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DOUBT YET IN THE DETAILS OF RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Many Local Students Making Tentative Inquiries, But Eligible Field is Very Limited.

To all appearances the late great empire builder, Cecil Rhodes, made a very happy disposal of that part of his vast wealth, which he devoted to the institution of Oxford scholarships available for students of Anglo-Saxon and German blood. In the United States a general committee has been constituted for the purpose of framing regulations, one representative being allotted to each state. So far no general action has been taken in Canada—each province making its own arrangements.

Toronto University this year has the privilege of supplying candidates for the scholarship now available for Ontario. At least four universities in the province, Toronto, Ottawa, Queen's and McMaster, and possibly Western, will be entitled to participate in the nomination, but it has not yet been decided on what basis the opportunities are to be distributed. Toronto, with Trinity, the newly fledgeted college, has about 1000 students on the rolls, while Queen's, Ottawa and McMaster, together will scarcely number so many. If numbers be adopted on the basis of allotment, Toronto University will have five nominations at disposal during each ten years.

Field is Limited.

Feb. 1 has been fixed by the authorities of Toronto University as the date for receiving applications, but this is entirely a local arrangement, and is merely intended for their own convenience and to guide them in the consideration of future procedure. Under the regulations applicable to all the scholarships, candidates must pass an examination equivalent to that known as responsions at Oxford—the subjects being arithmetic, algebra or geometry, and Latin and Greek. This, therefore, has the effect of limiting the scholarships, to students and graduates who have taken the classical course. From 125 to 150 students are taking Greek at present, so that at the best the constituency eligible is a limited one.

Considerable interest is being evinced among the students and graduates, and many tentative enquiries have been made. No definite information can, however, yet be given on the subject. The course of procedure involves the forwarding to Oxford University of a list of intending competitors, upon which examination papers will be in turn despatched. The examinations will then take place here and the written replies will be transmitted to Oxford for adjudication and report. On receipt of the list of the competitors who have attained the required standard, the authorities here will conduct a further enquiry on their own account into the record, qualifications, etc., of the students on the list, and will then make a recommendation to the Oxford officials with whom rests the actual award.

Canadian Students at Oxford.

During the last four years more students have passed to the English universities from Toronto than in any previous period. Toronto has sent over her best men, and E. J. Kylie, a Lindsay boy, who has now obtained his degree at Oxford, has done so well that he is taking a third year there. Two Toronto boys are also over and are shaping well. This increase is directly traceable to a traveling fellowship given by Mr. Flavelle, amounting to $750 a year for two years, so that should Toronto be allotted five Rhodes scholarships every ten years there will be practically one available in each year for competition. The present holder of the Flavelle Fellowship is A. G. Brown, who entered Balliol College, Oxford, last year.

It is not thought that the establishment of the Rhodes Scholarships will result in any increase of students on the classical side, the chance of success in any one case not being so great as to offer any marked inducement.

NOT ALL DEAD YET.

Ithaca, Jan. 28.—Miss Nellie Devinny, 18 years old, daughter of Jay Devinny, a farmer and milk peddler living five miles south of this city, in the town of Danby, was accidentally shot and killed at 10 o'clock to-day by her brother, Erle, 15 years old, while the latter was examining a shotgun. The young man had been out hunting and returned, to find his mother and sister alone in the kitchen. He stood examining the workings of the lock of the gun, while his sister reached to take an apple from the shelf.

Without warning there was a loud report and the girl fell to the floor, still grasping the apple. The charge of buckshot had struck her under the chin and had come out under the eyes, nearly tearing her face to pieces. Mother and son were so horrified that they ran to the home of a neighbor, leaving the girl's lifeless body on the floor. The father was in Ithaca, delivering milk.

Held Prisoners in a Trolley.

New York, Jan. 28.—Miss Beatrix Hawthorne, daughter of Julian Hawthorne, the author, and several of her men and women friends were held prisoners by electricity in a Jerome-avenue trolley car last Tuesday night. Because the brass on the doors of the car was charged with electricity no one was able to open them. Miss Hawthorne and other persons in the car who attempted to do so received severe shocks. They were compelled to give up the attempt, but finally made their escape from the car in time to avoid injury from the flames which destroyed it.

Grand Trunk Sets Up a Meal.

