

AN INCREASE RESCINDED.

Kindergarten Maximum Restored to Last Year's Figures.

Large Increase in Attendance at All the Schools.

Move to Enlarge the Barton Street School Building.

The Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education last night, on motion of Trustee Armstrong, seconded by Trustee Wodell, rescinded the resolution passed by the board last year increasing the maximum of the kindergarten teachers from \$550 to \$650.

Trustee Wodell said that he had received a complaint from a taxpayer who said his child was being taught to make fudge in one of the domestic science centres. This man wanted to know if that was what he was paying taxes for.

Miss Isabelle Strong was appointed supervisor over all the domestic science centres, succeeded by Miss McPherson, who resigned some time ago.

It was decided to grant the Germania Club the use of one of the top rooms in the Cannon street school, when it becomes vacant, the club to pay any expense. The room is wanted by the Germans for the purpose of teaching the native language to German children.

Miss Kathleen White was appointed to the public school teaching staff and Miss H. F. Fraser was granted another six months leave of absence on account of poor health.

Inspector Ballard's report showed the attendance at the public schools for February to be as follows: Central 743, Victoria 778, Hess 1,349, Cannon 1,258, Ryerson 2,085, Queen 935, Homes 116. The total attendance was 7,204, as compared with 6,877 for the corresponding month a year ago.

Inspector Thompson's report of the attendance at the Collegiate showed 390 boys and 389 girls, or a total of 779 on the roll for February, as compared with 657 a year ago.

The Building Committee instructed Architects Peene and Witton to prepare estimates for a four room addition to the Barton street school.

FELL DEAD.

Sudden Call to a Western Man Here To-day.

Joseph Baker, a western man, dropped dead this morning at the home of Mr. Alexander Main, 234 Mary street. The deceased called on Mr. Main this morning and the two were sitting chatting in the parlor when Baker suddenly toppled over and fell on the floor.

G COMPANY.

Capt. McCullough's Highlanders Hold Annual Meeting.

G Company, of the 91st Regiment, held its annual meeting in its new armory last evening, for the purpose of receiving the yearly financial report, reviewing the work of the past twelve months, and appointing committees to carry forward the work for the year.

Captain McCullough was re-elected President; Lieut. Miller, First Vice-President; Lieut. Bertram, Second Vice-President, and the Color-Sergeant, Third Vice-President. Sergt. Bechell was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

OBITUARY.

The friends of James A. Young will learn with regret of his death in Palatine, Ill., on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at the age of 45 years.

47-49 KING ST. EAST

New May Manton Patterns now in stock.

D. & A. Sample Corsets, 50c to \$5.00, on sale for 35c to \$3.00.

Our Winter Clearing Sale

ALL kinds of Winter goods are going at this splendid sale at prices that are without question the best examples of value-giving ever placed before the buying public of this good city of Hamilton-- The thrifty ones are here every day--Be thrifty.

8-10 HUGHSON ST. NORTH

Skirts made to measure, of sale goods for \$1.25

Corduroy for Men's or Boys' Wear, 65c for 40c, 90c for 50c.

Early Morning Sale--35c Embroidery 15c

500 yards of Cambrie Embroidery, 18 inches wide, in the best designs of Swiss needlework, sells regularly for 20, 35, 40c, 8.30 to 10 o'clock per yard

Early Morning Sale--Wrapperette 7 1/2c

1,000 yards of splendid quality Wrapperette in good width, in stripes, spots and floral designs, dark and light colors, 12 1/2 and 15c, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock per yard

Early Morning Sale--\$5 Blouses \$1.95

100 only Silk and Net Waists, black, cream and white, embroidered, tucked and trimmed with lace and insertion, \$5.50 to \$5 value, some worth more, from 8.30 to 10 o'clock they go for each

Mantles, Suits and Skirts--A Slaughter

All genuinely good stylish garments, that are perfect in fit, finish and materials. Canadian made garments, German made garments and New York models. These are the cut prices:

- Women's elegant Coats, sizes from 32 to 48 bust, \$25 to \$50 values, for each \$15.00
Women's Coats, good range of sizes, \$15 to \$20 values, on sale Saturday for each \$8.95
Women's Panama, Broadcloth and Poplin Skirts, silk trimmed, braided and strapped, regular \$5.95 value, on sale Saturday for each \$3.50

Table Linens, Household Linens, Staple Goods--A Clearance

A large portion of the goods in this splendid department are our own direct importations and offered regularly at the very lowest prices. These cut prices show the savings at this sale.

