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We shall put on sale 1,500 yards Embroidery, 2 inches to 4 inches, at ..... 2 yards for 7c
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Some good things in Wrappers. These in Grey and White, Black and White, Polka Dot, etc., with yoke, trimmed with frill, fitted waist lining, full skirt with deep flounce. Sizes 40, 42, 44. Special $1.25
Misses' Navy Blue and Brown Cloth Skirts, with the new gore, over-stitched seams and 4-inch fold on skirt, finished with cloth-covered buttons. Length 30, 32, 34 and 36. Special $1.98

SATURDAY IN OUR RIBBON DEPARTMENT
An unusual offering in Frillings, in assorted colors. Regular 35c. Saturday ..... 25c per yard

SATURDAY IN OUR UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT
An extremely tempting line in Ladies' Vests, in pure white or grey, long sleeves, button front, shaped waist. Just the thing for this season. Special, at 25c
"An Extra Special," 2 or 3 dozen Ladies' Black Tights. We do not wish to carry over and will clear, Saturday, at ..... 39c per pair

WE ARE SPECIALISTS IN SPECIALTIES

SATURDAY IN OUR NOTION DEPARTMENT
AN ALLURING DISPLAY OF TOILET ARTICLES, ETC.
Bradley's "Woodland Violet," Witch Hazel, per bottle, 25c
Bradley's "Woodland Violet" Perfume Ammonia, bottle, 25c
Bradley's "Morning Dew" Cold Cream, per bottle..... 50c
Bradley's Tooth Powder, per package 25c
Bradley's Talcum Powder, per package 20c
Bradley's Violet Soap, ... 2 cakes for 25c
Bradley's Sachet Powder ..... 2 packages 15c

Barrettes, a special line in plain and fancy make, at .....10c, 15c and 25c
Try a package of the New Prosperity Washing Powder at, package 5c
Other "NEEDS" too numerous to mention. COME AND SEE US.

SATURDAY IN OUR HOSIERY DEPARTMENT
We will offer Children's "Little Daisy" Hose, fine ribbed, wool-cashmere, in assorted colors. Sizes 4 to 7, pair 25c
And a special line in Cotton Lisle Hose, in assorted colors (some silk embroidered), per pair 25c

SATURDAY IN OUR STATIONERY DEPARTMENT
WHAT OF "THE CUP THAT CHEERS," BUT NOT INEBRIATES?
We offer the Best Value in 25c Tea in Western Ontario. Try it.

SATURDAY IN OUR BASEMENT.
45c Worth Goods for 25c
Another Big 25c Package Saturday
One Large White Pudding Bowl, value 20c
One Fibre Scrub Brush, value 10c
One Medium Lamp Chimney 5c
One Package Cut Carpet Tacks 5c
One 2-hole Mouse Trap 5c
45c

SATURDAY FOR 25c.
Cups and Saucers Given Away
Half-dozen Cups and Saucers, EXTRA, will be given with every Dinner Set purchased in Basement Saturday.
BIG VALUES IN NEW AND UP-TO-DATE DINNERWARE
97-piece Dinner Sets, semi-porcelaine, for $7.50, $9.95, $11.50, $12.50, $13.50.

GREAT SATURDAY CANDY SPECIAL.
This week will be Fresh Marshmallow Squares, regular 20c pound, Saturday ..... 12c lb.

BIRD CAGES, at 75c to $2.00 each.

A BARGAIN IN TUMBLERS. Regular 5c value, at 3 for 10c.

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NEW ZEALAND'S SHIP WILL BE ACCEPTED

Premier Asquith Voices Thanks of the Government for Patriotic Offer.

London, March 24.—Great Britain has accepted the offer made by New Zealand to give to the empire free of cost a fuly equipped Dreadnaught.

Announcing the acceptance of this gift in the House of Commons, Premier Asquith read the telegram sent to New Zealand expressing the Government's "warmest gratitude for this generous and patriotic offer." Continuing, the communication said: "So far as the coming official year is concerned the provision of the naval estimates affords an ample surety, but in view of the uncertainty existing regarding the character and extent of the demands that may be made on our national resources the following year the offer of New Zealand to defray within that period the cost of providing a first-class battleship of latest type and a second vessel of the same type if consequent events show it is necessary, is most gratefully accepted."

