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FOUR DAYS SPECIAL SELLING

—OF—

Black Dress Goods

(Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

On Wednesday, June 20th, we commence a big four days' selling of Black Dress Goods.

Undoubtedly Black Dress Goods are going to be more popular this coming season than they have been for years, and we are already prepared for the extra demand with many new arrivals.

To give this department an extra impetus for the summer business, we make for the next few days a special showing of Black Dress Goods and exceptional price reductions.

- 15 pieces of Black Dress Goods, including such new and popular weaves as Wool Taffeta, Panama Canvas, Voiles, Armures, Embroidered Amazons, Sicilians, Delaines, Etc., 42 in. to 50 in. wide, regular value 75c to \$1.25 a yard, on sale commencing Wednesday morning at **53c**
- 42 in. wide corded and all Black Lustres, good for summer suits and skirts, regular 50c and 60c a yard, for **29c**
- 40 in. wide all wool Black Whipcord, correct weight for summer skirts and dresses, regular 50c a yard for **35c**
- 38 in. wide all wool French Coating Serge, medium twill, good weight, on sale very special at **25c**

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A PLEASANT TRIP THROUGH THE TILBURY EAST OIL FIELDS

Party of Chathamites Gain Considerable Interesting Information During an Afternoon Drive—Oil Prospects are Great

A party of four Chathamites, consisting of two grain merchants and two well known lawyers, made a trip of inspection to the Tilbury oil fields yesterday, and report a very profitable and pleasant time. One of the party speaking to a Planet representative this morning said:

"A record trip of twelve miles in 45 minutes brought us to the Campbell farm on the 8th concession, where there is a good well. The striking of this well has the effect of increasing the limits of the field, it being the farthest north and west. There is a tremendous flow of gas, and two large tanks filled with oil. A local farmer on an adjoining lot informed the party that in a few days he did not expect to have to do anything, because they are going to start boring on his place, which is southeast of this well, and he had mildly put the sentiments of the whole community. Everyone is oil crazy, with apparently good reason."

"A drive south revealed the fact that there are eleven wells all producing oil. There is not a dry hole in the district. Oil is being found as a rule at a depth of 1,300 and 1,400 feet, oil bearing rock being of considerable depth, and the flow large. There is enough gas going to waste in the Tilbury oil fields to-day to light and heat the city of Chatham. In this respect the oil men have a snap. They bore for oil and get gas. They use the gas to fire the engine that furnishes the power to complete their well. Then they put on a jigger and pump the oil by means of the gas that escapes from the well. New wells give \$100 per acre, and it would cost them \$200 if they had to use either wood or coal."

"Oil men are notoriously secretive. We approached a driller on the Campbell well and the following conversation took place:

"What lot is this?"
"Don't know."
"Did you strike oil?"
"Yes."
"When?"
"Saturday."
"Did you get a good flow?"
"Guess so."
"Who owns the well?"
"Don't know."
"Who do you work for?"
"Don't know."
"Is the field likely to be a good one?"

"Think so. Can't never tell." Just then a man with a new pair of tan shoes and sleek grey suit and a general air of prosperity drove up and entered into conversation with us. He did not tell his name, but tried to find out all that we knew. As we were in business we

became oil magnates at once, and the man went away none the wiser. "An inspection of the plants showed that wells are pumping large quantities of oil. It is expected that two or three wells will be shot this week. One was struck on the Irwin farm, and will likely be shot this week. There is a good showing of oil."

"A drive to Merlin resulted in the lawyers having to get out every few steps to hold some lady's horse till the auto got past. "In most of the cases the horses would have been all right if the drivers had only exhibited a little common sense. One man turned his horse into a gate and when the auto went past he found himself unable to go ahead so he backed up and the whole business was dumped into the ditch. In most of the cases the drivers were the only ones who noticed the auto at all. The horses rather liked the experience."

"At Merlin there are a number of oil tanks being filled with oil. There are many new rigs coming into the place, and soon a drive through the country will reveal a hundred or more rigs in view at a time. That the field is permanent can be guessed from the fact that the oil companies are preparing to pipe oil from the fields to the railway property for shipment. In the meantime the township with the usual over-cautiousness is doing all they can to prevent this."

"Merlin was a surprise party. We were dry—and so was Merlin. There was nothing doing. One of our party was eyed suspiciously and as a result in some places even the wells were not working. When we were going out of Merlin our auto scared a stage driver's team, and we were forced to find the driver and follow it up with the auto. When the team was caught, the horses walked right past the machine without even looking at it."

"Summing the trip up, the oil field is wonderful and leases are held at fabulous prices. A man was offered \$50,000 for leases he gathered together during the winter time. Another man was given \$12,500 for every eight barrels for a four hundred acre lease. Part of this land was bought for \$2,900 two years ago. A funny part of the whole thing is that a man who has oil producing wells on his own farm made unsuccessful attempts to secure oil in Bothwell two years ago."

