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DOMINION INDEBTEDNESS.

The manner in which the indebtedness of the Dominion is increasing is business men. Coupled with that of the Provinces and Municipalities, it is so great that at least $25,000,000 per annum is required to pay the interest. This enormous sum is sent abroad for circulation or re-investment. The drain upon the resources of the country caused by such a condition of things must of necessity militate against its progress, and unless a stop is put to such a state of affairs the result cannot fail to be disastrous. In a recent beginning to alarm far-seeing, shrewd speech delivered by Sir Richard Cartwright in the Commons—and there is no better financial authority extant—he declared that the Federal, Provincial, municipal and private debt due abroad, and the sum due for railway bonds and obligations amounted to from $800,000,000 to $1,000,000,000, and the interest charge to something between $25,000,000 and $30,000,000. Hon. Mr. Haggart said it was only necessary to mention the sum of $30,000,000 to show its absurdity, which would be "patent to anyone at all conversant with the subject." The fact is that whatever discussion has taken place has tended to show that Sir Richard's estimate was very moderate indeed. Robert S. White, M. P. for Cardwell, who speaks knowingly, five years ago said that the annual interest sent abroad by Canada was $25,000,000 a year. The Montreal Gazette, of which he is editor, a well-informed Conservative journal, makes an estimate quite as high as Mr. Haggart ridiculed. "Precisely the amount of Canada's foreign indebtedness on account of capital borrowed," it says, "cannot be stated accurately. It may reach a thousand millions, more or less, in a nominal sense; that is to say, if we assume that the capital charge upon Canadian railways represents an investment at par, then certainly we are creditors to British and foreign investors to quite the extent stated by Sir Richard Cartwright." His calculation of the interest charge it characterizes as "probably somewhat high, although if the data were available, a close calculation might run the figures into that neighborhood." The Gazette places the yearly liability of the Dominion Government abroad at $10,000,000, and of the Provincial Governments at $2,000,000 on a debt of $42,250,000, payable abroad. The municipal debt of Canada is given in the Year Book at about $100,000,000. Probably, says the Gazette, the major portion of this debt is held in Canada. "The average rate of interest is not less than 4 per cent., and the annual remittance to foreign creditors will approximate $2,000,000. From the Year Book the Gazette finds that loan and mortgage companies had in 1892 debentures afloat to the amount of $57,839,230, of which $48,654,000 was payable in Great Britain, involving a yearly charge of at least $2,000,000. "The largest item of foreign indebtedness, however, occurs in the case of railways. Upon the 15,439 miles of constructed railways in Canada there was in 1893 a preference shares charge of $118,847,000, and a bonded debt of $307,225,000. In addition, there is an ordinary share capital paid up of $253,030,000. Now, upon a considerable proportion of this indebtedness no interest is paid, but upon the preference capital and the bonded liability a fair return is annually made running up to several million dollars. Take the case of the Canadian Pacific railway. In 1894 the fixed charges of this company amounted to $6,589,000, of which close upon $6,000,000 was probably due to British and foreign creditors, and, including the Grand Trunk indebtedness, it is within the mark to say that $9,000,000 is annually remitted abroad on account of interest on capital invested in Canadian railways." Thus we have the following statement of annual charges payable abroad:—

On Dominion debt	$10,000,000
On Provincial debt	2,000,000
On municipal debt	2,000,000
On loan and building societies' debt	2,000,000
On railway debt	9,000,000
	$25,000,000

The conclusion drawn by the Gazette "is that somewhere about $25,000,000 is annually sent abroad in the shape of interest on borrowed capital, and in seasons of active and prosperous trade it may be that as much as thirty millions is remitted." This does not include private indebtedness to foreign creditors, which our contemporary says it makes no attempt to estimate. Under these circumstances the cry of "down brakes" for a time at least, would seem to be very appropriate.

