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A LARGE SHIPMENT OF American Prints, Ginghams, DIMITIES, and Muslins.

Scarcely had they peeped from their hiding place in the packing boxes when the counters were stormed with eager buyers. American DIMITIES and Muslins crisp, bright, beautiful, in dots of many sizes, serpentine effects and broad to narrow stripes at 10c. and 12 1-2c. Zephyrs and Ginghams show many novelties that can best be enjoyed by seeing them—12 1-2c. and 20c. a yard. Chambray Ginghams particularly recommended for children's dresses because they never fade in washing. Are here in deep pinks, light pinks and light and dark blues, splendid texture, and only 12 1-2c. yard. We aim to have the best wash goods department in Western Ontario, and we think you will say we have succeeded in this purpose when you see the stock.

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at 12 1-2c. Yd.
Fast colors and very dressy, in navys, browns, reds and light colors, a very large range of pretty patterns, 12 1-2c. yd.

American Mackinaw Twill
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In a large range of designs, in colors black and navy, extra fast colors, and just right weight for ladies' suits and men's shirts. This is the most serviceable line of wash goods you can buy, 15c. yd.

Extra Value in Tickings.
We were particularly fortunate in securing a special line of best standard Canadian tickings at prices that cannot be duplicated. The range of patterns is very large, and all prices represented—12 1-2c., 15c., 20c. and 25c.

Special Opportunity in Unbleached Irish Table Linens.
You will have to see this line in order to appreciate that extra value that is in them. We invite your inspection. Prices—25c., 50c. and 60c. yd.

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OF OUR LARGE STOCK OF FINEST
IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC

TWEEDS.

MOST COMPLETE IN ALL LINES

OUR MR. WILLISON is acknowledged to turn out the best fitting and most carefully TAILOR-MADE SUITS in the city. No disputing this fact. Give us a chance to prove it.
Full line of **Factory Woollens**, honest and reliable, at close prices.

OUR **BEAVER FLOUR** is the choicest for family use.

The T. H. TAYLOR CO., Limited
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FELL IN FIT TO HER DEATH

Verdict of Coroners Jury in
the Orr Inquest Last
Night.

One Juror Declined to Sign the
Verdict.—The Evidence on Deceased's Mental Condition.

"That in our opinion Annie Orr came to her death by falling in the River Thames while laboring under an epileptic convulsion and blame is attachable to no one."

Such was the verdict brought in by the jury in the case of the death of the late Miss Annie Orr, who was found in the river on Tuesday last by Robert Smith, Dover.

Only eleven of the jurymen signed the verdict, James Graves, the 12th, refused because he wanted the clause inserted that the act was done while Miss Orr was in a state of insanity. The other jurors, however, wouldn't agree to it.

"You won't get your money if you don't sign," said Coroner J. L. Bray to Mr. Graves.

"That isn't it at all. That doesn't bother me," retorted Mr. Graves.

Robert Smith was a witness. He had seen the body floating in the river and had notified Dr. Bray. S. Barfoot, postmaster, when examined, said that since twelve years ago, when she had had the gripe, deceased had not been sound in mind except at times. She had often said she would throw herself in the river if it was not wicked, but she knew it was wrong. Witness saw deceased on Sunday morning when she was in extra cast-down spirits, when she reiterated her former statement about throwing herself in the river, but witness took no notice of it. Deceased had been an employee in the office for 25 years and a good worker. Sometimes she would be very high strung and other times just as comparatively low.

A. J. Cartier was a witness. He gave evidence that deceased had been seen along the river bank a little east of the House of Refuge.

Dr. Tye spoke of deceased's mental condition. She had at one time told Mrs. Tye she would throw herself in the river. The loss is not so great as that of the confagration of 1876, when practically the whole of this picturesque town was swept away. It is, however, a serious blow, and the inhabitants look upon it as something that will take years of hard work to replace. There is also a superstitious fear that the place is doomed, because the effects of the last great fire had just been overcome, and the scourge of smallpox had just been mastered.

The area devastated by the fire follows the curve of the river, forming a semi-circle on its side, and a straight line on the other. Fortunately the wind blew towards the east, driving the flames to a point where they were cut off by the river. Hence the firemen had but to confine their efforts to the line dividing the lower section from the upper town. The water pressure, however, was very weak, the river being low and the local brigade seemed powerless to stay the progress. Then it was decided to send to Montreal for help, and within two hours and a quarter of the time the fire broke out twenty men and two fire engines from the city, nearly forty miles away, arrived on a special G. T. R. train. Within another seven minutes the engines were under pressure, but for a time nothing but weak thin streams streaked from the large nozzles. The extreme necessity of tapping a number of nearby wells was then resorted to, and after a time full pressure was maintained sufficiently long to save the situation.