- Bleached Table Damask, warranted every thread pure flax and best Shear Linen values, on sale Saturday: \$1.20 Damask for 90c; \$1.50 Damask for \$1.25; \$1.25 Damask for 90c; \$1.75 Damask for \$1.25.
Bath Towels, colored and white, 20c, for 22 1/2c
Towelings worth 12 1/2c, all linen for 8 1/2c

3 Stunning Suit Values Some Silk Lined

- Suits worth \$17.00 for \$8.95
Suits worth \$20.00, for \$10.00
Suits worth \$25.00, for \$12.50

SHEA'S

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

Women's Fur Coat Bargains

- Women's Fur-lined Coats, worth \$45.00, for \$27.50
Women's Near Seal Coats, worth \$40.00, for \$25.00
Infants' Cashmere Coats, worth \$3.95, for \$1.95

Corsets

All the newest models of Corsets, with high and medium bust, 16, 18, 20 inch back, all the new hose supporters attached, all sizes \$1.00 to \$4.00

Contil Corsets with hose supporters attached, worth 75c, for 59c

Glove and Hosiery Bargains

- Women's and Misses' Wool Gloves, 29c, for 15c
Women's All-wool Mitts, 35c, for 19c
All-wool Toques, colored, 35c, for 19c
Boys' Heavy Worsted Hose, extra heavy knees, heels and toes 50c, for 35c
Women's Pure Wool Llama Hose, in beautiful quality, pairs for \$1.00

The Biggest Bargains in Bedding

Pure Wool Blankets, 6 lb weight, 60x80 size, only 2.95 pairs left, \$4.50, for 1.29

60x80 Pure Wool Blankets 7 lb weight, fast colored borders, \$5.95, value, for \$4.50
White Quilts, full double bed size and extra weight, \$1.35, for 99c
There is only one quality of "The" Flannellet Blankets, and the Shea store sells them as follows on Saturday: 10 1/4 size, 89c; 11 1/4 size 99c; 12 1/4 size 1.29

New Prints at 12 1/2c

A large shipment of "Hard to Beat" and Crum's Prints, dark and light colors, fresh and new, on sale at, per yard 12 1/2c

Mercerized Gingham

New Mercerized Gingham, in the new tartan plaids, dark and light shades, looks like silk, per yard 15c
Pink and Blue "SILK" Mull for evening wear, 42 inches wide, special, per yard 29c

DRESS GOODS AT 50c--500 yards of Panamas, Serges, Taffeta Cloths, Espingles and Armures, etc., black, brown, navy and cardinal, 75c to \$1.00 on sale, on sale to clear at, per yard 50c

500 Women's Silver and Gilt Mounted Umbrellas, worth \$3 and \$3.99 on sale for \$1.99

Clearance Prices in Waists, Underskirts, Underwear

These special bargains are all shown in our Blouse Department, main floor, and of good quality at low prices. Come early.

- BLouses, made of wrapperette Lustre and Cashmere, lawn and print, worth \$1 and \$1.25, on sale Saturday, each 59c
BLouses, worth \$1.50 and \$2.00, tailored and negligee styles, long and three-quarter sleeves, made of Zephyrs, Cashmires, Lawns, white and colors, on sale Saturday for each 95c
BLouses worth \$2.50, Delaines, Lustres, Poplins, black, and colors, long and 3-4 sleeves, beautifully made goods, on sale Saturday for each \$1.50
WAISTS, worth \$6.00, made of silk and net, black and colors, tucked and beautifully trimmed with applique and insertion, Saturday for each \$3.50
Women's Combination Suits, white or grey, both union and all wool, \$2.00 value, for 98c
Women's Vests and Drawers, made of union yarn, both white or natural, 60c value, for each 45c
Women's and Misses' Black Tights, part wool, ankle length, 50 and 60c value, for pair 39c

TRADE MARKS.

Hamilton Company Being Sued For Infringement.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.—The National Drug and Chemical Co., of Hamilton, is being sued by N. C. Polson & Co., of Kingston, for damages for alleged infringements of trade marks and designs of defendants as goods of the plaintiffs. The latter are asking for an injunction also for the prevention of the sale and manufacture in the cases in which they allege the defendants are imitating them.

FOR PERJURY.

Fred C. Noyes Arrested at Toronto This Morning.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.—Fred C. Noyes was arrested here this morning to answer to a charge of perjury, laid against him in Port Arthur as a result of his evidence before the civic commission. He will appear before the Police Magistrate to-morrow and will be remanded until the arrival of an officer from Port Arthur, or if such an officer arrives in the meantime he will be handed over to him.

WAR MEMORIAL

To the Canadians Who Fell in the South African Campaign.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Feb. 5.—A memorial to soldiers killed in the South African war will be erected shortly on University avenue, opposite the armories. A delegation secured the Premier's consent this morning. The figures for the memorial are already completed by Sculptor Alward, and ground will be broken in the near future. The memorial costs \$35,000.

A BIG BLAZE.

Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 5.—The most disastrous fire here in twenty-four years early to-day destroyed property valued at \$220,000. The blaze originated in the building of the Charlottesville Hardware Co., on East Main street.

CALVIN AND ROOSEVELT.

Geneva, Feb. 5.—President Roosevelt has declined an invitation to attend the four hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, to be observed on July 19, when a monument to the celebrated French reformer is to be unveiled. In his letter to the committee Mr. Roosevelt points out that he will not visit Europe this year.

She—You can say what you will about the summer girl, but she is never mean. He—No, I never saw one who wanted to keep a hammock all to herself.

BIG FLOODS IN GERMANY.

Ten Persons Drowned and Bridge Swept Away at Nordhausen.

At Nuremberg River Rose Twelve Feet in the Night.

Many Towns Flooded and Railroads Washed Away.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The floods in Germany arising from several days of heavy rains and a spell of warm weather, are to-day taking on a most serious aspect in many parts of the country. The first fatalities are reported from Nordhausen, where many bridges have been swept away and ten people drowned. Along a number of the main streams, however, the freshets are diminishing.

At Nuremberg the Pegnitz rose twelve feet last night, and this morning it is raging through the lower streets of the city. The water is higher than it has been for thirty-three years. The newspapers of Nuremberg have suspended publication, and enormous damage has been caused.

Frankfurt-on-the-Main reports the highest water in fifty years in some of the streams in the Odenwald. At Essen the situation is growing more threatening in the territory adjacent to the city. The town of Herdecke is flooded, and a number of dams in the vicinity of Hagen have been carried away. At Dortmund the floods are increasing, and the fire department was called out last night to rescue a family from the second story of their dwelling. Several railroads over the confluents of the Rhine on the north side have been swept away, and all trains from Cologne up the river are being sent over the tracks on the south bank.

At Giessen the River Lahn is sixteen feet above the normal, the highest in thirty years. The valley between Giessen and Wetzlar appeared an immense lake. The rivers of Silesia also are very high, and many miles of territory are flooded. The waters are falling at Chemnitz and Elber, but the Rhine and other larger streams are rising steadily.

A special signal service has been put in operation along the Rhine, where it is expected that the danger point will be reached in a day or two. "The Sister States." A curious inquirer wants to know "what are the sister states," and the Fairfax Forum answers: "We should judge that they are Miss Ours, the Misses Sippi, Ida Ho, Mary Land, Callie Fornia, Ala Bama, Louisa Anna, Della Ware, and Minnie Sota.—Kansas City Star.

Might Not Bark Forever.

"Come right in, Sambo," the farmer called out. "He won't hurt you. You know a barking dog never bites." "Sure, boss, ah knows dat," replied the cautious colored man, "but ah don't know how soon he's going to stop barking."—Success Magazine.

REUNION OVER

Hamilton Rites Made Life Members of Cleveland Consistory.

In connection with the closing of the annual reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Hamilton last evening several events of more than ordinary interest took place. On behalf of the Rite in the Valley of Cleveland, Mr. Hassitt, 33, presented honorary life memberships in the Cleveland consistory to Messrs. George Moore and D. B. Dewar, of this city, in recognition of their many kind services to that body. Suitable speeches were made.

At the buffet luncheon which followed Donald McPhee, 33, chairman of the general reunion committee, presided, and informal toasts by Hon. Wm. Gibson, deputy for Ontario; O. V. Hannon, Cleveland; Aubrey White, Toronto, and Rev. Mr. Harvey, Niagara Falls, on behalf of the candidates.

BLAZE 1,800 FEET HIGH.

The greatest oil fire in history is supposed to have been the fire which by a conservative estimate, destroyed more than 5,000,000 barrels of oil last year in the San Geromino field near Tampico, Mexico.

The oil stratum was struck at a depth of 1,840 feet in a six inch cased well. The torrent of oil burst forth and was quickly followed by a blow out of gas which opened a big orifice in the earth's surface, swallowing up the derrick and whole drilling outfit, including the engine and boiler. The gas and oil were ignited from the fire under the boiler and the great fire was in this manner started.

It burned for sixty-two days. The vortex or crater through which the oil poured was gradually enlarged until it was more than 500 feet wide. A rim of rocks and earth was formed around its outer edge resembling a volcano's crater. According to the Technical World the blaze extended to a height of from 1,400 to 1,800 feet and the column of black smoke rose above it to a height of about 9,000 feet. On top of the smoke rested a great white cloud of vapor which was estimated to extend skyward to an additional height of 7,000 feet. The blaze could be seen 200 miles, and was extinguished by means of six centrifugal pumps which were kept constantly busy for weeks throwing mud and water into the crater. Heavy discharges of dynamite around the rim of the orifice also aided in the extinguishing work.

