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It has always been our policy to fulfill our promises. What we say, we mean—and back our word with the proof of high qualities at low prices.

Special line ladies' fine Black Wool Hose, sizes 8½, 9, 9½, only, per pair

25c

Children's Black Wool Hose, sizes 6, 6½, 7, 7½ and 8, for, per pair, 19c, 20c and

25c

Misses' Hygiene Waists, in sizes 18, 19 and 20 only. Regular 75c, to clear at, each,

30c

Bath Towels, large size, special at only, each, 15c, 19c, 25c and

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Huck Towels, hemmed or fringed, large size, each, only

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Pillow Shams, Swiss embroidered, regular 45c & 59c. Your choice, each, 35c and

49c

Real Torchon Laces, good patterns, reduced to clear to, per yard, 7c, 8c, 10c, 12½c and

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Special line Black Serge, double fold, worth 25c, for, per yard,

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One line Black Serge, double fold, regular 35c, to clear at only, per yard,

25c

Special line White Handkerchiefs, lace trimmed, 6 for

25c

Gents' Hem-stitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, large size, worth 12½c each, for only

7c

Black Spanish Laces, were 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c, for, per yard, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12½c and

15c

SUFFOCATED BY GAS

Aged Couple of Whitby, Ont., Found Dead in Bed.

Whitby, Ont., Feb. 25. — Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Balmer, an aged couple, highly-respected retired farmers, living by themselves in this town in their own home, were found dead in bed last evening. They had not been seen for the past two or three days, and last evening the neighbors became alarmed, and succeeded in getting into the house. Death was caused by gas escaping from their coal stove. They leave three married sons and three daughters.

RESULT ALL THAT
COULD BE ASKED

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED STRAIN CAUSED BY HEAVY LIFTING.

William Sharman Tells of His Precarious Condition, and His Happy Release From It.

Murray Harbor South, P. E. I., Feb. 24. (Special).—William Sharman, who keeps a general store here, is one of many hundreds in Prince Edward Island who have been rescued from chronic sickness, and made sound and well by Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Sharman, who is always glad to say a word for the remedy that did so much for him, relates his experience as follows:

"I sprained my back with heavy lifting, and the result was urinary and kidney trouble that left me in a very weak state, and at times I was so weak that I almost fainted, and could scarcely hold up.

"After trying several other medicines without relief, I concluded that it was a kidney disease I had, and I would find a cure in a kidney remedy, and decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"The result was all that could be asked. I used ten boxes all told, and can now enjoy sweet sleep without being disturbed as heretofore, and my old troubles were banished.

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all kidney ills from Backache to Bright's Disease.

DECLINED NOMINATION. Essex, Ont., Feb. 25.—J. E. Stone, of this town, has declined the South Essex Conservative nomination for the Ontario Legislature.

LOCKOUT OR STRIKE. New York, Feb. 25.—The Lithographers' Union of New York has rejected by a large majority an arbitration proposition by the Employers' Association which takes in the employers throughout the United States and Canada. The other unions are expected to take similar action, which probably means a general lockout on March 26, of 10,000 union lithographers employed by the association, unless there should be a strike before that time.

The Non-Irritating Cathartic

Easy to take, easy to operate—

Hood's Pills

CANADA'S RAILROADS

Government Statistics Show There Has Been Large Increase.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—The report of the Railway department is in the press, and will be distributed in a few days. The general statistics for the railways of Canada will show the following comparison:

	1903.	1902.
Miles of railway completed	19,077	18,886
Sidings	2,563	2,829
Miles in operation	18,988	18,714
Gross earnings	\$86,664,527	\$83,606,540
Working expenses	67,481,524	64,343,592
Net earnings	20,583,003	20,222,911
Passengers carried	28,583,000	26,322,911
Freight carried, tons	47,573,417	42,376,557

The statistics of electric railways show an increase in roads and a decided increase in travel. They are:

	1903.	1902.
Miles of railway completed	750	568
Sidings	12	57
Miles in operation	750	568
Gross earnings	\$7,222,677	\$6,486,438
Working expenses	4,472,858	3,902,355
Net earnings	\$2,749,819	\$2,583,582
Passengers carried	155,002,812	137,581,402
Freight carried, tons	371,286	296,182

AMES & CO.'S NEW PLAN

Form a Securities Holding Company for Benefit of Creditors.

