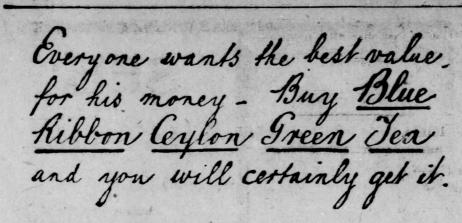
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DISTINCTIVE HANDWRITING!

Bamlett

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ther, Joseph H. Sifton, never wrote

otherwise the defendant Alley Sifton,

another brother of the late Joseph H.

handwriting and signature. Witness

been signed by Joseph H. Sifton.

disputed will was not a genuine one.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WILL.

city, testified that he had made a num-

"THE BUTTER-PAPER WILL."

better understand the evidence given by the handwriting experts called, the

will put forward by Edgar Morden, and claimed by him to have been executed

by Joseph H. Sifton during the early

morning hours of the day on which the

latter received his fatal, injuries, is

herewith reProduced. The alleged will is written on both sides of a sheet of

paper being such as is used in dairies

for wrapping up rolls of butter. Owing to the thinness of the paper, the writ-ing frequently shows through, and

makes the document decidedly illegible

in spots, while the uncouth character of

the writing and the incorrect spelling

task of deciphering the document any

This is the last will and testimony of me Joseph Sifton of the Township of

London in the County of Middlesex. In

case any thing [occurs*] happens me I devise and bequeath to Mary McFar-

lin my intended wife during her nat-

ural life if she shall remain unmarried

all my real estate and personall prop-

erty for her maintenance and for the maintenance of her child if she gives

said Mary McFarlin than I direct my

Arva June 30th 1900

of many words, do not tend to make the

easier. The paper reads as follows:

the

waxed paper, about 8x11 inches,

In order that the reading public may

Thomas Alfred Sifton,

the signature to the disputed will.

cation also sign that will?" asked Mr. Hellmuth. "He did not," answered the expert learly and sharply.

"Who, in your opinion, wrote the sig-nature to that will?" asked Mr. Hellmuth. "The man who wrote the body of the

will," replied Mr. Tyrrell.

"Is your opinion a strong or a weak ne?" was the lawyer's question. one?" "I have no hesitation in saying what I do," said Mr. Tyrrell.

OCULAR DEMONSTRATION. Asked to give his reasons for the statements he had made, Mr. Tyrrell had a board covered with white paper Sifton, next took the stand. He was also well acquainted with his brother's brought in and placed in position by the side of the judge's bench, and in was positive that the signature to the Morden will was not written by his deceased brother. Witness never knew full view of the jury and spectators. Mr. Tyrrell then proceeded to give a his brother to sign his name otherwise than as "J. H. Sifton," or "Joseph H. Sifton"—never "Joseph Sifton." little lecture on the peculiarities of the handwriting of individuals. He said Thomas H. Weldon, accountant for the London Loan Company, identified a that habits in handwriting are formed unconsciously. The forger of another's signature made four mistakes. First, he number of checks produced as having thinks he knows all the peculiarities In of another's writing; second, he thinks he can imitate them; third, he thinks witness' opinion, the signature to the Percy Collins, a photographer em-

ployed in Frank Cooper's studio in this ber of photographs of the Morden will. He identified photographs produced as those which he had made, some of them being photographs of the disputed will will, and such other specimens of hand-writing as he deemed necessary to prove his points. He first showed how Sifton's person-ality had entered into his signature making it a remerication sion, Mr. Tyrrell drew upon the board fac-similes of Joseph H. Sifton's sigand others photographs of different signatures of J. H. Sifton.

making it a remarkably strong and dis-tinctive one. Mr. Tyrrell then placed on the board the signature to the dis-puted will, and compared it with the actual signature of J. H. Sifton, show-ing the radical difference in the formation of every letter.

