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OUR THIRD FLOOR DRESS GOODS SALE

Opened With A Rush

It was very gratifying to us to see such a prompt and hearty response to the advertised offerings for our **TEN DAYS' DRESS GOODS SALE** which opened this morning. Crowds of buyers thronged the department! Business was big! Purchasers pleased with the bargains they secured!

The enthusiasm of our Opening Day will be repeated every day, **because the values are so good.**

Purchasers realize that they are securing **Worthy Dress Goods** at a substantial reduction in price. Visit this sale in the morning if at all possible. You will get better service than in the afternoon, when the crowds are at their greatest. Tell your friends about it, and bring them with you. Remember, it lasts only for **Ten Days**, and the early purchaser gets the best selection.

OUR CARPET SALE

is still in full swing. Stop on your way upstairs to see the Dress Goods and take a look at the **Carpet Bargains**. We've had a big business during this sale. The values we offered are what did it. Secure that carpet you are thinking of buying before the sale closes.

Thos. Stone & Son.

Lawn Mowers!

FIVE DIFFERENT KINDS.

From **\$2.50 to \$15.00.**

OUR PENNSYLVANIA

Has Tool Steel Oil-tempered Blades and Wire Nail. Bones or wood will not hurt the knives. Is Self-sharpening.

IT IS A DANDY!

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WESTMAN BROS.,

BIG HARDWARE.

Saturday Specials

On Saturday May the 4th our specials will be **Hats and Shirts**.—Here are some of the special prices:—

\$3.00 hats for Saturday only—\$2.25
\$2.50 hats for Saturday only—\$1.85
\$2.00 hats for Saturday only—\$1.48
\$1.50 hats for Saturday only—\$1.10

These reductions apply to all hats in the store at the above prices—All the best shapes and shades in the new Spring styles are here.

Now for the shirt special—On Saturday only we give you your choice of any dollar shirt in our immense stock, and there are hundreds of patterns in all sizes at

78c.

for any \$1.00 shirt in the store.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS, Limited

LIBRARY BOARD GETS \$186.06

Government Grant Higher This Year Than Previously

Board Held Regular Meeting Last Night—Librarian's Report

Those present were S. M. Smith, Fred Stone, Dr. Charteris, J. W. Humphrey and Secretary Twohey. In the absence of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Smith acted as chairman.

A communication was received from St. Catharines Public Library Board asking for information concerning the Chatham Public Library. The Secretary was instructed to reply.

It was moved by Mr. Humphrey, seconded by Mr. Twohey, that the premiums due on insurance policies in the North British and Mercantile Company, and the Union Assurance Company—\$13 each—be paid. Other accounts ordered paid were: News \$6, Con. Shea 25c, Wm. Anderson 15c, waterworks \$2.20.

The Librarian's report for the month, which was received and adopted, was as follows:

Books Given Out.....	2123
Fiction.....	41
Natural Science.....	41
Philology.....	0
Fine Arts.....	22
Literature.....	56
Sociology.....	17
Useful Arts.....	20
Religion.....	94
History.....	115
General Works.....	2496

Central school circulation, 68.

Cash Received.....	\$ 8.85
Fines.....	1.15
Cards.....	4.75
Rent of cards.....	2.05
Deposits.....	12
Old papers.....	15
Old magazines.....	1.25
Books destroyed.....	\$18.32

Books asked for by public—The Cave Man, and Judeth. Books recommended to Board—Five Thousand Tracts About Canada, Wonders of Colorado, and Mara and its Mystery.

S. M. BARASSIN, Librarian.

It was moved by Dr. Charteris, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that an order for the usual monthly grant—\$144.42—be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of the Library Board.—Carried.

Dr. Charteris, Secretary of the Board, gave notice that he had received a cheque for \$186.06 from the Government. It was remarked that the grant is higher this year than previously.

TAILORING IS GOOD

The tailoring department of The T. H. Taylor Company is a very busy place just now. This branch of the firm's business is ever increasing, owing to the satisfaction, fit and style customers are assured of when dealing with The Taylor Company.

