NAKED AND UNASHAMED.

The North End Improvement Society last night listened to a discussion of the at-large and ward systems of voting for aldermen, which ought to prove enlight-ening. It was one of those discussions in which strong reasons in the public interest are offset only by pleas in the inter-Mr. Kerr had the reasoning all to himself, and a calm consideration of what vas presented in opposition by the other speakers ought to add to the effect of his arguments. The sum of the opposi-tion to Mr. Kerr was: "If we had the vard system we should not be able to forward the interests of our parties and cliques by "tickets" and "slates." Stripof its verbiage, that is the gist of the argument. To the average ratepayer who is concerned, not that the city's interests shall be made secondary to par ties and cliques, but that city government shall be honest, efficient and economical, such arguments do not appeal. He would rather have good city govern ment than have Grit or Tory or Party government. And men of that will feel more strongly against the at-large system than ever, now that they have before them the best (?) argu ments for it that its partisans can present. Out of their own mouths it is con demned as serving not the city's good but making public interests subservient to the selfish purposes of parties and organizations. The entire situation is summed up in the question: Should the system be one that invites and enables the voter to select by his own judgment the best men to do the city's business, with the sole object of the city's good; or should it be one that obliges him to vote for men whom he does not know or vote "ticket" or "slate" of candidates brought into the field by some party or organization, thus placing the success of the aims and objects of those framing the slate above the welfare of the muni cipality? That that in brief is the ques tion to be answered was confessed every speech last night. Some of the aldermen were pleased to suggest by their speeches that they were elected by the at-large system, therefore it is an admirable one. One pronounced the present Council, elected by the at-large system. to be the best we have had in many years. Another proposed to pay the ald ermen to improve the Council. That would probably be worth considering if aldermen were chosen for their honesty capacity and singleness of purpose to the But under the at-large system it would but aggravate the evil sought to be remedied, and multiply difficulties by offering to inefficiency and unfealty the added attraction of legalized personal gain. As well hope to get grapes from forms as the best city rule from a systen the first aim and object of which is to serve other interests than those of the city. And the evil is great when its

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sent in its favor.

The overdraft thrives this fine fall

their salaries increased to \$4,000 a year. What a snap!

Now that smallpox has broken out at Oakville our Board of Health should be on the alert to guard against chance of infection being brought here.

Toronto, which worships at the shrine of the public ownership and operation fad, does not seem to be able to efficiently manage even her public parks!

The new commercial treaty with France has been completed, but its terms will not be made public till it is laid before parliament.

on the theory that the peach crop is not a short one. Undoubtedly in this district there is not 50 per cent. of the average yield.

The at-large machine aldermen rallied for a grand effort to defend the system last night. "We advocate it because it makes us possible as aldermen." was their general sentiment.

Where was the great Hamilton crowd that the Times was going to bring to Dundas to the Grit pienic! Hamilton Grit people evidently do not take kindly to water.—Dundas Star.

Not backwater, anyway.

Brockville Liberals have nominated W. A. Lewis, a local barrister, to contest the seat vacated by Hon. Mr. Graham. He is said to be a strong and able man and his election on Oct. 7 is confidently expected.

The Liberals of the Legislature are in session to-day considering the question of a leader to succeed Hon. Mr. Graham. The position offers an excellent chance to rise and while the salary is not large the opportunities for effective work are

The Secretary of the Ontario Board of Health has created a sensation by declaring that the sanitary conditions of the canning factories in the Niagara Peninsula are disgusting.—Brockville Times.

We cannot from personal knowledge speak of all the canning factories in the Niagara district, but we can assure our contemporary that such a general con-demnation as it quotes is most unjust to many of them. It is merely one of the ill-considered utterances that officials,

and others, are sometimes guilty of, and which show great lack of discrimination, and utter failure to appreciate the harm that may result from their reckless gen-

Mr Rorden need not think that Hon. gentleman had a few things to say of him at the Essex Liberal picnic yesterday, which the Tory leader and his organs will not like. "The witness box" is the test by which Mr. Borden will be tried, and then he may wish he had not sung so loudly.

Some of the European Socialists have queer ways of showing their hostility to the established social order. Baroness Grippenberg, of Finland, in a recent magazine article on the women mem bers of the Finnish Parliament, says that the Socialists elected six women of bad reputation to the parliament merely to show their contempt for established society!

The Peterboro Examiner says that the Bell Telephone Company is entitled to great credit for the excellent condition in which it has left the streets in which t has opened and closed trenches for the placing of its system of underground onduits. Our contemporary notices this with pleasure because it is in striking contrast to the work of others who dig up the streets. Hamilton has had experience along this line.