Galt Reporter: The Grand Trunk Railway Company acted generously towards the passengers on the train that is supposed to pass thru Galt at 9.55 on Saturday morning. It puffed in about noon, and got to Fergus at 5 o'clock. At Fergus the passengers, about 100 in all, were taken to supper at the Commercial Hotel, at the railway's expense. And they say the supper would have done credit to Delmonico, too. Who wouldn't be a traveler these days?

University Saturday Lectures.

A change in the program has been occasioned by the absence of the Hon. George E. Foster in the East. His place on Saturday, 30th January, will be taken by Prof. J. C. McLennan, who will lecture on "Radium and Radioactivity," with experimental illustrations. The lecture will be delivered in the Chemical Building.

Just Like His Father.

Denison (Texas) Gazette: It is said that a teacher in the public schools recently received the following note from a patron: "Dear Mis, you writ me about whipping Sammy. I hereby give you permisson to beet him up eny time it is necessary to learn him lessons. His is juste like his father—you have to learn him with a clubb. Pound nolege into him. I wante him to git it, and don't pay no atenshion to what his father says. I'll handle him."

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Toronto Junction Would Rather Have Extra Fireman Than Horse for the Chief.

HOW TO GET RID OF POOLROOM

North Toronto to Improve Fire Brigade Equipment—County Council—County Notes.

Toronto Junction, Jan. 28.—The Executive Committee of the Town Council met to-night with W. A. Baird in the chair. The Property Committee's recommendation that Chief Robinson of the fire department be furnished with a horse at a cost of $125 was struck out. It was thought that by adding another man to the fire department the force would be more strengthened than by the addition of a horse. The clause instructing the Mayor and chief of police to take steps to rid the town of the poolroom was struck out, the Solicitor thinking the clause unnecessary. He said that the Crown authorities were the proper functionaries to enforce the criminal law. The town should keep drumming at them. The Enterprise Hosiery Company bylaw and the Canada Cycle and Motor Company bylaw were discussed and will be dealt with by Council on Monday. Before the committee adjourned the electric lights went out, and when the councillors tried to light the gas it was found the pipes were frozen and there was no light, so that the closing resolutions were read with the dim light of matches and paper torches.

An interesting hockey match was played on Annette-street rink to-night between the Rangers and Shamrocks. The Rangers were victors by a score of 8 goals to 2.

James Edgerton, a plasterer, while working on the interior of a new building opposite the Canada Cycle and Motor Company's works this afternoon, met with a serious accident. He was plastering the walls of the hall when one of the threads of the stair gave way. Mr. Edgerton fell thru, and, in doing so, twisted his leg.

The Ladies' Aid of St. John's Church gave an at home in the schoolhouse to-night, which was largely attended. Songs were given by Mr. Geddes and Miss Penwarden. Miss G. Mavety gave a recitation and various instrumentalists played upon the piano during the evening. About 9 o'clock the ladies served refreshments.

Past Grand Master Fitzgerald and Past District Deputy Wigin of the Loyal True Blue Association paid a visit to the local lodge here to-night.

The young people of Victoria Presbyterian Church will hold a social to-morrow evening.

York County Council.

York County Councillors spent the most of yesterday in committee work. In the afternoon the Council met and appointed the warden, Arch. McLeay, and John Ley, Commissioners of County Property for the year. T. J. Woodcock and J. D. Davison are auditors of criminal accounts. Co-operation asked in securing from the government a reduction in the number of jurors required for county courts will be considered. D. Fotheringham, South York school inspector, asked leave of absence to allow him to recover from his recent illness. The secretary-treasurer of the Toronto Junction School Board forwarded a communication asking for $450, to which he claims the board are entitled under the statutes. The following grants to agricultural societies and farmers' and women's institutes were made: King, Markham, Scarboro, East Gwillimbury, North Gwillimbury and Georgina, York Township and Weston, Etobicoke and Vaughan Agricultural Societies were each given $25; Newmarket Horticultural Society, $25; Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, $25; East York Farmers' Institute, $25; West York Farmers' Institute, $25, and $10 each to the Women's Institutes of East and West York. The District Agricultural Societies of East, West and North York were voted $75 each.

East Toronto.

East Toronto, Jan. 28.—The willing workers of St. Saviour's Church will meet at the residence of Mrs. Ceadman, Gerrard-street, on Thursday, Feb. 4.

The employes of Seagram's stables will hold a sleighing party from the Woodbine to the Bayview Hotel to-morrow night, where supper will be had and a dance take place afterwards.

Professors Grant and Fox will give an at home in Boston's Hall on Tuesday evening next.