The Weekly Review of R. G. Dun & Co., to hand, says: The tide of business is rising, even as it was falling just two years ago, with surprising rapidity. The gain has gone so far and so fast in some branches that the more conservative fear it may not be maintained. But the period of dullness which comes in each market after an unusual rise brings as yet nothing like a corresponding decline. Industries gain much, halt or fall back a little, and then gain once more. The demand for consumption steadily increases as the employment and wages of the people increase. Demand for money expands, one bank reporting 29 per cent. larger discounts for the country, and another 23 per cent. more commercial loans than a year ago, and all but two report some gain. One serious question remains, whether the crops will be full enough to sustain a large business. But the worst reports are better by far than the estimates recently current.

The splendid victory of Hon. C. F. McIsaac in Antigonish, N. S., the seat formerly occupied by Sir John Thompson, necessitated a by-election for the Legislature. The Liberal candidate was Angus McGillivray while the Conservatives brought out Dr. Fraser and made a strong fight in the hope of redeeming the constituency at the Dominion contest. Every resource known to the Tory party was brought into play, but the result was an overwhelming defeat. The Liberal headed the poll in every polling district, and rolled up a total majority of about 200. The town of Antigonish alone gave Mr. McGillivray 219 votes to 172 for Dr. Fraser. And so the good work continues in the Lower Provinces.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The Hamilton Spectator says that the standing army is a most useful factor in the education of the Canadian volunteer, and that to secure the highest efficiency of the volunteers both military school and standing army are absolutely necessary.

The Hamilton Herald approves of Mr. Mulock's bill regarding public officials and says that it is scandalous that politicians appear to regard their election to Parliament as nothing more than a stepping stone to some fat berth, with a comfortable retiring allowance at the end of it.

Canadian royal commissioners have seldom, if ever, effected a settlement of vexed questions, or indeed greatly contributed to a settlement, says the Montreal Witness. It seems to be that the Manitoba school question is a matter of policy for a responsible government to deal with, and that no irresponsible royal commission and no commission or body that can be devised can render it possible for a Government responsible to the majority of the people to execute any policy but the one the majority are in favor of.

TRADE WITH CANADA.

Hon. J. G. Ward, Treasurer and Postmaster-General of New Zealand, who was a passenger on the Warrimoo last Sunday for Auckland, when asked if his colony desires to co-operate with Canada in establishing a united mail service between this country and New Zealand, and in laying down a Pacific cable said: "Yes, we have taken a deep interest in the project of laying down what I may term an all-British cable service between Canada and New Zealand, and we are quite prepared to contribute our share of the cost. Personally, I have always recognized the importance of the proposal and have had full faith in its feasibility."

"I believe you were the first to suggest the idea, were you not?" was asked.

"Yes, I was the first to move in the matter on the occasion of the cable conference at Brisbane a few years ago. In my opinion it would prove of great advantage to Canada by bringing it into closer connection with colonies which are fast growing in commercial importance, and from which there is already a large passenger traffic and freight trade, and in the course of a few years must attain to very enormous proportions."

"You are also interested in the proposed Canadian Pacific Mail service?"

"Yes, we take a keen interest also in that highly important subject, and I am glad to see that both Canada and New Zealand already recognize their mutual interests in the matter. There is no doubt in my mind that the remarkably picturesque scenery and salubrious climate of New Zealand, which offers so many attractions to the tourist and the seeker after health resorts, added to the fact that the voyage across the Pacific is on comparatively smooth water, need only an efficient mail service to greatly increase the passenger traffic between the Australian colonies, New Zealand and Canada. With the growing disposition on the part of both countries to admit each other's products on the most favorable terms, a great impetus would be imparted by the carrying out of these proposals to trade and commerce between them. I recognize and fully appreciate the enterprising spirit that your Government has shown in their efforts to foster external trade with the colonies, and so far as we, in New Zealand, are able to reciprocate, we will gladly do so."

LILLOOET DISTRICT.

