

**London Advertiser.**  
TWO EDITIONS DAILY - WEEKLY.  
TELEPHONE CALLS.  
Business Office .....107  
Editorial Department .....134  
Job Department .....175  
LONDON, TUESDAY FEB. 16

### The Soft Coal Duties.

While Canadian coal thus gets free into the United States for the benefit of their factories and railways Ontario is taxed heavily for the United States coal needed in its steam furnaces. It is a most unjust and one-sided state of business, and the London Board of Trade does well to petition that the wrong be rectified.—London Free Press.

Our contemporary is very much exercised over this question, and breaks into double-headed denunciation of the Government for retaining the soft coal duties. It would be easy to convict the Free Press of inconsistency by pointing to its plea for "adequate" protection for every Canadian industry. The mining of soft coal is a great industry, and the mine owners of Nova Scotia are opposed to the abolition of the duty of 13 cents per ton, which, they claim, gives them control of the Canadian market as far west as Montreal.

Over a year ago, under the pinch of the fuel famine, Congress suspended for one year the duty on soft coal entering the United States. The Dominion Government was urged at the time to reciprocate by knocking off the Canadian tax on bituminous. The tax falls chiefly on this Province, which is prohibited by freight rates from using Nova Scotia coal, and must import all its soft coal from the other side. The Government took the position that the removal of the United States duty was probably a temporary measure, and that it would be inadvisable to disturb the position of the Nova Scotia industry in the home market by taking off the Canadian duty. Congress continuing its liberal policy. The Government proved to be right. Congress restored the duty (67 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds), when the year expired. The London Free Press and the London Board of Trade are apparently unaware of this.

The United States has shown no desire for reciprocity in fuel. For years there has been a standing offer by Canada to reduce the duty on soft coal to 40 cents per ton if Congress will do the same, but the offer has never been taken up. Soft coal is an article in which a free exchange would be profitable for both countries. The natural market for the Nova Scotia mines is the New England States, and for the British Columbia mines the Pacific Coast States. The middle provinces of Canada can buy more cheaply from the American mines. The Canadian miners, when they are confronted by a tariff of 67 cents per long ton in the United States market, have some excuse for protesting against throwing open their home market to their American rivals.

### Senator Hanna.

There is an element of tragedy in the death of Senator Hanna in the flush of his high ambition, when he was seriously challenging President Roosevelt's prescriptive right to a second term in the White House. Senator Hanna was already past middle age when he entered politics, in 1896, as the sponsor for William McKinley, whose campaign he managed in that year. The United States is probably the only country where a man without political training, especially a man of mature years, could leap into the commanding position in public life which Mr. Hanna occupied from the moment he set foot on the stage. Our neighbors believe that every citizen is a potential statesman and that the art of governing comes by nature. Prior to 1896 Mr. Hanna was a successful business man, little known outside his own state. His conduct of the Republican campaign revealed his great powers as an organizer and made him a national figure. He was elected United States senator for Ohio in 1897 and in 1900 he duplicated his first success by again managing the Republican forces in the presidential election. While a man of great energy of character his talents and ideals were not of the highest order. He was a superb machine politician; a master of the science of wire-pulling and of the underground methods of that distinctive American product, the political boss. Rightly or wrongly his opponents pilloried him as the creature of the trusts and the money power, though he professed to be a friend of organized labor, and was chairman of the civic federation, a body of distinguished men volunteering to mediate between capital and labor on a grand scale. It is no secret that the Wall Street kings, anxious to sidetrack Roosevelt, tried to persuade Senator Hanna to stand for the Republican nomination. He gave the public no hint of his intentions, but allowed the Hanna "boom," skillfully engineered in all parts of the country, to assume proportions which greatly disquieted the friends of the President. It is improbable that Hanna could have secured the convention in any event, but he might have shown a strength which would have seriously damaged Roosevelt's prestige. His death leaves the President the undisputed master of the field.

### The Cape Colony Elections.

The Cape Colony elections have resulted in a majority of five for the Progressives in a house of 56 members. The race issue was again dominant. It was a battle between the British (Progressives) and the Dutch (the Afrikaner Bond). It is probable that the British were able to win because so many of the Dutch were disfranchised for treasonable conduct in the war. The British party has now control of both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council. Its first act will be a redistribution of the seats so as to give a larger representation to the cities and towns, in which the British population is concentrated, the Dutch being mainly the farmers and graziers of the colony. For years the Progressives have claimed that the arrangement of the constituencies gave an unfair advantage to the rural districts, where the Bond is supreme.

