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## The Greatest Selling In Our History

The past week's selling has been the greatest in our history. Our Expansion Sale prices have been efficient to reduce our immense stock even more rapidly than we expected, and the end is not yet. Reduced prices rule throughout almost our entire stock. "Rapid Selling" is our motto just now and the stock must go. As our sale goes on it is becoming more extensively advertised, prices are becoming more and more attractive, so that it would be well for you to shop soon.

### Expansion Sale of Ladies Skirts

Ladies' tweed walking skirts, made of mixed tweeds, in shades of grey and brown, tucked seams, well stitched around the bottom, regular value \$5.00, on sale for

\$3.90.

Ladies' walking skirts, made of medium weight, Oxford-grey home-spun, tucked seams and trimmed with self cloth, strapping and buttons, on sale special at

\$5.00.

Ladies' walking skirts, made of heavy tweed, in black and white, and green mixtures, tucked seams, cloth strapping and self covered buttons, on sale special at

\$5.00.

### Expansion Values In Flannellette Gowns

Made of striped shakers, full length, pointed yoke, frill collar, special at

65c.

Made of fine plain white and pink shakers, yoke back and front, frill collar, very special at

75c.

Made of fancy stripe shakers, tucked front, pointed yoke in back, frill collar, very special value at

85c.

Made of plain shakers, silk embroidered trimming, ruffle collar, very special value at

\$1.00.

### Expansion Sale of Corsets

The Famous W. B. Corsets, in styles La Vida and No. 968, in white and black, sizes 21, 22, 25 and 24, fully warranted, regular prices 4.50 and \$6.00 a pair, on sale, very special at

\$2.25

W. B. special, made of fine grey cotton, drop front, low bust, long hip, lace trimmed, the very latest style of W. B. cut, all sizes from 19 to 26, on sale, very special at

98c.

Children's Hygiene Waists, Orempton's make, style 222, for girls 7 to 12 years, sizes 14, 19, 21 and 22, regular price 65c, on sale, very special, at

25c.

### Comforters

Clean filled, neat coverings, orderless and serviceable—that's the description of our comforters. Prices are \$1.00 to

\$3.25

### Skirtings

If you want a good, warm, serviceable underskirt we give you the chance of buying the material at less than half—

Mercerized Satens with metallic stripes, mercerized moerens, and wood striped skirtings, regular 45c to 75c a yard, on sale for

25c.

## Victoria Lawns

### Expansion Sale Values

10 pieces of fine white Victoria Lawn, 45 in. wide, fine even weave, suitable for aprons, ladies and children's dresses, etc., regular value 15c a yard, on sale to-morrow at the great Expansion Sale price—**11c a yard.**

## Tweed Dress Goods

### Expansion Sale Values

6 pieces of new Bradford Tweeds just arrived, in black and white, black and white with green and purple mixtures, very correct for skirts and suits, made to sell for 75c and 85c a yard, the greatest dress goods value offered during our sale, on sale to-morrow at **48c a yard.**

## Bed Spreads

### Expansion Sale Values

50 only white Honey Comb Bed Spreads, fine soft finish, made in Manchester out of fine long cotton, laundry well, and very serviceable, full double bed size, regular value \$1.10 each, on sale to-morrow at **84c**

## Lace Curtains

### Expansion Sale Values

25 pairs only fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, 3½ yds. long, standard width, in design suitable for drawing room or sitting room, warranted for appearance and durability, regular value \$1.50 a pair, on sale to-morrow at **\$1.12 a pair.**

## Thos. Stone & Son

Members of the Canadian Dry Goods Purchasing Syndicate we save you Dollars.

### ROUSING RALLY

Splendid Meeting in the Interests of Mr. Clements at Charing Cross—Much Enthusiasm.

H. S. Clements held a splendid meeting at Charing Cross last night. There was a good crowd present, all the seats being filled, and the speakers were given a very attentive hearing for nearly three hours. The Charing Cross Conservatives are in the contest in earnest and they promise that the polling booth in their division will give a good majority for Clements, Borden and good government on election day.

On motion by Mr. Parfitt, seconded by Mr. Shaw, Thomas Knott was selected as chairman. A little diversion was caused at this point. Mr. Knott asked friends of George Stephens who might wish to speak to take the platform. Robert Wilson, a popular young farmer, remarked amid general laughter, Ryerson, Richardson, a Liberal of the vicinity, had said that he would speak. Ryerson, however, didn't come forward, and the meeting was proceeded with.

Dr. Hall delivered a capital address on the Grand Trunk Pacific, exposing the fallacies of that scheme. The Doctor needed no introduction, as everybody knew him. His address on the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme was attentively listened to and marked attention was paid while the doctor pointed out the dangers of a railway-owned government. The C. P. R. had many millions and the G. T. P. would do likewise. He also referred to Mr. Blair's resignation. He had resigned because he knew what a bad bargain it was. The doctor dwelt at some length on the Conservative policy of public ownership, and pointed to Germany, Australia, Belgium and New Zealand, where the railroads were successfully owned and managed by the government. Dr. Hall spoke very highly of Mr. Clements and gave the lie direct to some malicious and untruthful reports that had been circulated about Mr. Clements.

