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Money Saving Opportunity

Our Great Alteration Sale.

We invite your attention to this special sale of bargains from our Dress Goods and Silk Departments. If you need a silk dress or waist or material for a costume this is a special opportunity for money saving.

Silks.
All silks in stock at alteration sale prices.
20 pos Japanese Wash Silks, in shades of pink, grey, brown, blue, dark blue, cream and white, reg. price 50c, alteration sale price—
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Regular 50c quality at 42c.
" 1.00 " 80c.
" 1.25 " 95c.
Finest black Peau de Soie, guaranteed pure silk, bonnets and others of the best French maker's goods, alteration sale price—
Regular \$1.50 quality at \$1.25.
" 1.50 " 1.25.
" 1.75 " 1.50.
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Every piece in stock at reduced prices.
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Regular \$1.25 quality at 98c.
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" 75c " 63c.
" 50c " 42c.
" 35c " 25c.
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Extra special line of Venetians, 52 and 54 inches wide, in shades of brown, oyster, beaver, myrtle, reseau, navy, cardinal and light grey, reg. price 1.25 and 1.50, sale price 98c.
50 pos Homespuns, 56 in. wide, in light grey, Oxford, brown, navy and black, a splendid assortment, alteration sale price—
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" 85c " 75c.
" 75c " 65c.
" 50c " 42c.
" 35c " 25c.
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Skirts, Suits, Ladies' Waterproofs, Wrappers, etc.
Ladies' Cravenet Waterproof Coats, in 3/4 and full length, in greys, fawns, blue and black and brown mixtures—
Regular \$5.00 quality at \$3.98.
" 7.00 " 5.78.
" 10.00 " 7.19.
Ladies' Print Wrappers, alteration sale price—
Regular \$1.00 quality at 89c.
" 1.50 " 1.28.
" 1.75 " 1.49.
Ladies' Freezes, serge and homespun skirts—
Regular \$3.75 quality at \$2.15.
" 5.00 " 3.75.
" 6.50 " 4.75.
Black satin Underskirts, with quick accordion pleated flounce or with a number of small rills, reg. price 1.50, alteration sale price, your choice at 98c.

A TERRIFIC CYCLONE.

DESTROYED 60 BUILDINGS AND INJURED FOUR PEOPLE.

The District West of Rockland, Ontario, Suffers From a Storm of Great Violence.

Ottawa, Aug. 13.—A terrific cyclone swept the district one mile west of the Town of Rockland at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, carrying destruction and injury in its wake. Four persons were seriously injured, and sixty houses, barns and outbuildings were shattered, and in some cases carried completely away. Animals were killed in the fields, and great trees that have stood for centuries were uprooted or moved down and hurled through the air. Much damage was done to crops. The storm gave no warning, nor was there any time for escape. At 3.30 the sky was clear. Then in less time than it takes to tell it a vast whirlwind cloud swept down the south shore of the Ottawa River.

So far as has been ascertained, the injured are Mrs. Oliver Deguire; Oliver Deguire, aged seven; Harry Deguire, aged four; Miss McCullough, Cumberland.

A summary of the damage to property shows:—Houses destroyed, five; barns and stables destroyed, sixteen; granaries, four; cattle sheds and outbuildings, twenty-four; other structures destroyed, thirteen.

Value of buildings and contents destroyed, \$15,000; machinery and vehicles destroyed, \$5,000. The crop damage is impossible to estimate, nor can a correct estimate be made of the loss of valuable woods and nursing live stock.

Half a mile west from Rockland, on the Montreal Road, towards Ottawa, is a strip of land between the road and the river, probably two hundred yards deep. On this are situated the farms of Rudolph Lavergne, Oliver Deguire, Mrs. Daniel O'Byrne and John Mahoney. Across the road are the farms of J. A. Dent and Charles Lafontaine.

Hardly a building on these six large and prosperous farms remains undamaged, and, indeed, few are left standing at all. On Mrs. O'Byrne's farm there is not a building left except an old loghouse. When the storm came up Mr. Mahoney, as well as Mrs. O'Byrne, and her two children, were in the house, and the inmates just had time to jump into the cellar. In a few seconds the roof was swept away, doors and windows were blown out, and only a few sticks of the wall remained. Even the furniture was blown away. Opposite the house of Mrs. O'Byrne, Mr. Burns and Miss McCullough of Cumberland were driving on their way home. They had barely time to get out of the buggy and crouch in a ditch while the storm swept past. Then they found the horse lying on the road, without a strap of harness on his back. The buggy had disappeared.

This morning the buggy and harness were found in the midst of a grove of trees on the Ottawa shore, smashed and torn to atoms. Miss McCullough was injured on the arm and leg by flying debris.