Ranchers Hopeful and the Outlook Bright—Mining Propositions

C. S. Douglas, who returned on Thursday from a visit to Clinton and vicinity gives a good report of the Lillooet district. At Ashcroft business is capital having been much augmented by the increase in the number of prospectors going into Cariboo who get their outfits of ponies, pack saddles and supplies at that point. The stage and express company is doing a big trade because of the number of people going in to see the country, some for curiosity and others for investment. Last Monday the stage north carried 13 passengers, and one or two more stages were sent out. An extra is sent out every day or so with parties going north. On Wednesday Mr. Douglas passed a special going to Barkerville with Mr. Loewen, of Ceperley, Loewen & Campbell, Vancouver; Mr. Furguson, C. E., of Vancouver; Mr. Lane, of Agassiz and Mr. Levesey, a young English capitalist who is visiting the Province. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of freight are being brought in by train from Ashcroft north, and freighters will be kept busy for the next year taking in plants for the various mining enterprises scunder way. Quite a number of big freight wagons—two coupled together hauled by two, four and sometimes six teams, were passed on the road, and also several pack trains and numerous prospectors trudging northward to the gold fields with their belongings packed on ponies—some being young men, making their first trip into the country and others graybeards who had been there in the sixties and were now returning after years of absence in other fields.

The road is an excellent one, Mr. Douglas says—almost equal to Cordova street pavement at this season of the year. Clinton is very prettily situated in a valley, with several small streams running through the village and furnishing an ample supply of water for irrigating the gardens and lawns of the town some of which are very pretty. There are a number of good ranches near Clinton, the crops on which are looking well, in fact, ranchers all through Lillooet district are feeling very hopeful. The great development of the mineral wealth of Lillooet and Cariboo districts that is taking place, is causing a good local demand for feed and produce, and will inure to the benefit of the ranchers. Mr. Douglas says he never had a better trip could be taken at this season of the year than a ride through Lillooet district. There are innumerable streams and lakes in which trout abound, and in the fall there is good shooting, deer being very plentiful. A couple of days were spent at Kellys Lake where Sam Graham, formerly of Vancouver, has a ranch, and Sam treated the party most hospitably. The lake is alive with trout and some good catches were made. All through the district there are good hotels and prices for edibles and liquids are the same as at the coast—a rather remarkable thing for a mining district, as one naturally expects everything to be much higher. The gold quartz mine which Mr. Douglas went up to see, and in which he and a number of friends are interested, is situated at the junction of Kelly's Creek and the Fraser river, and while Mr. Douglas was reticent in regard to the matter, enough was said to lead to the belief that the syndicate that has taken hold of the mine think they have struck a good thing.

Mr. Douglas did not go further north than Clinton, which is 32 miles from Ashcroft. The drive is a most romantic one, the scenery being very picturesque, and sometimes startling—particularly just out of Ashcroft, where the road is cut in the mountain side along the valley of the Bonaparte river, with that stream hundreds of feet below noisily rushing.

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.

The annual communication of Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M., grand register of British Columbia, opened its annual communication in the Masonic Temple this forenoon. The following grand lodge officers were present: M. W. Bro. R. B. McMicking, Victoria, G. M.; R. W. Bro. Lacey R. Johnson, D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Alex. Charleson, G. S. W.; R. W. Bro. Rev. E. D. McLaren, G. J. W.; V. W. Bro. Rev. J. A. Logan, G. C.; V. W. Bro. H. F. Helsterman, G. T.; V. W. Bro. W. J. Quinlan, G. S.; W. Bro. B. Williams, C. S. D.; W. Bro. George Cunningham, G. S. of W.; W. Bro. W. H. S. Perkins, G.M.; W.Bro. A.W. Black, G. P.; W. Bro. G. A. Dow, G. T.

The following P. G. M.'s were present: Bros. Wm. Downie and Marcus Wolfe.

The P. Masters present were: Bro. J. E. Phillips, Munroe Miller, H. F. Helsterman, F. Williams, George S. Russell, George McFarland, D. Cartmel, S. J. Turnstall, Wm. Manson, A. McKercher, W. A. DeWolfe Smith, A. Charleson, G. Thomas, P. McNaughton, A. E. Lees, D. W. Gillies, W. H. Irwin, Geo. Hickey, Wm. Stewart, J. A. Logan, W. H. S. Perkins, George Cunningham, D. McKay, E. D. McLaren, J. E. Miller, J. Irvine, W. O. Miller and Wm. Downie.

The following lodges are represented:

Victoria Columbia, No. 1.—A. L. Belyea, W. M.; W. A. Richardson, J. W.

