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JANUARY ...SALE...

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In our Mantle and Millinery Depts.

200 Ladies, Misses and Children's Jackets, worth regular from \$2.50 to \$30.00, your choice on Friday at 1-2 price.
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50 pairs finest Lace Curtains, 4 yds. long, reg. price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price \$1.00.
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CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION

Addresses Delivered to the
Liberal Nomination Gather-
ing in this City Yesterday.

M. K. Cowan, Arch. Campbell,
M. P., and Hon. Mr. Patterson
Deliver Eloquent Speeches.

At the convention of the West Kent Liberals, held in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium yesterday afternoon, a report of which, up to the time of going to press, was published in yesterday's Planet, Augustus Lemieux, barrister, of Ottawa, addressed the meeting in the French language. He devoted much of his time to praising Mr. Stephens, Mr. Laurier, and the Liberals in general.

In French he explained his pleasure at being present and of having the pleasure of speaking to his own countrymen in his mother tongue. He congratulated the audience upon the selection of their candidate and congratulated Mr. Stephens upon being chosen. He was pleased to see that harmony existed throughout the entire convention, and he prophesied a victory for Mr. Stephens. He urged upon all of his fellow compatriots to remain faithful to the traditions to the traditions of the Papineus, the Laframbois, the Merciers and, last but not least, to Laurier, who, he claimed, had given them responsible government. He spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Stephens in the House.

He reminded the audience that the Liberal Government claims to have given us prosperity, and to have given an impetus to the development of the country. He also claimed that they settled the burning question of the Separate schools in Manitoba, had denounced the German and Belgium treaties with England, advocated preferential trade, reduced the postal tariff, continued the Intercolonial to Montreal, reduced the expenses and increased the revenue. He referred hopefully to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and concluded with a glorious tribute to Mr. Laurier. He also said, what Laurier has done for the French-Canadians he has also done for all Canadians.

Mr. Lemieux closed with a few remarks in English. He said that when he went back to the French-Canadians at Ottawa he would always cherish his visit to Chatham as one of the pleasantest epochs in his life. Continuing, he praised Mr. Stephens in English. The Liberal party had given peace, harmony and concord to all Canadians, according to Mr. Lemieux. A debt of gratitude was owing to Sir Wilfrid Laurier for his settlement of the Separate school question. He had handled that matter so cleverly and had disposed of it so satisfactorily.

Mr. Sutherland, M. P., North Essex, was the next speaker. He praised the convention. The main reason that had actuated him in coming was his good opinion of Mr. Stephens. He had found him a sturdy, honest, capable, business man. It was a fine thing for the Liberal party to have at its head such a fine man as Sir Wilfrid Laurier; at home and abroad he was a credit to the great empire of which Canada formed a part. The country had prospered during the past seven years. The customs collected during the past year by a million and a half, and this port alone had become the greatest grain exporting port in North America. He said that Mr. Lemieux was one of the cleverest young lawyers in Ottawa.

There were plenty of reports concerning the health of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but he was still always to be found attending to business.

A telegram was received from Mr. Patterson, stating that his train was late and he would reach Chatham about four o'clock.

Archibald Campbell, M. P., Toronto Junction, was next called upon. Mr. Campbell recognized many old friends amongst the audience, but many old war horses were missing. Mr. Campbell spent some time jollying Mr. Stephens. He said that he was proud that such a man as George Stephens had succeeded him as representative of the riding of West Kent.

Under seven years of Liberal rule, the foreign trade had increased \$2 million dollars. No other had made such strides as the manufacturers. Mr. Campbell dwelt at some length on the prosperity of Canada. He did not think that the prosperity was all due to the Government. Providence had blessed the country with bountiful crops, but the push and energy of the Government had done the rest. They had reduced the tariff on business principles. They had the Canadian quarantine removed. They also established a cold storage system. During Mr. Campbell's speech a large number left the hall. The ex-

odus was so great that the Member for Toronto Junction was forced to discontinue his address.