Toronto, Feb. 25. — A. E. Ames & Co., in a circular issued by unsecured creditors, announce the firm's decision to proceed with their plan of forming a securities holding company and allotting to unsecured creditors stock in such company as payment for claims against A. E. Ames & Co., under the scheme admitted to creditors in a circular letter on Jan. 7 last. It now appears that the great majority of the unsecured creditors have consented to the proposal of Jan. 7, and that Ames & Co. have gone ahead and carried out their plan without the consent of the non-consenting creditors. Ames & Co. have transferred all their assets to the securities holding company, and each unsecured creditor has been mailed a certificate of stock in the securities holding company, representing the full amount of his claim against Ames & Co. The securities holding company has a capital of \$45,000—\$45,000 common and \$40,000 preferred stock—divided into shares of \$10 each. Ames & Co. have contracted to pay all their earnings for a period of five years into the coffers of the holding company. The holding company will also seek to realize on the existing estate, and the proceeds will be used to retire the stock now issued to the unsecured creditors, who will in the meantime receive interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum quarterly on the sums due to them.

HARD LINES THIS.

Vienna, Feb. 25.—A 19-year-old Hungarian nobleman named Dugersky lost \$50,000 at bacarat to Deputy Geo. Saccellary. Dugersky's family refused to pay the money on the ground that the elderly deputy should not have played for money with a boy who is deficient in intellect. The family then gave the whole amount to charitable institutions.

HELD UP LABORERS. Modena, Italy, Feb. 24. — Three armed bandits entered an outfit car in which fifteen Greek railroad laborers were sleeping, and at the point of revolvers compelled them to hand over nearly \$3,000, representing their savings for months. The highwaymen escaped.

COMPANIES ACT;
HORSES TAILS

Legislature Talks Public Protection and Docking.

BUDGET DEBATE NEARLY ENDED

Division of the House Close at Hand — Dr. Routledge's Measure Sent to Agricultural Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 24. — The resumption of the debate on the budget, which is now in its closing hours, was not reached till the evening session of the Legislature today, the afternoon being taken up with a discussion on Mr. Hoyle's bill to amend the Ontario companies act, which, after due consideration, was declared defeated on division of the House.

GIBSON REFUSES BILL.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that the Government was interested in the protection of the public in the way outlined by Mr. Hoyle, but he considered that the bill as presented was absolutely inconsistent with the general plan of the Ontario companies act, nor was it calculated to attain the objects desired, because the Ontario procedure for the formation of a company was totally different to the English system, so that the transcribed clauses could not apply. He considered that the present Ontario law was a great protection to the public, being indeed in advance of the English act. He opposed the reference of the bill to a committee, because it could not be made useful without the drafting of a complete new act.

At the evening session the speakers were G. Clarke (E. Northumberland), for the Government side, and Phinlay McDiarmid (W. Light), for the Opposition. The debate will close tomorrow, and a division is expected before 6 o'clock.

WOULD PROHIBIT DOCKING.

Dr. Routledge, in explaining the object of his bill to amend the municipal act, said that it provided that the docking of horses' tails be made an offense against the city, and that practice, and was just as severe and painful to the animal as the amputation of a leg or arm was to a human being. Many municipalities throughout the world had objected to this form of cruelty, and in Boston, New York, and other places a fine and imprisonment was provided for those found guilty of it.

Mr. Little (Cardwell), was surprised that a member of the medical profession should take to the House about the cruelty of docking. Mr. Little declared it had been his experience that the practice was not a cruel one, although a little painful. He could not see if he had a horse with a deformed tail why he had not the right to call in a fully qualified veterinary surgeon to remedy the deformity. He hoped Dr. Routledge was not sincere in his desire to pass the bill, because it would do a great deal of injury to the important industry of horse breeding.

Mr. St. John said he was in sympathy with the object of the bill. There was no doubt that docking was a cruel and unnecessary practice. The introduction of the bill would have an educational effect on the country, and sooner or later public opinion would agree that a horse looked better with than without a tail.

Dr. Willoughby said that if the bill simply for the reason that docking was a cruel practice he would oppose it.

The bill was finally sent to the agricultural committee.

Dr. Routledge asked for the second reading of another bill to amend the agricultural and arts act, the main provision of which was that agricultural fairs, and the Government, diploma and prizes should not be given to docked horses. It too, was sent to the agricultural committee.

Mr. Beck's bill to amend the municipal act was given its second reading.

Mrs. Wilcox
Had

Sick Headache,
Nervousness
and
Insomnia.

Mrs. Wilcox, Creemore, Ont., after being renewed in health, strength and vigor by Paine's Celery Compound, gratefully writes as follows: "For years I have suffered from constant sick headache and nervousness, and at times I have been so bad that I have been unable to sleep two hours a night. For weeks I have tried many medicines, but have not been able to get any relief. I have received a hundredth part of the value from them that I obtained from Paine's Celery Compound. After using three bottles I can sleep well, my headaches have ceased, and I feel healthier and fresher than I have done for years."

