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While the carpenters and painters are busy preparing the second floor, which is in future to be the home of our basement stock.

This change will affect three of our very important departments—our basement goods, wall paper and toy departments. Toys will occupy part of west side, just at head of stairs. Wall paper will be located in new quarters, over Morphy's jewelry store, and will have splendid light and more room, which are needed for this rapidly growing department. This will leave practically the whole of this well-lighted and extensive space to the display of our Dinnerware, China, Crockery, Granite, etc.

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Tuesday, Jan. 25

At 8 a. m. and Continues for Ten Days

In order to make the moving and changing of these departments just as easy as possible, we desire your co-operation, and are willing to pay $500 in cash for your part in it.

OUR PLAN IS THIS.

With every purchase of 50 cents or over at any of these departments we will give you a cash rebate. For example: On 50 cents you receive back 10 cents; on 75c cents you get 15 cents; on $1, 20 cents, etc.

This will be a good time to get in your spring order for Window Blinds, Wall Paper. If you intend to paper two or three rooms, and your bill should come to $10, we will hand you back $2 in cash, which will go a long way towards buying Window Shades, Paints, etc.

Remember This $500 Cash Offer Is for Ten Days Only and Applies to All Basement Goods, Wall Paper and Toy Department.

In connection with this liberal offer we have arranged a transfer system to be used, interchangeable from one department to another. For instance, if you only need 25c worth of goods in one department, you will have the privilege of making up 50c in either of the other two departments, and receive the 10c rebate in cash.

Measure your rooms; get out your want list; make this store your buying centre for the next ten days, and you will be pleased with the result.

Thanking you in anticipation for your co-operation in our Stock-Reducing Plan.

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HON. ADAM BECK EXPLAINS CHARGES

Waited on Water Board and Showed What Has Been Done in Wells Scheme.

TIFF WITH MR. DARCH

But in the End the Commission Agreed That All That Had Been Done Was for the Best.

At the meeting of the water commission, held on Saturday afternoon, the alterations made in the pumping station by Hon. Adam Beck were explained to the satisfaction of the commissioners, and were approved of.

Mayor Beattie and Commissioner Darch said the commissioners should have been consulted, but Mr. Beck explained that he had consulted the chairman, Mr. Jones, in every particular.

Mr. Beck was then given an opportunity to explain the changes. Two wells, Nos. 4 and 5, had been pulled, as they were in too close proximity to some of the other wells, and two others, 15 and 16, sunk. This resulted in the increase of the capacity of the field from 2,000,000 gallons to 2,500,000 gallons. Two additional wells were put down, Nos. 18 and 19, and had proved to be of excellent capacity. The object was to explore the extent of the field, and to bring the supply up to 3,000,000 gallons per day. This had been done. The additional cost of this, including piping to all the wells, and drilling was $4,253. Mr. Beck showed this capacity to be more than he contracted for, and asked the commissioners to pay the difference.

Size of the Reservoir.

Some saving had resulted from running the air and water pipes from No. 8 well directly through the City Gas Company's property, and by using the woodenpipe belonging to the commissioners, rather than steel pipe.

The size of the reservoir had been changed also. The capacity was the same, but the basin had been lengthened and broadened. It was about 5 feet shallower, which made it certain that the city would receive good work, as the foundation, if carried any deeper would be somewhat dangerous. An auxiliary reservoir had been added also, to enable the pumps to be used, while the big reservoir was being cleaned or repairs were being made.

The pumping building had been increased in length 6½ feet. This was done to furnish more room for the Syncronous motors that were likely to be used for furnishing power, which were larger than the motors originally intended.

Building Improved.

A number of improvements had been made in the building also. The terra cotta construction work had been omitted at the request of Mr. Jones. Stone facings had been put on rather than cement. Steel beams had been substituted for cement beams intended to be used and other changes were made. This had increased the cost some $2,000.

Turbine pumps would be used instead of the triplex pumps specified. These pumps were better in the opinion of Engineer Moore.

It had been impossible to get prices when tenders were first called for, but they were in hand now, and had been accepted. The gas engine capacity had been increased 25 per cent to give an additional margin of safety over that originally contemplated. The crane had been increased from 5 tons to 7 tons. Al' this had added to the original cost.

Cost the Same.