The Aberdeen Curling Club will send four rinks to Whitby next Tuesday to take part in the bonspiel to be held there.

F. A. Dunk of the G. T. R. freight office, who has been seriously ill from cold, contracted thru the want of proper heating of the offices, has sufficiently recovered to return to his duties to-morrow.

Mrs. Hall of Fort William paid her brother, W. N. Morley, a short visit to-day.

A friendly curling contest between a rink of the Aberdeen Club, skipped by John Richardson, with a rink of the Maple Leafs of Ellesmere, resulted in a victory for the former this afternoon.

The long delayed agreement between the Globe Manufacturing Company and the Town of East Toronto, it is said, will surely come up for discussion at a special meeting of the Town Council, to be held to-morrow night.

North Toronto.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church was held on Wednesday. The officers chosen for the year were: President, Mrs. William Jackes; vice-president, Mrs. S. B. Lawrence, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. Day.

School Trustee Spittel has been suffering from a very dangerous illness, but is said to be making a slow recovery.

The missionary lecture by Mrs. Howard Taylor at St. Clement's schoolhouse on Wednesday night was well attended. Mrs. Taylor has had much practical experience in the Chinese missionary field, and her experiences were most entertaining.

Frank and John Ross of Davisville are in the hospital suffering, the one from a frozen hand and the other from a frozen foot. Frank had three fingers amputated and John may lose one or more toes.

The local Circle of the C. O. H. C. held their annual supper in the town hall last night, with a number of visitors present from the city.

The Board of Works of the Council met last night with S. J. Douglas presiding, in the absence of Councillor Armstrong, who is ill. The inadequacy of the appliances of the fire brigade was discussed and it was decided to recommend an addition to the equipment at the sub-stations, and that a hose tower with bell attachment be erected in rear of the town hall, at an estimated cost of $250.

Markham.

The officers of the Markham Skating Rink anticipate that arrangements will be sufficiently advanced to permit the holding of the annual hockey carnival the second week in February.

It is proposed to commute all statute labor in Markham Township, and the Township Council at its next meeting will consider a bylaw to that effect.

William Grant of the 9th Concession of Markham recently sold to McConley & Boyd a car of three-year-old steers averaging over 1400 pounds each.

Mrs. H. R. Corson has been confined to her room during the past two weeks, the result of a severely scalded arm.

Communion service will be held in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning next. In the Methodist Church the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the evening service, and in Boxgrove at the morning service.

Markham Fire Brigade will meet on Monday night.

The death of Margaret, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Snowball, from diphtheria, on Monday last, is especially sad, and has excited the most profound sympathy. Another little daughter, also afflicted with the dread disease, will, it is expected, recover.

PREMIER HAS DOUBTS

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Cameron of West Huron whether he understood him to make the point that the amendment of Mr. Foy censuring the government for the disenfranchisement of North Renfrew was out of order.

Mr. Ross: No.

Mr. Whitney: He's here; let him speak.

Mr. Cameron replied that he did not raise the point, but was merely calling attention to the facts.

Mr. Whitney: I understood him to say the amendment was out of order. It's a serious matter and I'd like to know what the view of the government is, whether they intend to allow a member to sit here who has no right to, or whether it was a blank cartridge.

Not a Blank Cartridge.

Mr. Ross said it was not a blank cartridge, and Mr. Cameron deserved credit for calling attention to an important constitutional point. What the government might do would be announced at the proper time. Mr. Foy's amendment might be in order, but whether the member for North Renfrew had the right to sit was another matter.

Mr. Whitney: Is the government not in a position to say?

Mr. Ross: Not to-day. We have had doubts, but we heard the argument for the first time yesterday. Perhaps some other member will argue the case in another light.

Mr. Whitney: What I contend is that a member of this house has called attention to a constitutional point. If there is any doubt about the election it should have been called to the attention of the government by the Attorney-General.

Here are amounts included in the $570,000 voted: Civil government, $50,000; legislation, $75,000; administration of justice, $70,000; education, $50,000; public institutions maintenance, $125,000; agriculture, $25,000; hospitals and charities, $5000; immigration and colonization, $5000; repairs and maintenance public buildings, $10,000; public works, $20,000; public buildings, $45,000; colonization roads, $10,000; charges on Crown Lands, $25,000; refunds, $5000; miscellaneous, $50,000.

Cameron's Legal Point.

