

STRAW HATS AND FLANNELS, FELT HATS AND OVERCOATS ALL IN MONTH'S STYLES

Mercury Learns New Stunts in Weather Changing and Tries Them Out Here.

Straw hats and flannels—then felt headgear and overcoats, have alternately been the order of things in August this year, as a peep at the records kept at the South London observatory will prove.

August 1 came in bright and smiling on a Sunday morning. Old Sol sought out the thermometer bright and early, and sent the mercury up to 89 degrees in a hurry. The official count says it was 89 degrees, but local thermometer enthusiasts have declared that their heat gauges fluttered several degrees above the weather bureau's mark.

Then August 21, sometime, early in the morning, undoubtedly about the time the reporter who wrote this turned up his collar and started on his weary walk for home, the "quick stuff" tumbled down suddenly, and didn't find itself until the tip of the mercury shivered at 25 degrees.

In between these extremes, the liquid (or is it a solid?) tangoed and hesitated up and down the tube in a way that was positively scandalous. London alternately shivered and perspired, and wondered what was wrong with the weather, anyway.

The weather wasn't so hot as this past month, as a year ago. If that's any comfort. Last year's figures place the maximum temperatures for August at 95 degrees on the 9th. The low mark was reached on the 4th, when the indicator showed 46 degrees.

After the continual showers that have fallen this month, the figures which say that only 4.05 inches of rain fell within the 31 days somehow don't seem right. Although 4.05 inches of water collected on the Dundas street pavement would be very pleasant. The rainfall for the same interval last year was 4.54 inches.

BLAME TILEMAKERS FOR FAULTY SEWER

Works Board Members Probe Drain Construction on Dundas Street East.

TOO MUCH FINE GRAVEL Used in the Manufacture of Piping—Broken Stone Substituted.

The city board of works last evening examined engineers, contractors, foremen and inspectors who had any connection with the making or laying of the tile for the Dundas street section of the new sewer which cracked after it was laid, and before it had been covered in, with the object of placing the blame where it belonged. The investigation lasted for an hour and a half, at the end of which time the committee had reached the conclusion, already reached by the engineers, Chipman and Power, and tacitly admitted by the manufacturers of the tile, as indicated by the fact that the latter stood the loss, namely, that the manufacturers, the Webster Construction Company, alone were to blame for the unsatisfactory nature of the tile supplied. The engineers were upheld in the action they had taken.

DIFFERS WITH VERDICT Alderman Palmer was inclined to differ with this verdict at first, maintaining that the resident engineer should have ascertained that the proper materials were being used. As the latter pointed out, however, the manufacturer had given a guarantee, and he took it for granted that they knew their business. Also, it was not part of his duty to examine every batch of gravel used in the making of the tile. The specifications called for a particular grade of gravel, and the manufacturer was supposed to live up to those specifications or bear the consequences.

Willis Chipman stated that a test made after the pipe had failed showed that the gravel used in its construction contained too much fine gravel. The inspector at the works was not to blame since his duty consisted only in seeing that the proper quantities of gravel and cement were used for the specifications or bear the consequences.

Due to Faulty Construction. Mr. Chipman decided that there could be no question that the cracking of the pipe was due to its faulty construction, and not to the manner in which it was laid. Mr. Webster, of the construction company, was not prepared to agree unreservedly with this view, and declared that he had laid out the construction under conditions approximating those where the cracking occurred, and it had borne the weight of the heavier road roller he could secure for the purpose of making a test. He said the loss to his firm, resulting from the rejection of some 900 feet of pipe, the amount condemned by the engineers, would be in the neighborhood of \$3,000 or \$4,000. The committee was assured that, since the weakness of the pipe was discovered, no more had been made with gravel at all, broken stone having been substituted at the instruction of the engineers.

FUNERAL OF WILLIAM STEPHENS.

The funeral of William Stephens, late of the fifth concession of London Township, was held on Monday from the family residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. A large cortege of friends followed the dead man to the grave, the queue stretching for nearly a mile. Impressive services were conducted at the house and at the grave by Rev. A. D. Whaley of Sylvania.

300 AT PICNIC

Colborne Street Methodist Congregation Holds Springbank Outing.

Three hundred members of the congregation of Colborne Street Methodist Church picnicked at Springbank Park yesterday afternoon, those who have attended regularly for past years declaring it to have been one of the most successful yet held. The Sunday school and other church organizations and branches participated in the picnic. The early afternoon was devoted to an interesting program of sports and in the evening a supper was prepared by the ladies, the company attending regularly for the evening enjoying themselves at the dance pavilion.

100-Year-Old Tree Cut Down to Make Room for Sidewalk

Lieut.-Col. Gartshore Protests Action of Engineering Department.

