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EXPANSION SALE

This sale of ours is serving two good purposes. It is furnishing us with the ready funds we need for our Western enterprise, and it is supplying you with your Fall and Winter necessities at lower than the lowest prices. When you remember that the greater portion of our stock is made up of this season's importations, and that the purchases were made through the great Canadian Purchasing Syndicate in the very best markets in the world, you must realize what an advantage it is for you to buy goods so near the cost of production. Better shop in the morning for these goods and avoid the crush the afternoons bring.

Expansion Sale of Hosiery

Boys' heavy worsted hose, ribbed, elastic finish, made of best quality bright black worsted yarns, splendid for wearing properties, regular value 30c pair, expansion sale price is 24c

Expansion Sale of Kid Gloves

Ladies' heavy lined mocha kid gloves, a glove extremely suitable for morning wear and rough usage, in excellent shades of brown, all sizes from 6 to 7, regular price \$1.00 a pair, expansion sale price is 88c

Expansion Sale of Feather Boas

Real ostrich feather boas in solid black, black and white, full size and good length, stylish and serviceable, regular prices \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$11.50, expansion sale offers them at HALF-PRICE

Expansion Sale of Silk Waists

Ladies' colored silk waists in shades of pink, sky and cardinal, in sizes 36 and 38, regular price \$4.25 and \$5.00, expansion sale price is \$2.00

Expansion Sale of Furs

These are special numbers of fur garments we want to clear out during the next few days. The sooner you come the larger selection you will get and the better choice—\$12.00 Alaska Sable Ruffs for \$10.00, \$18.00 Alaska Sable Ruffs for \$15.50, \$20.00 Grey Squirrel Stoles for \$15.50, \$18.00 Grey Squirrel Stoles for \$16.50.

Expansion Sale of Lace Collars

Neat, dainty, stylish, effective. That's the description in a nut shell of these new lace collars, on sale at these prices—75c lace collars for... 25c, 85c lace collars for... 68c, \$1.00 lace collars for... 78c

Expansion Sale of Silks

We place on sale to-morrow 35 pieces of fancy silks, mostly in exclusive lengths, in the very daintiest designs and colorings you can imagine. Such shades are represented as sky pink, rose, grey, blue, navy, etc., in new and up-to-date patterns. The regular prices of this silks ranged from \$1 to \$1.85 a yard, Expansion Sale price is 73c a yd.

Expansion Sale of Dress Goods

42 in. wide all pure wool Voile Dress Goods, fine bright crisp finish, suitable for afternoon, evening and reception dresses, in shades of sky, blue, biscuit, champagne, reseda, French grey and blue grey, regular price 75c and 85c a yard, Expansion Sale price is 63c a yd.

Expansion Sale of Wrapperettes

A splendid assortment of Canadian Wrapperettes in neat stripes and floral designs, good weight and fine finish, suitable for shirtwaists and wrappers, all wanted colors represented, Expansion Sale price is 9c a yd.

Expansion Sale of Flannelettes

Yard wide Flannelettes in good clear washing patterns, fine medium weight for night gowns and children's wear, regular value 12½c a yd, Expansion Sale price is 10c a yd.

33 in. wide Flannelettes in neat pink, blue and grey stripes, light, medium and dark colors, good weight, soft finish Expansion Sale price is 7½c a yd.

Thos. Stone & Son

STEPHENS STILL SILENT

Mr. George Stephens has nothing yet to offer in refutation of the charge that he approached certain members of the Dover Township Council with the suggestion of a \$250 bribe to secure their assistance in saddling the Township with a bonus of \$75,000.00 towards an electric railroad in which he was interested both as one of the gentlemen to whom the charter was granted and the first-named in the statute of the provisional directors.

If the matter were of a less serious character—and even if the man against whom the charge is definitely preferred were not an early applicant for public confidence—the necessity for an immediate and thorough investigation of the whole occurrence would not need to be so repeatedly emphasized and asked for. It is not of the character that one likes to dwell on—it is not a helpful, elevating or inspiring topic of consideration. But is a matter surely that vitally affects the best interests of our County that its people shall be represented in the nation's parliament by men of tried and proved integrity.