The fire broke out at 12.45 o'clock in the storeroom of Cote's shoe factory. The 140 employees were enjoying their midday meal, and therefore the flames, which spread with great rapidity, had little time to do any damage before the workers returned, and the adjoining wooden buildings took up the blaze. A stiff breeze fanned the flames. These structures soon were a raging mass. The local firemen came on the scene, but their efforts were as a sprinkling against the fiery fury. Meantime the townspeople turned out to assist, but it seemed useless, and soon the cry went up to save the furniture, the women and the children. Such confusion as followed can scarcely be conceived. French-Canadians are never deliberate, but the excitement that seized those of St. Hyacinthe today was extreme. They rushed about yelling and gesticulating, and it was not long until the streets were crowded with all manner of household furniture, and the hope was to place it all in the upper town, beyond the fire. That was accomplished, but not until the fire had gone its course. That course included three hotels, the Frontenac, the Union and the Ottawa, and they were all ablaze at one time, while an explosion took place in Bourgeois' hardware store, creating havoc in an adjacent quarter. One of the hotels, the Union, was partially saved.

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A little dispute to start with often makes a big difference between two friends.

SHORT STRIKE

There was a strike among the barrel makers in the cooper shop of the Canada Flour Mills Co., this week, but it didn't last long. The men agreed among themselves not to work for less than five cents a barrel. They had been receiving four and a half cents. Then it was proposed that someone go to the office and deliver the mandate to the company. Volunteers were called for, but nobody wanted the job. Just then Harry Stevens happened to pass, and he was called in. He said that five cents was too much, besides the company had a good supply of barrels on hand and the coopers at the Blenheim mill were not busy and could be brought in to work here. This stopped the strike, and only one man held to the original agreement and continued to strike, the rest went back to work and are working still.

FIRE AT STE. HYACINTHE.

TWO HUNDRED DWELLINGS
DESTROYED.

Loss Over \$300,000—Several
Factories Swept Away—Deficient
Water Supply—Help From Montreal.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., May 20.—Fire destroyed part of the business and manufacturing centre of St. Hyacinthe this afternoon, and included in its path 200 frame dwellings. As a result fully 1,500 persons are homeless and about 300 others out of employment. The estimated loss of a third of a million of dollars seems small in comparison to the dreadful havoc wrought by the flames, but many of the structures were of inexpensive material and added little to the aggregate. For a time the whole town was threatened with complete destruction, and had not a detachment from the Montreal fire brigade arrived at a critical moment no doubt the flames would have reached the market place and climbed on into the upper town. As it is, a stretch of a half-mile along the river front and a quarter-mile wide is now a smoldering ruin, and the homeless have sought shelter among their friends. One of the principal industries of the place, the Cote Shoe Manufactory, forms part of the ashes that scatter with the stiff breeze that still blows, and several other important places of business are in ruins. The loss is not so great as that of the confagration of 1876, when practically the whole of this picturesque town was swept away. It is, however, a serious blow, and the inhabitants look upon it as something that will take years of hard work to replace. There is also a superstitious fear that the place is doomed, because the effects of the last great fire had just been overcome, and the scourge of smallpox had just been mastered.

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YOUNG PASTOR WAS ORDAINED

Impressive Ceremony at the
William St. Baptist Church
Yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Torrie Accepted Into
the Ministry—Splendid Musical
Service.

In accordance with the invitation issued by the William St. Baptist Church, Chatham, to eight of the Baptist Churches in the Western Association to send delegates to sit with them in council to consider the advisability of ordaining their pastor, Brother Torrie, B. A., late of McMaster Hall, to the Gospel Ministry, the ordination was held yesterday.

The first meeting was held in the afternoon, when Rev. W. S. Buckborough, of Louisville, was chosen moderator, and Rev. G. B. Brown, of Blenheim, secretary.

The following churches responded by sending delegates:—Blenheim—Rev. G. B. Brown, Deacons Geo. Morgan and Jas. Henicker, Chatham—Deacons Oldershaw and Judge Houston.

Louisville—Rev. W. S. Buckborough, Bro. Wm. and John Merritt. Ridgetown—Deacon Waterworth. Wallaceburg—Rev. W. A. Guntion, Bro. W. J. McDonald.

Wheatley—Rev. C. N. Dewey, Deacons Rogers and Homestead. Visiting brethren invited to sit in the council—Rev. J. Pirrie, Palmyra, and Rev. E. Hill, of Chatham.

The Church accepted the council as thus formed. Bro. Torrie was then called upon to relate his experience, conversion, call to the Gospel Ministry, and views of Bible doctrine, which he did to the perfect satisfaction of all present. During the two hours of thorough examination the brother gave evidence of a firm grasp of Bible truth. Mr. Torrie is indeed to be congratulated upon his excellent examination.

The council then retired and were unanimous in fellowshiping the brother's experience, call to the ministry, and views of Bible doctrine.

After a grand tea, served in the basement of the church, the following program was carried out at 8 p. m.:—

Hymn.
Reading of Scripture lesson by Rev. E. Hill.

