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Expansion Sale! Silk Opportunities

Our stock of Silks is complete throughout. We buy Silks through our Syndicate, direct from the French makers, and offer you values equal and even better than any wholesale house. We invite comparison with any silk you may have purchased outside our store, and you will find better values with us every time. For Saturday and Monday we offer you these specials:—

Black Peau de Soie, fine bright finish, pure French dye, fully warranted for wear and appearance, correct for waists, dresses and shirtwaist suits, regular value \$1.25 a yard, Expansion Sale Price, special for Saturday and Monday is 98c

New Shot Taffetas in the most exquisite color combinations, the very correct silk for waists and shirtwaist suits, in shades of browns, greens and blues, regular value \$1.00 a yard, Expansion Sale Price, special for Saturday and Monday is 85c

New Black Taffeta Silk, heavy gross grain effect, fine lustrous finish, recommended for appearance and durability, for waists and dresses, regular value \$1.00 a yard, Expansion Sale Price for Saturday and Monday is 74c

Fancy Waist Silks in very pretty checks and stripes in such staple colorings as navy, sky, pink, old rose, helio, grey, etc., regular value \$1.00 and \$1.05 a yard, Expansion Sale Price is 73c

Another Dress Goods Offering

9 pieces of new fall dress goods, in the new Hopsack weaves and Knop effects, in excellent shades of navy, brown, green, grey, etc., 42 in. wide, especially suitable for girls' school dresses and skirts, regular value 50c, and 60c. a yard. Expansion Sale prices for Saturday and Monday is 36c.

\$1.00 Lace Collars for 78c.
85c. Lace Collars for 65c.
65c. Lace Collars for 48c.

Expansion Sale Wrapperette Offering

25 pieces of fine Canadian Wrapperettes, in good, staple, dark colors, and in designs suitable for waists and wrappers; Expansion Sale price special at 9c.

Special Offering of Men's Socks

Men's fine, guaranteed pure wool and fast black cashmere socks, medium weight, close woven, serviceable, regular value 35c. a pair; Expansion Sale the new Hopsack weaves and knap 25c.

Special Opportunities in Carpets

A very sharp advance has taken place in the price of Tapestry Carpets. Not only were we well protected in our purchases before this advance was put on, but we are now offering you our stock at a discount on the old prices, making for you a very substantial saving on every yard of Tapestry Carpet you buy from us this season. English Tapestry Carpets, warranted to give satisfaction, in an immense range of new designs and colorings, with and without borders, some with stairs to match, suitable for parlors, dining rooms and bedrooms, on sale at these prices:—

We Measure Your Rooms, Make and Lay These Carpets Free of Extra Charge . . .
65c. Tapestry Carpets for . . . 58c
75c. " " " " 65c
85c. " " " " 75c

Expansion Sale. Very Special

On Saturday and Monday we offer you 20 Dozen of Boys' Pure Wool Worsted Hose, elastic rib, all sizes from 6½ to 9½, reg. value, 30c, your choice any size, 24c Pair

Ladies' Coats

The styles are most correct because we bought them in Germany after New York had decided what was to be "it." The values are more than right because we bought them through the syndicate at syndicate prices direct from the Berlin manufacturers, and have marked them at quick selling expansion sale prices. We have now a fine new show room for ladies' coats on our second floor. Lots of room for you to see the coats and plenty of light to give them close examination.

We invite your inspection.

Dressmaking

Our new and second dress making department under the management of Miss Morrison is proving extremely successful. We make shirt waists, fancy waists, suits and fancy dresses at very moderate charges and guarantee satisfaction.

Skirts made for \$2.00 up.
Suits made for \$6.00 up.
Waists made for \$2.00 up.
Dresses made for \$6.00 up.

We invite a trial order. No materials made up unless purchased in the store.

Thomas Stone & Son

MR. MATTHEW WILSON, K. C., CORROBORATES REEVE PURSER

The Eminent Lawyer Says It Was Solely on His Advice That Dover's Reeve Did Not Make the Corrupt Offer, Which He Received from George Stephens, Public at Once.

