c

A sure saving of 17c

WOMEN'S Cotton and Wool Vests, in nice fleec-lined qualities, for warm winter wear. Knitted with high necks and long sleeves to fit perfectly and wear well. This is another great underprice Friday offering that comes just in the nick of needtime. Select your warmer undergarments to-morrow before you catch the cold that this weather is apt to bring to the unprepared ones. Real value 50c each. Friday all day sale price only 33c the garment.

Superior qualities in white Jap Silk Handkerchiefs for men, women, boys and girls; plain and white embroidered. Initials in various sizes. Narrow and wide hemstitched hems. Greatly lowered prices for to-morrow. Don't delay. On sale all day.

9c, regular good value at 15c everywhere
14c, or 3 for 40c, regular good value at 20c
17c, or 3 for 50c, regular good value at 25c
23c, or 3 for 65c, regular good value at 35c

Great Xmas sale silk handkerchiefs

FINE Jap Silk Handkerchiefs—over a hundred dozen of them—specially purchased and on sale to-morrow for the first time and at a saving of a full third. Select your Xmas gifts to-morrow and save.

Superior qualities in white Jap Silk Handkerchiefs for men, women, boys and girls; plain and white embroidered. Initials in various sizes. Narrow and wide hemstitched hems. Greatly lowered prices for to-morrow. Don't delay. On sale all day.

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23c, or 3 for 65c, regular good value at 35c

\$5.50 silk under skirts at \$3.75

LACK, navy, wine, brown and fawn shades. A neat dainty and effective taffeta silk Underskirt that will give good wear. Made with dust frill and deep flounce, finished with tucks and frills. A very special Xmas sale chance for all day to-morrow. Regular \$5.50 value for \$3.75.

Christmas neckwear sale

A GREAT special purchase sale just in time for Xmas gift selecting. This shipment of beautiful and exclusive pieces in dainty novelties for neckwear went on sale this morning and caused intense interest and much brisk buying. Direct from Paris they come and go on sale at about half price.

Five beautiful styles in Stock and Turnover Collars in combination of lace and silk, with exquisite colored silk embroidery. See the window display.

Real value here \$1, \$1.25 to \$1.50, at only 69c each.

An Xmas sale of reliable gloves

\$2.50 LONG KID GLOVES AT \$1.89—Fine quality French kid, cut to fit perfectly, full elbow lengths. Blacks in a range of sizes from 5½ to 6½, inclusive; greys and beavers in 5½, 5¾, 6, 6¼.

SPECIAL AT \$2.25—A real French Glove of superior soft pliable quality in full elbow length; black and tan. Sizes range 5½ to 6½, inclusive.

SPECIAL AT \$1.00—Wrist length French Kid Gloves in black and wanted colors; soft nice qualities that are dependable. Compare with \$1.25 qualities elsewhere.

35c ELBOW LENGTH CASHMERE GLOVES AT 25c—Fine nice quality of black cashmere in full elbow length. Also another special at 50c pair.

CHILDREN'S 35c WOOL GLOVES FOR 25c—Brown, navy and white.

WOMEN'S 40c WOOL GLOVES AT 29c—Black, cardinal, navy and white.

\$1 Oriental lace scarfs at 39c

A SPECIAL purchase of the very newest fashionable styles in Oriental Lace Long Scarfs for women's neckwear.

A variety of dainty designs in nice widths for Xmas gifts. On sale all day to-morrow. Real value here 65c to \$1. Friday special value day sale price only 39c each.

Real value here \$1, \$1.25 to \$1.50, at only 69c each.

\$12.50 sable stoles at \$7.50 each

WE have secured a few more of this fine line of stylish Stoles to sell to-morrow at \$7.50 each. Their real value is fully \$12.50. Made double at neck with satin-lined stole fronts and finished with two heads. A great Xmas gift snap. Be early.

\$6.50 MARMOT MINK MUFFS AT \$4.95—Extra quality full dark fur, nicely marked; warm down beds; nice large effective style; regular \$6.50 value. Friday special value day sale price for Xmas gift giving only \$4.95 each.

