Our Bargains for Friday

Staples

1,248 yards of American Print, warranted fast colors, regular 5c and 7c yard, Friday, per yard31/2c

special Large Size Cotton Toweling, 38x20,

wide, regular 20c and 25c, Friday, Table Linen, warranted fast col-

1% to 3½, were 50c to \$1 25 per yard, Friday, half-price.

Wrappers

Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, regular \$1.25, \$1 50, \$1 75 and \$2. Commencing Friday, and until sold

VEILINGS All shades, black spots and plain colors, Friday, per yard21/2c

Whitewear Chances

SKIRTS.

Ladies' Skirts, trimmed with five rows of tucks, insertion and 12-inch embroidery frill (dust frill); regular \$1 75 and \$2. Friday 98c Ladies' Skirts, trimmed with embroidery, deep flounce and tucks; regular \$1 25. Friday 50c GOWNS.

Ladies' Gowns, trimmed with embroidery, sailor collar, best Eng-lish cotton; extra special. Friday. 85c Ladies' Gowns, with deep sailor collar, trimmed with embroidery and insertion; all sizes; regular \$1 90. Special for Friday\$1 19

172 Boys' 3-Piece Knicker Suits, in All-Wool Scotch Tweed. light and dark colors, sizes 26, 27, 28, 29, regular price \$3 50 to \$4 50. We let them go like this:

Lot No. 2 —65 Boys' 3-Piece Suits, sizes 28 and 29, regular \$3 50 to \$4 50, commencing Friday, and until sold...... \$1 95

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Dress Goods

Black Linenette Lining, double fold. myrtle, navy, bronze, gray and black; regular 60c to \$1. Friday. 25c 1 piece only Priestley's Celebrated Black Bayadere Stripe Dressgoods; regular 89c. Friday...... 58c piece Navy Coating Serge, black, 44 inches wide, will not spot, 371/2c;

Goods, 44 inches wide; regular 25c and 30c per yard. Friday 15c 60 yards Black Surah Silk; regular 50c and 60c per yard. Friday.... 35c

VERY SPECIAL.

Ladies' Gowns. Best English Cotton, trimmed with embroidery and braid, regular \$1.25, Friday

65c.

Boots and Shoes

Ladies' Felt Slippers, imitation fur trimming; regular 25c pair. Fri-sole; Tokio toes; J. D. King's celebrated make; regular \$2 25. in samples, sizes 21/2, 3, 4 and 61/2; worth from \$1 75 to \$2 50. Friday,

Basement

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23 only Corn Majolica, regular 17c, 12c, for 8c

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$^{\circ}$ Clothing and Furnishings

39 pairs Boys' Knicker Pants, in navy serge, lined; regular 25c. Friday, per pair 15c 58 Boys' Blouse Suits, in navy serge; good weight, beautifully trimmed, strongly made; regular 85c to \$1 25; sizes 000 to 2. Friday.. 75c

10 dozen Handkerchiefs, silk mix, fancy, in cream and white brocade; regular 20c. Friday, each.. 5c 7 dozen Men's Flannel Shirts (gray), light and dark, collars attached; regular 75c. Friday 50c

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3 pieces only 27-inch Gray Flannel, was 10c and 12½c yard, Friday 5c yard.

Ladies' Jackets

Lot 1-27 only, Ladies' Black, Fawn, and Brown Jackets, 24 inches long; odd lines and sizes; worth \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$7 50, to clear Friday\$1 50 Lot 2-11 only Ladies' Jackets, in

Brown, Fawn, Black and Myrtle; this season's up-to-date goods; were \$8 to \$15; Friday, only.....\$5 75 3 only Ladies' Black Astrachan Fur Jackets, quilted farmer's satin linings; sizes 36, 38 and 40; were

edged with Thibet fur, were \$25. Friday\$12 50

Ladies' Hosiery,

Ladies' Hosiery, odd lines in cashmere and wool. Ladies' Gloves in cash-mere and wool. Also Ladies' Underwear, all to be cleared out at Friday's

Smallwares

3 dozen pairs Side Combs, regular 13c, Friday, for8c Fancy Tissue Paper, regular 10c,

package, regular 25c, Friday, 2

Handkerchiefs, regular 121/2c and 15c, Friday, each 8c ¼-inch Black Silk Elastic, Friday,

gular 5c yard, Friday, 12 yards for .25c

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LONDON'S HORTICULTURISTS

Annual Reports and Election of Officers.