Vancouver Quadra, No. 2—D. Wilson, W.M.; Geo. Glover., SW.; M. H. Thompson, J. W.

Mount Hermon, No. 7.—Charles Nelson, S. W.; Talbot Ward, J. W.

Union, No. 9.—R. E. Walker, W. M.; H. N. Rich, J. W.

Cascade, No. 12.—A. W. Black, W. M.; C. E. Tisdale, S. W.; H. H. Watson, J. W.

Pacific No. 16.—T. L. Downes, W. M.; E. J. Bond, S. W.; L. C. York, J. W.

King Solomon, No. 17.—J. H. Shirley, W. M.; T. J. Armstrong, J. W.

Doric, No. 18.—F. McBain Young, W. M.; Lewis T. Davis, S. W.; John H. Pleace, J. W.

Ionic, No. 19.—C. B. Reeves, W. M.; S. Mellard, S. W.

Acola, No. 22—W. D. Brydone-Jack, S. W.

United Service, No. 24.—Geo. Hickey, W. M.; A. C. Muir, S. W.; H. E. Hammond, J. W.

The forenoon session was occupied with routine work, such as reading the minutes of the last regular meeting, the reading of correspondence, etc.

The afternoon session was devoted to reading reports of the various grand lodge officers, all of which showed that the order throughout the Province was in a very flourishing condition.

The Grand officers for the ensuing year will be elected this afternoon or evening, when it is expected that a large turnout of the local brethren will be present. These meetings are instructive, as well as enjoyable and are usually well attended. The sessions will continue to-morrow and part of Saturday.

The annual sermon to the members of the grand lodge will be preached by V. W. Bro. J. A. Logan, Grand Chaplain, in St. Andrew's church to-morrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock. The service is open to all who chose to attend.

POLITICS IN CARIBOO.

A. D. McInnes writes The World that on the 13th inst. Hewitt Bostock held a public meeting at Alexandria, which was well attended by the residents of that locality. Mr. Clink occupied the chair, Mr. McInnes acting as secretary. Mr. Bostock spoke for an hour, and his remarks were well received amidst frequent applause. He handled the Dominion Cabinet without gloves, and said some hard things of Caron. A vote of thanks were tendered him and the meeting closed with three cheers for Bostock.

THE ROYAL CITY.

Happenings in and About the City of New Westminster.

From our own Correspondent.

New Westminster, June 20.—The spring salmon run which opened well this week resulting in a fairly good catch for Monday and Tuesday, slackened up very much to-day, the count showing a small average to the vest number of boats out. While on the subject of salmon, so important an item in the list of Provincial products, a concensus of the views of a number of the most influential men who are permanently interested in the fish industry of the Fraser will be of interest to the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Taking for granted that the authorities, who have an important responsibility upon them as guardians of the most productive source of revenue and wealth in the Dominion have done the best their theoretical knowledge prompted, it still remains a matter of fact that they have taken no notice of suggestions in regard to better regulations governing the course of river navigation. Vessels certainly have the right of way over the road with indefinitely defined boundaries or none, and fishermen run their own risk in having their nets broken up if they lay across a vessels course in deep channel. The risk, however, is minimized, and is run every day and night because experience has shown the net men that steamers will almost invariably submit to loss of time and the inconvenience of going out of their way rather than break the property of a poor fisherman who takes advantage of the good nature of the man at the wheel, and has almost forgotten that the steamer is not responsible for damages if the net is destroyed. Now why should not the department lay out a roadway for navigation by adding to their code of restrictions a clause excluding the nets from the existing proceeding of dropping or drifting into the road of navigation. It is not now like the old fishing days when comparatively few nets obstructing the run of the fish to the spawning fields. From the three mile limit to Sumas thousands of nets bar the passage of salmon and steamers, and of the former to such an extent that in 48 hours after the dropping time on Sunday night the run is practically cut off from the upper sections of the trail water of the river. While considering the subject the department might remedy what is now an unfair license under the present regulations. If a fisherman has a number of boats under license he may drop his nets in any drift from the mouth to the head. He may not but drop in at the outer bank on Sunday night and follow the shoal up by dropping in ahead at any, only being restricted to a certain distance from any drifting net. He may also drop and follow and drift to the mouth. It would be a fair measure if each boat, all of which are numbered, were restricted to a certain limit of drifts.