Shortly after the flames were put out the oil burst forth again in greater volume than ever and its output was estimated at 150,000 barrels a day. It has been a difficult problem to care for the oil. The Mexican Government sent several hundred soldiers to the scene to assist the owners of the well in building earthen reservoirs for temporary storage of the product. The oil overflowed these reservoirs and large quantities escaped into the San Geromino River and Lake Tampahua.

THE SALESGIRLS.

CHANCE TO RISE FOR THOSE BEHIND THE COUNTER.

Success in Business and Marriage Both Open to Them—It Takes Hard Work and Self-Denial—Good Saleswomen Spoiled by Marriage—Better Paid.

(New York Sun.)

"I often wonder," said a clever grey-haired woman who has risen to the position of superintendent in one of the department stores, "if the crowds of busy shoppers and the frivolous persons who are only killing time have even the faintest notion of the innumerable good qualities which every efficient saleswoman must possess. "We have some bright, clever saleswomen whose books show their steady ability in selling goods, their advance from the lowest positions through sheer pluck and industry, for nothing else pushes a sales clerk along. Every business firm knows the value of the woman who can sell goods, attract and hold customers, introduce new things, push certain stocks, etc., and department stores accord rapid advancement to the clever saleswoman. She is encouraged in other ways, too. Credit accounts are extended to some, and when a young woman really makes good in selling expensive garments like furs, costumes and evening wraps she often gets a couple of good gowns a year as a present from the firm.

"Buyers get tips to Europe, and no one can say, as formerly, that the work of a saleswoman offers no chance for a future. Certainly it should bring good rewards, for it is a trying job, especially before a young woman has acquired the poise and confidence which enable her to curb her temper and remain silent in the face of rude and sometimes ignorant shoppers. "The saleswomen have grown to be distinguished by well arranged hair, well cared for skin and pretty neckwear. These items all help in their advancement and procure them places in desirable departments. A store is made much more attractive by pretty, cheerful looking girls with graceful coiffures. They are obliged to wear black frocks to prevent a flash of color, so to gain a stylish appearance they dress the hair according to the mode and indulge in a bit of lace or a string of beads or a chain. "To arrange that pretty coiffure and those little details of dress a girl must often rise and get ready for her journey to the store by gaslight. Sometimes it is in a cold room and she must slough her breakfast.

"There are certain standards as to neatness, well brushed hair, cared for hands and tidy clothing which exist among the girls behind the counter that would amaze many of the badly groomed women who treat the girls as inferiors. No girl would hold her place among the others who was not minutely careful of her appearance. There has grown up a certain rivalry which changes a girl who begins the work with a dull complexion and badly dressed hair into a beauty in a month or so. "Many of the saleswomen have to spend their Sundays washing and doing

up the little lace collars and cuffs that they must change so often during the week. I happen to know that a few of them in this store have curtailed their luncheon money in order to indulge in a syndicated beauty treatment at a fashionable beauty parlor.

"She married a rather fancy sort of swell chap and she lost sight of her old white, fancying that she had grown too proud to come and see her old time friends. Then we heard she had a cottage somewhere in the country and two children, and one day she came in to pay, and was not so bright and pretty as in her shop days, but the children were little dears and were finely dressed, so we thought that like all mothers she was sacrificing herself for her little ones. It seemed too bad, for she had always been a bright, engaging personality, remarkable for her charm and style.

"The next thing there was a scandal in the papers and we learned that her husband had deserted her and run off with another woman. She gave the children to relatives and finally came back looking for work. "Now it never occurred to us that she would deteriorate. Her character had been so fine and her cleverness as a business woman so pronounced that we made a place for her at once. It was pitiful to realize the change that had taken place in her. "One might expect her to be quiet and a bit sad after such an experience, but she had become morose, careless in dress, unpleasant to those about her, with an air of being above her employment. She never approached her old standards and when spoken to she was cross and tearful. We changed her about in different departments and finally we were forced to let her go. She was utterly gone as a principle, she drifted away from her home and friends and children.

"Owing to our experience with similar cases we never encourage the return of the old sales clerk who has left us to get married, for we find her a different person altogether. It seems as though the enthusiasm was gone and a bitter doubt care feeling had taken the place of effort and life. "Marriage improves, on men clerks and we are always inclined to take a married man in preference to a bachelor. There is no doubt that it makes many women very idle in their habits and that they let go more in matters of dress and appearance. "Many of our sales women make very fine marriages, I am glad to say, and become our charge customers—a few of them. Life in a big shop knocks the romance out of their minds and they seem to appreciate what a good marriage means to a girl, so they choose well. "Our girls are not chickens by any means, you know. They are in the important positions, all over 25, and some of them are 35 and over. The younger girls are in the notions, at bargain counters and in charge of stocks that do not aggregate so much money in the sales; but they speedily begin to show what they are made of and chances are given them to rise."

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