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## Extraordinary Sale of

## Ladies' Suits and Skirts

To-Night and Monday

To-night and Monday we are putting on sale 15 Ladies' Tailor-made Suits and 10 Separate Skirts. These are the particulars:—

### Ladies' Suits

Made of oxford gray zebeline cloth, jacket made with hip pieces and elaborately stitched with white silk, skirt made with double flounce, silk lined throughout, size 36 in. Bust only, reg. price \$18.00, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of all-wool cheviot serge, black and oxford gray, jacket made eton style, revers, made of black taffeta, cuffs, skirt made 7 gored flare, trimmed with folds of goods, unlined, sizes 34, 36 and 38 in., reg. price \$16.00, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of all-wool homespuns, in oxford gray only, jacket made eton style with collar, revers and front trimmed with satin strap, skirt flared and trimmed with satin soles, suit lined throughout, sizes 32 and 34 in., reg. price \$17.50, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of homespuns, frieze, in oxford gray only, Norfolk jacket, velvet collar, flounced skirt trimmed with cloth

### Ladies' Suits

strapping, suit lined throughout, sizes 34 and 36 in., reg. price \$17.50, on sale for.....\$10.00

Made of cheviot serge, in Oxford gray, jacket made with hip pieces, banded with cloth, skirt made with flare and trimmed with cloth strap, suit lined throughout, size 34 and 36 in., reg. price \$13, on sale for.....\$8.75

Made of gray and black check homespuns, skirt coat, plain skirt, suit lined throughout, size 34 in. only, reg. price \$17, on sale for.....\$7.00

### Ladies' Skirts

Made of black serge cloth, well lined, bound with velvet, and brush binding, 7 gored flare, reg. price \$2.75 and \$3 each, on sale for.....\$1.95

Thomas Stone & Son

## Nothing But New Method Suits And Overcoats For Young Men

That's all we are showing now in one of our large Display Windows.

Young Men, if they'll take the time, can see for themselves how thoroughly we are prepared to SUIT or OVERCOAT them this fall. The varieties were never better—never larger, and size lines couldn't be more complete.

Here are garments built as thoroughly as any you could have made to measure—cost less though—more than a third and better still, you get the full value of your money.

Styles are correct, fit of every garment perfect, and to see them is to want them.

If you'll take a look you will see single and double breasted Sack Suits, made in plain colors and smart mixtures, in distinct stripe and plaids, in wool and worsted fabrics, all distinctly different patterns than those for men.

And there are Overcoats of roughish Cheviot and Vicunas, in black, plaid, Oxfords and novel colorings—long, loose garments which will be worn a great deal this winter. The new full back Overcoat is there—one built from a Banckburn mixed Cheviot—it's the newest of all.

Suits \$7.50 to \$15.00

Overcoats \$7.50 to \$17.50

Odd Trousers and Fancy Vests, too

--We Forget Nothing

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TRUDELL & TOBEY  
SLATER SHOE AGENTS

## 10,000 MEN AT WORK

Toronto, Nov. 7.—Representatives to the Crown Lands Department indicate that the present in the business season in the history of the Ontario lumber woods. An official who has just returned from the north says there are 10,000 men in the woods between Mattawa and Sault Ste Marie, 3,500 of whom are in the vicinity of Sudbury alone, while the limits east and west of that territory are equally crowded. Many limits at which no cutting has taken place for years, are now yielding their portion, owing to the strong demand for lumber. All this is not being done without feeling the pinch of labor. In Western Ontario it has been found necessary to import hundreds of French-Canadians from as far east as Gaspé. Wages are from \$25 to \$35 a month and board and many who are mere lads are getting \$20 to \$22 a month.

## THEY LACKED AMMUNITION

And the Venezuelan Revolutionists Retreated—Fleeing in Disorder.

Pursued Day and Night by the Government Troops—Leaders Quarrel.

La Victoria, Venezuela, Nov. 7.—News has been received here concerning the retreat of the revolutionary forces. It is to the effect that on the night of Nov. 1 the revolutionists withdrew from their positions near La Victoria and San Mateo because they were without ammunition. The fact that the rebels lacked cartridges caused a disagreement between Generals Mateos and Boland, which was followed by hot words. General Boland declared that the shortage of ammunition was the fault of General Mateos and that if success of the revolution was endangered by this condition Gen. Mateos alone was responsible. He said that all was lost, and with his followers, about 3,200 men, he withdrew from the main body of the rebels in the direction of Alta Gracia. It is reported that General Boland proclaimed "El Mocho" Hernandez as the leader of the revolution.