It was at the farm of Oliver Deguire that the greatest damage occurred. Not a building is left. Deguire was away from home at the time, and only his wife and five small children were at home. When the storm burst Mrs. Deguire tried to open the cellar door and get the children in. But there was no time. The house collapsed like a pack of cards on the six inmates. A large cooking stove probably saved their lives. The main beam of the heavy roof fell across it, and while the family were crushed they were not killed. With the greatest bravery Mrs. Deguire, although in a delicate state of health, pulled the heavy timber from over the children, and one by one got them out of the wreck. Oliver, aged seven, is badly cut on the arms and head, while Harry, the four-year-old boy, is injured and wounded about the body. Hope of recovering is held out for both. Mrs. Deguire herself is in a very precarious state of health, owing chiefly to the shock. The injured were removed later to the house of Mrs. Deguire's father, Mr. Lavergne, on the next farm. All the outbuildings, sheds, barns, stables, granaries, machinery sheds on the Deguire farm are gone.

Mr. R. Lavergne was more fortunate. His stables and barns are gone, but apart from broken glass, two missing chimneys and a portion of the roof, his house still stands intact. The prosperous farm of Mr. Charles Lafontaine, south of the Montreal road, suffered considerably. The barn, stable, granary, several sheds, a large pigsty, an apple orchard, are all partially destroyed. Great slices were torn from the roof of the dwelling, but it is built of brick and did not collapse, as did all the other farm buildings. Mr. Lafontaine and family took refuge in a ditch during the storm. Mr. F. McNeely, a brother-in-law of Mr. Lafontaine, arrived at the farm a few minutes before the tornado and tied his valuable trotting horse to a post. The horse was found lying on the ground with its neck broken. It had evidently been struck by something during the storm and instantly killed.

The granary of J. A. Dent, who lives on the next farm, was lifted up and deposited twelve feet away on the ground, but so easily that various articles on a shelf inside were not moved. Mr. Dent's house was also moved two

CHATHAM CITIZEN CHOSEN TO PRESIDE AT HIGH COURT

Ex-Ald. R. A. Harrington Unanimously Elected Head of the Ontario I. O. F.—Successful Convention at Galt—Maple City Delegates.

By a unanimous acclamatory vote ex-Ald. R. A. Harrington, of this city, was yesterday elected as High Chief Ranger at the 26th annual convention of the Independent Order of Foresters held in Galt.

The office is the highest in the gift of the High Court of Ontario, and the unanimity of his election is a high tribute to the worth of Mr. Harrington, and the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues, and also a hearty compliment to the local Court McGreggor, of which he is a member.

Mr. Harrington has been a Forester for about twelve years, during which time he has been continuously a member of the High Court, and held many of the important offices therein.

The convention was throughout a most successful one. The Order is in a very flourishing condition and the records showed a remarkable development and expansion during the past

year.

The Maple City delegates in attendance were Messrs. W. G. Burrows, S. Stephenson, D. H. Dymond, A. Dale, D. E. Russell and R. A. Harrington and Mrs. H. Colville.

The High Court officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—
High Chief Ranger—R. A. Harrington, Chatham.

Past High Chief Ranger—C. H. Merrifield, Moncton.

High Vice Chief Ranger—R. D. Cameron, Lucknow.

High Secretary—Frank E. McCormick, St. Thomas.

High Treasurer—Rev. Evans Davis, London.

High Physician—Dr. Buchanan, Galt.

High Counsellor—George S. Kerr, Hamilton.

High Auditors—Jno. Hambley, London, and Frank McLoth, Blythe.

It was decided to hold the next I. O. F. High Court Convention at Sarnia.

anxious moments. Then a terrific struggle for windward position took place. As Irondequoit headed more and more into the wind Strathcona did the same, until they were at right angles to their original course, and headed for the eastern gap. For 13 minutes this work kept up, until opposite Fisherman's Island Strathcona suddenly jibed, under Irondequoit's stern and squared away for the buoy.

The balloon jib tussle fluttered for a little, but was quickly trimmed down, and with it out like a cloud the defender started for the mark. The Irondequoit kept on for about 12 minutes longer, headed in a direction considerably to the eastward of the outer mark, because Strathcona, after shaking free of her opponent, was still to windward.

So ended one of the most exciting slugging fights seen here for many a day. By all the rules of logic Commodore Jarvis was justified in thinking he had beaten Mr. Hannan at his own game. The Strathcona hitherto was speedier on a run, but strange to say was beaten yesterday.