Continuing, when he could be heard again, Mr. Campbell referred to the appointment of the Railway Commission, at the head of which was the Hon. Mr. Blair. The railway bill passed by the Government was of interest to the people of the County of Kent in three particulars, namely, protecting the farmers from fires caused by the engines, the securing of drainage under railroad tracks and affording protection against the killing of the farmers' stock.

He also referred to the management of the Yukon and claimed that the administration of that part of the Dominion had cost the rest of the country a cent. He also claimed that the Post Office Department had been so successfully managed that there was a surplus instead of a deficit in this department. Mr. Campbell concluded with a eulogy of Mr. Stephens and asked all present to support Mr. Stephens and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

M. K. Cowan, M. P., South Essex, arrived at this juncture. Mr. Cowan regretted that the cold weather had caused a cold and affected a voice at other times. He felt it his duty to come and speak on behalf of Mr. Stephens. He devoted his time to the tariff and the treatment it had received at the hands of the Liberal party. The Conservatives had claimed that the Liberals had stolen their policy as to tariff. Mr. Cowan repudiated this charge. Now the Conservatives claimed that all they needed was adequate protection. Continuing Mr. Cowan said that no tariff could be perfect, but the only thing the government could do was to adjust it as best they could. The tariff had to be revised so that the burdens would fall on those who could bear it the best.

He prophesied that the Liberal party would make the most change that would be made in the tariff.

The growth of export of manufacturing interests for one year of Liberal rule compared with a similar period of Conservative rule showed an increase of nearly 500 per cent. For every dollar the Liberals added to the national debt they brought \$10 worth of trade to Canada. Canada stood first in the increase of trade in comparison with other countries of the world. Canada was first, Japan was second, and the United States was third.

The deposits per capita in the savings banks of Canada were greater than in any other country in the world. He compared the policy of the Liberals in reference to the Grand Trunk Pacific with that of the Conservatives. When the drainage bill came up, he had lent Stephens every assistance in securing the passage of the railway bill. Mr. Cowan also mentioned the good fight George Stephens had put up in his effort to secure the Lake Erie car shops.

He impressed on the audience the necessity for organization. This was a constituency that had been the scene of many honorable battles. It was the constituency that had been represented by Archibald McKellar, Archie Campbell and George Stephens. Mr. Patterson, Minister of Customs was expected early in the day and the audience were very anxious to hear him speak. He, however, did not arrive until about five o'clock, owing to the lateness of the trains. As the convention by that time was over and the people were commencing to get on their feet, Mr. Patterson did not attempt to make a speech. A lot of the people had left and the hall was about half full when he commenced and seeing this, he simply made a few remarks.

Mr. Patterson has a very big full voice. He is member for North Brant and Wentworth, and it was said of him when he was running in Brant that he could go out on a hill and make the four counties of Brant. He made the Auditorium ring yesterday. He is a good platform speaker and it was unfortunate he did not arrive sooner so that he could have given a lengthy address.

Mr. Patterson regretted very much that he was not able to be in Chatham. He was glad to see such a large gathering and glad also that he had nominated Mr. Stephens again.

"By honoring him," said he "you have honored yourselves. As a government we appreciate his efforts. I can't tell you anything but that he has done. The other side will tell you that."

He then went on to point out a few things he claimed for the government referring at great length to the proposed trans-continental railway which has been the subject of so much discussion. His chief plea was that the country is prosperous now and there was no reason for a change of government.

His address was very short and at its conclusion he caught the Lake Erie train for Sarnia.

The convention then adjourned with cheers for the King, Stephens and Laurier.

DIVID SLATES

The City Council will hold their caucus to-morrow night for the purpose of drafting the slates for the civic committees. Archie McCoig can have the Board of Works chairman without asking for it. There is a little coming on between E. A. Mount and John Edmondson for the chairmanship of the Property committee. Mr. Scullard will, in all probability, get the Parks and Cemetery committee chairmanship, and Aid. Pigott is very likely to again have the chairmanship of the Industrial committee. Aid. Marshall will likely be given Finance.

