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## Special Items for the End of August.

Business this month has been 25 per cent. larger than any August in our history and to still further swell the sales we offer you **TUESDAY** a tempting list.

**Men's Ties and Shirts.**—Men's 4 in. hand and knot ties, good collection of dark and light shades, regular price 25c, special, Tuesday, for 15c.

**Men's Colored Cambric Shirts** in very neat medium and light stripes, all sizes, absolutely fast colors, reg. price 1.00 and 1.25, to-night and Monday for 60c.

**Linens.**—Size 30x30 fringed and drawn crepe linen, centre pieces and 5 o'clocks, special on sale Tuesday, day at very low price of each 25c.

**Size 16x24 hemstitched and drawn** bleached damask tray cloths and carriers, in excellent patterns, on sale very special at 30c.

**Umbrellas.**—Small umbrellas suitable for school children, only about a dozen of them, reg. 1.00 and 75c each, on sale for 67c.

**Rain Coats and Caps.**—Ladies' rain coats, made of bright finish waterproofed silk, in colors grey, navy and black, reg. price 10.00 each, on sale special for 9.85.

**Ladies' Black Capes,** correct weight for early fall wear, made of fine black serge cloth, 22 and 24 ins. long, trimmed with satin ribbons, rouching and applique, very dress and neat, reg. price 5.00, on sale very special, Tuesday for 3.25.

**Sailors.**—17 only children's straw sailors, in navy and white, reg. price 25c each, on sale, very special, at 15c.

**Kid Gloves.**—Ladies' undressed kid gloves, in sizes 6, 6 1/4, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, and 7, two dome fastener, silk lined, in shades of brown and grey, a good strong wearing glove that will stand hard usage, on sale very special at per pair \$1.00.

**Hose Supporters.**—Ladies' black and colored elastic hose supporters, made of knitted elastic rubber bound tips and patent clasps, regular price 25c pair, on sale Tuesday, at 15c.

**Summer Underwear.**—Ladies' sleeveless pure white cotton vests, neatly trimmed and elastic finish, reg. price 20c and 25c each, on sale Tuesday for 15c.

**Ladies' short sleeves cream cotton** vests, elastic finish, reg. price 12 1/2c each, on sale for 6c.

**Men's fine balbriggan shirts and** drawers, neatly finished and best value in the trade at our regular price 50c a garment, all sizes, on sale Tuesday, very special at per garment 39c.

**THOS. STONE & SON...**

**SWEEPING SALE.**

## 20% Reduction

—ON ALL—

**Refrigerators, Blue Flame Oil Stoves, Ice Cream Freezers, Hammocks, and Screen Doors,**

and other lines of summer goods.

Object is to clean out these lines.

These bargains are at

## WESTMAN BROS.

Big Hardware and Implement House.



**THE ARK**

1903. **OUR LAMPS** 1903.

For this season, arrived earlier than usual. Are on display with many new and handsome patterns, in Brass and Decorated Ware.

Brass Lamps from \$3.00 to \$6; Decorated China from \$1.00 to \$11; Library Lamps from \$3 to \$9; Hall Lamps from \$1.50 to \$3; All Glass Lamps from 25c to 60c—complete with burner, chimney and wick. We have everything in lamps and lamp trimmings. We are prepared to do the lamp trade for this Peninsula. See samples in the window during this week. Prices down to rock bottom.

**H. MACAULAY.**

## STURDY TARTE SPEAKS OUT

Scorches Time Serving Ministers and Says Laurier is a Sick Man

Premier Has Allowed Reins of Government to Slip from His Fingers

Montreal, Aug. 30.—In a speech before nearly five thousand electors of Berthier at Berthierville to-day, Hon. Mr. Tarte came out strongly against the Laurier Government. He introduced his speech by declaring that he wished to remove at once all false impressions and misrepresentations. The continued illness of the Premier had created a new order of things. Sir Wilfrid himself was not hostile to fiscal reform, as he realized that the country was in a state of peril, but the direction of the Liberal party had fallen into the hands of men whose one desire was to advance their own private interests, and secure the triumph of personal designs.

Discussing the revision of the tariff during the session following the election, Mr. Tarte declared that had he remained silent the revised tariff would have been far less than that adopted. The Ministry had since failed to keep the pledge of the Finance Minister that a further revision would be made, and were now seeking means to secure a new lease of power. What would happen the tariff if the Government succeeded at the polls? The Government was composed of free traders, Mr. Paterson being the only protectionist in the lot. The Premier had not been opposed to a revision of the tariff, but the Ministers would come now and say that the tariff was not to be touched.