The offer is regarded all over England as marking an epoch in the history of the British empire. It is the subject of editorials in the newspapers and the talk of the clubs, streets and meeting places. It is regarded as significant of the willingness of the colonies to come to the aid of the motherland at any emergency. The Times in reference to the matter says: "There can be no Briton worthy of the name who has not felt redoubled pride in his lineage this week. The mother country can make no answer to the splendid demonstration of New Zealand, Canada and Australia, which would do full justice to its significance.

"She welcomes it with pride, but she must also make it clear that while she counts upon the dominions with even greater confidence than before for co-operation in the task of imperial defense she must be and is prepared to maintain her supremacy in the quarter at present challenged, of her own strength alone. That is a national necessity wherein the whole empire is deeply concerned, but which would still be necessary to this country if the empire did not exist. We are fully able and fully determined to take it upon ourselves as our particular care. That determination on our part will no way; however, detract from our appreciation of their aid or from its value to imperial security.

"The best use to which the welcome naval co-operation now offered by the dominions can be applied is towards strengthening the defenses each in its own quarter of the world. Co-operation in that quarter will prove the best form of co-operation in the end. We shall await with confidence the elaborating of provisions for that purpose between our Government and theirs."

C. P. R. Excursions.

Every Tuesday during March and April low colonist rates to Northwest points. Call at C. P. R. office for copy of Settlers' Guide.

On sale daily until April 30. Second-class, one-way rate of $41 05, London to Vancouver, Victoria or Seattle.

Commencing April 6 and every two weeks thereafter until Sept. 21. Homeseekers' excursions to Northwest points at low rates. Winnipeg and return $32; Edmonton and return $42 50. Other points in proportion. Call at C. P. R. city ticket office, corner Dundas and Richmond. 23c

BRITAIN MUST MAKE SURE OF FUTURE

Views of Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War—The Emigration Question.

London, March 24.—Mr. Haldane, secretary of state for war, speaking at the National Liberal Club last night, remarked that it was the immediate future that Britain must make sure of. If the empire got over the period ahead for the next generation, or maybe less, then he entertained no apprehensions for the future. The population of the empire, with its reserves of strength, afforded a magnificent background for defence, while the response given by Canada, Australia and South Africa to the idea of a general staff pointed in the direction of a reserve power which, if the empire chose to organize it, would place every part of the empire in safety.

Emigration.

The emigration question is attracting considerable attention at present in this country, and especially the action of the Canadian Government in refusing to receive persons convicted of crime.

In an interview, the warden of the Philanthropic Farm School at Redhill, protested against the refusal to accept boys from his institution.

"All we have sent to Canada and have been allowed to land have proved valuable colonists," he said. "This action of the Canadian Government is ill-advised so far as it affects our boys."

Dr. George R. Parkin, addressing the British Women's Emigration Association, said that while he had seen young men broken down in Canada he had never seen a young woman who was not a centre of light and comfort.

Anglicans Warned.

At a farewell meeting for the Bishop of Moosonee and missionaries and catechists bound for Canada, the bishop said that unless the church organized to take possession of Canada during the next quinquennium it would be too late. He appealed for a wide imperial vision on the part of the church.

At a meeting of the Church of England's Waifs and Strays Society, the Rev. E. M. Rudolph pointed out that they did emigrate children wholesale, but sent those children to Canada who had come from the very worst surroundings, in order to prevent their falling back to the level wherefrom they had been lifted.

In 1908, 2,531 Irish emigrated to Canada, a decrease of 1,765 compared with 1907.

King Edward a Diplomat.

In replying to some criticisms that have been made on King Edward's foreign visits, Sir Edward Grey, secretary of foreign affairs, in the House of Commons tonight declared that the visits of the King had been exceedingly valuable to the country's foreign policy.

"The King, in his own person," said Sir Edward, "has the exceptional gift of conveying to the people abroad the impression of goodwill and the good disposition of the British nation toward them, and that is a great national asset."

TELEGRAPHERS' PAY INCREASED.

Kingston, March 25.—Settlement has been made in the claims of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway operators, which were heard by arbitrators recently. The company gives the operators pay for overtime and about 10 per cent increase in wages.

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VOID AFTER 15 DAYS FROM DATE.

WORLD TO CONFER ON IMMIGRATION

Italy Asks Uncle Sam to Join in Checking to Flight of Criminals.

Washington, March 25.—International regulation of immigration has been proposed by Italy as a panacea for the evils suffered by the nations from the migration of population. President Taft, Secretary Knox and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel have been giving consideration to the proposal for a conference with the result that the United States Government unquestionably will accept it.