It looked as if Commodore Jarvis had had the advantage of the struggle, for he quickly opened out a big gap and seemed to be a quarter of a mile ahead. Irondequoit seemed to be looking for a better breeze, but, as it did not come, altered his course and started in pursuit. At noon the wind began to fall, and was somewhat shifty, for Strathcona's spinnaker emptied, and dipped into the lake, while Irondequoit's kept fairly well filled. This continuing longer, headed in a direction considerably to the eastward of the outer mark, because Strathcona, after shaking free of her opponent, was still to windward.

Both set off for home on the starboard tack. Fifteen minutes later Irondequoit made a couple of short tacks to throw Strathcona off the wind, and succeeded. The wind was now so light that both crews were lying out on the lee rail. At 1.25.00 Irondequoit went on the port tack again, working out to windward, but it was only for half a minute, and then Mr. Hannan went back, apparently satisfied that he had the position. The wind had increased to about ten miles, and there was a choppy sea, which was not to Strathcona's liking. Mr. Hannan watched his opponent carefully, and with every tack made one to match, until they ran close in to Scarboro' Heights. Then on the last tack in the Strathcona got a favoring breeze and rapidly overhauled her opponent, but the lead was too great, and Irondequoit crossed a winner by one minute and eighteen seconds, the time being—Irondequoit, 3.12.13; Strathcona, 3.13.31.

The Strathcona had started the beat 2.52 behind, and therefore gained 1.34. Having started the course ten seconds ahead, the Irondequoit completed it 1.08 faster.

CONVICT SEEKS DAMAGES.
Arms Were Broken by a Machine in Penitentiary Laundry.

Kingston, Aug. 13.—United States Consul Twitchell has been appealed to by Convict Kelly, in the penitentiary, to aid him in recovering damages from the Dominion Government for injuries received through the bursting of a driving machine in the prison laundry. Kelly is a native of Buffalo, and has served ten years of a 14-year sentence. He claims that his injuries, the breaking of his arms, were due to carelessness, in that a more powerful dynamo was used in turning the machine than it could stand, hence it blew to pieces, with disastrous results. Kelly has been a good prisoner, and quite recently saved the Protestant chapel from destruction by fire, and at that time had his hands badly burned. It is said he would have been pardoned had not the detectives reported against it.

RADIAL ROAD TO BE BUILT

Promoters Will Now Proceed to Secure Their Kent County System.

Will Ask Franchises from Municipalities to be Benefitted—Will go Ahead at Once.

The Radial Railway Co. now have their charter. The bill successfully passed the Senate yesterday, and now the promoters are in a position to go ahead and secure franchises from the different municipalities. Mayor McKeough last evening received the following telegram from Ottawa from the solicitors of the promoters of the company.

Railway Bill finally passed by the Senate without amendment. (Signed) Denton, Dunn & Boulton.

The promoters of the company are Wm. Ball, N. H. Stevens, Geo. Stephens, M. P., W. E. McKeough, David Gordon, W. N. Warburton and Mr. Dunlop.

The first piece of the road will be constructed between Chatham and Wallaceburg, traversing Dover Tp. A surveyor will be at once sent here to lay out the line. Then the different municipalities will be approached for bonuses and other aids. It is expected that the road will be running next year.

FRIGHTFUL HURRICANE

WHOLE VILLAGES WIPED OUT IN JAMAICA.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 13.—The effects of yesterday's hurricane upon the island of Jamaica were greater than at first believed. At Port Antonio only six houses were left standing. The United Fruit Co.'s wharves, offices, hotel and plantations were demolished. Five of the company's steamers, including the Simon Dumois, Alfred Dumois and Brighton, were driven ashore, but are lying in easy positions. Port Maria suffered similarly. The coast is strewn with wreckage of local sailing vessels.

It is feared that the loss of life has been heavy, 30 fatalities having already been reported, principally among seamen. The entire eastern end of the island has been devastated. Villages have been wiped out, and public buildings and churches demolished. Thousands of the peasantry, rendered homeless and destitute, are wandering about seeking food and shelter. The destruction of the banana plantations has been complete, and the fruit trade is paralyzed for the next twelve months. Hundreds of prosperous fruit-growers have been brought to bankruptcy and ruin.

The western end of the island, which it was at first thought had escaped, also suffered considerably. The Norwegian steamer Salvador di Giorgio was driven ashore at Annotts Bay, and lies in a dangerous position. Several sailing vessels were wrecked on the north side. It is still stormy and threatening, and there are fears that there may be a renewal of the storm. Torrential rains have increased the misery of the poor and homeless. Thousands of houses are damaged, and the wharves were battered and several coasting vessels were sunk in the harbor. Trade is practically at a standstill.

The southeastern portion of the island has been completely devastated. Its crops, the silvers are lost, and many men were carried out to sea and drowned. It is estimated that the death list will reach fifty. Hundreds of persons were injured, and there were numerous hairbreadth escapes. The property loss is estimated at \$10,000,000.

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