

FIRE AND FURY OF MINISTER ROGERS

**Calls Prof. Shortt's Report
"Most Dishonorable"—Evil
Day For Canada.**

(Special to The Advertiser.)
OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—There was fire and fury from the Minister of Public Works at the close of Parliament's sitting tonight. Hon. Dr. Pugsley was at the beginning of a speech, in the course of which he had charged the Government with an attempt to misrepresent the purpose of the new taxation measure. The Finance Minister had called it a war tax, while the intention of the Government was to continue to borrow for war from the British Government, and to apply new taxation upon the people for the purpose of meeting the extravagant domestic expenditure in Canada.

Savings Not Effectual.
Great savings could have been effected which would have rendered new taxation unnecessary had the Government endeavored to economize rather than to spend. The expenditure on the Hudson Bay Railway might have been cut; votes for new public offices might have been reduced.

According to Professor Adam Shortt, head of the civil service board, \$600,000 new civil servants had been appointed there, and 2,000 dismissed by the Government.

"That is the most dishonorable and unfair statement ever made by any man," shouted Hon. Mr. Rogers, who sprang to his feet in fury. Mr. Rogers said that in his own department there had been 267 dismissals, and 700 resignations, and that Professor Shortt had taken no account of these in his estimate.

Defends M. and M. Deal.

Mr. Wright, Muskoka, who resumed the debate, defended the Government's policy in the Mackenzie and Mann, and declared that it was not fair to say that the "M. and M. Deal" was the cause of the budget. He said that the Government was not to be blamed for the Mackenzie and Mann deal, but that it was the result of the increased taxation. It was necessary for the Government to go to their assistance to prevent the Canadian Northern enterprise going by default.

Mr. K. B. Richmond, severely arraigned the Minister of Finance on his administration. Instead of conserving the surplus left by his predecessor, and conducting the finances of the country on a business basis, he had dissipated the wealth of the country and the taxes of the people, and had conducted and encouraged reckless extravagances.

"Better Times" Excuse.

When confronted by warnings in the early part of 1914, before the war, Hon. Mr. White, instead of seeking retrenchment, predicted to Parliament "better times." Notwithstanding that in the seven months previous to the war there had been a drop of \$15,500,000 in revenue, Mr. White proceeded to permit reckless extravagance to go on, seeking to excuse himself by the prediction that "better times were coming immediately."

Mr. White had shown himself to be as poor a planner and national prophet as he had been a financial adviser. Canada had fallen on evil days when she exchanged fields and surpluses for white and heavier taxes.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH IN STRATHROY CASE

(Special to The Advertiser.)

STRATHROY, Feb. 25.—Accidental death, with blame attached to no one, was the substance of the verdict returned here tonight by Coroner Dr. O. L. Berdan's jury, after investigating the death of Charles DeGroot, of this place, who succumbed to injuries at his home on Monday last. Rumors of foul play in connection with his death had been going the rounds.

SCORES THE GOVT. ON SCHOOL POLICY

**Major J. C. Toimie Says It Is
Responsible For Rural
Depopulation.**

(Special to The Advertiser.)
TORONTO, Feb. 25.—Major J. C. Toimie, the minister-politician from Windsor, captivated the house during the course of the evening sitting, with an earnest, convincing speech. He asked in the face of auditors' statement in the public accounts regarding the item of \$344,000 could they trust this book. (Laughter.)

After warning the house that the Government was seeking to centralize too much authority in itself, he charged that the educational system lacked elasticity, and that opportunity should be given, so that the personality of the teacher might be wrought for the benefit of the pupil. Education was closely associated with agriculture, and the farms were being depopulated because life was unattractive.

Key to Cost of Living.

"What else could happen, but that the cost of living would go up when the producers are decreasing?" he asked. In conclusion he defended vigorously the stand taken by ministers of the gospel in the last provincial campaign. The abolition of the bar had originated with them, not with Mr. Rowell.

"The mantle of these great prophets of the old testament would not have rested upon these men today if they had not taken that stand."

Other speakers were George S. Henry, East York; Nelson Parliament, Prince Edward, and W. D. McPherson, North West Toronto.

DIED ON SAME DAY

(Special to The Advertiser.)

KINCARDINE, Feb. 25.—A strange coincidence occurred in the deaths of James Dinning, aged 82, in Windsor, formerly of this place, who died on February 22, and Duncan Matheson, aged 70, formerly of the 5th concession of Kincardine, who also died on the 22nd inst., at Portland, Michigan, U.S.A. Both bodies arrived by train yesterday and were buried in Kincardine Cemetery today.

William Matheson, from Hamilton, son of Duncan Matheson, came from Sand Beach, Cal., and accompanied the remains from Portland to this place, intending to return to his farm, near Hamilton, or St. Catharines.

Dr. James Armstrong, J. J. Hunter and Thomas Reed were appointed by the town council to interview the Provincial Government at Toronto, to the propriety of having the Radial Electric Railway extended to this town.

FARMER AT DENFIELD SELLS FARM AT \$8,000

(Special to The Advertiser.)