A. B. MacKenzie, who has been spending several weeks in Old Cariboo, is expected home this week. During the secretary's absence the affairs of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society are under the efficient care of his partner, Mr. Malins who stated to your correspondent to-day that to the untiring efforts of G. E. Corbould, M. P., is due the interest the department Dr. Agriculture is taking in the welfare of the Provincial exhibition, which must result very beneficially to the Province and contribute much to the anticipated success of the fair.

Reports from fruit growing districts are to the effect that the strawberry crop, which up to a week ago promised so favorably is being injured by the continued dreary weather and unless warm the berries are rotting. Much of the early crop has been gathered and fairly good prices have been received, the present figure being from $2 to $2.25 per case of 24 dirty boxes. Geo. Ellis and the Hill brothers and W. H. Leiws, of Burnaby, are the principal producers in the immediate vicinity of the city, and have all had exceptionally good crops.

New Westminster June 21.—The strawberry crop, an important local industry, is saved. Notwithstanding Capt. Peel's warning to "expect unsettled weather" the prophet was in a good humour and to-day many hundreds of crates have been saved. Three days of sunshine would be worth nuggets to the producers, and with the turn of the solstice a fine week may be expected.

The city council will meet at 8 o'clock tonight to further debate the civic assessment matter. They will first consider the estimates which will be somewhat revised to meet the situation. Court appeals are pending and decisions are by mutual consent, held until the board shall have fixed the figure of rebate. To meet the consequent reduction the rate must be raised some a fraction. This will be proposed to-night and the chairman of the Finance committee will come down with his revised proposals to the regularly assembled council on Monday evening. That 20 per cent will stand as the figure of rebate is a foregone conclusion and as motives of economy have prompted the deliberations of the city fathers it is not likely that the rate will be much above the elevated.

The market has had another good day as far as buyers' attendance with the necessary legal tender was concerned. There was, however, a noticeable shortness of supply in some staple lines. Prices remained about normal except in strawberries in which there was a decline, as was to be expected. Eggs, though, averaging the old price, are a firm stock, with probabilities of a rise in the near future. Butter is plentiful and mostly of a fine sample with figures as per old quotation and under as per demerit. Amongst the buyers were noticed many Vancouver people. A good sample of last years potatoes was offered at very low prices.

Boundary Bay and Port Moody will soon be alive with summer sojourners. A number of families are busy with preparations for their annual outing on the salt water, and will go into camp next week. A few more are going to English Bay, and in two weeks time the Royal City will be practically deserted by all but the male portion of the upper two hundred.

The catch of salmon was again slim yesterday and last night. Fishermen look for an early arrival of the sockeye which usually strike the fresh water of the Fraser about the time of the longest days. But for some reason, and from causes unknown to science, they have not come into the river until about July 1st, in the last two years but have amused themselves playing around in the Gulf for a week or 10 days before entering the river. One reason assigned for this by experienced fishermen is the vast barricade of nets in the outer fresh waters where the element is sufficiently clear to allow the fish to plainly discern the nets, and it is a well-known fact that a salmon will not venture into a net in clear water. The Fisheries Company's building is nearly finished and the company will soon be as well or better equipped for the season's work than if the fire had not consumed all their plant.

The suit of Mills vs. Cousins in the Supreme court is fixed for the 26th inst. The case of Jas. Cunningham vs. the Bank of British Columbia has not yet been argued, the date to be fixed by mutual consent. As there are altogether only six or seven lawyers, besides a brace or two of Q. C.'s in the case, it will not take long to fix a date generally convenient.

The Moonlight Lacrosse team are scheduled to play Vancouver on July 6th. They have, therefore, only a short time to get in training. There has been a lamentably skim turn out at practice lately, and if they do not get out to play the Vancouver boys will get away with them sure. They will need all the advantages of training and practice the combination tactics to hold their hard earned reputation.

