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Made with deep flounce of open pattern embroidery, finished with extra dust ruffle, lengths 38 to 40. February Sale price .....98¢

WOMEN'S CAMBRIC UNDERSKIRTS

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ANOTHER LOT OF YARD-WIDE SHOT DUCHESS PAILLETTES,

In shades of blue and cerise, green and black, sky and gold, navy and black, green and brown. Regular $1.35 value. Clearing sale price... ..... 98¢

10 DOZEN WOMEN'S CAMBRIC NIGHTGOWNS

In slipover style, with lace-trimmed yoke and sleeve, sizes 54 to 60. February Sale price ..... 49¢

$1.00 CAMBRIC NIGHT GOWNS,

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NAVY BUILDING RACE MAY BE CALLED OFF

Germany Reported Willing to Accept Britain's 60 Per Cent. Superiority.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Feb. 10. — A cable to the Tribune from London says:

The declaration by Admiral Von Tirpitz that Germany would accept the British claim to a 60 per cent superiority in naval power has aroused intense interest throughout Europe, an interest which has risen to excitement in France.

German Nationalists declare that a margin of 60 per cent can be accepted only if the warships which are being built by the British dominions and colonies are included.

The opinion is general in France that Germany intends, by attempting to come to an agreement with Great Britain, to release the money now being spent on shipbuilding for the strengthening of the army and the aerial fleet, to the danger of the French Republic.

ROBBED C. P. R. CAR

Switchman Was Given Eighteen Months for Petty Pilfering.

[Canadian Press.]

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 10.—For stealing silverware worth $169 from a freight car in the train on which he was working, J. H. Johnson, a switchman in the employ of the C. P. R., was sentenced here to eighteen months' imprisonment. He was traced through his efforts to dispose of the goods to a local pawn broker.

The prosecution was part of a campaign being instituted by the C. P. R. to rid themselves of the pilfering nuisance.

INSTANTLY KILLED

Former Toronto Dentist Struck By Car at Vancouver.

[Canadian Press.]

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 10. — While walking along the interurban car tracks at Earles Roades and Collingwood West Sunday night, Dr. Walter Sleeth, dentist, of Toronto, was instantly killed by an eastbound car. His injuries were of a shocking character, and identification was effected with the greatest difficulty. The mother of deceased lives at 355 Mather street, Toronto. An inquest will be held.

MOVING PICTURE CONVENTION.

[Canadian Press.]

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 10.—A convention of the Saskatchewan Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association will be held here next Sunday. This is said to be the first convention of moving picture proprietors ever held in Canada. Moving picture proprietors of Alberta and Manitoba have been invited to attend, and a permanent organization will be formed.

The Dominion Savings and Investment Society

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LIBERALS WANT AN ELECTION

Ottawa Free Press Says That Navy Fight Will Go On in the House.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The Ottawa Free Press, Liberal, publishes this significant editorial:

"Although there is a possibility that the first division on the Borden Government's naval policy will be taken in the House of Commons some time this week, probably Thursday, this does not mean that there will be any let up by the Liberal Opposition in the fight against the Government's proposals and for the substitution of a policy of a navy owned, built, controlled and manned by Canadians.

"There has been no caucus of the Liberal members of the House, but there has never been any doubt about their firm attitude on this question.

Must Have People's Say on It.

"Believing that the Borden policy of direct contributions of cash to the British Admiralty is most unwise, both from the imperial and Canadian standpoint, the Liberal party will exhaust every method to force the Government to the country for a mandate at a general election.

"The announced policy of the Conservatives to take no further part in the debate will not affect the conduct of the Liberals.

A Campaign of Education.

"The fact that the naval question as it stands before Parliament is in the shape of both a resolution and a bill, will permit of almost endless debate. At every stage of each, a member can speak to the subject, and the likelihood is that the Liberals will take full advantage of that privilege.

"With practically no exceptions, the Liberals report that in their constituencies there is the strongest kind of objection to a policy of direct contributions, and they are enthusiastically determined to fight it to the bitter end. Whether that fight also takes the form of holding up supply remains to be seen."

RUSH FOR ROOMS

Victoria Hospital Is Greatly Crowded at the Present Time.

Miss Stanley, the lady superintendent at Victoria Hospital, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that there is an unusual rush for accommodation at the hospital at the present time. Owing to the improvements that are being made, the hospital is not able to take care of nearly all those who wish to come in, and many applications for rooms are being dealt with only as the rooms become vacant. Some people, it is stated, have had applications in for several weeks.

There are at the present time five cases of scarlet fever in Victoria and a number of cases of pneumonia.

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CHAIRMAN POCOCK TO ALD. RICHTER

Replies to Financial Statement Presented by Alderman to Council.

