

## LONDON ADVERTISER GRAND CONTINENTAL TRIP DAILY BALLOT

GOOD FOR TEN VOTES.

If Credited to Miss or Mrs. ....

Address .....

On or before April 16, 1915.

District No. ....

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## GIRLS FIGHT WITH BANDITS WHILE MEN COWER IN CORNER

(Canadian Press.)  
TORONTO, April 9.—Undismayed by revolvers in the hands of two bandits and despite the fact that the male employees of the Sterling Action and Keys Company, Limited, of Noble street, were ignominiously herded under the muzzles, two stenographers employed in the office of the company put up a plucky fight to prevent the looting of the company's pay envelopes. Their resistance at least saved their employers several hundred dollars.

Twenty-three hundred dollars, the amount of the payroll, was in two baskets in the factory office when a couple of armed men entered, and warned the two stenographers to keep quiet and hand over the money. Both women screamed loudly, and the male employees rushed to the office, but a pistol in the hands of one of the bandits drove them back into the factory.

**Women Brutally Choked.**

The women were then ordered to make no resistance, but Miss May Hespelt refused to give up the money and was brutally choked. Miss Alice Robertson, disregarding the pistol, ran to her companion's aid and met with similar treatment. During the scuffle the two baskets fell to the floor and one turned bottom upward, its contents

escaping the notice of the robbers. Miss Robertson broke away and ran to the door leading to the factory, and one of the men fired at her, the bullet passing close over her head. The men then gathered fifteen hundred dollars into a bag and made their way to the street. A third man, who had been keeping watch outside, joined them and the trio disappeared along the railroad tracks at the back of the factory. There is no clue as yet to their identity. The robbery had evidently been carefully planned.

**LONDON IS NOTIFIED.**  
The London detective department received telegraphic information regarding the robbery early last evening, accompanied by a description of the trio. A close watch was kept on all passenger trains arriving in the city from the east. Detectives met and searched the Chicago Express, No. 1, arriving from Niagara Falls, thinking that the hold-up men might have caught the express at Hamilton. Later in the evening when the International Limited pulled in from Toronto, the officers made a search of the cars, but no trace of the much-wanted men was found. Late trains running via Stratford were also watched, but with no results. The local police were informed that the amount taken was \$3,000.

## WHITEWASH GIVEN THE BOOT SCANDAL

Tory Members of Committee  
Plead Lack of Time For  
Inspection.

### MIDDLEMAN OVERLOOKED

Minority Report, However,  
Cites Flagrant Defects  
and Other Things.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

OTTAWA, April 9.—Two boot reports will be presented to Parliament Saturday morning. The Conservative and the Liberal members of the committee were not able to agree. There is a majority report, signed by the four Conservative members, Messrs. Middleboro, McCurdy, Sir James Aiken and Mr. Rainville.

There is a minority report, signed by the three Liberals, Messrs. E. N. Macdonald, E. W. Nesbitt and Hon. Charles Murphy.

The Conservative majority apologize, plead haste of fact to excuse the manufacture of the report. They say there was no time for inspection; that the department did all that could have been reasonably expected. It reviews the startling evidence which has been given to the public through the press from day to day and which the country is so familiar with. It declares that good boots are essential to good soldiering, that it is the duty of a Government to supply good boots to its fighting men, and that the Borden Government failed to do this. The boots were unsuited for active service. Poor workmanship, poor materials, poor inspection, poor specifications and undue influence exercised by middlemen are charged. It declares that the efficiency of the men was injured and their health impaired by the character of the boots supplied.

**Middlemen Make \$15,000.**

The boots supplied by the manufacturers accepted by the Government and ordered in October for 30,000 pairs similar to those bought in September. In November the specification was changed, requiring the double sole to run through the back of the heel. The price was increased to \$4 and the boots failed as fast as those of the first lot. There is recorded the complaints of men on active service, of the boots' unsuitability and interference with proper training. The cable protest against the character of the boots from General Alderson is quoted.

