

THE GAS.

Tell me, Oh tell me, yes tell me if you can? Why we're getting future punishment, on the instalment plan. We pay fifty cents per thousand, and the stench is hard to bear; it can't be worse in blades than what we're getting here. For wherever you go in Brantford people wish that they were dead; they say there's no use living, as they hold their aching head. It even makes their eyeballs sore, pains through their body shoot; then they bring up everything, with the exception of their boots. So now, you High and Mighty Body, Oh, I mean the Board of Health, do justice to the citizens, as well as to yourself. For if we had the smallpox, scarlet fever and the like, how quickly to the pest house, our carcass you would hike; you would quarantine our dwelling place, make us fumigate or bed, but you let this cursed nuisance through our noble city spread. And ye, Our City Fathers, why don't you rise en masse, and prosecute the company that brought the horrid gas.

GEORGE HAWN.

CAUGHT.

"Oh, by the way, dear," said the merchant as he was preparing to leave the house in the morning, "if I find I can't be home to dinner I will send a note by messenger."

"Don't trouble," said his wife, sweetly, "I have already found it on the blotting pad."—Western Mail.

SIR WILFRID WANTS DEPARTURE MADE FROM PRECEDENT

Objects to a Committee of 7 on Redistribution as Named in 1903.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—A proposal that the House depart from the precedent set by him in 1903 was the feature of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech yesterday on the motion for the second reading of the Redistribution Bill. The Opposition leader named a committee of seven in 1903. The Board of Government proposes a committee of seven in the present instance and Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday objected. He wanted the number increased to nine, in order he said, that the Western provinces might be represented. The Prime Minister reminded the Opposition leader that only three provinces out of seven were represented on the committee of 1903. However, he promised to consider the proposal for an increase. The second feature of the Laurier speech was an objection to the proposal that the special committee consider the claims of Prince Edward Island to four members instead of three. Sir Wilfrid declared himself in favor of the reduction by a strict application of the unit of representation.

The debate, which will continue on Thursday, gave little promise of serious controversy. The Government's intention of enacting a fair redistribution is known to the Opposition, and the prospect of the rejection of the bill by the Senate is diminishing. The Senate will pass the bill unless the Liberal majority receives contrary instructions from the Opposition leader. The present temper of the Liberals is against the forcing of a fight on anything against the stirring up of trouble and against the protraction of the session. The special committee which is to work out the schedules will in all probability get to work next week.

As intimated already, there will be a larger unit of representation for the cities than for the country ridings. The intention is to equalize as nearly as possible the representation of the larger cities. Thus cities of nearly equal population will be given equal or nearly equal representation in the House.

Premier Borden, in moving the second reading of the Redistribution Bill, referred to the provision in subsection 51, that the representation of a province must not be disturbed if its ratio of population had not changed more than one-twentieth. It might be urged under this head, said Mr. Borden, that there be no reduction in the Maritime Provinces, and possibly in Ontario, but this argument was not a valid one. He illustrated the working out of the one-twentieth clause by a single arithmetical example to show that it would not help out the provinces in question.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who followed, said it might be advised to lay down a principle of redistribution before submitting the bill to a committee. He went into the history of Canadian redistribution bills, stating that the three first ones, all introduced by the Conservative party, had failed to give general satisfaction, while the Liberal measure of 1903, which submitted the question to the committee, had worked well and had been little criticized since. As for the committee which would consider the present bill, he was aware that the majority in this body would be subjected to considerable pressure, most of it from outside the House, to induce it to balance the scales of justice lower on one side than on the other. Sir Wilfrid considered that the guiding principle for the committee should be equalization of population without undue disturbance of the equilibrium of party. Another principle should be the compactness of constituencies

and regard for the county unit, which was the unit of population in municipal and judicial systems, and thus in so far as Canadian public life was concerned.