DISSENSION OF ONTARIO CABINET

Ross' Prohibition Bait a Bone
of Vigorous Contentment—\$1-
000 Sessional Indemnity.

Proposed by the Ministers—
Another Protracted Meeting
Held Yesterday.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Another protracted meeting of the Ontario Cabinet was held this afternoon, but all that Ministers would say afterwards was that the estimates were discussed. Rumor has it, however, that the Premier's proposal to risk all on a prohibition bill is a bone of contention at these lengthy sessions of Council.

Your correspondent understands that the Government intends to advise the House to permanently increase the sessional indemnity of members of the Legislature to \$1,000. Up to last session, when it was increased \$400, owing to the long time the members were compelled to be in attendance the indemnity was \$600. Premier Ross then intimated that an extra permanent increase might not be amiss.

The Cabinet this afternoon authorized holding an investigation by the Municipal Auditor Laing into the financial affairs of the town of Midland, the Township of Russell, Prescott County, and town of Smith's Falls.

The Premier stated that the estimated expenditure would be about 5 per cent. greater, or about 4.34 instead of 4.1-2 millions. The increase is due to increased cost of public institutions.

TRAGIC DEATH OF KENT MAN

In a Fit of Melancholy Last
Night He Took His Own Life
With a Razor.

Had Been Troubled With a Series
of Chronic Diseases and
Sought Relief in Death.

A shocking death occurred in the city some time last night, the unfortunate victim being John Dumar, of the Second concession, Chatham Township.

Dumar lived all alone in a little shanty opposite Ford's slaughter house on the Second concession, and for the last few days he had not been feeling well. Although he had no acute illness he was troubled with chronic diseases. Last evening about ten o'clock Mr. Draper, a neighbor who knew that Dumar was unwell, called at the latter's hut to enquire after his health. He found the door unlocked and no fire in the house. A lamp was burning dimly, and through the smoky mist in the room he saw Dumar dressed and lying over his bed, with his throat cut from ear to ear. It was indeed a sickening and gruesome sight. He had been dead for some time, and the best part of the light was burning dimly and smoking led to the belief that the deed was done the night before. Nothing definite, however, is known as to the time of the supposed suicide.

Former Dr. J. P. Rutherford was called and he and James McGregor went to the house and saw Dumar lying in the same position as was when found. One peculiar circumstance in connection with the matter is that the razor which was used was found covered with blood in the dead man's clutches. It seems an extraordinary thing that during the struggles which must have followed the cutting Dumar did not throw the razor to the floor. The wound was a ragged one. The neck was completely cut from ear to ear and both jugular veins and the wind pipe were completely severed. Death must have followed shortly after the rash deed. Coroner Dr. J. L. Bray has the inquest in charge. It will be held in Jahke's morgue to-morrow night.

Dumar was a man of about 60 years of age and a comparative stranger in Chatham, having lived here for only the last 10 months. He was originally a sailor but was employed, while here, as a laborer. He was quite often out of work and it is quite possible that he became discouraged with life and decided to end it all. He was unmarried and lived all alone. It is reported that he has a sister living in Port Stanley.

Dumar was born in Woodstock and at one time he was worth \$42,000, according to his own stories to neighboring farmers. He has been a rover during his life and has been all over the world. At one time he went to France for the purpose of having expert treatment on his eyes. The full particulars of how he came to his death will come out in the coroner's inquest to-morrow night.

TWENTY PEOPLE KILLED.

Result of Railway Collision at Willard, Kansas.

Topeka, Kans., Jan. 7.—Twenty persons were killed and thirty-seven injured in the wreck of a Rock Island express train at Willard yesterday. Most of the injured are in hospitals in Topeka. The doctors announce that all of the injured will recover, with the exception of Mrs. M. A. Hill of Greensburg, Kansas.

