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### RUINOUS BUSINESS.

The Ontario Government last year sold \$517,000 worth of timber limits, and claims a surplus of \$427,200 on the year's transactions. The swell rakes who figure every now and again in English bankruptcy proceedings carry on business on much the same line, says the Montreal Gazette. The timber on their estates is among the first things they sell, and in the years in which they get the cash for it they show "surplus" of the same kind as the Ontario Government has.

### THE CHANCES OF LIFE.

Fatalists and Presbyterians should be the bravest men of any creeds, if they live up to their beliefs, points out the Ottawa Citizen. Predestination, carried to its logical conclusion, is simply faith that whatever happens or is to happen has been predestined. Where this belief is coupled with a sense of duty to do the best possible under all circumstances it is a comforting faith and tends to patience and the philosophic acceptance of the tribulations of life, and would render the possessor of such a faith cool and courageous in presence of danger, confident in the assurance that if his hour has come there is no escape and if it has not come nothing can injure him. Instances are continually afforded in everyday life which give color to such a belief. Apparently reckless persons who are continually risking their lives come through unscathed and die in their beds, while persons who are abnormally careful to avoid personal danger are singled out as the victims of violent and awful deaths. In many cases the very precautions taken to avoid dangers and ensure longevity are contributory to fatal accidents. In war the chances of death are distributed in a way to bring this vividly home to men's minds. Combatants in the firing line in a brush with the enemy escape while some predestined bullet wings its way far to the rear and instantly kills a man in what is apparently a place of safety. Superstitious soldiers are more careful of themselves on the way home from the war than they are on the field because the instances are so numerous of men who have gone through a hard campaign without a hurt being cut off by some simple accident on their way home.

The death of Mr. J. Roderick Robertson, the millionaire mine owner, of British Columbia, in the recent Park avenue explosion in New York, appears to be a case in point. Mr. Robertson was a heavy man of plethoric temperament. He had a decided aversion to riding in elevators, lest an accident should occur, and a constitutional antipathy to walking up and down stairs, because it effected his heart action to a dangerous degree. For these reasons he always wanted a room on the ground floor in a hotel. At the Murray Hill hotel in New York he insisted on this, and was supplied after some difficulty, with a suit on the ground floor, unfortunately, it was just opposite the point where the big dynamite explosion occurred and of all the guests in the big hotel Mr. Robertson was the only one killed. In taking precautions against death by elevator accidents or over exertion he put himself in the way of an equally sudden end.

This opens up another interesting subject of speculation. Certain animals and many men are known to have a premonition of death. It is a fact for which many newspaper reporters can vouch, from their experience in writing up accidents, that a noticeable number of victims of such fatalities are men who are anything but reckless, who indeed, have made rather a specialty of guarding against danger and under ordinary circumstances would be regarded as very unlikely to be victims of accidents. It might be that a premonition that their death will be sudden and violent colors

their actions in life and influences them to take such precautions as never occur to the average person. After all, a comforting belief that "what man he will be" is the best antidote for worry of all sorts and should enable the possessor to endure adversity with fortitude and to risk his life for any useful purpose with cool confidence.

### A BANTAM REGIMENT.

Lord Roberts and Mr. Brodick favor the idea of enlisting men in the British army who are five feet or upwards in height, if they are well formed and in good condition. It was "in order to get recruits" that this conclusion was reached. Under modern methods and conditions of fighting the short man is in every respect the equal of the tall man. If two men are equal in other respects—in training, riding, shooting, and in powers of endurance—the short man may prove the more serviceable of the two. In riding he is less of a drag on his horse. He will probably display greater agility, and can more readily find cover. As a rule he is more vain of his prowess more anxious to meet trouble than is the long grenadier.

Lord Roberts is a little man—too short to meet the requirements of the regulations, but he managed to enter the artillery. He was proved to be a more useful soldier than many such bigger than he. It being necessary for show purposes that soldiers should present some uniformity of size, we may expect to see formed a British regiment of "bantams," and it will be interesting to see what kind of showing that regiment will make on the march and in action. — Toronto Star.

Lilies of the valley are to be the flowers used at the time of the King's coronation next June. Enormous quantities will be required, and it is understood that the florists of Germany and Holland will aid in supplying the demand. British florists have purchased millions of bulbs and the bulb growers of Germany and Holland are reaping a handsome profit.

The Pittsburgh police appear to have shot down the Biddle brothers the moment they got within easy rifle range, making no attempt to arrest them. It is a peculiar fact that in Canada detectives practically never shoot men they are sent after, but bring them safe and sound into court. In going after a bad man our detective generally goes alone, and armed only for self-defence. He does not invite resistance. Across the lines the practice is to get up an armed posse, which clearly expects a battle, and generally gets it.

In the eyes of the infatuated Mrs. Soffel, the Biddle brothers were heroes against whom society had conspired. Not unnaturally, she fell in love with one of them—perhaps with both—with tragic results. Criminals of the Biddle class have always exerted a fascination over females of a neurotic type. The Jack Sheppards and Dick Turpins and Claude Duvals have always had their train of devoted female admirers. Even good women are often fascinated by them. Doubtless the reason is that such women are instinctively attracted to what is showy, daring, picturesque and sensational, even in crime. Such a tendency is a sign of mental and moral degeneration.