Under the aggressive leadership of Dr. Jameson, of Jameson raid fame, there is a prospect that the British party will seek to trench itself by a use of the election machinery which may not accord with strict constitutional principles, but may be justified by the preconcilable attitude of the Dutch. Dr. Jameson was among the militant Progressives who demanded from the Imperial authorities a suspension of the constitution of the Cape. What they failed to achieve by that stroke—the exclusion of the Dutch from political control of the colony—they may insure by other methods, which the possession of office will put into their hands. The bulk of British immigration goes to swell the population of cities and towns, and aids in the process of shifting the balance of political power to the urban constituencies. There is also an opportunity to manipulate the franchise of the natives, so as to make it operate in favor of the British.

It is deplorable that the people of the colony should still be divided so sharply on race lines. It is to be hoped the Progressives will not push their advantage to unnecessary extremes and so retard the work of reconstruction. Lord Durham, in his famous report on the Canada of 65 years ago, said he found "two races warring in the bosom of a single state." When we read that report and reflect on the condition of this country at that time and for many years afterwards, and contrast it with the Canada of today, we can put a great trust in the healing influence of time and the amalgamating power of British institutions. What the British and French have done in the Dominion, the British and Dutch may do in South Africa.

Those Russian cruisers sunk at Port Arthur seem to multiply like Falstaff's men in buckram.

Mr. J. L. Johnson, a large importer of china, lays down some sound tariff principles in a letter in another column.

The young gentleman in this office who "sets up" the weather probabilities has become tired of setting up "Fair and Very Cold" every day, and now keeps the line standing.

The Balfour Government had a majority last night of 51, the vote standing 37 to 27. The Irish party voted with the Opposition. The position of the parties after the general election of 1900 was as follows: Ministerialists 402, Liberals 186, Nationalists 82. This gave the Ministerialists a majority of 135 over all parties. The Government's majority, therefore, has been more than cut in half.

Dr. Routledge, M. P., has introduced a bill in the Legislature to prevent the giving of prizes for docked horses at fairs and exhibitions. A docked horse is less stylish and not more useful than its long-tailed brother. It commands a higher price because of a mere caprice of fashion, which inflicts great cruelty on the noblest of animals. The practice would soon disappear if people regarded it from the point of view of the horse.

Congressman Lind, of Minnesota, the advocate of Canadian reciprocity, in his speech in Congress the other day, said he had penetrated 1,700 miles into Canada from the Minnesota boundary. The territory he covered, to quote from his speech, "was more than twice the size of Texas, three times the size of the original thirteen states, larger than Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois, with Michigan, Ohio and New York thrown in. For 1,200 miles he saw wheat fields dotting the prairie. Within three years the wheat crop has doubled. This immense region is destined to raise more grain, more cereals other than corn, than any equal area in the United States."

### KEPPEL'S NERVE.

The English papers tell the following story which illustrates the integrity of the late Admiral Keppel and the discipline he maintained aboard ship: His ship, the Raleigh, was in danger of sinking, and he had to run her into a French port. As she entered the harbor a French vessel fired a salute. The Raleigh was fast sinking, but Sir Henry literally stuck to his guns and returned the salute with the water rushing in at the port. The sailors manning their guns and firing till the ammunition above water was exhausted.

### PITT'S FONDNESS FOR PORT.

The ruin of Pitt's health was attributed to his physicians, who made him take port in large quantities in his youth, so that he could not do without it later. Lord Grenville has seen him swallow a bottle of port in tumblerfuls before going to the House. His hands shook so much that when he helped himself to salt he was obliged to support the right hand with the left. Stothard, the painter, happened to be one evening at an inn on the Kent road when Pitt and Dundas put up there on their way to Walmer. Next morning the waiter said to Stothard: "How much wine do you suppose they drank last night? Seven bottles, sir!"

### HIS MOTHER.

["Chicago Record-Herald."] "Do you think she is a suitable match for your son, Mrs. Bagstock?" "Oh, no, but then I suppose he must marry somebody."

### THE WOMEN OF OLD LONDON.

["Ottawa Events."] From a table of the occupations of

women in London it is seen that 29,100 are engaged in teaching, that 13,000 are commercial clerks, that over 16,500 are engaged in medicine, and nearly 12,000 in art, music and the drama. There are 3,000 employed by the national government, 5,000 who are put down as engaged in "clerical" work, and 2,700 employed by the local government. There are 367 engaged in literature, 184 in law, 16 in journalism and finance, 958 in literary and scientific pursuits and 660 are merchants and accountants.

