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to 15c yard. To clear at
2c Yard.

A THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Steamer's Cargo Afire and a Big
Gale Blowing.

Halifax, Feb. 19. — "On fire at sea in the midst of a raging gale," is the report made by Captain Schaarberg, of the steamer *Palanza*, which arrived in port yesterday. The steamer left Hamburg on Jan. 19, and met with heavy weather, during which the boats, ladders and bridges were smashed and the funnel broke at the base, compelling the steamer to put into the Azores on Feb. 2. After completing repairs and coaling, the steamer proceeded to Halifax. At 8 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 15, while the steamer was being tossed about, fire was discovered between the decks in the cargo. The fire spread rapidly, the heat became intense, and great volumes of smoke enveloped the forward part of the ship. The pumps were at once started and tons of water poured into the hold and steam was also injected. It was difficult for the crew to get at the fire, but after five hours' hard work, they succeeded in extinguishing it. There was no excitement among the 138 passengers aboard, the officers assuring them that there was no danger. Most of the passengers landed here, and the steamer proceeded to Baltimore.

CUTTING DOWN FORCE
A Large Number Let Out By M. C. R.
at St. Thomas.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 19. — At the general superintendent's office of the M. C. R., it was said that the order cutting down the force at St. Thomas was a special one. It is said that a large force was required for the construction of new cars and for repairing the rolling stock, and that this work has been largely completed, thus leaving a surplus force to be done away with. It is also stated that this reduction has not been necessary at other points.

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is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the inflamed, cleans the air passages, stops the discharge from the throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower free. All dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo, N. Y.

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IT MAY BE only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been shown to fail in curing chronic cough, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

Revolving doors are being removed from public establishments in Berlin by order of the police. The reason for this order is that the police fear the revolving doors would not permit speedy egress in case of fire.

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Will be roused to its natural duties and your biliousness, headache and constipation be cured if you take
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Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

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One line Children's Fine
Black Wool Hose, sizes 5½
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urday Sale only
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(striped patterns). Worth
50c. For
29c Each.

Misses' Combination Suits.
Worth 75c. Saturday Sale
for
35c Suit.

Table Linen, wide width.
Regular 30c lines. Sat-
urday Sale only
20c Yard.

Dark Flannelette, striped
patterns, wide width.
Worth 8c. Saturday Sale;
22 Yds for \$1.

Letters to the Editor.

A DEFENSE OF MR. MCGREGOR.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

By your issue of Dec. 10, 1903, I see, that someone has been kind enough to try and follow with his hateful influence, one, who is honored and respected amongst us.

How any man who should have the interests of Christ's kingdom at heart can pursue such a course I don't know. It is entirely opposed to the teachings of our Savior, and will be found on the debit side of the eternal accounts when presented at the last great audit.

I am the minister in charge of the Davidson Presbyterian Church, and I think that a man 2,000 miles away in Ontario should leave me and my work alone and not interfere, as it is none of his business. Also that any such man, bent on following another with a view to look around, as it is none of his business, and he will find scope for better work nearer to his hand.

My own experience of Mr. A. B. McGregor has been, that there is no more fitted to forward the work of Christ in this field, or in any other.

I have not, by any means, tried to creep into the offices of the church, but, on the contrary, I have had to use all the persuasive powers of which I am possessed, and lay the needs and claims of the work clearly before him, in order to get him to hold office in any capacity. He has been though in all the Christian work in this new country, one of the best of workers, and he has the respect of his pastor and all the members of this church and community.

If Mr. McGregor were to be lost to the church here we should certainly lose our best man.

I always say of men: "By their fruits ye shall know them," and I am sure it will be pleasing to all the folks who have the pleasure of Mr. A. B. McGregor's acquaintance in the East to know that out here he holds as high, if not a higher position in the estimation of the church members and citizens of Davidson than he ever held at Appleton.

I sign myself as one who always likes to treat a man as a man.

W. J. WILSON,
In charge of Presbyterian Church, Davidson, N. Y. T.

INHALED ACID FUMES.
Toronto, Feb. 19. — Seven firemen belonging to the Bay street section are seriously ill as a result of inhaling the fumes of nitric acid during a fire in the Toronto Engraving Company's premises Wednesday afternoon. One of these, Arthur Potter, is in a critical condition.

THE ATLAS LOAN.
Toronto, Feb. 19. — The argument before the master-in-ordinary as to the claims of the debenture holders of the Atlas Loan Company is proceeding. Feb. 28 has been selected for the argument of the company's claim against the Imperial Bank.

ALCOHOL IN CANDIES.
Toronto, Feb. 19. — At yesterday's meeting of the Royal Templars a report was presented stating that an examination had shown that many candies contained from 14 to 18 per cent of alcohol. The Templars intend to ask for legislation and enforcement of the present law against the sale of such candies.

The grave of the German poet Heine, in the Montmartre Cemetery, Paris, is said to be visited by more persons than any other in the cemetery. It is customary for visitors to leave their cards. Of 296 cards found on Heine's grave 39 were left by English and American visitors and over 250 by Germans and Austrians.

ONTARIO'S TIMBER AS AN ASSET

\$75,000,000 Worth Still Un-
cut in This Province.

ATTACK AUDITORS' STATEMENT

Powell (Ottawa) Opposes Building of
the Temiskaming Road-Hon.
Mr. Davis' Speech.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 18. — Mr. Powell, of Ottawa, and Hon. E. J. Davis, of Ream, of Essex, and Dr. James, of Nipissing, were the speakers in today's installment of the debate. Mr. Powell criticised the Government's expenditure, particularly those being made on the Temiskaming Railway. He was amply answered by Hon. E. J. Davis, who made an excellent point when he showed that there was enough standing pulpwood and pine in the Province to guarantee in perpetuity a revenue which would make it needless to resort to direct taxation. An evening session was held, after which the debate was adjourned until Tuesday.

