

**WOODS' FAIR****Saturday Positively Last Day of BASEMENT SALE**

Everything reduced, China 20 per cent off. Toilet Sets 20 per cent off. Dinner Sets 20 per cent off. Fancy Lamps 20 per cent off. Wood-ware, Glassware, Graniteware, Tinware, Hardware, Brooms, etc. All at sale prices on Saturday.

Galvanized Pails at ..... 15c  
12-Quart Milk Pans ..... 8c  
Granite Pudding Dishes ..... 10c  
Granite Teapots ..... 25c  
Printed Toilet Sets ..... \$1.39  
Printed Plates, 2 sizes ..... 5c  
Printed Cups and Saucers, two for ..... 5c  
Granite Coffee Pots ..... 25c

Get a Bottle of China Cement ..... 15c  
Demonstration on our First Floor.

**WHITE LAWN WAISTS, \$1.50**

Ladies' White Lawn Waists, with front made of allover embroidery and fine tucks, new method sleeve, made of embroidery and fine tucks, collar and sleeves edged with lace, buttoned in back, sizes 34 to 40. Saturday ..... \$1.50

**SHIRTAUST HOUSE DRESSES, \$2.00**

Ladies' Print Shirtaust House Dresses, in grey, blue and brown stripe, full gored back and front, Gibson waist, belt to match. Special, Saturday ..... \$2.00

**Ladies' Underwear, Saturday 45c.**  
Lennard's and Watson's Unshrinkable Vests and Drawers, in grey or white, also extra large size vests and drawers, regular 50c, to clear Saturday, per garment ..... 45c

**BLACK TIGHTS, 50c.**

Ladies' Fast Black Tights, with elastic band, full sizes, a few more to clear at ..... 50c

**DRESSER COVERS, SATURDAY 50c**

A sample lot of Dresser Covers, Table Covers, etc., in Swiss or Roman embroidery and cross-bar muslin, assorted patterns, regular 60c to \$1.00, Saturday, each ..... 50c  
New Embroidery for waist fronts, in eyelet and floral designs.

**CANDY SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY, 15c****ASSORTED CREAMS, 10c POUND.**

100 pounds Fresh Creams, assorted flavors, mixed with fondants, and jellies, regular 15c. Saturday, special, per pound ..... 10c

**ANOTHER BIG 25c SATURDAY PACKAGE**

A one-pound bar Pure Castile Soap, 1 box Imported Violet Talcum Powder, 1 Dressing Comb, 1 large bottle Vaseline, and 1 dozen Lind-say Safety Pins, value 41 cents. Saturday price ..... 25c

**FOUR LARGE ROLLS TOILET PAPER, 25c**

On Saturday, to introduce our new 10c rolls, we will sell four rolls for ..... 25c

**WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON**

No. 36 February 26, 1909  
VALUE, ONE VOTE.

**EUROPEAN TRIP CONTEST OF THE LONDON ADVERTISER**

This Vote Is Cast For

(Name of Candidate)

As the most popular lady in District No. ....  
of The London Advertiser European trip Contest.

VOID AFTER 15 DAYS FROM DATE.



FORMER LONDONERS WITH "FLORODORA"

With the "Florodora" Company, which comes to the Grand on Saturday, are two former London ladies, Misses Ray and Elsie Bates, daughters of Mr. Charles Bates, of Cleveland, Ohio, who at one time resided in South London. Mr. Scott Murray, the well-known contractor, of 591 King street, is an uncle of the young ladies.

**A CAUCUS DAY IN LEGISLATURE**

House Also In Committee on Statute Revision—Gowganda Lot Sales.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 26.—This afternoon the public accounts will be brought down in the Legislature by Hon. Mr. Foy explained, and next week the estimates will be brought down and the budget debate opened by the Provincial Treasurer. Members of both parties held caucuses yesterday. The Government members discussed routine business. The Opposition members expressed confidence in their leader, Mr. MacKay, thus setting at rest the rumors that he would resign owing to dissatisfaction among his followers in the House.

**House in Committee.**

The Legislature spent practically the whole afternoon in committee of the House. A number of statute revision bills were put through, and are now ready for third readings. The dispatch with which business is being put through makes it look as though the session has a good chance of ending by Easter.

**Whitney Loses Temper.**

Mr. MacKay and Mr. McDougall (Ontario) were fertile in criticisms and suggestions regarding some of the measures under consideration. Finally, they drew from the Premier the long remark that "We might trifle and putter with these statutes as long as we live and yet be unable to provide for all the imaginary contingencies which might arise, but seldom do."