Mr. McNaught, one of the Hydro-Electric Power Commissioners, says the Government's contract for electric powerwhich, by the way, the municipal representatives long ago voted to approve knowing nothing of its terms-is not yet settled. He does not know whether anything can be done about the matter this year, and says, "Everything is, in point of fact, summed up in the some what delightfully vague phrase, 'stata quo.'" And there you are!

Notwithstanding the good work done by the Trades Disputes Act much adtime appeared in the Tory press, some of it through animus and not a little through ignorance of the provisions or intent of the Act. But now that the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress has approved it those for whose benefit specially intended may be satisfied that the Act is fulfilling its purpos and that the Liberal Government at Ottawa was not unmindful of the interests of the workingmen.

Mr. Nathan Straus is one of the bene actors of his race. He does not build libraries or provide public parks for the people, but he does something just about good. Fifteen years ago, we are told, Mr. Straus began selling Pasteurized milk in the poor quarters of New York and giving it away to mothers too poor to buy it. During the past three months he has maintained seventeen stations. and, while the season is supposed to be over, he will keep six stations open during the fall and winter. During this advocates do not blush for the pleas they season nearly three million bottles of milk and a million and a quarter glasses were sold or given away. In the fifteen years thirty million bottles and glasses of milk have been sold or given away, and nearly four hundred cities in various parts of the world have followed Mr. Straus' example. There can be no manner of doubt that this philanthropy of The teachers—beg pardon—professors Mr. Straus has been the means of saving the University of Toronto are to have Mr. Straus has been the means of saving past fifteen years.

England has an organization for the promotion of goat culture.

FURIOUS ITCHING

Bleeding Sores Covered Her Whole Body After an Attack of Measles

- Nursed Every Night for Three
Weeks - Nothing Helped Her.

THEN CUTICURA MAKES COMPLETE CURE IN 5 DAYS



HUMOR ON FACE

Cured by Cuticura Remedies No Return in 20 Years.

"My son, when a lad of sixteen, was troubled with humor on his face and after using Cuticura Remedies he was freed from every humor and has continued so to the present time after twenty years have passed. Your Cuticura Soap has been used in my family for several years and I have faith in the Cuticura Remedies. A. H. Smith, Marion, Me., Dec. 1, 1905."

Complete External and Internal Treatment for Complete External and Internal Treatment for size of Cuticura Song to Cleanee the Skin, Cuticura Song them to Heal the Skin, and Cuticura Guardent to Heal form of Chocolate Copted Pills, Resolvent or in the form of Chocolate Copted Pills, out the world. Fotter Drug & Chem Corp., Sole Frong, Koston, Mass.

Saturday we put on sale the greatest lot of Bargains ever offered by us. We bought the Travellers'

Was a series of the series of

John Knox Wholesale House

at such a big discount that we are able to ofter you an immense variety of all kinds of goods at just about half price.

\$4,000 Worth of Goods

The John Knox Co. only handled staple every day goods, which means that there is not a house in Hamilton that cannot use some of this cheap lot.

Curtain Ends 19e

94 dozen Curtain Ends of 11/2 yards long in all kinds of Nottingham and riss Curtains. Most of them can be paired and used for small windows. Samples of Wool Clouds on sale Saturday.

Samples of Wool Toques on sale Saturday.

Samples of Hoods on sale Saturday. Samples of Linen and Cotton Towels on sale Saturday

Samples of Men's Working Shirts on sale Saturday.

Samples of Men's Dress Shirts on sale Saturday. Samples of Men's Wool Sweaters on sale Saturday.

Samples of Boys' Sweaters on sale Saturday.

Samples of Men's and Boys' Underwear on sale Saturday.

Samples of Ladies' Lawn Waists on sale Saturday. Samples of Ladies' Silk Waists on sale Saturday.

Samples of Ladies' White Cotton Underwear on sale Saturday. Samples of Ladies' Flannelette Underwear on sale Saturday.

Samples of Ladies' Wrappers on sale Saturday. Samples of Ladies' Knitted Underwear on sale Saturday.

Samples of Ladies' Jackets on sale Saturday.

Samples of Children's Tackets or sale Saturday. Samples of Children's Bear Coats on sale Saturday. Samples of Hand-made Dovlies on sale Saturday. Samples of Bibs and Notions on sale Saturday.

Come Early in the Morning

Do you know that at the prices we are selling the John Knox Co. samples it is positively doing you a favor to sell them at the price? Take this advice: Come early in the morning and take advantage of this great sale.

