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We aim only to show the newest and most up-to-date Ladies' Ready-to-Wear. We purposely defer our buying until the last possible moment, as by so doing we secure a much more satisfactory selection. Our spring lines are just beginning to arrive, and today we have opened several large cases of waists, which we think the greatest value seen in London in a long time. These are correctly fashioned, honestly made and tastefully trimmed, and superior to the usual offerings at the price.

Ladies' Lawn Waists at 89c

Be sure and see this line, bought especially for our Wednesday Bargain Day, made of lawn and dotted swiss, with fronts of embroidery insertion and tucks, buttoned backs and 3/4-length sleeve; also lace trimmed, sizes 34 to 42. Special Wednesday Bargain Day 89c

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Ladies' Colored Hose, in gray, pink, blue, white and black, with seamless feet, full fashioned and absolutely stainless. Wonderful value at 25c

Ladies' Vests, 25c

Ladies' Long-Sleeved Vests, in pure white, shaped waist, buttoned front and taped neck. Special price at 25c

Also Ladies' Vests, in pure white, taped neck, long sleeves and lace trimmed, at, each 20c

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J. M. THOMSON

PROGRAMME FOR THE TERCENTENARY

United States and France Will Be Asked to Send Battleship Fleets to Celebration.

Montreal, March 22.—At a meeting of the battlefields commission held here Saturday, it was decided to ask the following Governments to send representatives to the tercentenary celebration: Australia 1, South Africa 4, New Zealand 1, Newfoundland 1, France 1, and the United States 1. The last two nations will be expected to send battleship fleets to the celebration.

It was also decided to have the Governor-General cable Lord Elgin, the colonial secretary, to invite a representative from the city of Brouage, France, Montcalm's birthplace. The Colonial Secretary will be asked to visit the old French city personally to extend the invitation.

Invitations will also be extended to members of the families of Wolfe, Montcalm, Lewis, Murray, Guy Carleton and Simon Fraser, the latter the chief of the Highland clan of Fraser, who distinguished himself at the capture of Quebec.

The programme has been arranged as follows: Wednesday, July 22.—The Prince of Wales will arrive during the morning and will be welcomed by Earl Grey, the governor-general, and members of the Parliament of Canada, and an address, eulogizing the work of Champlain, the great French-Canadian, will be presented.

Thursday, July 23.—A representation of the arrival of Champlain and his crew will be made. The ship, a facsimile of the navigator's vessel, is now being built and the battleships in the harbor will salute. This will be the real opening of the celebrations and on the arrival cablegrams will be exchanged with different parts of the Empire and with King Edward. It is probable that the prince himself will declare the fête opened. In the afternoon a grand historical parade will be arranged and in the evening the fleets in the harbor will be illuminated.

Friday, July 24.—The dedication of the battlefields park will take place, with a grand naval and military display, and in the evening a joint recital by the Mendelssohn choir of Toronto and the Quebec Symphony Orchestra will be given.

Saturday, July 25.—A review of the fleets in the harbor.

Sunday, July 26, will be set apart as

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That comes to you every spring is a sign that your blood is wanting in vitality, just as pimples and other eruptions are signs that your blood is impure.

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BRADSTREET'S ON WEEK'S BUSINESS

Commercial Conditions In All the Trade Centers of the Dominion.

London reports say both wholesale and retail trade have taken on a somewhat better tone during the past week, although business is still being run along conservative lines. Values are generally steady and collections are fair. There is rather more movement in real estate and in the building trades.

Ottawa reports to Bradstreet's say general trade there continues to hold a quiet tone. Wholesalers report some improvement in the volume of the sorting trade and are looking forward to considerable improvement early in the spring. Collections are also good.

Queen City Business.

Toronto reports to Bradstreet's say: General trade is again quiet in tone. The warm weather of a week ago induced some sorting orders in spring lines, but this trade seems to have been frozen up during the past week. There seems corroboration for the story that retailers' stocks are light and good orders may be expected with the permanent arrival of warm weather. There has been a better demand for hardware during the week and building material is also reported to be somewhat brisker. There is already more doing in the building line, but the volume is much behind that of last year. Hardware prices are steady. Although the demand for groceries is only about normal, prices keep firm in nearly all lines. Canned goods are particularly so on light stocks. Country trade is reported moderately active. Produce is coming forward fairly well and prices are unchanged to easy. Country trade is still quiet and collections are about unchanged. Deliveries of grain at country points are heavier and prices are easier.

