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OLD AGE PENSIONS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

A blue-book dealing instructively
with old age pensions has been issued
by the local government board in
Great Britain. It is the result of in-
formation industriously collected by
Mr. John Burns, and contains a record
of the inquiries and researches of the
committees and committees that have
investigated the subject. The two main
schemes are a universal scheme re-
commended by Sir Charles Booth,
which provides for payments to every
citizen over the age limit, and a
scheme, excluding certain classes, re-
commended by Mr. Chaplin's commit-
tee in 1899. The idea of a contributory
scheme, by which pensions will be
paid only to those making special con-
tributions toward the pension fund, is
not seriously entertained in Great
Britain. Such a system is described as
extremely complicated, and it affects
a very small class.

The Chaplin scheme would exclude
persons with incomes of more than 10
shillings a week, persons who have
received poor relief, or have been sen-
tenced to penal servitude or imprison-
ment during twenty years before ap-
plication, aliens, lunatics and persons
who could not show that they had tried
to make provision for themselves. The
annual cost of the Chaplin scheme
would be £10,750,000, with an age
limit of 65 years; £6,119,000 with an
age limit of 70; and £2,083,000 with
an age limit of 75. A universal scheme
would cost £27,500,000, with an age
limit of 65, and £16,250,000 with an
age limit of 70. But this is the gross
total, assuming that everybody took
his pension and nothing was saved. To
get the net cost it is necessary to sub-
tract the saving on outdoor relief, at
first nearly two millions, the number
of people with pensions already, aliens,
lunatics, habitual drunkards, and
those persons who will not apply for
their pensions. If the applicant had to
appear personally at the postoffice this
last element would be considerable.

This great question of social amelioration
will be taken up at the
next session of the British Parlia-
ment, and the Government is pledged
to take a definite step.

JAPAN, COREA, CHINA.

The settlement of the Korean diffi-
culty by Japan taking charge of the
administration of affairs at Seoul, and
assuming full responsibility for the
future of Korea is just what was ex-
pected when the dispute between the
two Governments arose.

By the agreement signed a few days
ago Japan permits Korea to retain the
forms of autonomy while holding to
the actual power. In other words,
there will be a Korean Emperor and
for a time at least the chief offices
will be filled by Koreans. The first
article of the agreement stipulates
that the "Government of Korea
shall follow the directions of the res-
ident-general" (who is a Japanese) "in
connection with the reform of the ad-
ministration." The resident-general is
to have the final word as to the enact-
ment of any law or ordinance or the
execution of any legislative measures.
By him all appointments of Korean of-
ficials of high grade must be con-
firmed and he may recommend the ap-
pointment to official positions of such
Japanese as he may deem capable of
rendering the country effective ser-
vice. Without the consent of the res-
ident-general, Korea cannot engage any
foreign official.

The practical effect of this agree-
ment is to leave Korea absolutely un-
der the dictation of Japan, not only
in external, but in internal affairs. In
thus undertaking to work out of the
chaos of Korean incompetence and
corruption, Japan has assumed a large
task, and if she succeeds the absorp-
tion of power will not only be justified,
but result to the great benefit to the
people of the Hermit Kingdom. If
Japan's purpose is to exploit Korea for
her own benefit, as is thought in some
quarters, it will not require many
years to destroy the last vestiges of
Korean autonomy. Even should this
be the final outcome there will be
little regret at the obliteration of so
corrupt and incompetent a nation from
the roll of independent powers.

In this connection utterances credit-
ed to Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese
foreign minister, are significant. "The
state of Korea," he is alleged to have
declared, "may be regarded by China
as a lesson; it should be a warning to
that country to put her house in order
before some nation, whichever one might
be moved so to do, imitates events in
Seoul. China's despotism, which is the
worst form of Government, must yet
reach a crisis, as, when the present

trailing wind is away, the state will fall
a prey to intrigues."

These words certainly do not sound
as if they came from the lips of a
responsible minister of state, and may
possibly have originated with some en-
terprising European or American news-
paper correspondent; but even if they
were really spoken by the Japanese
foreign minister, China is powerless
to resent them. Besides, China has of
late given evidence of an honest desire
to "put her house in order." There
has been a real awakening in the
Flowery Kingdom as a result of the
two last wars in the Orient. Besides
making fair progress towards the crea-
tion of a standing army, much has been
done in the way of educational re-
form. Old methods have been abandon-
ed in favor of modern teaching, and
the establishment of new schools is
being actively carried on. A new
national spirit has manifested itself in
the popular demand for the retention
of mining and railway concessions in
Chinese hands. The native press is
constantly proclaiming the Empire's
self-sufficiency, and there is now going
on a vigorous crusade against the
opium evil.