Mr. Tyrrell then placed on the board the signature to the will, putting beside the same words from the second line of the body of the will. He pointed out how evidently they were written by one man, exhibiting, he said, the same conception of form, the same execution of form, and being the work of the same mind actuating the same hand. Mr. Tyrrell then built up, by taking single letters from isolated words in the body of the will, the word "Sifton," then compared it with the same word in the signature, showing their exact correspondence. The slant of the signature to the will and the slant of the writing in the body of the will was the same. Joseph H. Sifton's signature was written very slantingly, and the difference in slant between the genuine signature and that to the will was an average difference of 10 degrees, and an extreme difference of 20 degrees. This slant he characterized as an unconscibirth to one by me within the limited time required by the laws of nature, But after the marriage or death of the ous habit, and a characteristic of the writer. It would be a strong point in establishing the authenticity of a signature.

executor to sell all my real estate and SIGNED AT DIFFERENT TIMES. Mr. Tyrrell was strongly of the opinion that the signature to the will and the signatures of the two subscribing witnesses were not placed upon the will at the same time. In his opinion the first signature placed upon the will was that of "Edgar N. Morden." Wtness was not positive as to whether the signature "Joseph Sifton," or that of "Joanna Morden" was next written, but he was positive that both were placed there some days subsequent to

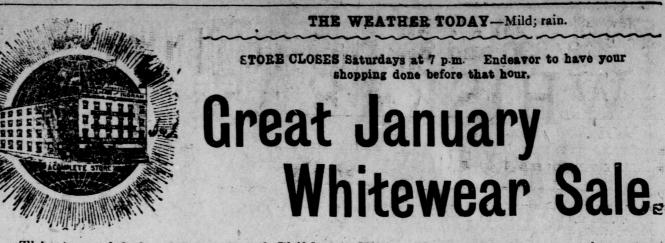
Molineaux and Rice cases in New York, and in other weil-known and important cases. Mr. Osborne corro-borated Mr. Tyrrell's testimony as to the fact that the signature on the disputed will was not the same as that of J. H. Sifton on the other documents, and also as to the fact that the writer of the body of the disputed will also wrote the signature to it. Mr. Osborne was equally positive with Mr. Tyrrell as to the correctness of his con-clusions. Mr. Osborne supported his statements by showing how the hand-writing of individuals shows di-vergences from the common standard of writing. He gave as an instance of his meaning the manner in which in-dividuals differ in speech.

Mr. Osborne went on to show that the final letter of all J. H. Sifton's signatures finished with a sharp stroke, parallel to the line of writing, and did not finish with the line of connectis, s. as was usual. A divergence from the normal method was shown in the abnormally large size of the "i" in the disputed will, compared with the abnormally small size of the same letter as written by J. H. Sifton in his signatures. The witness took up different letters and words throughout the body of the will and compared them with the signature to the will and with J. H. Silton's genuine signa-ture, showing how they agreed with the former and differed from the latter, and pointing out their peculiarities and idiosyncrasies. All these points,

In answer to a question from the

Mr. Osborne said he had no doubt will writing; fourth, he thinks he can leave them out of the forgery. This, said Mr. Tyrrell, was a fallacy. Using a heavy black crayon, and with a dexterity and sureness of hand that showed his mastery of his profes-sion, Mr. Tyrrell drew upon the board

