

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS

Our Entire Stock to be Completely Sold Out in 60 Days
\$35,000 worth of Carpets, Rugs, Draperies, Linoleums
and Wall Papers to be sold Regardless of Cost

Sale Starts
OCTOBER 6

Having decided to retire from the Homefurnishing business we will do so in a way to make it a memorable event in the annals of London business. There will be bargains for all. Whether for the cottage or mansion, there will be found needed goods at prices some less than half the actual value.

Remember the Date
OCTOBER 6

Store Closed Today. Sale Begins Thursday, October 6, at 9 o'Clock

Consignments of New Fall Goods already contracted for are being passed into stock or will be passed into stock as they arrive, and all are to be marked at prices to clear immediately. Wednesday will be spent re-arranging and re-marking the stock—Thursday the sale begins. Anticipate your needs for the next two years, whether you live in London, or a hundred miles away from London, and come to this sale.

The reputation of our firm for the past twenty years testifies to the quality of the stock. The necessity for immediate selling and the present slaughtered prices guarantee to you **GENUINE BARGAINS**.

CARPETS AND RUGS

Of all kinds at less than the cost of manufacturing. Bring measurements of your rooms.

DRAPERIES

Silks, Tapestries, Velours, Repps, Madras, etc., etc., at almost half price. Fine Lace Curtains at unprecedented bargains.

LINOLEUMS

Inlaid and Printed Linoleums not on sale till Friday. A new stock is being passed through the customs, and will be ready Friday.

WALL PAPERS

Our Wall Paper stock contains the choicest decorative materials to be found in Western Ontario. Prices less than half.

REMEMBER!—This entire stock must be sold at once and without reserve. Get your share of bargains.

A. Screaton & Co., 156 Dundas St.

RAIN SPOILED THORNDALE FAIR

Owing to Inclement Weather It Was Necessary to Call Off the Splendid Race Programme.

EXHIBITS WERE GREAT

But People Had No Chance to See Them—Directors Did Excellent Work, However.

Unfavorable weather alone prevented Thorndale fair, which was held yesterday, from being the most successful in years. There was an exceptionally large attendance, but owing to the incessant downpour of rain the crowd kept constantly changing, no one remaining long on the grounds. This year the directors had arranged a much larger prize list than previously, and some especially promising entries had been received for the races, which on account of the inclement weather it was found necessary to call off. The showing of farm stock was unusually good, particularly in sheep and cattle classes. Horses were not so numerous, but made up in quality what they lacked in number. There were also noteworthy exhibitions of swine and poultry.

Roots and vegetables were well above the average, and the apples shown were exceptionally fine. In smaller fruits some choice exhibits were made, some fine grapes and peaches being shown.

The Exhibits.

There were several good art exhibits. Butter and honey were of a high quality, and the exhibit of fancy work, quilts, and embroidery was meritorious throughout.

The exhibit of grains was extremely good.

Among the exhibitors in the various classes were:

A. Bryden, lambs.

Gilbert Judd, geese, ducks.

S. Bourne, Rebecca, horses, roots and honey.

Joseph Cunningham, Durham cattle.

Robert Judd, poultry and roots.

Mrs. Elliott, Marriot, St. Marys, quilts, fancy work, cushions.

L. Nimock, Harrington, wheat, oats, vegetables, roots and honey.

George Judd, Rebecca, oats and potatoes.

Joseph Thompson, Crumlin, horses, confectionery.

D. R. Palmer & Son, Thorndale, apples and horses.

Mrs. E. Hornham, St. Marys, quilts, and embroidery.

John S. Henderson, Thorndale, York-shire swine, roots, vegetables.

Mrs. James Guest, Fanshawe, fancy work.

Fred Lee, horses.

Robert Wheaton, Shorthorn cattle.

William McGuffin, Salmonville, Hereford cattle and horses.

Charles Fitzgerald, Rebecca, horses, long wool sheep, vegetables, roots.

George Matheson, Bennington, carriage horses.

Montague & Thompson, Crumlin, carriage horses.

M. Bretham, Woodham, dairy produce and vegetables, cheese and butter.

Henderson & Morrison, Lakeside, horses.

J. G. Calder, Kintore, horses.

W. Quail, Evelyn, butter.

J. H. Harding, Thorndale, sheep, cattle and swine.

H. Day, Evelyn, vegetables and horses.

R. F. McDonald, sheep and apples.

G. Hudson, Ballymote, sheep.

Rain Spoiled It.

Everyone crowded into the horticultural hall or took refuge in the village, to get away from the rain. The embryo midway was deserted, and there was practically nothing doing on the grounds. The Maxwell Maple Leaf Band made things lively in the pavilion, and drew out the dreary monotony of the rain.

The officers of the Thorndale Agricultural Society are:

President—James Woods, Thorndale.

