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## Specials for Saturday

That should be investigated by every lady looking for money-saving opportunities.

### Ladies' Leather Hand Bags at 50c

These come in full sizes, shades of black and browns, full brass frame, lined with moire sateen, fitted with small purse inside, the biggest and best bag you have ever seen at the price. On Sale for Saturday only at 50 cents. See them in the window.

69c.

Another line of Ladies' Leather Hand Bags at a very special price for Saturday only. A fine quality, full size, fitted with small purse inside, shades of black and brown, the kind you always see priced at \$1.00. Don't miss seeing these, they are special value.

### Embroidered Shirt Waist Sets at \$1.19

A special purchase of White Embroidered Shirt Waist Sets, besides the embroidered front and cuffs, there is 2 1/2 yds. of fine, sheer material for the complete waist. These are scarce goods, and we have only a limited number. While they last, they will go at \$1.19, though they are worth more money.

### White Japan Taffeta Silk at 33c.

The quality so popular for Silk Waists, Ladies' and Children's Summer Dresses, 27 inches wide, a good quality, very much under regular price. There is 300 yds. in the lot—but it won't be here long at this special price.

## CARPETS

This department is a busy one these days. The demand for choice designs and good values, for which we are noted, has brought to our show room many new faces this season, as well as many of our old friends who have been buying here for years. We have just received a large shipment of new designs in the various makes, to replace the sold-outs, so that our assortment will be found very complete. Before you purchase, do not fail to see our stock.

## THOS. STONE & SON

## THE VERY BEST LAWN MOWER MADE IN CANADA.

With five tempered steel blades and dust proof Ball Bearings is selling for

**\$9.00**

—AT—

**WESTMAN BROS.**

OTHER GOOD MOWERS, \$3.00 to \$5.00 each

BIG ASSORTMENT OF

## Refrigerators!

We have the most complete line of Refrigerators ever shown in this city, from the ordinary kind at \$6.00 up to plate glass lined, solid oak, exterior refrigerators at \$60.00.

Particularly nice is a White Granite Lined one with water cooler and tap complete.

## GEO. STEPHENS & Co.

Mason & Risch Pianos, White Sewing Machines.

## MR. PHIL. H. BOWYER, M. P. P. THE MAN FROM EAST KENT WHO ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD

Splendid Record Made by This Popular Parliamentarian Who Throughout his Whole Public Career Has Worked Solely in the Interests of the People Who Elected Him—He has Faithfully Carried out his Pre-election Pledges

On performances, rather than promises, the people have learned to judge the politicians. And it is well that this should be the case. In these days of reckless disregard of personal and public pledges it is, unfortunately, rare indeed to find a public man whose word is as good as his bond. Particularly is this laxity of fulfillment frequent in the matter of pre-election pledges. Candidates too often create cries calculated to prove popular, but backed by no conviction and intention on their part. As soon as the fight is won the promises are forgotten—they were "made to be broken."

Mr. Bowyer is fortunate in having for his member in the Legislature a man who keeps his word. During the busy and profitable session just closed Mr. Philip H. Bowyer has forged rapidly to the front in the Legislature's deliberations. He has proved himself a power in the councils of the Province. He has been in the van of all progressive and worthy movements. He has throughout stood firmly for the people's rights.

Mr. Bowyer has not been a silent or inactive representative of the people. He has spoken out strongly for their interests; he has worked unceasingly for their well. The men of East Kent—irrespective of party affiliations—have been watching the record of their representative, and they have good reason for the pride and satisfaction they feel in it.

Reviewing that record in the light of Mr. Bowyer's election card issued prior to the voting on January 25, 1905, they may well and worthily designate him, "The Man Who Keeps His Word."

In his letter to the electors at that time Mr. Bowyer made five definite promises to the people of East Kent. "Aside from opposition to Rossini," he wrote, "I appeal for support on a positive platform of my own, regardless of which party may win in the coming struggle. Let the people go over together each of these five promises—and the performance which followed it."

First: "I shall, if elected, do all in my power to give the people clean and efficient administration."

Mr. Bowyer performed: In addressing the House at the opening of the session, seconding the reply to the speech from the Throne, the member for East Kent said: "Above all things let it be the aim and sole object of the Government and of every member of this House to give the people clean and efficient administration. Let nothing be sacrificed in honesty or efficiency."

Second: "I shall fight the school book monopoly and endeavor to give to the children of the Province cheaper school books and avoid the frequent expensive and undesirable changes that are now being made."

Mr. Bowyer performed: Speaking in the House on the new Education and Public Schools Acts the member for East Kent said: "There is one cause for disapproval of what is justifiably known as the school book monopoly, nor are proposals yet forthcoming to bring about the cheapening of the price of school books and their less frequent change. Can the Minister or the Premier tell me when such an announcement may be expected?" The Minister of Education thanked Mr. Bowyer for bringing the matter

up.