A 17lb. racing wheel for F. G. Turner arrived by express to-day. The machine is one made to special order at a cost of $175. The wheel craze is fast becoming epidemic here as well as in Vancouver, and Victoria, and soon railway trains, tram cars, steamboats and livery rigs as means of rapid transit will be things of the past. Trips on the wheel to Vancouver, Chilliwack and Ladners and return are becoming of every hours occurrence, and old and young, regardless of sex, who are not already the possessors of a wheel, are either placing their orders or saving up with that object in view. The local agents are doing a healthy business in orders and find much difficulty in getting them filled on time, notwithstanding the factories are running day and night.

New Westminster, June 22.—A section of the business community has contended ever since the tramway line to Vancouver was opened for traffic that the system was an injury to the trade of this city. Business men here have repeatedly advanced the contention that as soon as the people of Vancouver had centre carried a considerable number of people who went there for the express purpose of making purchases, who, had they not been afforded this rapid, convenient and easy means of communication would leave their cash here. In the first place careful enquiry shows that not only have a limited number of buyers been carried, every week to Vancouver, bent on purchasing something that they probably could not obtain here but it has further been established that, taking into consideration the relative proportions of population, and number of men and firms engaged in trade relatively in the two cities, the tram cars have carried more Vancouver people to the markets of Westminster than vice versa. It is not fair to the company which has ever been alert to cater with commendable impartiality to the travelling public of the neighboring centres to continue arguments which have been repeatedly refuted. Continuing their enterprising policy the Tramway Company have made arrangements with the steamers voyaging up the Fraser to run an early tram car leaving Vancouver at 7 a.m. connecting with steamers leaving this port at 8 a.m. for points up the river. This system of connection will begin next Monday morning and will prove of vast convenience to the general public.

There is a slight improvement in results from the last cleaning from the boats of spring salmon. As nearly as can be gathered from the whole line of drift the average landed from the boats out last night was six to the boat with a fraction to spare. Prices are stiff and now contract men are very independent.

Thos. E. Ladner was in town to-day. He has recovered his normal health. Mr. Ladner will add up his record as a salmon exporter this season if the sockeyes run in sufficient number to afford the opportunity.

The continued rain in the face of signs of finer weather is much affecting the strawberry crop, and producers are praying for sunshine.

THOUSANDS LIKE HER.—Tens McLeod, Severn Bridge, writes: "I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for curing me of a severe cold that troubled me nearly all last winter." In order to give a quietus to a hacking cough, take a dose of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil thrice a day, or oftener if the cough spells render it necessary.

HANDSOME BUSINESS PREMISES.

People who talk of hard times in Vancouver are sometimes pressed to find tangible facts to back up their pessimistic stories. Those who are prepared to admit that the town is going ahead and that it has much less hard times than the vast majority of cities on the continent, find no difficulty in pointing to matters that bear out what they say. Buildings are going up, people are getting married right and left and established businesses are branching out into new and better premises. Among the latter may be mentioned the old and well-known firm of Shelton & Co. The firm needs no introduction, it is well known for its fair dealing and honest methods. It has been conservative in its plans and has kept abreast with the advancement of the city without rashly reaching out beyond its ability. This conservatism has enabled it to keep a constantly changing stock and it has been able to please its patrons with up-to-date goods and without having to coax them with bargain counters. Shelton & Co. are out to get rid of articles out of date and style. The fact that Shelton & Co. have had erected for them by Capt. Tatlow a new and commodious store on Hastings street, next door to the Bank of B. N. A. is therefore a substantial sign that the city is not yet on the road to the demnition bow-wows. The premises present a splendid appearance to the street, the show windows are large and bright and well suited for the purpose for which they are intended—that is showing full sets of bedroom, parlor or dining room sets as the case may be. The establishment presents two stories and a half to the street and at the rear there are three stories, facing the lane, owing to the difference in the grade, so that the basement, so far as the storing of bulky goods is concerned is a ground floor, and this fact also allows it to be perfectly lighted. On a level with the basement at the rear is a separate apartment which is used for upholstering and in which three men are employed. In the main building on this floor are the apartments where mattresses are made and renovated, and there are also show rooms for linoleums, iron bedsteads and kitchen fittings, and a workshop where the frames of the furniture are set up.

