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Dress Fabrics

Our stock of Spring Dress Fabrics is now complete, and includes every demanded weave and novelty.

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Our modistes can still book a few orders for delivery before Easter, and this is the time to get order in. If you delay and are disappointed in delivery, don't blame us—ORDER NOW.

Wash Dress Fabrics

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TORONTO.

FOUR LABOR CANDIDATES.

Independent Party Decides to Go the Limit.

The Independent Labor Party last night decided to call a special meeting, March 28, to nominate Toronto candidates to the legislature.

The executive had recommended that nominees be placed only in East and South Toronto, but it was felt that the party was strong enough to support four candidates.

A mass meeting of labor men will be held March 28, in the Labor Temple, when an address will be delivered by a professor of political economy from Queen's University.

Methodists Entertained.

Officials of all the Methodist churches in the city were entertained by the president and officers of the Methodist Social Union in Trinity Church last night. Tea was served by the ladies of the church.

H. R. Banks, Undertaker, 455 West Queen. Phone Main 2581.

"THE SAVOY"

YONGE AND ADELAIDE STREETS

See the display of St. Patrick's Day Novelties in our Candy Department.

Also our Saturday display of all Maple Confectionery.

And be sure to visit our Japanese Tea Rooms and Parlor for a dainty lunch. Fresh Strawberries and Cream, special for Saturday.

THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, Toronto, March 12.—A moderate cold wave has swept over the western provinces, but will not be of long duration, as it being rapidly followed by a depression, accompanied by milder conditions from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. The weather has been mild and with the exception of British Columbia, it has been fair throughout Canada. Decidedly cold weather is again being experienced in the Yukon Territory.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 32 below—40 below; Athol, zero, —2; Port Simpson, —40—42; Victoria, —4—52; Vancouver, 41—48; Barkerville, 25—34; Edmonton, 2 below—4; Battleford, zero—2; Prince Albert, 4 below—8; Calgary, 20—42; Regina, 18—27; Winnipeg, 24—37; Port Arthur, 25—36; Parry Sound, 25—44; Toronto, 34—44; Ottawa, 30—37; Montreal, 32—37; Quebec, 19—37; St. John, 28—36; Halifax, 16—33.

Probabilities.
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh southerly winds; mostly fair; showers; colder at night.
Upper St. Lawrence—Partly fair and mild, but some showers.
Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Winds shifting to easterly; fair to-day, followed by light falls of snow at night and not much change in temperature.
Maritime—Winds mostly northerly; fair about the same temperature.
Superior—Strong easterly winds; colder, with light snowfalls.
Manitoba—Fair and cold to-day; milder on Saturday.
Saskatchewan and Alberta—Cloudy and colder, with local showers.

THE BAROMETER.

Time.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	37	29.9	N.W.
11 a.m.	40	30.0	N.W.
2 p.m.	42	30.1	N.W.
5 p.m.	40	30.2	N.W.
8 p.m.	38	30.3	N.W.
10 p.m.	39	30.4	N.W.

Mean of day, 38; difference from average, 11 above; highest, 41; lowest, 34.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

March 12.
Friday, the thirteenth.
Lenten service, St. James Cathedral, 12.30 noon.
The legislature, 3 p.m.
Public library, 5 p.m.
Massey Hall, Leslie Harris, entertainer, 8.
Scarboro Old Boys' banquet, Clyde Hotel, 8.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Mar 12	At	From
Marineville	Quebec	New York
Marineville	Glasgow	Boston
Marineville	Boston	Liverpool
Marineville	Boston	London
Marineville	Haarlem	New York

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BIRTHS.

WILSON—At 155 Wilton-avenue on Friday, March 11, the wife of P. G. Wilson, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

AHERN—LITTLE—On March 11, at 4.30 p.m., at the Metropolitan Church, this city, by the Rev. S. Cleave, Miss Lillian, daughter of Mr. Parker Little, to Mr. Robert N. Ahern.

DEATHS.

ARMITAGE—At Toronto on Thursday, March 12, 1898, William Armitage, formerly of Newmarket, Ont., in his 61st year.

Fund from his late residence Church and Carlton-streets, on Saturday, the 14th, at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

HARRISON—On Thursday, March 12, John J. Harrison, aged 21, son of Mrs. Thos. and Susan Harrison, 28 Scott-street, died at 9 o'clock. Interment in St. Michael's Cemetery.

HEAMAN—On Wednesday, 11th inst., at 155 Bolton-avenue, Anna May, infant daughter of John Heaman Jr., aged seven months and 17 days.

Funeral Friday, at 3 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery.