Case of Prince Edward Island. After stating that the committee must also take cognizance of the principle that the unit of population in urban districts must be greater than in rural ones, Sir Wilfrid went on to deal with the case of Prince Edward Island. He reduced representation of this province, he stated, was a matter as regards which Parliament had no jurisdiction and was not a free agent. The only question was one of arithmetic. If Prince Edward Island's case were to be left to the committee, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario might ask for the same privilege. He thought that the fact that Prince Edward Island's representation was left to the committee was a vicious feature of the bill which might land the Prime Minister in difficulties. This was the only criticism he had to offer, but he would also suggest that the committee to which the bill was referred consist of nine members instead of seven, to give better representation to the views of the Western Provinces. He hoped this committee would frame a measure which would be an absolute and accurate expression of the public mind.

Mr. E. M. Macdonald held that it would be impossible to give Prince Edward Island any larger number of members than it was entitled to under the provisions of the British North America Act.

"We would have the same right," said Mr. Carvell of Carleton, N.B. "Yes," said Mr. Macdonald, "that would be leaving the door open." He thought the only way in which the question might be dealt with would be to submit an address to the throne to amend the British North America Act, so that Prince Edward Island's representation might not be reduced, and that such a method would be well received. In conclusion he commended the impartial manner in which the Prime Minister had dealt with the whole matter.

Mr. Hughes of Prince Edward Island, stated that there was no doubt Prince Edward Island had believed it was getting six representatives for all time to come when it had entered Confederation.

Hon. L. P. Pelletier observed he could find in Hansard no protests ever made by Prince Edward Island members when on two previous occasions the representation of that province had been reduced.

Mr. Hughes stated that this was probably so because the Supreme Court and Privy Council had decided against the special claims of Prince Edward Island.

OLD HOME WEEK MAKING PROGRESS

Attractions and Sporting Events Galore Can Be Secured.

Matters in connection with the Old Home Week celebration are going ahead with commendable activity, and it is more than likely the week will be the biggest one held in Brantford in many years.

The Dominion Quoit Association would like to hold its annual meet in Brantford this year, and representatives of the organization will open up negotiations with the Old Home Sport Committee. The presence here of the world's champion and other well known players expected for the occasion, would lend considerable interest.

Negotiations are also under way to bring here on the 12th August the Provincial Black Preceptory. The Knights would certainly be a decided attraction.

The manager of the Ferrari Shows is now in the city and desirous of meeting the committee and submitting a proposition.

The Executive will be called together during the early part of next week.

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WITH Spring just around the corner this event comes just in the nick of time when you can appreciate it to the fullest extent, as it will mean dollars saved on your Spring requirements. Hundreds will take advantage of this chance to buy their supply of materials to make up in good time for Spring and Summer wear. Then too, you'll find many things about the house that are somewhat the worse for wear and tear, and need replenishing—Linen, Bedding, Towels, and all such Lines can be bought during this sale at prices that will not soon come again.

Our Best Advice to You is to Buy Liberally for Present and Future Needs

LOOK FOR THE GREEN PRICE CARDS

Plain White Sheeting, fine quality, will launder well, 35c, for 28½c
Plain White Sheeting, standard quality, 45c, for 37½c
Heavy Imported English Sheeting, looks like linen, guaranteed, 50c, for 44c
The same quality, 60c, for 53c
Horrockses' Best, specially priced, 65c, for 57c; 75c, for 65c
Plain Unbleached Sheeting, heavy, clean and good weight 25c yard
Specially imported English Circular Pillow Casing, 40 to 44 inches 30c
Heavy Linen Finish Circular, 40c for all widths.

Medium Weight Cotton, fine soft finish, a good wearing material, regular 18c a yard 15c
Circular Pillow Linen, fine quality, 42 to 44 inches. 25c yd.
White Cottons, standard English, American and Canadian makes, covering the many needs of the many minds, about two dozen qualities in all. The unrivaled Horrockses in five qualities. From 15c to 25c yard
Other reliable makes at 8½c to 20c yd.
American White Cottons—"Fruit of the Loom," 15c yd.; Dwight Anchor, 17c yd.
Nainsook, fine, soft, sheer, ready for needle, 20c, for 15c.
Finer qualities up to 45c
White Madapolam Cotton, 40 in. wide, regular 20c 15c

Sheets and Pillow Cases at Savings

When we cannot buy goods to suit us or come up to our standard, we buy the raw material of required quality and make up the articles in our own factory. This means that you get better workmanship and quality at less prices.