**Sheriffs' Salaries.**

A clause was adopted in committee of the whole House, and later incorporated in the act respecting sheriffs, providing that when a sheriff is paid wholly or in part by salary, he receives from the fees and emoluments of his office an income not exceeding \$1,200 per year, there may be paid to him, on direction of the Lieutenant-Governor in council, an amount sufficient to make up a yearly income of \$1,200.

**Gowganda Lot Sale.**

Hon. Frank Cochrane, replying to Mr. MacKay's questions regarding Gowganda, said steps had been taken towards providing police protection for the new mining camps at Gowganda and South Gowganda. A constable had been appointed for the camps and the adjoining districts. A town site had been laid out at Gowganda, and the sale of lots had been advertised, tenders to be opened on March 3. No Government now has under consideration the extension of the branch of the T. and N. G. Railway from Charlton to Elk Lake and Gowganda.

Hon. Mr. Foy introduced an amendment to the Judiciary act, made necessary by Justice Anglin's elevation to the supreme court. The bill provides that when a judge resigns or goes to a higher court, he may give judgment in cases heard by him alone or with others, provided judgment is delivered within six weeks of his appointment or resignation. Another clause provides that where

**MANY CRUSHED BY TOBACCO TRUST**

U. S. Government Publishes the Result of Investigation of the Combine.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, today made public subdivisions 2 and 3 of part 1 of his report on the tobacco industry. They deal with the organization of the tobacco combination, so-called, its degree of control in the industry, and the development of that control.

These divisions of report resulting from a thorough investigation into the business operations of tobacco combines contain an elaborate description of the methods by which the manufacture of tobacco, except cigars, has come under the control of a comparatively few capitalists. Commissioner Smith says:

"In the tobacco combination are the American Tobacco Company and its three great subsidiary combinations, the American Cigar Company, the American Leaf Tobacco Company, and the American Snuff Company, the latter two being subsidiaries of the American Tobacco Company. Besides 32 other subsidiary concerns doing business in the United States, Porto Rico and Cuba. The combination represents a total net capitalization of over \$216,000,000. A very small group of ten stockholders controls 60 per cent of outstanding voting stock of the American Tobacco Company, through which company the entire combination is controlled."

**The "Independents."**

A list of the subsidiary companies controlled, "including over twenty secretly controlled so-called bogus independent concerns," is given in the report. It is also shown that the combination is the only exporter of tobacco manufactures from this country.

In the year 1906 the combination used in the manufacture of its products nearly 300,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco.

"An idea of the absorption of companies," says Commissioner Smith, "and of the changes through the combination within the last decade may be had from the fact that in 1897 the combination had ten plants, each producing 50,000 pounds of manufactured tobacco or snuff per year, while there were 243 independent plants of the same class. In 1906, on the other hand the combination had 45 plants of this class, and independent manufacturers, 140. Especially conspicuous has been the absorption of the large plants. In 1897 the combination had 8 plants, each producing over 1,000,000 pounds of the products per year, while its competitors had 46 such plants. In 1906 the combination had 34 plants of this size, and independent concerns only 17."

"Many weaker concerns have been virtually driven out of business or forced to sell out to the combination. In the case of the larger and more powerful concerns, which it acquired, however, the combination has usually secured control only by paying a price. The immense profits of the combination have enabled it to keep up this policy."

The annual meeting of the McCall Mission was held Feb. 22, in the First Presbyterian Church, a large number of members being in attendance, testifying to the deep interest taken in the work of spreading the Gospel in France.

The income for the past year was considered very gratifying, a total of \$218 being raised, which included a legacy of \$400 from a deceased member, Miss Harding.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. J. H. McMechan. Secretary—Mrs. H. Little. Treasurer—Mrs. F. Leonard. Leaflet Secretary—Miss Doyle.

The vice-presidents were chosen to represent the different denominations. Mrs. Vining from the Baptists, Mrs. Williams the Episcopalians, and Mrs. Carson from the Presbyterians.

President suggests an Advisory Board of Experts Be Appointed.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Roosevelt today submitted to Congress a message transmitting two preliminary reports of the commission he appointed to consider needs of the navy. The commission recommends an advisory body for the secretary, declaring that what the secretary needs above all is a clear understanding and firm grasp of leading military considerations.