Such a conference will enable control over emigration and immigration which will be of the utmost importance. It will mean that fewer objectionable immigrants will come to this country. It will enable closer supervision over anarchists. It will permit surveillance of men known to be leaders in the "Black Hand" and other societies of that character. It will insure a better, finer class of aliens as a whole.

The immigation law of 1907 specially authorizes the President to call at his discretion an international conference to meet at an agreed upon point and to send special commissioners to any foreign country for the following purposes:

"To regulate by international agreement, subject to the advice and consent of the senate, the immigration of aliens; to provide for mental, moral, and physical examination of such aliens by American consuls or other officers; to secure the assistance of the foreign governments in their own territories to prevent evasion of the laws of the United States governing immigration; to enter into international agreements to prevent the immigration of aliens, who, under laws, may be excluded from entering the United States."

A joint committee of Congress has been making an investigation of the conditions, both at home and abroad, for the last two years. The chairman of this committee is Senator Dillingham, of Vermont. When in Europe last summer he talked with the authorities of Italy, France, England and Germany in regard to an international conference, and it is presumed that the invitation of the Italian Government is the result.

The immigration commission proposes to make some recommendations to Congress at the beginning of the next session, both with respect to a more rigid enforcement of the laws for the exclusion of undesirables and also to inform the country as to races which have made the best citizens.

It is not the intention of the commission to suggest that only a fixed number be admitted. The time has not yet come, in its judgment, for determining arbitrarily any limit which should be prescribed. But it is possible by establishing a higher standard to raise the quality of aliens allowed entrance, and by this means improving the material from which citizens can be made.

At the same time, it is recognized that many undesirables enter in spite of the most careful enforcement of the law. It is to the interests of the nation, therefore, to co-operate with the foreign governments, and such co-operation can most effectively be obtained through an international agreement.

Italy's interest in the matter grows out of the fact that so many hundreds of thousands of its subjects come to the United States. A large percentage remains. Italy does not want its own good name injured by the men who are members of the secret societies. In a word, it wants to end, once and for all, a condition which is suggested by the saying:

"There are no more criminals in Sicily; they have gone to America."

What is true of Italy is true of other European states, notably Russia and Austria.

Russia would like some control exercised to prevent the activity of revolutionary movements in the United States directed against the Russ reigning dynasty. These movements all are inspired by Russian subjects who have entered the United States to obtain an asylum and also interest Americans in their work. So far as Austria is concerned, it has no wish for its subjects to emigrate to America, but would prefer that they stay at home.

These various desires on the part of Europe could be presented at the international conference. Important as is the matter to them, it is of far greater concern to this country in view of the effect of the stream of the aliens upon the national life.

At the present time, aliens are entering New York at the rate of 5,000 a day. Since July 1 and up to the end of Ferbruary 330,000 had been admitted. By the close of the fiscal year at least 650,000 will have entered. This will not be as many as came in during the last fiscal year.

Since last July 125,000 aliens have returned home, so that the total gain up to date has been more than 200,000, and it will be double that number by the time July 1 rolls around.

The one difficulty in the way of the international conference on immigration would be Japan. The American people now enjoy the exclusion of Japanese labor. It is not likely that they would agree to any change in this condition. It is not believed, however, that Japan will be invited to take part in the conference.

CASTRO CONFIDENT OF HIS REINSTATEMENT

Will Be Again Ruler Even Should Revolution Be Necessary.

Paris, March 26.—At the railroad station here Senor Castro confided to a small group of Venezuelan adherents and admirers his intention of re-establishing his power in Venezuela by a resolution, should this be necessary.

After entering the car, where he donned the celebrated gold-embroidered skull cap that has figured in every description of Senor Castro when he was an occupant of the Yellow House at Caracas, the deposed president of Venezuela leaned from a window and spoke to his countrymen with an earnestness and passion which left no doubt in their minds that he was convinced that he was another Napoleon returning from Elba to reconquer his country.

"Like France, all is lost, save honor," Castro declared. "I am going back to Venezuela. My country needs me, and my mission is there."

Continuing, Senor Castro declared that his trip to Europe had been misunderstood at home and abroad. He had come to the continent, not only because he needed medical treatment, but also to serve his country by interesting foreign capital in Venezuelan industries.

He spoke bitterly of the treachery of Juan Vincente Gomez, whom he left as vice-president, and who has since been made president of Venezuela, and predicted that those now in control of the state would drive the country into bankruptcy.

