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THE LOGAL BUDGET

Warden Sifton was in the city to-day.

The civic pay sheets for the past week, amounted to \$73.84.

Trunks, bags and valises, at cut prices, at Campbell's Shoe Store. If Harry Taylor, who is dangerously ill, was somewhat improved to-day.

Mrs. Solomon Merrill, who has been so seriously ill with paralysis, is not much improved. Her condition is still critical.

Wm. Gray, of Chatham township, fell yesterday afternoon while binding a load of hay, and broke his right arm at the wrist.

City Engineer Jones is busy preparing maps of all the city streets, showing the position of the sewers and intakes.

They are changing the entrance doors on Harrison Hall, so that they will open outwards and comply with the law.

Lost, this afternoon, between Aberdeen Hotel and Blonde's office, a pair of gold rimmed glasses. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

Yesterday's Planet, inadvertently spoke of John Charlton as the member for North Renfrew. Our apologies are certainly due to the gallant young Ned Dunlop, M. P.

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PARLIAMENT OPENED TO-DAY

Speech From the Throne
Delivered To-day by
Governor General

Remarks on the Present Prosperity of the Country—Great Prospects for the West

(Special to The Planet.)
Ottawa, March 11.—The Governor-General to-day opened Parliament with the following address:—

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In again meeting you in Parliament it is our first duty to express our heartfelt thanks to a Beneficent Providence for the abundant harvest with which the country has been favored during the past year, and for the general prosperity that prevails in all parts of the Dominion.

It is very gratifying to note that the yearly increasing trade of Canada, which has been so marked a feature of the past six years, gives no indication of any abatement, while the number of settlers seeking homes in Manitoba and the Territories is without a parallel in the history of the country.

These two very important facts lead irresistibly to the conclusion that long before the trans-continental railway, authorized by Parliament at its last session, can possibly be completed, its urgent necessity as a medium for carrying the products of the west to our own Atlantic ports will have become apparent, independently of the many benefits that will follow from the opening up for colonization and for various enterprises of the northern parts of Quebec and Ontario.

The agreement made with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, regarding a new trans-continental railway, contained certain stipulations which in effect required the G. T. P. Company of Canada to become a party to that agreement and to assume heavy obligations in respect thereof.

Further consideration of the agreement by the representatives of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company and my Government has resulted in showing the desirability of certain amendments to the contract which have been approved by my Government, and subsequently by the holders of the Grand Trunk Company will be submitted to you for ratification.

The sum of \$5,000,000 in cash has been deposited in the Bank of Montreal in accordance with the provisions contained in the original and supplemental agreements with the company.

A Militia Bill will be introduced containing several important amendments to the present law rendered necessary by the growth of the force and calculated to promote its efficiency.

A copy of the award defining the boundary between the Dominion and Alaska and other papers connected with the controversy will be laid before you.

In view of the widely extended settlements now forming in the Territories it will become necessary to increase the strength of the Northwest mounted police force and authority will be asked for that purpose.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts of the past year will be laid before you. I am glad to say that the revenue will exceed the expenditure, leaving a balance to be applied in reduction of the public debt. The estimates for the coming year will be laid before you at an early date.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons: After the long protracted session of the last year, when so many important matters were dealt with, it is not probable that your duties will involve your being detained on the present occasion for any lengthened period.

I commend, however to your best consideration the subject to which I have referred and I invoke the divine blessing on your deliberation.

MISS PRATT RESIGNS

Miss Lillian Pratt, for several years the popular and accomplished organist of the Park St. Methodist Church, has tendered her resignation. Miss Pratt has been in poor health for some time and although it was earnestly hoped that, upon her recovery, she would resume her position, she has decided to take the needed rest. The congregation of Park St. Church will deplore Miss Pratt's decision. The talented young lady was universally recognized as an organist without a peer in this district, and her splendid services have been deeply appreciated.

It is rumored that Miss Pratt's successor is to be her accomplished former pupil, Miss Flossie Bogart, whose splendid abilities are so well known in this city.

Loss of Appetite and General Debility are quickly overcome by the use of a few bottles of "The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil.

W. F. Smith is an Blenheim to-day attending division court, which is being held there.

John Flood, the competent Maple City contractor, has received the contract for building an immense dock for the Walkerville Loan & Building Company at Walkerville, the work to be completed by the end of August. The cost of the work will be between ten and eleven thousand dollars and operations will be commenced just as soon as spring opens. The contract was signed last week.

DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST.
has Removed to his New Office,
Corner King and Fifth Streets,
over A. I. McCall's Drug Store.
TELEPHONE OFFICE 104.
RESIDENCE 285.

YOUNG'S

Singapore Pineapples, 2 cans for 25c.
Choice Clover Honey, 2 sections for 25c.
Ginger Snaps, 3 lbs for 25c.
Good Mixed Biscuit, 3 lbs. for 25c.
A Vanilla Biscuit, 2 lbs for 25c.
Jelly Powder (5 flavors) 4 packages 25c.
Genuine French Peas, at 15c. per can.
Choice New Dates, 4 lbs. for 25c.
Good old Raisins, 5 lbs. for 25c.
Marmalade Oranges (bitter) 25c. doz.
Choice Mixed Pickles, 15c. quart.
An A. I. Pickle in bottles for 10c.
Choice California Oranges 25c. doz.
Good Potatoes, 25c. peck.
Cabbages, Carrots and Parsnips.
Hand picked Beans, Lima Beans.
Green Peas, Split Peas.
Early June Peas. Extra Sifted Peas.

Geo. A. Young

OUR GROCER, PHONE 151

CHICAGO MARKETS
Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, March 11 1904.

Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
May (old).....	96	97	95	96
July (new)....	90	91½	89½	90½
Sept. (new 85)	85½	86½	84½	85½

Corn—
May..... 53½ 53½ 52½ 53
July..... 51½ 51½ 50½ 51
Sept..... 50 50½ 49½ 50½

Oats—
May..... 41½ 41½ 40½ 41½
July..... 39½ 39½ 38½ 39½
Sept..... 34 34 33½ 34

Pork
May..... 1387 1400 1380 1395
July..... 1422 1422 1405 1417

Lard
May..... 732 735 727 730
July..... 747 750 742 749

Ribs
May..... 722 725 715 725
July..... 735 735 727 737

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO RENT—4 nice rooms, over Mrs. Weldon's store. Apply to Mrs. Weldon, King St.

OUR STOCK OF WALL PAPER IS COMPLETE....

Rich, warm tones of Reds, Greens, Blues, inviting in effect.

Dining Rooms.

We have selected specially fine designs of appropriate character.

Parlors.

Special consideration has been given to this important apartment. We show some beautiful creamy gills in Sorrell, Floral or Conventional Designs in a great variety of soft light shades.

Bedrooms.

A very vast selection for individual taste, bright clean papers in Florals, Stripes, Silks, dainty effects at trifling cost.

Ingrains.

A collection of the prevailing rich Friezes of the day, giving a sense of warmth and luxury to even a modestly furnished apartment.

Among these unusual examples of modern art we have an equally large and interesting variety of low priced papers; in fact, one stock is priced to meet every contingency.

W. J. KENNY
Wall Paper Dealer

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Up-to-date
Millinery. **C. Austin & Co.** Fashionable
Dressmaking.

Parlor Furniture

The thrifty housekeeper who has furniture to buy this spring will be already preparing to do so. We know of no better way of assisting her than by having her call and inspect our large display in that line. There is variety enough to meet a broad range of tastes and the character of every piece is refined and in good styles, also of the best construction.

There are remarkable offerings all over the furniture floor, but this week's special feature is parlor furniture. Here are brief hints of different lines:—

5 piece Parlor Suite, mahogany finished frames faced with genuine mahogany, upholstered with best tempered steel springs, and stuffed with moss, then covered with extra good quality figured silk in 4 colors. Very special value at only **\$58**

5 piece Parlor Suite, overstuffed, made on hardwood frames, double stuffed and double stitched spring edges, covered with finest quality velours, assorted colors, fringed all round. Price only **\$36**

5 piece Parlor Suite, mahogany finished frames, polished, made full spring edge, and double stuffed, covered in best quality figured velours, assorted colors. Price **\$20**

5 piece Parlor Suite, frames either solid walnut or golden oak, sofa, rocker, arm chair and two reception chairs, upholstered in best quality figured velours. Price only **\$18**

COUCHES.—Our own make at \$5, \$7, \$9, \$10, \$12 and up to **\$20**
Freight paid on all purchases amounting to \$10.00 and over.

Petticoats

OF SATEEN AND CAMBRICS

Sateen petticoats for the immediate present, while petticoats for the lighter dresses that will be worn a little hence. Splendid collections of both that will well repay your coming to see them. Among the sateen petticoats some specially attractive groups are priced \$1.00, 1.50 and 1.75, with broad price range to 3.50.