Plain Pillow Cases, made in our own factory, of good strong English cotton, all sizes, worth 35c pair, for 13c

Plain Pillow Cases, made here from "Fruit of the Loom" cotton, regular 50c pair, for 20c ea.

Sheets, regular sizes, made of pure, full width cotton in our factory, \$1.75 pair, for .69c ea.

Hemstitched Sheets and Pillow Cases to match, made of linen finish full width sheeting, regular per set of four pieces for \$2.75

The Silk Sale Received a Warm Reception

And well it might, as values were never so great. The Silk Department was as busy as a bee hive. Throngs of customers responded to the call of values, such as had seldom if ever been offered before.

The Silks Offered are Bright New Goods—Just What You Want!

The demand for Silks for fashionable Gowns, Wraps, Costumes, Trimmings and Linings is very strong, so this Sale is all the more welcome.

500 yds. Pin Stripe Messaline Silk

in grey and white, navy and white, brown and white, Copen and black, white and black, peon and black, grey and white, Copen and white, also broadened silk in taupe, grey and lavender. These silks are 36 in. wide and are \$1.25 and \$1.75 values.

Specially Priced at 69c a Yard

Raw Silk 34 in. Wide

in the natural shade, the most popular silk for all purposes. You can use it for waists, dresses, shirts, underwear and curtains. This silk is very clean and free from dust.

Special Price 49c a Yard

Come, Buy and Save

Black or White Silk Crepe-de-chene, 40 in. wide, very sheer and silky. These are very popular for waists this season. Priced at \$1.25 a yard

Satins for Trimmings, all silk backed, in such new shades as tango, September Morn; Russian green, cerise, paddy, royal, tan, purple, ivory and black, at a yard 75c

Tub Silks, in black or ivory, 27 inches wide, very strong and washes beautifully. Yard 75c and \$1

Hairline Stripe Silks, 36 inches wide, in all colors. One of our new lines, which is the correct thing for waists and dresses. A yard \$1.25

Black Silks, a complete stock, all fast colors and correct finish, all yard wide silks, Paillette, Messaline, Peau-de-soie, Duchess and Mouseline. These Silks will be very strong sellers this season for waists and dresses, at a yard \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2

See Window Display!

Towels and Towelling at Quick Sale Prices

The particular housewife can hardly have too many towels on hand, and prices such as these will suggest to her a careful examination of the linen closet.

Towels, heavy double huck, all linen, ready for use, plain hem or hemstitched 25c ea.

Heavy everyday hemmed Linen Huck Towels, size 18 x 36, for 12½c

Very fine Huck Towels, with damask pattern and ends, size 22 x 42, 75c each, for 50c ea.

Large thirsty double loop Turkish Towel, ready for use, 75c pr., for 30c ea.

Grey and white stripe clean Terry Towel, with some friction qualities, 20c, for 15c ea.

Hemstitched White Terry Towels, made by special process to secure absorbing results, \$1.25 pr., for 50c ea.

Wash Crash Towelling, ready to use, 15c yd., for 12½c yd.

Heavy All Linen Crash Towelling, with or without border, 12½c, for 10c

Glass Towelling, red or blue check, 22 in. wide, 15c, for 12½c

A New Style Cover - All 59c
Apron at a New Price

Dust Cap 10c

This Apron is made of a much superior quality of Print to that usually found in such Aprons. We guaranteed the manufacturer a large quantity, but stipulated a quality of Print two grades better than he was using. You'll appreciate this when you see the Apron. The regular value is 75c, but with the added quality you would gladly pay 85c. Our price 59c

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Bargains
For This THIS WEEK

Boys' high grade Lace Boots, regular \$1.48

\$2.50 and \$2, sizes 3, 4, 5, Saturday

Women's Felt Lace Boots, foxed with leather, regular \$1.35, Saturday 99c

Men's high grade Boots in black and tan, regular \$4.50 and \$5.00, sizes only 5½ and 6. Saturday \$1.98

Boys' waterproof Lace Boots, sizes 1 to 5. Saturday \$2.00

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CITY LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Play To-night.