ANOTHER SET OF FIGURES

Mr. Pocock Combats Mr. Richter's Analysis of Waterworks Finances —Claims Large Surpluses.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I request the privilege of your columns to reply to the statement of figures on the waterworks department presented by Ald. Richter to the city council at its last meeting, and published in your issue of the 5th inst.

In the first place he selects arbitrarily two items of expense, i.e., "salaries and general" (or unclassified) expense, and compares them with receipts from consumers. Referring to the year 1912, he erroneously takes the item called "office and general expense" in our condensed business statement as being identical with the items "general expense" and "salaries" as given in the detailed statement appearing in the yearly reports. As a matter of fact the sum of $12,017.88, includes insurance, printing and advertising, stationery and postage, and utility equipment accounts, which are not covered by the term "general expense" in the preceding years. On the other hand inspectors' salaries now carried by workshop account should be added to give the total of salaries. The general expense for 1912 also includes office rent paid to the city never previously charged, and extraordinary expenditure in connection with the re-arranging and re-constructing the office owing to the sale of the city hall to the Royal Bank. As compared with other years the items general expense and office salaries actually amount to $10,-867.59, which is 9.2 per cent of the revenue from consumers, or only .7 per cent more than in 1908. This increase of general expense and office salaries will be readily understood if the high rate of wages in the past few years is taken into consideration together with the fact that whereas up till 1909 only 360 meters were installed there are to date 1,660 in use, which entail a great deal of extra expense.

For 1908, Ald. Richter takes the net surplus as $31,408.37, whereas this includes the sum of $4,846.49, which was the unexpended balance of certain appropriations made in previous years, and which should surely not be treated as revenue in making comparisons. If we apply Ald. Richter's method of figuring to the year 1907 we find that while the water rates for consumers were $92,428.63, the general expense and salaries amounted to $12,691.00 for that year, or to 13.7 per cent of receipts from consumers' rates!

But it must appeal to the sense of any fair-minded person that it is entirely fallacious to try to arrive at conclusions concerning any business from two items of expense alone; total receipts and total expenditures, are the only true basis of comparison. I attach a statement from which you will gather that the ratio of receipts and expenditures is practically a constant since 1908, in spite of the fact that we are now operating two pumping stations instead of one.

The cost of operating Horton street station for 1912 was $14,422.08. The demand on the station was only 1,000,-000 gallons per day, although the wells could yield two and a half times that amount, while the capacity of the plant is 6,000,000 gallons per day. If the springs at Springbank would yield 1,000,000 gallons more per day than they actually do, this additional amount could be pumped from there without-out further expense for power and attendance; but this water cannot be procured at Springbank, and so the commissioners must carry the extra expense of $14,400 for the Horton street station, and, in addition, the fixed charges thereon, amounting to nearly $6,800 per annum. It is hardly necessary to mention in this connection that the station has been the means of saving the citizens over $100,000 in insurance per annum, and will be the means of a further reduction of 10 per cent. of the rates in the near future.

I also wish to call attention to the department doing all its construction work by day labor for the past two years; a large part of the equipment and tools required for the installation of machinery and of large and small water mains has been paid for out of revenue, as well as the cost of superintendence. As compared with contract prices the department has effected a saving on construction due to this policy of at least $6,000. The construction of large mains in order to distribute the high pressure available from the new Horton street station, has entailed a capital expenditure during the last three years of $63,364.72, the fixed charges on which now amount to $4,-000 per annum. To sum up, as compared with the years before the advent of hydro and the construction of the Horton street station, the commissioners now must bear extraordinary expense as follows:

Horton street station operating and maintenance	$14,400 00
Fixed charges on this station	6,800 00
Fixed charges on large main extension	4,000 00
	$25,200 00

It should thus be clear to any unprejudiced person that to show increasing net surpluses under the conditions outlined above must mean very careful and efficient operation.

It is one of Ald. Richter's favorite contentions that every city department should stand on its own feet; why then does he not give credit in his statement for service rendered the city by the waterworks department in the up-keep of hydrants and other machinery for fire-fighting purposes, as well as for water furnished for street watering and public buildings? Moreover, the steam engine equipment and the boilers at Springbank, as well as the gas engine driven compressor and pump at Horton street are maintained solely for fire-fighting purposes.

The charge for street watering in the past year was 1.7c per foot of street, whereas the city resells this to the ratepayers at 8 cents per lineal foot. Hydrants are charged at only $15 each, while the charges in other cities are as follows:

St. Thomas	$25 00
Chatham	30 00
Brantford	40 00
Toronto	30 00
St. Catharines	20 00
Stratford (for the first 80 hydrants)	40 00
Stratford (balance)	30 00
Woodstock	39 00

Coming to the surpluses of the department, Mr. Richter wipes these out by most remarkable methods. While he considers the $10,000 depreciation on construction account should be charged to revenue, he gives no credit whatever for the amounts paid on capital accounts out of revenue. Also, in deducting the interest from the surplus, he includes with it the sinking fund, set aside from year to year for the redemption of the debenture debt, in fact, treats it as an expense.

