

WILL THEY DARE TO VOTE IT DOWN?

(Special to The Ontario) Parliament Bldg., Toronto, Feb. 24 There is no doubt that Mr. Rowell's speech on Unemployment and Labor conditions has aroused general attention. Mr. Hanna in his reply did not deal with the subject. It is evident that he recognized the force of Mr. Rowell's appeal for the working man, and was afraid to say anything without thinking out his ground carefully; in fact, before Mr. Hanna rose to speak following Mr. Rowell, he was approached by Mr. Hearst and other Cabinet Ministers, who evidently would probably deal with the question when he resumes the debate on Tuesday.

BELLEVILLE'S NEW TAX COLLECTOR

Mr. William L. Doyle was last evening appointed tax collector for the city of Belleville. "Billy" Doyle, as he is familiarly known, is one of the most popular young men in the town. He was educated in the schools in Belleville and eleven years ago went upon the professional stage as an actor.

Since his return he has been heard here in entertainments on various occasions. Last June he also undertook the publicity campaign which resulted in the most largely attended affair which ever was held in Belleville.

There were 20 applications for the position of tax collector, vacated by Mr. Holmes who followed Mr. W. J. Thomson as city clerk. The new tax collector is a brother of Mr. J. Nevill Doyle, composer of comic operas, "The Golden Age," "The Enchanted Island," and numerous lyrics.

D. J. Fairfield, Licenced Auctioneer and Canadian Employment Agent for this District.

I wish to thank the farmers for the very liberal patronage in the past year and an still taking orders for the present year and will be at Standard Bank, every Saturday from 10 o'clock a.m. to 12 and from 1.30 p.m. till 3.30 p.m. and would advise farmers to apply early in order to secure help, as last year I was not able to supply the demand owing to orders being late. My address is 223 Coleman street. Any orders left with John Elliott, manager of the Standard Bank will be promptly filled.

BELLEVILLE MUSICAL FESTIVAL WAS HAPPILY INAUGURATED

Splendid Program Last Night Greeted by an Enthusiastic Audience—Mr. Hollinshead Created a Fine Impression—Trenton Choral Society Will be Here Tonight.

Last night a signal triumph was scored by the Belleville Philharmonic Society in the first of two concerts the second of which will be presented this evening. There was a large and critical audience of music lovers present, and there were many visible and audible tokens that the audience was vastly pleased. The applause was frequent, spontaneous and warmly appreciative.

For four months now the reorganized Philharmonic Society has been industriously practicing and rehearsing for this double program, and last night gave a convincing illustration that the time had been spent under capable instruction and discipline. The choral work last evening, while it is a strong personal testimonial to Mr. Cameron's ability as a conductor, is also more important because it demonstrates that we have in this city abundant talent with which to organize a high-class choral society capable of winning a place and a name that would be far more than local. We are fortunate in having in Belleville an unusual number of trained vocalists with voices far beyond the average range of excellence. Our two colleges, St. Agnes and Albert, have been in a large measure responsible for this. But what has been needed was an active organizing head to bring all this musical talent into a united working force.

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Mr. Hollinshead's second number was sung in Italian, "M'oppor tiull' Amore" from "Martha." This delightful number brought a double encore, the first response was, "You that I worship so," and the last "The Rosary." Mr. Hollinshead also assisted in the second part of the program in "The Daughter of Jairus," taking the tenor solo, "My Hope is in the Everlasting."

The concluding number of Part I was a solo in Italian by Mrs. Chas. Williams from Verdi's "Vespro Siciliano." Mrs. Wilmet is always a favorite with Belleville audiences, and last night her voice was remarkably sweet and expressive in this most difficult number. At the conclusion she was heartily encored.

The second part of the program was the sacred Cantata, "The Daughter of Jairus," by Stainer. The solo parts were taken by Miss Mayel Stark, soprano, Mr. Hollinshead, tenor; and Mr. Cameron, baritone. Miss Stark's fine rendition of her parts is worthy of more than passing mention. Her histrionic ability combined with the lyric notes of rare soprano voice made her role effectively expressive.