In view of all this it seems more
likely that Japan will be content to
work peacefully side by side with
China for the advance of the Orient
rather than attempt to destroy her by
"imitating events in Seoul."

THE WESTERN CROPS.

The backwardness of the spring this
year has raised new conditions in the
Canadian West. People have been
accustomed to having their seeding op-
erations completed at a certain set
time, and when, as was the case this
year, these operations are delayed three
or four weeks, calculations are natu-
rally not so reliable as usual, and the
people are kept guessing.

Of course, whether the season is
backward or forward, everything de-
pends on the weather throughout the
season—the timeliness of rainfalls, the
warmth of the sun and the absence
of frost—just as in the East. In the
West a week or two of good growing
weather works wonders.

The railways and newspapers have
of late been endeavoring to collect in-
formation as to crop conditions, which
is a matter of no little difficulty on
account of the vast extent of the coun-
try. Latest reports from all quarters
show a great improvement during the
past ten or twelve days, copious rains
having done great work, and the in-
dications are that Alberta will have
an abundant crop, Saskatchewan an
average one, while in Manitoba the
crop will be fair, the southern part of
that province making the worst show-
ing of all, which is rather unusual.

There is one thing that stands the
westerner in good stead, and that is
his faith in the country. While people
in the East are pessimistic as to the
outlook in the prairie provinces, those
in the West are always hopeful. It
is related that Hon. Thomas Green-
way, ex-premier of Manitoba, was ex-
tolling to a friend from Ontario the
wonderful resources, the bright pros-
pects and almost limitless possibilities
of the western country. "But," said
the friend, "supposing you have a bad
crop year, what?"—"We can't have a
bad crop year," interrupted Mr. Green-
way, with unmistakable emphasis on
the second word. "I have been out
here between twenty and thirty years,"
he continued, "and we have not known
such a thing as a poor crop."

This fairly represents the spirit of
the people of the West generally. The
gloomy predictions of Easterners ear-
lier in the year as to the Western crop
prospects found no echo out there.

Until this barbers' strike is settled,
the men of London will have to
scrape along as best they can.

The Ontario tour of Sir Thomas
Shaughnessy is another indication
that the C. P. R. intends to develop
its system in this Province.

Premier Whitney cables that he had
a stormy passage across the Atlantic.
The roar of the ocean must have
sounded to him like the echoes of his
own speeches.

An Englishman, writing to Reynolds'
Weekly, from this city, expresses
amazement that there is no system of
garbage removal here. The most beau-
tiful city in Ontario has something to
apologize for.

Ottawa's Old Boys are welcomed to
the Dominion capital by the Free Press
of that city in a handsome souvenir
"Homecoming" Number, published on
July 27. Sixteen pages of this issue
(the half-tone section) are filled with
finely-printed views of the city's noted
public buildings and of the many sur-
rounding scenes of beauty for which
the capital is famous. The occasion
of this edition is also the 40th anni-
versary of Confederation, and it con-
tains much historic and descriptive
matter, which make it a souvenir well
worth preserving.

The Hamilton Spectator says of the
water situation in the Ambitious City:
"The fire and water committee is
betting on Hamilton's proverbial good
luck in fire matters, and it is spend-
ing its time monkeying with an old
sand-sucker, bought for \$12,000, and
run at a heavy expense. If the sucker

does what it was bought for it will
start sinking a lot of weeds and rubbish
out of the muddy constructed filtering
basins, from the depths below the con-
sistently take a lot of weeds and rubbish
will be replaced in a couple of warm
weather weeks." This is how a filter-
ing plan works under civic manage-
ment in the majority of cases.

HIS BUSY DAY.

[Lustige Blatter.]

"What's that you're so busy writing?
You're regularly perspiring over it."
"My wife is giving an address on
"Women's Rights" tomorrow, and I am
preparing it for her."

A DIFFERENT THING.

[Philadelphia Press.]

"I suppose all you boys in the country
here," said the city boarder, "are fond
of bathing in the creeks and ponds."
"Waal," replied the country boy, "not
when you call it that."
"Call it what?"
"Bathing; the only thing we care for is
swimming."

RELATIVE.

[Philadelphia Ledger.]