KAY—On Thursday, March 12, 1898, Thos. Leung Kay, son of the late Alexander Kay, at the residence of his brother-in-law, O. K. Kay, 230 Avenue Road, died at 2.30 o'clock.

Funeral Saturday, at 2.30 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

SHARPLEY—On Thursday, March 12, 1898, at Christie-street, Bracadale, James Sharpley, in his 50th year.

Funeral Friday at 2 p.m. to Prospect Cemetery.

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USE OF GAS PLANTS.

Professor Angus Reads Paper Before the Engineers' Club.

By some chance, Controller Spence and City Engineer Rust got together last night in the Engineers' Club, when gas producer plants were being discussed by Prof. Angus of the faculty of applied science at Toronto University, and the controller left with the conviction that a gas plant, tho cheaper, would not be a practical installation in the city waterworks department. He had listened to the professor boosting the properties of the gas plant as compared to steam, and when points of economy were touched upon made notes with his pencil.

Afterwards, he and the city engineer had a bout with the professor acting as referee. Mr. Rust was sustained on the ground that the gas plant was beyond question the cheaper, and equally efficient, yet the reliability of steam was fully tested and it was not wise to lay the whole responsibility of a city's water supply upon a motive power which was by no means in a perfect stage.

Prof. Angus described a number of gas producing systems; the Mond plant, in which the ammonia was recovered and used as a fertilizer; pressure plants for large powers, and suction plants for small powers.

In comparing gas and steam engines, he said the cost of steam was for 500 horse power so, steadily as little difference, except in fuel consumption. Gas plants used about one and a half pounds of fuel per horse power, while steam plants required nearly four and a half pounds.

The stand-by losses were greater in steam plants than gas.

The use of gas plants had greatly increased in the last three years in larger cities, because they ran so steadily as steam engines when properly designed and were more economical.

A collision of cars at Bloor and Bathurst-streets about 5 o'clock yesterday wrecked the vestibule of one car and obstructed traffic for some time.

AYLESWORTH ABOLISH ADMIRALTY COURTS

Bill Introduced in House Meets With Opposition—An Annuity Grant.

OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special).—A bill was introduced to-day by Mr. Aylesworth to transfer the jurisdiction of the admiralty courts to the common law courts.

Mr. Aylesworth explained that it was proposed to compensate officials of the admiralty courts for loss of fees by granting to each of the present judges and to the marshal of the Quebec admiralty district an annuity equal to two-thirds of his salary; to the registrar of Toronto district \$1000; to registrar of Nova Scotia district \$1000, and to the registrar of New Brunswick district \$1000, these sums being equal to the amount of the emoluments for their respective offices for three years.

R. L. Borden said that the old system had given satisfaction. In the Province of Nova Scotia at least it was absolutely impossible to lease the admiralty and general law.

There the practice in the admiralty courts was the simplest form in any of the present system was that in admiralty law that was absolutely unknown in common law. Furthermore, to adopt a different procedure in Canada than was the practice in England was to create confusion.

Guss Fortier claimed the advantage of the present system was that a speedy trial was secured, while it would be unwise to relegate to the courts, now overworked, any further jurisdiction.

W. M. Gorman declared that vessels often got out of the jurisdiction before the machinery provided by a concise act could be set in motion. Therefore he strongly advised a change.

Mr. Gervais (Montreal) opposed the bill in toto. The bill was inexpedient. Was it fair to abolish all admiralty courts because there were one or two inefficient judges? He said that the house of commons should be done away with because there were a few bad members and that the senate should be abolished because there might be some useless senators.

Mr. Gervais protested also against the suggestion of giving authority involved in the proposed measure. He pointed out that abolition of admiralty courts would substitute for a concise code of marine law a series of statutes scattered thru several volumes. Mr. Gervais wanted to know who was asking for this; it was not the ship-owners, not the bar, nor the bench. Nobody seemed to want an act that was retrospective and inexpedient.

An amendment condemning the government for expending public money on works which are really for the benefit of private corporations and private individuals was moved by Mr. Perley (Argenteuil) on going into supply to-night.

Mr. Reid of Grenville spoke of many graft deals exposed in parliament, such as Merwin deals and the sub-target guns. Millions, he said, had been paid for Ross rifles, which were not and never would be his.

Sir Frederick Borden replied that the rifles had been issued.

Mr. Reid said they were not in use. He minister argued that the Whitney Government also bought sub-target guns, but the fact was the contract was made by the Ross committee.

"It was a contract to be proud of," said the minister of militia.

"Any contract with guns in it would suit the hon. minister," Dr. Reid replied.

"Like the man who was kicked by the donkey," retorted Sir John.

"I take it from the source whence it came."