DENFIELD, Feb. 25.—Chester Morrison has sold his farm to L. Hilde and has bought a larger farm near Ilderton. He received in the neighborhood of \$8,000 for his farm.

The sectionmen from off "The Bruce" have been packing ice for the G.T.R. What has dropped in price here. It is now quoted at \$1.25 a bushel. Oats are advancing, however, and are now worth 60 cents a bushel. W. Stokes has sold his farm and bought out a rural route and a house and lot here in the village. Ice has all disappeared from the Denfield creek which was a popular rendezvous for skating the past winter. Mrs. Jas. Rosser and son, visited in Gordon Wednesday.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Steamers Verona, Naples; Potsdam, Rotterdam.

AVONMOUTH, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Steamers Custodian, Newport News; Teutonia, Newport News.

GLASGOW, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Steamers of Tor Head, St. John.

HAVRE, Feb. 25.—Arrived: Steamers Niagara, New York.

Final Winter Clearings For Last February Saturday

Today we announce the last and final call for many lines which will be found on the clearing tables Saturday. A day unique in many respects, being the last business day of the week, last Saturday in the month, and the last business day of the winter season. Wherever you will see groups and sale lots tomorrow, there you will find the final and

greatest price reductions, made with the object of an immediate one-day dispersal, included in which we particularly remind you of the Dollar Sale of Men's Hats. The greatest saving opportunities of the season will be found here in the last day of February clearing—Saturday.



All Winter Cloth Coats Grouped Into These Lots Saturday, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$13.50

These, as you will see by the grouping below, include Coats formerly sold as high as \$30.00.

60 Coats only left, and this final pricing and grouping should take every coat Saturday, and you can make no better investment than one of this season's coats at \$15.00, for \$5.00, or a \$25.00 coat for \$10.00, or a \$30.00 coat for \$13.50. Following are the prices and quantities:

15 Coats, \$10.00 to \$15.00. Sale price \$5.00
37 Coats, \$20.00 to \$25.00. Sale price \$10.00
8 Coats, \$27.50 to \$30.00. Sale price \$13.50

Twenty Blacks included in above groups.

Second Floor.

Special Saturday List of Sheetings, Cottons and Flannelette

English Sheetting, bleached, for large beds, good stout make, 78 inches wide. Special... 25c yard

New shipment of Heavy English Longcloth, bleached, an extra good cotton for making up into pillow slips, 36 inches wide. Special... 12 1/2c yard

Factory Cotton, all good quality, clean finish and exceptional value.

40 Inches Wide. At 14c yard, or 40 yards for \$5.00

36 Inches wide. At 12 1/2c yard, or 40 yards for \$4.00

36 Inches wide. At 10c yard, or 40 yards for \$3.50

36 Inches wide. At 8 1/2c yard, or 40 yards for \$3.20

36 Inches wide. At 7 1/2c yard, or 40 yards for \$2.80

CANADIAN FLANNELETES AT 8 1/2c YARD.—Direct from the Canadian mills, striped flannelette, new patterns, good weight, free from dressing. Dark and light shades. 35 inches wide. Special at 8 1/2c yard, or 12 yards for \$1.00

White Voile Boxes, Two Pretty Styles Saturday, \$1.39

Pretty Voile Blouse, embroidered front, long set-in sleeve, with tucked cuff; cluster of tucks in back; new roll collar of embroidered organdy. Sizes 34 to 44. Price, each \$1.39

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House Dress Special Saturday, \$1.39

Seven dozen only, three different styles, made of excellent quality Chambray and Gingham, smartly trimmed with pearl buttons and contrasting colors. In good washing colors of heliotrope, pink, sky, also black and white. Sizes 36 to 44. Price.....\$1.39

Taffetine Underskirt 98c

A neat, serviceable Petticoat, of medium weight Taffetine, in black only. The 10-inch straight-hanging flounce, made of accordion pleating. This Skirt is designed to meet present styles and is excellent value. Five dozen only. Lengths, 36 to 42. Price.....98c

Pretty Crepe Kimonos \$1.50

A Dainty Kimono, made of good quality cotton crepe, in pretty floral pattern. Banding of mercerized repp to harmonize at sleeves, around "V" neck and down front; finished at waistline with girdle. Colors, tan, heliotrope, copenhagen or navy. Sizes 36 to 44. Special.....\$1.50

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Girls' Middy Blouses, 59c

Girls' Middy Blouses, made of fine w. to line; large sailor collar of plain red and Belgian blue. Ages 6 to 14 years. Special.....59c

Girls' Middy, made of good quality Holland Linen, trimmed with Belgian blue and plain red; three-quarter sleeve and laced front. Ages 6 to 14 years. Special.....59c

Ladies' Flannelette Nightgowns, 59c and 85c

Ladies' Gown, made of extra good flannelette; high neck and long sleeve, trimmed with self frill. Pink or white. Price.....85c

Ladies' Flannelette Gown, made slipover style, kimono sleeves and neck trimmed with cotton torchon lace. Pink or white. Price.....59c

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