H. S. Clements was splendidly received. He made an excellent speech, in which he briefly but clearly outlined the platform which he has adopted. Equal rights for all and a tariff equal to the American tariff against Canada are the chief planks in Mr. Clements' strong platform. His address was received with considerable applause.

J. M. Pike made a masterly address, in which he dealt at some considerable length with the statement of Reeve Cornelius Purser that Geo. Stephens had attempted to bribe him. Mr. Pike dealt with this matter in all its phases.

A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman, Mr. Knott, and the meeting closed with hearty cheers for Mr. Clements and Mr. Borden.

### British Snow Bound.

Pari Jong, Thibet, Oct. 17 (delayed in transmission).—The headquarters of the British Thibet force, consisting of two companies of mountain infantry, the Eighth Gurkhas and 40th Pathans, is snowbound at Pari (a fortress near Boutan, Thibet). The column marched through Pari Jong Pass in the midst of a blinding snowstorm, during which it went into camp. Two men died during the night.

### Hands and Face Burned.

Brockville, Oct. 20.—While smoking at the home of his parents yesterday, Joseph McCulloch carelessly dropped a lighted match in the lace curtains, which were instantly in a blaze. McCulloch pulled the curtains from the poles and carried them out of the house. In doing so, his hands and face were terribly burned. Besides the curtains, several articles in the room were destroyed.

### Gold Medal Awarded.

London, Oct. 20.—The Royal Horticultural Society awarded the British Columbian Government the gold medal for its collection of fruit shown at the society's show at Westminster Hall Tuesday.

Earl Grey sails on the Parisian on the first of December.

### Poison By Mistake.

Winnipeg, Oct. 20.—Norman H. McCrae, druggist, died suddenly in the dispensing room of his store at Fort William yesterday afternoon, after taking a drink of what he thought was bromo seltzer, but which was found later to be a deadly poison.

### Broke His Neck.

Chatham, Oct. 20.—While being driven home from work Tuesday afternoon John Sewell, who lives just outside the southern limits of the city, took a dizzy spell and fell from his buggy to the ground, dislocating his neck. Death was instantaneous.

### Mishandles a Shotgun.

Wapella, N.W.T., Oct. 20.—Harry Dingham, aged 22, working as a harvester for C. C. Pierce here, attempted to pull a shotgun out of a haystack by the muzzle, when it exploded, the charge entering his breast and killing him instantly.

### Two Children Suffocated.

Shelbyville, Ill., Oct. 20.—The Middlebrook Children's Home was destroyed by fire yesterday, and although the flames were discovered while the 31 children were asleep all but two were rescued.

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### AS SILENT AS A SPHYNX

Hon. Mr. Blair Says Naught of Significance of Withdrawal

His Resignation Is in Governor-General's Hands and Takes Effect As Soon As It Is Accepted By the Government—Would Not Say Whether Reports of His Immediate Political Intentions Were Correct Or Not.

Ottawa, Oct. 20.—The one topic of conversation yesterday was the resignation of Mr. Blair. "What does it mean? What will he do next?" are questions which are on every one's lips, and which no one can answer. Mr. Blair, apparently the only one who knows, is as silent as a sphynx. He was early at his office in the Railway commission building yesterday and received a number of representatives of the press with his customary affability. But he was non-committal, practically, on the subject which is uppermost in the minds of men just now, namely, the exact significance of his resignation of the chief commissionership in the heat of a political campaign, the chief issue of which is the very policy upon which he broke with the Government a little over a year ago.

Mr. Blair summarized the situation as he wished it published: "My resignation," he said, "is in the hands of His Excellency the Governor-General, and will take effect upon its acceptance by the Government. Meantime I shall proceed with the consideration of judgments in the cases in which the board has already completed the taking of evidence. Possibly some of the western cases will not be disposed of, as the evidence has not all been received. My resignation takes effect as soon as it is accepted."

Asked as to reports of his alleged immediate political intentions, Mr. Blair stated that he had nothing to say on that point.

"Will you have further statement for the public in two or three days?" he was asked.

"I cannot say as to that," was the reply. "My present intention is to retire from public life and to engage in the practice of my profession."

In what particular sphere, however, Mr. Blair did not feel himself at liberty to answer for the present. But doubtless he will be heard from at that regard within a very few days.

### To Speak At Winnipeg.

Brandon, Oct. 20.—A message received in the city yesterday announced that Mr. Blair would speak in Brandon before election day. If possible, arrangements will be made for him to appear before Oct. 31, the date fixed for the joint meeting of Richardson and Sifton, to enable the people to hear the railway question discussed freely without losing unnecessary time.