Mr. W. J. Reid President for the Com ing Year-Suggestions by Retiring President R. Shaw-Wood - The

The 32nd annual meeting of the Hortleultural Society was held at the city hall last evening, and attended by about 100 members. Secretary Thomas A. Browne was chairman in the absence of President R. Shaw-Wood, who is laid up with la grippe. The annual report of the board of

directors for 1898 was read by Secretary Browne. The report was as fol-

Your directors, in submitting this their report for the year 1898, must again call your notice to the fact that the object of this society has been the advancement of the interests of the Western Fair Association since its in-Their energies, and also the funds of the society, have been an-nally devoted to this purpose, not having for a good number of years heid an independent fair of our own; this society has been no small factor in the building up and fostering the interests of the Western Fair, which, from small beginnings, has steadily advanced until they have obtained the proud position they now occupy, of the leading agricultural fair in the

Dominion. "This being the position taken by your directors during the past year, brevity must necessarily be a charac-

teristic feature of this report. "The membership has been well maintained, and shows an advance on that of preceding years, having paid over to the Western Fair Association, after deducting current expenses, the balance, amounting to \$412 28, the larg-

est sum for many years. "Your directors beg to call particular attention to a very important matter which has engaged their consideration at their meetings, but too late

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for action to be taken during the past | balance in the bank was between year, viz., the advisability of improv-ing the position, and also the internal arrangements, of the present agricul-tural, horticultural and dairy buildings connected with the Western Fair, and which will at the same time greatly improve the appearance of Queen's Park, and therefore strongly recommend to our successors in office to give this matter their earnest consideration. The proposed changes will

be submitted by the secretary at their first regular meeting, that they may be perfected and properly prepared, and submit to the Western Fair directors in time to have the same included in their estimates of the year, if acceptable to them.

"Before closing the officers desire to express their appreciation of the trust reposed in them, and hope that in the selection of their successors you will appoint those who will accomplish greater results in the furtherance of the objects of the society, and offer this suggestion for them to considerwhether it would be wise to hold a spring or summer show of our own.

"Also, we would suggest that those interested in the various 'cults' embraced in the scope of the Horticultural be induced to become active members of the society, thus enabling it to take the position it should have as an educator of the public, and not merely an adjunct of the Western Fair. 'Your directors wish to express their satisfaction at the manner in which

the officers of the society have performed their several duties. The financial statement was as follows:

Receipts-Legislative grant \$350 00 Members' subscriptions 174 00

Total\$525 69 Expenditures-Grant to Western Fair, 1898.... \$412 28 Working expenses 113 41

Mr. Shaw-Wood was named by Mayor Wilson for re-election as president. Ald. McPhillips seconded. Mr. Wm. Moore moved, and Mr. J. W. Jones seconded the nomination of Mr. W. J. Reid.

Messrs, J. W. Jones and H. Craig were elected scrutineers. Mr. Reid was elected president. Col. Leys, M.P.P., was elected first vice president by acclamation. Messrs. A. M. Smart and R. Shaw-Wood were nominated for second vicepresidents. Mr. Smart's name

withdrawn in favor of Mr. Shaw-Wood, who was declared elected. The following were nominated for directors by Mr. W. R. Hobbs: Messrs. J. H. Brown, W. M. Spencer, Col. Gart-shore, J. D. Sharman, W. Yates, J. W. Jones, Geo. Taylor, R. Carrothers and W. R. Hobbs. Mr. George Taylor sec-

Mr. Craig nominated Mr. Wm. Gammage, president of the Dominion Horticultural Association. Ald. McPhillips nominated Mr. D. C.