**PAINE'S
Celery
Compound
Cured Her.**

If you are sick and desire free medical advice, write to "Consulting Physician," The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain St., Montreal, P. Q.

The United States is buying 30,000 ounces of cocaine a year, at about \$2 an ounce. Of this only a very small proportion is used legitimately. Some states have forbidden its promiscuous sale, but the law has not been enforced. It robs its victim of his mental faculties and destroys his moral responsibility in brief time and in greater degree than any other drug.

IT NEEDS NO TESTIMONIAL.—It is a guarantee in itself. It testimonials were required, but it has been furnished in thousands from all sorts and conditions of men in widely different places. Many medicines are put forth every year which have but an ephemeral existence, and then are heard of no more. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has grown in reputation every day since it first made its appearance.

Not Only Relief.
But Lasting Cure

IS WHAT YOU GET FROM CATARRHOZE WHICH ERADICATES EVERY TRACE OF CATARRH FROM THE SYSTEM.

Relief is a good thing, but we soon get tired of it and look for a remedy that will drive the disease out of the system. It is only waste of time to trifle with internal disease. You must treat Catarrh locally because it is a local disease.

The most sensible treatment is Catarrhozone which really does reach the diseased membrane in a most thorough way. Every case of catarrh can be cured if Catarrhozone is used. It unquestionably penetrates every air cell and reaches every part of the breathing organs. It completely destroys the catarrh germs and heals all the inflamed surfaces.

Every requirement of an ideal catarrh cure is embraced in Catarrhozone. Other treatments may have a temporary effect, but Catarrhozone is sufficient to prove its merit in Catarrh not found in the ordinary snuff or wash that unscrupulous people sometimes recommend for catarrh.

If you are subject to colds, catarrh or throat trouble, you will find quick relief and lasting cure in fragrant healing Catarrhozone. Mrs. E. P. Fairbanks, of Durham, was cured of chronic catarrh by this remedy, and indorses it in the following letter which speaks for itself.

"I suffered continually from catarrh which affected my throat. My nostrils were usually inflamed and I was greatly bothered with droppings in the throat which made me sick at my stomach. I had a bad taste in my mouth, and felt a ringing in my ears. I read of Catarrhozone and concluded to use it. In a few days it helped me more than I ever expected. I used it four times daily and in two weeks most of the disagreeable symptoms had disappeared. I continued the Catarrhozone treatment for six weeks and was perfectly cured. The catarrh has never returned. Catarrhozone sufficient for two months' use is guaranteed to permanently cure. Sold by druggists or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., or Kingston, Ont.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS

Labor Party Refuses to Support Either Government or Opposition.

London, Feb. 25. — The labor caucus at Melbourne concluded its conference without agreeing to form a coalition with either Deakin or Kingston until the arbitration bill is through Parliament. The decision to depart from its position as a permanent opposition. The defeat of the Deakin Government over the exclusion of civil servants from the arbitration bill is confidently counted upon. A deputation, including the Roman Catholic Archbishop, the Anglican Bishop of Melbourne and other members of the Victorian municipalities, and 50 M. P.'s begged the railway commissioners to reinstate the strikers. They refused to do so, and the commissioners declined because no positions are vacant, and the Government is pledged to retain the loyalists.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood, purifying it, and curing it. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best cathartics, and acts directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces the wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials free.

J. CHENEY & C. Props., Toledo, O. Sole Importers for Canada.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

ON COUNTY COUNCILS

A Deputation From Province Waits Upon Premier Ross.

Toronto, Feb. 24. — A deputation of 200, representing county councils, waited on the Ontario Government today in reference to the act passed last session giving local government a right of option to revert to the old system of constituting county councils. M. T. Buchanan, for Oxford; H. P. Holland, for Northumberland; A. H. Duncan, for Lambton; W. B. Bruce, of Simcoe; Lieut.-Col. J. E. Farewell, of Ontario; Warden Bruce, of York; Mr. McLeod, of Victoria; and Warden Kenrick, of Wentworth, spoke. Premier Ross replied that the act would be amended, so that the new provision would come into force only on a majority vote of electors.

A SEDUCTION CASE.

Berlin, Feb. 25. — At the spring assizes held yesterday before Chief Justice Meredith, Edward Rhodes, of Salt, was plaintiff in an action against Wismer Wiggins, of Orangeville, formerly of Galt, for \$5,000 damages for seduction. Lillian Rhodes is the plaintiff's daughter, now in no evidence, and the court awarded the plaintiff \$600.

SS. LAKE MICHIGAN.

London, Feb. 25. — The British steamer Lake Michigan, beached after a collision, has been pumped nearly dry, but the tugs at work on her have failed to get her afloat. By derricks, 442 head of cattle have been transferred from the Lake Michigan and brought to Deptford.