AT \$1.00—
Of specially fine black sateen, mercerized finish, full skirt, with 12 inch gathered flounce, finished with three small ruffles. Flounce and ruffles are each finished with separate stitched bands and cording.

AT \$1.75—
Of mercerized sateen with deep knife pleated flounce, finished with three small ruffles stitched bands and cording.

AT \$1.75—
Of mercerized sateen, with two knife pleated flounces, trimmed with small ruffles.

AT \$3.00—
Of very fine English mercerized with three knife pleated flounces, finished with fancy stitching.

The cambric petticoats display a delightful diversity of plaits, ruffles and flounces, lace and embroidery. Prices begin at 35c and run up to \$7.50, with tempting styles at \$1.50, 2.00, 2.50 and 3.

AT \$1.00—
Four Styles, among them, an extra full outside size skirt, with flounce of embroidery.

AT \$1.25—
Of cambric, with lawn flounce, trimmed with lace insertion and lace ruffle.

AT \$1.98—
Of cambric, with deep lawn flounce, trimmed with three rows of wide tulleh insertion and ruffle trimmed with tulleh lace, dust ruffle.

AT \$2.75—
Of muslin, with four flounces of blind stitch embroidery, polka dot design.

AT \$3.48—
Of muslin, with deep flounce, trimmed with tucking, two rows of wide cluny insertion with lace to match.

AT \$5.48—
Of muslin, trimmed from the hips with rows of wide cluny insertion and tucking. Finished at the bottom with deep flounce of tucking and cluny insertion with lace frill.

Saturday in Austin's Clothing Dept.

We have opened up during the past week many lines of spring goods direct from the centres of fashion, and will have displayed in our east King St. window.

First Showing of Spring Toppers

A very swell range of top coats in the very popular 30 inch length, from that up to 34 inch, full boxy back, concave shoulder, neat narrow lapel, in new olive mixtures with pretty stripe and plain black Vicunas, prices range at **\$10, \$12 to \$13.**

First Showing of Spring Raincoats

A handsome line of the most useful coat in the market, can do double duty, as a spring overcoat, at the same time a waterproof, made of handsome cloths, thoroughly water-proofed, nobby pattern tweeds and plain grey and olive shadings, full range of sizes, special values **\$7.50, \$10 to \$14.00.**

The New Block in Young Men's Spring Suits

The popular cut coat for young men for spring is the three button double breasted coat with extra long roll lapel, in nobby pattern tweeds and chalk lines, handsome coloring effects, sizes 33 to 38 chest measure, prices **\$9.00 to \$13.50.**

Boys' Corduroy Knickers, all sizes, Sat. 69c.

We have just opened up another shipment of boys' English cord roy knickers, dark box shade, all sizes, special **Saturday at 69c a pair.**

Men's Cashmere Sox, extra special value 25c.

We were fortunate enough in placing big orders for this very popular line of cashmere sox before the many advances. It is easily worth to-day 40c if we had to buy it, we have fully 50 dozen, all sizes, at the old price very special **25c.**

C. Austin & Company.

Hed-Rite

The new cure for Headache. A suggestive name backed by an article well recommended.

PRICE, 25 CTS.

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Druggists and Opticians
CHATHAM AND DRESDEN.

FARM FOR RENT

160 acre choice farm, one mile from city limits, brick house, modern conveniences, large bank barn, stable, hog house, woodshed, ice house, etc. Summers ice put up. Good orchard, some bush pasture, two windmills, one a power mill. Farm all under-drained, well fenced, excellent location, and rent low to good tenant.

DUNN & MERRITT
Fifth Street, 1st Door Off King Street,
Phone 295.

Montreal, March 10.—The Provincial by-elections held to-day in Brethier, Portneuf, Shefford and Maskinonge, show a great gain for the Conservatives of two seats—Maskinonge and Portneuf. At the last general election the Liberal Government carried dates were elected in these four constituencies. Following are the results by constituency:—

Brethier—Joseph Lafontaine, Lib., elected by 110 majority over Brethier J. Victor, Con.

Portneuf—Louis Naud, Con., elected by 250 over Chas. DeGuise, Lib.

Shefford—Dr. A. Mathieu, Lib., elected by 400 majority over A. E. DuBerge and P. Hubert, Ind.

Maskinonge—Geo. Lafontaine, Con., elected by 200 over Jeremy Desaulniers, Lib.