**Boots Entirely Unusable.**

In a summary it is stated that the boots were unsuitable shape and make, and the leather contained no water-repelling medium; the heels and soles were unprotected, and the sole-filling of poor quality; the boots were unsuited for the work for which they were provided because the shape did not give room for the toes; the leather contained no grease and consequently absorbed water quickly; the unprotected soles and heels wore quickly when wet. It is declared that with little difficulty or delay the Government could have provided proper boots for the soldiers. The failure to do so constituted a grave and serious neglect on the part of the Government. The report also states that the boots sent with the troops which went to South Africa were of a different type.

**A WOMAN'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN.**

If you are troubled with weak, tired feelings, headache, backache, bearing down, nervousness, bladder weakness, constipation, catarrhal conditions, pain in the sides regularly or irregularly, bloating or unnatural enlargements, sense of falling or misplacement of internal organs, nervousness, desire to cry, palpitation, hot flashes, dark rings under the eyes, or a loss of interest in life, I invite you to write and ask for my simple method of home treatment, with ten days' trial entirely free and postpaid, also references to Canadian ladies who gladly tell how they have regained health, strength and happiness by this method. Write today. Address: Mrs. M. Summers, Box 12, Windsor, Ont.

## LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE IF SICK CROSS, FEVERISH

When constipated or bilious,  
give "California Syrup  
of Figs."

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, doesn't eat or act naturally, or is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated, waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of your little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

You needn't coax sick children to take this harmless "Fruit Laxative," they love its delicious taste, and it always makes them feel splendid.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and for grownups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. To be sure you get the genuine, ask to see that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind.

## THE BLOOD IS THE STREAM OF LIFE

Pure Blood Is Absolutely  
Necessary to Health.

### "FRUIT-A-TIVES" PURIFIES

These Wonderful Tablets  
Made of Fruit Juices, Are  
the Best of All Tonics  
to Purify and Enrich  
the Blood.

Pure, rich blood can flow only in a clean body. Now a clean body is one in which the waste matter is regularly and naturally eliminated from the system. The blood cannot be pure when the skin action is weak, when the stomach does not digest the food properly, when the bowels do not move regularly, when the kidneys are strained or over-worked.

Pure blood is the result of perfect health and harmony of stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys and skin.

"Fruit-a-tives," by their wonderful action on all these organs, keeps the whole system as a whole in nature intended our bodies to be clean.

"Fruit-a-tives" tones up, invigorates, strengthens, purifies, cleans and gives purity, which clear blood that is, in truth, the stream of life.

"Fruit-a-tives" is sold by all dealers at 50¢ a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25¢, or send postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

ter, a manufacturer, who would not make the kind of boots the department asked him to "because he did not want to make money out of any man's life."

Although the boots failed, the Government kept on buying them, placing an order in October for 30,000 pairs similar to those bought in September. In November the specification was changed, requiring the double sole to run through the back of the heel. The price was increased to \$4 and the boots failed as fast as those of the first lot. There is recorded the complaints of men on active service, of the boots' unsuitability and interference with proper training. The cable protest against the character of the boots from General Alderson is quoted.

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## WM. FORRESTER FOR SOUTH PERTH

Well-Known Flax Dealer Is  
Chosen Candidate For the  
Federal Election.

MITCHELL, April 9.—Liberalism found ample means of expression at the convention of the South Perth Reform Association held this afternoon, when Wm. Forrester, of Mitchell, was chosen as the party representative for the next federal election. The attendance was large, every municipality being well represented.

M. J. F. Pardee, M.P., of Sarnia, chief Liberal whip, was the principal speaker, and his telling arraignment of the Government and its methods was attentively listened to.

Mr. Forrester is a prominent flax dealer, and well known throughout the county as a man in every respect worthy to carry the Liberal standard.

George Kastner, of Downie, was in the chair.

**The Officers.**  
The officers elected were:  
President, George Kastner, Sebringville (re-elected).  
First vice-president, Jesse Lodher, Logan.  
Second vice-president, John Murray, Avonorton.  
Secretary-treasurer, W. Elliott, Mitchell.