A famous race horse, having become
superannuated, was sold to serve at the
plow.
"Don't you feel the humiliation?" asked
his mate.
"Well," replied the race horse, "I might
feel it more if not sustained by the thought
of how superior I am to my old owner."

A TRIBUTE TO LAURIER.

[Toronto Star.]

Sir Wilfrid Laurier fills the eye, warms
the heart, and satisfies the understanding.
Canada has good reason to be proud of
him. Sixty-six years of age, he is young
enough to have years of service ahead of
him, old enough to have that store of ex-
perience which aids judgment and makes
wisdom. Imagination finds room in mind
—as it does with most orators. Imagination
is an excellent gift in the commercial
age. It sees far into the future. The
daring enterprise treads on the heels of
the bold thought. It is the sort of genius
which, properly weighted, accomplishes
great things.

SOMETHING BACK OF IT.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

"Don't you think," asked Mrs. Oldcastle,
"that Dr. Polletier was rather laconic in
his answers when we met him the other
afternoon?"
"Well, yes," replied her hostess, "I did
seem to notice something of the kind. My
goodness, I don't see how anybody can re-
spect a person who wants to make laconic
love to them. There's always something
back of it."

HOW SHE UNDERSTOOD.

[Harpers' Weekly.]

The Doctor—You understand, don't you,
that this is only to be used externally?
The Patient's Wife—Sure, sir, I allus
makes him get out o' bed to drink it.

A LUCKY THING.

[Washington Star.]

"Do you think there is any danger of
race suicide?" asked the apprehensive citi-
zen.
"No," answered the man with several
small boys. "But it's a lucky that the Fourth
of July does not come oftener."

AN EXPENSIVE CABINET.

[Brooklyn Recorder.]

If the importance of Ontario is to be
measured by the number of the mem-
bers of the Whitney Government find it
necessary to take to Europe on public
business, then indeed are we a great peo-
ple. They have been in power less than
three years, and yet the Premier is now
on the ocean on his second trip abroad.
Hon. Dr. Pyne has been over; Hon. Mr.
Matheson has experienced the "alone-in-
London" sensation; Hon. Mr. Foy has just
recently returned. Hon. Mr. Beck has the
briny mist yet on his brow; Hon. Dr. Wil-
loughby is just starting out to find out
something about asylums; Hon. Mr. Mon-
teith will go shortly to investigation em-
igration. The remainder of the Government
will probably go as soon as any earthly
excuse can be concocted for thus expending
the public money. The Deputy Minister of
Education is also ticketed for London on
public business.

AN ANNUITY.

[Woman's Home Companion.]

Shortly after Congressman Midgley, of
Georgia, had turned over part of his law
practice to his son, the young man came
into the office with a flushed, triumphant
face.

"Pap," he began, "you know that Wil-
kins case you've been trying for the last
ten years?"

The congressman nodded.
"Well," said the young man, "I've settled
it."

"Settled it?" ejaculated his father.
"Settled it! Why, my boy, I gave you that
case as an annuity!"

COULD NOT DISPUTE IT.

[Illustrated Bits.]

Jimmie—I see you're fond of the ladies,
Uncle Henry.

Uncle Henry—Young man, I—er—never—
Jimmie—Get out! There's a female figure
on this penny you claim an' 'ma \$475 you
squeeze every penny you get!

BANE OF ENTERPRISE.

[New York Sun.]

Knicker—Why don't you invent an air-
ship?
Inventor—What's the use? They'd only
pass a two-cent tax bill.

TRADING STAMPS.

[Puck.]

Bobbie—Pop, what are trading stamps?
"Trading stamps, my son, are induc-
ments to buy something you don't want,
in order to acquire something you can get
along without."

WHY CALL A SHIP "SHE."

[Judge.]

"But, Capt. Brace, why do they always
call a ship 'she'?"
"I don't know, mate, wouldn't ask that of
you'd ever tried ter steer one."

AMERICAN SETTLERS FOR CAN- ADA.

[Brooklyn Eagle.]

The sort of people who settled New En-
gland, and who afterward carried civiliza-
tion into the west, are now dotting the
plains of Canada with towns and hamlets
and making amid surroundings that at first
seemed hostile, those safeguards of law
and living that insure peace and plenty
in the years to come. We cannot detail
these interesting facts with offers of free land,
since Uncle Sam is no longer rich enough
to give us all a farm, nor can we offer to
such of them as are of moderate means
the health and comfort in cities that
should be the heritage of people doomed to
an environment of bricks and mortar. We
must let them go with a Godspeed, com-
forted with the reflection that Canada is
not far, and that an American element in
its population and its business interests
cannot but make for a solidification of
friendly relations between the two coun-
tries.