This advisory body, the commission says, should be elected from this class upon whom will fall in war, the responsibility for the results of the policies they recommend. The committee is unable to report upon the subject of navy yards and maintaining a fleet in constant readiness for war during peace, during the limited time it has available, and accordingly the President has appointed Rear-Admirals Mahan, Sperry and Wal-

A. D. K. Servos, a Niagara Township farmer, was seriously injured in a runaway in St. Catharines. His team became frightened at the cars and collided with a telephone pole. Servos was thrown out and kicked in the head. His condition is serious.

The accommodation of the Goderich hospital is taxed to the limit, and there will be an addition built to it shortly. The trustees elected the following officers: President, Judge Holt; vice-president, Judge Doyle; treasurer, C. A. Nairn; secretary, H. E. Hodgins.

The schoolhouse in school section 3 of the township of Adelaide, situated about nine miles northwest of Stratford, was burned to the ground yesterday morning. The fire is supposed to have been caused by tramps. The loss is about \$1,700. Four more cases of smallpox are re-

WEATHER PROBS: Milder.

**SMALLMAN & INGRAM**

Dundas and Richmond Streets.

**Cotton and Sheetting Ends Will Be Cleared Saturday**

Tomorrow will be the winding up of our February Cotton Sale, when together with all special lines of Cottons and Sheettings now on sale, a table of Remnants will be disposed of, including all Ends which have accumulated during our February Sale; all Short Ends and odd pieces of Sheetting, many with sufficient for two or three sheets. The prices will be very low, as every odd piece must be cleared, and this, with what has already been advertised for the last days of this sale, will make Saturday's inducements the greatest of the month.

IF THE REMNANTS INTEREST YOU, COME IN THE MORNING. COME EARLY.  
SECOND FLOOR.

**Ladies' Lounging Robes and Dressing Gowns**

CLEARING PRICES ON MANY OF THESE.

Twelve only Ladies' German Velour Robes which have become slightly soiled from handling. Three designs in pale blue. These are priced now to clear at, each ..... \$4.75

Children's Eiderdown Robes, also slightly soiled; in pale blue, cream and cardinal. Sizes for ages 2 to 10 years; and are nicely finished with silk cord girdle. Marked for a quick clearance at, each ..... \$1.00

Ladies' Flannelette Robes, made of extra quality, trimmed with wide band of sateen down both sides of front; pretty designs and colorings, at, each ..... \$3.75

Ladies' Eider Flannelette Robes, some finished with wide bands of sateen; others with self; made with wide tucks down back and front; in blue and pink stripe effects; for, each ..... \$4.00

Ladies' pretty Robes of Eider Flannel. Some are fitted. Deep collar, trimmed with frill and two rows of soutach braid, finished with heavy girdle at waist, for, each, \$5.50  
THIRD FLOOR.

**Paris Neckwear Novelties**

JUST IN TIME FOR SATURDAY'S SELLING.

These have just arrived and are now ready for your inspection. Some very new and dainty neck pieces are being shown.

Marabout Neck Ruffs, with ribbon and fancy gilt ends in the new spring shades of tans, brown, natural, taupe, navy, green, prune and black. Each ..... \$1.50

Marabout and Ostrich combined, in tan and white, light brown and white, dark brown and white, taupe and white, black and white, and all black. Each ..... \$1.50

Marabout and Lace Ruffs, with ribbon and fancy gilt ends, in natural brown, taupe and black. Each ..... \$2.00

Marabout and Satin Ribbon Ruffs, combined; in tan, natural, navy, green, paeon, and prune, for, each ..... \$2.00

Ostrich Feather Ruffs, in pale blue and white, at, each ..... \$1.75  
SEE THESE AT NECKWEAR COUNTER—EAST AISLE—MAIN FLOOR.

THIS STORE CLOSING ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT SIX O'CLOCK.

**THREE-FIFTHS FOR SUNDAY CARS**

And Have Vote at the Municipal Election Only, Urge Lord's Day Alliance

Toronto, Feb. 25.—That all votes on Sunday cars should be taken at the municipal elections, "where there is no ordinary safeguards," and that the Legislature should not grant Sunday cars unless at least 60 per cent of the electors show themselves in favor, is the view taken by Mr. J. K. Macdonald, chairman of the legislation committee of the Lord's Day Alliance of the Province, and this view was presented to Premier Whitney yesterday during the conference.

"Our view is that the same safeguards should be applied to a vote on Sunday cars as surround the election of mayor and aldermen," said Mr. Macdonald today.

