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A Snap in Dress Goods

42 in. wide all wool Hopsack weave dress goods in excellent shades of navy, grey, brown and green, correct wear and weight for skirts and shirtwaist suits, regular price 50c. a yard, on sale to clear, very special at a yard,

A Ribbon Opportunity

40 pcs. Satin and Silk Ribbons, in widths number 16 and 20, every wanted shade, just the thing for fancy work, regular prices 15c to 25c. a yard, on sale very special at

35 pieces Silk and Satin Ribbons, in widths number 5 and 9, in every wanted shade, suitable for fancy work and hair ribbons, regular prices 8c. to 12½c, on sale very special at

A Shaker Chance

10 pieces Sky Blue Shaker Flannel, full width, perfect goods, but we have too many of the shade and want to clear them out. These prices will rule in the lot—all sky blue.

36 in. Shaker 12½c for 10c; 34 in. Shaker, 11c. for 9c; 30 in. Shaker, 9c. for 7½c; 28 in. Shaker 6c. for 4½c

Ladies Jackets ¼ Off

In spite of our large selling of ladies' jackets since we advertised the great reduction we still have too many for this season and will continue our offer of one-quarter off.

This means to you a saving like this:

\$5.00 jackets for \$3.75.
\$10.00 jackets for \$7.50.
\$12.00 jackets for \$9.00.
\$15.00 jackets for \$11.25.

Remember you have your choice of our entire stock of over 200 jackets.

Furs

We do not sell you furs below cost, because no merchant can do that and live; but we sell you furs on as close a margin of profit as can be done, and we buy our furs a little better than any firm in the country.

We ought to know where to buy best; we have been buying and selling furs for over fifty years.

Every fur garment that leaves our store carries with it our guarantee to be as represented. You are safe in buying furs here, and you have a magnificent assortment from which to select.

Thos. Stone & Son



We Greet You This Season

With the choicest lines of Holiday Goods ever imported into the city, being the best that could be procured in the world's markets.

A Look Into Our Window

Will give you an idea of the style and superior quality of our Games and Toys. We never forget the little folks, are always careful to get what will delight them.

We will not attempt to describe our stock of Metal and China Ornaments, Fancy Mirrors, Photo Frames, Genuine Ebony Brush and Comb Sets, Fancy China Plates, Salads, Vases, Bon Bons, &c

Dinner, Tea, Toilet Sets and Fancy Lamps are on the 2nd Flat. Pandora Ranges and Famous Stoves are nicely arranged in the rear room. We are prepared with willing help to wait on you quickly

H. MACAULAY

CHRISTMAS CAKE

We have over 1000 pounds of it made in all sizes from one pound to fifteen pounds each, and it will pay anyone to come and look and sample them and buy one and save money and trouble. We will guarantee them to be the best that can be made.

Try Our "BUTTER SOOTHY"

W. S. RICHARDS, KENT BAKERY.
TELEPHONE, 186.

HIGHER RAILWAY RATES

Threatened Passenger Raise of a Third of a Cent Per Mile.

Railways File New Passenger Schedules, Which Were Thought to Be Approved By the Railway Commission, But Dr. Mills Disposes This Idea and Says in Addition That the Commission Will Not Stand For Such Increase.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—An increase in passenger rates on both the Grand Trunk Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway, affecting nearly all the lines in Ontario, and elsewhere in Canada is threatened, and inasmuch as the new schedules have been approved by the Railway Commission, it may be accepted as the intention of the railway companies to increase the rate from 3 cents a mile, as at present, to 3-1/3 cents, or even more.

This interesting information is given in The Canada Gazette of December 8, but according to the law will have to be published again on Saturday before the change can be put into effect by the companies.

That was the way the public here seemed to view the publication, but the following interviews with Dr. Mills of the Railway Commission and G.T.R. Agent Bell would seem to show that there is some misapprehension of its meaning.

Dr. Mills of the Railway Commission, was seen in his private car at the Union Station, while en route from Guelph to Ottawa. He said: "There have been no railway tariffs yet approved of by the Railway Commission. The publication in the Canada Gazette is simply to comply with the law which required that they be filed by the end of the year. You can count upon it that no increase in rates will be considered by the Commission. The tariffs as filed will be considered until after the appointment of a third commissioner. The board, as it is, could do so, but we think the matter important enough to await the third appointment. Then the tariffs will be gone over with, the railways being represented by counsel. But there is no need to be frightened at any bugaboo about increased rates."