We continue the Early Closing all during August. Open 8 a.m. Close 5 p.m. every day, excepting Saturday, 10 p.m.

ALL MAIL AND TELEPHONE ORDERS FILLED.

Clean-Sweep Sale

A POPULAR
STORE FOR
EVERYBODY

J. H. Chapman & Co.

Everything Advertised
at Reduced
Prices—Always

OF ALL LINES OF SUMMER MERCHANDISE

Our August Clean-Sweep Sale, starting Thursday (tomorrow) morning, is an
occasion of more than ordinary importance to every thrifty housewife and to every
clever buyer who wishes to save on economical values. It is hardly necessary to say
that this is a sale, not of old goods, but most emphatically a sale of the best of the
season's productions. We have already had one month of clearance, which was the
most successful in our history, eclipsing all previous records. Now we are deter-
mined to make a final and sweeping cleanout of all lines of summer merchandise
still on hand. The goods offered are composed entirely of this season's buying, and
nothing of doubtful values will be offered. A visit tomorrow and succeeding days
will prove profitable.

An Hour Sale at Our Embroidery Counter

Our hour sales mean much to
you. Try and attend the one be-
tween the house of 3 and 5 o'clock
tomorrow.

All-over Embroidery, clean
sweet, at half-price, in every dainty
pattern, from 18 inches to 22
inches wide, suitable for shirt-
waists. Sixty ends of from 2 1/2 to 4
inches wide, marked price 30c,
clean sweep price 40c
\$1 00 patterns, 23 inches wide,
All-over Embroidery, solid wheel
and eyelet pattern, marked price
\$1 00, clean sweep price 50c

\$1 25 All-over Embroidery, in
several patterns, some with a large
polka-dot embroidered on mull,
also a little floral design, sham-
rock leaves and rosebuds, 22
inches wide, marked price \$1 25,
clean sweep price 63c

\$1 50 All-over Embroidery, lit-
tle, close patterns, in dots and
wheels, also eyelets and sprays, 22
inches wide, marked price \$1 50,
clean sweep price 75c

\$2 00 All-over Embroidery, very
fine Swiss muslin, also heavy-
weight nainsook, in very dainty
patterns, as well as larger patterns,
marked price \$2 00, clean sweep
price \$1 00

\$3 00—One end only. All-over
Embroidery, very fine nainsook, in
solid and eyelet patterns, also in-
sertion to match, suitable for cuff
and collar, marked price \$3 00,
clean sweep price \$1 50

\$3 25 All-over Embroidery, dainty
small pattern, marked \$3 25,
clean sweep price \$1 63

\$3 50 All-over Embroidery, the
finest woven embroidery made,
marked \$3 50, clean sweep price
..... \$1 75

\$4 50 All-over Embroidery, on
finest sheer Swiss organdy, marked
\$4 50, clean sweep price \$2 25

Clean Sweep in White Waists

Ladies' White Lawn Waists in
Clean Sweep Sale here.

Four dozen, buttoned in front,
made with forty-four 1-16-inch
tucks on front, forming V shaped
yoke effect. Back has cluster of
tucks to match front; tailored
shirt sleeves and tucked cuffs, de-
tached collar. In asking to see
these waists notice the quality of
the lawn. Clean Sweep Sale price
..... 75c

Four dozen, buttoned in front,
made with forty-four 1-16-inch
tucks on front, forming V shaped
yoke effect. Back has cluster of
tucks to match front; tailored
shirt sleeves and tucked cuffs, de-
tached collar. In asking to see
these waists notice the quality of
the lawn. Clean Sweep Sale price
..... 75c

Clean Sweep Bargains at Front Counter

Chapman's—Main Entrance

Tolman's Featherweight Hair
Wavers, the newest thing in hair
curlers—do not become greasy and
sticky by constant use and will
not cut the hair. Price, per set
of four wavers 20c

Hair Brushes, ebony, cherry or
maple, good bristle, were 25c, for
..... 10c

Special values in Wash Belts,
at 15c, 20c, 25c and 50c each

Another lot of those dainty
White Wash Bags, while they last
..... 25c

Collar Turns, were 15c, on sale,
at each 5c

Clean Sweep in Linoleums

500 yards imported Cork Linoleum,
2 yards wide, handsome ef-
fects, in block and tile patterns.
Regular price 45c square yard,
Clean Sweep price 37 1/2c

Clean Sweep of Wash Goods

We offer tomorrow the most remarkable values in desirable Wash
Fabrics. Actuated by a desire to reduce the stock to the minimum and
effect an absolute clearance we are making tremendous sacrifices. The
woman who acts quickly will be saving a pretty penny by taking ad-
vantage of the great opportunities this occasion affords.