Reported the Matter to the Township Solicitor the Day After it Occurred.

Mr. Purser Was Much Worried and Excited that Such a Proposition Should Have Been Made to Him—Mr. Wilson Will, on Reeve Purser's Request, Give The Planet the Full Facts in Connection With the Case—Some Interesting Developments to Follow.

Reeve Purser, of Dover Township, was in the city last evening. In an interview with The Planet he said:—
"Although Mr. Boyer brought up the matter of Mr. Stephens' offer of \$250 to support the \$75,000 bonus by-law at the township nominations last December, there are some people who quite rightly ask me why I refrained from saying or doing anything publicly about the matter. The question is quite a proper one and I think it should be answered. I made no public announcement of it at the time of the specific advice of Mr. Matthew Wilson, K. C., the solicitor of our township, to whom I at once reported the circumstances in the interests of the people of my township.

"After the meeting of the railroad promoters the proposition was made to me by Mr. George Stephens. I could not see our solicitor then, but determined that it was my duty to lay the matter fully before him.

"Accordingly I came to town very soon thereafter, and before our next Council meeting in November, and placed the whole matter before him, asking his advice as to what steps I should pursue as to giving it publicity or otherwise dealing with it.

"Mr. Wilson advised no action at that time, and I acted on his advice as solicitor of our township.

"As nearly as I can remember the whole discussion at the interview, which I think the people of Dover have a right now to know, was much as follows:—
"I asked Mr. Wilson if we were forced to submit a by-law to grant these railroad promoters \$75,000 from our township, and he said he thought not. He then asked me what harm there could be in it. I replied that the railroad men were after \$75,000 from our township and I did not think it was right for our people to be called on for this big bonus. Mr. Wilson replied that the people could vote it down, that the only danger would be, with such a large sum at issue, corruption might be resorted to in order to carry it. I said that was precisely it and what I came to see him about. I said that already I had been approached by Mr. George Stephens, one of the railroad promoters, who had told me if I would submit the by-law and help carry it it would be worth \$250 to me. I asked him what I better do about it.

"Mr. Wilson replied that under those circumstances he would be very careful about submitting the by-law.

"Then, I said, supposing that they

try to force it what shall I do?
"Mr. Wilson said that in that case we would simply expose the whole matter that they had tried to bribe me and no judge would issue a mandamus to compel us to submit the by-law under those circumstances.

"But, I asked him, what should I do about Mr. Stephens' corrupt offer of \$250? Should I not expose it?
"Mr. Wilson said he did not think I was called upon to do anything about it in the way of prosecution unless they tried to force the hands of the Council, in which case it would be my duty to make this corrupt offer known to the court so as to protect the interests of the people of Dover by baulking any movement to force the submitting of the by-law. Mr. Wilson advised me that there was no necessity of saying anything about the matter to the public unless the by-law came before the people, and then I should let the people know what had taken place.

"I went to Mr. Wilson at once because I believed it my duty to the people to do so, and I acted upon his advice because I have much confidence in him as our solicitor and believed I should exercise every care in our people's interests.

"Are you willing we should go to your solicitor and ask him for a statement on the case?" Mr. Purser was asked.

"Yes, most emphatically," was the response. "I am only anxious that the whole truth should be known, and I want the people of Dover to know I acted throughout solely in their interests."

MR. WILSON CORROBORATES.

The Planet interviewed Mr. Matthew Wilson, K. C., at his legal offices this morning relative to the above statement of Reeve Purser, which was read over to the eminent counsel.

"All that is quite true," said Mr. Wilson. "As I remember it—and I remember it distinctly, as the circumstances were serious, — Mr. Purser came to me the very day after the meeting at which the proposition is alleged to have been made, and placed the matter before me as township solicitor. I remember Mr. Purser was much worried and excited over it."