Spring suits are here made to order, cut and made in the very latest styles. A guarantee of proper fit goes with every garment, and the trimmings and workmanship are always the best.

The T. H. Taylor Company cordially invite the public to drop in and see their spring suitings, whether intending to buy or not.

THE SAILORS FIGHT POLICE

Marines Returning From Banquet Have Fierce Encounter

Seamen Were Charged Upon By Police With Revolvers And Machetes

Santiago, May 2.—The conflict between police and sailors of the cruiser Tacoma here Tuesday followed an orderly banquet, which was given at the Cafe Leon de Oro by a number of first-class seamen of the cruiser. At one in the morning the men separated, and 12 of them went to the Cafe Union in a reasonably sober condition. A police captain named Lay, who was in citizens' clothes, had been watching this case all the evening, with seven or eight policemen to support him. At about two o'clock in the morning the seamen started for the wharf with the intention of boarding the Tacoma. Capt. Lay asserts that the seamen started the trouble with the police, and the sailors say that Capt. Lay, without any provocation, caused the disturbance. As the enlisted men of the Tacoma had been hindered by the police on their way to the wharf, Ensign Brislin decided to walk slightly ahead of the party. Suddenly he heard a revolver shot, and immediately afterwards the seamen were charged with revolvers and machetes. Brislin received an ugly cut on the arm, and was felled to the ground three times. As the crowd of seamen came up, the policemen emptied their revolvers at them, at the same time attacking the Americans with machetes. A fierce fight ensued, with the result that Henry L. Lee, a fireman of the Tacoma, will probably die of a compound fracture of the skull, caused by a machete, and a gunshot wound in the right breast. Ten other seamen were taken to the ship suffering from machete wounds and clubbing. Not one of the policemen was badly hurt, though a number of them suffered from contusions. The captain and all the policemen who participated in the affair have been suspended by order of the civil governor of Santiago, upon the representations of Commander Tappen of the Tacoma and the American consul, Mr. Holdway.

A CURIOUS FIND

Harry Andrews, the King street grocer, is puzzled over a find which his thoroughbred dog "Mike" brought home with him a few days ago. Mr. Andrews was crossing the Park on his way home, when he saw Mike running ahead of him with a mysterious looking object in his mouth. Mr. Andrews had some trouble in getting the "find" away from Mike, but when he finally did succeed, he found it to be a curious looking affair, made of leather thongs twisted around each other in much the same way as a black-snake whip. At one end a heavy metallic ball encased in leather was attached, while at the other end a tuft was fastened which much resembled a portion of a horse's tail. It looks much like a weapon which a high-way man might use to knock out his victim. Mr. Andrews has the curious affair at his store, and says that he would like to know what it really is.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Newcombe wish to extend their most sincere thanks to their many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to them in their late bereavement.

EXPORT OF GAS

Secretary C. H. Mills, of the Board of Trade, has received a communication from the Welland Board of Trade, asking for the assistance of the Chatham Board in fighting against the exportation of Natural Gas. It is pointed out in the latter that the industrial progress of the province depends upon the keeping of the gas on this side of the line. Loss is suffered by Canadians through its exportation. There is a bill at present before the Legislature, fixing a tax of two cents. This the Welland Board thinks is not enough. The communication is signed by C. H. Hanson, Chairman of the Manufacturers' Committee of the Welland Board of Trade. This matter will be brought up for discussion at the meeting of the Chatham Board, which will be held Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

TO CURE A COLD IN A DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 25c.

V. C. Mounter has purchased a new meat delivery cart. The cart made its first appearance on the city streets yesterday and is the handiest and best delivery cart that has yet been made.

