

PERSONS
Clothes

CENTRAL FACTORY
Warehouse Site For Sale—188 feet frontage on two streets—large brick building... Price \$35,000.

PROBS: A few local showers at first, but fairly stationary temperature.

PLEADED GUILTY TO 3 CHARGES OF GRAFT

Milton T. Buchanan, ex-Mayor of Ingersoll, Throws Up the Sponge—Released on Suspended Sentence—Restitution Made—McCarty Indictment Thrown Out.

ST. THOMAS, April 19.—(Special.) Buchanan, ex-mayor of Ingersoll and former warden of Oxford County, spent something less than an hour in the prisoners' dock at the Elgin assizes before Mr. Justice Middleton this afternoon. During that brief period he pleaded "guilty" on three charges of "grafting" while occupying a municipal office, and at the end of the time was released on suspended sentence.

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WATCH PORCUPINE. As soon as the snow goes and the ice disappears from the rivers—and it will not be more than three weeks—there will be witnessed a development in Porcupine gold fields that will astonish the people of Canada and the world at large. Every day brings news of big companies being formed to develop mining claims, and among these the most progressive and those possessing the greatest capital are being formed in London. When London comes to a gold camp it means much.

AWARDED \$2500 DAMAGES.

ST. THOMAS, April 19.—An action against the Pere Marquette Railway, brought by Janet Johnson of this city, widow of the late Thomas Johnson, son, on behalf of herself and her five children, was given to the jury this afternoon and after being out about a quarter of an hour returned a verdict awarding Mrs. Johnson \$2500 and costs.

Merger Announced

MONTREAL, April 19.—(Special.) The state conciliatory announced this evening that the Furness syndicate has purchased both the Northern and Inland Navigation Companies, also buying a large block of Richelleu stock, giving the Furness people a considerable representation on the R. & O. board.

All Churches On Equality

Portuguese Decree Separating Church and State To Be Promulgated Friday or Saturday.

LISBON, April 19.—The cabinet has concluded the finishing touches on the decree of separation regarding the church and state. This will be promulgated on Friday or Saturday. The main points of the decree are as follows: The state concilios entire liberty of all creeds, the Catholic creed ceasing to be the state religion from the date of the promulgation. Henceforth all churches will be maintained by the faithful. The benefited clergy will continue to receive their stipends until July 1, after which they will be paid on a parity with the secular clergy.

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DR. HUME ZEALOUS FOR SIMPLIFIED SPELLING

Will Help to Make English Language of Commerce—Commends The World.

Dr. J. G. Hume, president of the Society for the Improvement of Spelling, in English as a world language, before the special reform session of the Ontario Educational Association, yesterday afternoon. "The increase of volapuk and esperanto prove the need of a universal mode of communication. It is practical to make English such a universal medium."

"It is in order to ameliorate the latter difficulty that the simplified spelling societies have been organized to write and read, that it has been declared the hardest language to learn."

"The gain to literature and civilization and the best that the Anglo-Saxon stands for, makes the simplification of English spelling a matter of incalculable importance."

PRESENT PRICES BETTER THAN UNDER PACT

Liberal Speaker Gives Away Government Case Regarding Reciprocity—Millers Would Be Able Under Agreement to Buy Cheaper Grain in Chicago.

OTTAWA, April 19.—(Special.) J. A. Robb, Liberal member for Huntingdon, Que., completely spoiled the case of the government to-day as regards the reciprocity agreement. He is a miller. He admitted that the Ontario farmers got better prices for their wheat than they will get under the agreement. He said the farmers to-day refused to sell their grain at the world's market prices. Now, said Mr. Robb, under the reciprocity agreement the millers would be able to go to Chicago and buy grain cheaper. In other words, the Canadian farmers could stew in their own juice.

The government representatives have been industriously announcing that after the Easter recess they would call off their speakers on the reciprocity agreement and leave the religious orators to continue it until they were tired. The government had assumed the case for reciprocity had been sufficiently well made out. The visit of the members to their constituencies, however, has been disappointing, and the plan has been abandoned.

MISS WILFRID: Why, bless me! most of the stones are under water.

NEED MORE HOTELS, MORE RESTAURANTS. Toronto is growing so rapidly that all are overcrowded.

OTTAWA, April 19.—(Special.)—A careful canvass to-day of the members of parliament who have returned from a visit to their constituencies, shows a unanimous opinion amongst the Conservatives, Alberta and Saskatchewan, is about the reciprocity agreement. In only two of the provinces of opinion, and even in these provinces it is said that the better the question is understood, the larger the opposition.

AMERICAN GUNBOATS ON LAKES.

Hon. George E. Foster asked if the report in the newspapers was true that the government had given permission to another American gunboat to proceed through the Great Lakes. He brought the matter up, he said, because he saw it stated in the newspapers that the permission would be given that it would not be necessary for the United States to occupy one of the vessels now on the Great Lakes.

METROPOLITAN'S NEW LINE.

The Toronto and York Radial Railway Co. (Metropolitan division) has applied to the Ontario Railway Board for approval of plan and profile of proposed extension of the south end of its Metropolitan division westerly to Yonge-street, from the C.P.R. tracks north to within a few feet of Balmoral-avenue.

CHOICE OFFICES FOR RENT

The New Standard Bank Fireproof Building—best elevator accommodation—excellent light—choice offices in Toronto for stock or financial brokers. H. H. WILLIAMS & CO., 25 King Street East.

FOREIGN POLICY SUBJECT FOR CONFERENCE

Representatives of Overseas Dominions to Be Consulted on Matters of Defence—Suggestion for Imperial Minister From Each of the Dominions.

LONDON, April 19.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—In the house of commons to-day Hon. Walter Guinness moved that "The house is of opinion that the discussion of the international situation should be added to the program of the imperial conference. He urged the appointment of a responsible minister to travel through the dominions overseas and suggest that each of the dominions should have an imperial minister."

OLD ST. ANDREW'S CALLS REV. DR. GRAY OF DUNDAS

Congregation Last Night Unanimously Extended Invitation—Arrangement of Services. At a meeting of the congregation of Old St. Andrew's Church last night, it was unanimously decided to extend a call to Rev. S. Harper Gray of Dundas. The matter will come before the Toronto Presbytery on May 2, and later before the Hamilton Presbytery, if the call is sustained.

DEATH OF MRS. W. F. MACLEAN.

Mrs. W. F. Maclean died suddenly at the Cottage at Dondras yesterday evening. In the afternoon she had been out driving and enjoyed her dinner on return home. Shortly after seven she fell in a faint and passed away in a few minutes. Death was caused by the sudden formation of a blood clot. Mr. Maclean and Miss Maclean were at home at the time.

PHYSICIANS, TAKE A NOTE

A Hamilton physician finds fault with the views expressed in "Crusts and Crumbs" and the writer of this column in The Sunday World takes occasion to revise the Hamilton man's biological ideas in a way that will be interesting to doctors generally. Watch for it this week.

THE SOFT FELT ALPINES.

Late spring and the early summer is the time for the light colored felt Alpines. The Alpines is very stylish, the world over for any costume other than function or dress affairs. The Dineen Company is showing some exclusive English blocks by the best of the London makers. The Dineen Company is sole Canadian agent for Henry Heath, who makes hats for His Majesty.

