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## GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

The Liberal-Conservative party of Canada stands committed, to-day, to the policy of Government ownership of the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental railway. Mr. Borden, the leader of the party, formally made the announcement in the House yesterday, and never did leader better please his following. The Conservative party has all along seen the great advantage to the country which would accrue from the ownership of the proposed railway by the Government, and have been satisfied that it was the proper thing for the Government—which had gone so far in aiding the construction of the road—to go the short distance necessary to complete ownership. It was with much pleasure that the Conservatives learned of the attitude of their leader, an attitude which will be approved of not only by the Conservatives, but by the independents, and by not a few Liberals.

In an excellent article on this subject the Toronto Mail says:

What the government is trying to do is now made plain. It proposes that Canada shall enter into partnership with the Grand Trunk railway in the building of a transcontinental road. The country is to provide from \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000 as its share of the expense, while the private partner, or corporation, is to contribute nothing beyond on a guarantee of \$15,000,000 of bonds. We find nine-tenths of the money; the other part owner owns the property. In the event of success the corporation reaps the profit. In the event of failure we bear the losses. The debate of the last eight or ten weeks has made it clear that this is the distinct purport of the bargain, and the amendments which parliament is now asked to ratify are devised especially to render this situation certain beyond question. They place all the liabilities upon the country, and turn all the prospective advantages over to the company. This condition of affairs was not, it must be said, of the Grand Trunk's seeking. The thing came about by a process of drift resulting from the weakness of the ministers and their inability to repel the elements which—as Mr. Longbrake expresses it—"camped on the trail of the Grand Trunk Pacific," early in its history with contracts and take-offs in view. Now that the folly and the injustice embedded in the scheme have been made apparent, Mr. Borden has taken his next step which is bound to commend itself to all reasonable people.

His argument is this: If we are to put \$150,000,000 into a railway and not own it, why not go the other \$15,000,000 and be the sole proprietor? If we are to build this road, why not own it? If there are profits in the enterprise, why turn them over to a company instead of applying them to the reduction of the taxes or the railway charges payable by the people? If we want a truly Canadian road connecting the east and the west, developing our own territory and serving our own ports, why pay \$150,000,000 for such a road and then present it to a company whose Atlantic outlet is at Portland, Maine? These problems can be answered in but one way. Nobody can fail to see that the party who provides the capital ought to possess that which the capital purchases, and to enjoy the profits that are to accrue. To enter into a partnership in which one party furnishes the money and is responsible for the losses, while the other has all the proprietary rights and the profits, would be an absurdity in the case of an individual; it is little less than a crime when forced upon the state.

## LET THE CHIEF RUN IT.

Toronto Globe.

Hamilton's Fire and Water committee is represented as ready to do anything that the chief of the fire brigade asks of it. It is a very commendable spirit. The city that economizes on the means of fire prevention invites ruin.

## MR. BORDEN'S STATESMANSHIP.

Toronto Mail.

By his conduct of the railway debate and by his speech of yesterday, in which he presented to the country a bold yet common-sense alternative to the government proposition, Mr. Borden has proven himself to be a leader of consummate skill, a statesman of national caliber. For many weeks he has labored to bring relief to the actual meaning of the scheme to which the Laurier administration is seeking to commit the country; and, although ministers have been unable to give explanations, his task has been successfully accomplished.

## ANNIVERSARY SALE.

Six years ago to-morrow we opened the doors of the Busy Cash Store to the buying public of Chatham city and Kent county. At that time there existed in many minds a doubt—but never in our own as to the success of a strictly Cash and One-Price Store in Chatham. We came here strangers. To-day our business friends number into the thousands. When we started we had one of the smallest stores in town. To-day we have one of the finest—if not the finest and best equipped Dry Goods Store in Western Ontario. But this store has not arrived at its present stage of usefulness by chance. There's no luck or speculation about the business; it is isn't the result of fortunate circumstances, but downright honest, hard work—work wherein your interests as consumers have been carefully studied at every corner and turn. If you don't believe all this visit the store during the next six days. We are going to celebrate this 6th Anniversary in a way that will long be remembered by the cash buyers of this city and Kent County. It will be a carnival of bargains that few cash buyers would care to miss. Every day will have its special features, and it will pay you well to keep close tab on what we are doing.