Conditions in the West.

Winnipeg reports say: There continues to be some improvement in the general tone of trade here. Orders from country points are large, but the wholesalers are observing considerable caution in the matter of credits. Retail trade is improving and another six weeks should see a good general movement. Money holds tight, but there is now more offering than there has been for a long time and rates are inclined to work easier. Collections have generally been well up to those of a year ago.

Vancouver and Victoria—Wholesalers report a better tone to trade, which they say is the result of the brighter outlook for the industrial concerns of the province. Retail trade is reported brisk and collections are improving. There is also considerable expansion in the volume of real estate business moving. Greatly-increased customer receipts at all ports show the growth in the deep-sea shipping trade.

Quebec—In this section, weather conditions have not been favorable to travelers. Their movements have been retarded by bad roads which make it difficult to get about and as a result orders show a falling off. With the advent of better roads prospects are regarded as favorable. Farm products, as indicated by reports, are light and prices continue high. In the city, local industries are doing well and retail trade shows about the same as the preceding week. With warmer weather a better business is expected.

Hamilton reports to Bradstreet's say general trade has shown little change during the past week. Wholesalers report some sorting orders, but retail trade is still quiet. Manufacturers have a moderate amount of orders on hand. Collections are fair.

Montreal.

Montreal reports to Bradstreet's say: General trade here holds a steady tone with here and there some signs of slight improvement in the volume of spring business moving. This was, doubt, brought about by the short period of mild weather which has been followed by another cold snap. The arrival of warm weather would do much to help the sorting trade in drygoods. Until it is evidenced, trade is expected to be quiet. Business in clothing and woollens continues quiet with orders still pretty much below the average. The country trade seems to be waiting some evidence of spring retail trade before doing much in the way of placing orders. Some lines, however, are showing an easier tone. The hardware trade keeps moderately active with prices about steady. The demand for iron and steel is reported rather better. It is announced that last year's production of pig iron showed an increase over 1907 of 7 per cent. These are moving fairly well. Sugars are firmer. Collections are reported as still slow from most parts, although they are not nearly so much so as might be expected at this time.

EMIGRATION MACHINERY

The London Telegraph Thinks That It Should Be Overhauled.

London, March 21.—The Telegraph's expert, referring to Mr. Bruce McKenna's report to the Minister of the Interior, says that such a sweeping indictment of philanthropic and charitable institutions calls for action on the part of the Imperial Government. He advises that the Government should overhaul the machinery of these institutions in Canada and urge the appointment of a royal commission which would probably advise the British Government to place all emigration under the control of an emigration board.

Editorially the Telegraph says Ottawa's restrictive ukase is on the deplorable lines laid down some years ago by the Australian states. It points out that the emigrants will go to the United States and thus be lost to the empire, and adds that the idea that societies like the Church Army are likely to send out numbers of unemployable is entirely unjustifiable.

POSTOFFICE TO DO BANK BUSINESS

Anybody With Twenty-Five Dollars May Open a Checking Account.

Berlin, March 21.—The German Government has decided to establish a postal check system modeled after the Austrian system. It proposed to introduce postal checks eight years ago, but the Reichstag demanded conditions which the Government would not accept. The present system is to be put in operation by decree, which will remain in force till 1911. This will give the Government time to accumulate data to serve as the basis for a general law.

At present it is intended to open check offices in only nine of the larger cities. These are Berlin, Breslau, Cologne, Dantzig, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hanover, Karlsruhe and Leipzig.

Each person wishing to avail himself of the check system regularly must deposit 100 marks (about \$25), and always keep his balance up to that sum. He receives a number for his account, which must be used on all his checks. Payments to his account may be made not only by other account-holders, but by any other person at any postoffice in the imperial system.

Payments on an account may be made by means of so-called pay cards, by ordinary postoffice money orders or by means of transfer orders from other accounts. An account holder can ask to have all moneys received at the postoffices for him carried to his account. He can draw against his account in making payment to other account holders or to outsiders. In the latter case the postoffice will send the money to the receiver through a messenger.

Small fees will be charged for various forms of service in connection with the system. They are placed just high enough to cover estimate cost of operation.

Checks cannot be indorsed and passed from one person to another. This precaution relieves the postoffice of responsibility to ascertain that the checks have not been stolen and indorsed by forgers, and the checks can, therefore, be sent to the postoffice in ordinary letters.