BAD MINING CATASTROPHE

Serious Explosion In Whipple Mine in Scarborough

One Hundred Miners Entombed—Many Escape—Several Injured

Hinton, W. Va., May 2.—An explosion occurred in the Whipple Mine at Scarborough, Fayette County yesterday, entombing nearly 100 miners. Fifty-one men escaped through the emergency stairway and reached the surface, but it is believed that 41 are still entombed with little chance of escape.

Of those who escaped some were seriously injured, but all will recover. Isaac Pelter, the mine boss, was left in the mine. He was closing up the air courses in an effort to force in fresh air for those remaining in the mine. He expected to follow his men out, but nothing further has been heard of him.

The Whipple Mine is within two miles of the Stuart Mine, which exploded Jan. 29, killing 80 men. Both mines are owned by the White Oak Fuel Co. The mine is one of the best equipped in this field, and has always been considered safe.

The cage and shaft were damaged, but were in operation at 9 o'clock last night, and the work of taking out the bodies will continue throughout the night.

The cause of the explosion was probably the result of firing a heavy shot at the face of the workings.

FIRE ON SOLDIERS

Jew On Parisian Omnibus Emptied Revolver Into Troops.

Paris, May 2.—Yesterday afternoon a man who was passing the Place de la Republique on top of an omnibus, fired five shots from a revolver at a squadron of Cuirassiers, wounding two of the cavalrymen. The man, who was subsequently identified as a Hebrew named Jacob Law, of Balta, Province of Podolia, Russia, was dragged down from the top of the omnibus by the police and narrowly escaped being shot in the hands of the crowd surrounding the vehicle.

FIVE MEN INJURED

Dynamite Explosion Occurred While Breaking Ice Jam.

Montreal, May 2.—An explosion, in which five men were shockingly injured, occurred in County Montmagny, between the townships of Moose and Armand, Tuesday afternoon. The victims are Emile Robin, Alf. Robin, Cleophas Colin, G. Motin and Simon Picard, and it is feared that four of them, especially Emile Robin, who is the most gravely injured of the five, may die.

The men were at work breaking an ice jam in the river, when a package of the dynamite cartridges they were using exploded.

20 WOMEN HURT

Fell From Fire Escape During Blaze in Chicago.

Chicago, May 2.—About 20 women were injured yesterday at a fire which broke out in the building at 255 Wabash avenue, the three upper floors of which were occupied by the Lotus Lunch Club, patronized by women.

When the flames were discovered, fully 200 women were in the place and a panic ensued.

The flames cut off several women in the front part of the building and about two-thirds of these leaped to the ground. The others were taken out by the firemen uninjured.

Killed by Landslide.

Montreal, May 2.—As the result of a landslide at Cedars, near Vandreville, Tuesday evening, B. E. Brodie, 25 years of age, whose home was at Niagara Falls, N. Y., was instantly killed, and several of his fellow-workers severely injured. Brodie was foreman of a gang of concrete workers in the employ of the Canadian White Co., and was in charge of a contract which the company has at the head of the Soulanges Canal. The men were working in a hole below when suddenly the side of the hill collapsed, and the men were caught like rats in a trap. The officials of the company say that the heavy rain and the frost coming out of the ground were responsible for the accident. An inquest will be held.

To Oppose Pugsley.

St. John, N. B., May 2.—Edward Sears, mayor of St. John, announced last night after the Pugsley ratification meeting, his intention to oppose Hon. William Pugsley for the Federal House, provided there is no Conservative. Mr. Sears is a strong Liberal and claims he was promised the nomination.

"(Noting our stop on opposing Pugsley, if no Conservative runs," he said.

TRADE OF THE EMPIRE

Premier Deakin Suggests Committee Of Experts

Australian Opposition Towards Preference—Laurier's Silence

London, May 2.—The imperial conference yesterday's précis is preceded by a note from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, announcing that at Premier Deakin's request a summary of the first portion of the Premier's address, delivered Tuesday, is included (with some corrections). The comment is superfluous.

It appears from a re-issued précis that Deakin opened the question from almost an entirely academic point of view.