## Here's the Way we Start This Celebration Tomorrow Morning

## Ladies Waists at Almost Half Price.

Six dozen ladies' printed lawn and percale waists, fine quality, in range of choice patterns and colorings, sizes 32 to 40, regular 50c to 65c each, sale price

38c.

\$1.25 AND \$1.50 WHITE WAISTS

AT 89c—

Seven dozen ladies' fine white India lawn waists, made with all-over embroidery and insertion fronts, tucks on sleeve, back, collar and cuffs, size 32 to 40, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 waists, clearing at sale price

89c.

FIVE DOZEN LINEN BATISTE WAISTS—

Fine sheer quality, made with silk embroidered and tucked front, tucks on back and sleeves, silk embroidered tab collar, sizes 32 to 40, regular \$1.25 each, sale price

73c.

SIX DOZEN LAWN WAISTS—

Fine quality, colors sky and pink, made with all-over tucks and three-rows embroidery insertion down front, tucked sleeves and back, fancy insertion, tab collar, regular \$1.50 each, sale price

89c.

LADIES' SKIRTS—

Another lot at less than half price. Fine homespun, frieze, tweed and box cloth skirts, colors black, navy, Oxford and mixtures, made up in this season's latest styles, nicely trimmed and finished, made to sell regular at \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50 each, sale price

\$2.98.

LADIES' SKIRTS—

Beautiful styles, in fine chevots, tweeds, serges, golf cloths, coverts and box cloths, colors black, navy, and mixtures, regular \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$7.50 each, sale price

\$3.89.

LADIES' SKIRTS—

Black and navy French chevots, broadcloths and homespuns, superior qualities, latest styles, beautifully trimmed and finished, regular price \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50 and \$10.00 each, sale price

\$4.48.

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS AT LESS THAN HALF—

18 only fine tailored suits, homespuns, tweeds, chevots, coverts, etc., colors black, navy, brown, greys and mixtures, this season's best styles, made to sell regular at \$10.00 to \$20.00 each, clearing at sale price

\$6.90.

LADIES' 15c LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS FOR 8c EACH—

20 dozen ladies' fine sheer quality, pure linen handkerchiefs, with narrow hemstitched borders, regular 15c quality, clearing at sale price

8c.

5c AND 8c HANDKERCHIEFS AT 3c

10 dozen fine cambric handkerchiefs with colored borders, regular value 5c and 8c each, sale price

3c.

25c, 35c AND 50c RIBBONS AT 12 1-2c YARD—

600 yards rich pure silk taffeta liberty satin, silk, and fancy ribbons, in wide range of colors, 4 in to 7 inch wide, regular 25c, 35c, 40c, and 50c a yd, sale price

12 1-2c.

10c AND 12 1-2c EMBROIDERIES AT 7c YARD—

600 hundred yards fine Swiss embroidery and insertions, 2 to 4 inch wide, pretty designs, regular 9c, 10c and 12 1-2c yd, sale price

7c.

## 35c, 40c and 50c Belts for 25c

Crush leather and silk in white, black and colors, corded and hemstitched, silk and washable belts with pretty buckles and slides, regular 35c, 40c and 50c each, clearing at sale price

25c.

OVER 200 FANCY COLLARS AND TIES—

In all the newest styles and colors, worth up to 50c each, clearing at sale price

25c.

LADIES' FANCY COLLARS AND TIES—

Large range of new styles, and shades, regular 50c to \$1.00 each, sale price

46c.

40c, 50c AND 75c CUSHION TOPS AT 29c EACH—

8 doz fancy lithograph tops, new subjects, rich colorings, sizes 22 in square, regular 40c, 50c and 75c each, mostly the 75c quality, clearing at sale price

29c.

6 DOZEN CUSHION GIRLIES—

Heavy silky cord with tasselled ends, rich colorings, sale price each

25c.

125c PRINT WRAPPERS AT 95c—

10 dozen ladies' fine Print Wrappers, choice patterns, fast colors, lined waist, wide skirt with deep flounce, waist trimmed with ruffles and fancy braid, regular \$1.25 each, sale price

95c.

10 DOZ. LADIES' DRAWERS—

Fine, pure cambric, umbrella style, wide frill, with 2 rows hemstitched tucks; clearing at Sale Price, each

23c.