"The vote should be taken only at the municipal elections, when no one can vote who has no right. Otherwise, a lot of irresponsibles may decide the question."

"We know what happened in Toronto the last time the vote was taken. It was not those who had a right to vote who carried the by-law."

"You would not oppose the granting of further franchises of companies and municipalities?"

"Not at all. The view we take is that the country is marching on, and reasonable changes must be made."

The "three-fifths" clause, Mr. Macdonald would apply to Sunday car legislation. He believes in it as a safeguard against the granting of franchises to the running of Sunday cars. The view as to local option is his private view. I do not claim to speak for the alliance."

**FREE TRIP FOR SCHOOL BOYS**

Standard of Empire Will Take Twelve to the Old Land.

The Standard of Empire, the British weekly which now circulates largely in Canada, offers a free trip of three weeks in the old country to twelve Canadian high school or collegiate institute boy students. Every province will be represented and Ontario will have three—one from Toronto; one from the district east of a line drawn from Mattawa on the north to Port Dover on the south but excluding Toronto, and a third from the district west of the line mentioned. The latter district will include London and the greater part of Western Ontario.

The pupils having the largest number of votes in each district will be given the trip. To procure the votes the candidates must get subscriptions for the Standard of Empire. A three month subscription is worth 10 votes, six months 25 votes, one year 100 votes and so on in proportion. Full particulars may be obtained from the Canadian manager, Standard of Empire, Star Building, Toronto. The party will leave Quebec on July 1 by the Empress of Britain, and will visit Liverpool, Manchester, London, Stratford, Eton, Windsor Castle, Wales, Sheffield, Abbotford, the county of England, Edinburgh, the Trossachs, Belfast and Dublin.

The German population now exceeds that of France by over 20,000,000. The customs service of China estimates the total population of that country at 435,214,000.

**LIMITS APPEAL TO ONE COURT**

Conservative Caucus Considers Foy's Law Reform Measure.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The law reform bill, which stands out as the most important measure in the legislation that will be brought down at the present session, was explained by the Attorney-General to the Conservative members at a caucus this morning, the second of the session.

The bill, as Mr. Foy explained, was more tentative in the present form. Several suggestions were made by legal members, and it was decided to hold a second caucus, probably next week. In the meantime those who urged changes in the bill this morning will meet Mr. Foy, and the result of the conference will be made known at the next caucus. After that the bill will be introduced in the House.

The limitation of appeals to the one court, the court of appeal. This, it is understood, follows the lines of the resolution passed at the last session, with exceptions in the case of inter-provincial or constitutional questions, which may go to the supreme court. Some of the members wish the right of appeal also where large sums are involved.

The court of appeal will be in two divisions, A and B sitting alternately. Acting on the suggestion of the deputation from the Ontario Bar Association, Mr. Foy inserted in the bill a provision by which, instead of being compelled to furnish details of every change in the bill of costs, a lawyer may make a bargain with his client to handle a case for a lump sum. This, it is argued, will tend to reduce litigation and shorten procedure.

The work of the court judges will be made more important by giving to them some of the cases now going before a high court judge. This will give the latter more time for a careful consideration of cases, and make the trial court a more important feature than it has been, with a number of appeals from it being possible.

**SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS**

Good Showing Made Last Year by West Nissouri Dairymen.

The annual meeting of the West Nissouri cheese and butter factory was held at the factory on the 15th inst. The chair was occupied by Mr. Joseph Duffin, who acted as secretary pro-tem. The statement presented by W. C. Gee, auditor, disclosed a very satisfactory condition of the cheese affairs, as follows:

Total amount of milk received 2,781,228 pounds, cheese 253,828 pounds, value of cheese \$29,869.19, average price 11.767, average milk to the pound of cheese 10.95, net value of 100 pounds of milk delivered at the factory 98.86, and on routes 92.9. The company agreed to manufacture the cheese at \$1 per cwt. delivered at the factory and \$1.65 in routes.

The old board of directors were re-elected, comprising Mr. Thomas Bedgood, Daniel Gee, John McFarlan, John Fairweather, Joseph Duffin, James Carrothers and Joseph Vining.

Mr. Frank Hearn spoke on "The Cheese Coaling and Handling of Milk," and the Value of Pasteurizing the Whey," and received a hearty vote of thanks for his excellent address.

The manager of the Home Bank at Thorndale and the manager of the Imperial Bank at London were present and addressed the meeting.

The literary hack seldom makes as much money as the fellow who drives one.

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Cures in 24 hours—no bad effects—25c.  
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