Auditors, W. Martyn and John Rogers, Mitchell.  
When nominations were called for a candidate, the following names were advanced: Valentine Stock, ex-M.P.P., Tavistock; Duncan McVannell, St. Marys; John Murray, Avonorton; Peter Smith, Downie; F. G. Sanderson, St. Marys; F. A. Campbell, Mitchell; W. Forrester, Mitchell; W. Elliott, Mitchell. Messrs. McVannell, Campbell, Murray, Elliott, Sanderson withdrew their names, and on a ballot being taken on the three remaining, Mr. Forrester received the call.

A motion to make his nomination unanimous was then enthusiastically carried.

## BREAK WHISKY'S GRIP ON YOUR LOVED ONES

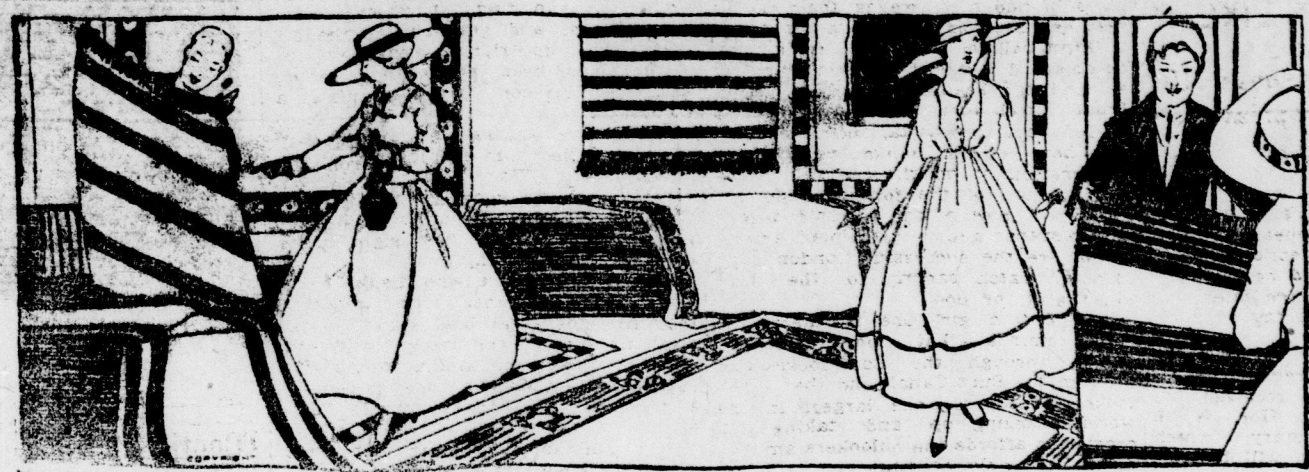
Drunkards will tell you with tears of agony that they do not want to drink. The craving coming from the inflamed membranes of the stomach drives them to it.

Alcure will soothe the trembling nerves and remove the craving that is ruining your home and boxing an otherwise kind husband or father from you. It costs only \$1 per bottle, and it does not cure or benefit after a trial the money will be refunded.

Alcure No. 1 is tasteless and can be given secretly in tea, coffee or food. Alcure No. 2 is taken voluntarily by those willing to help themselves.

Alcure can now be obtained at our store. Ask for free booklet, telling all about it, and give Alcure a trial. W. T. Strong, druggist, 184 Dundas street, London.

## Spring Showing of Room Rugs and Carpets in New Designs and Colorings Will Take Place Monday---THIRD FLOOR

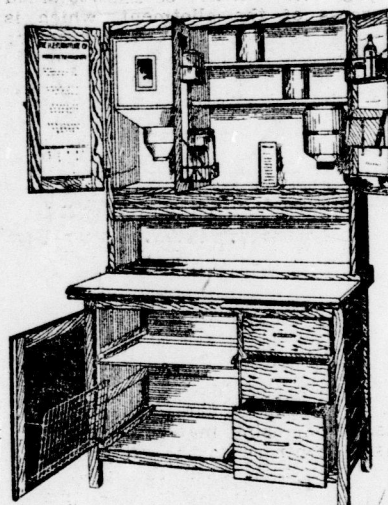


In presenting this splendid showing of rugs and carpets for spring, that have been imported direct from the looms of John Crossley & Sons, Halifax, England; Jas. Templeton & Co., Glasgow; Bond-Worth, Stourport, England; Harrison & Humphreys, England, and Firths, Scotland, our customers are guaranteed the finest and most reliable floor coverings it is possible to secure. It is an interesting fact that England and Scotland have enjoyed for centuries the reputation of producing the best qualities in carpets and rugs, and Monday's display here will emphasize this fact and prove their right to claim perfection in the art of carpet-making.