Following are those who took part in the various choruses—Miss Patricia Hatchelor, Dewy, Sharp, A. Ray, George, Nicholson, Mooney, Tickell, Doolittle, Grant, White, Kinneer, Duff Hunt, Misses Bradshaw, Smith, Watson, Moran, E. LaVoie, Vining, Cross, White, Francis, Sheffield, Caldwell, Sinclair, E. Thompson, McLean, Davis, Loh, P. Campbell, Hunt, Stork, Price, Simpkins, M. Watson, Milburn, Wallace, McBride, Campbell, Felen, Gneal, Haynes, Messrs. J. Sprague, Stokas, LaVoie, Trump, A. Rogers, W. S. Rathman, Brotherhood, Ralls, Burke, Baichehor, Schryver, Simpkins, Bennett, H. Rogers, Burrill, Ferguson, S. Burrows, Sherman, Lane, Robinson. The program tonight will be entirely new.

IS HYDRO TO BUY ELECTRIC POWER CO.?

The following letter from J. H. Burnham, M.P., appeared in Saturday's Peterboro Review:—To the Editor of The Review.

Sir—It appears to me from time to time that it is my duty to give to the public of Peterboro city and county, all the information which I obtain of value to our people. The information contained in this letter will refer to Hydro. I had a very interesting conversation with Hon. Ada Beck here to-night. He told me that the Hydro Commission was buying out the Seynour system along the Trent waters and that in two months from this date he expected to have the stock-taking completed. The tale of Hydro is really one of the most marvellous records of genius and public ownership I ever heard of. He assured me that farmers and townfolk alike would soon be in position in Peterboro city and county to use electricity for every conceivable purpose no matter how trivial, for which power of any sort is to be expected to have the stock-taking completed. The tale of Hydro is really one of the most marvellous records of genius and public ownership I ever heard of.

THE PASSING OF AN OLD BELLEVILLE BOY

Word has just been received in the city announcing the death in California, where he had been seeking health, of Mr. Frederick J. Bosely, President of the Royal Baking Powder Company. Deceased is the third son of the late William H. Bosely of Belleville, his mother still living in Regina, Sask. He was fifty years of age and was born and raised in Belleville, having left the city for Chicago when about eighteen years of age. When reaching Chicago he secured a junior position in the office of the Royal Baking Powder Co., gradually climbing until he reached the top and highest position in the gift of the Company and business which he had much to do with the building of it. He had lived in New York City during the past twelve or fifteen years. He was in Belleville with his family at the first old boys re-union nine years ago, and it was immediately at his return from Belleville to New York at that time he was elected and elected President of the vast business he had been so long connected with. He leaves to mourn a wife, one son and daughter, his aged mother, and a brother, Mr. Edward and Harry, both of the staff of the New York World, also four sisters, Mrs. J. T. Osbourne, Calgary, Alta., Mrs. E. S. Berry, Meridian, Okla., Mrs. H. L. Lovring, Regina, Sask., and Mrs. W. B. Burt, Regina, Sask.

BRAINLESS PLAYS

My Dear Sir,—So many shows are on the road without any merit, some a lot of chorus girls, chosen simply because of their symmetrical limbs, that some twentieth century poet, has rushed into rhyme as follows—(Those who have seen "The Follies" at the Princess this week will appreciate this Ziegfeld recipe for the pleasing of the eye, proverbially "fired business man.") What's the use of first class shows? What's the use of the high brow stuff? That won't get the badhead row—Now, it ain't got pep enough. They don't want this brainy guff; That ain't what they come to see: So, to bring the house a puff, Give 'em legs and lingerie!

Take it from us guys who know, Public taste is pretty tough; Plays by Shaw and such as those? Now, it ain't got pep enough. Wait this down upon your cuff, Highbrow boys ain't one, two, three; All this "guff" stant, is bluff; Give 'em legs and lingerie!

