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PROVINCIAL RIGHTS NOT ATTACKED.

The Liberal party is the historic
party of Provincial Rights. It hoisted
that flag as a challenge to the central-
izing policy of Sir John Macdonald, who
favored a legislative union before he
accepted the federal idea, and who con-
stantly strove to narrow the limits of
provincial jurisdiction after Confeder-
ation was accomplished. The Liberals
of Ontario have been the special cham-
pions of Provincial Rights and do not
intend to be driven off their old fight-
ing ground because their opponents
choose to occupy it now. The Opposition
at Toronto today will not imitate
the Opposition of a former day which
offered no defense of the rights of this
Province against the encroachment of
the federal power when that power was
wielded by its party friends. The
Mowat Government had not only to
fight an open foe at Ottawa, but treason
at Toronto. Mr. Graham makes it plain
that the Whitney Government will
have the support of the Opposition in
resisting federal usurpation.

There is no proof, however, that the
Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is
conspiring to stretch the federal juris-
diction. The Minister of Justice dis-
tinctly disclaims any such design or
tendency. The Federal Government, he
says, is anxious that nothing shall be
done to prejudice the rights of Ontario.
A misunderstanding has arisen over the
granting of federal charters to com-
panies carrying on operations in On-
tario. Companies cannot obtain these
charters unless they declare that their
operations are to extend outside of
Ontario. The minister admits that sub-
terfuge may be resorted to by appli-
cants for Dominion charters, and he
promises that the Federal Government
will exercise care in seeing that all
such companies give evidence of their
bona fides to carry on a work for the
general advantage of Canada.

The issue has been precipitated by
the grant of a federal charter to the
Dominion Power and Transmission
Company, which is effecting an elec-
trical merger with headquarters at
Hamilton. The company having de-
clared that its operations would extend
outside of Ontario, the Minister of
Justice says that its incorporation
would have been ultra vires of the
Provincial Legislature. The question
arises whether the company made its
application in good faith.

One immediate result of its incorpo-
ration is the very drastic bill intro-
duced in the Legislature by Hon. Mr.
Hendrie, designed to put a stop to the
practice of companies which operate
public utilities in Ontario seeking to
obtain federal charters by declaring
their undertakings to be for the gen-
eral advantage of Canada. Clause two
proposes that companies of this de-
scription shall forfeit all rights, privi-
leges and franchises conferred upon
them by provincial legislation, and all
claim to any bonus or other aid granted
by any municipal corporation. Another
clause stipulates that no municipal
corporation shall hereafter enter into
any contract with such a company.

This bill makes the Ontario Govern-
ment judge and executioner of any
and every company in Ontario operat-
ing under a federal charter. Any at-
tempt to penalize a company might
cause the latter to test the validity of
the legislation, thus raising constitu-
tional difficulties. The Hendrie
bill assumes that heretic meas-
ures must be taken to prevent
federal encroachment, but it is by
no means certain that this danger is
real, or that the Provincial Govern-
ment has taken a necessary or a wise
course in defense of provincial interests.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues,
being Liberals, are not enemies of Pro-
vincial Rights, and we believe any dif-
ficulties can be solved by conference
and negotiation. The Governments
need not fight over a principle upon
which they are agreed.

THE CHAMPLAIN TERCENTENARY

It is now close upon three hundred
years since the founding of the city of
Quebec by that intrepid French explor-
er, fighter and colonizer, Samuel de
Champlain, and the people of the an-
cient capital are preparing to celebrate
the event next year on a grand scale.
The affair is to take the form of a
great naval and military spectacle, and
the idea is to make it national in char-
acter. It is proposed that British (in-
cluding Canadian), French and United
States forces shall take part. The
estimated cost of the celebration is
placed at at least \$600,000, and the na-
tional flavor is given by the proposal
made that the Dominion Parliament
contribute half a million dollars of the

amount. The city of Quebec itself, it
is understood, will give \$50,000 towards
the project, and the province \$100,000.
The promoters of the affair realize that
in voting so large a sum as is asked
the Dominion Parliament must be as-
sured that the money is to be spent in
a cause distinctly national in its char-
acter, and, therefore, suggest the ap-
pointment of a responsible commission
to administer the funds. Many argu-
ments are advanced in support of the
request for a federal grant, and there is
reason to believe that the sympathetic
consideration promised by Sir Wilfrid
Laurier will be followed with practical
action by Parliament. In the neigh-
borhood of Philadelphia down to
the Louisiana Purchase Ex-
position at St. Louis, every per-
son holding a national or semi-na-
tional exhibition has been availed of
and millions of money have been spent.
Surely, then, even those who seem
affected with the anti-French microbe,
will not object to the expenditure of the
comparatively modest sum asked in a
celebration in honor of the memory of
a man whose name is inseparably
linked with the founding of Canada.