THE TIMBER LIMITS.
Mr. Powell (Ottawa), who resumed the budget debate, said that the ordinary revenue of the Province did not meet expenses, so that whenever the affairs of the Government became hopelessly involved a sale of timber limits was engineered to square things up. This year the expenditures were to be \$700,000 more than the average for the last four years, but the Province's capital assets were sold and the results turned into revenue account—a most improper proceeding.

It was significant that the statement of assets and liabilities was not signed by the provincial auditors.

The Premier said that this was fixed as stated in a foot note on the report of the royal commissioners of 1902.

Proceeding, Mr. Powell said he thought after going through the budget carefully, the Province was in a precarious condition, its only surplus being the result of the last timber sale, of which \$700,000 was required to meet the deficit of this year.

He expressed great regret that the survey of the New Ontario townships was going on so slowly, and was causing great delay in apportioning the grants of lands to veterans. He also objected that the Government was underpaying the surveyors, giving them only 7 cents an acre.

It would be a great mistake for the Government to purchase any large amount of rolling stock for the Temiskaming Railway, because the business of the line would not warrant any expenditure for that purpose. It would be found when the railway was in full operation that it would be used largely to haul lumber and supplies, and timber rather than passengers.

The report of the engineer in charge of the line, Mr. J. C. Macdonald, showed that of eight or nine degrees, and with such curves it would be impossible to make the railway a trunk road, it would always be a branch road.

Mr. Powell also maintained that the Dominion Government should build a new railway and the cabinet should go to Ottawa and prosecute their claim to a subsidy.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Hon. E. J. Davis, in replying, agreed that New Ontario's surveys should be pushed forward as soon as possible, the work being done last year by the lateness in passing the estimates. The Government was anxious to settle the veterans on their land grants as speedily as might be, but there were many difficulties in the way.

As to the financial statement, it must be correct, because it was the auditor's statement.

Mr. Whitney—The most important items are not signed by the auditor.

Mr. Ross—It is all made up in the auditor's office.

Mr. Whitney—I do not care for that. It does not say so.

Mr. Ross—That statement is always made up in the auditor's office and brought down to the Premier's office. It is correct in every particular.

Hon. R. Harcourt gave an explanation of the financial statement, which proved that the items were substantially correct.

Mr. Davis, resuming, blamed the Opposition for an unpatriotic attempt to injure the Province's standing. He did not think it a fair proposition to call the money borrowed to build the Temiskaming Railway a debt, because the Province had the road.

As to treating the timber business as capital to be used for paying debts and capital expenditure, he declared this was exactly what was being done, and that the Premier would not be worthy of his position if he had not increased the Province's expenditure since 1893. The main increases had been in the justice

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Rome, Feb. 18.—The situation in the Balkans, especially in the district of Diakova, Province of Ipek, is considered here to be serious. It is declared that Austria has 30,000 men ready to invade Albania, but if such a move were made, Italy would consider it as disturbing the balance of power on the Adriatic, and most detrimental to her interests here.

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A BIG RAILROAD WAR

Gould Interests and Pennsylvania
Break Off Peace Negotiations.

New York, Feb. 18.—All negotiations for a settlement of the differences between the Pennsylvania Railroad and Gould interests have been broken off, says the Times. Friends of President Caldwell, of the first-named road, and of George J. Gould, who proposes a settlement, have abandoned definitely all attempts to obtain a rapprochement.

The immediate cause is understood to have been the absolute refusal of the Gould interests to abandon their project of reaching the Atlantic by an outlet of their own. The proposition of settlement was based on the idea that the Western Maryland, the road over which the Washington was to get into Baltimore, be placed under the control of some other road, in which both the Pennsylvania and the Western could have an equal interest. For this purpose the Norfolk and Western had been selected as the most likely.

From the very beginning of the negotiations the Gould interests balked at this proposition, but it was believed that the Goulds would eventually agree to do so. The Goulds, however, have refused to do so, and the negotiations have broken off.

HYPNOTIZED DANCER
Remarkable Experiment by a Paris-
ian Professor of Hypnotism.

Paris, Feb. 15. — A very curious experiment has just been tried at the Opera Comique for the purpose of improving the standard of ballet dancing. In the presence of a large audience consisting of ballet dancers from all the theaters in Paris a young woman, Mlle. Madeleine, was hypnotized and put to sleep by a professor from a school of magnetism. She was then brought upon the stage and as soon as the orchestra started playing she commenced to dance in the most graceful manner, although she previously had not the slightest idea of either music or dancing. The composer of the music, who was present, said that he had never seen his ideas so well executed before. It is now intended to repeat the experiment to teach the professional ballet dancers the art of expression and graceful movement.

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An assortment of pretty Wrappers, in shades of red and white, navy and white and black and white, different styles, some with fancy yokes, and all with wide, full flounce on skirt. Regular price \$1.25 each. Your choice of this lot at only 75c

A very pretty variety of colors in stripe and figured designs, some with wide tucks, front and back of waist, some with full over shoulder and around yoke, extra full skirts, with deep flounce. Sold regularly at \$1.50 and \$1.75, clearing any of them now at only \$1 25

Extra heavy English Wrapperettes in Paisley patterns, very pretty, dark colors, made in handsome styles, some with double reverses edged with velvet ribbon all around yoke, another pretty style has fancy yoke of tucks and fagotting double full on shoulder. Sold regularly at \$2.00 and \$2.25. A bargain for \$1 75

A number of Flannelette Dressing Sacks, in red, mauve, gray and blue, some nicely trimmed with lace, others with velvet. Same as we sell regularly at 85c each. To clear at 50c

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RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.

A STOCK TRANSACTION.
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