G.T.R. Agent Spinks.

G. T. Bell, General Passenger Agent of the G.T.R., who was in the city yesterday, stated last night: "The notice in The Canada Gazette of Dec. 8 will absolutely not make any increase in the present maximum mileage tolls, and no such increase is contemplated. The notice is published as required by the Railway Act of 1903. The maximum mileage tolls have been in effect for a great many years. In some instances probably fifty or more, but the actual fares charged to the public are in thousands of instances much less, and there is no thought of increasing such fares. In fact, the prevailing tendency of railway passenger fares is always downwards."

As an illustration, Mr. Bell quoted the passenger fare between Toronto and Montreal, which to-day is \$10 for the distance of 333 miles, although the maximum mileage toll provides for 3-1/3 cents a mile, or \$11.10. But the railways, he said, had voluntarily made the fare \$10, and have made similar reductions in thousands of other cases.

C.P.R. and Crew's Nest.
Toronto, Dec. 9.—The long standing difference between the Crew's Nest Pass Coal Co. and the Canadian Pacific Railway, over right of way and coal lands in British Columbia, have been settled. The conveyance was executed by both companies yesterday in Montreal. As a result, the C.P.R. have had their right of way secured to them, while the Crew's Nest Pass Co. received the conveyance of 250,000 acres of coal lands, due under agreements with the railway company.

A Mason & Risch Piano would make a grand Christmas present. Terms easy. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Even the tattooed man objects to being called hard names.

JOHN HOWAT IS CHOSEN EAST KENT ROSS CANDIDATE

After Many Heart-Burnings and Resignations He is Selected—John Lee Tells How He Consulted Irish Jack on License Appointments—Dr. McCully and Mr. Rutherford Don't "Forget Some Things"—Some More Pleasantries for The Planet.

"There may be stronger men, but he's the only one who would take it, and I hope we'll elect him."

So said one of the 200 or more delegates to yesterday's East Kent Liberal convention at Blenheim after the withdrawal of the other nominees left John Howat, of Thamesville, president of the East Kent Liberal Association, the candidate for the Legislature. The feeling of doubt was strongly in evidence, not only in privately expressed opinions but in the speeches in open convention. Many of the party stalwarts were conspicuous by their absence, and appointed delegates failed to appear.

The Blenheim town hall was well filled when President John Howat called the convention to order at a little after one o'clock. In brief address he thanked the delegates for their presence, especially in view of the difficulty of reaching Blenheim from the north; and outlined the order of business. R. L. Gosnell, of Blenheim, Dr. J. I. Wiley, of Dresden and Richard Young, of Harwich, were appointed a committee on resolutions, after which Mr. Howat proceeded to discuss the recent Dominion contests. He had noticed that The Planet had published a list of delegates present. Some of the delegates had asked if they should turn him out. He had no respect for The Planet, but he believed in the freedom of the press, and if The Planet man would present the truth he was in favor of letting him stay.

He had not meant to give a political speech; the time was short. The only stock in trade of the Conservatives was the cry of corruption. Those who shouted "thief" the loudest were the biggest thieves. You might as well look in a cesspool for the finest perfumes as look for purity in the Conservative party. The Planet's prophecy of a Conservative sweep in the last elections had resulted in a fizzle; its present prophecies would meet the same fate.

Messrs. M. Campbell, Howard, Jas. Brown, Thamesville, and Angus O'Brien, Wm. Sargent, of Thamesville, Blenheim—Malcolm Samson, chairman; Blake Goulet, Sec'y. Ridgetown—Jas. E. Thatcher, chairman; Geo. McDonald, Sec'y. South Harwich—Dr. McCully, chairman; S. L. Reid, Sec'y. Camden—Allen McDonald, chairman; Geo. Forshee, Sec'y. Dresden—Dr. J. I. Wiley, chairman; Dr. McDonald, Sec'y.