President Castro, since he discovered that the revolutionists only retreated because of their absolute lack of ammunition, has caused them to be pursued day and night by Government soldiers. The latest report issued by the Government says that General Mateos, Mendoza and Riera and their commands are fleeing in disorder in an effort to reach the mountainous districts. These generals are supposed to be near Barrera, a point twelve miles from the Lake of Valencia. Guerrillas in the service of the Government have captured and brought to President Castro certain records and documents belonging to members of General Mateos' personal staff, as well as the general's personal correspondence. The contents of these papers show the critical situation of the leaders of the revolution. It is difficult to understand the apparent sudden and complete collapse of the revolutionary movement, but a few days ago the rebels seemed to be on the eve of victory, while to-day their cause seems absolutely lost. President Castro having sent his men in all directions to cut off the retreat of the enemy left here to-day for Caracas.

The Government soldiers who are following up the rebels scored their first success this morning by the capture of Gen. Ramon Luis, who was making his way in the direction of Alta Gracia with 300,000 rounds of ammunition and 4,000 men to reinforce this morning. From here President Castro goes to Los Teques, which point was abandoned by the rebels yesterday. From Los Teques the President will go by rail to Caracas, arriving there Sunday morning. He will then take his place at the head of the Government. Telegraphic communication between La Victoria and Caracas has been restored.

## VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Ernest Bradshaw, a lad about fifteen years old who lives with his parents on Richmond street, and works at the S. Hadley Co.'s factory, had a very narrow escape from instant death at the factory last evening just before six o'clock.

Ernest had gone up in the elevator with a wheel barrow to get some shavings. He got off the elevator and left it ready to go down on.

In the meantime one of the men employed in the factory went down in the elevator.

Ernest returned, and, as was his usual custom, backed to where the elevator should have been, and noticed just too late that it wasn't there.

## CENTRAL SCHOOL CONCERT WAS UNAVOIDABLY POSTPONED

Staging Was Somewhat Weakened and it was Deemed Advisable to Adjourn—Principal Plewes' Splendid Presence of Mind Saved the Day.

Among the throngs of people who attended the Opera House last evening to hear the Central School concert, and witnessed the confused scene which followed the rising of the curtain, there were many who, until Mr. Plewes announced that the concert was postponed, were keenly enjoying the whole procedure.

After the curtain was rung down J. M. Park, of Park Bros., made his way to the rear of the stage, partly for the purpose of finding out the reason of the postponement. He met Mr. Plewes, who was still hustling around through the children restoring order and calming the excitement, and the following conversation ensued:—

"Well, Plewes, I want to congratulate you on the power you have over those children. That was the finest exhibition I ever saw in my life."

"Yes," replied Mr. Plewes, "I am very thankful that no one was hurt."

"Narrow escape!" said Mr. Park. "What narrow escape?"

It was now Mr. Plewes' turn to look surprised. When he explained the circumstances of how the large embankment of 900 children had threatened to give way, which would have meant certain death to some of the children, Mr. Park was thunderstruck.

"Well, that is wonderful," commented Mr. Park. "I thought all along that you were giving an exhibition of the way you would manage the children in the event of a fire and showing how fast you could clear that stand of 900 children. Under the real circumstances, then, you are to be more than complimented on the manner in which you handled the children."

The large structure which was erected on the stage and upon which 900 children were seated, started at the foot of the curtain and extended back diagonally to the top of the stage at the rear. It was erected under the supervision of Benj. Bloude, and appeared as a perfectly safe and solid. It was braced to the wall on either side with an inch scantling board to prevent swaying. When the children were all seated, however, the structure proved to be too slight to support the weight of so many children.

Every child was seated, and Mr. Plewes was just preparing to order the curtains up when one of these scantling broke with a sharp crack.

Mr. Plewes turned quickly around and, as he did so, the whole mass of children commenced to sway slowly and the structure began to totter. The principal took in the situation at a glance, and realized that if he could avoid confusion and a stampede the children could be safely removed from their perilous position.

The little tots were naturally much alarmed and many of them were rising in their seats, thus adding danger to their position. Mr. Plewes, however, with wonderful presence of mind, did the only thing which could save the lives of the children at that moment.

He rang the curtain up to give the appearance of nothing having happened and thereby prevented a stampede in the audience, who had heard the crack and the cries of the children, and were anxious to know what was going on behind the curtain. In a few moments the children were safely removed from the stage, and the structure was dismantled before the huge mass of frightened children commanding them to remain quiet and keep their seats. The effect was almost magic. Mr. Plewes succeeded in gaining the attention of every child on the stage, the cries were stopped and they all remained perfectly quiet and seated. He then started them singing martial music and they filed off the shaking structure in order, row by row, until every child was out of danger and the stage was cleared.

It was indeed one of the finest examples of discipline ever exhibited in the Maple City or elsewhere. It was remarkable to witness the supreme control which Mr. Plewes has over his children, and also to notice the entire confidence which the children have in him.