### HEAVEN'S BEST GIFT TO MEN.

["William J. Lampton."] There are women who are pretty. There are women who are sad. There are women who are modest. There are women who are vain. There are women who are happy. There are women who are sad. There are women who are plucky. There are women who are tough. There are women who are polished. There are women who are rough. There are women who are tender. There are women who are stout. There are women who are bright.

### Oxford Hot Water Heater

in connection with Oxford Radiators an even, steady circulation of hot water is kept up throughout the house. Each radiator is diffusing the same temperature of heat in sufficient quantities for the size of the room. The illustration below shows that the distance from the fire to the first surface is less than in any heater made, and the water has a shorter distance to travel, thus a more equal temperature is maintained in the water of the several sections.

Write for our booklets, they are of interest to everyone with a home to heat.

### The Gurney Foundry Co., Limited.

Toronto, Canada  
Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver

**THE LESSENING YELLOW PERIL.**  
["New York Mail and Express."] The only peril to civilization of any race that represents it is not that a superior civilization may come in competition with it, but that it may be dragged down in the mire of an inferior culture. If there were only one nation upholding courteous and European culture, and all other nations about it had sunk into Asiatic sloth, the yellow peril would be acute indeed. But every yellow nation that lifts itself out of the mire of a stationary civilization and joins the progressive nations advances, rather than aggravates, the peril. Japan transformed has ceased to be a liability to western civilization. It has become an asset. China transformed would make a positive and large contribution to the progress of the world.

### Letters to the Editor.

**SEVENTY PER CENT ON CHINA.**  
To the Editor of The Advertiser.—I notice by the issue of your paper of the 13th, that Mr. Thompson, of Youngstown, Ohio, wishes to establish a pottery in this city. Being the largest direct importer in Canada in this line of goods, and coming as I do, in contact with the largest buyers of such goods, I am in a position to give an unprejudiced opinion on this subject.

A few days ago Ald. J. T. Petrie, of St. Catharines, who is quite an extensive buyer in this class of goods, called to see me, and incidentally stated that this same firm approached the council of his city on this subject. Mr. Thompson was horrified when he was informed that we had a tariff of only 20 per cent against British goods. He had the presumption to ask the citizens to render his party and the country signal service. He enters the ministry without portfolio, but in the near future he will have a department, control of which will afford scope for his marked business capacity. Mr. Hyman's admission to the cabinet is only popular in Ontario, but in all the other provinces as well. He is broad in his views, warm in his sympathies and imbued with the true spirit of Canadianism.

**NOTHING FOR QUEEN LIL.**  
Washington, Feb. 16.—The bill to pay \$150,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, failed to pass the Senate yesterday, the vote being 26 to 25.

### Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—MRS. MARY HAUKE, Edgerton, Wis., from *Household Economics Club*.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter passing through hands of others.



Sudden drops of temperature are impossible in the home heated by hot water. Stove fires die out, hot air furnaces heat unevenly, and the hot air switches to other parts of the house leaving the remaining rooms cold and drafty. But with the heating system of the

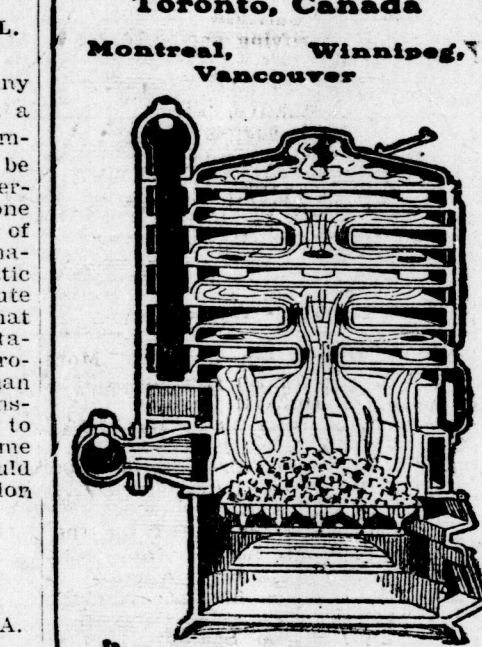
### Oxford Hot Water Heater

in connection with Oxford Radiators an even, steady circulation of hot water is kept up throughout the house. Each radiator is diffusing the same temperature of heat in sufficient quantities for the size of the room. The illustration below shows that the distance from the fire to the first surface is less than in any heater made, and the water has a shorter distance to travel, thus a more equal temperature is maintained in the water of the several sections.

