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A splendid assortment of Black Dress Goods in Dress Lengths, comprising embroidered Crepe de Chene, Crepelles, Eoliues, etc., tye very latest French effects at \$12 to 25.00 the Dress. The Stone Solution of Henri Bourassa, M. P. He showed up the Quebec schools and denied that the privileges enjoyed by the Provincial Government. Mulock Speaks in Defence. Sir William Mulock had been glaring at Mr. Foster all through the latter's speech. When, at 2 o'clock last night, private bils were disposed of, Sir William took up the debate and by way of preliminary amenities accused Mr. Foster of trying to sow the seeds of discord, to the great injury of his country. It must be extremely elevating, he said sarcastically, for Canada to take its ideas of political morality from such a source. Sir William

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GRAY'S CHINA HALL, KING

Hon. G. E. Foster Doesn't Turn Corner On Autonomy Bills.

fter Three Trials He Declares He Will Never Again Hold the Rights of the Minority Supreme as Against the Great Force of Public Opinion-Sir William Mulock Replies in Vituperative Speech.

Ottawa, March 30 .- The Hon. George Ottawa, March 39.—The Hon. George Eulas Foster was heard yesterday on the great question of the session, the autonomy bill. He spoke from 3.30 to 6 o'clock and left on the pages of Hansard what many good judges believe to be the best speech he ever delivered on the floor of Parliament.

Faced His Own Record.

He faced the question courageously and as manfully faced his own record and as manfully faced his own record as one of the authors of the remedial bill. Many wondered how he would turn the corner. The truth is that he did not attempt to turn any corner. He declared that he acted in accordance with his henest convictions in 1896, and that under similar conditions in the independent would be precisely as it lsse, and that under similar conditions his judgment would be precisely as it was in the stirring days of the historic crists. On that occasion the Conservative Government, knowing that it was politically inexpedient, attempted to confer on the minority in Manitobathe rights which a high judicial decision had conceded to them. tion had conceded to them. The Present Bill.

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It had been urged in defence of the autonomy bill, he said, that 41 per cent, of the people of Canada demanded the legislation. Where was that 41 per cent, he asked, in 1896 when the Conservative Government was attempting to serve it? In the elections of 1896, again in 1900, and once again in 1904, it declared against the party which endacevered to give it what were, he bedeavored to give it what were, he be-lieved, to be its just dues, and in the face of these decisions, Mr. Foster said, he would never again hold the rights of the minority supreme as against the great force of public opinion. Mr. Fos-ter gently but forcefully deaft with the

take its ideas of political morality from such a source. Sir William searched Mr. Foster's political record, dwelling on what he termed the latter's treachery to Sir Mackenzie Bowell and his conduct generally in the crisis of 1896. Mr. Foster had tried to create the impression that Quebec was being given a stone instead of bread. His object was to envelop the whole Deminien in one huge religious conflagration. The school question, he declared, was being settled on a fair basis, instead of being allowed to remain open and stop Canada's progress.

A. E. Lancaster replied with a vigorous speech. He said the PostmasterGeneral had wasted the time of the
House abusing Mr. Fester and Dr.
Sproule. No passionate speeches had
been delivered from the Conservative
side. The new Provinces, Mr. Lancaster declared, should be left to deal
with the school question as they
thought fit.

Mr. Demers (St. John and Iberville Mr. Demers (St. John and Iberville)
moved the adjournment of the debate.
By a majority of 24 the House passed the bill giving the Ottawa Electric
Co. power to absorb the Consumers'
and Metropolitan concerns.

The Vacant Portfolio.

The Vscant Portfolie.

Mr. Borden asked when the announcement would be made of the Government's intention in regard to filling the vacant portfolio of the Interior. With his sunniest smile Sir Wilfrid replied, "probably to-morrow."

G. T. R. Gives Running Rights. Ottawa, March 30.—The G. T. R. has decided to give the Intercolonial Railway running rights, over the Canada Atlantic, which the G. T. R. recently acquired. It is understood the Government railway is to pay nothing for the privilege.

CENTRE TORONTO.

Genservative by Acclamation.
Toronto, March 30.—The Liberal executive of Centre Toronto met last night and tendered a unanimous nomination to T. C. Robinette, but he declined.
"Will the nomination be offered to anyone else?" he was asked.
"I think not." said Mr. Robinette.
"That ends the matter as far as we are concerned."
"Then the nomination will go by acclamation?"
"Yes; unless the Toronto Reform Association decides to call a convention."

Demers is Dying.

Prohibition of Cigarettes. Madison, Wis., March 30.—The Wisconsin Senate yesterday, after a long debate, passed the Evans anti-cigarette bill. The bill, which absolutely prohibits the sale or manufacture of cigarettes or cigarette paper, now goes to the Governor.