Malcolm G. Cameron (W. Huron) continued his address. He thought that if the statutes gave the right to issue the writ in North Renfrew previous to the calling of the house, the necessary notice should have been given. It was a matter for the consideration of the opposition, and if a difficulty had arisen it was of their making and not the fault of the government.

He wished to know what the government had to answer. None of the points raised by the opposition dealt remotely with the speech from the throne. If the opposition had the majority possessed by the government he had no doubt they would be quite satisfied with it. It was a well-known principle that when a party to an issue presents a document in support of his case he must stand or fall by the whole document. Mr. Cameron applied this principle to The Globe editorial of quotational renown, and contended that it could be the happiest day of Mr. Whitney's life when he read the portion referring to his policy of "bluster and bungle and constitutional incapacity."

Mr. Cameron argued that the trials did not go on after the serving of the petitions in the three Norths, on Feb. 9, 1903, for the evidence should have been collected when it was fresh in the memories of all concerned. The house was bound to be called before June 27. The opposition were at perfect liberty, after July 11, to go to the judges and get a day of trial fixed. He had not heard a word from the opposition to justify the delay that had taken place. He recapitulated the points of Mr. McKay's speech with regard to the return of election petition deposits. He felt justified in coming to the conclusion that the opposition had satisfied themselves that there was nothing in the charges in the three Norths.

Might Expect Retaliation.

Mr. Cameron failed to recall any unfair remarks made about Mr. Whitney. He had met Mr. Whitney once on the platform and been treated most courteously. But he thought Mr. Whitney might expect to be retaliated upon, when he remembered the very strong language he had himself used towards his opponents. They might be stirred up and stroked the wrong way under such treatment. It was not enough for Mr. Whitney to insinuate that American lumbermen had corrupted the government. He should have gone further and proved the statement or withdrawn it. A similar statement had been advanced about the non-prosecution of Pritchett. Other wild, rash, unfair and unprovable statements made by Mr. Whitney did not encourage the belief that he was a safe man in the mind of Mr. Cameron.

Cameron Indignant.

The statement that the Premier would not go into the witness box in the Gamey case, roused Mr. Cameron's strongest indignation, and he used most impressive elocutionary gestures. "Why in the name of common sense," he asked with flashing eyes and quivering bangs, "should the Premier go into the box to answer a charge that had fallen to pieces like a house of cards?"

Birmingham the Organizer.

Mr. Cameron also enquired who was Robert Birmingham, the good man in North Renfrew, who had been also taken to North Oxford. They all remembered the campaign of 1892 and the corruption of that time. Mr. Birmingham had sent a telegram to Sir Charles Tupper on May 22, 1900, to the effect that unless his terms were accepted he would give evidence in the proposed investigations in West Huron and Brockville. Mr. Cameron went into the chronicles of twelve years ago at great length, and the phrase, "damned scoundrel," rolled with an easy familiarity, from his lips as a quotation from Sir Charles Tupper. The house bore up against the unusual echo, and Mr. Cameron quoted W. F. Maclean, M.P., in disparagement of the old game, the old crowd, and the old organizer. Yet it was this gentleman who had conducted the campaign in North Renfrew. Mr. Cameron yearned to know all that Mr. Birmingham might reveal of that election, but, failing in that, took consolation in the ability and rectitude, the honor and eminence of the Premier, with a eulogy of whom he concluded his speech.

Mahaffy's Maiden Speech.

The new member for Muskoka, A. A. Mahaffy, was well received by the opposition, when he rose to make his maiden speech. He first referred to the loss sustained by the legislature and the riding of Muskoka by the death of the late Dr. Bridgland, and then took up the question of colonization roads, arguing that the expenditure of money in building roads in the new portion of Ontario was necessary. One half of the revenue of the province was derived from the forests of the province, and the newly settled districts should not be neglected.

The Globe was a hostile witness, and the Conservatives were entitled to all

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the comfort they could get out of its utterances. Mr. Mahaffy held in his hand an envelope containing money which he said was a part of the corruption fund that was used by the government in the Muskoka campaign. He had been attacked for offering a bribe to his constituents, when he promised them he would advocate certain measures if elected to the legislature. This was the extent of his bribe. On the other hand, the Premier had thrown out a hint in a speech in West Hastings that his candidate was in a position to know the wants of the riding. More than once the threat had been made by government speakers that the government would visit punishment on the riding in the event of the election of an opposition supporter. It had been said that there was no use voting for an opposition candidate. The member for the Soo had said that there should be an increase in the grants for colonization roads. This had been advocated by the speaker. He (Mahaffy) also advocated cheaper school books, and he was pleased to know that the Premier had hinted that the question of free school books would be considered.