Write for our booklets, they are of interest to everyone with a home to heat.

### The Gurney Foundry Co., Limited.

Toronto, Canada  
Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver



As chairman of the railway committee, the most important of the select standing committees of Parliament, he won his spurs as a presiding officer and parliamentary leader, courteous, firm and fair-minded. Last session he was chairman of the special committee, which framed the distribution bill, and it is not too much to say that he did the lion's share of the work, and did it so well that the bill passed the House practically without opposition. Mr. Hyman possesses great executive ability and is an indefatigable worker. No man has made greater sacrifices for the Liberal party, and as a member of the Government he will be in a position to render his party and the country signal service. He enters the ministry without portfolio, but in the near future he will have a department, control of which will afford scope for his marked business capacity. Mr. Hyman's admission to the cabinet is only popular in Ontario, but in all the other provinces as well. He is broad in his views, warm in his sympathies and imbued with the true spirit of Canadianism.

**NOTHING FOR QUEEN LIL.**  
Washington, Feb. 16.—The bill to pay \$150,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, failed to pass the Senate yesterday, the vote being 26 to 25.

**NOTHING FOR QUEEN LIL.**  
Washington, Feb. 16.—The bill to pay \$150,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani, failed to pass the Senate yesterday, the vote being 26 to 25.



Another club woman, Mrs. Hauke, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

## BUY YOUR CARPETS AT ONCE And Save Dollars and Cents.

THE carpet question is one of great moment to those who are considering the purchase of fine carpets—Wiltons, Axminsters, Brussels, Tapestries and Ingrains. The great money-saving reductions of our recent Carpet Sales, and which are continued in this sale, is the reason for making us so very busy. We want the people to know that only the best productions of the wizard weavers of England are purchased by Kingsmill's—thus you secure highest quality carpets at lowest prices. Once your home is supplied with Kingsmill's Carpets, the floor-covering question is settled for good.

Nothing but a visit to our immense showrooms can give you an idea of the extent and beauty of our collection. We can give you a faint idea of values, but not the great variety, by describing a few pieces.

### Tapestry Carpets at Bargain Prices.

Six patterns English Tapestry Carpets, new goods, in the newest color combinations, 27 inches wide, with 22-inch borders to match. Designs suitable for parlors and dining-rooms, special sale price per yard, made and laid ..... 56c

Seven patterns fine quality English Tapestry Carpets, new designs, copied from the more expensive carpets, and made expressly for Kingsmill. This quality will sell regularly for 75c. Special sale price, per yard, made and laid ..... 65c

### Absolute Clearance of Brussels Carpets.

To effect an absolute clearance of all Brussels Carpets, we have marked them at irresistible prices.

| Regular Price, per yard. | Sale Price, per yard. |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$1.35.....Brussels..... | \$1.10                |
| \$1.15.....Brussels..... | .96                   |
| \$1.00.....Brussels..... | .81                   |
| .90.....Brussels.....    | .76                   |

(All made and laid prices.)

### \$7.00 Irish Point Net Curtains at \$4.50.

Irish Point Net Curtains in a variety of designs, some odd pairs and others two pairs of a pattern. Regular price \$6.00 and \$7.00. Sale price..... \$4.50

Three Patterns Nottingham Lace Curtains, 54 and 60 inches wide by 3½ yards long, beautiful designs. A special clearance of \$3.00 Lace Curtains for ..... \$2.40

### TAPESTRY PORTIERES.

In Self or Oriental Colorings; greens, reds, browns, terra cotta, etc. Regular price, \$5.00 and \$6.00; special sale prices..... \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.00

**Special Clearance of Saxony Blankets.** These are undoubtedly the finest blankets made. We have received another large shipment, and these will be cleared out at former low prices.

# KINGSMILL'S

**BULGARIANS BUST.** Salonica, Feb. 16.—A band of Bulgarians on Feb. 13, dynamited a bridge between Demirhisar and Djumbala. Seven workmen and two soldiers were killed.

**WIARTON LIGHTLESS.** Wiarton, Ont., Feb. 16.—Owing to lack of fuel the lighting plant of the town has shut down. Freight being snowbound, there is no coal oil. Thus Wiarton is in darkness after sunset. Those who can dig up their rusty candle molds consider themselves fortunate.