As one little girl expressed herself after it was all over, "I wanted to run but he told me to keep quiet, and after that I couldn't run."

From that moment Principal Plewes commanded the children to remain quiet and the situation was in his hands, and he managed the affair in a manner in which only he could manage it.

As the audience was filing out everyone was commenting upon the excellent order maintained by the children under their principal, and of the excellent manner in which he handled them.

Many took occasion to approach him afterwards and compliment him for his actions.

After examining the stand they retired to one of the dressing rooms, where a considerably lengthy discussion took place.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. Plewes both had no doubt but that the stand could be made strong enough and thought that the people should understand this. It would not do to drop the concert now that Mr. Plewes had made such splendid efforts to make it a success.

Mr. Bloude, who was present, offered to repair and strengthen the stand and charge Mr. Plewes nothing either for past or future services in connection with this concert. This seemed very reasonable and it was decided to have Mr. Bloude repair the stand and have it examined by Messrs. Robertson, Paxton and Architect Wilson, who will make sworn affidavits that the stand is perfectly secure. It was decided then to give a concert to-night, but reserve the presentation of medals, etc., until Monday evening.

Principal Plewes was seen this morning. He had quite recovered from the effects of the severe strain which he labored under last night. He complained, however, that he had slept little during the night. Every time he would doze off pictures of the platform full of children would arise and the principal of Central school would wake up with a start.

"It was just on the point of signaling for the curtain to be raised," said Mr. Plewes in giving a statement of the occurrence. "The pupils were already in their places and in another minute the curtain would have been up. The first intimation I had that anything was wrong was when I heard a crack, and, looking up, I saw that the platform had sagged a little. I instantly commanded the pupils to sit perfectly still and signaled for the curtain to be raised. Then I ordered the doors closed so that no more people could gain admittance to the Opera House."

"As rapid as possible without confusion," I transferred the pupils to seats in the body of the house. To prevent any panic, I started the pupils singing. The singing occupied the attention of the children and they descended from the platform as quietly and orderly as if they were being dismissed from school."

"The teachers acted nobly. They were with the pupils on the platform and in the dressing rooms and as soon as they saw what was in progress, went on arranging the children as though for a rehearsal and thus prevented any commotion. I was very proud of the Central school teachers, and I am sure that no panic can ever happen among children, where the teachers are present."

F. H. Brisco, manager of the House, in a brief interview with The Planet, said:

"This has been a very unfortunate occurrence and came at a time when we were least expected. The results, however, are not at all serious. Not a child was hurt, and the concert will go on to-night as if nothing had happened. There might have been a different story to tell, however, if Mr. Plewes had not had the control over those children that he has. It is simply marvellous the way those little tots obey his commands. The stand is being rebuilt and will be perfectly safe this time."

MR. BLOUDE GENEROUS.

Mr. Benj. Bloude, who was immediately upon the scene, expressed his sincere regret over the matter and generously volunteered to put the platform in complete and substantial condition entirely free of all charge and to bear all extra expenses incurred, including Opera House liabilities of last night. The staging was built in sections for permanent use and the Bloude Co. intend to have it made most substantial so that it may be stored away for future occasions.

Bloude Bros. & Co. have done all the staging in the Opera House for the past ten years, and it is due them to point out that never has the slightest weakness or deficiency been previously discovered.

## MISSING LADS FOUND

Chief Holmes yesterday received a telegram from Joseph Tontoy, chief of police, of Ponjic, Mich., stating that he had in charge two runaway boys named Harry Renkin and Graver Gragg. Chief Holmes looked up the parents of the lads. The Renkin boy's father is James Renkin, of the Wagon Works, and the father of the other lad is W. Gragg, an employee of McKee & Trotter. The mothers of the lads left yesterday afternoon to bring the wanderers home. The boys are about 14 years old.

## NEW FURNACES

Manager Brisco continues to make improvements to the Grand Opera House. Having improved the interior of the house, Mr. Brisco turned his attention to the furnaces and has at last succeeded in getting the owners of the building to put in new furnaces. Mr. Mills, of London, representing the Loan Company that owns the building, was here yesterday and awarded the contract for the furnaces to Westman Bros. This Maple City hardware firm has agreed to put in two new furnaces of the latest type and guarantee to heat the house to the satisfaction of every patron. There will be no more trouble from smoke and, in the future, the Grand Opera House will be a delightful place of recreation, being light, bright and warmly heated. Manager Brisco deserves great commendation for his efforts in making the Opera House bright and comfortable, and he should receive the liberal appreciation of the public.

## TARTE MAKES GOOD CAPITAL

La Patrie on the Lessons of the Conference—Endorsement of Mr. Tarte.

Canadian Ministers Showed Themselves in Favor of Tariff Readjustment.