Excuse Won't Hold Good.

The government had put forth an excuse for the long delay in holding the by-election in North Renfrew that the government was considering the convenience of the electors, many of whom were lumbermen. Why would not that excuse do for Muskoka, where the conditions were similar? The country well understood why the election in North Renfrew was not held earlier; it was because the government feared the result, and it had turned out that these fears were well grounded.

If the legal reasoning and conclusions of Mr. Cameron were correct, the government had again gone wrong in holding the election in North Renfrew. Assuming that it was the duty of the government to bring the matter before the Privileges and Elections Committee, what use was there to take it up now? There was time for the government to act before the election was held.

It had not been shown that there was any pressing public business calling for the summoning of the legislature at this time. In presenting the amendments to the address the Conservatives probably did not expect that there would be any signs of repentance on the part of the government for the wrongs that had been perpetrated. There were often circumstances in which defeat was more honorable than victory, but if the opposition were defeated, that would at least have preserved their self-respect.

Thompson's Moonlight Drive.

R. A. Thompson (North Wentworth) got a long way from provincial issues in his address. He led off with a cute little story about a midnight drive he and some one else had many years ago. Mr. Thompson's attention was directed during the drive to spots on the face of the moon, which he was unable to account for until he discovered that the veil worn by the fair one at his side interrupted her vision. That was the way of the opposition; they could not see the brightness of the moon thru the veil of gloom. From this Mr. Thompson read a volume of statistics touching the increase in trade enjoyed by the farmers, and congratulated the government on the success of the Guelph Agricultural College, not forgetting to express satisfaction over the elevation of Dr. Mills to the important post on the Railway Commission and the promotion of Mr. Creelman to the presidency of the college.

Mr. Thompson advocated free school books.

A Fair Proposition.

Mr. Thompson was describing the increase in the apple crop, when Mr. St. John remarked that he thought the honorable gentleman could not see the clock.

Mr. Thompson replied that he was a young man and inexperienced, but he had sat and tried to pay attention to the gentleman who had spoken for four hours, and he thought that he might claim a little indulgence. If there were more worms in the apples, it was because they had thirty-three million bushels more apples in which to find them. He concluded by declaring he loved the Premier for his sterling character, admired him as an orator and trusted him as a guide.

Thomas Crawford moved the adjournment of the debate at 6.10 p.m.

The Premier moved the adjournment of the house till Monday.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Murphy will enquire if it is the intention of the government to assist in the maintenance of isolation hospitals. Mr. Murphy has a bill to amend the Municipal Act, and Mr. Pettypiece will also move to amend this legislation and the Assessment Act.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Percy G. Williams' great production, "Deserted at the Altar," which will be seen at the Majestic Theatre next week, carries an immense amount of scenery. There are 16 speaking parts in this play and an array of sailors, firemen, counterfeiters, secret service men and citizens, and choir celestial that sings at the wedding in the church when Frank Creighton, the hero is about to marry pretty Nellie Dorsey. The mechanical effects are new and startling.

Charley Grapewin will begin a week's engagement on Monday evening at the Grand, in a new musical farce, "The Awakening of Mr. Pipp," of which Mr. Grapewin in collaboration with George Totten Smith, is the author. The farce is said to be original in treatment and differs materially from the conventional form of present day musical comedies in that it succeeds in being natural and blends in a charming manner the most ludicrous situations with a deeling touch of pathos. "The Awakening," which is made the subject of the play, points a moral in an hilarious way of the folly of imbibing strong drink too freely. "Mr. Pipp" wakes up in the morning after having the times of his life and the difficulties into which he plunges furnish some fine farcical situations.

Told in a Few Lines.

Paris—Frank Dawson has been convicted of murdering Anna Hartman and sentenced to be hanged March 17. It was the result of a broken engagement. Dawson is of a prominent family.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 27.—Many people are imprisoned in the upper rooms of their houses in the Eel River bottoms by the floods. They have been without food during the zero weather and a boat cannot be rowed thru the moving ice to rescue them.

Chicago—The grand jury has voted indictments against eight men charged with rioting during the strikes of the Chicago City Railroad Co.

Chicago—Unless the cold spell which burdens Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and other great egg-producing states loosens its grip, an egg famine is probable.