"A careful study of the people who drive horses revealed the fact that in most instances the horses have better sense than the drivers. The half of them frighten their own horses by getting frightened themselves when they see an auto coming. All in all the trip was enjoyable, and the result good."

CITIZEN'S CONDEMN THE ACTION OF GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

Wave of Public Sentiment Against the Blocking of the Extension to Lake Erie—A Mass Meeting To-night

Great indignation is expressed on all sides regarding the Grand Trunk's reported action in refusing the C. W. & L. E. a right of way over their tracks on William street. A mass meeting of citizens is called for this evening to take place in the C. W. & L. E. auditorium, and it is likely that another larger meeting to consider the matter may be called to take place in Harrison Hall later.

The Planet this morning interviewed some of the citizens on the matter, and the following replies were the result:

Ex-Ald. John Watt—I think the G. T. R.'s action is a big imposition on the city and our railway, and I think a mass meeting of the citizens should be called, that the general feeling of the people might be put on record."

Mr. E. J. MacIntyre—The G. T. R. should certainly allow the electric line to cross their tracks. A citizens' mass meeting should be called at once, and measures taken to bring influence to bear on the government to compel the G. T. R. to act decently by the electric line. The people never anticipated any trouble of this kind when the building of the C. W. & L. E. was commenced."

John Pleasance—The citizens should get together, and regardless of politics, collectively take steps to have the proper representations made to the government to have this hardship removed. The G. T. R. are already taking advantage of our city and using our streets for shunting purposes. We want the C. W. & L. E. to cross at William street."

Ex-Ald. Harry Westman—Every loyal citizen ought to join in entering a vigorous protest at once to both the G. T. R. and the Railway Commission; to the Railway Commission for rendering such an unjust and ridiculous decision, and imposing such an expense on the city; and to the G. T. R. for the very selfish view they are taking of the matter. The G. T. R. are evidently not trying to help the citizens to improve Chatham commercially as it should be to their interests to do. I would suggest that the Board of Trade should send strongly worded resolutions to both the Railway Commission and the G. T. R. officials, pointing out what a drawback such action on the part of the railroad means to Chatham. Trustee W. N. Morley—I am a shame that the C. W. & L. E. should receive such a set-back from the Grand Trunk. The citizens should get together and do all in their

power to help the electric line in their predicament.

Ex-Ald. John Waddell—On the face of it, it looks like a petty piece of work on the part of the Trunk. Of course there may be two sides to the story, and I would like to be acquainted with both sides before venturing any opinion. The C. W. & L. E. must gain a right of way out to the lake in the direction they are seeking, and a roundabout way will certainly not meet with the approval of people of Chatham. The public should give the C. W. & L. E. every support in their contention."

Mr. A. Sheldrick—I think it is an outrage that our railway should be thus held back in its extension. Some means should be immediately taken to bring the G. T. R. to fair and just terms with the C. W. & L. E. I was telling Manager Warburton yesterday, I believe that if a petition were circulated in the interests of the electric line in this matter, every business man in Chatham would sign it."

Ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson—The Railway Commission did not report in favor of the C. W. & L. E. but I have not heard of them giving out any definite decision on the matter. At present the crisis is a most delicate one, and I think it most unfortunate that our electric line should be thus blocked in its progress. The voice of the people of Chatham is with the C. W. & L. E., and I think if you were to gather opinions from every man in the city, you would not find one dissenter."

Ald. Wm. Stone—It is simply an outrage, and one would think that the G. T. R. would have more consideration for their customers in this city."

Mr. Chas. Hadley—The citizens should take the matter up at once. There is no more reason why the C. W. & L. E. should be forced to go over or under the G. T. R. than there is that they should do so at the C. P. R. crossing. One potent reason why the G. T. R. are against having a level crossing at William street, is that they know if one were constructed there, they would be no longer able to use our city streets as shunting grounds. I am pleased to see the Planet take up the matter so vigorously, and it is obvious that the people are ready to take the matter up too, and give the electric line every support in their contention."

Ald. Chas. Austin—I think if there is any action the City Council can take to assist the electric line in bringing proper pressure to bear in the right quarters, they will be only too pleased to do so. If it cannot be arranged any other way, the business men should see that some action is taken."

AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

John Green, an employee of the Manson Campbell Co., while working in the woodworking department on Monday morning, was struck by a piece of wood above the eyes, the wound necessitating several stitches to close it up. The wood flew up from a cut-off saw and struck a belt, which carried it along until it finally struck Mr. Green, such a happening being a strange occurrence.