Mr. Pugsley entered into a defence of expenditures which had been the chief objects of opposition attack.

When Mr. Osier (West Toronto) took the floor, a Liberal member cried "C.P.R."

"I," said Mr. Osier, "the C.P.R. had not had \$20,000,000 in the banks of this country during the past crisis, where would the country have been?"

Mr. Fielding interrupted: "Does the hon. gentleman say that a government got money from the banks?"

"The government got seven million dollars from the banks for the Quebec bridge," replied Mr. Osier.

To which Mr. Fielding replied that loans were made the Quebec Bridge bridge, and the bonds were guaranteed by the government.

Mr. Osier attempted to proceed, but several government members interrupted at the same time and he found difficulty in being heard. When the noise subsided someone again yelled "C.P.R." and Mr. Osier retorted that since he had been a member of the house he had never advocated any bill of the C.P.R.

The discussion was continued by Messrs. Connors, Crockett, Turgeon, Devlin, Fowler and Clements. Mr. Fowler convulsed the house by his reference to Pugsley, who he said had been restricted in the small field in New Brunswick, where "there isn't much to steal if you steal the whole thing."

The discussion went on till after midnight, when the finance minister demanded of Mr. Osier to retire the places he had seen in Nova Scotia where money was wasted on wharves.

Mr. Osier said he could not name the places.

"He was never there," shouted E. M. Macdonald of Pictou, and Mr. Fielding pressed his request.

Finally Mr. Osier asked, "Did I make a statement that is untrue?"

"I believe he made a statement that is absolutely untrue," replied Mr. Fielding.

A CHINESE RAID.

24 Taken in an Early Afternoon Swoop by the Police.

Twenty-four hundred dollars worth of ball bonds are at the Agnes-street station, representing two dozen Chinese men who were taken by the police from 117 West Queen-street yesterday afternoon at 1.45.

The raid was made by Inspector Cuddy, Detective McKinnay, with Plainclothesmen Montgomery and Black and Sgt. Armstrong.

The raiders entered by the front door and blocked all exits. Then entry was made to a lower room, where the Celestials were found engaged in wild games of chance.

John Cow, Chu Len and Shue Luok are charged as keepers of a common gaming house and 21 others as frequenters.

THE TORONTO WORLD.

MANY FAULTS ARE FOUND IN ENGINEERING COURSE

S. P. S. Graduates Suggest Some Reforms—Testimonials for Drs. Galbraith and Ellis.

That new blood should be brought into the teaching staff of the engineering department in Toronto University was stoutly argued by the Alumni last night at a banquet. About 85 members were present, representing almost every class, dating back to 1882, and they were of the unanimous opinion that the whole engineering course at the university should be re-organized.

Indignation was expressed at the fact that practically no additional equipment had been provided in four years and that a class of 700 students were struggling along with the same inadequate facilities that 400 had to put up with four years ago.

By next fall the class will grow to 800. The fact that the present conditions of the fourth year course could be improved upon, and it was considered that the board of trustees should be urged to immediately put in an equipment which would make better research work possible.

They thought further that the fourth year course should be extended by another year, and that a system of outside lectures should be inaugurated.

Upon the suggestion of U. T. graduates it was decided that a committee of engineering, who are living in New York City, will be held in Toronto this summer.

All engineering graduates in Canada and the U. S. will be urged to attend, and a committee of C. H. Mitchell, E. A. James, A. F. Macallum, K. A. Mackenzie and T. H. Hogg will co-operate with the New York and Pittsburgh committees to complete arrangements.

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BUY PRICES BY TENDER EVEN INTO SINGLE POUND

Loyal Opposition in Ontario Anxious That Extravagance Should Be Avoided.

Apart from the redistribution measure the legislature devoted itself chiefly to debate in supply.

At one time the atmosphere became somewhat torrid in dealing with the grocery supplies of provincial institutions. Messrs. Reed and Thompson (Wentworth) instituted a comparison between prices at London and Hamilton, but Hon. Mr. Hanna gave the per capita cost of living as practically the same per diem.

Sam Clarke (Northumberland), who is a typical Liberal of the Ross school and not too scrupulous in making a point, enquired if tenders were asked for barley and prunes. Mr. Hanna stated that tenders were not asked for one and two-pound quantities, but that the instructions to officials were to ask for prices from all the responsible and reputable firms on all reasonable quantities and he believed the orders were carried out. He challenged the opposition to lay any charges, and offered the fullest information.

Mr. MacKay considered that tea, sugar and soap should be procured by tender.

Premier Whitney took a hand in, and recalled the government's attitude when the Liberals were in power. Mr. Clarke had said silent then, which was not a