35c. AND 40c. CORSET COVERS AT 25c—

8 dozen ladies' fine Nainsook Covers, loose or fitted styles, trimmed with lace insertion, hemstitching, tucks and embroidery, regular 35c to 40c values; Sale Price

25c.

LADIES' SPRING COATS—

In plain cloth and mixtures, smart, up-to-date styles; clearing at Sale Price

25c.

Regular \$6.00 for

\$4.90.

Regular \$7.90 for

\$5.90.

Regular \$8.50 for

\$6.48.

Regular \$10.00 for

\$6.90.

\$1.50 BLACK UNDERSKIRTS AT 98c—

Rich, silky quality, black sateen, with deep flounce, trimmed with ruffles, hemstitching, briar stitching pleatings and cordings, regular \$1.25 to \$1.50; Sale Price

98c.

LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES—

In fine Lawn Percale and Print, chic styles, prettily trimmed, at each 50c to

\$1.69.

HOSIERY BARGAINS—

20 dozen Boys' Strong Rib Hose, fast black, elastic rib, in all sizes, at a pair, Sale Price,

10c.

5c DOZ. LADIES' PLAIN AND DROP STITCH HOSE—

Fine quality, fast black, full fashioned, seamless feet, double heels and toes, sizes 8 1-2, 9, 9 1-2 and 10, worth regular 15c to 20c a pair; clearing at Sale Price

12 1-2c.

## 5 doz. Ladies Lace Lisle Hose

Fine quality, Hemsdorf black dye, full fashioned, seamless feet, regular 50c a pair; Sale Price

39c.

25c. CASHMERE HOSE AT 19c. PAIR—

15 dozen fine ladies' imported Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, seamless feet, double heels and toes, sizes 8 1-2, 9 and 9 1-2, extra good value at 25c a pair; Sale Price

19c.

22c. PILLOW COTTON AT 15c YD.—

600 yards English circular pillow cotton, extra fine quality and finish, 45 inches wide, good value at 22c a yd, sale price

15c.

DRESS GOODS AT HALF PRICE—

34 pieces dress goods, including 44 inch flaked tweeds, 44 inch plain and fancy mohairs, French twills, flaked and striped lustras, serges, veilings, etc., in good range of colorings, regular 40c to 75c a yd, sale price

33c.

29 PIECES DRESS GOODS—

Rich all wool covert suitings, 56 inch black lustras, 44 inch colored lustras, 44 inch pure wool French serges and twills, 44 inch all wool satin cloths, 46 inch plain and figured mohairs, fancy tweed suitings, 56 inch all wool homespuns, etc., in wide range of spring colors, regular 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 a yd, clearing at sale price

48c.

50c to \$1 SILKS AT 33c. A YARD—

38 pieces plain and fancy silks, in taffetas, sarahs, Indias, peau de soies, bengalines, geishas, merys, etc., in large range of colors, regular 50c, 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 a yd, sale price

33c.

Lot fancy dress trimmings and drop ornaments clearing at sale price

Half Price.

MILLINERY SNAPS—

26 only beautifully trimmed hats, flowers, lace and ribbon trimming, latest styles, regular \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 each, sale price

\$2.48.

OUTING HATS—

Latest from New York, in shape, color and trimmings, worth up to \$3.00 each, sale price

\$1.89.

Worth up to \$2.00 each, sale price

98c.

LOT CHILDREN'S STRAW SAILORS

Plain and fancy straws, wide brims, fancy bands, regular 35c to 50c, sale price

25c.

CHILDREN'S HATS AND BONNETS

In lawn silk and embroidery, very pretty styles, clearing at sale price 15c, 25c, 35c and

50c.

COTTON AT 4c YARD—

One thousand yards good firm quality factory cotton, wide width, even thread, clean finish, sale price per yard

4c.

15c, 18c AND 20c WASH GOODS FOR 12 1-2c YD—

46 pcs rich wash dress materials, in linen color, lapels, white vestings, white mattings, white India lawns, white Victoria lawns, printed knickerbockers, printed brilliants, flaked zephyrs, plain chambrays, fancy dress muslins, dimities, etc., all new goods, new patterns, and fast colors, regular 15c, 18c, and 20c yd, sale price

12 1-2c.

## Black Mercerized Sateens At 12 1/2c. a yd.

Rich silky quality, full width and weight, good value at 20c a yd, sale price

12 1-2c.