Good plays only makes 'em enuff, Now it ain't got pep enough. Want the money flowing free? Give 'em legs and lingerie!

DRIVING PARTY.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Young People's Guild observed last night their social evening. This function took the form of a delightful driving party in which between forty and fifty young people participated. A seven-mile car party left at two o'clock for the city streets. The air was not too cool and the time was most enjoyable. Songs and cheers marked the way taken by the party. After the drive, the young men and women spent a social hour in speeches, amusements and entertainments provided by the farseeing and good fairy members of the social committee.

BOY LOCKED OUT.

Last night, a boy who lives on North Front Street, went home at nine o'clock found his parents had locked the doors and found to slumberland. The young lad went to the Police Station. Officer Corrigan accompanied the juvenile and secured his entrance by arousing the parents.

FIRE IN COUCH.

Fire broke out in a peculiar place this morning in a John Street residence. The seat of the conflagration was a couch. The firemen were called out in full numbers, but the couch had been pulled out into the yard where snow was thrown upon it and the flames were extinguished.

REMAINS WERE BROUGHT HERE

The remains of the late Mrs. Lucia C. Sargent, widow of the late David Sargent arrived at noon today from Orillia and were taken to Belleville vault. The late Mr. and Mrs. Sargent used to live in Belleville on North Charles street, Mr. Sargent having been connected with the Grand Trunk.

THE RITCHIE COMPANY, LIMITED Our Latest Importation of Spring and Summer Ratines Is Attracting Unusual Attention

and this is only natural for they represent the very newest materials and patterns for the coming season. Made into a dress or blouse these materials are charmingly becoming and when you consider the price you will indeed be pleased. Might we suggest that you visit our Ladies' Home Journal Pattern counter this week and secure one of the free dress patterns being given away there, then see how nicely one of those dresses could be made by using for materials these new Ratines which have just come to hand. For instance these lines might interest you Summer Dress Ratines, 44 inches wide, in plain white, tan, blue, grey and mauve, nice even finish, at 50c yard. Striped Ratines in white and colored stripes, excellent finish, 40 in wide, at 60c and \$1 50 yard. The new Loop Crepes, striped patterns in white, blue and grey shades, special at 28c yd. Dress Crepes, 27 in. wide, in all the leading shades, 15c yd. Dolly Varden Crepes in white ground with dot patterns, 40 in. wide, at 75c yd.

Have your Shabby Furniture Re-upholstered

February is the month to have all your furniture re-upholstered and made like new. One of our resources is an equipped upholstery department in charge who is ready to execute furniture renovating and covering efficiently, and at a very reasonable cost to you. During the month of February we offer all our Furniture Coverings at greatly reduced prices, and in addition to the special month on material we offer this month a discount of TWENTY PER CENT. off work charges.

New Arrivals in Staples, Embroideries and Wash Goods

- Embroideries that have just been placed in stock: They are made of fine quality Swiss and French Cambrics, and the following prices should interest you: 9 inch Embroideries in nice patterns, yard... 20c 20 in. Flouncing Embroideries at per yard... 20c, 25c, 30c 27 in. Flouncing Embroideries at per yard... 35c, 40c 45 in. Flouncing Embroideries at per yard... 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00

NEW COLORED PIQUES 25c YARD

They are all this season's latest shades and suitable for either house or street dresses. Special at per yard... 25c

COLORED DRESS LINENS 30c YARD

27 inches wide, in pink, tan, mauve, blue and black. Special at per yard... 30c

DRESS GINGHAMS 10c YARD

A special line of Dress Gingham, 27 inches wide, in stripes, checks, plaids, and plain shades. Big value at yard... 10c

