

HARDWARE CONVENTION.

Business of Annual Meeting Concluded Yesterday.

Banquet Held in the Waldorf Hotel Last Evening.

This Morning Spent Visiting Some of the Factories.

The closing business session of the Ontario Retail Hardware and Stove Dealers' Association was held yesterday afternoon in the Waldorf Hotel. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President, D. Brockbank, Arthur. First Vice-President, A. Ballantyne, Brantford. Second Vice-President, M. S. Madole, Nanaimo.

Secretary, W. Wrigley, Toronto. Treasurer, John Castor, Toronto. Executive Committee—J. R. Hamblly, Barrie; D. Cinamon, Lindsay; R. G. Chown, Belleville; H. P. Morgan, Peterborough; J. W. Peart, St. Mary's; M. Wiecek, Elmira.

Auditors, W. J. Bruce, West Toronto, and John Peacock, Toronto.

An address was given by Col. J. B. McLean, of Toronto, on the "Organization of Associations." A resolution was presented thanking the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of the city for their kind hospitality. Some discussion arose over the admittance to the Association of commercial travellers. The question had been before previous conventions and was brought up again at the request of the travellers. It was finally decided to admit them as honorary members.

A complimentary banquet was tendered to the delegates by the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of the city last evening, at the Waldorf. Mr. Robert Hobson was the toastmaster. The toasts were:

"The King," responded to by C. R. McCullough.

"The Hardware and Metal Trade," responded to by Cyrus Birge and Arthur Hatch.

"The Retail Trade," responded to by Col. McLaren, Toronto; F. C. Lariviere, Montreal; J. R. Hamblly, Barrie; W. Wrigley, Toronto.

This morning the delegates visited the plants of the Canada Steel Goods Company, Canadian Drawn Steel Company, and the Canadian Shovel and Tool Company.

This afternoon Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, ex-President of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, addressed the delegates on the point of industry.

The Association has invitations from Montreal, Toronto and Peterboro to hold the next convention there. A deputation was also present to ask that the convention be held in this city again next year.

"MAKES ME SICK"

DECLARED JOHN DILLON AT MEETING OF IRISH LEAGUE.

Irish Language in the New University—Subscriptions to be Taken Up for Erection of the Parnell Statue Presented by Irish-Americans.

Dublin, Feb. 10.—The proceedings of the national convention of the United Irish League continues to be lively. To-day John Pius Roland, Nationalist member of Parliament for the South division of Conny Kerry, moved that the convention approve the inclusion of the Irish language among the compulsory subjects for matriculation in the projected national university of Dublin, remarking that a famous writer had said that the last sign of a nation was the loss of its language.

John Dillon, Nationalist member of Parliament for East Mayo, said the question was one that must be settled by fair argument and not by rhetoric or abuse. He opposed the resolution.

At this point there was a great interruption, which Dillon denounced, shouting: "This is what makes me sick. There are some people in Ireland who are always talking, but doing nothing."

He went on to state his belief that the adoption of a compulsory rule as to the Irish language would do great injury to the Gaelic revival. It would embarrass the efforts now being made to popularize the language and would lower the study of Irish to the level of Latin.

Mr. Rowland's resolution was overwhelmingly carried amid great cheering. The convention adopted a motion calling upon the Irish people to contribute the sum necessary to complete the erection of a monument to the late Charles Stewart Parnell, which was paid for and presented to Ireland by the Irish race in America.

LADIES' NIGHT.

The big athletic and gymnastic entertainment to be held in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-morrow night will be one of the events of the season. The ladies' gymnastic class of the Y. M. C. A. will put on some work of a very high order, including marches, dumb bell drills, rhythmic gymnastics and a special basketball match, between the young ladies in white against the young ladies in black.

The clever Y. M. C. A. gymnastic team will assist the young women by some special work on the horse, parallel bars, and mat work. The price of admission, including reserve seats, is 25c, and there are several good seats to be had, and the plan is at the Y. M. C. A. office.

\$50,000 FIRE.

Kansas City, Feb. 11.—Fire early today destroyed the interior of the Houston building in the heart of the retail district. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

NEW AUDITOR.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 11.—Circulars were issued by the receivers of the Chicago & Great Western yesterday announcing the appointment of John New-Lean as general auditor, to succeed C. O. Kalman, who recently resigned.