Dublin—John Dillon has gone to the south of Italy under doctors' orders and will not return to Ireland or engage in politics for four months.

New York—Sarah Cohen, nine years old; Louis, seven, and Meyer, two, were suffocated in a six-storey tenement. The janitor, father of the children, started to thaw out some pipes and a small fire resulted.

Brownsville, Pa.—While a number of laborers were being lowered into the shaft of the Briar Hill Coal Company the cage fell to the bottom, 300 feet below. Four men are reported dead.

Pittsburg—At 11 o'clock 92 bodies had been taken from the Harwick mine and 26 were at the foot of the shaft ready to be brought out.

WHAT TORONTO FIRM IS THIS?

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 28.—A sale of 18,000,000 ft. of white pine has just been made by the Hines Lumber Company here to a Toronto firm. It will be shipped to England and The Hague. The price of the lumber was $250,000.

The World made diligent enquiry among the local lumber concerns, but failed to discover "the Toronto firm" mentioned. The Imperial Lumber Co. and R. Laidlaw & Co. both have dealings with the Hines Lumber Co., but denied knowledge of such an immense contract. The opinion was advanced that it was a "fake" report, sent out to influence the market.

ALASKA STEAMER LOST.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 28.—The little steamer Staolin, for the past five years operated on the mail route between Juneau and Sumdum, is believed to have been lost with all on board. Great alarm is felt at Juneau because the Staolin is very much overdue and a number of Juneau people are known to have been on board. While definite information is lacking, it is believed at Juneau that at least half a dozen passengers were on the Staolin when she left Winham Bay. Her crew numbered six men.

Sir Henry Irving and His Tour.

Sir Henry Irving and company have chosen the Grand Trunk Railway System to carry them through Canada on their present tour, and they will travel over the Grand Trunk and Canada Atlantic from Montreal to Ottawa, from Ottawa over the New York and Ottawa to Cornwall, and Grand Trunk to Toronto, and Grand Trunk from Toronto to Detroit. The train will be composed of eight cars, including three baggage cars, one combination car, two first-class coaches, one Pullman sleeping car and one of the Grand Trunk standard dining cars.

Falls Blind in Friends' Arms.

Greenwich, Conn., Jan. 28.—Had not Isaac T. Mead of this town met friends from Bristol, Conn., in New York only a moment before he was stricken with total blindness the old man would have found himself helpless and alone in a crowded thorofare and would have had difficulty in giving directions as to where he should be taken. He was so overcome after his seizure as to be almost helpless. Mr. Mead is 70 years old and was formerly president of the Connecticut Undertakers' Association.

Henry Carscallen Ill.

The health of Henry Carscallen, M.L.A., is causing his Conservative colleagues some anxiety. He has not been in his seat in the legislature since the opening, but although unwell, has been ready to come down from Hamilton on short notice. Yesterday it was said that he was not so well and might be laid up for some days. As there is to be no pairing for illness or other cause it is evident that there will be considerable time wasted by members talking themselves into a condition of sore throat until the line-up is strong enough to afford the best showing on a count of noses.

Engineers Pleased With It.

Albany, Jan. 28.—The Legislative Committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to-day adopted a resolution thanking President Roosevelt for having appointed W. H. H. Webster of Buffalo as United States Consul at Niagara Falls, Canada.

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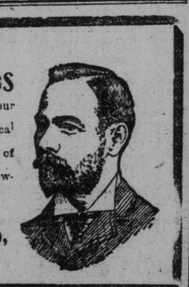

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STORE CLOSES AT 5.30.

Saturday the Last Day.

LAST business day of January, last day in Simpson's Stock-taking Sale. Come to-morrow if you never came before. Lots of things we can't tell you about in the paper will be clearing—broken lots we sort out the last thing Friday night. But this list alone will keep both us and all those who come busy to-morrow. Read it over with the consideration you would give a personal letter invitation to come early and stay as long as you liked.

Last January Clothing Clearance.

Underpriced Overcoats and Suits for Boys and Men To-Morrow.

Last day of the great stock-adjusting month of January falls on Men's Day, so far as the Men's Store is concerned. Fortunate for you if Saturday is your shopping day. We had these Overcoats made up specially to clear out the cloth. No value like them anywhere at $9.00.