A TORONTO EXPERT. Wm. H. Shaw, of Toronto, the prin-cipal of a Toronto business college, tesified that he had given considerable attention to expert testimony on handwriting, and had been connected with various cases in Canada involving expert testimony. After examining the disputed will, and the other documents produced, Mr. Shaw gave it as his opinion that the signature to the will was not that of Joseph H. Sifton, but was written by the same man who had writ-ten the body of the will. His reasons for thinking so were that the writing of the signature to the will was of a more modern form and written with greater ease than Joseph H. Sifton's writing of his signature. It would in his opinion have been impossible for J. H. Sifton to have written his signature with the same regularity of form as that displayed in the signature to the disputed will. Mr. Shaw said he corroborated all that had been said by the two preceding witnesses. He called attention to the irregularity of J. H. Sifton's signature compared to the base line of writing, some of the letters being above and others below the base line. The writing and signature of the disputed will were in marked contrast to this. Mr. Shaw also showed the difference between the "J" of Sifton's signature and that of the will, the former requiring five distinct movements to form it, and the latter only three. Mr. Shaw pointmany other iscrepancies tween the genuine Sifton signature and the signature to the will. He corroborated the opinions of the preceding wit-nesses as to the signatures to the will being affixed at different times ANOTHER TORONTO WITNESS. Mr. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, testified that for forty years he had been a photographer, and through photograph ing disputed handwriting he had taken up the expert study of penmanship. He identified several photographic en-largements,36 times the size of the original, which had been made by him. Mr. Stanton was most decided in his expression of opinion that the signature to the disputed will was not that of the man who wrote the other signatures produced. The will was signed by he same man who wrote the body of it. : Stanton agreed with the opinions of the other experts as to the divergences between the handwriting of the signature of J. H. Sifton, and the body and signature of the will. Mr. Stanton then pointed out a number of differences which he had himself observed between the genuine signature and that of the disputed will.

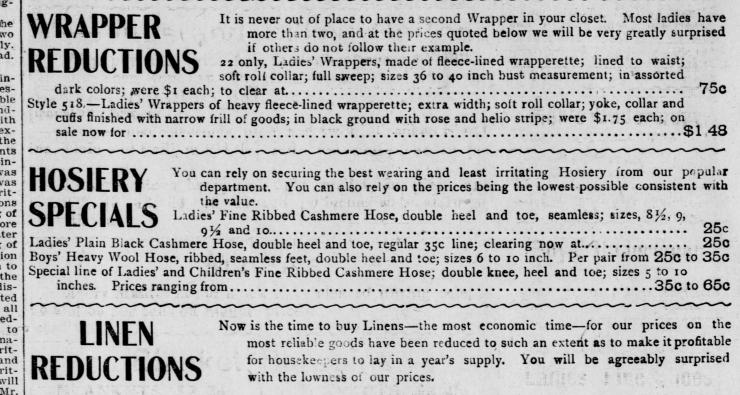


This Annual Sale of Ladies' and Children's White Underwear is a most important event to the women folk of London. They look forward to it as they do to Christmas, and this gathering of White Goods is the result of months of planning and perfecting on our part. Every garment is new and fresh from the factories where they were made. Dainty creations that ladies will appreciate and feel in every way justified in buying. You certainly should not miss viewing the collection, even if you are well supplied. You'll get

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many new ideas from it.

he said, taken simply, might not prove conclusively the contentions of the plaintiffs, but combined they furnished strong proof.

judge, Mr. Osborne said there was no possible doubt but that Joseph Sifton did not write the body of the disputed

but that the signature of Joanna Morden was written at a different time

proceeds placed in the Bank for the maintenance of her child mentioned in first of this will, But if their no child I devise my [end of first pagel my executor to devide all moneys

equally between by Brother John Sifton or his heirs and to my brother Alley Sifton or his heirs I also advise my exector to pay the sum of fifty dollars annally to my mother untill her death. I devise my executor to to sell all my personal property and what potion of my real estate he may so desire to pay up all my debts and the ballance of my real estate be rented and the proceeds placed with the said Mary McFarlin [I devise that the sum of one hundred dollars*] I hereby appoint Mr Edgar Morden of the township of London as my Executor of this my said will and in the event of his death I appoint my Brother John Sifton I bequeath to my son Jearld Sifton the [chattels*] personal property owned by me on lot 19 on the seventh concession of London township Signed in the presence of as witnesses Edgar N Morden

Joanna Morden.

Joseph Sifton

• Written and afterwards crossed out. EXPERT TYRRELL TESTIFIES.

The first of the experts called was John F. Tyrrell, expert penman to the Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Tyrrell said that for sixteen years he had been employed in identifying handwriting.He had appeared as an expert in th courts, notably in the famous Molineux murder case in New York and later in the recent well-known Rice case, in which an estate of \$8,000,000 is involved.Witness had examined the signature to the disputed will, and also the application for the marriage license and other documents exhibited.