Opening Prayer—Rev. John Pirrie. Anthem—O Be Joyful.

Sermon—Rev. W. A. Guntion. Hymn 559.

Ordination Prayer—Rev. G. B. Brown.

Duet, Come, Holy Spirit.—Mrs. and Miss Oldershaw.

Charge to Candidate—Rev. C. N. Dewey.

Anthem, Come, Ye Children—Solo parts taken by Miss Oldershaw and W. Wrigley.

Charge to Church—W. S. Buckborough.

Solo, Hear Us, O Father—Miss Blanche Baxter.

Right Hand of Fellowship—Rev. W. H. Redmon.

Anthem—An Endless Alleluia: solo parts taken by W. Wrigley and W. Ratley.

Doxology—Rev. A. W. Torrie. The William St. Baptists have in Rev. Mr. Torrie a very promising young preacher, with a good future before him, and they are indeed to be congratulated upon their choice.

Mr. Torrie is a young man about 25 years of age. He was born in Strathaven, Gray County, and attended a public school in that place. He attended the Owen Sound Collegiate for one year, and in '95 he received his matriculation from Woodstock College after a term of three years. He then attended McMaster University and in four years graduated as a B. A. He then took a two years' course in theology. He has preached in several places, including Caledonia, Norwood, Lakefield, Grenville, Que., and Beckwith, Perth Co., so that he is not entirely inexperienced.

During the tea a very pretty ceremony took place, when the ladies of the church presented him with a bouquet as a recognition of his splendid examination during the afternoon.

A band of gypsies passed through the city to-day. Yesterday they were encamped on the farm of Mr. Kelly, west of this city, in Raleigh. P. C. Dodson visited the camp to see if there was any trace of Capt. Fred. Stone's 80 feet of hose. The officer found none, but he found a horse without a tail. The sight recalled the old song, "A ship without a sail is like a horse without a tail."

The animal is eight months old and was born without any caudal appendage. A little tuft of hair marks the place where all horses have a tail. The colt was picked up by the gypsies in Michigan.

TQ TORONTO

Rev. Dr. Sowerby, pastor of the Talbot street Baptist church, has decided to go to Toronto, in acceptance of the second call which came to him from the College street Baptist church. The doctor's action is no surprise. When it became known that he had consented for a second time to enter into negotiations with the Toronto Church Board members of the congregation here, who had granted the doctor a salary increase of \$500 upon his consenting to remain, were not pleased and held aloof. No further urgings to stay here were made, the congregation feeling that if Dr. Sowerby wished to go he might as well do so first as last. He will leave the Talbot street church at the end of September.—London Free Press.

Rev. Dr. Sowerby is a brother of John Sowerby, of this city.

GUARANTEE OF BONDS.

PREMIER'S VIEW OF GRAND
TRUNK PACIFIC.

Government Policy Not Decided—
Ontario and Western Members
Wait on Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Ottawa, May 21.—The Government's supporters from Ontario and Quebec had conferences with the Prime Minister to-day on the subject of the aid to be granted the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. They did not go collectively, but in two separate groups. In both instances the discussion was frank and free. The Government have not decided upon their policy, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement as to his own personal views. Apparently the Prime Minister favors guaranteeing the interest on the bonds of the proposed transcontinental line.

Land subsidies are out of the question, and it would appear that there will be no Government-built line. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement as to his own views met with hearty approval, and a sagacious solution of the question is likely at an early date. The probability of the Grand Trunk Pacific delivering the products of the west at the Maritime ports of Canada in winter was discussed, and it seems reasonable to suppose that as the Grand Trunk Pacific are pledged to build to Quebec, they will find it to their advantage to go on from there to St. John and Halifax, in preference to Portland. In any case, however, the Government may be depended upon to do what is necessary to protect the interests of Canada.

DEATH OF WM. NEIL.

An Old Resident of Sarnia, Related to
Alex. Mackenzie.

Sarnia, May 21.—Wm. Neil, one of Sarnia's oldest residents and business men, died at the General Hospital here yesterday, aged 71 years. Deceased was a brother-in-law of the late Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, and came to this country with him. He has resided in Sarnia for the past 36 years.

THE BUILDING COLLAPSED.

Woodstock Cold-storage Warehouse
a Complete Wreck.

Woodstock, May 21.—The Woodstock cold-storage warehouse collapsed at 7 a.m. yesterday. Several hundred tons of ice were lost, while the structure, which was 50 feet by 40 feet and 30 feet high, valued at \$5,000, is a complete loss. The loss of the ice will be severely felt here, as only a small crop of ice was harvested last winter. A famine may result.

The hand organ always has a lot of worn-out tunes on hand.

Girl's Strap Slippers..

A large variety of Girl's Strap
Slippers has been put into
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50c. to \$1.00, sizes 3 to 7 1/2

75c. to \$1.25, sizes 8 to 10 1/2

\$1 and \$1.25, sizes 11 to 12

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