A letter from Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore was read at the meeting of the parks board yesterday afternoon, calling attention to the cutting down of a fine maple, believed to be 100 years old, on Ardavan place, to make room for a sidewalk on the south side of the street, the work of destruction apparently being done under the city engineer's department. Lieut.-Col. Gartshore was inclined to protest against this and expressed his inclination to believe that the parks department had not been consulted in the matter. General Manager E. V. Buchanan stated that this had been the case and the letter was referred to the public utilities board, which will probably take up the matter with the city engineer's department.

WANT SCHOOLS TO AID RED CROSS

Pupils May Be Asked for Monthly Contributions to This Cause.

REPORT ON EXAMINATIONS

75 Per Cent of L. C. I. Pupils Passed June Examinations, Says Principal.

The board of education at a special session yesterday afternoon passed the recommendation by Inspector C. B. Edwards of staff changes and additions in public schools, as already approved of by the school management committee. Mrs. Somerville and Mrs. Leonard waited upon the board asking the board's approval in enlisting teachers and pupils of the public schools in the work of the Red Cross and War Convalescent Societies. Last winter the pupils assisted greatly in knitting and similar work, and the funds raised by them will be used to buy wool and other supplies for their own work. The board approved of the movement and left the matter in the hands of the chairman, Dr. Shaw, and Inspector Edwards. It is intended to ask the pupils who can to make monthly contributions of from one to ten cents.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE OPENS ON SEPT. 7

Pupils Have Six More Days of Freedom—Increased Attendance Expected.

While the pupils of the public schools returned to the books and studies this morning, the pupils of the Collegiate Institute will enjoy six days more of vacation. The collegiate and also the London Art and Industrial School do not reopen until Tuesday, Sept. 7.

LAWSON & JONES, LTD., PICNIC AT SPRINGBANK

Ladies Prove Themselves Real Ball Players, Handing Gents Small End of 16-3 Score.

The office staff of Lawson & Jones, Limited, held a most enjoyable picnic at Springbank Saturday afternoon. The ladies played the gentlemen a strenuous game of baseball, resulting in a win for the ladies of 16 to 3. The players for the men were L. Proctor and C. James; for the ladies Eldon Wegg and Bert Orr. The outstanding feature of the game was a home run by Miss Hodgins, and a one-handed catch by Miss More of a hot liner off the bat of Jack Ellis. Miss Scott had an exciting time on first base, watching the bees and the ball.

RESPA'S NIECE SAYS SHE CAN GET ALIBI

Says That Accused Dynamiter Knew Nothing of Border Crimes.

[Special to The Advertiser.] DETROIT, Aug. 31.—"I would not give him a knife. Instead, I will give him his life. I can prove he was away on June 21 when that explosion took place. I can prove he was in Hoboken, working

The Theatre of Fashions



Our Millinery Opening Tomorrow & for two days following will show our patrons THE CORRECT FASHIONS FOR THE FALL SEASON according to the mandates of Paris & New York. You are cordially invited

MILLINERY EXHIBIT—Second Floor

A Fashion Guide and Counselor

It is very possible for an emissary of Dame Fashion to be at your elbow when you select your suit or gown to whisper words of wise counsel and to tell you what does or does not represent the best style lines, what an assurance of genuine satisfaction you would have. The Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department on the Second Floor is more than a medium for the dispersal of new fall suits and gowns. A few descriptions of chic models that will be on display tomorrow are the following:

DRESSES

- Dainty Dance Dress of Net, low neck, sleeves finished with ruching of silk, silk girdle; skirt shows two deep flounces of daintily embroidered net. Price \$16.00
A Smart Novelty Dress of Navy Taffeta, plain waist in coat effect with vest of white organdie, full skirted of navy, red and green plaid. Price \$22.50
Dainty Afternoon Dress of Rose Crepe and Taffeta; waist shows crepe sleeves with cuffs of silk, coat effect and girdle of silk, vest of lace; skirt is made of crepe with ruffles of silk. Price \$29.00
A pretty style of Black Charmeuse, front shown in Princess style with Puritan collar and cuffs of white crepe, back in coat effect, girdle, skirt laced at sides. Price \$29.00

SUITS

- A Smart Suit of Navy Serge, slightly fitted and flared from waist, buttoning close to collar in military style, three rows of braid trimming on coat, button trimmings, set-in sleeve. Price \$32.50
A new model of Brown Broadcloth shown in Russian blouse, double-breasted, closing up to collar, collar of velvet, self belt, coat finished with three-inch band of velvet, satin lined, skirt with flare. Price \$35.00
A nobby Military Style shown in Serge, edge of coat finished with braid, military collar and fastening, set-in sleeve, slightly fitted, satin lined, skirt braid-trimmed to match coat. Price \$32.00

The Fine Display of Silk Materials Will Surely Command Your Attention

Such a display as will be made tomorrow is important because of many helpful combinations and suggestions it presents, for its authentic, snappy newness and the liberal way it covers all the growing requirements that may be made upon it. The newest creations for the coming season in crepes, crepe de chimes, plaid silks, stripes in demi-satins, poplins and failles, printed pussy willows and many other novelties will be included in this display at the Silk Department, featuring reasonable prices from \$1.00 to \$1.50 yard up for double widths.

