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FASHION SHEETS FREE

## Wonderful Cotton Selling....

We have always sold a lot of Cottons in February, but this month is going to be the best for Cotton selling we have ever had, and the reason for it is plain-the values we are offering are so superior to what people can get elsewhere, and so much better than they could naturally expect, considering present high price of Cotton at the mills. But we took a long look ahead, bought early in large quantities, and here you have the cheapest Cottons in the land awaiting you

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## DEATH OF C. J. O'NEILL

Pneumonia Claims Another Well-known Citizen as a Victim-Sketch of the Deceased Barrister.

C. J. O'Neill, local master in Chancery passed away at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday afternoon, and in his death the Maple City has losts a familiar figure and a most popular and open hearted and learned citizen. During the latter years of his life Mr. O'Neill suffered greatly from rheumatism, but he was never known to complain, and his cheerful manner and good nature even while enduring torture, made life brighter even for his intimate friends, who suffered in seeing him suffer.

Mr. O'Neill was one of the best classic scholars in Charham, and death has robbed the Maple City of a most brilliant and learned student. If he had fault, it was his great love of learning and he would much rather sit up all might studying the dead and living languages than spending his time as other men do.

The late C. J. O'Neill was born in Streetsville, Ont. When he was still a lad, his father, the late Thos. O'Neill, secured the principalship of the Wallacobung public solviol, and moved to the glass town with his family. This was early in jithe sixties, Mr. O'Neill, the sen, farst fame to Chatham about the year 1868 as teacher in the old septante school, which was held in a building attached to the old St. Joseph's church? The present separed sechool was afterwards built and a fine new churren takes the place of the elator and in private life. He was a fine new churren takes the place of the many citizens of Chatham who attended both. The Jesuit Fathers were stationed here at that time, and Father were stationed here at that time, and Father were stationed here at that time, and Father services short amplication provious to ex-Mayor Smith's tended both. The Jesuit fathers were stationed here at that time, and Father were stationed here at that time, and Father were stationed here at that time, and Father were stationed here at that time, and Fathers were stationed here at that time, and Father w tioned here at that time, and Father Conneillean first initiated Mr.
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Besides his widow, three children Conneillean first initiated Mr. O'Neill in the study of Latin and Greek, and in the young school teacher arose a love of the dead languages that never left him, and to this study he devoted the spare moments of his whole life.

Later he taught in the McCully school-house, Harwich, and afterwards for a year he taught school in Raleigh, during which time he boarded with the father of James Dillon, of this city.

About the year 1872 he entered the office of Judge Houston. Speaking of Mr.

Besides his widow, three children survive, Robert, employed in the office of Blonde Bros & Co, and two attending school. Three sisters also survive. They are, Misses Jane and Margaret, of Chicago, and Mary, (Mrs. Douglas) Rateigh street, Chathamo The late Robert O'Neill, artist, who died a year ago last October, in Chicago, and the late James O'Neill, who taught school for many years in Kent county, were brothers. Mrs. J. P. Dunn is a sister of Mrs. O'Neill, and Mr. M. Brady, the model of Toronto lawyer is a brother. Mr. O'Neill was aged 54 years.

#### MINISTRY GETS A SHOCK IN THE BRITISH COMMONS.

On the First Division Their Majority is Pulled Down From 130 to the mourners in silent sympathy. 45- Chamberlain Warmly Defends Himself.

London, Feb. 19.— The first division tion at the general election on the is in the first parliament of King E1- sue of annexation. (Renewed cheering ward VII., which took place yesterday, resulted in cutting down to 45 the government's normal majority of 130. The interest caused by this unexpected event was heightened by Winston Spencer Churchill's first speech at Westminster, and by Mr. Chamber-lain's heated defence of his own policy. The extraordinary slimness of the The extraordinary slimness of the majority of this strongest British government of modern times was the result of Lord Cramborne's refusal to answer questions relating to the gov-enment's foreign policy without pre-vious notice from the questioners. John Dillon seized the opportunity, and in spite of an unusually large attendance, almost placed the Conservative party in Queer street. Churchill's speech came in reply to David Lloyd-George's criticism of the conduct of the Soth African war, in the course of which he had denounced the burning of farms and the keeping of Boer women and children in British taagers on reduced provisions,. These

charges created a general uproar and provoked an angry demand from Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of State for War, that Mr. Lloyd-George should offer ev lence to substantiate his assertions. dr. Churchill caught the eye of the seaker, and caustically rebuked Mr. byd-George. He indulged in epicams such as:—"No other nation in rams such as:—"No other nation in the world ever received so much verall sympathy and so little practical apport as the Boer.' Then he proacted, half humorously and half seriusly, to belittle the efforts of prodoer members of the House in behalf of their friends. He maintained that the war in South Africa had been carried on with unusual humanity and he ried on with unusual humanity and he closed with the declaration of his be-

closed with the declaration of his be-lief that at no distant date there would be an Anglocized loyal, peace-ful and prosperous Transvaal.

Sir Robert Reid, Radical, member for Dumfriesburghs, argued that all this could be accomplished without unnecessary severity and without withholding terms. MR. CHAMBERLAIN WARM.