14 patterns Silk Chif-
fon Organdy, for sum-
mer waists and dresses,
also evening wear;
beautifully colored and
tinted gowns, in mag-
nolia, English violet,
lily of the valley, etc.,
also smaller designs in
light shades; our regu-
lar price, 75c. Clean
sweep price at, per
yard 38c

Duchess Organdy and
Embroidery Batiste;
pretty sheer Muslins,
with silk finish; in leaf
and blossom designs;
also embroidery stripes
and spots in all sum-
mer shades; regular
price, 35c and 40c per
yard; clean sweep
price, per yard 23c

Very handsome flow-
ered Muslins in sheer
effects, for summer
dresses, including em-
broderies, mulls, ging-
hams, batistes, Ameri-
can organdies, fancy
checks and stripes;
regularly priced at 18c
and 20c; well worth a
visit to the wash goods
counter tomorrow; at
clean sweep price, per
yard 12c

Clean Sweep in Fancy Parasols

Seven only, White Silkaine Pa-
rasols, with fancy border. Were
\$1 75, for quick selling \$1 00

Two only, Fancy Silk Parasols,
Were \$4 00, Clean sweep price
..... \$2 90

One only, Fancy Silk Parasols,
Was \$3 00, clean sweep price \$1 93

Clean Sweep Prices in

Dress Goods

After a most successful season's
trade in this department, we will
institute clearing prices that will
effect a clean sweep of summer
goods without delay.

Tweeds at 68c

Our entire stock of Tweeds,
comprising light and dark colors,
checks, stripes, and plain effects,
52, 54 and 56 inches wide. Marked
at \$1 00 and \$1 25 per yard. Clean
sweep price this week 68c

\$2 Voiles, \$1

Five pieces of Finest Striped
Voiles, silk embroidered, in colors,
gray, blue, green, black and white,
etc. 44 inches wide. Marked \$2 00
a yard. Clean sweep price this
week \$1 00

Cravenettes

One piece of Cravenette Cloth, 60
inches wide, in dark gray. \$1 25
quality. Clean sweep price this
week 85c

Tartans, 17c Yard

300 yards of Light and Dark
Plaid Tartans, regular marked
price 25c a yard. Clean sweep
price 17c

STRIPED DELAINES, another
special lot in cream, with satin
stripe, 7 pieces only; combination
of nice medium and wide stripes.
Clean sweep price, per yard 28c

PLAID VOILES—3 pieces only,
suitable for evening and street
wear, in light colors; were \$1.25
yard. Clean sweep price 87c

Sweeping Out the CURTAINS

WE HAVE procured direct from
the manufacturer, 300 pairs Not-
tingham lace curtains, 3 1/2 yards
long, splendid value at our regular
selling price, \$1.25. To make a
clean sweep of the entire lot; per
pair 98c

Another lot of manufacturers'
sample curtains of 100 ends, all
2 yards long; actual value, 35c.
Your choice 15c

TABLE LINENS

At Clean Sweep Prices

35 only, pure linen hemstitched
lunch cloths, one yard square,
marked 90c each. To clean sweep
at 55c

25 dozen pure all-linen table
napkins, 16x16; marked 75c dozen.
To clean sweep at, per dozen 59c

Fine English round thread Eng-
lish cotton sheets, 2 pairs only;
were \$3 25 pair. For \$2 69

2 pieces 54-inch bleached table
linen. Sweeping sale price, per
yard 22 1/2c

Sweeping Out the Clothing

Radical reductions are on the board
for this month. No half measures
to accomplish a complete clearance,
but pure and simple bargain-giving
from the outset. Every man who needs
a suit, now or within the next few
months, will surely take advantage of
this chance.



\$6 50 Men's and Young Men's Suits,
for \$4 95
\$7 50 Men's and Young Men's Suits,
for \$5 95
\$8 50 and \$10 00 Young Men's Suits,
for \$6 95
\$12 00 Men's and Young Men's Suits,
for \$8 95
\$13 50 Men's and Young Men's Suits,
for \$9 95
\$