On the floor on a level with Hastings street, which is 82x90 feet, a variety of goods are shown. This is a handsome apartment, having a wooden ceiling varnished in natural tints and supported by ornate white columns. At the rear are to be found window shades, which in a light that brings out the various tints quite clearly and distinctly. On one side are carpets, rugs, mats, mattings, squares, carpet sweepers and baby carriages. In this latter line there are shown some designs that no one need be ashamed to wheel their precious darling in. They are provided with all the latest improvements to ensure the comfort of their Elite occupants. On the other side are bedroom sets in oak, curly birch, walnut, ash and other hard woods, each with the newest ideas in finish and design. Some of the dressing stands being particularly handsome. In the centre are shown office desks and chairs and chairs of over 100 other different styles. There are also displayed some dining room tables and chairs and some magnificent sideboards.

On the upper floor are to be found the departments devoted to curtains of all classes and designs, portieres, table covers, mantle covers, piano covers, cornice poles and all the necessary chain rings and other paraphernalia for hanging curtains, fancy cabinets, book cases, swing and wall mirrors, easels, silver cabinets, liquor cabinets, hall stands, rattan goods, fancy rockers in over 50 different designs, parlor suites in varying styles and with different numbers of pieces, lounges, bed lounges, fancy tables and cradles.

Each floor is reached by a smoothly working elevator and the whole premises are a credit to the firm and to the city. The World hopes that Shelton & Co. will continue to receive the patronage that their honest methods and fair dealing deserve.

Mrs. Coleate Coon, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "For years I could not eat many kinds of food without producing a burning, excruciating pain in my stomach. I took Parmalee's Pills according to directions under the head of 'Dyspepsia or Indigestion.' One box entirely cured me. I can now eat anything I choose, without distressing me in the least." These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required.

A DOUBLE MURDER.

Coroner McGuigan had called to his attention this morning the ruthless slaughter of two innocent infants in the east end of the city. There is very strong evidence that death is the result of poison and a neighborly quarrel is the alleged cause. The two bodies were brought to his office this morning at a moment when city undertaker Lockhart happened to be present. His services were not needed at the time because the coroner's constable arriving shortly after it was decided on his strongly put suggestion to have no one touch the bodies except the person who first found them until a proper post mortem was made. The bodies were therefore sent at once to the office of Dr. Bell-Irving, who has all the necessary appliances and who has had much experience in making post mortems. He also has the necessary test tubes and re-agents to discover just what class of poison has been used. Poor little chickens—they will never again respond to their mother's cluck or make the morning merry with their cheery peep-peep.

Farr, the C. P. R. engineer, was arraigned in the Winnipeg police court yesterday, but was remanded until to-day. When he was taken into the court room he stood for a moment and gazed steadily at the young woman mixed up in the case, without a tremor or the slightest indication of emotion. For a moment Miss Robinson returned the man's gaze, and then her eyes filled with tears, and with a half-suppressed sob she covered her face with her gloved hands and silently wept. Once she nearly fainted in her chair, but Chief McRae quickly brought her a glass of water which revived her. Farr was seated directly opposite Miss Robinson, and during the 10 minutes the proceedings lasted never took his eyes from her.

A mining bureau and banking agency have opened at New Denver.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Award.

A GRATEFUL MOTHER.

RELATES HOW HER DAUGHTER'S LIFE WAS SAVED.

Anæmia and General Debility Had Brought Her to the Verge of the Grave—Physicians Held Out No Hope of Recovery—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Again Prove a Life Saver.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

A personal paragraph in the Free Press some time ago simply stating that Miss Sophie Belanger, 428 Cooper street, Ottawa, had recovered from a serious illness caused by anæmia and general debility, has apparently awakened more than usual interest and pleasure among her relatives and acquaintances. So much so, indeed, that a reporter of the paper found it extremely interesting to visit the family and enjoy a chat with Mrs. Belanger on the recovery of her daughter after she had for two years been considered irrecoverably a victim of this terribly enervating and dangerous disease. Mrs. Belanger is a very intelligent French-Canadian, wife of Mr. Joseph Belanger, whose wall paper and paint and glass establishment is at 146 Bank street. Miss Sophie Belanger, the whilom invalid, vacillating between death and life, is a promising young lady of seventeen years. She is a student under