HIS LAST TRIP.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Beginning the last extended trip he will make as chief executive of the United States President Roosevelt leaves Washington by special train at noon today for Hodgenville, Kentucky, where to-morrow he will do honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, at the heroic war President's birthplace.

WHERE SAVAGES BEAT US

The rude, uncultured savage did not sit most of the day in a padded office chair, a carriage or car. His food was not prepared by a chef. He had to hunt for something to eat. And dinner, when he got it, was none too rich. But the rude, uncultured savage did not suffer from indigestion, constipation, biliousness, headaches, as the civilized beings do. Exercise, and the amount of fruit and fresh vegetables in his diet kept liver, bowels and kidneys working right.

None of us want to go back to the days of wigwags and tomahawks, but a lot of us certainly would like to have the digestion of the savages.

We can, by taking "Fruit-a-tives."

"Fruit-a-tives" act directly on the stomach, liver, kidneys and skin, and keep these organs in perfect condition. "Fruit-a-tives" bring back lost appetite and sound digestion. To the Dyspeptic—regulate the bowels of those who suffer from Constipation— and build up the whole system. Trial size 25c. Regular size 50c, or 6 for \$2.50.

CHATHAM FIRE.

Dry Goods Establishment in Chatham Destroyed.

Proprietor and Two Firemen Overcome—Loss is \$75,000.

Chatham, Feb. 10.—Fire completely gutted the dry goods store of H. W. Ball & Co., King street, this afternoon. The firemen, after a hard two-hours fight, got it under control. Loss: H. W. Ball & Co., \$40,000, insurance \$27,000. The firm had just cut off \$9,000 insurance and got in a new stock. Geo. W. Cowan's shoe store, next door, was drenched with water, damage \$10,000, fully insured; Wm. Somerville & Son's shoe store was damaged by water, and loss probably \$7,000, fully insured. The building is owned by Kenneth Urquhart, whose loss is \$8,000, fully insured. The division of fire, upstairs, were gutted, but the records were saved. Firemen Geo. Pritchard and John Darling were overcome by smoke and had to be carried out of the burning building. E. Harker and Parnell Welsh, of Mr. Ball's staff, were painfully burned in attempting to save the goods.

THE BERLIN VISIT.

Von Buelow and Sir Charles Hardinge Confer.

King and Queen Attend a Brilliant Court Ball.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Great weight is lent to the political significance of King Edward's visit in consequence of the extended private conference which Sir Charles Hardinge had this evening with Prince Von Buelow. The subjects under discussion have not been made public, but the fact that the British Under Secretary of the Foreign Office was closeted with the Imperial Chancellor is regarded as highly important, as it indicates that the royal sojourn is not a mere visit of courtesy, but is intended to influence the future political development between Great Britain and Germany.

The King to-day sent to Chancellor Von Buelow a pair of magnificent bronze busts of himself and the Queen. During the course of the afternoon the King and Queen visited the Empress Frederick memorial house, after which the King, who is displaying the greatest interest in the growth of Berlin since his last visit, undertook a long automobile trip through several districts of the city.

The Emperor and King and the Empress and Queen took part in a brilliant court ball in the white salon of the palace to-night. The Imperial Princess and Princesses, Chancellor and Princess Von Buelow, the members of the Prussian Cabinet, with their wives, and the diplomatic representatives, the leading military officials and many prominent in civil life were present. The Emperor wore the uniform of the Prussian Hussars. The costume of the Empress was white, while that of the Queen was pale yellow silk, trimmed with gold. Dancing was continued until an early hour in the morning.

ANOTHER RAID.

Militant Suffragettes Propose to Meet Force With Force.

London, Feb. 10.—The militant suffragettes, who have already threatened new terrors if the King's speech at the opening of Parliament, on Feb. 16, does not satisfy their aims, now talk of "meeting force with force." They have organized a gathering on Feb. 24 at Caxton Hall, whence, if the Government is not conformable, they will again attempt to raid the House of Commons. They profess to expect that soldiers will be called out to stem their rush, and consequently they are training Amazonian cavalry to ride them down.