THERE CAN BE a difference of opinion on most subjects, but there is only one opinion as to the reliability of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is safe.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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THE WEATHER TODAY—Fair and cold.

1904 Silks.

EARLY SHIPMENTS SHOWING.

Already we are receiving and showing the latest Silk Novelties bought by our own buyer in European markets. From time to time the new things as they reach us will be announced in this space. It is well for all to keep a watchful eye on our sayings and doings. Out-of-town customers particularly should read our announcement every day. Our Mail Order Department is a great convenience to customers for miles around London, and all who patronize it will find this store in close touch with all that's good and new in Staple and Novelty Goods. Our prices and values will compare with those of any house in Canada. We can convince you of this if you'll let us send you samples. Write us by card or letter.

PALETTE SILKS...

In plain colors, for Shirtwaist Suits. Something new in Silk, is very serviceable, does not cut or crush, is a perfect washing Silk. We have it in cream white, ciel, brown, navy, turquoise, pearl gray, reseda and dark gray. These are the latest dye and the silk has that firm, soft, bright finish that makes them unequalled for Shirtwaist Suits. Per yard.....

\$1.00

SHEPHERD'S CHECKS...

Two pieces Neat Fine Checks, in navy blue and white, and black and white, suitable for Shirtwaist Suits or Separate Shirtwaists. Price only, per yard.....

65c

PONGEE SILKS...

Few fabrics will launder better than Pongee or Row Silk. For Ladies' Shirtwaist Suits nothing so cool and serviceable for summer wear, for children's wear they're unequalled. Nice linen color, in 26-inch width at, per yard.....

50c

Select Your Spring Dress Early.

The new things are coming in and going out. Everything is so stylish and becoming it doesn't take long to make a selection. And prices are so reasonable. These are general favorites that we've marked low.

Pure Wool Crepe de Chine, beautiful soft, clinging goods, in lovely shades of brown, navy, biscuit, gray and Nile. Cannot be equalled for good value. Per yard only.....

50c

Stylish Tweed Suitings, showing four choice seasonal colorings in green, gray, blue and brown mixtures. Per yard only.....

65c

New Voiles, in lovely shades of Nile, gray, cream, navy and brown. Wonderful value and very low priced. Per yard only.....

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Stylish New Tweed Suitings just opened up, will make Stylish Jacket Suits, four seasonal colorings, extra wide. Per yard only.....

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SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 AND 153 DUNDAS STREET.

Was Unable to do any Work for Four or Five Months.

Was Weak and Miserable.

Thought She Would Die.

Doctor Could Do No Good.

**Milburn's
Heart and Nerve
Pills**

Effectuated a Complete Cure in the Case of MRS. CAROLINE HUTT, Morrisburg, Ont.

She says: "It affords me great pleasure to speak about what your Heart and Nerve Pills have done for me. About a year ago I was taken ill with heart trouble and got so bad that I was unable to do any work for four or five months. I got so weak and miserable that my friends thought I was going to die. The doctor attended me for some time but I continued to grow worse. At last I decided to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and after taking two boxes they made me well and strong again. I cannot praise them too highly for those suffering from nervous weakness and heart troubles."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50 cents per box, or 3 for \$1.25 at all dealers, or

THE T. MILBURN CO., Limited,
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Queries Answered.

CLOVER.—A rents a farm to B. straw to be left on place. B has a field of clover which he threshes. Can he remove clover straw off the place? Ans.—In our opinion he can, because he could have removed the clover as hay. The straw to be left on the place means the straw of wheat or other crops which are usually threshed on the farm. Clover is not of this class.

REXALL HOUSEHOLD DYES.

The latest and most improved dye in the world. Will dye wool, cotton, silk, jute or mixed goods in one bath. Ask your druggist, Cairness & Lawrence, 216 Dundas street; H. J. Childs, 632 Dundas street; T. H. Jones, Wortley road, for a sample.

In a lecture in London Sir William Ramsay claimed that the new sublimated radium, gives off helium gas.

Helium gas has long been known to be one of the constituents of the sun, and there is, of course, a suggestion that it may be contained in large quantities of radium, and that this is the chief cause of its power and effects upon the earth.

VERY MEDICINE LIFE MAY BE PROLONGED.—So wrote Shakespeare nearly three hundred years ago. It is so today. Medicine will prolong life, but be sure of the quality of the medicine. Life is prolonged by keeping the body free from disease. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, used internally, will cure coughs and colds, eradicate asthma, overcome cramp, and give strength to the respiratory organs. Give it a trial, sure and effectual.

A large sum to the town on condition that his body should be carried through it in state. This has now been done, the local band leading the procession.

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