

Pre-empting a Claim.

There can be no doubt of the real feeling of enjoyment amongst Canadians when they learned that a Canadian poet had gained the prize offered by one of the leaders of Chicago papers for the best poem on Spring. It was a very hazardous attempt to write upon a subject so well worn and so mercifully ridiculed. As one of our contemporaries stated, it was a perilous venture to invite writers to enter upon such a competition. The result, however, proved that the field of poesy had not been completely fertilized and that "Jean" had claim for right of pre-emption on a portion of vacant lands. The very fact that fertility springs from culture leads to this observation. For many years the manufacturers of prepared clothing had apparently exhausted the field in the way of style, fit and presentableness. As a matter of fact the general run of manufacturers were convinced that fit, style, and whatnot, had, so to speak, been worn threadbare. But they made their mistake. When Mr. Sandford, now a Senator consulted in the council of this people, began his work there was a change. In a few years he occupied a hitherto unknown territory. He struck out on lines so novel that the customs tailor was astounded and the old time manufacturer left speechless. The results of to-day prove that there was room on the ground floor. Gentlemen who carefully consulted their tastes, began to buy "Oak Hall's" prepared clothing. The garments were equally as good as the tailor-made article and it was less expensive. So the patronage grew and to-day if you wish to purchase a well-fitting business or dress suit for yourself or substantial wear for your boys, you would consult your own interest by purchasing at Oak Hall, King Street East. Mr. Price, the manager, has a staff of assistants who take pleasure in pleasing. This is the way, after all, in filling unoccupied ground.

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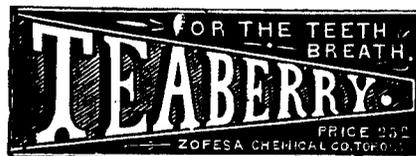
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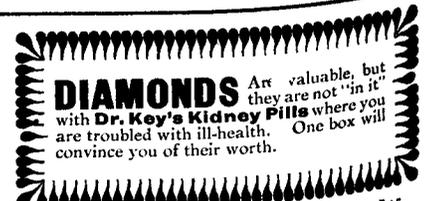
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