35c, 40c AND 50c DRESS MUSLINS AT 25c YARD—

18 pcs, including fine French Printed Organdies, American Organdies and Dimities, fine English Dress Muslins, etc., beautiful designs and colorings, regular 35c to 50c yd, sale price

25c.

PRINTS AT 5c YARD—

600 yards fine quality print, in good range of patterns, fast dyes, regular 6c to 8c yd, sale price

5c.

15c BATTING FOR 10c A BUNCH—

500 bunches batting, large size, regular price 15c a bunch, sale price

10c.

\$2 AND \$2.50 LINEN CLOTHS AT \$1.48 EACH—

28 only fine pure linen satin finish table cloths, real grass bleach, choice patterns, sizes 2 yards square, regular \$2.00 to \$2.50 each, sale price

\$1.48.

18c LINEN TOWELS AT 12 1-2c EACH

25 dozen pure fine linen towels, fine firm quality, size 20 inch by 43 inch, fringed ends, good value at 18c each, sale price

12 1-2c.

6 DOZEN PAIRS MEN'S SOX—

Fine Egyptian cotton in fancy drop stitch patterns, best black dye, seamless feet, double heels and toes, worth 20c a pair, sale price

12 1-2c.

MEN'S REAL FRENCH BALBRIGGN UNDERWEAR—

Superior double thread quality, extra fine finish, regular \$1.50 a suit, sale price each

60c.

MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS—

Fine cambric, pure linen, cuffs and bosom, well laundered, the best white laundry shirt in Canada, at \$1.40, sale price

83c.

MEN'S ODD PANTS—

Good solid domestic tweeds, in neat patterns, well tailored, regular \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.25, sale price

\$1.38.

DECIDED CLOTHING BARGAINS—

MEN'S SUITS—

Fine domestic and imported tweeds, natty patterns, cut in latest styles, well tailored, excellent linings, perfect fitting, sizes 35 to 44 inches, regular \$7.50, \$8.50, \$9.00 and \$10.00 a suit, clearing at sale price

\$6.90.

MEN'S SUITS—

Fine imported tweeds, plain and fancy worsteds, chevots, vicunas, etc., superior quality, cut and made in latest fashion, best grade trimmings throughout, colors black, navy and natty mixtures, sizes 35 to 44 inches, regular \$12.00, \$13.50, \$14.00 and \$15.00 each, sale price

\$9.90.

BOYS' 2PC. SUITS—

In range of natty tweeds and serges, smart styles, sizes 22 to 29 inches, regular \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$3.75 each, sale price

\$2.38.

## Boys 3 Pc. Suits

Smart styles, in fine tweeds and serges, made to sell regular at \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$5.50 each, sale price

\$3.48.

BOYS' PANTS—

Good strong Halifax and fancy tweeds, made with double knees and seats, all sizes, worth 60c to 75c a pair, sale price

50c.

CARPETS, CURTAINS, ETC.—

Ten dozen window shades, good quality cloth, full size, colors green, terra cotta and cream, mounted on rollers, regular 35c each, sale price

25c.

75c. SHADES AT 48c.—

15 dozen extra quality blinds, colors green, cream and terra cotta, trimmed with deep lace or insertion, complete on rollers regular 75c, sale price

50c.

6c, 7c AND 8c ART MUSLINS 5c YARD—

500 yards fancy art muslins, go range patterns, fast dyes, regular 6c, 7c and 8c yard, sale price

5c.

20c. CURTAIN POLES AT 12 1-2c EACH—

\$1.25 VELVET CARPETS AT \$1.10 A YARD—

Rich English Velvet Carpets in beautiful designs and colorings, regular \$1.25 a yard; Sale Price

\$1.10.

90c. WOOL CARPETS AT 75c. A YARD—

6 pieces Heavy Pure Wool, 2-ply and 2 1-2-ply Carpets, full yard wide, choice reversible patterns, regular 85c and 90c yard; Sale Price

75c.

LINOLEUMS—

Heavy Scotch and English Linoleums, 4 yards wide—

Worth 60c a yard, Sale Price

Worth 75c a yard, Sale Price

60c.

Worth 90c a yard, Sale Price

75c.

10 dozen Brass Extension Curtain Poles, will extend 54 inches, with fancy colored brass ends, usually sold at 20c each; Sale Price

12 1-2c.

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Lace Curtains AT \$1.89—