First Vice-President—Frank E. Wilson.

Second Vice-President—Thomas McFarlane, Leesboro.

Secretary—Treasurer—William C. Gee, Wyton.

Assistant Secretary—James Carrothers, Thorndale.

UNION MEETING ON MISSIONS

Women's Baptist Societies of City Addressed by Returned Missionary.

The regular semi-annual union meeting of the Women's Missionary Circle of the Baptist Churches of this city was held in the Adelaide Street Church on Monday, Oct. 3, Mrs. T. Woodburne, president of the Adelaide Street Circle, presiding, with Miss Edna Gillies at the organ.

The afternoon session was opened with the hymn, "Gospel Bells," Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Carow, of the Maitland Street Baptist Church, after which letters from several lady missionaries in India were read by Mrs. Pegler, Mrs. W. H. Watson, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. C. W. A. Woodburne.

Miss Lida Pratt, of Petrolia, who has just recently returned from India on furlough, was then introduced, the audience standing to welcome her. In a short address she gave glimpses of her work, and told of the devoted lives of several of the native Bible women, who were her helpers.

At the evening session Miss Pratt again addressed the gathering, telling in her own graphic way many incidents of her work in the schools, in the zenanas, and on tour among the villages. She told of the death of workers, and pleaded earnestly for recruits and means to send them.

William Hueston, vegetables.

Thomas Hogg, Thorndale, art.

Mrs. Newton, Thamesford, art, fancy work.

Mrs. W. Kester, Thamesford, fancy work embroidery, painting.

BOGUS NOBLEMAN WAS INDISCREET

Man Was Member of an International Gang of Card-Sharps and Swindlers.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—The police since his arrest have gained possession of a remarkable series of letters which Bela Klimm, the pseudo-Marquis de la Ramee, wrote in expansive moments to a Miss M., and in which he gave full details of his misdoings.

Both the lady whom Klimm married and her mother heard of these letters, and tried to buy them. After refusing \$5,000 for them, Miss M. handed them to the police for nothing, and is now suffering agonies of remorse.

Even after his marriage Klimm was a member of an international gang of card-sharps, which included two Englishmen. The gang conducted operations in all the continental capitals, with occasional trips to America. Last year this gang kept a large and luxurious house in the West End of London, where nightly orgies were indulged in and many victims who played cards were robbed unmercifully.

Klimm became engaged to an Egyptian princess, who was more than forty years of age, while he was just twenty-eight, but the marriage was prevented by the woman's relatives.

After this matrimonial plan had been frustrated, Klimm came straight to this city and met his present wife. During his stay in London, Klimm became acquainted at a West End hotel with a foreign countess, whose maid fell ill and had to be removed to a hospital. Klimm offered to find another maid for the countess, and telegraphed to Berlin to Miss M. to take the position. She refused, but Klimm secured another girl, who hastened to London and entered the countess's service. Two days later the countess missed a diamond necklace of great value, and the girl disappeared. Part of the necklace were sold subsequently in London, Paris and Berlin.

Klimm once barely escaped arrest in Cairo, when the police raided a gambling resort, by jumping through a window.

The letters in the possession of the police show that Miss M. lent Klimm \$5,000 and pawned all her jewelry to supply him with the money he wanted.

M. C. R. INCREASES

Michigan Central Engineers Will Receive From 13 to 20 Per Cent More.

St. Thomas, Oct. 4.—Michigan Central engineers will receive their new schedule of wages when the pay car comes to town this week. The total increase is from 13 to 20 per cent, and affects the M. C. R. between Buffalo and Chicago and all branch lines.

The new agreement is a direct result of the agitation of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Engineers on switch engines have received an increase of 40 cents a day. The passenger service agreement provides \$4.15 per hundred miles. The freight service provides for \$4.85 per hundred miles for locomotives with over a 1924-inch cylinder. For engines with less than that size cylinder the rate is \$4.75 per hundred miles.

BATTLE PRACTICE OF BRITISH NAVY

Important Maneuvers Held This Year in the Channel.

THE TESTS MADE SEVERE

Officers and Crews Are Compelled to Act at a Moment's Notice.

London, Oct. 4.—The ships of the fleet have completed their annual battle practice. The first division of the home fleet, including the ten Dreadnought battleships and cruisers, has completed its firing, which took place this year in the channel, Portland being used as the base. The second division of Sir William May's command had its battle practice in the Moray Firth, while the third division, which is composed of the nucleus crew vessels, was at Lamlash for the same purpose.

This year it has been possible to know more exactly the time and place of the battle practice in the various units of the fleet by the movements of the cruiser set apart for the use of the inspector of target practice and his staff. The innovation of placing an armored ship under the orders of this officer during the battle practice season is a very natural one and has occasioned little comment.