STRONG TESTIMONY.

"Did the man who signed that appli-

that of "Edg'ar N. Morden." Mr. Tyrrell then proceeded to give at length his reasons for these statements. The body of the will was written in a cheap ink, with a sediment in the bottom, and as the will was written the sediment became stirred up and the ink darker. The signature of Edgar Morden was of the same color as the body and was probably done at the same time. That of Joanna Morden was paler, and was evidently written at the same time that the word "chattels" was erased from the body of the will and the words "personal property" substituted.

Another peculiarity was the fact that the words "lot No. 19," were written in a different slant from the surrounding matter and were probably inserted later, the writer of the will probably not knowing the number when writing the document.

Another peculiarity was that the two lower lines on the front side of the will had been retraced, evidently with the idea of obscuring the signature on the opposite side.

This concluded Mr. Tyrrells' evidence, which had produced a marked impression on the judge, the jury and the spectators

ANOTHER NOTED EXPERT.

Albert L. Osborne, of Rochester, N. Y., testified that he was the principal of a commercial university, and for fifteen years has had experience as a handwriting expert. He had been as sociated with other experts in the

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the kidneys as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Pains, aches or weakness of the back, deposits like brick dust in the urine, scanty, painful or scalding curination, puffiness under the eyes and emaciation are the indica-

tions of kidney disease. Mrs. Pursley, 130 Lippincott street, Toronto, says: "I may say that Dr. Chase's Receipt Book has been the consulting physician in our house for years, and I have always been able to control any sickness amongst our children by using the receipts given in its pages. For the past few years have suffered much with my kidneys, accompanied with severe pains in the back, almost unbearable at Dack, almost unbearable at After using Dr. Chase's Kidtimes

edies.

Mr. James Clark, Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: "Eleven my back, settling in my hips and extending up my spine. The pain was very severe, and at times almost unendurable and many days I was not able to do an hour's work. Though I had consulted many first-class physicians and tried several advertised medicines, I could get no relief.

"At this time my father-in-law told me to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and said he knew they woul cure me. I secured one box and great was my surprise when I began to feel better after using only one box. I continued their use until I had taken about four boxes, which made me a sound man.'

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At the conclusion of Mr. Stanton's evidence, it being 6 o'clock, the court adjourned till 10 a.m.

Township Councils.

LONDON.

London Township Council held a spe-cial meeting in the London Mutual Fire Insurance Company's office, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29, 1900, for the purpose of appointing a clerk to act in the place and instead of James Grant dur-ing his illness. It was moved by J place and instead of James Grant dur-ing his illness. It was moved by J. R. Hodgins, seconded by Thos. Clark, that whereas James Grant, clerk of the municipality of the township of London, is incapable, through illness, of perform-ing the duties of clerk of the said muni-cipality, that John Brown, of the city of London be supulated to act in the place London, be appointed to act in the place of James Grant during his illness, and that while the said John Brown so acts he shall have all the powers of the clerk of the said municipality of the township of London. Carried. of the said municipality of the township of London. Carried. Moved by Thos. Clark, seconded by J. H. Hodgins, that the solicitor be in-structed to defend Chas. Needham and the township of London in the suit of D. B. Campbell. Carried. Adjourned.

JOHN BROWN, Clerk

London Township Council met in the town hall, St. Johns, Monday, Jan. 14, 1901. All the members present. The reeve and councilors took the declaration

reeve and councilors took the declaration of office, and qualifications, after which the minutes of the two previous meet-ings were read and signed. Moved by John R. Hodgins, seconded by R. H. Read, that Mary Grant be authorized to act as treasurer during the illness of her father, Mr. James Grant. Carried. Carried

Carried. Moved by J. R. Hodgins, seconded by R. H. Read, that the following members of the council represent the said wards: Peter Abray, St. George's ward; John R. Hodgins, St. David's ward; Thos. Clark, St. Lawrence ward; R. H. Read, St. Patrick's ward; James H. Hodgins, St. Andrew's ward. Carried. The auditors for the year 1901 were