Real value here \$1, \$1.25 to \$1.50, at only 69c each.

New lace blouses: a sale

AND each one put up free in a dainty gift box. A great two days' sale of beautiful Lace, Net and Silk Blouses; neat to elaborate ornamentations of laces, insertions and medallions. Decidedly reduced prices on our surplus stocks of high-class Xmas Blouses. On sale to-morrow and Saturday.

To see them is to buy, not only for gifts, but for yourself as well. We cannot send any of them on approval, so come prepared to make selections at once. Real value \$3.50, for \$4.85.

Real value here \$1, \$1.25 to \$1.50, at only 69c each.

Two bargains in tapestry carpets

ON sale all day Friday. Several splendid patterns in floral and conventional designs of good hard-wearing English Tapestry Carpets that are suitable for any room. For the one day only.

32c, regular value 48c
49c, regular value 68c

Our greatest coat sale commences to-morrow

Every coat in stock reduced for this Xmas sale

Opera cloaks all reduced

Handsome creations, in broadcloths, many are elaborately trimmed, some have beautiful Thibet collars, styles are the best and most exclusive, beautiful effects, in cardinal, sky, champagne, fawn, grey and pale green, beautiful Christmas gifts.

\$16.50, formerly \$20 \$21.50, formerly \$27

\$17.50, formerly \$22 \$27.50, formerly \$35

New plush coats reduced

Made of best mantle plushes and very popular this season, ¾ lengths and loose back styles, very rich black, beautifully trimmed and finished.

\$20.00, formerly \$28 \$30, formerly \$40

\$27.50, formerly \$37 \$35, formerly \$50

Plain cloth coats reduced

Black and colors, in beavers, broadcloths and kersays, are all reduced and on sale at the new prices for first time to-morrow, loose, semi and fitted backs, ¾ and ¾ lengths, very handsome styles for warm winter wear, the new military styles are included, only one or two of each kind, so be early for best choice.

\$9.95, formerly \$12.50 \$13.95, formerly \$18

\$10.95, formerly \$16.00 \$14.50, formerly \$22

Children's coats are reduced

Handsome, warm styles, for children and young girls, smartly tailored in effective winter styles, tweeds and beavers, in wanted shades and newest styles.

\$2.95, were \$4.50 \$4.95, were \$7.50

\$3.95, were \$6.00 \$5.95, were \$13.50

\$1.50 Xmas silks at 98c yd.

HANDSOME Dresden Silks in firm, rich, fine taffeta weaves; good wide widths and beautiful effective Dresden patterns for Xmas blouses, fancy work, etc. Can be put up in gift box if desired. A nice range of dainty to rich shadings.

Real value \$1.50. Friday sale price only 98c yard.

Fancy linens for Xmas gifts

TRAY Cloths of pure Irish linen, hand embroidered and drawn work designs. Size 18 by 27 inches. In a dainty box free. Real value 75c. Friday sale price 50c.

60c CENTRE PIECES AT 45c—18-inch Square Centre Pieces in Japanese hand-drawn work; very pretty for Xmas gifts.

Umbrellas \$1.95

A GOLDEN Xmas gift, buying chance. Fifty Umbrellas for women. Novelty handles in wood, ivory, silver and gold combinations. Good wearing silk and wool tops; best frames and rods; patent opener. Regular \$3 values. Friday special value day sale price only \$1.95.

\$1.50 fans for \$1

PRETTY French Fans in exquisite, dainty, hand-painted designs, on white grounds, in pretty pastel shades. Carved ivory frames. Many have lace edg

es. These handsome Fans make a very appropriate Xmas gift. Real value \$1.50. Friday special value day sale price \$1.00.

Xmas stockings

WOMEN'S fine all wool Black Cashmere Stockings in winter weights, put up in pretty gift box, ready for presentation. English knitted and superior in every way. Just the thing for a practical useful gift. Friday special price only 39c the pair.