Mr. Wilson, who is leaving for London this afternoon, stated that he was too busy to give a full statement of the facts to-day, but said that he took the whole responsibility for Mr. Purser's reticence in regard to the matter and that he will, at Mr. Purser's request, give to The Planet the full facts of the case and the reason why he advised Mr. Purser to say nothing about the matter unless the by-law came before the electors or application was made to compel the Council to submit the by-law.

GREAT MEETING IN RALEIGH

Splendid Speeches by Herbert S. Clements, Dr. Musson and Dr. Thornton.

Candidate Arouses Enthusiasm by Discussion of Hog Cholera Scandal—Meeting wants to hear of Bribery Charges

"The most successful political meeting ever held in the hall," was the verdict of Chairman James Chinnick on the splendid and enthusiastic gathering in the interests of Herbert S. Clements, at Union Hall, Raleigh, last night. The hall was filled and the applause throughout was hearty and spontaneous.

On motion James Chinnick was unanimously voted to the chair and proved a splendid presiding officer. He cordially invited any opposition to the platform, but there being no response, the meeting was proceeded with.

DR. THORNTON SPEAKS.

Dr. A. W. Thornton was the first speaker and made a magnificent address. He believed it the duty of every man to take an interest in the affairs of the state—it was one of the obligations of true citizenship. Continuing the doctor dwelt in a masterly and eloquent way with the issues of the day, the absolute failure of the Government to keep its promises. He alluded to the various frictions with Hon. Mr. Tarte, Hon. Mr. Blair, Lord Dundonald, John Lorne McDougall and Capt. Salmon, closing with a magnificent arraignment of the Government's Grand Trunk Pacific scheme.

THE BRIBERY CHARGE.

A voice—How about Stephens' effort to bribe Dover?
Dr. Thornton said he had not intended to allude to that matter. It was of a most serious character. The speaker abhorred personalities, but the people had a right to examine the public acts of a public man. If Reeve Purser and Councillor Boyer told the truth, and they were men of long and honorable standing, Geo. Stephens should be banished from any public and responsible positions. Hear, Hear! Dr. Thornton reviewed the facts of the case and closed by asking those present to send a clean man

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TWO NEW BOOKS.

"OLD GORGON GRAHAM."

By the author of "The Letters of a Self-Made Merchant." Its a great book by a great author. "Old Gorgon Graham" says:—

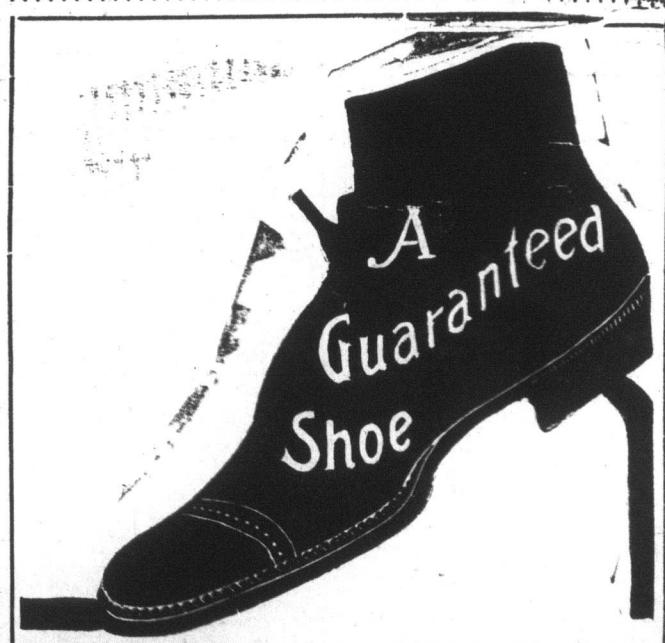
"A lot of men who are used to getting only one dollar's worth of food for a five dollar bill down town, expect their wives to get five dollars' worth of food for a one dollar bill at the corner grocery, and to save the change toward a pair of diamond earrings."

This new book by the "Self-Made Merchant" will appear in Sept. Better put in your order in advance.—WM. BRIGGS, Publisher, Toronto.

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