Cabot and Cartier were the great
pioneers of exploration, but Champlain
was the pioneer of colonization and
practical work, and dedicated his life
to the development of the new colony
on the banks of the St. Lawrence.

ANOTHER HIGHWAY TO EUROPE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the impor-
tant announcement in the House yes-
terday that a railway would be built
to Hudson Bay. An offer of 12,000 acres
per mile to any person or company
who would build the road has been
standing on the statute books for years.
No one has applied for the subsidy, and
Sir Wilfrid intimates that some other
method will be found. Information on
this point will be forthcoming before
the close of the session.

The navigability of Hudson Bay and
Strait and the commercial value of the
route are questions which have given
rise to an extensive literature in the
past few years. Even official reports
are conflicting. Some navigators claim
that from July to early November the
route is a comparatively safe one.
Others report that shore and floating
ice makes navigation from Fort
Churchill to the ocean impracticable or
dangerous early in October. The fed-
eral authorities evidently believe that
the route is open sufficiently late in
the season to aid in the marketing of
the western crops.

In the discussion in the House yes-
terday Mr. Greenway made the curious
assertion that the congestion of traffic
in the west would be only accentuated
by the Grand Trunk Pacific, because
new roads opened up additional areas
and increased the quantity of grain to
be carried. The necessity of the Grand
Trunk Pacific, and of the extension of
railway facilities in the west, could not
be more forcibly illustrated. The de-
velopment of prairie country would
have been retarded had the Federal
Government heeded counsels of delay
when the Grand Trunk Pacific project
was mooted.

The railway companies have been
the victims of the extraordinary severe-
ty of the present winter in the west,
but they have no doubt done their best
to cope with the situation. They have
been extending their facilities as fast
as the labor market would permit, and
in the present year railway construction
will be only limited by the amount
of labor in the country available for the
purpose. The Government's pledge to
build the Hudson Bay road shows that
the Administration is doing everything
in its power to meet the difficulties
growing out of western development.
The people of the west have no legiti-
mate grievance against Eastern Can-
ada on this score.

Mrs. Thaw makes a rather seedy
heroine.

Mr. Whitney says he is satisfied with
the result in West Middlesex. How does
Mr. Stewart feel about it?

An expurgated edition of Hansard
will be necessary unless Mr. Borden
squashes some of his foul-mouthed
supporters.

The proprietors of London's largest
industry will install a gas plant to pro-
duce power, claiming that it is cheaper
than Niagara power at the figure
quoted by the hydro-electric commis-
sion. This is not necessarily a check
to the Niagara power scheme, but it is
a warning to the city fathers to can-
vass the situation very thoroughly be-
fore making contracts with the power
commission.

"We are told that R. R. Gamey, M.
P. E. did not help the Conservative
cause in West Middlesex. But what
a lion in the Liberal camp was
Gamey, when the late Premier, Mr.
Ross, believing that Gamey was
about to betray the party that elected
him, stepped across the floor of the
House and said, 'Good boy, Bob.'"
— Free Press.

Mr. Ross has denied this silly story.
He says he has never spoken to the man
from Manitoulin.

Mr. Whitney professes to extract
comfort from the West Middlesex by-
election, and claims that the rural parts

of the riding endorsed the three-fifths
clause, and the school law. How does
Mr. Whitney figure this out? The To-
ronto Mail and Empire gives Mr. Ross
127 majority in the townships alone.
The Advertiser figures give Mr. Ross
147 majority in the townships.

COMMENTS ON WEST MIDDLESEX.

[Toronto Star.]
Mr. Duncan C. Ross, the new member
for West Middlesex, is on his own merits
a good man, and has in him the makings
of a statesman. He, of course, incurs the
disadvantage of having chosen such a dis-
tinguished man for his father, but he moves
not allow that to count against him. His
career will be followed with interest.