After a retrospect on the progress of the preference movement, which was commenced at the very first conference in 1887, by Hofmeyer, Cape Colony, he argued that all trade being based on mutual profit, there should be trade in preference and went on to show how foreign imports to the Colonies had shown increasingly higher percentage than British imports during the last 50 years.

An Enormous Asset.

The commonwealth Premier said the purchasing power of the British empire was an enormous asset, and should be used unitedly. He contended that if retaliation was in prospect, the powers discriminating against Britain and her Colonies would desire to treat especially with those countries doing a large export trade with the empire.

The commonwealth could not abolish its customs tariff, but discrimination was possible, and the advantage given to British goods would enable them to replace foreign goods and thus bring about a large addition to the trade between Britain and Australia.

It was to be anticipated that a day would soon arrive when there would be a committee of experts, whose duty it would be to review the trade of the empire as a whole, with a view of increasing the trade between the various constituent parts.

Towards Preference.

The opinion in Australia was steadily moving towards preference, though the hope of an early grant of reciprocity by the mother country had never been strong enough to encourage them to elaborate a plan of mutual concessions. The revision of customs tariff by the new Parliament would give an opportunity of reconsidering everything, including a provision limiting the preference to white-manned British ships.

Premier Deakin concluded that there should be a preference in population as well as in trade, a preference also in the channels of trade, and that the maintenance of all these links between the different portions of the empire would stimulate and embody a sentiment of unity in the empire which would decide its destiny.

Mr. Joseph Ward urged that the question should be taken out of the arena of party politics. Preference was not to be confused with protection, as competition between the Colonies would suffice to keep prices at a normal level. Australasia was the third best customer for products from the United Kingdom and it should be remembered that Britain's outward trade to continental countries was almost, if not quite, at its limit, while the Colonies were only beginning their expansion. He suggested assistance in shipping communication by outsiders at the opening of the Suez Canal, in which New Zealand would take its part. New Zealand would also do its best in the matter of bringing Australia within 30 days of the United Kingdom via Canada.

Dr. Jameson Endorses.

Dr. Jameson endorsed every word of Deakin. He advocated preference as an experiment, and did not ask the Home Government to change the imperial fiscal policy, but change the methods. He felt sure that the opinion of the workmen of the United Kingdom was that under preference they would gain.

Cape Colony would be unanimous in granting preference if reciprocity could be established. However small, Natal believed in a discriminating scientific tariff. What objection was there to making an experiment? The conference then adjourned till today.

The Canadian Associated Press understands that Laurier will speak, possibly for half an hour. Hon. Asquith and Lloyd George will reply on behalf of the Home Government.

It is hoped to finish the debate today.

Why Laurier Was Silent.

London, May 2.—Premier Deakin concluded his speech at the Imperial Conference yesterday afternoon. Sir Joseph Ward, Dr. Jameson and Hon. F. R. Moor followed. It is understood Dr. Jameson strongly urged the case for a preference, but Ward and Moor adopted a conciliatory tone. No resolution was proposed.

The Pall Mall Gazette attributes Laurier's "inaction" at Tuesday's conference to Canada's confidence in her future and the influence of French-Canadian feeling on the Premier. It says "Festina lente" must be the motto of true Canadian statesmanship at present.

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A New Supply of beautiful Enamelware, white lined on a good steel body with light blue mottled effect on the outside.

Saucepans, extra deep, with special round handle, 30c, 40c, 45c.

Cooking Kettles, special for gas stoves, 35c, 45c, 55c, 65c, 75c.

Water Pails, 50c, 60c, 75c.

Dish Pans, 50c, 70c, 85c.

Pie Plates, 5c, 8c, 10c, 15c.

Pudding Pans, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c.

Pot Covers, all sizes, 5c, 8c, 10c.

See our New Combination Pot Cover, sold all around town at 25c. Our price, 10c, 15c.

Wire Strainers for tea, soup, or gravy, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c.

Asbestos Mats for gas stoves, 8c and 15c.

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