GRUN'S PRINTS 15c YARD

Extra quality, in stripes and light grounds, at per yard... 15c

FRESH LINES OF STAPLE NECESSITIES

New White and Colored Bath Towels, each... 15c to 65c New Linen and Cotton Hand Towels, hemmed and fringed ends... 5c to 30c Few Ducks and Cottonades for overalls, etc., per yard... 25c New Rockfast Drills and Oxfords for shirts, etc., yard... 15c to 25c New Tickings, including 28 inch Pillow Tickings, at per yard... 23c to 30c New Turkish Fowelling in white and colored, 18 inches wide, at yd... 15c to 20c New Linen Roller Towellings at per yard... 10c to 18c

NEW VEILINGS

in white, purple, black and grey, some plain mesh, and others with the new solitary beauty spot design, and some with fancy patterns. Specially priced at per yard... 25c, 30c, 35c, 38c, 40c and 50c

The Ritchie Co., Limited

Cordova Mine Stock Sold The following answer to an enquiry was clipped from a recent issue of Saturday Night—"H. S. M. Campden, Ont. is: The Cordova is a big low grade production, which in its early days was never anything but a waste of money. It is one of the wholes in the ground, and this is only natural for they represent the very newest materials and patterns for the coming season. Made into a dress or blouse these materials are charmingly becoming and when you consider the price you will indeed be pleased. Might we suggest that you visit our Ladies' Home Journal Pattern counter this week and secure one of the free dress patterns being given away there, then see how nicely one of those dresses could be made by using for materials these new Ratines which have just come to hand. For instance these lines might interest you Summer Dress Ratines, 44 inches wide, in plain white, tan, blue, grey and mauve, nice even finish, at 50c yard. Striped Ratines in white and colored stripes, excellent finish, 40 in wide, at 60c and \$1 50 yard. The new Loop Crepes, striped patterns in white, blue and grey shades, special at 28c yd. Dress Crepes, 27 in. wide, in all the leading shades, 15c yd. Dolly Varden Crepes in white ground with dot patterns, 40 in. wide, at 75c yd. They are on display at Dress Goods Counter. See them!

BEST 6-PLY THREAD, SPECIAL 2 SPOOLS FOR 5 CENTS

Every person, man or woman, who is interested in sewing or has sewing to do, should use this best 6-ply cotton thread which we are selling at this a-tounding low price. It was a fortunate purchase on our buyer's part, in fact it was the large purchase of several thousand spools which enable us to offer them at this low price. All numbers and special at 2 spools for 5c.

Children's and Misses' American Wash Dresses

CHILDREN'S DRESSES AT 75 CENTS They are for ages 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years, in Gingham, Percales, light and dark shades, nice neat styles, well made and trimmed, a beautiful dress at... 75c

CHILDREN'S DRESSES AT 89 CENTS For ages 2, 4 and 6 years, in natural shade linen trimmed with white. Made with belt and good full sizes and excellent materials used... 89c

CHILDREN'S DRESSES AT 89 CENTS These are for children 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 years, in plain blue, pink or linen chambrays, made in French style and nicely trimmed with fancy braid, reasonably priced at... 89c

CHILDREN'S DRESSES AT \$1.00 In excellent quality Percales and Gingham, smart up-to-date styles in dark and light shades, nicely trimmed with contrasting colors, ages 2, 4 and 6 years, at... \$1.00

CHILDREN'S DRESSES AT \$1.15 Made in French style of plain delf blue and linen shades, neatly trimmed with braid and pearl buttons, for ages 2, 4 and 6 years, for only... \$1.15

MISSSES' DRESSES AT \$1.39 These are for ages 8 to 14 years, in black and white, blue and white, pink and white, red and white striped Percales, neatly trimmed and excellent value at... \$1.39

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We have just opened up and placed in stock for your inspection thousands of yards of best quality English Prints. We imported these direct from the maker in England, and are exceedingly proud of their quality and patterns. They are in checks, plaids and dots, and shades of blue, black, navy, light blue, lilac and pink. The range is complete, and we invite you to come in and examine them closely, or if not send for samples. They are special value at... 12 1/2c

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