One of the leaders says: "We have more than fifty young women practising horsemanship (sic). A number of them are already accomplished riders. We intend to detach them from our foot regiment to meet the soldiers." The Executive Committee has been considering the possibility of kidnapping a member of the Cabinet, either Premier Asquith, John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, or Winston Churchill, President of the Board of Trade, but this plan has been abandoned as impracticable, at any rate for the present.

Special Friday Sales.

Special Friday sales will be a great selling event each week at Finch Bros'. The first will be held to-morrow, and the savings will be extraordinary. Read their large advertisement to-night. It tells of the big savings and is bound to interest every woman. The inducements during February are greater than in any month of the year, making it an ideal time for laying in a large supply. Every department in the store brings to the front one or two great sale specials, thus the buying interest will be scattered throughout the store. Come to-morrow. An early visit, 8.30 a. m. if possible, will be a profitable one at Finch Bros.

Col. Sam Hughes will again introduce his Imperial unity resolution in the Commons.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Percy G. Williams' Greenpoint next Monday.

And now comes Mary C. Goldman, attorney at record for Charles E. Biney, and declares that Mr. O'Hara will do nothing of the sort. Under the impression that Mr. Lykens was still representing the sweet singer, Mr. Goldman warned the booking agent against routing Mr. Blaney's star of the past four seasons.

George T. Ballenger said last night: "Having a ten years' contract with Mr. O'Hara and not four years being completed, we have no idea of allowing him to walk into some one else's employ while we sit calmly by observing his proposed change of management. We hope an adjustment can be reached without litigation, though our attorney has advised every one concerned of our rights."

"To-morrow I shall see Mr. Williams and explain fully our position. I am confident that when I have done so the booking at the Greenpoint will be abandoned. I believe Mr. Williams has booked Mr. O'Hara without understanding the case."

"The closing of the tour temporarily was due entirely to Mr. O'Hara. He declared he would not play certain towns booked, and as he was the star we had to disband the company. Since his return to New York he has behaved like a sulking schoolboy and has never come near the office."

"Nevertheless we have no idea of letting him walk out on us after four years spent by us in starring him in the style of entertainment adopted by Chauncey Olcott and Andrew Mack. We consider Fiske O'Hara a good proposition for the next six years of our contract, and are now preparing a production for a spring tour."



JOSEPHINE DAVIS.
Dainty singing comedienne at Bennett's this week.

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ed with big patronage at the Savoy during the balance of the week, for the offering this week, Bartley Campbell's great drama, "The Galley Slave," is one of the most pleasing productions seen here this season. It tells a powerful story of how love conquered after a quest, frank of fate gave the bride to be of a poor but ambitious artist to a foreign nobleman. The artist, Sidney Norcott, is sent to the galleys at Marseilles, as a thief, rather than cast suspicion on the woman he loves. While there he meets Francesca, a woman deserted by the foreign nobleman, years before. The play is worked up to a powerful climax and has a happy ending, the marriage of Cicely, the artist's sweetheart, to the Baron, being declared null and void, the happy lovers being reunited. In the leading roles Joseph Selman and Elfreda Lasche are pleasing, and the comedy situations are well handled by Claudia Lucas and Albert Tavernier.

Belasco and O'Neil's great drama, "Men and Women," will be the offering next week. This play ran four hundred nights in New York city, and was also a great success in London. It will be given a splendid production by the Selman company, and will start Wednesday evening. Good seats can be secured next Tuesday at the box office. Patronise a musical home industry.

Another Home Industry.

In these days of made-in-Hamilton goods and home industries, can any one say why a musical organization should not be recognized as a home industry and given all the encouragement and support that such concerns merit. There is no doubt that the Elgar Choir, Hamilton's senior permanent singing organization, should be accorded first place and consideration as a home industry that has kept the city's musical good name to the front. This should not be forgotten in connection with the choir's first concert next Wednesday evening. Good seats can be secured next Tuesday at the box office. Patronise a musical home industry.

Princess Pat.

Rumor Received That She Will Wed Count of Turin.

Her Mother Took Snapshots of U.S. Warships.