FACED HIS OWN RECORD WERE LOSSES **ALLOWED FOR?**

Member for East Kent Will Ascertain why Ross Government Neglected Claims of Kent **Farmers**

Mr. Bowyer Asks Concerning Returns to Fruit Growers for Destruction by San Jose Scale

Toronto, March 30-At last night's vening session of the Provincial Legislature Philip H. Bowyer, M. P. he would to-morrow make enquiry of the Ministry with a view to investigation and action as follows:

What amount, if any, was appro priated by the Government last session towards compensating the farmers and fruit-growers for the destruction of their trees and orchards by the San Jose scale inspectors some five or six years ago?

The circumstances alluded to in Mr. Bowyer's question are familiar to residents of this county. At the time an immense quantity of fruit trees in this district were ordered trees in this district were ordered destroyed by the aspectors. The compensation allowed by the then Government was not fair or just or what had been agreed upon, and in some cases it was alleged that it was never forthcoming at all and the farmers suffered a total loss. It is understood that the energetic member for East Kent will endeavor to have the matter thoroughly investigated with a view to having justice done to those who suffered so severely.

GAME WARDEN

Thamesville Man is Mentioned as Successor to Chas. Quallins Removed for Partisan Activity

The aunouncement is made that at a meeting of the Provincial Cab-Wigle, of Thamesville, was appointed game warden for the district. which conprises the counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton. Mr. Wigle formerly lived in South Essex and is a cousin of Mayor Wigle, of Wind-

Charles Quallins, of Windsor, wh has held the position for the past seven years, is relieved. It was established that the always took an active part in politics after his appointment to office. Quallins has been very busy since the elections.

in January trying to square himself, without avail,
Essex Conty, it is understood,
made a strong bid for the appointment, but it was deemed to be due
to East Kent.

FEW LEFT

Great Advance Sale for the Bonnie Brier Bush-Sale Till Ten To-night

There are ten hundred and twelve reserve seats on the first and sec ond floor of the Grand Opera House, and only one hundred and fifty-two and only one hundred and fifty-two remain unsold for the presentation of the veteran actor, J. H. Stoddard, in The Bonnie Brier Bush, which attraction appears at the Grand Opera House to-morrow night. Those wishing to attend should secare their seats at once, Manager Brisco's telephone number is 297. Seats will be on sale to-night until 10 p. m.

W. E. Raspin has two good heated rooms to let, over his office, 115 King street, suitable for offices or living rooms, all modern conveniences; also house to rent in Riverside Terrace, heated by furnace, hot and cold water, gas and modern conveniences. Also nice small house and lot on Murray street, \$700, full particulars on application.

St. Petersburg, mach of police, who was wounded by the explosion of a bomb on Sunday, is improving. He received 120 separate wounds, cuts and scratches.

Socialist Demonstration.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—The fundary street, \$700, full particulars on application.

ANOTHER DUEL SLATED

Japs and Russians to Be At Each Other's Throats in a Week.

Column of Japanese Moving Against Is the true test of cheapness Kirin With the Intention of Isolating Gen. Linevitch's Army From Valuable Base of Supplies, the Us suri District-Negative Peace Terms from Russia to Japan.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Another duel between the two opposing armles in Manchuria may be on the program for the coming week. The Russians, according to the Associated Press' Harbin correspondent, are now strongly fortifying their positions at Sipinghai, against which the Japanese are reported to be gathering in force. The reported Russian retirement from Sipinghai to Chaoumiaodzi was incorrect, due hai to Chaoumiaodzi was incorrect, du hai to Chaoumiaodzi was incorrect, due to a telegraphic error in the cenfusion of similar names, Chaoumiaodzi with Shuamnyaotszi, south of Sipinghai, from whence the Russians' advanced force retired to the fortified line at Sipinghai. The Japanese followed to some extent, but a border of twenty miles of detached ground still remains between the two armies, over which the Japanese prophely will not

mains between the two armies, over which the Japanese probably will not advance until they are ready to attack.

To Cut Him Off.

Equally important news is that a column of Japanese is moving against Kirin, perhaps with the intention of turning the position eastward and striking at the Vladivostock line of communication with the double purposition of the Column of pose of isolating the fortress and sep-arating Gen. Linevitch's army from a valuable base of supplies, the Ussuri

portance latterly. Reconnaisances establish the fact that the Japanese are

Russian prisoners, captured in the bat-tle of Mukden, have already arrived in

Japan.
A revised unofficial estimate of the Japanese casualties in the battles of Mukden and Tie Pass place the number at 57,000. Flags captured at Mukden have been presented to the Em-

Gen. Mayeda, who was wounded at Mukden, is dead.

NEGATIVE PEACE TERMS.

What Russia Will Do to Gain Peace-No Concession of Territory.

St. Petersburg, March 30.-The Asso-St. Petersburg, march 30.—Inc Asso-ciated Press is in a position to an-nounce that a step in the direction of peace has actually been made. Russia has indirectly made known to Russia has indirectly made known to Japan the negative conditions upon which peace may be concluded, viz., no concession of territory and no indemnity, leaving Japan to determine whether negotiations can be begun upon that basis.