There is a very strong probability that infection is often communicated in "Kissing the Bible" in taking an oath in court, and though there were no danger the cover of a Bible which has been kissed by thousands of persons, some of them clean and healthy, but others just the opposite, is not a desirable object to kiss. In English courts the Scotch form of taking the oath with the uplifted hand is coming more and more into use. The Oaths Act of 1888 allows this privilege, and there is a similar provision in the Canadian statutes. There does not seem to be any good reason why the method of kissing the Scriptures should not be abolished altogether and the taking of the oath by the uplifted hand substituted in every case.

### IS IT EQUALLY FLATTERING?

Hamilton Times.  
 We do not mind telling King Edward, at this early stage of the game, that he need not expect to hear us sing God Save the King at his coronation, if he goes on with those fore-closure proceedings on "a mortgage dated May 30th, 1882, made between Peter Hunter Hamilton and Hon. John Henry Dunn."

### HE CAN EAT NOW

After a Long Period of Enforced Fasting Hormidas Theberge of St. Marcel, Que., Enjoys His Meals Once More.

There is a great pleasure in being able to eat freely and heartily that which we relish without any fear of painful after effects.

Very few of us appreciate the joy of good health till we have lost it and then, and not till then, can we understand what sickness and suffering means.

Mons. Hormidas Theberge, of St. Marcel, in Richelieu Co., Que., had for many months been a great sufferer from Dyspepsia. He was so bad that he could not eat anything, not even the slightest food, without great pain and distress. He tried to confine himself to the simplest diet, but it was in vain for him to think of escape from his enemy. He always suffered no matter what he ate, and with much misgiving till the fastidious had reduced his strength very much.

He used many medicines, but got no better until he commenced a treatment of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets, and these very soon gave him relief. Slowly but surely the symptoms of Dyspepsia began to leave him, and in a short time he was able to eat freely without experiencing pain or distress afterwards.

He continued the treatment and was, in the end, rewarded by securing a complete and permanent cure. He says: "I can now eat what I want without any suffering and most heartily recommend Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets to all who suffer as I did with Dyspepsia, for I am sure they will do for them as they have done for me, completely cure them."

Mons. Theberge's case was a serious one and it yielded easily to Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets. It is therefore not too much to expect a cure in any case by the same means.

### Queer Use for Thistle-Down.

This country is not the only one where unconsidered trifles are snapped up by manufacturers and put to practical use. In China, the down of the thistle is gathered and mixed with raw silk so ingeniously that even experts are deceived when the fabric is woven. It is also used to stuff cushions as a substitute for eiderdown, and a very good substitute it makes.

### Australia's Cattle King.

The cattle king of Australia owns more than 1,000,000 acres of farm land, and leases about 1,000,000 more. He is an Irishman named Samuel McCaughey, who in 1856 landed in Australia almost penniless. One of his farms on Darling Downs is 40 miles long and 36 miles wide. His chief business is raising sheep.

As the sun daily diffuses its light and heat for the benefit of rich and poor, so do the life-giving virtues of Paine's Celery Compound bless the sick in granite mansion and humble cottage. Today, it is the trusted and popular medicine in our Canadian homes.

Paine's Celery Compound makes pure rich and healthy blood, by driving poison germs from the system. It is the true food for weak and shattered nerves. It invigorates and gives new tone to the system. It gives the refreshing sleep so necessary to the brain and nerve centres. It brings buoyancy of spirit in place of lassitude and despondency. It makes sick people well and strong. Mrs. Anna Dawson, Wilkesport, Ont., says: "I consider it a pleasure and duty to put on record what Paine's Celery Compound has done for me. I have been afflicted with nervousness and sleeplessness, and at times have been without sleep for fifty hours. All ordinary medicines failed, and nothing else met my case until I used Paine's Celery Compound. Now I never miss a night's sleep. I strongly recommend your medicine to all nervous sufferers."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.  
 Take Laxative Bromo Quine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Flowing from natural fountains, unapproachable in purity, the MAGI Caledonia Waters have long been Canada's Favorite. Sold everywhere.

Joe's Cotton Root Compound is a necessity used monthly by over 1,000,000 ladies. It is the most effective and safe remedy for all menstrual troubles. It is a pure vegetable preparation, and is sold in 10c and 25c boxes. No. 10c is the best. The Queen Company, Windsor, Ont. Sold by all druggists and recommended by all responsible Druggists in Canada.

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## Our Annual WHITE GOODS SALE

Opens Wednesday morning. Preparations for this sale have been under way for many months. The cream of the best factories of the country have been gathered here to make this sale the greatest and best you or we have ever known. Years of buying have taught us where to find the most attractive styles, and our SIX-STORE BUYING brings the price of the choicest garments within the reach of all.

One point, however, we wish to emphasize. No matter how low the price, there's no skimping of size or slighting of workmanship. Save time, money and worry by buying now at these prices.

### LADIES' GOWNS

Over thirty styles to select from.