Bothwell—Dr. McMurray, chairman; D. Reid, Sec'y. Zone—Jas. Brandy, chairman; A. Goodier, Sec'y. Thamesville—Jas. Brown, chairman; Fred. Thompson, Sec'y.

The nomination of Ed. Thompson, of Blenheim, to the chairmanship of South Harwich brought Dr. McCully to his feet, to protest against his attempted deposition.

North Harwich—Richard Young, chairman; Wm. Sargent, of Thamesville, Blenheim—Malcolm Samson, chairman; Blake Goulet, Sec'y. Ridgetown—Jas. E. Thatcher, chairman; Geo. McDonald, Sec'y. South Harwich—Dr. McCully, chairman; S. L. Reid, Sec'y. Camden—Allen McDonald, chairman; Geo. Forshee, Sec'y. Dresden—Dr. J. I. Wiley, chairman; Dr. McDonald, Sec'y.

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ROSS BALKED JOHN.
He reviewed his own course in Parliament. He had done very little, but

Howard—Clarence McD. nild, chairman; Daniel McKay, secretary.

Dr. McCully moved a resolution of confidence in the Laurier Government. They had no scandals, were all clean men, not charged with peculation or maladministration, and he was proud to say the Ontario government was to the same condition.

Cheers and laughter.

Daniel Cameron seconded the motion, which carried amid applause.

ONCE AGAIN THE PLANET.
A resolution of confidence in Premier Ross and his administration was moved by Andrew Denholm, who spoke at some length. Ross deserved to be returned by a larger majority than ever before, as a refutation of the slanders circulated by The Mail and Empire and The Planet.

Some delegates, to The Planet man—"Put that down."

The Planet—Certainly.

Jas. Brown seconded the motion, which carried amid applause.

THE NOMINATIONS.
Nominations were received as follows:

JOHN LEE, M. P. P., by Messrs Jas. Rutherford and Wm. McDonald.

ANGUS GILLANDERS, of Orford, by Dr. Wiley and M. Campbell.

PETER HAGGART, of Blenheim, by D. Campbell and Richard Young.

JAS. L. DART, of Ridgetown, by G. McDonald and Jas. Brown.

JOHN HOWAT, of Thamesville, by Geo. Dickson, and Angus Gillanders.

DR. WILEY, of Dresden, by Messrs. Denholm and Knight.

JAS. RUTHERFORD, of Blenheim, by Ed. Thompson, and J. A. McPherson.

DAVID CAUGHILL, of Harwich, by Wm. Sargent, and E. E. Parrott.

WALTER FERGUSON, of Thamesville, by Messrs. Knight and Dart.

DR. MCCULLY, the old war horse, by Messrs. McDonald and Hunter.

JAS. BROWN, of Thamesville, by W. J. Milton and John Lee.

L. J. REYGRAFF, of Ridgetown, by Dr. Galbraith and G. McDonald.

ANDREW DENHOLM, of Blenheim, by Ed. Thompson and R. L. Gosnell.

Messrs. Blake Mills, Geo. Claxton and R. L. Gosnell were appointed scrutineers, and the chairman called on the nominees for three minute addresses.

JOHN LEE AND IRISH JACK.
John Lee, M. P. R., could not get under way in time that time. He thanked the electors for their past confidence. Some months ago he had announced that he would not be a candidate, and though he felt that they would elect him, he would not be a candidate to-day. He urged his hearers to unite as one man in support of the candidate chosen.

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MARKS FOR JAP SHELLS

Russ Ships in Port Arthur Harbor Nearly All Gone By Now.

Pallada, Bayan and Sevastopol Were the Principal Targets of the Japanese Sloop Guns of New Naval Battery On 203-Metre Hill On Wednesday—Those Reported Struck Tuesday Are Either Sunk Or Partly Submerged.

London, Dec. 9.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent before Port Arthur telegraphs that all of the Russian battleships and cruisers, together with the gunboats Giliak and Fusadneck, were sunk or destroyed, and that only the torpedo boat destroyers remain intact. The crews of all the war vessels in the harbor were landed.

An Official Report.
Tokio, Dec. 9.—The commander of the naval battery on 203-Metre Hill at Port Arthur, reporting at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

"At 12.30 to-day it became certain that the Peresviet (battleship) has been sunk. She is in the same condition as the Poltava (battleship). The Pallada (protected cruiser), is beginning to list to port. We are vigorously bombarding the Pallada.