This work could be done for the original tender, $98,700, with the exception of the drilling and equipment of the two new wells, Nos. 18 and 19, by which the water supply was greatly increased. This would mean an additional cost of $4,253. It was money well spent, for which the city would receive plenty of water to meet all emergencies.

Mr. Beck advised the use of the Synchronous motors. They were invaluable for power factor correction, and would save the city a very great deal of money annually. The additional cost of these motors would be $5,380, and should be charged to the electrical department, as they would receive the benefit of the saving in power load.

"I have made these explanations because a wrong impression has been given out by the chairman of the last board," said Mr. Beck. "I thought it better to lay before the new board exactly what has been done. I consulted Mr. Jones in the changes contemplated and I understood he had given his approval. What I have done has been with the object of increasing the efficiency of the plant. I want you to know what has been going on."

Consulted the Chairman.

"What I gleaned from the chairman's remarks was that the changes had been made without anybody being consulted," said Mr. Darch. "The board was never consulted, and I never knew what was going on."

"I consulted the chairman," said Mr. Beck. "It is not my fault if he did not bring the matter before you."

Mr. P. W. Sothmann, chief engineer of the hydro-electric commission, explained the use of the Synchronous motor, and the advantages to be derived from it. The explanation was somewhat technical, but the facts were that the motors corrected the peak load, and would save the city from paying for more power than used regularly. If four motors were installed, as was the intention, the city would at least save 220 horsepower per annum, which at $23 50 per horsepower, would mean a saving of $7,520 per annum to the city. The annual charges, etc., against the additional cost would be $650.

"This is figured on a 3,000 horsepower basis," said Mr. Sothmann, "I unhesitatingly recommend the change from the motor intended to the Synchronous motor."

The Increase in Cost.

"The only increase over the original cost specified, $98,700, is for the two new wells," asked Mr. Pocock of Mr. Beck. "I clearly see that the extra charge for the new motors should be charged up to the electrical department, as they will be saved the cost of much power by the use of the new motors."

"That is it exactly," answered Mr. Beck. "We guarantee to come within our contract price, with the exception of the cost of the two extra wells, amounting to $4,253, and the motors involving an extra cost of $5,380."

"It is unfortunate that the changes were made without the consent of the board," said Mayor Beattie. "The chairman had no authority to allow the changes to be made. I would like to know if our engineer is satisfied."

"I do not think anything done will be detrimental to the scheme," said Mr. Moore. "The reservoir will be stronger."

"There is no argument whatever as to the wells," said Mr. Pocock. "They are a great benefit. As for the changes, I think they are minor, and are better for the scheme."

Mr. Darch's Position.

"Every change should come before this board," said Commissioner Darch. "Others may come up in the future, and they should be brought to our attention. I do not object particularly to the changes, but we should have been consulted."

"In view of the engineer's opinion, I think we should advise that the changes be ratified," said Mayor Beattie. "It is understood, however, that future changes should come before us before being accomplished."

"What I understand about this is that you lay the changes before us and ask for our approval," asked Commissioner Darch.

"I do not ask you to approve of them," shot back Mr. Beck. "I am just telling you of the changes made, for the information of the board. I am willing to take my chances when the work is finished. It is immaterial to me whether you approve or not."

Mayor Beattie thought that in future all matters of this sort should be placed before the board.

"That is easy enough," said Mr. Beck. "Let the board attend to it, and not as last year leave the whole business with the chairman. I am satisfied."

Will Pay for Extras.

Mr. Pocock moved that the money for the two new wells and the piping necessary be paid to Mr. Beck. It carried without comment.

He also moved that synchronous motors be installed instead of the induction motors intended, at a cost not to exceed $5,380. This was also carried.

This will increase the cost of the whole work, pumping station and power house, from $113,300 to $122,900.

Skin Diseases.

Under this name such troubles as Salt Rheum, Eczema, Erysipelas, Tetter, Shingles, Psoriasis, Scurf, Itching Rashes, Eruptions, Boils, Pimples, etc., are included. Skin diseases, as a rule, are not dangerous, but are unsightly, irritating and often terribly annoying to the sufferer; they depend mainly on bad blood, from one cause or another, for if the blood is pure and the circulation good no skin disease can exist, except it arise from lack of proper cleanliness or from contagion.

To get rid of skin diseases it is necessary to observe strictly all the laws of health; maintain regular action of the bowels; avoid high living, eating only plain nourishing food. Cleanse and keep the blood pure by taking Burdock Blood Bitters, which unlocks all the secretions, and makes new rich blood by acting on the entire system.