Naples, Feb. 11.—The American gunboat Scorpion, which came from Constantinople to aid in the work of relieving the Messina earthquake sufferers, came in here to-day from the south and anchored alongside the British battleship Aboukir. On the other side of the Aboukir is the American supply ship Celtic, which also has been distributing relief in the south. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught are on board the British vessel, and this morning the Duchess took several photos of the American vessels with the idea of adding them to her collection of pictures of British warships that went to the earthquake victims.

The rumors of the engagement between Princess Patricia of Connaught and the Count of Turin, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, are revived to-day by the Morning Post. The betrothal was suspended, it is said, because of the opposition of King Edward, who was not inclined to look with favor upon the efforts of the Duke of the Abruzzi to wed Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia.

Historic Pile.

Spanish Royal College Destroyed by Fire.

New York, Feb. 11.—A special cable to the Herald from Madrid says that fire last evening completely destroyed the Royal College of Maria Christina in the Escorial, causing a loss of numerous valuable works of art and menacing with destruction the historic building itself.

The real monastrio de San Lorenzo del Escorial, commonly called the Escorial, one of the most celebrated architectural monuments of Spain, was the story goes, built toward the end of the sixteenth century by King Philip II, in accordance with a vow taken by him on St. Lawrence day (Aug. 10th, 1557), that he would erect a convent to that saint in compensation for the destruction by the Spanish artillery of a church dedicated to him. The total cost of the structure is estimated at \$3,500,000.

Taft on Board.

Port Eads, Feb. 11, via New Orleans, Feb. 11.—The steamer Birmingham crossed the bar at 8.50 this morning and proceeded on her way up the river, conveying President-elect Taft and party to New Orleans.

New Postal Service.

New York, Feb. 11.—The new postal sea service between this country and France was inaugurated to-day on the French line steamer La Bretagne, sailing for Havre. The federal authorities believe the success of the new service in French line will insure its speedy adoption by the Cunard line.

How China Preserves Fresh Eggs.

While waiting for a cabinet official when I had an appointment, I chatted upon many subjects with a Chinese. In the course of our conversation the price of eggs and the difficulty of keeping them fresh was discussed. I lamented that it was almost impossible to obtain a new-laid egg. He told him, when travelling in China, the American consul called his attention to the fact that the Chinese had centuries ago solved this problem in a more effective way than has ever been done by modern cold storage warehouse systems. It happened that he had had an opportunity to test the Chinese method until he was leaving the country, when he was presented with fresh-laid eggs incased in spherical mud pies. He brought home these packages along with other souvenirs, and kept them until "fresh" eggs soared to 80 cents a dozen; then he opened his mud pies, and imagine his surprise to find the eggs in first-class condition.

"Later," he said, "I tried the experiment myself, buried my eggs deep in mud and formed it into cakes around them, allowing 'the pie' to dry out. The result was the same—when they were opened they were perfectly fresh!"—National Magazine.

The race is not always to the swift, but that is no reason why a man should emulate the tortoise.

"If the shoe fits wear it," is a time-worn saying; but with a woman if the shoe fits she takes it off because it's too big.

The Right House

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE

Friday, Special Value Day

The goods you need at one third to one half less than you would pay elsewhere

A CEASELESS stream of matchless values keeps the buying enthusiasm at white heat each Friday at The Right House. Thousands of people hereabout watch for these great Special Value Day Sales and avail themselves of the opportunity to save a third to a half on just the things they need for now and for Spring. There'll be no let-up to the splendid Hour Sales this season—Read the details carefully and then see that you get your full share of these extraordinary bargains.

THOMAS C. WATKINS

Hour Sale Extra Specials

17c pillow cotton at 9 1/2c

ON sale for one hour only—9 to 10 o'clock—English Bleached Pillow Cotton in 42 and 44 inch widths; a fine long-cloth finish; also suitable for women's and children's underwear. A great special for one hour only—from 9 to 10 o'clock—value 17c a yard. Hour Sale price 9 1/2c

Our 10c flannelette at 7 1/2c

FOR one hour only—from 9 to 10 o'clock—these splendid good-wearing Flannelettes will go on sale at 7 1/2c instead of 10c. Neat stripes in pink, grey, blue and fawn; full 36 inches wide; nice soft Saxony finish. Sold here regularly at 10c. Hour Sale special, 9 to 10 a. m., at 7 1/2c

25c embroideries at 13c

FROM 10 to 11 o'clock we will sell dainty new Corset Cover Embroideries at half price. Handsome eyelet designs on good quality cambrics; fast edges with inserting for ribbon. Embroidery work extends deep down. Regular 25c qualities. They will fairly fly out to-morrow between 10 and 11 at only, per yard 13c

Up to 35c ribbons 5c yd.