[Guelph Herald, Con.]
The Whitney Government is stronger
than ever in the good opinion of the elect-
ors of Ontario.

[Woodstock Sentinel-Review.]
Duncan C. Ross seems to be a chip off
the old block all right. His splendid vic-
tory in West Middlesex yesterday was no
doubt due to a considerable extent to his
own personality.

[Stratford Beacon.]
Duncan C. Ross is a worthy son of a
worthy sire. To retain the seat of his
father in a by-election with the whole
strength of the Ontario Government piled
against him, by an increased majority,
was an achievement of small import-
ance. Evidently the blood of the old war
horse circulates freely in the veins of the
younger.

[Hamilton Times.]
The new member has his spurs to win,
but he comes of good stock, and the con-
fidence that West Middlesex reposes in
him indicates that the voters know that
there is good stuff in him to be utilized.
Notice is thus served on Whitney that
the country is alive to his recreancy to prin-
ciple and pledges; that the apolls system
has not the sympathy of the people, and
that Provincial statements to succeed must
implement promises, and have a mind
above peanut politics.

[St. Thomas Journal.]
The victory of Mr. Ross is a tribute to
the new leader, Mr. Graham, who went into
the riding and fought against such men
as Hanna, Beck and other members of
the Provincial Legislature. It demon-
strates that he has the confidence of the
electors of Ontario, and it is a further
proof of the reviving strength of Liberal-
ism in this Province.

[Toronto Star.]
In vain did Hanna, Beck, Downey,
Ganey, Macdunn, Patterson and Neely
hurl their metaphors at West Middlesex.
"We prattle, no more prattle," cried these
stout Scotch souls, and made Ross the
Second king.

[Hamilton Spectator, Con.]
The expected has happened in West
Middlesex; the riding remains in the Op-
position list. The cry that Mr. Whitney,
with his majority of forty, did not need
more, was well worked, and had the ad-
vantage of being palpably true. Among
the Hon. George W. Ross' old friends and
neighbors the idea that the election of his
son would be looked upon as a tribute
of respect to the father, took deep hold,
and the result was the young man's election
by a majority slightly in excess of his father's
majority in the last election. If the young
fellow has as much brains as his father
he will be a valuable addition to the Leg-
islature, even though he will sit on the
Opposition side of the House.

A WINTER'S NIGHT.

[Milwaukee Sentinel.]
A cheerful grate, a good look,
A pair of slippers, pipe and book,
The north wind whistling through the
trees—
The frosted pane's quaint fantasies,
The lamp-light's soft, inviting glow—
A touch of flowers that I know,
An olden love song, low and true,
And dreamy silences—with you!

THE OLD RELIABLE.

[Milwaukee Sentinel.]
Press pictures of Evelyn Nesbit continue
to multiply in infinite variety. But they
fail to make the durable impression of
your old reliable Lydia Pinkham.

THE PEOPLE ARE TAKING NOTICE.

[Toronto Globe.]
However reluctant Mr. Whitney and his
colleagues may be to admit the fact, the
"spoils" system, introduced by them for
the first time in the history of this Prov-
ince, is distinctly and increasingly un-
popular. In all probability this had a
good deal to do with the result in West
Middlesex, as it ought to have had. The
dismissal from the public service of men
whose only fault is that they are Liberals
is an unfeeling and unjustifiable proceed-
ing, which, if long enough persisted in,
would wreck a government of greater
potentiality than Mr. Whitney's. The gen-
eral public are neither so senseless nor so
heartless as superficial observers assume
them to be.

RED HEADS LEADING.

[Belleville Intelligencer.]
A Chicago business house advertises for
red-headed boys. The manager says they
are quicker and smarter than the other
boys.

IF—

[Arcadian Recorder.]
If the Liberals were to hire men to watch
Conservative leaders and report their
movements hour by hour, would the result
be as satisfactory as in Mr. Hymen's case?
Mr. Hymen is pilloried because he takes
a sea bath several times a week while in
California.

A HARD PRINCIPLE TO APPLY.

[Vancouver World.]
"Permit me to ask you, madam," said
the lawyer, who was a friend of the fam-
ily, "your real reason for wanting a
divorce from your husband?"
"He isn't the man I thought I was mar-
rying," explained the fair caller.
"My dear madam," rejoined the lawyer,
"the application of that principle would
break up every home in the country."