"In six months' time,'" he asserted, "the present Government will be unable to meet the obligations of the republic."

In conclusion, Castro denounced as lies the stories of his fabulous wealth, and said he was not even rich enough to remain in Europe, where, furthermore, life had no attractions for him. His impassioned nature, he explained, yearned for activity and for the tumult.

As the train pulled out of the station Castro's parting words were: "God and destiny call me back to Venezuela. I am going to accomplish my mission there, though it involves revolution."

Castro's friends were much impressed by what he had to say. They asserted that he was a man of indomitable will, with supreme confidence in himself.

HOW BRINE RUINS THE RAILWAY TRACKS

Officials Are Seeking Means to Put an End to the Serious Damage.

Chicago, March 25.—Railroad officials are seeking to find some practicable means of preventing the enormous amount of damage to their track equipment and consequent danger to trains caused by the dripping of brine from refrigerator cars. The question is said to be one of the most important now facing the roads. The expense due to the shortened life of rails and track fastenings, bridges and signal equipment is said to amount to large sums each year on all of the large systems, to say nothing of the possible consequences from accidents.

A committee of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association has had the subject under consideration for the past year and has referred it to the American Railway Association as a matter more concerned with equipment. This association is expected to recommend a change in the structure of the cars which will prevent the brine from dripping on the track. One refrigerator car will produce probably 200 gallons of brine every twenty-four hours, which is distributed over the roadbed and bridges. One remedy that has been tried is to cover a bridge structure with water-proofing, but this has been expensive and has not always answered the purpose.

Figures compiled by the Michigan Central Railroad for a year show that on 545 miles of track the deterioration ascribed to this cause amounted to $25,000 on bridges alone, and the damage to rails, angle-bars, spikes, etc., brought the total loss up to $145,000, which is the interest on $2,900,000.

One type of refrigerator car which has been used has a pipe for the brine drippings leading to the centre of the track. At the engineering convention in this city last week many were in favor of recommending this, as the cost was small, and prevented damage except at crossings and turnouts.

This was regarded as securing "half the loaf," but in order to obtain a full removal of the evil the majority decided to take immediate action to bring about a change in the equipment.

South Water street commission merchants are making a vigorous protest against the rates charged by the Illinois Central on fruit shipments from the south to Chicago. They declare recent increases are excessive and unreasonable and also that many of the previously existing rates showed glaring inconsistencies in the proportions of rate to distance. It is stated that the rates from Bardwell, Ky., are over twice as high as those from Brookport, Ill., the same distance from Chicago, on carload shipments and on less than carload lots. A protest has been made to the interstate commerce commission, which is asked to lower the Kentucky rates.

Officials of the Illinois Central state the rates in Illinois are lower than the interstate rates because they were fixed by the Illinois Railroad and warehouse commission, and in the opinion of the railroad officials are too low in themselves. They point out that shipments have increased under the interstate rates in the past year.

LATE CANADIAN JOTTINGS

An Essex "Jack the Hugger" may be deported.

Copper has been discovered near Dartmouth, N. S.

A new $100,000 collegiate institute will shortly be erected in Saskatoon.

Sudbury is hot on the trail of sidewalk loiterers and hotel hangers-on.

Grief over the death of his son caused the death of a St. John's father.

Winnipeg street railwaymen will ask for a nine-hour-day at the present rate of pay.

The "time question" has been settled in Walkerville. Eastern standard will be used.

Bracebridge's burned district is to be rebuilt this spring.

Trenton authorities sent a decoy knife through the mails. Result: A mail clerk is in custody.

Nanaimo citizens are all agog over the recent capture of a monster devil fish by a Chemainus Indian.

Work is being rushed on the construction of the Little Mountain reservoir in South Vancouver.

Fort William is to have "pay-as-you-enter" cars.

A brutal stepfather stands charged in Vancouver with beating his disobedient little son with a hammer.

Fur trade of the far north is seriously threatened by mysterious sickness that is killing the trappers and hunters.

Detectives found a jug of whiskey in a Durham hotel. Now the hotel has closed its doors.

A St. Thomas girl is dying in Detroit Hospital, while Washington authorities wrangle over deportation papers.

Operators and miners' delegates of Western Canada and British Columbia will fix a schedule of wages at Macleod, Alta.

A Jap called Togo was received in a Nanaimo, B. C., hospital. Japs in the district now present the hospital with a donation of $197.

Dr. James W. Robertson calls the "man with the hoe" God's partner.