It is thought that carelessness of trainmen caused the wreck. Instructed to meet a freight at Willard, the engineer and conductor of the passenger train, noting that a freight stood on the side at Willard, rushed through, thinking that this was the one which they had been ordered to pass. The passenger train leaped into the darkness at a fast rate. The special stock train, which the passenger train had been ordered to meet, had not taken the siding, and the trains came together with a terrific crash.

JOHN CASHEL COMMITTED.

For Aiding His Brother to Escape—
Miss Bazeau's Story.

Calgary, Jan. 7.—John Cashel was committed for trial yesterday afternoon on the charge of having assisted his brother, Ernest Cashel, to escape from the police barracks. Flora Bazeau, the woman in the case, continuing her evidence, said John Cashel asked her to get a revolver for him, but she refused. He said he could easily get them himself. She went down to Medicine Hat previous to the escape, and he wrote to her, mentioning his plans, but he had ordered her to burn the letters, and she did so. She said that she had been placed under arrest at Medicine Hat, and constables had told her that she would be detained until she told what she knew. She had not been threatened, but had been retained for five hours before she said anything.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Names of Boards Appointed For
Coming Year.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—The following boards of license commissioners have been appointed for the coming year: Welland—C. D. Emmett, J. W. Jewson, J. H. Crow. Brockville and Leeds—W. H. Cole, W. G. Parrish, A. W. Mallory. North Grey—J. Gardner, W. H. Wright, R. C. Marshall. East Simcoe—John Jamieson, J. Cockburn, J. McDermott. North Lanark—Wm. Snedden, J. R. Murphy, C. Simpson. North Bruce—J. Frazer, Neil D. McDougall, A. McRae. East Northumberland—H. G. G. C. Purdy, John O'Reilly. West Hastings—H. G. Bleeker, J. G. Squires, Wm. J. McCammon. South Grey—Patrick Phelan, Wm. Caldwell, T. Pochman. South Perth—J. J. Haggarty, B. F. Kastner, John Fotheringham. East Middlesex—R. S. Douglas, D. McIntyre, Allan Boyle. East Elgin—W. B. Purdy, Walter C. Lewis, Alexander Grant. South Waterloo—H. McNally, I. M. Clemens, W. Oliver. Lincoln—W. J. Ritterhouse, J. Healey, C. Hock. Manitoulin—Oswald Hinds, W. A. M. Bellwood, Wm. Thorburn.

G. T. R. Ferry Breaks a Wheel.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—The car ferry transport Lansdowne, while battling with the river ice during the morning under a heavy load of Grand Trunk freight cars, broke her steel port wheel, which will necessitate the big ice-breaker being out of commission for at least 24 hours.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Mr. Joseph Leslie, for many years postmaster of Toronto, is dead.

Robert Burns, blacksmith, near Fernhill, was killed while felling a tree.

A Hamilton concern's selling contracts yesterday for ninety-four new houses.

A man named Pariseau and his mother were killed at a crossing near Aylmer, Que.

John Anderson of Westminster, injured in a crossing accident at London, Ont., is dead.

George E. Irwin of Dundas, brakeman on the G. T. R., was killed between Toronto and Hamilton.

Lieutenant-Governor W. Mortimer Clark has been elected a director of the Metropolitan Bank.

The first of the series of ceremonies incident upon the canonization of Joan of Arc was carried out at Rome.

The British Cabinet has been summoned to meet on Saturday, presumably to discuss the far east situation.

One hundred and fifty firms will be represented in the Imperial Floating Exhibition which will leave England in April.

Five Indians were caught on the St. Lawrence bridge at Lachine by a train. Two were killed and the others injured.

Investigations have been ordered into the finances of the towns of Smith's Falls and Midland and of the township of Russell.

The Mary Ballantyne Nurses' Residence, presented to Stratford Hospital Trust by Hon. Thos. Ballantyne, was formally opened yesterday.

A labor convention at Port William nominated L. L. Peltier as their candidate for the Commons for the new constituency of Thunder Bay and Rainy River.



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