The Premier's departure, Mr. Tarte declared, could not be long delayed. What would be left after the Premier disappeared? Prefontaine, Boucher and Fitzpatrick. As far as he was concerned, he did not want to say anything to do with such a lot of Fieldings and Borden were the only two who could hold their own in their provinces, and the Government, feeling that defeat was in store for them, would attempt to take advantage of the hour to snatch a new lease of power. Mr. Tarte appealed to the electors to secure fiscal reform, and declared he was altogether in favor of Chamberlain's fiscal proposals. Referring to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, Mr. Tarte declared that the Government was attempting to put it through with indecent haste. When in the Cabinet he had refused to be called a Liberal, and he stood in the fact that the Government had been attached to the Conservative party. Applause. Should a general election take place at once, and the result be favorable to the Government, Laurier would not remain Premier two months, as the tariff would be lowered at once.

Mr. Tarte was loudly applauded.

**ONE THOUSAND KILLED.**

Crushing Defeat of Moroccans Loyal Troops.

Paris, Aug. 31.—A despatch received by the Foreign Office from Morocco says that a large imperial force which was going to the relief of the troops commanded by the Sultan has been surprised and almost annihilated by the insurgents. The Temps publishes details of the engagement, showing that the imperial troops numbered three thousand men. They were ambushed, with the result that over one thousand of them, including seven native Governors, were killed or wounded.

**ALASKA BOUNDARY.**

First Meeting of Commission on Thursday.

London, Aug. 31.—U. S. Secretary of War Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, Hannis Taylor and Judge John M. Dickinson arrived at Liverpool on the Celtic for the meeting of the Alaska Boundary Commission, which will open in London September 2. The party came directly to London. The Canadian commissioners are also here. The commissioners are already familiar with the facts of the cases on both sides, which were filed several months ago. At the first meeting of the commissioners next Thursday the briefs will be submitted, which will be a condensation of the facts and arguments regarding the interpretation of the treaty. The commission will then announce the day on which the oral arguments will be heard. The documents have not yet been made public, but the Associated Press correspondent learns that the whole controversy centers upon the Canadian effort to acquire an outlet to the sea. It is known authoritatively that the Canadian agent asserts that the Russo-British treaty of 1825 the line properly crosses numerous inlets, including the head waters of the Lena Canal. The contention seems to be that the inlets less than six miles wide situated in the disputed region belong to Canada. The United States Counsel Foster vigorously opposes this view, holding that the treaty clearly places the line three miles inland, following the sinuosities of the coast, and thus separates Canada from all the ocean, and puts Porcupine Creek and the gold district under American jurisdiction. The American representatives are confident that their position is unassailable. The commissioners expect that the complete consideration of the entire case will take not less than two months, and should the commission fail to render a majority award, the facts will be clearly established. This will lead to an earlier settlement in the future.

## MARRIED IN DETROIT

The Sunday Tribune contained the marriage announcement of the wedding of Edward Prudhomme, aged 22, Detroit, and Miss Catharine Marshall, aged 22, Chatham, Ont. Mrs. Prudhomme is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall, this city, and Edwin Prudhomme is a son of Joseph Prudhomme, North Chatham. Both young couple are highly thought of and have many friends in this city. The wedding notice was the first intimation Chatham friends and relatives had of the happy event. Rev. Father Weinman performed the ceremony at the Jesuit Church. They will reside in Detroit.

## RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

**Wreck at Princeton—Explosion of a Tank of Gasoline Starts Blaze—Brakeman Barrow Severely Burned—Brakeman Tise Killed in a Wreck Near New Hamburg.**

Woodstock, Aug. 31.—At an early hour yesterday morning a serious wreck took place on the Grand Trunk Railway about half a mile west of the station at Princeton, as a result of which eight cars were destroyed by fire, an engine seriously damaged, and a trainman badly burned. An extra freight, No. 745, pulled up at Princeton station shortly after midnight from the west, and was given orders to take the siding to allow extra No. 86, which was coming along behind, carrying perishable goods, to pass through. A brakeman was sent back to flag the incoming train, and the semaphore was placed against it. No. 745 then proceeded to back down the track to the switch. The engine had just reached the intersection of the two tracks when No. 86 crashed into the rear end. The engineer, fireman and brakeman on the second train, who were all in the cab, jumped when about 50 yards from the scene of the collision. They had not seen the brakeman's warning nor the semaphore. Brakeman A. Barrow of Stratford, of No. 745, was up at the switch when the crash came. No one was in the engine. Barrow was rushing down the track to the wreckage when a tank of gasoline, which was being carried on the first train, exploded. He was badly burned about the head, body and arms. In the meanwhile the flames spread to a tank of oil, which was in the next car to the gasoline, and from that to the other cars. Two cars of lumber, a car loaded with engine parts, and the engine were burned before the fire part of the train could be detached. On No. 86 a car loaded with pork and another with dairy produce were destroyed. For an hour or more the track was a blazing furnace. About a hundred yards of ties were destroyed, and the semaphore was so badly burned that it was pulled over with ease in the course of the day. Auxiliaries from London and Hamilton soon arrived, and by 2 o'clock in the afternoon the trains could pass along the track. No. 86 was in charge of Engineer O'Grady and Conductor White, while on No. 745 were Engineer Normand and Conductor Dingman.