ON sale from 10 to 11 o'clock—for one hour only—Rich Corded Silk and Satin Ribbons in 1 to 5 inch widths. Pretty shades of pink, blue, green, brown, green, navy, old rose, yellow, white and cream. These are suitable for hair bows, trimmings and fancy work purposes. Regular values 10c to 35c; Hour Sale 5c

Up to 8 1/2c laces at 2c yd.

SHARP at 11 o'clock these pretty Valenciennes and Cotton Torchon Laces and Insertions will go on sale at less than a fourth of their regular prices. They are dainty in pattern and suitable for dress and underwear trimming; 1/2 to 3 1/2 inch widths and a fine variety; values up to 8 1/2c; Hour Sale special 2c

50c Panama suitings 35c

WHEN the clock strikes eleven these good crisp, plain, all wool French Panamas will go on sale at 35c a yard instead of 50c. Nice wide widths and fine quality for tailored suits or dresses. Light and dark browns, navy, Burgundy and myrtle. Regular 50c values, on sale from 11 to 12 o'clock at 35c

One fifth off all men and boys' Winter underwear for rest of month

THE sale commences to-morrow and will continue for the balance of this month. Think of it—one fifth—20 per cent. off—and you may have anything you desire among our splendidly superior stocks of Winter Underwear.

We do this to adjust our stocks and clear all surplus quantities. A full assortment of all sizes and each range is fully complete.

Most people need just at this season of the year, a new suit or two of underwear and this sale will be helpful to all. Included are:

Turnbull's "Ceetee" and their other makes. Penman's, various qualities in all weights. "Wolsey" in the famous unshrinkable weaves. "Britannia" English natural cashmere makes. "Cartwright & Warner's" heavy natural cashmere.

Ellis' Spring Needle Combinations and two piece suits. Also other lines in splendid qualities.

Our 50c Underwear 40c Our 75c Underwear 60c Our 1.00 Underwear 80c Our 1.25 Underwear 1.00

Our 1.50 Underwear 1.20 Our 1.75 Underwear 1.40 Our 2.00 Underwear 1.60 Our 2.50 Underwear 2.00

And so on up to \$3.50 a garment.

Great sale of beds and bedding

Remarkable bargains for every one

A SPLENDID assortment of every good kind of Beds and Bedding to choose among. Extraordinary bargains like these—Come to-morrow.

\$25.00 brass bedsteads; February sale, \$19.89

\$27.00 brass bedsteads; February sale, \$22.89

\$37.00 brass bedsteads; February sale, \$29.00

\$35.00 white satin finish Marseilles quilts, \$24.88

\$5.00 pure lambs' wool filled comforters, \$3.75

\$1.35 full double size flannelette blankets, 99c

\$5.25 fleecy white wool blankets, extra large, \$4.69

Nice quality light, lofty bed pillows per pair \$1.00

Spring dress goods---A sale

25c, regularly worth here 39c to 85c

49c, regularly worth here 85c to \$1.00

69c, regularly worth here \$1.00 to \$1.50

77 PIECES of smart spring and summer Dress Goods go on Sale to-morrow at practically half price. They are in silk and wool Taffeta Cloths and Worsteds in a great variety of nice check, stripe and overplaid patterns and light spring and summer shadings in greys, fawns, resedas, champanes, white, blue, black and combinations. Suitable for tailored suits, dresses, skirts and children's wear. Getting the new Spring outfit now will mean a splendid saving. See the window display.

THOMAS C. WATKINS HAMILTON ONTARIO

SHREDDED

Creates Natural Warmth by Making Rich, Red Blood.

To serve—heat in oven, pour hot milk over it and salt to taste. Sold by all grocers—13c a carton; two for 25c.

WHEAT