### Emmerson's View of Blair.

Moncton, N.B., Oct. 20.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Minister of Railways, was electioneering in his county Tuesday night, and did not learn the news of Mr. Blair's resignation till early yesterday morning on his way to Moncton.

He said: "Mr. Blair is simply where he was before he accepted the position on the Railway Commission. I have nothing to say with respect to his resignation or the time chosen for it."

"I do not see how anything he may do can have any more effect. The arguments presented by those supporting the Conservative side are but a repetition of Mr. Blair's speech."

### A Rumor and a Denial.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 20.—The Globe (Liberal) yesterday afternoon published an extra edition with a Montreal despatch that Mr. Blair and his son were to accept positions from the C.P.R. at joint salaries of \$40,000 a year. Telegrams last night from Montreal positively declare this to be false, and add that Mr. Blair is certainly to take the stump.

There is joy among the Conservatives in the new conditions, for they see great help in their fight against the G.T.P. scheme, and proportionately the Liberals are downcast.

### Sir Wilfrid Still Silent.

Orillia, Oct. 20.—There was no word of Blair at the meeting addressed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the rink last night, no reference to the resignation of the "greatest railway expert."

Sir Wilfrid is showing the effects of the arduous work of the past week. Those who saw him a week ago in Toronto could not fail to observe last night the marked pallor and weakness. He spoke for fifty minutes, but his physical condition was plainly not equal to a more prolonged effort.

There has not been a more enthusiastic meeting on the Ontario tour than that of last night. The rink was crowded in every part.

Sir Wilfrid traversed the same ground as at Toronto, making much of his Canadianism and then entering upon the discussion of the Grand Trunk Pacific deal. On this he threw no new light.

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### DARING ROBBERY.

Two Men Held Up Superintendent Kitchen of Dentonia Park Farm and Robbed His House.

Toronto, Oct. 20. Superintendent Kitchen of Dentonia Park Farm has an exciting experience at 3 o'clock this morning which two masked men broke into his house and with loaded revolvers entered his bedroom and held him up. His wife and two children in their house were also intimidated with threats of instant death.

The whole family were brought into the one room and while one man stood guard over them the other went through the house and gathered up all the valuables in sight. The bureau drawers were broken into and much valuable jewellery taken. Every bit of silverware in the house was gathered up and put into a grip that the masked desperadoes carried.

When everything of portable value had been collected one robber took a chair and smashed the telephone in the house. Then both men after threatening to blow out the brains of the whole family if they were followed, left the house hurriedly and made off in a northerly direction.

Mr. Kitchen so soon as the burglars departed rushed out of the house to the barn where another telephone was installed and rang up the city police, who sent out a party of men to investigate. He also rang up Chester Massey's house and aroused everyone on the farm. A vigorous search was instituted to find traces of the masked men, but they had vanished.

The police in East Toronto and the city police have been notified and word will be sent to outlying towns to be on the watch for the two men. Mr. Kitchen did not get a good description of them for the only light he could see by was that from a dark lantern carried by one of them. But he says they were both tall, and dressed in black clothes, which peaked caps. He does not think he would be able to identify them again were he to meet them face to face. The best remembrance he has of them is of their voices which were rough with an apparent foreign accent, seeming to indicate that they were not men of his own personal acquaintance.

Mr. Kitchen has been in the employ of Mr. Massey for 10 years. He came from Brooklyn, Ont.

### Dies in Street.

Stratford, Oct. 20.—Thos. O'Meara dropped dead on Erie street yesterday morning between 8 and 10 o'clock. He had been down town and was returning home, when he was seen to fall from the sidewalk and lie there apparently still.

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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.

#### "GOD'S GOOD

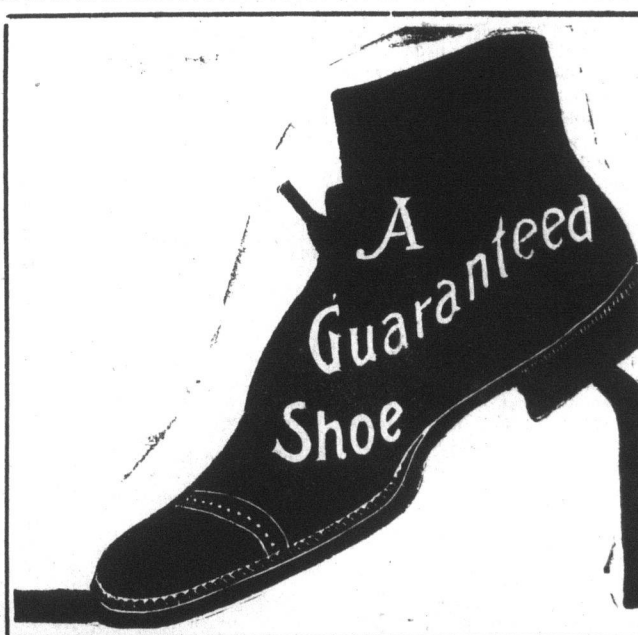
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