Good deeds ring clear through the heavens like a bell.

The smart men of the world are those who put the shoulders of others to the wheel.

He said it would be taken into immediate consideration. Towards the close of the session Mr. Bowyer again brought the matter forward when Premier Whitney intimated that it was probable a special commission would be appointed to deal fully with the problem. Mr. Bowyer promised:

Third: "I shall oppose all land grants, subsidies and bonuses, and work that the railway, telegraph and telephone companies shall pay their fair proportion of taxes, and so lessen the burden of the farmer."

Mr. Bowyer performed: Here take the evidence of two independent papers, the Farmers' Weekly Sun and The Toronto News—the latter, by-the-way, edited by Mr. J. S. Williamson, formerly editor of the Globe and a life-long Liberal of the George Brown and Alexander McKenzie school.

The Farmers' Sun of May 9th, commenting on Hon. Col. Matheson's Railway Taxation bill, says: "Mr. Bowyer, the member for East Kent, said he was quite willing to give the Government credit for the step it was too short, for he felt sure it would not satisfy the farmers of the Province, who were looking forward to the time when the railways would pay their proper share of taxation, and when the railway taxes would be assessed upon the same basis as other properties. 'Are the farmers asking anything unreasonable?' queried the speaker. 'When we remember that the Province has granted \$14,000,000 in railway subsidies and guarantee of bonds and municipalities have given \$10,000,000 more in railway bonuses, why should \$1,000 assessment of farm property pay as much tax as \$3,000 of railroad property? Under the proposed bill it is estimated that the municipal taxes will amount to \$300,000, supplemented by the Provincial tax of \$400,000, or a total of \$700,000, which is equal to \$100 a mile for Ontario. How does this compare with the taxes in the States? In Maine in 1904 the tax was \$219 per mile, in Wisconsin \$285, Nebraska \$223 per mile, and in Minnesota \$262, while the recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States places Michigan's tax at \$400. None of these States are any richer than our Province. In Michigan subsidies and bonuses are practically unknown. It has been contended that any increase in the railroad tax would come out of the people finally, but it is well to have that myth dispelled, as with no subsidies and bonuses, and taxes are nearly four times those of Ontario, in some parts of the State they enjoy a two cent a mile rate, and freight rates are as low as \$2,800,000, and even at five mills, \$1,440,000, or double the proposed tax."

The per mile tax was unfair to the railways themselves, compelling as it did the Lake Erie & Detroit Railway, with a gross earning of \$5,000 per mile, and the Grand Trunk, with a gross earning of \$8,000 per mile, to pay the same tax as the Michigan Central, with its gross revenue of \$17,000 per mile. The basis was surely wrong.

Under the Pettipiece Commission, which has been much discussed, the proposed tax was 3 per cent. on gross earnings. If the average gross earnings were \$5,000 a mile, this would mean a tax of \$150 per mile, or over a million dollars to the Province. However, the only true basis was that of values. The 7,000 miles of road at \$40,000 per mile of assessment would total \$280,000,000. This, at ten mills, would amount to \$2,800,000, and even at five mills, \$1,440,000, or double the proposed tax.

In regard to the division of the taxes, Mr. Bowyer contended that 90 per cent. of all the railway taxes should go to the municipalities; the Province looking to the mines and forests for its revenue.

Several islands in the American waters of the St. Clair River are also said to be shown in the old chart as belonging to the Dominion Government. When Chief Sands found that Mr. White was in Cobalt, he refused to show the chart, but says he will follow up the matter.

Belle Isle is Detroit's largest park, lying in the river opposite the north end of the city and is considered one of the finest parks in the world. Several million dollars have been expended upon it since the city bought it about twenty-five years ago from the owners.

In conclusion, he said that he believed that owing to the pressure of business the Government had not given the question full consideration, and, being anxious to fulfill its pledges to the people, it had hurriedly decided to double the railway tax. The principle was wrong, and he believed the Government would see it later.

The Toronto News, of May 14th, commenting on the close of the session, said: "A remarkably radical legislator is Mr. Philip H. Bowyer. Corporations and capitalists get scant consideration from him where the general interests of the people are concerned, and his forceful attitude has repeatedly made itself felt. On the closing night of the session the member for East Kent was distinctively in the limelight. A subsidy to the Manitoulin Railway enterprise—the first and only railroad bonus of the session—was being hurriedly put through. The justice of its claims had evidently been passed upon by each side of the House, and both parties were giving it support."