I wish to thank you for giving me this opportunity of presenting in your valued paper a true statement of the affairs of the waterworks department. At the same time I cannot but regret that such a garbled account should have been presented by Ald. Richter, the only effect of which must be to depreciate a valuable asset of the city and to work harm to the best interests of the people. Yours truly,

PHILIP POCOCK.

1908.

Total revenue, per auditors' report	$109,478 59
Less an amount unexpended from previous year (see report)	4,846 49
Actual revenue for 1908	$104,632 10
Total expense, per auditors' report	41,123 15
Gross surplus	$ 63,508 95
Less interest charges	22,806 26
Net surplus revenue	$ 40,702 69
Add amount deducted above	4,846 49
	$ 45,549 18
DISTRIBUTED.	
Applied to sinking fund	$ 6,745 19
Capital expenditure from revenue	6,549 38
Transferred to city	32,354 61
	$45,549 18

Operating expenses, 39 3-10 per cent of revenue.

1909.

Total revenue, as per auditors' report	$110,401 89
Total expense, as per auditors' report	51,166 46
Total gross surplus	$ 59,235 43
Less interest	23,990 00
Net surplus revenue	$ 35,245 43
DISTRIBUTED.	
Applied to sinking fund	$ 9,277 03
Capital expenditure from revenue	9,487 58
Transferred to city	16,480 82
	$35,245 43

Operating expense, 46 3-5 per cent of revenue.

1910.

Total revenue, as per auditors' report	$122,383 17
Total expense, as per auditors' report	52,377 99
Total gross surplus	$ 70,005 18
Less interest	26,363 89
Net surplus revenue	$ 43,641 29
DISTRIBUTED.	
Applied to sinking fund	$ 9,586 95
Capital expenditure from revenue	7,590 67
Transferred to city	26,463 67
	$43,641 29

Operating expense, 42.8 per cent of revenue.

1911.

Total revenue, as per auditors' report	$129,550 92
Total expense, as per auditors' report	51,565 40
Total gross surplus	$ 77,985 52
Less interest	29,693 17
Net surplus	$ 48,292 35
DISTRIBUTED.	
Applied to sinking fund	$10,691 12
Capital expenditure from revenue	12,416 26
Transferred to city	25,184 97
	$48,292 35

Operating expense, 39.8 per cent of revenue.

1912.

Total revenue, as per auditors' report	$132,802 96
Total expense, as per auditors' report	55,811 79
Total gross surplus	$ 76,991 17
Less interest	31,510 61
Net surplus	$ 45,480 56
DISTRIBUTED.	
Applied to sinking fund	$11,872 77
Capital expenditure from revenue	8,093 41
Transferred to city	25,514 38
	$45,480 56

Operating expense, 42 per cent of revenue.

Statement showing accrued profit to City of London on the operation of the waterworks from 1884 to Nov. 30, 1912.

Total amount of debentures issued for waterworks purposes to date	$1,073,578 94
Capital expenditure from revenue from date	178,312 57
Total capital expenditure	$1,251,891 51
Less written off for depreciation and displacement	140,360 00
	$1,111,531 51
Deduct amount of present debenture debt	$801,575 17
Less sinking fund on hand	68,092 47
	733,482 70
Balance being total paid on debt from revenue	$ 378,048 81
All total net surpluses transferred to the city after providing interest and sinking fund from 1890 to 1912	$499,255 58
Less deficits from 1884 to 1889	89,651 49
	$409,604 09
Net transferred to city	409,604 09
Total profit to date	$787,652 90

THIRTY PICTURE SHOWS CLOSED BY POLICE

The Fire Regulations Were Not Being Properly Observed by Proprietors.

[Canadian Press.]

New Rork, Feb. 10—The fire-scare in an East Side moving picture theatre a week ago when two women were trampled to death and a dozen persons badly injured, resulted in the dispatch of a squad of inspectors from fire headquarters last night. The men visited thirty East Side shows. The proprietors of three places were arrested on the charge of violating the fire regulations, and their places were closed. It is proposed to pursue the inspection of moving picture houses with renewed zeal until it has been assured that all of the 800 theatres of that kind in the city are complying in every detail with the law.

Dead General's Son Committed Suicide

[Canadian Press.]

Mexico, Feb. 10.—The killing of Gen. Bernardo Reyes, former minister of war, in yesterday's fighting had a tragic sequence in the suicide of his son Rodolfe. He shot himself through the heart because of grief over his father's death. Young Reyes was a well-known attorney, and was once counsel for Felix Diaz.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF FIERY METEORS

The Skies Were Illuminated by a Score of Ethereal Tramps Last Evening.