SHE LAY ON A COUCH LIKE ONE DYING.

the nuns in St. Jean Baptiste school on Primrose Hill. Over two years ago she fell sick and rapidly wasted away. The nature of her disease appeared to be a profound mystery to the physicians as they were called in one after the other. Despair seized the family as they looked upon the once beautiful, spirited girl, laying there, day and day out, weeks and months on her couch, seemingly fast vanishing and they powerless even to raise a smile to her wan lips. Each succeeding medical man gravely told the anxious parents to prepare for the worst. However, Mrs. Belanger is not one of those women who give up in despair while their is still hope, as her own words will denote.

"It was a terrible time," she said. "We had been told again and again that nothing could be done to save Sophie, and had almost been forced by appearances to believe it. I have now to say that but for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she would have been in her grave instead of attending school every day the liveliest of the lively. It began like this; the poor girl was coming to me three or four times a day exclaiming, 'Oh, ma; I have such a terrible headache. I cannot stand the pain of it." This went on for a long time, weeks in fact, until we began to look at it in a very serious light. We had almost lost a French doctor in the city called in, but with no result. Sophie got worse and worse. Her face was small and yellow while her lips were as white as your collar. She could listless and dreamy and so weak she could not raise her hand to her head. A leading doctor forced her to take a certain kind of powders, which seemed to be taking the flesh from her bones. Her skin became dry and parched, her eyes sank into her head and she lay on that couch as one dead, taking no interest whatever in things going on around her. Then it was we became confirmed in the opinion in our last that she was going to die. It was agonizing to look at her, but we became partially resigned to the fate that appeared to be overtaking us. She was watched day and night, but we could detect no change unless for the worse. All hope had gone. I had read of the cures by the use of Dr. Williams Pink Pills, and shortly after this I read a description published in the Free Press somewhat similar to Sophie's case. Something seemed to urge me to give them a trial, and now I thank God I did. I sent for a box and began giving them to her one at a time. Before long we saw an improvement, and gradually increased the dose from one to two and then to three at regular intervals. It was incredible to us that there was shown some designs that no one need be ashamed to wheel their precious darling in. They are provided with all the latest improvements to ensure the comfort of their Elite occupants. On the other side are bedroom sets in oak, curly birch, walnut, ash and other hard woods, each with the newest ideas in finish and design. Some of the dressing stands being particularly handsome. In the centre are shown office desks and chairs and chairs of over 100 other different styles. There are also displayed some dining room tables and chairs and some magnificent sideboards.

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A DOUBLE MURDER.

Coroner McGuigan had called to his attention this morning the ruthless slaughter of two innocent infants in the east end of the city. There is very strong evidence that death is the result of poison and a neighborly quarrel is the alleged cause. The two bodies were brought to his office this morning at a moment when city undertaker Lockhart happened to be present. His services were not needed at the time because the coroner's constable arriving shortly after it was decided on his strongly put suggestion to have no one touch the bodies except the person who first found them until a proper post mortem was made. The bodies were therefore sent at once to the office of Dr. Bell-Irving, who has all the necessary appliances and who has had much experience in making post mortems. He also has the necessary test tubes and re-agents to discover just what class of poison has been used. Poor little chickens—they will never again respond to their mother's cluck or make the morning merry with their cheery peep-peep.

Farr, the C. P. R. engineer, was arraigned in the Winnipeg police court yesterday, but was remanded until to-day. When he was taken into the court room he stood for a moment and gazed steadily at the young woman mixed up in the case, without a tremor or the slightest indication of emotion. For a moment Miss Robinson returned the man's gaze, and then her eyes filled with tears, and with a half-suppressed sob she covered her face with her gloved hands and silently wept. Once she nearly fainted in her chair, but Chief McRae quickly brought her a glass of water which revived her. Farr was seated directly opposite Miss Robinson, and during the 10 minutes the proceedings lasted never took his eyes from her.

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