Extra check offices will be opened in the cities named. These will be in the present postoffice buildings wherever possible, but when necessary other houses will be rented.

Surplus money not required for meeting current payments will be deposited with the reichsbank, which will invest it for account of the imperial treasury.

Account holders receive no interest on deposits.

WITHIN WEEK BOATS MAY MOVE

Vessels at Buffalo Are Chartered to Load at Ohio Ports.

Cleveland, March 21.—Last Monday a local shipper tied up vessel capacity to move about 500,000 tons of coal at 30 cents to the head of Lake Superior and 40 cents to Milwaukee. The other shippers are slow in falling into line, and some of them say that they do not know when they will be ready to take up freight matters. In a few cases vessels have been promised some coal, but contracts have not been made.

Owing to the uncertainty of the starting time and the condition of the down freight market some of the vesselmen say that they are not anxious to do much business in the coal trade at present. Boats for the first trip are being done at the west. Some figuring is being done to bring a number of big carriers to Ohio ports from Buffalo to take on cargoes. If the deal is closed the steamers will be shifted next week.

George L. Douglass, the Duluth vessel broker, who is in the city, says that there is about 25 per cent more coal on dock at the head of Lake Superior than there was a year ago. Most of the coal that is in store, he says, is owned by the railroads. Last week the docks were pretty well cleaned up at the opening of navigation. The late start will, it is thought, more than make up for the increase in stocks.

Stocks of grain at the head of the lakes are much heavier than they were at this time last season. The elevators at Duluth and Superior are holding over 13,000,000 bushels of all kinds, and last year the stocks were only a little over 8,000,000 bushels. There is some inquiry for small carriers at Duluth for Lake Erie ports at two cents on service, but no chartering is being done. The shippers want boats to sail within ten days after the first arrival from Lake Erie.

A BRUTAL ATTACK.

Toronto, March 21.—As a result of the brutal attack made upon her last night by a man, who afterwards robbed the till, Mrs. Davis, mother of Alfred C. Davis, proprietor of a liquor store at 601 Yonge street, lies in a serious condition today. The robber, after knocking the woman down with a blow over the left eye, kicked her several times in the side and breast. The blow over the eye was so terrific that a blood vessel was broken, while the kicks she received have affected Mrs. Davis' lungs. As Mrs. Davis is nearly 50 years of age, the shock to her has been a great one. So far there have been no arrests.

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Monday March 23

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Fashion Reigns Supreme



THIS SUPERB COLLECTION WILL INTEREST EVERY WOMAN.

The biggest stock we have ever displayed, and we think there is not a showing in Western Ontario that will afford you anything near the variety and choice that is now exhibited in our Suit Department, and every suit has the stamp of fashion approval. The pictures shown here illustrate a couple of styles which are receiving favorable comment. Come and view the entire collection. You'll find easy selection. SEE WINDOW DISPLAY.

The "Prince Chap," \$25

Made of black and white check worsted, coat in "Prince Chap" style, edges of pockets, coat and cuffs bound with braid, silk lined.

Skirt full flare, trimmed with four bias folds, two of two and two of one inch straps. And suit only \$25.00

Military Style Suit \$29.00

This is a picture of our new military style suit, made of navy and green Venetian cloth, satin lined and braid trimmings.

Skirt is full pleated. This swell suit for only \$29



Panama Suit, \$20

Navy Blue

The above cut represents a very special line of Ladies' Fine Tailored Suits, made of Panama, with hairline stripes; fitted coat, hip length, seams strapped with bias folds, silk collar and cuffs, skirt pleated and trimmed with bias folds. And suit only \$20.00

Fawn Stripe, \$25

Ladies' Fine Tailored Suit of two-tone striped fawn worsted, fitted coat, hip length, trimmed with bias folds, and buttons, collar and cuffs of brown silk, satin lined. Skirt pleated, and trimmed with narrow bias stripes. Suit, only . . . \$25.00

Make your choice now, for not this season again will we be able to make such a grand exhibit of charming styles.