Friends of Mr. Stephens in both political parties were pleased with his signed and published pledge that he would disprove the charges "absolutely and conclusively." These were strong and comprehensive words, but no stronger or more comprehensive than the case demanded. Mr. Stephens had recognized the gravity of the matter and would not content himself with empty general denials or evasions. He would furnish a proof that would be "absolute and conclusive." It would be thorough, complete and convincing. So Mr. Stephens' friends awaited.

Over ninety hours have elapsed—and they are still waiting. Three working days have passed and Mr. Stephens has made no move to relieve their tension. This is not satisfactory—it is not as it should be. The people are now looking at the whole matter closely, they are reasoning it out for themselves—and the result is not helping Mr. Stephens' position. He was given the opportunity to deal with the charge himself and public judgment was suspended. Nothing has been done and inevitably the people are being forced to conclusions.

Why, they ask, is this delay? Mr. Stephens said he could furnish a proof that was "absolute and conclusive," why has he not done so? Why, moreover, when he knew the charges were to be made and was specially invited by registered letter to be present, did he not prepare his "absolute and conclusive" proof and meet them face to face like a man? Why did he arrange to be "engaged otherwise" at the time they were being made? Why are his political friends forced into the humiliating position of going ahead with the campaign, of soliciting votes for a man under a charge of the utmost gravity, who says he can clear himself with proof that is "absolute and convincing," but doesn't.

If his local newspaper organ speaks for Mr. Stephens in this matter then we are indeed sorry for him. We cannot understand a man of his past reputation and business standing in the community deeming such serious personal charges vitally affecting his honor as some funny business, as "ridiculous," as "opera bouffe," etc., nor can we understand him meeting the charges with the allegation that they are "fool tactics" and that the farmers of Dover Township are "ignoramuses," and their Reeve and Councillors subjects for ugly and offensive epithets. If this is Mr. Stephens' idea of campaigning; if this is a specimen of his "absolute and conclusive proof," then enough is said. And we earnestly hope no over-zealous campaigner will ever so far forget himself as to reply to such in kind.

After all, big as the great issues of the country are, it is of most importance that Kent County should be represented in Parliament by a man of honor, a man whose hands are clean, whose ideals are high, whose character is worthy. The Liberal-Conservative party has reason to be proud of its leaders. And those of us who may take our places in the ranks of the campaign should seek throughout its excitements and passions to maintain as high a standard for ourselves. Let us command respect, even where we cannot win support.

When a man dons a new suit of clothes he feels as though he deserves censure.

It isn't every musician who has mastered the horn of plenty.

STEPHENS IS YET UNABLE TO SUPPLY PROMISED PROOF

Is Not Prepared to Meet the Dover Bribery Charges Nor to Back His Denial With the Promised Evidence—Situation Becoming More Serious—Liberals Taking Chances on It and Going Ahead.

There is apparently nothing new in the local Liberal situation regarding the serious bribery charges preferred against George Stephens, at present the Liberal nominee for West Kent, by Reeve Purser, of Dover Township, and Councillor Boyer. Mr. Stephens is not yet ready with the "absolute and conclusive proof" of his innocence which he promised—and his friends and supporters are still left in the uncomfortable position of uncertainty and anxiety.

The matter is of too serious a character to trifle with. The charge is too definite; it is preferred by reliable and representative men. Either Mr. Stephens is innocent, in which case his "absolute and conclusive proof" should be forthcoming before his campaign is proceeded with; or Mr. Stephens is guilty, in which case he should withdraw from the candidacy and let his Liberal friends summon another convention.

Surely in the interests of the good name of our County there can be no

difference from this view of the case. The people are watching with great interest the outcome.

Captain Fred. Stone, president of the Liberal Association of West Kent, was again interviewed by The Planet to-day in reference to the Liberals' position.

"We have no proof yet to offer to the newspapers," said he, "but The Planet will have it just as soon as it is ready."

"I suppose you will ask for Mr. Stephens' resignation from the candidacy if the proof is not forthcoming?" he was asked.

"What?" replied he, in apparent amazement. "Oh, no; we are going right ahead in full swing. We believe that Mr. Stephens in time will provide ample proof of his innocence."

WINNIPEG FIRE SWIFT

Fire Appears to Be Under Control But News Indefinite.