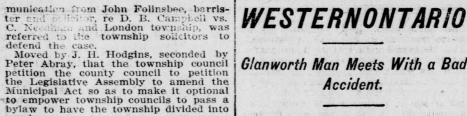
The auditors for the year 1901 were appointed, namely W. E. Talbot and Freeman Talbot. Bylaw 427, confirming apointment of auditors, was read three

Bylaw No. 423, confirming the appoint-ment of D. T. McNeill medical health officer; James Elliott, a member of the Board of Health, and Alfred Cumming

Board of Health, and Alfred Cumming as sanitary inspector for the year 1901, was read three times and passed. A communication from J. R. Robert-son, re Hospital for Sick Children, was read and filed. A communication from A. Smith, asking for position as town-ship engineer, was laid over. A com-munication from W. Patrick. re taxes on property on con. B and part lots 15 and 16, was referred to collector. A comsists. Price, 50 cents. Sold by Ander-son & Nelles, London.

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Proposal to Establish a Binder-Twine

Accident.

Moved by J. H. Hodgins, seconded by R. H. Read, that a deputation be ap-pointed to wait on the county council to ask a grant of \$3,000 to assist in payment of Brough's bridge, and that the clerk forward a copy of this resolution, to the county clerk Carried Factory at Chatham-Suit for Damages Against Township of Mersen

> Dressed hogs were selling for \$7.25 a hundredweight, at Harrow, on the 10th inst.

The Tuckersmith agricultural society have paid for their new grounds and buildings.

For the year 1900, the vital statistics of Leamington are: 58 births, 29 marriages and 21 deaths.

The office of barrister J.McGee, of Tilbury, was completely destroyed by fire early last Friday morning.

Prof. Dean, of the O.A.C., Guelph, addressed the Eastern Dairymen's Association at Smith's Falls, on Jan. 9.

Darius Bailey, of Yarmouth, died suddenly last Wednesday morning of heart disease. Deceased was about 50 years of age.

Rev. Father Courteous has been appointed to Pincourt. Quebec. after having been stationed for eleven years at Drysdale.

Mr. John Moser recently purchased the Hotel Brunswick building, Berlin, from Senator Merner. The price paid was \$16,000.

Adam Wettlaufer, of the 16th line, East Zorra, died, aged 83 years. He was born at Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and came to this country in 1846.

The net revenue of the Ingersoll postoffice for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1900, was \$2,944, which is an increase of \$311 over the corresponding quarter of

The extension of the L. E. and D. R. R. from Ridgetown to Dutton will be open for traffic this season. The total length from Ridgetown to St. Thomas is 44 miles.

The Windsor Gas Company have placed in their office a photometer which shows at all times the standard of the gas being used, and also the pressure both night and day.

John Bradley, aged 70 years, an employe of the M. C. R., dropped dead while eating in the railway yards at Windsor on Saturday last. Death was due to heart failure.

A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Christopher McMulkin, who live near Ingersoll, celebrated the 72nd anniversary of their wedding day. Mr. McMulkin was 92 years old last June, and his wife was 92 Toars in December.

The young people of Et. Alphonsus' Church, Windsor, are preparing a testimonial to be given Rev. Father Brady in the opera house on Thursday evening when he takes his departure to his new home in Wallaceburg.

While cleaning out a well a few days ago for Mr. John Patterson, of Culloden, the front wheel and never regained con

John Leitch had the misfortune to lose his balance and fall in. Fortunately he was rescued in time, getting off with little else than an extreme cold bath.

The Chatham Banner-News suggests that the various agricultural and horticultural societies of Essex, Kent and Lambton get together and map out a big fall exhibition, instead of as at present, each township having an exhibition of its own.

John McColl, of Glanworth, while cutting wood on the farm of James Thompson, concession 14, Yarmouth, had the misfortune to sever one of the toes of his right foot, and horribly mangle two others. Dr. Arkell, of Belmont, attended to his injuries.

