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A Magnificent Display of the New Spring Styles—The Talk and Admiration of Thousands of Women Who Visited the Store To-day.

addition to a tremendous range of French styles that has ever been shown in this up-to-date store.

Beautiful Parisian Gowns. In connection with the silks are the imported semi-made robes, in lingerie and evening wear, all strictly first-class goods and made with the care of experienced workers.

Dress Goods Department. Here they are showing a very big range of exclusive novelties in both colors and black in costume lengths only, comprising silk poplins, Shantung, reseda, crepe de chine, French filet, net voiles and numerous other fine weaves in an endless variety of new spring shades.

Ready-to-wear Department. The exhibition of authoritative spring styles in costumes, tailored suits, coats and wraps was very much admired. This ever-growing department is better stocked than ever.

Pretty Neckwear and Belts. The store is parading many new and exclusive styles in pretty dainty neckwear and lovely belts.

New Spring Gloves. The famous Trefousse gloves, made of the finest selected skins, Mousquetaire

Pretty and Exclusive Millinery. Personally selected by the expert millinery buyer, which fact goes without saying that this store will again be in a class all by itself for pretty millinery.

For trimming these hats one has a great variety of flowers to choose from, lilies, roses, lilacs, poppies, hyacinths and all kinds of foliage, and fancy feathers are hardly second to flowers in diversity, and very difficult to describe.

The large black hat is again a quiet favorite, as it can be worn with any kind of gown and is always most becoming. To be found in this great display are a few smart and exclusive patterns.

The New Silks. The silk department shines out with greater splendor than ever. All the latest weaves and colors in abundance and the one enticing feature is their exclusiveness—fancy dress and waisting silks from the most artistic manufacturers in France.

Address, "Pattern Department," Times Office, Hamilton.

place, in 8, 12 and 16-button lengths, are shown in the following shades: Tan, Copenhagen blue, rose, reseda, red, navy, wine, grey, brown, myrtle, champagne, pearl grey, sky, pink, purple, black and white.

Hosiery and Underwear. For the hosiery and underwear departments, R. McKay & Co. buy from the largest firms and are enabled to give the public the best qualities and lowest prices.

Blouse Department. Among the best attractions was the blouse department, on the third floor. The display of exclusive French hand embroidered flannel, silk, and tailor-made waists was exquisite.

White Wear Department. On the third floor it is to be seen a beautiful display of exquisite lingerie in all the daintiest fabrics and latest designs, including some beautiful French hand embroidered sets.

Beautiful Wash Materials. In passing along the wash goods department large plaids—hold first place, both in Swiss and silk. Muslin in all the leading delicate shades, and in the more durable Scotch zephyrs, gingham, all at reasonable prices.

Wonderful Linen Display. At the linen department there is a splendid showing of dainty handwoven and hand embroidered linens in Irish and Japanese work.

Men's Furnishings. R. McKay & Co. aim to make one feel that they have the best and most up-to-date furnishings in the city, and they



"MY COMPLIMENTS TO MR. WHITNEY."

TOGETHER WITH SOME OPINIONS, BY SENATOR ROSS.

On the Power Problem—Guilty of Bungling and Cowardice—Premier Cannot Get Away From the Agreement He Himself Confirmed—Whitney's Language Worse Than His Logic.

Ottawa, March 18.—Hon. George W. Ross, in an interview to-day with a correspondent, pointed out the anomalies and subtleties in Premier Whitney's answer of Saturday last to the former's charges in respect to the agreement between the Province and the Electrical Development Company, and the fulfillment of Mr. Whitney's attempt to blame the Ross Administration therefor.

The Point in Dispute. Mr. Ross's statement is as follows: "I conceive the best way to understand the point in controversy between Mr. Whitney and myself is to restate it and then submit my answer. In his speech in the Legislature, as reported in the Mail and Empire March 11th, Mr. Whitney quoted paragraph five of the agreement made with the Government in 1899 to show that the Government was precluded by its own agreement from taking over the plant of any of the companies at the Falls.

The Price of Development. "Now my answer to all this is simply that different Liberal Governments from Sir Oliver Mowat's time till my time did make agreements, three in all, providing that as a Government we would not enter into competition with the corporations which we ourselves created. On no other conditions could we provide for the development of electrical energy at all.

Bombast Instead of Confession. "Instead of frankly and honestly admitting that he had ratified this agreement and had, therefore, become a party to all the conditions which it contained, he enters upon an irrelevant discussion of the history of the different agreements and of the many hours he spent as late as 2 o'clock in the morning in resisting the action of the Government in taking to itself the power of sanctioning such an agreement without the consent of the Legislature.

Actor in a Farce. "If unnecessary, why the farce of a ratification? But this is not all, for a few sentences farther on he explains that he was asked by Messrs. Mackenzie et al. to ratify this agreement and says: 'he admits was unnecessary and says: "The reason for this request will at the moment suggest themselves to every person who has had any acquaintance with the requirements of large financial enterprises. This action would be repeated if occasion called for it, etc.' Now what is Mr. Whitney's position? His Government made an agreement which was conceived with malice aforethought and was essentially bad, therefore a man of Mr. Whitney's high character could not approve of it.

A Cowardice Inconceivable. "Instead of doing this he assumed full responsibility for it by asking Parliament to ratify, and then, with a cowardice, inconceivable, he blames my Government for having made it. Punch once said that Lord John Russell chafed the word 'popery' on the door of Parliament and then ran away. Mr. Whitney went one better; this agreement and then took it to his bosom. There are other incidental matters in his reply so entirely irrelevant to the matter in dispute as to require no consideration. The one bold, dishonest statement is that if fact there is in the agreement made with the Electrical Development Company he is as fully committed to it as if he had made the agreement himself; and his attempt to conceal this from the public is simply a tortious way of covering up the agreement with the whole question of electrical energy since he took it up three years ago.

Let Pass a Golden Opportunity. "Nobody has yet got power from this agreement. It is not clear that the disease parts by the Improved Filter. He is the only clear, the air passes through the filter and is then breathed and permanently cured. Dr. A. W. Chase's 25c Catarrh Cure. Dr. A. W. Chase, 112 E. W. Chase, Toronto and Buffalo.

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DRIVE, NOT HUSTLE. Ruyard Kipling Sums Up Canada in a Word. London, March 18.—Mr. Ruyard Kipling's second "Letter to the Family" in the Morning Post is an impressionist sketch of Canada, the conditions in which, he says, make for extreme boldness, but not for extravagant boasting.

DULL EYES? BLOODLESS LIPS? PALE DRAWN CHEEKS? You Must Stop the Progress of Anæmia—Die!

When anæmic, you are languid and sensitive to cold. Gums, lips, eyelids are blanched and waxy. The skin is pallid, pulse becomes rapid and feeble. You grow dyspeptic, short of breath and nervous.

BEVERLEY COUNCIL. Beverly Township Council met on Monday, March 16, at 10 o'clock, all the members being present, and the record in the chair. A statement was received from the treasury department, Toronto, showing that \$210.62 was Beverly's share of the railway taxation, after having deducted \$100.00 for maintaining Beverly persons in Provincial Asylums for whom less than \$1.50 a week was received by the Province, and enclosing a cheque for said amount.

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A PRETTY COMBINATION UNDERGARMENT. No. 5648—An unusually attractive design for an underskirt and corset cover combined, is here pictured in a development of nainsook trimmed with narrow lace. The garment is made to slip on over the head, and is gathered at the neck in front, and may hang free from the shoulders or be tucked at the waistline, thus doing away with all unnecessary fullness.