Total Damage Will Probably Pass the Million Dollar Mark.—The Water Pressure Was Entirely Inadequate—Greatest Fire in History of Modern Winnipeg Was of Very Spectacular Effect—Names of the Heavy Losers.

Winnipeg, Oct. 12.—Last night the greatest fire in the history of modern Winnipeg has done damage to the extent of over a million dollars, and is still raging, though the efforts of the fire department concentrated on the block immediately north of Ashdown's hardware store appears to be succeeding in restricting the area of the conflagration, which otherwise threatens to destroy the new Union Bank skyscraper, the Leland Hotel, and the City Hall.

Commencing in the new Bullman Bros' lithographing block, filled with acids, it swept, aided by strong southeast winds, across Albert street, lighting Ashdown's hardware place and destroying every building in its path, including Steele's photographic supplies, the chemicals of which added to the general spectacular effect.

Bullman's was totally destroyed, entailing a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars, as was also Ashdown's, which carries the largest hardware stock in the west.

No one injured.

Immense crowds assembled in the streets, but the police had perfect control, and so far no loss of life or injury is reported.

Tremendous explosions of acids and stored ammunition in Ashdown's added to the effect of the impressive scene, flames shooting 50 feet into the air over doomed buildings.

Newspaper row was for a time threatened, but the wind moderating a little the newspaper offices were saved, though power is cut off and morning papers will be hand-set in broad sheets.

Now Under Control.

Later.—The fire now appears to be under control, saving the bulk of the block between Albert and William streets, fronting on Main street.

It is impossible to estimate the total damage, but it will probably pass the million dollar mark.

The fire department worked heroically in the face of the great difficulties, in view of the miserable wa-

ter pressure.

The water pressure has proved utterly inadequate to the needs of a big city, and the matter will be taken up by the City Council at once.

Bullman's had especial bad luck, as they had borrowed \$65,000 from a bank to complete the new building, and had installed machinery equal to any in Canada.

Amongst the other heavy losers will be Kyle, Chesbrough & Co., dry goods, Montreal; W. B. Dixon, cigars; George E. Ellis, manufacturing jeweler; Duffin, photographic supplies; Steele Co., Limited, and Albert street restaurant.

\$40,000 Fire in Hamilton.

Hamilton, Oct. 12.—Fire broke out on the lower floor of the Hamilton Biscuit Co.'s factory, 83 West Cannon street last evening about 8.40.

Before the blaze was put out nearly the whole of the first floor, with the contents, had been destroyed. The loss will be about \$40,000. The building belongs to T. Z. Pattison estate.

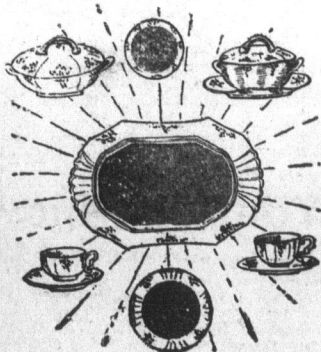
Right Cheek Carried Away.

Brockville, Oct. 12.—William Myers of Portland, a small place about 20 miles from here, was dangerously injured yesterday by the accidental discharging of a shot-gun. Myers and a companion named Chas. Morris were duck hunting on Rideau Lake when the former's gun discharged, carrying away his right cheek and badly damaging one eye. The injured man was four miles from home, but was hurriedly removed to the village, when it was found that through loss of blood he had been reduced to a very low state of vitality, but it is thought he will recover. Myers is a traveler for W. & J. Gage, Toronto.

Trolley Gets Another Victim.

Toronto, Oct. 12.—Little George Clark, aged 7 years, was almost instantly killed last evening at 6.45 at the corner of Elm and Yonge streets, his life being crushed under the truck of Avenue road car, No. 776, in charge of Conductor Albert Houghen. The lad was passing up Yonge street on the west side, and when almost up to Elm suddenly dashed across the street. He failed to notice the approach of the car, which was going at a good rate. The boy was struck by the fender when he was about half way across the track. His body went underneath and was crushed by the trucks.

"The Real Widow Brown" at the Grand to-morrow night is the first booking of the Whitney-Small circuit.



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