The Sutlej was first selected, but when the unfortunate boiler mishap occurred on board that ship, her sister, the Hogue, was brought forward instead. The Hogue, which has been in the rank have been appointed to her temporarily to assist the inspector in superintending the battle practice of the ships.

Practice Conditions Severe.

The first to finish the test this year were the Atlantic fleet vessels, and although complete results are not available, it is anticipated that the final returns will not be so good as in recent years. The regulations of the practice for 1910, to quote the words of the first lord in his memorandum of March last, were "modified so as still further to assimilate the conditions of this practice to those which may be expected to obtain in action," and much greater efforts are therefore necessary in order to reach the same results on paper as were obtained in 1908 and 1909.

It is significant that, with one exception, each annual memorandum issued by the first lord of the admiralty since the introduction of the new gunnery training system for the navy in 1905 has contained an announcement similar to that just quoted. The exception was in 1909, in which no revision of the rules took place, this being the year following the introduction of towed targets in place of stationary ones, but in each of the other years the battle practice conditions have undergone modification tending to make them more stringent and severe.

The result of this consistent development is that battle practice in the British navy has reached a high state of perfection. Except that the ships' fire is not returned, it may be said

that the conditions approximate as closely to the "real thing" as is possible in peace time. The target is not only a moving one, but the gunnery officer controlling the firing has to judge the range, the direction and the speed at which it is being towed, while all the time his own ship, at a high rate of speed, follows an unknown course which has been laid down by the flag officer acting as chief umpire.

Act at Moment's Notice.

A sketch of the course he is to steer during the firing is handed in a sealed envelope to the navigating officer, who only becomes acquainted with it just before practice actually begins, while as no other officer or man has seen this document, it is not known up to the last minute either which broadside will be brought into action or how and to what extent the range will change.

The battle practice exercise is therefore the supreme test of the whole fighting organism of the ship and the most important item in the year's programme of fleet training, but it does not attract so much attention outside the service as the gunnayers' test, which is held in the early part of the year, or the grand manoeuvres of the summer. The comparative results are compiled at the admiralty by a secret system of "points," and the reports which appear in the papers of records being made on this or that ship in target practice refer not to the annual battle practice, but to its preliminary exercise, which is known as the gunnayers' test. In addition to these two practices squadron flag is now carried out periodically, and night firing has come into greater prominence during the last two or three years.

Await Result of Practice.

It remains to be seen whether, when all the ships have completed their battle practice, the percentage of points will compare favorably with that obtained last year, even though the conditions have been altered. If rumor is to be believed, the Dreadnoughts in the home fleet have done no better than those ships in the Atlantic fleet, which have been referred to as the King Edward class have not all completed battle practice, these vessels comprising the second division of the home fleet, whose practice only began after the arrival of the Hogue with the inspector of target practice at Invergordon on Sept. 4.

Admiral Peiret will afterward proceed to the Mediterranean to superintend the battle practice of the ships in the middle sea, an arrangement which insures uniformity and accuracy in the marking of the firing. It has not been possible to bring the eastern fleet into this system, and therefore separate committees are formed for the firing of the vessels of the China, East Indies and Australian squadrons.

CORRESPONDENCE

Strayed or Stolen?

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I was very much surprised at reading in your columns a statement from High Constable Hughes with regard to the cattle taken from lot 20, concession 2, London Township.

He makes an assertion stating that the cattle were not stolen. He claims to have driven around the county search for them, and sends in his bill accordingly. If any reasonably intelligent constable had taken the pains to drive around the county and make proper inquiries he would be of the

same opinion as myself. I probably have driven around the county search for the cattle than any other man, and did it systematically, leaving no stone unturned, and have evidence of the most convincing character that they were undoubtedly stolen from a property and were afterwards abandoned, and then strayed away. It is

London, Oct. 5.

G. HARRIS.

Two Minute Talks About PANDORA RANGE for Coal or Wood

THE Pandora Range is for those who desire to make a permanent investment. The high quality of the materials and the superior method of construction assure long life.

The Body of the Pandora is very heavy. The Rods and Bolts are on the outside where they cannot burn or rust out. The Expansion Rings of the cooking section provide ample allowance for extreme expansion and contraction and eliminate the possibility of the metal cracking.

The Cooking Top is Burnished which toughens the surface of the metal and increases its strength. McClary's Oil Cement is used between the joints. Unlike cheap, ordinary cement, it will not dry out and need replacing. The Nickelling will not tarnish and is many times more durable than the single coat of nickel on ordinary ranges.

The Semi-Steel Fire Box Linings are twenty per cent. heavier than cast or gray iron linings. Sulphur fumes, so destructive to cast iron, cannot penetrate the hard, smooth as glass surface of Semi-Steel. The Grates have Three Faces, which allows the wear to be distributed on three sides, insuring triple durability.

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