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PASSED AWAY

The sad news has been received by relatives in this city of the death of Mrs. Catherine Dooley, at her home in Detroit, on Sunday last. The deceased was a former resident of Raleigh, and was highly respected and esteemed in that vicinity and in this city.

The deceased's brothers and sisters are, Mr. James Dillon, Chatham; Miss Julia Dillon, Chatham; Mrs. Patrick O'Rourke, Chatham; Mrs. William Hickey and Messrs. Matthew and Michael Dillon, of Merlin.

AFTER HER FATHER

Chief Holmes has received the following letter from Hamilton. The writer is a Hamilton woman who is looking for her father:

June 15, '06.

Dear Sir,—I hope you will take notice of this as I would like to see my father. I received word that he was in Chatham and would you kindly find him for me. Please do. His name is James Glen, formerly of Belfast, Ireland. He left there 16 years ago. He went to Chatham with his family, and if you find him tell him to write; if not, please tell me. His daughter,

MRS. BOLTON (nee James Glen)
9 Market Square,
Hamilton, Ont.,
Can.

ENJOYABLE OUTING

The First Presbyterian Sunday School excursion to Bath last yesterday was not as largely attended as it should have been, but a most enjoyable day was spent by all who took it in. Everything came off nicely, and the booths did a good business.

The football match between the First Church team and the Harwich team resulted in victory for the former by a score of 1 to 0. The baseball between the benedicts and the bachelors proved a very interesting feature. The benedicts won out by a score of 22 to 10. The benedicts were captained by A. B. McCoig, M. P. P., and the bachelors by Roy Ross.

An artist can always paint his wife if she doesn't paint herself.

HOMESICK AND DESPONDENT, YOUNG MAN ENDS HIS LIFE

Body Was Found This Morning Under A Tree On The Eighth Concession Dover --- Inquest Will Likely Be Held

Homesick and greatly dissatisfied with this country, Wm. Thompson, a young man, who came to Canada from Scotland only two weeks ago, committed suicide on Thursday last by hanging himself.

The deceased was 32 years of age and emigrated from Scotland at the beginning of the month in company with an uncle and aunt and three cousins. The party arrived in Chatham on June 10th and the following day the deceased went to work for Alex. McKenzie on the 8th concession, Dover. He was a steady, industrious man, and was in the best of health, but after a few days he was heard to remark that he did not like this country and would like to go back home.

His homesickness evidently reached an acute stage last Wednesday, when he appeared to be more dissatisfied than ever, and on Thursday evening he disappeared.

His relatives, who came over with him, had gone to live on the 11th concession, Dover, and it was thought that he might have gone to visit them, but upon enquiry it was learned that nothing had been heard about him since the time of his disappearance.

As he did not show up on Friday, Mr. McKenzie came to the conclusion that he had wandered off into the woods and had been overcome by sickness or had met with an accident of some kind and a search was instituted.

It was not, however, until this morning that the mystery of his disappearance was cleared up, a party of searchers finding his dead body beneath a tree in the woods on the farm, a short piece of rope about three feet long being suspended from

a limb 20 feet above the ground.

The remainder of the rope was lying on his body, one end being tied about his neck. The body was much decomposed and had evidently been hanging on the tree till last night when the rotting of the rope and the wind caused it to fall.

A search party had passed under the tree a couple of days ago without noticing the corpse, and had the rope been strong enough to hold it, they probably would not have found it for some time.

Dr. J. L. Bray was summoned from Chatham and, upon examining the body, found that death was due to strangulation. The remains are now lying in the McKenzie farm and an inquest will most likely be held.

The affair has cast a gloom over the neighborhood, as the deceased, although only in the country for such a short time had made many friends and was well-liked by his fellow-workers. The news of his sad end was conveyed to his relatives this morning, and has occasioned them much distress.

POLICE COURT

At the police court this morning judgment was reserved in the case of a confectioner for purchasing on the market square before the hour of ten o'clock, for one week. It is claimed that the merchant did not go on the market, but the goods were brought to him.

A drunk named Allan Shaver, was sent to gaol for a week.

A young boy who stole some money from the Blonds Co., was remanded for a week. He was very penitent this morning, and promised to be good if he were let go this time. This is, however, the third time he has made his appearance in the police court.

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PHONE 96

SPECIAL!

A cablegram has been received saying the

REAL THING

will appear here To-morrow. Watch for it.

Thursday, June 21

Self-righteousness is like counterfeit money, the more one has the worse he is off.

Time has no odd days or holidays in his calendar.

June 16, 1906

DEAR SIR,—We would like to be your shoeman this summer, as we were never in position before to please you quite so well.

Our Good Shoes are better than ever and you will find a shoe for every purpose to comply with any idea you may have, whether you pay \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 or \$5.00 for the best shoes money will buy, or a less price for ordinary wear,