The Eagle Place Stars and Waterloo Apprentices play hockey at Tutela Park to-night.

Tutela Carnival.

The carnival at Tutela rink to-morrow night promises to be a big success. Three skating races will be a feature.

Grandview Ratepayers.

A meeting of the Grandview Improvement Association has been called for Friday evening next, to be held in the Grandview school.

Carnivals Barred.

The Berlin Council has placed the ban on Summer carnival shows at the Market Square. In the face of strong opposition and citizens, who contended that such shows were detrimental to the morals of the community, the Council refused to grant the Berlin Musical Society the use of the square for this purpose and will probably exclude all shows of such a nature from the city.

Working Near Paris.

The Johnson Bros. track-laying gang is still at work north of Paris, at a point between Paris and Glenora, laying the track for the L. E. and N. line. The progress being made is slow but sure.

Hos Resumed Duties.

Mr. F. W. Thompson, the popular recording secretary of the Y.M.C.A. has again taken up his duties at the Y.M.C.A. after being confined to his home for a month with a fractured leg.

Inspecting Factories.

A deputation from the Paris Agricultural School, Paris, is in the city to-day and are visiting a number of the factories with a view to learning something about the process of manufacture in this city.

Not Here.

Mr. R. H. Reville, who is the Canadian representative of the New York Times, received a wire to-day asking him to report all failures of \$10,000

and upwards this year in Brantford and district. He was in the happy position to telegraph that there were none.

Sheet Increasing.

The City Engineer's Pay sheet now totals 652, an increase of ten since last week.

Collecting Funds.

Rev. George Sawa, is in the city collecting funds for an Assyrian orphan school in Turkey.

Building Permits Issued.

Edwin Ott has been granted a permit for the erection of a 11-2 storey brick house on Walnut street at a cost of \$2,000.

Prize Birds Stolen.

Chicken thieves are rife amongst West Brantford residents and last night Mr. S. Waince, Walnut St. lost a dozen prize birds from his house. Mr. Waince values the birds highly and has taken the matter up with the police for the recovery of the birds.

Much Gravel Removed.

Over 900 loads of gravel have been taken out of the Bellevue gravel pit since January 1st to be used for concrete farm buildings and country

roads. This is a record so far and plainly shows the increased amount of construction work which is being carried on this year.

Play at Hamilton.

The Dufferin Indoor Baseball team leaves at 6.45 to-night by radial to play the 91st Highlanders at Hamilton.

Unable to Attend.

Owing to an appointment with the Ontario Board of Railway Commissioners, City Solicitor W. T. Henderson has advised the city that he will be unable to attend the Court of Revision on Monday next.

Improvements to be Made.

The syndicate which owns the Bennett Farm on the Paris Road are preparing to open it up and intend erecting a handsome entrance. The roadway will be a 100 foot boulevard, and will greatly improve that section of the country.

Can't Send Letters.

Many people have lately sent parcels through the local post and they have also included a letter or a communication in the parcel. This is contrary to Canadian Postal law and makes the sender liable to a penalty

of \$10 to \$40, besides which the parcel is subject to letter rate and deficient postage may be doubly charged. It seems rather an expensive way of sending a word.

Calling for Tenders.

The Dominion Government is calling for tenders to-day for the collection of mail from the boxes in this city for the next four years.

Parcels Coming In.

The Parcels Post business is gradually increasing in this city and it is thought that it will be a great success. The authorities are feeling the effect of the influx of local parcels.

Excavation Completed.

Excavations are just about completed at the Public Library, where Messrs. P. H. Second and Sons are busy adding an extension to the present premises. Foundations will soon be laid.

Application Received.

An application for specifications for the new blacksmithing outfit, which the city intends installing, has been received by the City Clerk from the Mechanical Engineering Co., Ltd., of Montreal, a firm which makes a specialty of this line of work.

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