Not so Mr. Bowyer. While the House sat again he rose and announced his opposition to the measure. "I recognize the special claims of this enterprise," he declared, "but I was elected and came here to represent my constituents unconditionally pledged to oppose all voting of the people's money in railway subsidies."

Mr. Bowyer promised: Fourth: "I shall stand for the people as against the corporations, trusts and combines, serving the people regardless of party."

Mr. Bowyer performed: In the municipal committee he vigorously challenged the position of Hon. Mr. Hanna to allow the Assessment Act to remain for the present as it then was. He appealed from the standpoint of the country stock-keeper against the decision of his own party leaders and the press of the whole Province took up Mr. Bowyer's protest. The result was that the Cabinet reconsidered their decision and the Assessment Act is to be amended to give further consideration to the farmer and country merchant.

Again, on May 8th, in the House, Mr. Bowyer took exception to Premier Whitney's decision not to give the power of expropriating electric railway franchises. Mr. Bowyer was, as he promised, "serving the people regardless of party," and the next day—May 9th—there fell to his lot such a tribute as rarely comes to the politician, the praise of an opposition organ. The Toronto Globe, the organ of the Liberal party, published an editorial commending Mr. Bowyer's strong stand.

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## THE LAST DAY OF THE FAIR

Those who have Not Seen Fair of Nations should be on Hand To-night

### A BALL MONDAY EVENING

Nothing succeeds like success—the proverb is an old one but it holds good, and the Fair of Nations is one of the proofs which bear witness of its accuracy. The event got away with a good start, and each succeeding night of the novel entertainment has proven a greater success than its predecessor. And no wonder. On all sides one hears nothing but words of praise relative to the attraction. Even those who are prone to be of a critical turn have to confess that the Fair is without a doubt one of the finest affairs of its kind that has ever been attempted in the Maple City.

The good ladies who have the Fair hand seem never to grow tired of well doing. They have been constantly on the go since Monday last, ever putting forth their best energies to make the event better and better as it progresses. And herein lies the secret of their success. Their laurels have been hard-won, and they are deserving of all the lavish praise which they are receiving.

There was a splendid attendance last evening again. The various booths all did a thriving business, all evening. There seems to be no let up, and the good work goes on with a vim.

The program last evening was in charge of the gentlemen, and the musical portion of it was given in the concert hall. The concert given here proved that the gentlemen are not so far behind the ladies in providing good things in the way of entertainment. Their concert last evening was all that could be desired, and the program put on last night was a good one.

Mayor W. S. Marshall presided, and Chatham's worthy First Magistrate made an excellent chairman. He made a short neat address, prefacing his remarks with a few complimentary references to the noble work in which the ladies of the Assisting Society are engaged in. He paid high tribute to the ladies in whose hands was placed the responsibility of getting up the affair. It was a big undertaking, remarked Mayor Marshall, and the triumph which the ladies were making of it was worthy of the highest praise. "When the ladies make up their minds to take an affair of this kind up," he gallantly remarked the Mayor, "you can depend on it they are bound to do it right."

The first number on the program was a duet, "Oh, That We Two Were Maying," sung by Mrs. John Cooper and Miss Florence Schwemler. Both artists were in excellent voice and the selection was rendered in most satisfactory style.

A number which was very much appreciated was a cornet solo by Professor DeCov. Professor DeCov never played to better advantage.

A duet (a) "The Rose," (b) "The River and the Sea," was rendered by Mrs. Cooper and H. D. Smith. This number evoked hearty applause.

Miss Schwemler sang the solo, "Spring," in style that commanded the admiration of all. This charming young lady is fast becoming a favorite as a vocalist in this city. The instrumental solo by Miss Bogart was another very excellent number.

"An Open Secret," a solo rendered by Miss Olive Richards, was greatly appreciated.

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appreciated. Six little maidens from the Spanish Booth were next called upon for a dance. Their number was so very good that they were called upon to repeat it, which they did with pleasing courtesy.

Miss Hope Rankin sang the solo "Genevieve" in praise-worthy style. As previously announced, to-night will be Firemen's Night at the rink, when Fire Chief Pritchard and his men will be the principal attraction. The firemen will make a record run to the rink at 7.45, and they will afterwards take part in the historical procession which will be repeated to-night. The musical program, which will be given in the concert hall, will be held under their direction. The numbers on the program were printed in this journal last evening.

The firemen have gone to considerable pains in getting up the event, and there is every indication that to-night's entertainment will be one of the most enjoyable of the whole week.



## Everybody

Likes to look well, which is both natural and proper. The careful spending of money to that end is something which appeals to everybody, too. That is our reason for the big range of Drew, Selby Shoe Co's goods carried in all widths from A. to E. This is admitted by shoe men to be one of the best makes in the United States—Oxfords or High.

**Geo. W. Cowan**  
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