PHENOMENON STRIKING

Some of the Meteors Were Very Large, While Others Were Not So Great in Extent—Many See Them.

A wonderful display of metors in the sky last night about 9 o'clock thrilled a large number of citizens who were fortunate enough to be on the streets at the time. It was a most thrilling exhibition, and created a profound impression on the eye witnesses.

The meteors came from the northwest and proceeded to all appearances in a leisurely manner towards the southeast.

The first was large in size, with a brilliant tail of light. It seemed to be but a few feet above the earth. Many approximated it at 100 feet, but distances at night are none too reliable, and the meteors were probably many thousands of feet distant.

Follow the Leader.

As the first meteor sped across the sky the vague outlines of a man's figure could be seen. This was not the vivid imagination of some supersensitive person, but several people who saw the display from various quarters in the city declared this to be the case. On some superstitious people it had rather a depressing effect, as they immediately began to conjure up terrible things to happen in this sinful old world.

Following the leader there were a large number of them. One series was first seen as a large ball. When close at hand it spread out, forming innumerable little meteors leisurely crossing the blue sky. There were other bunches of these wandering stars, and for a period of several minutes they held the watchers spellbound.

The appearance of meteors is not unusual, but the brilliancy of the display last evening is rather unusual, few of the eye witnesses having had the privilege of seeing anything like it prior to this time.

Phenomenon Not Unusual.

Prof. Dearness also explained that the phenomenon was not unusual, although the display may have been unusually brilliant. The earth in its progress passes rapidly through pockets of gas, which are ignited by the friction, and ignite, causing a vivid illumination. This process is going on continually, although it is impossible to see many of the meteors.

It was reported that some of the meteors had struck the earth, causing a loud report, but this is not borne out by a majority of those who were privileged to see the display. The orbs were headed towards the southeast when last seen, and showed no disposition whatever to drop in London or anywhere near it.

The number could not be approximated, but there were over a score of them. The largest was greater in size than the celebrated Halley's comet, of which so much was written a few years ago.

Composition of Meteors.

The average meteor, or meteorite, as it may be called, is simply a mass of iron or nickel and rarely of stone composition. Like an infinite number of other solid substances in space it is forced in a swift motion by magnetic attractions. The meteors seen last night were very probably pure iron. Owing to their rapid movement they would take on a spherical shape. Attracted magnetically to the earth's surface they would come at an angle determined by their own and the earth's speed of motion. While in space they were extremely cold, their temperature being about the same as that of the ether, namely, about 200 or 300 degrees below zero. Descending to the zone of the atmosphere, which commences about 100 miles above the earth, they suddenly ignited, due to the friction of the air, and, of ocurse, became at once visible as glowing bodies to the people on London's streets. As they were travelling at from 30 to 50 miles per second they must have struck the earth a moment or so after having been seen.

It will be remembered that about seven years ago a meteor of iron weighing six pounds lighted near a house in the vicinity of Shelburne, Ont. It had imbedded itself several feet in the earth.

The meteors that fly through space vary in size from a cubic millimetre, or very tiny pea to bodies weighing many tons. Those that are consumed in the atmosphere fall to the earth's surface as dust. In the Arctic circle, where they have perpetual snow, meteoric dust is commonly seen.

FIREMAN WAS KILLED.

[Canadian Press.]

Winnipeg, Feb. 10. — John Owens, fireman, of Winnipeg, lost his life when a Canadian Pacific train was derailed near Marquette Saturday. Owens saw an accident was imminent and attempting to jump was caught between the tender, and the locomotive and crushed. An inquest will be held.

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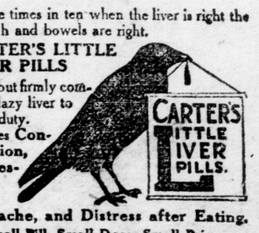

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Give a teaspoonful of Syrup of Figs, and in a few hours the foul, decaying constipated matter, undigested food and sour bile will gently move on and out of its little bowels without nausea, griping or weakness, and you will surely have a well and smiling child shortly.

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FORCED TO QUIT WORK BY RETURN OF ILLNESS

Heart Trouble Compels Rev. Dr. Troy to Leave London for a Time.

Rev. Dr. Troy, of New York, who for some weeks past has been conducting evangelistic services in this city, was obliged to return to New York this morning as a result of illness brought on, it is said, as a result of overwork.

Dr. Troy suffers at times from heart trouble, and had occasion last week to consult a local physician, who advised two weeks of complete rest. He accordingly closed his services at the London South Baptist Church last evening, and went to his home in New York. He expects to return about Feb. 22, and will then conduct a two-weeks' mission at the Adelaide Street Baptist Church after which he will complete his mission at the London South Church.