A BAND OF HEROES.

[Regina Leader.]
Historians and poets have dwelt upon
the bravery of men and women in times
of war, of their patient endurance and
cheerful acceptance of privation and suf-
fering, but no braver deeds, no nobler acts
of self-sacrifice were ever enacted than
those which, without fuss or blowing of
trumpets, the railway employees of West-
ern Canada are rendering today. They are
doing their daily work under difficulties
which tax their strength and courage to
the limit. In the face of great physical
suffering, lack of sleep and overwork, they
stick to their posts in an almost despair-
ing effort to successfully break through
mountain-high drifts and carry fuel to
freezing settlers.

A REMARKABLE SHOWING

Annual Report of Huron and Erie Loan
and Savings Company.

A complete report of the 43rd annual
general meeting of the Huron and Erie
Loan and Savings Company appears in
another part of this paper. It is
safe to say that very few of our read-
ers will neglect carefully reading it.
Certainly none should fail to do so, as
it shows in detail the present substan-
tial situation of this company, and the
notable success it has achieved in its
business of the past year. The com-
pany, by this report, takes the public
closely into its confidence, which it
may do well, concerning a year's opera-
tions which have been managed so
conservatively and with such splendid
financial success. The summing up
of this year's business has been awaited
with unusual interest in many
quarters because of the amalgamation
in the early part of 1906 of the Cana-
dian Savings and Loan Company with
the Huron and Erie. The reading of
the report published today will dispel
all doubts as to the wisdom of that
step. Apart from the additional
strength it has given the Huron and
Erie, and the lessening of expenses
and competition, it has already re-
sulted in increased profits; of course
this is only the beginning of the bene-
fits which will be the outcome of that
amalgamation.

Probably the outstanding feature of
the statement is the fact that the
company, after paying all necessary ex-
penses and writing off actual and an-
ticipated losses, was able to add \$45,000
to the reserve fund, and still have a
balance of \$34,891.55 to carry forward.
The company's reserve fund is now
\$1,600,000, which is practically 85 per
cent on the paid-up capital. There are
many other details in the report that
go to show the success which has been
the result of conservative, yet sagacious
and far-seeing management. The full
report should be read and considered
thoroughly. By Londoners especially it
will be read with a feeling of pride in
the possession of an institution that
has won so high a place in the financial
world.

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Bright, New, Dressy Fixings on Sale Tonight

Ladies' Three-Quarter Mosquitos Kid
Gloves, black and colors. Per pair.....\$1.50

Ladies' Underwear at Special Prices Tonight

Ladies' Heavy Fleece Vests, in large sizes.
Regular 35c, on sale tonight.....29c
Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Wool Drawers. Were
75c, on sale tonight.....63c
Ladies' Ribbed Union Vests, perfectly shaped.
Regular value 50c, on sale tonight.....39c
Children's Ribbed Fleece Drawers, ankle
length. Sizes 3 to 5 years, Sizes 5 to 10 years.
15c pair.....17c pair

Children's Knitted Wool Overalls, with feet,
either black or white. On sale tonight.....43c

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Women who love a pretty Collar will take
advantage of such a chance as this. All our hand-
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On sale tonight at ¼ off regular prices.

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Dainty China Tea Cups and Saucers, forget-
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regular 25c cups. You'll be disappointed not
getting any if you knew how dainty this cup is.
On sale tonight.....15c

Organdie Society Note Paper, with oblong en-
velopes to match. Per quire and package, each 10c

Ladies' and Gents' Visiting Cards. Per
box of 100.....10c

New Whitewear

Ladies' Cambric Drawers, umbrella frill with
cluster tucks and torchon lace. Special tonight 25c
Ladies' Cambric Corset Covers, two styles
of lace trimming, both unusually good. Special
tonight.....50c

Ladies' Cambric Nightgowns, a pretty style
with a low neck, formed of beading and ribbon.
Special, tonight.....75c

White Waists That You'll Like to Buy

You'll like the price, the make and the
materials. We show a new line at \$1.50 tonight.
White Lawn Waists, buttoned in the back, three-
quarter sleeves, round yoke formed of tucks and
lace insertion; another effective design has em-
brodered panels. See them tonight.....\$1.50