Macdonald. Nine directors were to be chosen from the eleven names put forward. and the nine moved by Mr. Hobbs were elected.
Mr. Thomas A. Browne was re-elect-

ed secretary-treasurer. In thanking the society, Mr. Browne said last year was the best in the history of the Western Fair. The association was never in a better position. The gross

\$8,000 and \$9,000, and the net balance \$5,500. Messrs. J. S. Dewar and A. G. Smyth

were re-elected auditors. Mr. Gammage was urged by Mr. Craig to address the meeting on horticulture. "You have some suggestions to make," said Mr. Craig.
Mr. Gammage declined. "In composition, the society," he said, "is so far removed from horticulture, anything I

can say would be of no interest." Mr. J. W. Jones reminded the members that some very good horticultural shows used to be held in the City Hall florists. The society would render the florists every assistance if they

would arrange one now.

Mr. Craig said the society, and not the florists, should take the initiative. Mr. Jones differed. That was the florists' part, as they were more interested. After the usual votes of thanks the

meeting adjourned. At a subsequent meeting of the directors six representatives will be elected to the Western Fair Associa-

CATASTROPHE AT BELLEVILLE

Bank Clerk Drowned While Skating With a Lady-His Companion's Skirts Saved Her Life.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.] Belleville, Ont., Jan. 19.-About 8:30 last night, while George C. Ritchie, correspondence clerk of the Bank of Montreal, and Miss Mary Ward were skating on the bay, they slipped into open

water near the bay bridge. Mr. Ritchie sank almost at once, but Miss Ward's skirts sustained her, and she was rescued in a greatly exhausted condition. She was taken to Rossmore and is still there. Mr. Ritchie was about 20 years of

less than a year ago. Several hundred men and women, employed in the big building at 153 Market street, Chicago, were thrown into a panic Wednesday by a fire, which broke out on the fourth floor.

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place was used by makers of hats and

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EVERGLADES OF FLORIDA

Their Strange Flora and Fauna Described.

Tropical Profusion-The Seminole In dians and Their Traits.

The extreme southern portion

Florida is covered by one vast morass,

consisting of mud, jungle, swamp grass

and forest. This vast swamp has an area of about 9,000 square miles, which drains into Lake Akechobee, and covers practically the entire the entire surface of Dalle and Monroe, and a goodly portion of Lee counties. The foundation is assumed to be coral structure, as nearly the entire state has that substructure, but the great masses of oozy, miry mud make scientific investigations nearly impossible. Many attempts have been made to penetrate the fastnesses, without success, and consequently there are many miles of lagoons, whose dark, unknown depths have never been viewed by the eyes of, nor traveled by, the energetic explorer. This great wilderness has within its confines immense morasses, vast thickets of cane and palmetto, a tropical paradise of beautiful flowers, sweetly perfumed shrubs and ferns, whose defleacy and beauty of pattern defy all attempts at artificial production in lace. Birds, insects, reptiles, and all animal life find little to disturb the even tenor of their way, except such as their own pugnacious instincts lead up to, ending oftentimes in the destruction of the participants; birds rise screaming in the air, while bellowings reverberate roars and throughout these vast recesses, testifying to a mighty struggle between the