**NEW HAMBURG, AUG. 31.**—A freight train going east met with an accident early on Sunday while coming down a grade approaching the bridge crossing the river Nith. It is supposed that an axle on one of the box cars, laden with coal, broke, and, upon reaching the bridge, five of the cars were thrown off the track. The auxiliary crew from Stratford cleared the track. Brakeman James Tise of Hamilton, who was sent out to flag the express train coming from Stratford, was run over by the express and killed.

**JAMES BAY RAILWAY.**

Toronto Will Join in an Effort to Get the Road.

Toronto, Aug. 31.—At a conference held Saturday in the Mayor's office between Mr. W. H. Moore of the Mackenzie & Mann Co. and the members of the Board of Control Mr. Moore said that, as representing the Toronto & James Bay Railway Company, he desired to secure the co-operation of the city in securing from the Dominion Government assistance to build the railway. The board decided to actively support all measures looking to the construction of such a road, and Mr. Oliver and Burns were deputed to go to Ottawa in the interests of the proposed road. Mr. Moore says the company propose to build 450 miles from Toronto to the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific, so as to be ready to exchange traffic with that road as soon as it is in operation. The northern section to James Bay will come after.

The resolution passed by the Board of Control states that the line is to be constructed from a point at or near Toronto to a point on the new transcontinental railway, crossing the Canada Atlantic at or near Parry Sound and the Canadian Pacific at or near Sudbury. The company was incorporated in 1895, and already has a short line connecting Parry Sound and the Canada Atlantic. A subsidy has been voted by the Dominion Parliament for 60 miles and by the Province for 157 miles.

Some people magnify success by what they can borrow.

## STARTLING DISCLOSURES.

**BOULEVARD WERE TO HAVE RECEIVED EUROPEAN AID.**

Gen. Buller's Statement—The Lack of Unpreparedness Was Appalling—Navy Saved the Situation.

New York, Aug. 31.—In regard to the report of the South African War Commission, just issued, The Sun's London correspondent cables in part as follows:—Four bulky blue books, which were issued this week, containing the report of the Commission of Inquiry into the South African war and the evidence given before it, have disclosed a state of affairs hardly less serious, as The Times says, than that disclosed by the report of the historic Commission of Inquiry after the Crimean war. "The state of unpreparedness for the South African war, or any war, was such that can only be described as appalling," says the report. By far the most serious matter is unpreparedness in material, such as the lack of any clothing reserved except scarlet, though it was known for years that khaki would be wanted in the next campaign; that the Lee-Enfield rifles were wrongly sighted and would not hit a haystack. In the words of a distinguished witness, and that 60,000 rounds of service bullets were useless. The navy, having a supply of ammunition and boots, saved the situation and prevented drawing on land forces. There was no reserve of saddlery, few horseshoes and no mules, while the cavalry sword, in the words of General French, was the very worst that could possibly be used, and there were only eight-in reserve. The two army corps for foreign service had neither transports nor animals. Furthermore, there was not a penny of expenditure for the most essential preparations until three weeks before the war. There was no scheme for organizing the services of the house and colonial volunteers, no maps, no plans of campaign or scheme of defence. "Nothing had been thought out," is the damning recurring criticism of the volunteers. Everything in connection with the war was shown to be a chaotic mass of confusion, and the few foregone points, which have been taken haphazard.

But what is serious, than this, what is bringing a storm of obloquy from all quarters, irrespective of politics, upon the Government, is the revelation of its utter disregard of its duties, its refusal to listen to advice, its neglect of repeated warnings, and its attitude of defiance in maintaining an attitude which was well indicated by General Buller's evidence that he had been nominated for the command in South Africa, he merely received from the Marquis of Lansdowne a commission to "drop in and see me if you come to London." Moreover, there are no signs that the Government has done anything to improve matters. As The Spectator says:—"We were saved by a miracle, yet we are trusting to another miracle to save us from a similar emergency."

General Buller burst out, in giving his testimony, that the Boers in Natal had reached the sea they were to have received the assistance of a European power. The emphasis of the remark of Mr. George Goldie, one of the commissioners, that "only an extraordinary combination of circumstances, external and internal, saved the empire in the early months of 1900. There is no reason to expect repetition of such fortune, if, as appears probable, the next national emergency finds us still discussing our preparations."