Men's Nobby Black Cheviot Dress Overcoats, fine imported material, in winter weight, in a rich soft finish, cut in the fashionable long, full back swagger style with either square or vertical pockets, first-class linings and hair cloth sleeve lining, elegantly tailored, with broad concave shoulders and neat narrow close-fitting collars, perfect in every detail and a better fitting Coat than a great many tailors will make to your measure, all sizes, worth 12.50, on sale Saturday 9.00

Men's Heavy Golf Back Cheviot Winter Overcoats, dark grey shade, with fancy grey and black check lining, made up in the long Raglanette style with set on cuffs and vertical pockets, black hair cloth sleeve lining and saddle back, well tailored and finished, sizes 34-44, worth 10.00, reduced Saturday to 5.00

Clearing All the Ties at a Quarter.

You may have the best 50c and 75c Ties in the Men's Store for 25c apiece to-morrow. Clearing them out. New stock coming in after stock-taking.

The lot consists of Flowing Ends, Derbys, Puffs, Ascots and Knots, all finest imported English and American silks, new patterns and colors, best finish, satin lined, regular 50c and 75c ties, on sale Saturday, Stock-taking Sale, your choice, any tie 25

240 Men's Scotch Wool and Sanitary Wool Fleece Underwear, the Scotch comes in Shetland shade and fancy stripes, sizes to fit small, medium and large men, elastic rib cuffs and ankles, sanitary wool fleece, in shirts only, for large men, sizes 40—42—44, double elastic rib cuffs and ankles, regular price up to 65c each, clearing Stock-taking Sale price, per garment, Saturday 39

Clearance of Men's Boots.

103 pairs of Men's Fine Laced Boots, in box calf, velour calf and patent kid, the box calf in both single and double sole styles, velour calf with double sole and patent kid with single and slip soles; not all sizes in each style, but all sizes from 6 to 10 in the lot, just a grand clearance for last Saturday before stock-taking; reg. prices from $3.50 to $4.50; every pair stamped with brand on sole; come early, as this lot cannot last long; the window will show the goods better than we can describe them in this space, Saturday only, per pair 2.00

Picture Frame Moulding.

Clearing 2200 feet of it Saturday. If you have sketches, engravings, photographs, premium pictures, ithographs, paintings, certificates, diplomas—anything of any kind needing a frame—here's a splendid chance to buy it.

1000 feet of 1-inch Picture Frame Moulding, fine finish and neat design, fine grain oak, regular 6 and 8 cents per foot, on sale Saturday 3

1200 feet of 3-inch Gilt Picture Frame Moulding, with burnished tips, artistic design for framing supplements, diplomas, engravings or colored prints, regular price 12c, on sale Saturday, per foot 6

70 Odd Chairs Half Priced.

70 Odd Parlor Rocking Chairs, in quarter-cut oak and mahogany finish, Parlor Upholstered Chairs, Hall Chairs and odd Dining-room Chairs, some slightly damaged, regular prices $2.50 to $12.50, on sale Saturday, half price.

8 only Ladies' Secretaries, in solid quarter-cut golden oak and mahogany polished finish, drop leaf writing table, all different designs, regular price up to $17.50 each, Saturday 10.00

Copyright Books Clearing.

100 Copies of The Sherrods, George Barr McCutcheon's latest book, paper bound, regular 75c edition, Saturday 30

183 only Cloth Bound Copyright Novels, odd books, picked from our regular stock, that have become soiled through handling, regular $1.25 and $1.50 edition, Saturday 25

98 only Teachers' and Reference Bibles, bound in full Morocco, red under gold edges, also a few Presbyterian Hymnals and Bibles combined, slightly soiled, regular prices range from $1 to $1.65 each, Saturday 50

Fun in the Old Game Yet!

$3.00 Ping Pong Takes a Drop to 39c.

It happened this way. A maker of games found he had about 300 sets of Ping Pong usually retailed from $1.50 to $3.00 per set. Did not want to put it in his line for spring, 1904, and gave our buyer the chance to make an offer for the lot. Maker said it was almost a deathblow, but they are ours to-day and yours to-morrow for 39c a set. It is the grade of Ping Pong the clubs supply in their recreation rooms, and yet you have it for the price of a nursery toy—one of the many attractions of the last day of our January Sale.

300 sets Highest Grade Club Ping Pong, excellently finished in every particular with table bar, net, posts, four balls, two skin-covered or solid racquets, neatly boxed, with rules complete, none less than 1.50 regular, (nearly half are 3.00 sets), Saturday 39