"The battleship Pobieda's middle funnel is seriously damaged. The vessel is listing aft and is submerged to the stern walk.

"The battleship Peresviet's upper deck is submerged.

"The battleship Retvizan is listing to starboard, and her upper deck is nearly submerged.

"The protected cruiser Pallada, which is lying between the Retvizan and the mine ship Anzur, cannot be distinctly seen, but there seems to be a slight sinking astern. The actual extent of the damage sustained by her is not yet known.

"The armored cruiser Bayan is now burning to her fore deck. The battleship Sevastopol appears to be lying in the east harbor alongside the great crane, but only the tops of her masts are visible. A hill completely hides her hull.

"The principal aims taken by the naval and military guns to-day are at the Pallada, Bayan and Sevastopol."

Great Artillery Fight.
Mukden, Dec. 9.—All the siege guns emplaced about and opposite Lone Tree Hill were in action early Tuesday morning, and the result was one of the most furious artillery duels that has occurred anywhere in Manchuria, save at Port Arthur. The tremendous cannonading lasted throughout the day, and between 3 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon was so heavy that ordnance experts who heard it wondered how the big guns could be reloaded and fired so rapidly.

In those hours the shots were thick as if light fields—cannon instead of siege guns were at work. It is not known which side had the advantage in the great battle, but it is believed the losses on both sides must have been enormous. Couriers from the front with estimates of the casualties are awaited eagerly.

It is believed Marshal Oyama is preparing for an offensive movement and that he began the artillery duel to divert attention from an advance by General Nodzu's army. Military experts are anxious as to the movements of the Japanese right army, which retired before General Rennenkampf with suspicious readiness. There has been no fighting on the east flank since the latest brush between Rennenkampf's Cossacks and Oyama's right wing, and it is feared the enemy may be enveloping the Russian left.

ARTIST VILLIERS BACK.
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 9.—Frederick Villiers, war artist at Port Arthur for The Illustrated London News, arrived here last night from Yokohama on the steamship Empress of India, on his way to London for the purpose of elaborating his sketches, of which he has many books full. In an interview Mr. Villiers said that Gen. Nogi could take Port Arthur within 24 hours if he so wished, but that this is not done because of the sacrifices of life that would be necessary.

Mr. Villiers describes the Russian prisoners wounded and dead falling into the hands of the Japanese, lately as showing signs of emaciation, as if underfed, but they fight with as much determination as in August. This is Mr. Villiers' sixteenth campaign, and he says by far the most interesting and full of extraordinary incidents and unprecedented items. He will return to the front in the spring. Mr. Villiers says Japan's preparations to receive the Baltic squadron are extraordinarily vigorous and thorough.

Arrive At Rate of 150 a Day.
London, Dec. 9.—Eight hundred Russians, most of whom allege that they fled from their homes in order to escape military services in Manchuria, left London yesterday for Liverpool on their way to America. These refugees are arriving at the rate of 150 daily.

Jap At Peace Conference.
Washington, Dec. 9.—Japan has accepted the American Government's invitation to participate in a second peace conference at The Hague, provided the rulings of the conference do not affect the present conflict.

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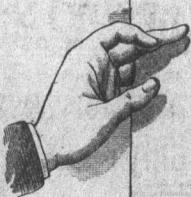
The Empress..

Lambs Wool Slipper Soles

Solid Leather Bottoms, All Sizes in Children's, Misses' and Women's, 25c. a Pair. Men's 50c. a Pair

TURRILL, THE SHOE MAN.

THE ROSS GOVERNMENT AND THE MAN WHO SUPPORTS IT



"Definitely and positively I will not be the candidate. I couldn't if I would and I wouldn't if I could."

"What use would it be to me to go down to the Legislature and sit in some back bench in opposition? And what use would it be to my constituents to have me there?"

"I think the Ross government is a goner. They've been there altogether too long and they've got too many heelers and hangers-on."

"The whole thing is corrupt and rotten, and I believe they should be turned out."

"No; I tell you solemnly and honestly, I wouldn't be their candidate if I could."—A. B. McCOIG, November, 19, 1904.