**Vesuvius Still in Eruption.**

Naples, Aug. 31.—Vesuvius is still in eruption, but no damage is being done. Three new horizontal fissures about 500 feet long can be seen in the volcano. The stream of lava going towards Pompeii is flowing much slower and is now insignificant.

**BRUTAL AND COWARDLY.**

Finding of the Court in the Mersey Wreck.

Quebec, Aug. 31.—The finding in the case of the steamer Mersey, which rounded near Point Outard on Aug. 12, 5 lives being lost, was handed down yesterday. The court finds that the Mersey was in a seaworthy condition when she left Quebec; that the boat furnished to the Mersey was sufficient had the master used the material at his disposal to increase its buoyancy to save all the lives, but that no effort was made to stop the leak, that the vessel was abandoned by the only experienced men on board, leaving the helpless and unaided to drown. Captain Gagnon, the master of the boat, and Harris, the mate, were highly censured, the conduct of the former being declared brutal and inhuman, and that of the latter cowardly. The engineer, Lamothe, was declared guilty of being accessory to the desertion, but less to blame than the others, owing to his age. Captain Gagnon's certificate was cancelled, and the court recommended that a Minister of Marine and Fisheries deal with Harris' certificate.

**TOO MUCH WIND.**

Cap Yachts Will Race To-day if Storm Abates.

New York, Aug. 31.—During the night and early yesterday the wind blew at times forty to fifty miles an hour. Mr. Iselin and Mr. H. M. McGilgowney, who represent the Shamrock III, decided early in the morning that it would be foolhardy to attempt to race the big single-stickers under such conditions.

**GUNBOAT FOUNDERS.**

Austrian War Vessel Goes Down off Cadiz.

Cadiz, Spain, Aug. 31.—The Austrian gunboat, Sfera, has foundered off this port. Eleven of her crew were saved by a French transatlantic steamer.

Manitoba Liberals have entered four more petitions against Conservative seats, against the Armstrong, Portage, Prairie, J. H. Russell in Morden, D. Wilson in Gladstone, Hon. Robert Rogers in Brandon.

**Coal Market Overcrowded.**

Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 29.—Notice was issued to-night by the Union Coal Company that next Tuesday all their collieries in this region, employing 3,000 men, will be closed down for an indefinite period on account of an overcrowded coal market.

## FAULTY TENDERS

"There is evidently a misunderstanding in connection with the letting of the electric plant contract to the Thompson Company in 1897," said ex-Ald. Phelps to The Planet this morning. "I see The Planet credits Mr. Carpenter and myself with the motion to close the deal with these people."

"That is quite right, but it should be explained that this was really the only tender. We did not consider any of the other tenders as a tender. They were not submitted according to specifications and consequently could not be considered."

"Had the lower tenders been properly submitted I would certainly have voted for them."

**M. DE WITTE PROMOTED.**

President of Committee of Ministers—Suppressing Russian Strikes.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 31.—An Imperial rescript, dated August 29th, is published appointing Minister of Finance de Witte President of the Committee of Ministers. The rescript at the same time entrusts him with the work of bringing to a speedy and successful conclusion the negotiations for the Russian-German treaty, and with the continued supreme direction of the Ministry of Finance. The Official Messenger announces the appointment of M. Plekha, director of the Imperial State Bank, as Minister of Finance. M. de Witte went to Peterhof after midnight and presented to the Czar his resignation and his recommendation of M. Plekha as his successor simultaneously, in order to forestall any intrigues in the interest of some follower of M. Plekha, Minister of the Interior. A special commission has been formed at the prefecture, composed of factory inspectors and various functionaries of the secret police, with orders from Minister Plekha to prevent strikes at all hazards. The commission is arresting and punishing workmen by hundreds and has been authorized to employ both preventive and repressive measures.

**MONTREAL MAN SHOT.**

George Greenly Killed by a Young Man Named Kert.

Montreal, Aug. 31.—As the result of a revolver shot in a woodman's shanty at Bout de L'Isle Saturday a man named George Greenly died last night at the Notre Dame Hospital, and a young man named Max Kert, son of the contractor for a bridge in course of construction near the scene of the shooting, for the Canadian Northern Railway, is under arrest. The specific charge has not been preferred. Conflicting stories are told of the affair. Kert was in charge of a gang of men, and was in the habit of carrying a revolver. It is alleged that he had on different occasions threatened to shoot the men if they did not obey his orders promptly, and that yesterday he actually did fire three shots, one of which took effect in Greenly's brain. Kert says it was accidental, that he was merely emptying the weapon of loaded shells. Nothing is known of Greenly's antecedents.

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