Wilton Carpets and Rugs have been woven in England since the days of Queen Elizabeth (some say as early as the fifteenth century), firm and close in weave, supple and silky in texture, lustrous and richly colored. The Axminster Rug is woven seamless, and comes to us in a wonderful variety of colors and designs. Oriental effects from the small Persian pine design to the handsome medallion; also combination shades in green, tan, ivory and Persian pink shades suitable for any room in the home. Scotch Wool Art Squares direct from Scotland. A shipment of Murdock's Art Squares in a variety of colorings—blues, greens, rose, mauve, tan, etc. The majority show a plain or latticed effect, with floral chintz borders, while some come in Persian designs.

SCOTCH WOOL RUGS.			VELVET RUGS.			AXMINSTER RUGS.		
Size.	Price.		Size.	Price.		Size.	Price.	
7.6x9 feet	\$12.50 to \$18.50		7.6x9 feet	\$15.00		6.9x9 feet	\$18.50	
9x9 feet	\$14.00 to \$20.25		9x10.6 feet	\$20.00		9x9 feet	\$25.00	
9x10.6 feet	\$15.00 to \$23.50		9x12 feet	\$22.00		7.6x9 feet	\$21.00	
9x12 feet	\$16.50 to \$27.00		10.6x12 feet	\$27.50		9x10.6 feet	\$25.00 to \$50.00	
			10.6x13.6 feet	\$35.00		9x12 feet	\$27.50 to \$65.00	
						10.6x12 feet	\$35.00 to \$85.00	
WILTON RUGS.			BRUSSELS RUGS.			TAPESTRY RUGS.		
Size.	Price.		Size.	Price.		Size.	Price.	
4.6x6 feet	\$15.00		4.6x7.6 feet	\$7.50		7.6x9 feet	\$7.50	
4.6x7.6 feet	\$10.00 to \$25.00		4.6x9 feet	\$8.00 to \$10.50		9x9 feet	\$8.50 to \$15.00	
4.6x9 feet	\$12.50 to \$25.00		6.9x9 feet	\$14.00 to \$16.00		9x10.6 feet	\$10.00 to \$16.50	
6.9x9 feet	\$15.00 to \$40.00		9x9 feet	\$13.50 to \$21.00		9x12 feet	\$12.00 to \$17.50	
9x9 feet	\$20.00 to \$45.00		9x10.6 feet	\$17.00 to \$25.00		10.6x12 feet	\$18.50 to \$21.00	
9x10.6 feet	\$23.00 to \$47.50		9x12 feet	\$20.00 to \$30.00		10.6x13.6 feet	\$22.50	
9x12 feet	\$27.50 to \$70.00		11.3x12 feet	\$25.00 to \$37.50				
11.3x12 feet	\$37.50 to \$75.00		11.3x13.6 feet	\$30.00 to \$40.00				
11.3x13.6 feet	\$50.00 to \$85.00							

## Kitchen Cabinets--- An Aid To Every Housekeeper



See Them in the Basement  
at Saving Prices.

These little compact kitchen pieces are wonders for baking and cooking, as everything is right at your hand's turn and requires about one-quarter the labor and time that it takes in the old way of running back and forth to the pantry every time something is required and replacing things in order after. Visit the Basement and inspect them. Smallman & Ingram's prices will save you money on Kitchen Cabinets.