Peter Pan Waists of white lawn with polka
dot and blue trimmings. At.....\$1.00

Men's Shirts

Men's Soft Bosom Cambric Shirts, neat
patterns, all sizes. On sale tonight.....44c
Men's Natural Wool Socks, full sized.
Special, tonight.....2 for 25c

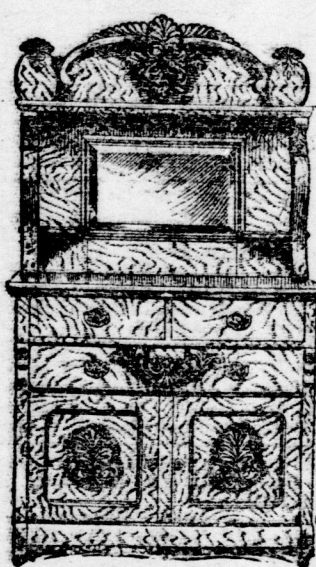
Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Initialed Cambric Handkerchiefs, a
few odd initials. Tonight.....2 for 25c
Silk and Satin String Ties, black and colors.
Tonight.....25c
Infants' Lace Veils, with border. Were 75c,
tonight.....50c

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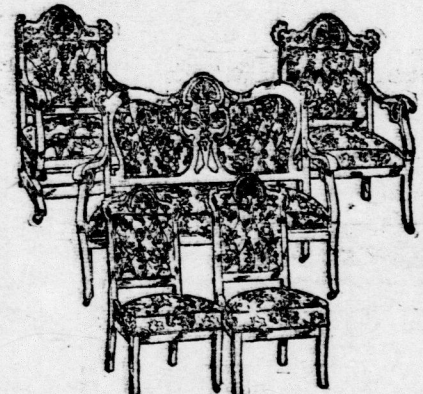
A dollar means more than One Hundred Cents for those who attend this FEBRUARY SALE. This
annual event is a lesson in saving to every housekeeper. Your neighbors have been here by the hundreds.
Be here MONDAY. If you can't use the goods just now we will store them for you free of charge. Don't
wait till all the best things are gone, but come at once while our stock is still in good shape.



This handsome
Sideboard, hard
wood, highly polished
and heavily
carved, has large
British-plate mir-
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This board sells
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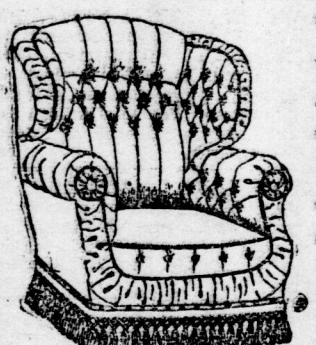
This neat 5-piece Suite, heav-
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Regular \$28, now **\$19.50**

This neat Side-
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linen drawer and
large British-
bevel mirror.

This board sells
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\$18.50, now

\$12.75



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Worth \$60, now
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This heavy Couch, upholstered in best
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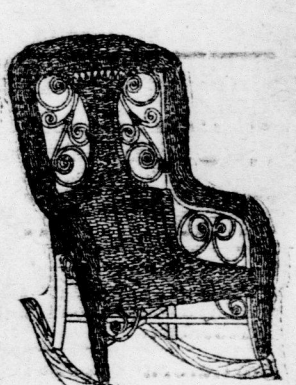
Regular price \$13.50, now

\$9.50

This comfort-
able Reed Rocker,
made of selected
white German
reed, closely
woven.

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\$3.75

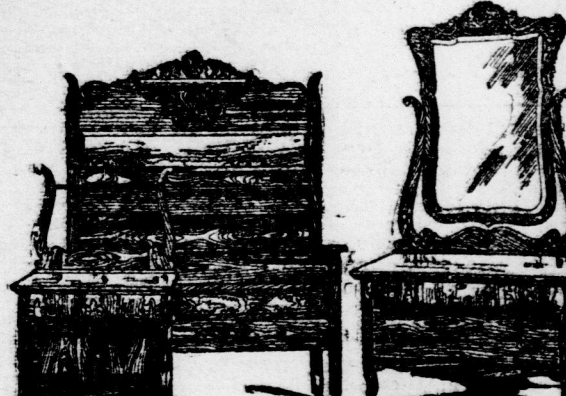


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