Our Millinery Dept. Now Ready For You

We have made a little change in our Milinery Department. Better millinsmarter styles. Come up Saturday and take a look at the nobby Paris Hats, also the stylish work turned out by our own milliners.

25c Taffeta Ribbons 15c

More Great Reductions on First Quality Graniteware

An immense quantity of Graniteware still selling at much under the usual prices. The bargains offered are such as may never appear again, so now is the time to secure a supply. Take a note of the following items:

Granite Stove Pots Each 390

Jelly Tins Each 4c 11/2 Quart Pudding Pans 50 30 dozen Grey Enamelled Jelly Cake Tins will be put on sale promptly at 8.30 Saturday morning for the small price of4c each 50 dozen first quality Granite Pud-

Other Bargains

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3-quart Pudding Pans, each . 9c
White Enamel Bowls, each . 7c
Milk Skinnmers, 10c, for . 5c
Oval Pudding Pans, each . 5c
Bread Tins, 40c, for . . . 15c
No. 9 Tea Kettles, each . 60c

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 Covered Sauce Pans,
 each
 9e

 Berlin Kettles,
 60c,
 for
 47e

 1½-quart Milk Pans,
 each
 6e

 No. 8 Tea Kettles,
 each
 50e

85c Kneading Pans 49c

6 dozen 14-quart size Grey Enamel Kneading or Bread Pans, complete with heavy pressed tin cover, and actually worth 85c, will be sold on Saturday for

Glassware

 Tumblers, each
 3c

 Jelly Glasses, each
 3c

 Measuring Cups, each
 10c

 Tall Vases, each
 15c

 Berry Dishes, each
 15c

 Lamp Chimneys, each
 5c

Galvanized Tubs 69c

Strongly made Galvanized Tubs, with piece on side to adjust wringer on, will be sold on Saturday for 69c Come early; only a limited quantity.

China Department

Fine Cups and Saucers 10e
Cake Plates, each 19e
Gream Pitchers, each . . . 10e
Bread and Butter Plates, each 10e
Earthen Teapots, each . . . 20e
Salt and Pepper Shakers, 2 for 15e

35c Galvanized Pails 25c

5 dozen large size and strongly made Galvanized Pails or Water Buckets, marked regular at 35c, will be sold on Saturday for only 25c each

12 Pounds Redpath's Best Sugar 52c

Or 7 pounds for 32c, providing your purchase of other groceries amounts one dollar or over.

Starch Has Advanced

We realized this beforehand, and secured a quantity, while it lasts the price will be the same as before, 7e pound.

Pickling Spice, pound Sealing Wax, tin 6 bars Surprise Soap
Fresh Soda Biscuits, pound
2 pounds Peach and Fig Bars

Flour Has Advanced

But leave us your order to morrow and we will sell you Gold Medal at the old price, which is 55e for quarter

Big Values in Our Shirt **Waist Department**

Sample Cashmere Waists

Ladies' Sample Waiste, fine all French Cashmere, prettily made with clusters of fine tucks or wide tucks, and box plaits, colors, cream, black, red and navy, sizes 34 and 36 only, prices \$2 and \$2.50, worth 1/2 more

Big Clearing Sale of White Lawn and Mull Waists

200 this season's fine White Lawn and Mull Shirtwaists, this season's ex-cellent styles and trimmings

\$3 and \$4 Waists, reduced to \$1.99 \$2.25 and \$2.50 Waists reduced to \$2 Waists reduced to \$1.59

\$1.50 Waists 98c

½ dozen pretty designs in White Lawn Shirtwaists, our regular \$1.50 line, will be sold Saturday for . 98e

Cloak Department \$10.00 Coats for \$5.00

Ladies' and Misses' Tweed Coats, in light and dark colors, box back, thre

\$15.00 Coats \$7.50

Sample Suits

Samples of new fall Jumper and Shirtwaist Suits in velvets, silks, Louisines and cloth, on sale Saturday at just 1-3 less than regular prices.