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Mrs. E. M. Myers, East Jeddore, N.S., writes:—"I don't think there is anyone in this Dominion can recommend Burdock Blood Bitters more than I can. I suffered terribly with Salt Rheum for six years, and did everything for it without relief. For curiosity sake I bought six bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters, and it completely cured me. I would advise others to use it."

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UNREPENTANT CONSTANCE

Suffragette When Liberated Promptly Had Herself Rearrested.

Liverpool, Jan. 23.—Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton, who has served a week, of a two-week sentence, in Walton jail, under the name of Jane Warton, for smashing the jail windows, was liberated today.

Lady Constance was liberated a week in advance of her term on orders from the home secretary. She is in an exhausted condition. It is said she has been forcibly fed since Jan. 18.

Recently Lady Constance was sent to Newcastle Prison, and released and set about to force the authorities to imprison her for the purpose of proving her assertion that Home Secretary Gladstone's recent action in releasing her from Newcastle jail on the official ground that she had a weak heart was really on account of her social position and the agitation which was excited by the forcible feeding of the prisoners who refused to take food.

It is said that she starved herself again and was submitting to forcible feeding to prove that Mr. Gladstone's statement with reference to her "weak heart" was what she called it, "simply Liberal snobbishness."

Lady Lytton came to Liverpool on Jan. 14. She proceeded deliberately to smash the jail windows with stones. When arrested she gave the name of Jane Warton, and said she broke the windows as a protest against certain of the jail regulations.

Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg may claim this unique distinction, that he is the first German chancellor to wear a beard.

IN A SHADOW

Inveterate Tea Drinker Feared Paralysis.

Steady use of either tea or coffee often produces alarming symptoms as the poison (caffeine) contained in these beverages acts with more potency in some persons than in others.

"I was never a coffee drinker," writes an Illinois woman, "but a tea drinker. I was very nervous, had frequent spells of sick headache and heart trouble, and was subject at times to severe attacks of bilious colic.

"No end of sleepless nights—would have spells at night when my right side would get numb and tingle like a thousand needles were pricking my flesh. At times I could hardly put my tongue out of my mouth and my right eye and ear were affected.

"The doctors told me I was liable to become paralyzed at any time, so I was in constant dread. I took medicine of various doctors and no end of patent medicine—all to no good.

"The doctors told me to quit using tea, but I thought I could not live without it—that it was my only stay, I had been a tea drinker for twenty-five years; was under the doctor's care for fifteen.

"About six months ago, I finally quit tea and commenced to drink Postum.

"I have never had one spell of sick-headache since and only one light attack of bilious colic. Have quit having those numb spells at night, sleep well and my heart is getting stronger all the time."

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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2 pieces 19-inch Shepherd Check Silks, in large and medium size, soft finish. Yard..**75c**

2 pieces 21-inch Shepherd Check Taffeta Silk ("Skinner's make"), guaranteed, in two patterns, very fine pin checks, neat and stylish, for waists or dresses. Yard..**$1.25**

BLACK RAW or SHANTUNG SILK, very firm weave, will not slip, rich in color and fast dye, 34 inches wide. Price yard..... **$1.00**

CHINESE COREAN PONGEE SILKS, white only; these will be popular for summer waists and dresses; two widths, 27 and 36 inch. Prices yard..**75c** and **$1.00**

REAR FIRST AISLE, WEST OF MAIN.

You Can Have Your Spring Supply of Flannelette Now at Old Prices

Not a single advance in price on any line of Flannelette in our present stock, and wise buyers are laying in heavy supplies in anticipation of higher prices, owing to the advanced prices in raw cottons. But we are prepared with heavy stocks and our customers will be protected as long as they last, but our advice is to buy now for next season.