A victim of drink asked a Montreal judge to convict him for two years, that he might have time to get cured, but the judge refused.

A prominent Windsor clergyman is out on the warpath against mere "drinking holes."

A physician was recently attending a woman patient whose husband came to see him concerning her condition. The husband said: "Doctor, do you think there is any need for any unnecessary anxiety about my wife?"

FRIDAY, WEATHER PROBS: FINE.

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We cannot urge or too strongly impress upon our Saturday shoppers the advantages of getting down early, particularly at this season, and at from 4 to 6 o'clock on Saturday afternoons, when the aisles are so dense with eager buyers.

If at all possible, you will find it to your advantage to do your Saturday shopping in the forenoon. TEST IT TOMORROW.

Just as our customers have benefitted since giving up shopping on Saturday night still greater results will be accomplished by doing your Saturday shopping, we would say between 9 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon.

In the Tea Room

Special Saturday service, 8 a. m. to 6 p.m. Full-course dinner, 35c, from 11:45 to 2 o'clock.

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Did You Get Your Share of Those Irish Linen Handkerchiefs

Another 50 dozen lot will be offered tomorrow. Fine Pure Linen, Hemstitched, at Handkerchief Counter, in dozen and one-third dozens lots. Price per dozen ..... 75¢

Our Spring Millinery A Triumph

Can you realize that two weeks from today is Good Friday? You have, no doubt, long since looked after the Easter Frock or Suit. Now, what about the Hat? Time now to place your order or make selection from the scores of charming new creations that make their appearance from day to day in our Millinery Salon.

Fast as gaps are made, new Hats take their places. The scene is constantly shifting, and so bewitching are some of the new shapes, with their artistic mountings, that you are drawn back for another and another look. And such nice things are said about them, 'tis a wonder those modest pink roses don't turn crimson.

We will rest by your verdict if you judge our Millinery Standard by our medium-priced Hats. They can hold up their heads with the best of them.

Great preparation has been made, and a magnificent showing awaits those who come early in the day tomorrow. Second floor.

Saturday, Hosiery News

Those Beautiful Colored Lisle Thread Hose, 35c Pair, or 3 Pairs $1

Colors, Poppy, Purple, Green, Champagne, Navy, Helio, Copenhagen, Grey, Sky, Pink, Cardinal, White and Black in plain. Also lace ankle in Copenhagen, Tan, Cardinal, Pink, White and Black, and Black and Tan. Embroidered and clocked in colors; and over sizes, in Black Lisle; also in Fine Black Cotton, with balbriggan soles. All are spliced heel and toe, and all one price. Per pair 35¢, or ..... 3 pairs for $1.00

EAST AISLE—MAIN FLOOR.

BIG DISPLAY OF NEW RUSSIAN NET VEILINGS TOMORROW.

These are shown in large and small mesh. Excellent wearing qualities in Black, Navy and Brown, at, per yard ..... 25¢, 35¢, 40¢ and 45¢
Black Hairline Veilings, with chenille spots, yard..25¢
Plain Hairline Veiling, in black, at, yard .....15¢
Black, Navy and Brown Mesh Veilings, with chenille spots, at, yard ..... 30¢
Pretty Magpie Veilings, in fish-net and fancy meshes, at, from, yard ..... 20¢ to 50¢
Brussels Net Veiling, in black and magpie; chenille spots, at, yard ..... 30¢ and 35¢

EAST AISLE—MAIN FLOOR.

LATEST NOVELTIES IN FANCY PINS AND HAIR BANDS

A big assortment of these will be displayed tomorrow at notion counter. New setting, in brilliant and assorted colored stones; also bright and dull jet Hatpins, each ..... 5¢ to 75¢

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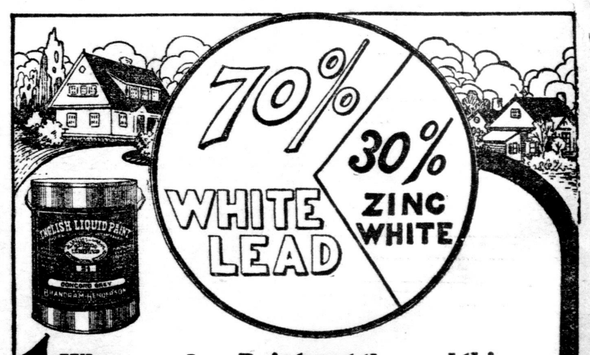

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