No reply from Japan has yet reached the Russian Government.

the Russian Government.
The above report presents practically all the facts obtainable.
Denials Which Really Are Not.

Denials Which Really Are Not. Officially the authorities continue to deny stoutly that Russia has made any proposals to Japan.

This is literally true, as Russia has only made known the negative conditions, leaving the intermediary to convey these conditions on its own responsibility to Japan.

tions, leaving the interventions on its own responsibility to Japan.

Diplomats in St. Petersburg are convinced that some thing is in progress, but none of those in a position to know will acknowledge that they are aware what has actually or is being done.

Tried to Commit Suicide.

Paris, 'March 30.—An unconfirmed rumor from St. Petersburg is published here this morning to the effect that Emperor Nicholas made an attempt to commit suicide and wounded himself in the hand. The rumor further says that the Emperor's design was frustrated by the intervention of his mother, the Empress Dowager.

One of the Old School.

MURTON WAS IN TROUBLE.

Was Wanted in Berlin on a Charge of Fraud.

Toronte, March 30.—Coroner Orryesterday held an inquest on Arthur W. Murton, whose body was found near the railroad tracks at High Park on Tuesday morning. As there was no evidence to show how the fatality occurred, and nothing to indicate foul play, the jury brought in a verdict of accidential death.

There is, no doubt that deceased was in a worried state of mind, and was in anancial difficulties of some kind as the following Berlin despatch shows:

"A. W. Murton was wanted here by High Constable Huber on a charge of obtaining \$100 under false pretences from Jacob Hespeler, manager of the Molsons Bank at Waterloo. A warrant for his arrest had been issued, and the authorities at Guelph, Toronte and other points notified."

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The number of Chinese bandits is constantly augmenting. Chinese continue to report that Field Marshal Oyama has issued proclamations fixing the date for the occupation of Rarbin as April 10, but this prediction seems apparently improbable of fulfilment.

20,000 Prisoners in Japan.

Tokto, March 30.—Twenty thousand Russian prisoners, captured in the batters.

Sulman's

Cor. of King and Sixth St.

for circulating propagandist literature, hanged himself, his mind being un-hinged, was the occasion of a stirring hinged, was the occasion of a surring revolutionary demonstration. Disre-garding police warnings crowds of students followed the funeral cortege, singing revolutionary songs and scat-tering pamphlets. The coffin was cov-ered with wreaths from Socialists, revo-

lutionaries and workmen.

Reforms for Poland.
St. Petersburg, March 30.—Emperor.
Nicholas has instructed M. Maximewitch, Governor-General of Warsaw, to elaborate the reforms necessary for the prosperity of Poland.

MINISTER OF MINES.

Liberal Member C. N. Smith Favers
Appointment of Mr. Gamey or Mr.
Smyth—Address Debaters.
Toronto, March 30.—To-day will see
the end of the debate on the speech
from the Throne. The House yesterday
listened to a good speech from C. N.
Smith, the Liberal member for Sault
Ste Marle who promised to hold up Smith, the Liberal member for Sault Site. Marie, who promised to hold up the hands of the Government in every effort te promete the prosperity of new Ontarie. He expressed decided preference fer Mr. Gamey or Mr. Smyth as head of the proposed department of mines, and said the people of New Ontarie, irrespective of party, would not be satisfied if the minister was not a resident of that section. The other speakers were Dr. Lewis, Evan Fraser resident of that section. The other speakers were Dr. Lewis, Evan Fraser and Dr. Nixon.

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On motion of the Premier, the following committee was appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the care of the library: Whitney, Foy, Matheson, Pyne, Hendrie, Lucas, Ross, Harcourt, Graham and Preston, of Brant.

The adjournment was moved by Gee. Pattinsen (North Waterloo). There is a general disposition to conclude today. Mr. Gamey was desireus of being heard, but will not come on until the debate on the budget.

Opposition Caucus.

A caucus of the Opposition members was held yesterday, Mr. Harcourt presiding. C. M. Bowman was elected chief whip and J. B. Tudhope assistant. Matters of policy were discussed in a general way but no action was taken. Private Hespitals Get No Aid.

Hon, Mr. Hanna has decided that none other but public hospitals may share in the grants made by the Prevince toward hospitals. The rule will be strictly adhered to, he says.

The grant has been \$11,000 per year, divided amongst the hospitals on the basis of the aggregate number of days spent in hospitals are now partaking of the grant. Only half a dozen private hospitals will be affected by the new rule.

Enforcement of Fisheries Act.

The Commissioner of Public Works received a deputation from Collingwood and Meaford asking for the better enforcement of fishing regulations in Georgian Bay, beset by poachers to a large extent. Consideration was promised by Hon. Dr. Reaume.