Plain White, Pink and Blue English Flannelettes, 32-inch, at yard (old prices)..... **10c, 12½c** and **15c**

Plain White, Pink and Blue English Flannelettes, heavy, 36-inch, at yard (old prices).. **20c** and **25c**

Striped Pink, Gray, Blue and Fawn English Flannelettes, 32-inch, at yard (old prices) **12½c** and **15c**

Striped Pink, Gray, Blue and Fawn English Flannelettes, 36-inch, at yard (old prices) **12½c, 15c, 20c** and **25c**

ENGLISH "VIYELLA" FLANNELS, for men's shirts, nightshirts and pyjamas, unshrinkable, in neat stripes, 32 inches wide, at per yard **60c**

UNSHRINKABLE CREAM FLANNELS, for children's and infants' undergarments. French makes, always soft and nice after washing, 32-inch width, at yard..... **45c, 55c** and **65c**

42-inch width at, yard..... **85c**

Also with silk-embroidered scalloped edges, at yard ..... **75c** and **$1.00**

Hemstitched and silk embroidered, at yard..... **75c, 85c, 95c** and **$1.00**

CREAM UNION FLANNELS, unshrinkable, 27-inch, at yard..... **25c** and **35c**

CREAM UNION FLANNELS, unshrinkable, 36-inch, at yard **45c**

FLANNELETTES—NORTH OF WEST SIDE ELEVATORS.

IN THE RESTAURANT

11:30 to 2
Full Course, 35c.

Tuesday Dinner

Menu

SOUPS.
Beef Bouillon. Cream of Tomato.
RELISH.
Sweet Pickles.
ENTREE.
Broiled Sirloin Steak.
Bordelaise Sauce.
JOINTS.
Roast Sirloin of Beef au Jus.
Roast Fillet of Veal, with Dressing.
VEGETABLES.
Mashed and Boiled Potatoes.
Stewed Tomatoes.
DESSERT.
English Plum Pudding.
Sweet Sauce.
Apple Pie. Strawberry Pie.
Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Milk.
Fourth Floor—Take Elevator.

A January Clearance Brings $1.25 Ladies' Umbrellas to 85c

A stock lot from a manufacturer. They are covered with good quality union taffeta, small roll, steel rods, with bulb runners, a great assortment of handles in horn, pearl, natural wood crooks and celluloid, with gilt and silver trimmings. These Umbrellas are far from what you would expect to see at such a price; they have the finish and appearance of goods much higher in price than even $1.25 and are Umbrellas that you can take with you any place. While they last, each..... **85c**

Also a few Men's Umbrellas to clear at the same price.

EAST SIDE—MAIN ENTRANCE.

Demonstration of Jell-O Preparations

Will be continued all this week opposite east side elevators. Stop and sample these tempting dishes—Jell-O, Jell-O Ice Cream and Jell-O Pudding. Ask demonstrator about their preparation. Genesee Pure Food Company.

Half-Price Sale of Ladies' and Children's Imported Winter Coats Continued Today and This Week

The Standard "Favorite" Sewing Machine **$16.50**

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The "Norwood" Sewing Machine **$23.75**

SUPT. PYEATT WON'T DISCUSS P. M. LEASE

If Railway Is Electrified His Company May Ask Running Right Over It.

Superintendent Pyeatt, of the Pere Marquette, Detroit, was in the city for a couple of days this week.

"Everything is going ahead most satisfactorily," he stated to The Advertiser. "Our only trouble is want of room for unloading cars and the like. We certainly need another switch, and it would assist us a very great deal if the council would see fit to grant our request for a siding on Bathurst street. We have need of that."

He would not discuss the lease extension question, but the impression prevailed that the whole deal was off so far as the Pere Marquette are concerned. They would not apply for an extension this year, perhaps not for some time to come.

Electrify the Road.

If the city decides to electrify the road, it is understood they will apply for running rights over it.

In case this is refused, the company will, it is said, divert their freight by way of the Rondeau to Sarnia, and then to other roads.

In the meantime nothing has been done toward electrifying this line. Hon. Adam Beck has not yet been approached for information regarding the cost of this operation, and it was definitely stated today that the council would not be furnished with the data in his possession.

News comes from Vienna of a new idea at weddings, the wearing of a wreath of roses by the mother of the bride.

BIG TRADE INCREASE

Exports and Imports for Dominion Both Show Great Gains.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Canada's trade for December shows a record increase of over 40 per cent as compared with the preceding December. There was an increase of no less than $15,563,386 in exports of domestic products and of $8,598,262 in imports. The total trade for the month was $72,527,465, an increase of $21,250,534. The total exports of domestic products were $38,066,086, and imports totalled $30,774,900. Of the increase in exports about $9,000,000 is credited to agriculture, reflecting the results of the record harvest of last year. In every line of exports an increase is shown.