Cambric gown, fine quality, with tucked yoke, lace trimmed sleeves and neck, make full size, special at 89c.

Ladies' Gowns, good quality, cambric 24 fine tucks in yoke, fine cambric frill on front, neck and sleeves, matchless value at 50c.

Fine Cambric Gowns, with all over tucked yoke, insertion front, with 2 cambric frills, sleeves and neck trimmed with fine frills, special at 75c.

Ladies' Gowns, fine English Cambric, yoke of fine cluster tucks and Swiss insertion, pretty embroidery, and finishing braid on neck, yoke, and sleeves, very full size, special at 1.00.

Cambric gowns, extra quality, full sizes, V shaped yoke, of fine cluster tucks and Torchen insertion, fine Torchen lace on sleeves, yoke and collar, special at 1.25.

Empire Gowns, fine English cambric with all-over yoke and revers of embroidery, collar, front and sleeves trimmed with fine muslin embroidery and finishing braid, matchless value at each 1.50.

Fine lonsdale and nainsook gowns, lovely garments, beautifully made and trimmed with finest embroideries, insertion lace and ribbons, new and exclusive styles, at each \$1.89, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Ladies' skirts, 27 new styles to pick from, good cambric skirts, wide width, with deep hemstitched frill, special at 50c.

Fine cambric skirts, full width, five rows fine tucks, wide embroidery frill, extra value at each 89c.

Ladies' skirts, fine English cambric, 10 inch lawn flounce, wide torchen lace trimming, full width, special at 1.00.

Fine white skirts, 9 inch lawn frill, trimmed with fine wide torchen lace, six rows fine tucks and dust frill, special at 1.25.

Extra fine cambric skirts with 10 inch embroidery frill, wide embroidery insertion and six rows fine tucks, special at each 1.69.

Fine lonsdale skirts, lovely new styles, with a profusion of fine lace, embroidery and insertion trimmings, styles you'll nowhere else see but here, rare values at each \$1.89, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.89, \$3.25, \$3.68, \$4.25, \$4.98 and \$5.89.

Corset covers, 19 different styles, Plain cambric covers, fair quality, welt seams, special each 11c.

Good quality cambric covers, with embroidery on neck, special at 25c.

Fine cambric covers, with Swiss embroidery on neck and sleeves, special at 35c.

Marguerite covers, fine cambric frill on neck and sleeves, special at 35c.

Fine lonsdale covers, fine all-over embroidery yoke, embroidery edging on neck and sleeves, extra special at 50c.

Corset Covers, fine English cambric, hemstitched front, embroidery on neck and sleeves, special at 50c.

Fine Nainsook Covers, seamless, bias cut, trimmed with fine Val lace and ribbon, very dainty, at each 89c.

Lovely Styles in Fine Lonsdale Covers, trimmed with fine lace, insertion embroidery and ribbons, matchless values at each 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Ladies' Drawers, Cambric Drawers with hemstitched hem or lace trimmed with 4 rows tucks, special at 19c.

Cambric Drawers, good quality, with wide frill, 3 row hemstitching and 2 row fine tucks, extra value at 25c.

Ladies' Fine Cambric Drawers, 12 row fine tucks and cambric frill, special at 40c.

Ladies' Drawers, fine English Cambric, 7 row fine tucks and deep embroidery frill, also Torchen lace, trimmed with 10 fine tucks, matchless value at 50c.

Extra Fine Cambric Drawers with 4 cluster fine tucks and wide embroidery frill, special at 75c.

Ladies' Drawers, fine Lonsdale, beautifully trimmed with lace, Swiss embroidery and insertion, fine tucks, cording and hemstitching, special at 89c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.63.

Children's Gowns, Skirts, Drawers, Pinafores, Dresses and Slips, in all sizes, at special prices.

Watch these columns from day to day, and remember this sale includes Sheetings, Cottons, Pillow Cases, Embroideries, Val. and Torchen Laces, etc.

The Northway Company, Limited,

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## Horse Overcoats

A man bought one of our Horse Blankets last week. He was so pleased with it that he uses it on his bed, and he would not take double the price he paid for it if he could not get another. We have a few more of the same kind left.

T. H. TAYLOR CO. Limited, Flour and Woolen Mills



THIS TIME IT'S  
 Pants

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We have just gone through our stock of Men's Tuxedo Pants, and arranged them on tables making four prices—

79c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75

The lowest price Pants \$1.00, the highest \$1.75—this is a most extraordinary offer. Our motto is to sell everything in its season, hence the above prices. Remember you get everything as advertised and a little better.

SPECIAL—Any Colored Fedora Hat for 75c, regular \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25. On view in Salesman.

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Geo. Stephens &amp; Douglas.

THIS WEEK INFANTS', CHILDREN'S and LADIES' Whitewear and Embroidery Sale

Infants' Dresses and Slips from 45c to \$1.50 each. Children's Dresses and Slips from 45c to \$5.00 each. Children's Drawers from 25c to 50c. Children's Skirts from 25c to 75c. No room in our space for descriptions or prices of Ladies' Whitewear. Embroideries of fine qualities and beautiful patterns from 3c a yard up this week.

Mrs. J. E. Weldon, King Street, East.