**CASORIA.** The Kind You Have Always Bought  
Beware of Imitations  
Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams

Woods' Fair, 176-178 Dundas Street, London, February 16th, 1904

## BIG CANDY SALE FOR WEDNESDAY.

Pure candy is healthy. In all our orders to the makers it is distinctly specified that only the purest syrups, sugars and flavorings be used in our candies. We believe this has been carried out to the letter, and that every pound of sweets that goes out of this store is wholesome and pure. And my, how the candies did sell last Saturday. Just think! Your choice of 32 different lines, 10c Wednesday, at per pound.....

### 15c and 20c Candy, Wednesday 10c Pound.

Our Lord Stanley Mixed Candy consisting of Jellies, creams, chocolates, etc., value 20c lb., Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Southern Pear Jellies, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Crackerjack Jellies, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Assorted Jellies, value 15c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Jumbo Gum Drops, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Assorted Gum Drops, value 15c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Duke Bon Bons, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Woods' Golden Taffy, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Violet Tip Chocolate Creams, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Peanut Crisp, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Pink Wafers, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c  
Molasses Pillows, value 20c, Wednesday, lb., ..... 10c

### 40c Candies, Wednesday 10c Half Pound.

Almond Tip Chocolate Creams, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Peanut Tip Chocolate Creams, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Peanut Cluster, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Chocolate Marshmallow, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Violet Tip Chocolate Creams, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Chocolate Dates, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
English Chocolate Drops, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c  
Fresh Scotch Kisses, value 40c, Wednesday, half pound 10c

Six feet of best quality licorice, Wednesday, for ..... 1c  
Woods' Pepsin Gum, Wednesday, 3 large packages for ..... 5c

### Our 40c Line for Wednesday.

Fancy Chocolate Creams Wednesday, quarter pound ..... 10c  
Fancy Chocolate Wafers, Wednesday, quarter pound ..... 10c  
Angelique Cream Chocolates on Wednesday, quarter pound, 10c

Remember our big bag of Honey-suckle Taffies, Wednesday 5c

Imperial Blend Tea, Value 40c, Wednesday 25c.

## WOODS' FAIR.

### Do You Want To Learn French?

Not merely to study long lists of irregular verbs and tiresome rules of grammar, but to learn the language so thoroughly that you can speak it with perfect ease, and with the purest accent? If so you should take the I. C. S. phonographic course. It will give you a better mastery of the language than you can get in any other way, except by years of residence among French-speaking people. If you are interested in FRENCH, GERMAN OR SPANISH, investigate and see if this is not true.

Free sample lessons on the phonograph and full particulars from T. J. Sullivan, London manager.

### INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

OF SCRANTON, PA.

180 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON  
Open Evenings. Phone 1,727.

Leave 7.05 P. M.

Leave London at above hour, via Michigan Central-New York Central, and arrive New York the following morning. Through sleeping-car from St. Thomas. 22 bu

### Hotel Rates Reduced.

Travelers and visitors to Toronto are pleased to hear that rates of the Queen's Hotel of that city are now from \$2.50 per day up—up with bath from \$3 per day up. The Queen's is convenient to the business section and trains, as well as quiet and homelike. 16 bc yvt

### Notice.

Feather Pillows and Mattresses cleaned and sterilized. New Feather Pillows in art tickings, and Cushions, Hair Mattresses, Wool Mattresses, Spring Beds, Iron and Brass Bedsteads. Feathers sold by the pound at Hunt & Sons' Feather Pillow and Mattress Manufacturers, 533 Richmond street north. Telephone 97.

There are 190,227 professional beggars in Spain. Begging is recognized as a legitimate business and the cities demand a certain portion of the alms collected.

**A TIME FOR EVERYTHING.**—The time for Dr. Thomas' Eucalyptic Oil is when croupy conditions appear in the children; when rheumatic pains beset the old; when lambo, asthma, coughs, colds, catarrh or earache attack either young or old; when burns, scalds, abrasions, contusions or sprains come to any member of the family. In any of these ailments it will give relief and work a cure.

Through the Earl of Denbigh, who commanded the Honorable Artillery, during its recent American visit, King Edward has sent a framed and signed photograph of himself to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston.

**IS THERE ANYTHING MORE ANNOYING** than having your corn stepped upon? Is there anything more delightful than getting rid of it? Holloway's Corn Cure will do it. Try it and be convinced.

Corn, can, hoariness, and other troubles are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresol-tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

Orders have been given by the French Government for the construction of a turbine torpedo boat at Havre.