Come and Study the Fall Fashions at Smallman & Ingram's During the Style Exposition Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



An Exposition of Styles—Certified Styles—for Autumn and Winter, 1915-16. Welcomed city-wide and country-wide for its richness of setting, its complete variety and its great educational value. Demonstrating how the leading designers have accepted the simplicity insisted upon by Paris this year, as well as the practical character and longer lines, especially of Suits, but lifted from the sombre effects to bright, snappy characteristically smart creations.

This store is a veritable "Theatre of Fashions" at the present time, and on every side is presented a lesson and a guide to how best insure the greatest satisfaction in your fall outfitting.

FOR THREE DAYS—THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—FASHION EXHIBITS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN EVERY DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE STORE FOR YOUR INSPECTION.

Smart Fall Styles In Ladies' Gloves Are Shown

IN CAPE, DOE SKIN, SUEDE AND FRENCH KID

For a season or more the Parisienne has almost abandoned the use of gloves. But now that fall and winter are coming again woman turns her attention to the careful and appropriate covering—protection of the hands. There are gloves for all occasions, and some new ideas, but after all, the smartest gloves are white or black and white combinations—mostly short lengths.



- Marlborough Smart Suit Glove, one dome, pique sewn, tan with red or self stitching. Price \$1.10 pair
Fownes' English-make Walking Glove, prix seam, one dome, tans, \$1.25 pair
Doeskin Glove, one pearl button, prix seam, washable, natural only. Price \$1.00 pair
Doeskin Glove, Fownes' make, one dome, prix seam, washable, white or natural. Price \$1.10 pair
Fine Doeskin Glove, two buttons, pique sewn, white. Price \$1.25 pair
"Pomona" French Kid Glove, two dome, overseas. Price \$1.15 pair
"Olga" Perrin's French Kid Glove, black, white, tans and greys, fine skins, gusseted fingers. Price \$1.50 pair
"Refoussé" make, French kid, pique sewn, one dome, heavy embroidered backs, black with self or white backs, and white with self or black backs. Price \$1.65 pair

An Exposition of Furs Chosen For the New Season

Important Because Fashion Plays an Unusually Important Part in Furdom This Fall and Winter.

Built on a solid basis of fur reliability—operated on a policy of business volume at a narrow profit margin, rather than a small clientele at high prices, presenting every phase of the newest styles and a greater variety of each; carrying all the standard furs in larger quantities, and this fur business enters another season better equipped than ever to maintain its enviable reputation. The finest stock of furs ever brought into this store will be shown tomorrow and following days, comprising neckpieces, muffs and coats, in black, red and natural fox, black lynx, Russian fitch, Hudson seal, beaver, etc. Visit this department on Second Floor.



Every section in the store will have its quota of displays of fall merchandise ready for tomorrow, comprising Linens—Fancy Dress Muslins—Cotton Goods—Hosiery—Underwear—Ladies' Fancy Neckwear and Leather Goods—Laces—Trimmings—Buttons—Dress Goods and Suitings—Curtains and Draperies, Fourth Floor—Furniture and Carpets, Third Floor.

SPECIAL MENU FOR AFTERNOON LUNCHEONS 3 TO 5:30. Restaurant—Fourth Floor.

CANADA SHOULD HAVE 500,000 MEN ENLISTED

Number Necessary To Do as Well as Britain, Says Mr. Rowell.

TORONTO, Aug. 31.—"If we are to keep what our fathers won for us, we

must be prepared to make all the sacrifices in our power. What matter is it that you and I perish, if we are able to guarantee the freedom of civilization for those who come after us."

With these words, Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., M. P., concluded his address at the Empire Day luncheon at the exhibition today.

"We are attached more than ever to the ideals for which the Empire stands—the ideals of democracy and free government," said Mr. Rowell.

There is such a thing as equal strength on both sides, and that would mean an inconclusive ending of the war; and if this is so, that would mean war in the future, and that our factories would have to turn out war material and munitions of war for the future Armageddon.

"It may be that a force of 500,000 men from Canada or Australia would turn the scale and save the freedom of the world. That is our work. If the Empire is worth living for it is worth dying for."