\$4 to \$7.50 Skirts \$2.98

Ladies' and Misses' Skirts in black,

John Knox Co. was the wholesale dry goods house of Hamilton. They have retired from business. We bought all their travellers' samples, which will be sold on

Infants' Department infants' Bonnets 500

Infants' Dutch Corded Silk Bonnets with embroidered turn back piece, special Saturday 50c

\$4.00 Coats \$3.00

Children's Sample Bearette Coats with wide collar and well lined, worth regular \$4, Saturday's price .. \$3.00

25c Drawers 19e

Children's Striped Flannelette Drawers, in pink and blue, sizes 1 to 9 years, regular 25c, Saturday 19c

Barricoats 59c Infants' Barricoats, made of goo quality white flannelette, marked a bund the bottom with silk, on sale Sa

urday 59e \$5.00 Silk Blouses \$3.00

Misses' Silk Blouses, trimmed with very full, sizes 34 and 36, regular \$5, Saturday

GREAT SALE OF ALL THE SAM PLES OF THE JOHN KNOX CO. WHO HAVE RETIRED FROM BUSI

Ladies' Underwear **Black Satin Underskirts** \$1.50

Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts, made of finest quality sateen, deep ac-cordion pleated flounce edge, with small ruffle effect, Saturday .. \$1.50

Black Pateen Underskirts 99c

special Saturday

Flannelette Gowns 69c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, of good quality flannelette, neat Mother Hub-bard yoke, finished with small ruffle, edged with torchon lace, special value

5.000 yards of Black and Colored Dress Goods will go on Sale Saturday at half and less than half the ordinary selling price.

\$1.00 Broadcloth 59c

\$1.25 Dress Goods 39c 46-inch Black Dress Goods, in Zib

75c Tweeds 39c 44-inch Tweeds, in blue and brown, green and brown and other mixtures, regularly 75c, for 39c

\$2.00 Zibeline 59c

75c Dress Goods 39c

54-inch Tweeds, stripes of green, brown, fawn or grey mixtures, our regular 75c cloth, Saturday ... 39e

\$1.25 Tweeds 39c

46-inch Tweeds, in light and dark colorings, in green and grey mixtures, plain and fancy, worth up to \$1.25, for 39c

Special Saturday Prices From Hamilton's Largest Silk Department

\$1.50 Crepe de Chine \$1

\$1.25 Broche \$ilk 49c

Broche Silk, in light and dark shades,

75c to \$1.25 Silks 49c

Fancy Silks, in all shades, suitable for evening wear and shirt waist suits, worth up to \$1.25, for 49c

\$2.00 Peau de soie \$1.25

Black Peau de Soie Silk, 36 in Black Peau de Soie Silk, 36 inches wide, regularly \$2.00, for ...\$1.25 Black and White and Blue and White Shepherds' Check, small and large size, price75e

Saturday Last Day of Linen Sale

Bleached Table Linen

75 yards \$1.50 Bleached Table Linen, for
yards \$1.35 Bleached Table Linen for
50 yards \$1.10 Bleached Table Linen for
150 yards \$1.00 Bleached Table Linen for
100 yards 75c Bleached Table Linen for
80 yards 65c Bleached Table Linen for
150 yards 60c Bleached Table Linen for

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Two Good Lines From Staple Section

50c Tray Cloths 25c

150 Hemstitched Damask Tray Cloths, with drawn work centre, ordin ary 50c value, for 25c

1,000 yards of Heavy English Flannel ette, pretty designs, extra value fo-day at 15c, Saturday 1214c

15c English Flannelette

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\$4,000 worth of Travellers' Samples bought from the John Knox Co., who have gone out of business. You have your chance at them Saturday.

A Great Purchase of Ladies' Cashmere Stockings Just Put in Stock

We made a purchase of \$2,500 worth of Cashmere Stockings from a Leicester manufacturer. These were delivered Thursday. They are overmake and seconds, which will go on sale Saturday at one-third less than regular

Children's Hose 25c

All sizes in a Heavy Ribbed Cashmere Stocking, ordinary value from 30 to 40c, your choice, any size. 25e

Ladies' Stockings 25c

The Greatest Jacket Showing in Hamilton 1,200 this season's Nobby Jackets now ready for your inspection, the product of the fashionable foreign centres; also from the best Canadian manufac-

Model Jackets at 1/3 Off We purchased the sample Jackets of the largest maker of Jackets in Ber-Jackets were made specially for the best tailors. You can have them at one third from regular prices.

We expect to see you here Saturday to buy some of John Knox Co.'s samples at about half the ordinary retail price.

\$4.50 Women's Shoes \$3.00

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Women's Dongola Blucher Shoes, glove top, patent tip, extension sole, military heel, special Saturday... \$3 shoe, sizes 1-5, Saturday \$2

\$2.00 Slippers \$1.25 | \$4.50 Men's Shoes \$2.98

We have the largest stock of Dress Goods and Silks in Hamilton. Every new fabric can be found here, whether you want it in low or high class quality, we claim a stock able to fit the purse of all.

16 and 18 James Street North

Special Values From Our Shoe Section Boys' Shoes \$2.00

Women's Patent Leather Slippers with or without bow, French heels, turned soles, regular \$2, Saturday... \$1.25

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