One only Kitchen Cabinet, solid oak, glass-finish top part, with art glass in doors, roomy cupboard space, half shelf, five assorted spice tins, plain basswood top; base has bake board, linen drawer, tilting flour bin, half shelf and utensil pocket on door; evergrip sliding castor; regular price \$19.00. Special price ..... \$14.95

One only Kitchen Cabinet in gum wood, natural-finish top, flour bin with sifter attached, art glass in doors, glass sugar bin on swinging bracket, five assorted spice tins; base has bake board, two linen drawers, sliding castors, high-grade hardware throughout; regular price \$20.00. Special ..... \$14.95

Our new "Kitchen Aid" Cabinet, "made in Canada," solid oak, removable flour bin with sifter attached, sanded glass in doors, disappearing roller curtains, seven-piece set mission glass jars, glass sugar bin on swinging bracket, sanitary white enamel interior. This is the best cabinet on the market. Price ..... \$35.00

Kitchen Cabinet, made of red gum wood, natural finish, removable flour bin with sifter attached, roomy storage compartments, seven-piece set Mission glass jars, wire pockets and drawers, glass sugar bin on swinging bracket, nickeloid extension top on rollers, bake board, two linen drawers, metal utensil pocket, evergrip sliding castors. Smallman & Ingram price ..... \$32.50

Cortese Orchestra today, 3:30 to 4:30, Balcony, Main Floor. 4:30 to 5:45, Restaurant, Fourth Floor. Strawberries and Ice Cream, 15c.

**SMALLMAN & INGRAM**  
LIMITED

## The New Cougoleum Rugs

Are sold in London only by Smallman & Ingram. Something new, something better, a product manufactured in a new way. They cost less than a cheap tapestry and are more desirable. A range of designs suitable for the dining-room, kitchen, bathroom and hall. As a porch or veranda rug, Cougoleum is entirely waterproof and is not injured by dust or water.

See these in the Linoleum Department, Third Floor.

PRICE LIST OF COUGOLEUM RUGS.	
3x3 feet	75c each
3x4.6 feet	\$1.13 each
6x6 feet	\$3.00 each
6x9 feet	\$4.50 each
9x12 feet	\$9.00 each

## Ladies' Norfolk and Belt Effect Suits, \$15 to \$37.50



JUST OPENED.

This season the variety in Ladies' and Misses' Suits was never greater; although many are similar in style, yet there is that something different in each that imparts individuality. Some of the new shipment are the Norfolk, with clusters of pleats below the belt, military collars and pockets, braid trimmings, corded silk collars; skirts are much fuller, circular and pleated from yokes; go to make up an assortment of smart suits of new spring shades. In black you will find a liberal selection, many in cloths specially for mourning in exclusive styles (no two alike); sizes for all women. Prices of the entire range of colors and blacks ..... \$15.00 up to \$37.50. Inspect these when on the Second Floor.

## Bonnets' Black Dress Silks Are Here

35-inch Black Duchesse	\$1.25 yard
39-inch Black Duchesse	\$1.50 yard
40-inch Black Duchesse	\$2.00 yard
42-inch Black Duchesse	\$3.00 yard
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35-inch Black Samson Suiting Silk	\$2.25 yard

The Eighth of the Series of British Hero Spoons is Smith-Dorrien, Received Today, 25c.

## 15,000 SHIPMENTS LAST YEAR NOT A SINGLE COMPLAINT. 25% INCREASED OUTPUT THIS YEAR.

In 1914, 15,000 orders of PAGE Wire Fence were shipped under our regular guarantee of satisfaction or money back. Not one complaint was heard. To meet the ever-growing demand this year for PAGE Fence we have been obliged to increase our factory facilities 25 per cent over 1914. PAGE Fence customers stay with us year after year, because for more than twenty years we have kept quality up and prices down.

# PRICE LIST

## HEAVY FENCE

No. of Poles	Height	Mesh Inches apart	Spacing of Posts Inches	Price in U.S. per 100 ft.
1	37	22	8, 9, 10	\$6.21
2	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
3	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
4	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
5	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
6	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
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39	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
40	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90
41	40	22	7, 8, 9	5.90

New Ontario Prices on Request. ALL FULL NO. 9 GAUGE

## SPECIAL FENCE

No. 9 top and bottom Balance No. 13.

10-bar, 45-inch	\$0.46
20-bar, 40-inch	.51
30-bar, 40-inch	.51
40-bar, 40-inch	.51
12-ft. Gate	.435
12-ft. Gate	.435
14-ft. Gate	.460
14-ft. Gate	.485
Set Posts	5.00
25 lbs. Barbed Wire	.75
25 lbs. Staples	.30

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OF \$10.00 OR OVER**

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