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Mr. Chamberlain, springing to his feet, stigmatized the speech of Sir Robert Reid as "devoted to abuse of British officers and the policy of ministers and to praise of the enemies of Great Britain." He denied that peace with honor was at any time possible before or after the fall of Pretoria; "The policy of Her Majesty's government," he declared, was not varied. Before the invasion of Natal we would have accepted the most moderate com-Before the anyasion of Natal we would have accepted the most moderate con-cessions, buit from the moment the invasion occurred and the Boers had fired the first shot, the government determined that not one shred of the independence which the Boers had abused should ever again be conceded

sue of annexation. (Renewed cheering) To-night six pro-Boers have spoken and not a single Liberal Imperialist. Sir Robert Reid objected to the term "Pro-Boer," but Mr (Chamberlain

stuck to his guns.
"I maintain," he said, "that there is no other name for the men believe every scandatous libel on British officers and soldiers.

Robert Reid.

Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said he believed that with the development of South Africa persons of British origin would be largely in excess of the rest of the population. we grant free government to Boers," exclaimed the Colonial Secretary, "the country must be re-stored to something like its normal condition. I believe the Boers know well the terms offered them. time is perhaps not opportune for taking further, steps to make these terms known, but I have been in ner with a view of taking advantage of any opportunity that might present itself. The struggle had to come. It originated in the determination of the originated in the determination of the Boers to secure the ascendency in South Africa. I believe that, in spite of the sacrifices made, this country is of the same mind as when it entered upon the struggle, and will spare no effort to bring it to a close and will support to bring it to a cice and will support no party which seeks to stultify the object in view."

Amid ringing cheers Mr. Chamberlain, "the head and shoulders of the war," as Mr. Dillion describes him, resumed his seat, and the House adjourned.

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The refusal of Lord Cranborne, the Under Secretary of the State for Foreign Affairs, to answer questions concerning which notice had not previously been given gave John Dillon (Irish Nationalist) the chance to move an adjournment of the House in order to debate the subject. Mr. Dillion declared that the Under Secretary for the Foreign Office had been muzzled, and that his refusal was a breach of privilege.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt (Liberal), Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (the Liberal leader), and John Redmond and others supported Mr. Dillon.

Mr. Balfour, in defending the practice, said it had been initiated by the Government after careful consideration. The practice of cross-examining the Under Foreign Secretary was dangerous and would preclude the carrying on of delicate negotiations and might endanger the interests of nations, and possibly the peace of Europe. No other nation would have allowed the latitude in foreign affairs permitted in this country. A foreign ambassador had congratulated the Under Secretary, William St. John Brodrick, on his refusal to reply to questions not placed upon paper.

The House then divided as follows:—For

THE "NO POPERY" OATH.

John Redmond, chairman of the United Irish Parliamentary Party, took excep-tion to the osth taken by King Ed-ward in the House of Lords. He declar

inasmuch as the Catholic religion sibed as idolatrous and superciti

tion of their repetition was dispessed of many years to come.

Loru Stanley, the Financial Secreto the War Office, imparted the information that the Government had purchased for troops in South Africa 113.975 horse Great Britain and 71,874 elsewhere. English and the Irish horses proved the and the American were next. Of the is 21,000 were purchased, while Canada plied 3,730

#### MANY PEOPLE WERE THERE.

Old Citizens Pay a Last Tribute to the Late Rufus Stephenson.

Masonic Funeral-It was Very Largely Attended - Services at the House and Grave.

At five o'clock yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of mourning relatives and sorrowing citizens, the remains of the late Rufus Stephenson were reverently laid to rest in the open flowerbrightened and beautified grave in Maple Leaf cemetery. The clouds parted, and the sun-hidden during the day-broke forth momentarily as if in benediction on the impressive service and bereaved mourners.

The obsequies throughout were profoundly impressive in character, a recognition from a sorrowing city and community of the deep loss sustained in the final departure of a stalwart resident who had served his chosen home so often and so well. Scores of sympathetic and saddened friends called at the hushed home to obtain a last look in the casket, which lay embedded in nature's fragrant emblems, and an extended cortege reverently followed the remains to their resting place. It was a silent yet substantial tribute to a valued and useful life, a token of universal regard and esteem.

The service at the home was short and deeply affecting. Near the casket stood the sorrowing sons and other members of the bereaved family were grouped about, while citizens of every complex character surrounded

Rev. Dr. Battisby was in charge of was represented by pastors and worsh ppers. R.w. Ra. al Dean McCosh. rector of Christ Church, read an appropriate selection from John XIV., following which Ray. Dr. Bittishy: pastor of St. Andrew's Church, delivered an earnest and impressive address, alluding to the valued life of the deceased and also speaking sympathetic words of comfact to the saddened relatives. The reverend gentleman also conducted the Masonio service at the home.

The casket was borne out by Robert Cooper, Wm. H. Harper, G. P. Scholfield, Or. W. R. Hall, Nathaniel Massey and Capt. J. W. Steinhoff, of Wallateburg.

of the Dead was organized in the following or der :-Employes of The Planet, of which depensed was for so many years ed-itor and proprietor, wearing memor-

Members of the Public School Board and City Board of Health, of which

F. & A. M., ti. R. Ct, of which deceases was the sen or member, wearing Mas onte regalia.

Memoers of Parthenom Lodge, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C. Pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, pall-bearers and hearse. Carriages with mourning relatives. City Council in a body. Private carriages and mourners on

At the grave the solemn ceremony of the Masonic burial was observed by Rev. Dr. Jamieson, District Deputy Grand Master, assisted by W. E. Campbell, Worshipful Master of Wellington Lodge.

The floral tributes from sorrowing

friends and relatives were exceedingly beautiful and numerous. In addition to the many private emblems, we an insignia from the Masonic Cra a broken column from The Plan

W. E. Rispin, Chas. Wilfiamson and W. H. Harper. Among the many in attendance at the funeral were county representa-tives from all the townships and num-erous other residents throughout the district.