Montreal, Nov. 7.—La Patrie, the organ of Hon. Mr. Tarte, late Minister of Public Works, discussing the outcome of the colonial conference, points out that the attitude of the Canadian Ministers was in favor of a readjustment of our fiscal policy and evidently considers that such attitude is a strong endorsement of the late Minister's course.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues have offered to raise our tariff almost along the whole line against foreign countries, against the entire world, provided that England would give a preference to our natural products. The Canadian Ministers have gone very far. They have practically offered to adopt a policy of very high protection to radically change our fiscal policy. All their efforts have come to grief in face of the resistance of the Imperial Government. It is a good thing these offers were made. They have been a previous lesson under the circumstances. Mr. Chamberlain, in telling us clearly that our preferential tariff has no commercial importance from the English point of view, has made us easy for the future. The Canadian Ministers in offering to raise our tariff against foreign countries have recognized the importance of the necessity, rather of the revision and the readjustment of our fiscal policy. We believe, for our part, that the attitude of the Canadian representatives has been what the people of this country expected.

The moral of all this is that the time has come for Canada to have a policy entirely its own. The United States have refused to make trade arrangements with us. England declares that she will give us no preference in her markets. Let us then immediately form the resolution of practicing the maxim that well-ordered charity commences at home. This maxim is a wise one, especially in fiscal matters.

Word was received in this city this morning of the death of Oliver Dauphin, of Detroit. Mr. Dauphin is an ex-Chathamite and is well known by the older residents of the city. He has been ill for some time but his death came quite unexpectedly. Deceased lived in this city for some time but left here some time ago. Mrs. Peck, River Road, Raleigh, is a sister of deceased.

## PREFONTAINE HAS THE CALL

But Brodeur is Still a Possibility for the Cabinet Vacancy.

Rumors Regarding the Ontario Governorship—Ross Favors Appointment of Scott.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—The presence of Raymond Prefontaine in the city to-day occasioned considerable gossip but failed to open the lips of the Prime Minister, who says the announcement as to Mr. Tarte's successor will not be made until next week. Mr. Prefontaine is confident. There are, however, occasional rumors that Mr. Brodeur is still a possibility. Lord Minto leaves the capital for Montreal next Friday, but the matter is likely to be settled by that time.

Premier Ross came to Ottawa to-day from Kingston. His visit revived a number of rumors about the Lieutenant-Governorship. The fact that on the 18th of this month the five-year term of Sir Oliver Mowat as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario expires, has set political gossip wagging. It was reported to-day that the Provincial Premier was here to urge that Hon. R. W. Scott be appointed Lieutenant-Governor, and that the Cabinet vacancy, which would be created, thus be filled by another Ontario man—member or Senator. Mr. Ross, however, says he is here on Provincial Government business, and will not be drawn out on the subject of the rumor, so that it would appear they are only rumors and nothing more. One evening party revived an old story that Mr. Ross would succeed Mr. Scott as Government leader in the Senate.

## FAREWELL BANQUET

Thos. Laing, one of the apple buyers who has been in this section for the past two months and a half, and have made so many friends in that time, left to-day for his home in Arkona, Ont. Before leaving, however, last evening he gave an oyster banquet to about forty guests at the Rescuer House. All who were present were having the jolliest kind of a time. The speeches were much enjoyed. All expressed sorrow at the leaving of Mr. Laing.

## BAD ROADS

W. A. Thrasher, of the Inland Revenue, Dept., London, was in town to-day.

Mr. Thrasher has been out on St. Luke's club. He says that the roads are awful bad between here and St. Luke's. There is one especially bad rut at the corner of the Fifth Co. Thrasher and party were delayed four hours and a half.

"Did the harness break?" Mr. Thrasher was asked.

"No, it wasn't the harness," was the reply.

"Did the carriage break?"

"No, I don't think anything about the carriage broke, but I think the whole party was broke, that is how we got stuck the rut," continued Mr. Thrasher. "I think that Danny Gagnier could fix that rut, if he would."

Arthur Merryott, whose wife ran away with Ernest Siddalls some time ago, has been found in Wallaceburg. Arthur went there and got her and all the bed clothes and other materials that she carried with her when she ran away.

## "Flexibility of a Dorothy Dodd" EASY SOLES

It is said that the woman who goes to church with squeaky shoes goes to the right place, for her sole needs attention.

There is really a good deal about the sole of a woman's shoe that needs attention. You realize it if you stop to think how much you relieve the discomfort and "hardness" of shoes by making their soles flexible.

So far as I know (and I have taken pains to examine many different makes of shoes) the "Dorothy Dodd" is the one shoe for women that is really constructed with a flexible sole.

You can tell the difference as soon as a few steps have been taken. It means comfort. And a flexible sole, as a rule, will outlast any rigid sole—don't overlook that!

They cost \$3.75

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