Ladies' New Topcoats---For April Showers

In Tweed, Navy and Black, Rubber and Rubberized Silk

Tweed Coat, \$7.50

Ladies' Waterproof Coat, three-quarter length, in small check, black and white tweed, full box style, for only . . . \$7.50

Fine Rubber Coat, \$10.50

Ladies' Fine Rubber Waterproof, in fawn, gray and navy, full length, trimmed with strappings of goods and buttons. A stylish coat, for only \$10.50

Rubberized Satin, for making up garments, by the yard \$2.75

Cravenette Coat, \$13.50

Ladies' Waterproof, made of cravenette, in gray and black, box coat, full length, velvet collar, trimmed with strappings of cloth and buttons. A very serviceable coat; only \$13.50

Rubberized Satin Coat, \$18

Those swell Waterproofs, made of fine rubberized satin, in fawn, navy and gray, at, each \$18.00 and \$23.00

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149 to 153 Dundas Street

BRITISH

The court of appeal, in London, has decided that tips are wages.

Eight pairs of twins are attending the Sandfield council school, Guildford.

A solid silver microscope made in the time of George II. was recently sold in London.

Sir John Lawson Walton, the late attorney-general, left an estate of the value of \$284,745.

The British licensing bill has caused a slump of \$1,250,000,000 in the value of brewery shares.

Dover will have a new harbor, which will be completed in 1910, and it will accommodate 50 men-of-war.

The Great Western Railway Company pays about \$200,000 a year for damages to and loss of goods.

A Caledonian Society in connection with the town and district of Horsham, Sussex, has been inaugurated.

Mrs. Heywood, who has died at Little Leigh, near Northwich, at the age of 85, never rode in a railway train.

The death is announced of Mr. Richard Penrose Arnold, last surviving son of the late Matthew Arnold.

It is estimated that there are hundreds of coterie pitches in the London streets that are valued in three figures.

There are 80,692 children on the roll of the elementary schools of Leeds, and the average attendance is 70,568.

The Ben Jonson Inn, in Shoe Lane, Fleet street, which has been licensed for more than 300 years, has closed its doors.

It was lately discovered by a night traveler that the train running from Peterborough to Grimsby is infested with rats.

For opening and detaining a letter addressed to one of his employees, a Leeds photographer has had to pay \$40 damages.

Dr. Maudsley, of Mayfair, has offered the London County Council \$150,000 for the erection of a hospital for mental diseases.

The death is announced at the age of 88 of Mr. Edward Oakes, of Stafford, who claimed to be the oldest Freemason.

"Rule Britannia" is one of the lyrics from a masque written by Thomson

and Mallet in 1740 for Frederick, Prince of Wales.

Seven thousand British subjects are, on an average, born at sea every year. The army estimates for 1909, issued on the 24th ult., show the estimates to be \$137,205,000, leaving a net decrease of \$1,505,000.

There are 1,977 houses and premises licensed for the sale of intoxicants in Birmingham, as compared with 2,030 a year ago.

Mr. Atkins, a retired publican, who died at Harrow recently, weighed 476 pounds. His two brothers weighed 569 and 604 pounds.

A cask containing 120 gallons of hock has been found by fishermen in the sea off Selsey, and was sold by auction at Portsmouth.

The King has sent an invalid couch to Guy's Hospital, London, in recognition of services rendered to one of his personal servants.

CHAOS IN KENTUCKY

Farmers Terror-Stricken by Night-Riders, Leaving the State.

Lexington, Ky., March 22.—Because of warning letters and visits from "night riders," many farmers in nearly all of the 62 counties in the White Sulphur region are destroying their tobacco buds and at the present time fewer than one-third of the normal number have been started.

In many counties huge signs have been erected on buildings and in high places near-by farm owners have placed the banner "not to raise a crop this season. Realizing the difficulty of making a living for their families in case the decision to raise no tobacco is adhered to, many tenant farmers are preparing to move to other states, while many farm owners have placed their property on the market, with the avowed purpose of leaving Kentucky.

IS YOUR STOMACH SOUR?

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The murder of Farmer Hedges in Nicholas County yesterday and the raids in Woodford and other counties last week have increased the alarm. In announcing their determination to go elsewhere the tenants declare that it will be impossible to subsist from the proceeds of crops of hemp, wheat and corn.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Kane, Pa., March 21.—Charles Rooback, 23 years old, shot William Charinski, aged 30, and then fired a bullet through his own head late last night. Both men will probably die. Rooback accused Charinski of taking money from him and had him arrested. The case was dismissed for the lack of evidence and Rooback unsatisfied, quarreled with Charinski, and then used the revolver.

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