For nine months of the fiscal year the total trade has been $512,486,678, a comparative increase of $83,288,506. The imports totalled $267,041,935, an increase of $58,391,762. The exports of domestic products totalled $221,116,813, an increase of $26,533,626. During the nine months agricultural exports increased by $23,000,000, and exports of the forest by $7,000,000.

The customs revenue for the month of December totalled $5,077,580, an increase of $1,207,234. For the nine months the customs revenue totalled $44,086,056, an increase of $9,417,303.

NAPS TO TRAIN 34 PLAYERS.

Cleveland, Jan. 23.—The Cleveland American League tonight announced that 34 men, besides Manager James McGuire, will be taken on the team's southern training trip. This leaves eight men to be disposed of, including Pitchers "Dusty" Rhoades and Sitton. Twenty-three of the men will report at Alexandria, La., on Feb. 21 to begin training, the others arriving there on March 3. Pitchers Joss and Young, and Infielder Bradley will be sent to Hot Springs on Feb. 15.

DON'T COUGH!

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JAP SPIES ALONG SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Preparations Are Being Made by Both Sides for New War in Asia.

Berlin, Jan. 22.—The Russian Government has found fit to deny the statements that there is anything but friendly feeling between Russia and Japan. The Japanese Government has also contradicted the rumors on that point. So that now people are more than ever convinced that there is no smoke without fire.

For some time travellers across the Siberian railway have brought back tales of military preparations on both sides. Vladivostok is reported to be swarming with Japanese spies, and the whole length of the railway dotted with agents of the Japanese general staff. The Russians, on their side, are also said to be actively engaged in overhauling their naval and military defences at Vladivostok.

The feeling in Russia against Japan has received fresh impetus from the circulation of a brochure which seeks to prove that the late Japanese military attache in St. Petersburg aided with large sums of money the revolutionary outbreak which sapped the hearts' blood of Russia during the struggle with Japan.

DEATH OF A. F. WOOD

Ex-Member of Government and Man of Affairs Dead at Madoc.

Madoc, Jan. 23.—A. F. Wood, at one time one of the most prominent men of Central Ontario, died here last night. He was 82 years of age, but up to his last illness, commencing about two weeks ago, he had retained all his faculties, and was as active in his interest in the public affairs. Mr. Wood was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., and came to Madoc about 60 years ago. He represented North Hastings in the Ontario Legislature for three terms.

Mr. Wood was also for twelve years Dominion lands commissioner, and was the father of county gravel roads in Hastings County. A brother, Hon. S. C. Wood, was for many years provincial treasurer in the Mowat Government.

SMALLPOX FRIGHTENS

Yet Statistics Easily Show That More People Suffer and Die From Ordinary Kidney Disease in Three Months Than Die by Smallpox in a Year.

Mentions Fine Prescription to Prevent and Cure Kidney and Bladder Disorders.

The appalling number of people who neglect the slight signs of kidney derangement is responsible for the high death rate of this class of mankind. A little attention, at the very first symptoms, would tend to greatly lessen the fatal maladies. No organ in the body keeps such faithful records of health or ill-health, as the kidneys and bladder. A cramp-like pain in the back, a burning, dragging pain in the spine, or early morning weariness are signals from disordered kidneys. Frequent (especially at night) burning, smarting, profuse or scanty urination, and dull pain in the bladder region, puffed eyes, swollen ankles, weakness and lethargy all should be taken as signals of distress to be answered promptly. Nature needs assistance, and a few of nature's properly-blended drugs make sick kidneys and bladder quickly recover. This is superior and harmless, too: Fluid extract buchu, 1ounce; compound fluid balmwort, 1 ounce, and syrup sarsaparilla compound, 4 ounces. Mix, shake well and take a teaspoonful before or after meals, and one when retiring, and very soon all symptoms vanish and health again reigns.

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PIRATES SELL PATTERSON.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 23.—Hamilton Patterson, the first baseman secured by Barney Dreyfuss from the St. Louis American League team late last summer, was sold yesterday to the Chattanooga team, of the Southern League. Patterson never donned a Pittsburg uniform, and was taken on a waiver price from St. Louis, so the local team would be fortified in case a deal for other players fell through. The acquisition of Jack Flynn resulted in disposing of Patterson.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE CHILD, SOFTENS THE GUMS, ALLAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold all over the world.

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