monstrous inhabitants of the jungle. The native cracker asserts that the swamp is inhabited by animals of prehistoric times, using as argument the finding of the jaws of a mastodon and the skeleton of a giant tapir upon the banks of the Kississee River. With-in these confines are to be found bear deer, catamount, hogs, chameleons, gopher, turtle, turkey, quail, every species of tropical water-fowl, and last, but not least, the largest specimens of rattler, water-moccasin, and "'gators," of which last the largest taken on record measured nearly 23 feet and weighed as heavy as an ox. Regarding rattlesnakes, the writer has seen living speci-mens of the diamond back, 6 feet long, and a stuffed skin which measured 12 feet. Frogs also grow to an uncommon size, as they are frequently met with in the outskirts, ranging from four to six pounds. The Seminoles, who are very fond of chamms, make use of the ivory-billed woodpecker, whose great bill commands their awe and respect, and which, when polished, forms one of their most potent defenders from evil. The beautiful humming-birds are probably more interesting than any other example of the feathered tribe, flit-ting here and there, in and out among the roses, and other flowers, resembling the flash of aerial diamonds, and while taking but a small part, yet have the most pleasing memories.

varies his usual habits to suit his environment; hunting and developing an innate rascality in securing his ends, which would put the denizens of other latitudes to the blush. While wandering through the woods, he hears the gobble of a turkey or the grunt of a hog, upon which he immediately stretches himself flat on the earth, and awaits the turn of affairs. Along come the turkey, picking assiduously, when, without a moment's warning, there is a swift stroke, and his dinner is secure. Or, if it was a hog, his greedy eyes are too intently bent upon the

search for toothsome morsels any particular attention to that shaggy mass partially covered by leaves, and the same course ensues. The midwinter season offers the best opportunity during which to visit the everglades, and even then countless hordes of mosquitoes harry you, and reptiles are both in front and rear. Vast cypress trees entwined with parasitical vines, and others festooned with great masses of Spanish moss, give a very venerable appearance to the forest, hide the sun, and at times leave you in total darkness, while from surrounding trees hundreds of pairs of eyes are perhaps watching you, and in some instances the owners watch your progress while making every preparation for flight. Vast colonies of bees are to be seen flitting in all directions, gathering the sweet extracts which, in countless years gone by, have made the everglades the greatest apiary in the world. Many of the intelligent class of inhabitants have built good boxes for the use of these

busy little creatures, and secure an in-

and barely any expense.

The Seminole Indians are to all intents and purposes the only human beings who can enter into these shades of darkness and waste, either in summer or winter, as pests and reptiles have no terrors for them. The extreme heat of the midsummer sun only adds zest to their excursions, from which they always return without annoyance or disaster. These Indians claim the everglades as their heritage, and are without exception the most interesting of all remaining tribes of redmen. Some 500 of them are still in existence, who lead a nomadic life, hunting and fishing, and in some cases cultivating a small patch of land or practicing taxidermy upon plumed birds, and also weaving fancy baskets and fern ware from the materials so ready to their hands. The nation is divided into many tribes, but all acknowledge the chieftain in the person of Osceola, the grandson of the famous Powell, or Osceola, with whom the United States waged war so long and so unsuccessfully.

Their moral, religious and personal ideas have a tendency to bigotry. Unchastity in women, married or single has but one punishment, that is, death and all marriage between those of the slightest blood relationship is strictly prohibited; this, when, in addition, all marriage outside of the tribe is tabooed, causes a young man who has amative desires to develop a surprising energy in the hunt for a wife. It is related that Chief Mianola has two pretty petite daughters, who are doomed to a life - of single blessedness, for the simple reason that all the young bucks eligible for such a marriage are wkin to the dusky rosebuds. So strict are they in the enforcement of these marriage laws that it is a common occurrence to see a young man with a wife of 50 or so. the reverse as the case may be. The Bruin is a native of these wilds, and gradual encroachment of civilization in

the form of railroads and settlements, together with the inroads of the hunter, sportsman and naturalist, have a tendency to increase the sullen hatred with which they view the white man, and cause the last remnant of this splendid tribe to isolate themselves in the almost pathless tracts of everglades, where, in hiding, t desire to be left to their own devices, suffering gradual extinction by the exercise of a morbid pride of blood. RICHARD GRAY. Clarence street, city.

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