Mr. John Ferguson, one of the oldest settlers of Aldborough, whose home is one mile west of Eagle, died very suddenly last Thursday evening. He was engaged in reading a newspaper when he was stricken with apoplexy and expired in a few minutes.

Blenheim Tribune: Recently Dr. Samson, Windsor, and Dr. King, Staples, made an examination of the injuries sustained by Mrs. Rushlow in falling over an unprotected bridge in the southern part of Mersea. Suit has been entered against the township to recover damages, and the evidence of these physicians will likely be taken.

It is proposed to establish a binder twine factory at Chatham. A company of farmers of Essex, Kent and Lambton will be organized, who will have direct control of the factory. It is supposed that these three counties will consume the entire product of the factory: that farmers will pay the market price for their twine and receive in dividends enough to make the first cost of twine very low.

The postal revenue of towns and villages in Southwestern Ontario for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1900, was as follows: Alvinston, \$1,581.58; Aylmer, \$4,-069.90; Belmont, \$518.91; Brigden, \$1,003.08; Brownsville, \$307.38; Clearville, \$99.91; Delhi, \$1,414.84; Duart, \$277.10; Dutton, \$1,591.99; Eagle, \$295.57; Fingal, \$479.46; Glencoe, \$2,196.10; Harrietsville, \$178.32; Highgate, \$726.11; Inwood, \$453.91; Ions, \$183.06; Lambeth, \$334.86; Morpeth, \$293.40; Orwell, \$89.03; Port Burwell, \$561.75; Port Stanley, \$767.96; Ridgetown, \$3,189,89; Rodney, \$1,288.13; Shedden, \$300.13; Simcoe,\$5,579.19; Sparta, \$341.38; Springfield, \$643.83; Tilbury, \$1,633.48; Tilsonburg, \$4,-193.10; Union, \$152.87; Vienna, \$609.93; Waterford, \$1,404.75; West Lorne, \$908.22.

The Ridgetown Dominion records that a young man named Jenner, of Raleigh township, for two different nights dreamed of falling off a load of hay, telling his wife of the great impression it made on his mind, so that when a neighbor wanted him to deliver some hay he very reluctantly put on a load for him. Before leaving home he carefully examined the build of the load and had his wife do the same. Kissing her good-bye, he got on again, though she asked him to walk if he felt so nervous. The roads being rough, he stopped a passer-by and had him see that all was right. Being reassured of his safety, he started on again, but had not gone far before the load upset, and in jumping off the opposite way to its fall, he struck head first, it is supposed, on the axle of

ward. It was also agreed that the fol-lowing accounts be paid: Municipal World, for poll books and forms for election for year 1901, \$16 &0; Heal & Co., for printing to date, \$62 55; Thos. Henry, \$8 50, for 1½ cords of wood for J. Delany, and for gravel put at Brough's bridge, \$3 50. The following are to be paid for sheep killed or injured by dogs: C. Treb-llcock, one lamb killed, \$3 75; William Lewis, for valuing same, \$1; D. H. Car-roll, 2 ewes killed and 2 lambs worried, \$13 33; D. Kimball, valuing same, \$1; W. M. Shoebottom, one sheep killed, \$5 33; W. H. Shoebottom, valuing same, \$1; Patrick Dewan, 3 sheep killed and 2 injured by dogs, \$16 66; S. Knapton, valu-ing same, \$1. It was agreed that the various deputy-returning officers be paid the amounts opposite their commencement The It was agreed that the various deputy-returning officers be paid the amounts opposite their names on pay sheet. The amounts being the same as last year. Moved by J. H. Hodgins, seconded by R. H. Read, that the sum of \$6,000 be the total appropriation of the several wards to be divided according to the assessed value of each ward. Carried. Council adjourned to meet the first Monday in February, 1901.

Dundee.

referred

wards

county clerk.

Carried.

It was ordered that F. Logan be paid \$1 for repairing bridge in St. Patrick's ward. It was also agreed that the fol-

Monday in February, 1901. JOHN BROWN, Clerk.

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