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Splendid line of Lace Curtains, worth 75c, for 50c pair.
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Unbleached Table Linen, 60 inches wide, new patterns, 25c, 35c, 50c yard.
Fine line of Bleached Table Linen, 60 inches wide, only 35c yard.
15 dozen only White Huck Towels, regular 20c, our price two for 25c.
Very special line of Damask Five O'Clock Teas, knotted fringe, value \$1 25, our price 69c each.

PRINCE CHING'S FAIR PROMISES

We Says the Chinese Government Has No Desire to Place Restrictions on Missionaries or Their Work.

Peking, Jan. 24.—The foreign ministers have sent a note to the Chinese plenipotentiaries on the lines previously stated. Upon receipt of the dispatch announcing the death of Queen Victoria, the meeting of ministers then in session immediately adjourned.

Prince Ching yesterday assured a committee of missionaries that there was no intention or desire on the part of the Chinese Government to place restrictions upon the missionaries, and the government itself never had in the past any objections to the missionaries or their methods.

The missionaries are greatly pleased with Prince Ching's frankly expressed assurances.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The German foreign office confirms the reports that 25,000 Chinese troops have appeared near the French sphere, but it is asserted that thus far they have shown no signs of hostility.

Count Von Waldersee, in a dispatch to the war office from Peking, dated Jan. 21, says: "There are many bands of robbers in the Province of Chi Li. The British lost two men while engaging the robbers near Shan Hai Kwan."

His alludes to three German columns moving through the province.

The call made by the German minister to China, Dr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein, upon Prince Ching, explained to have been a mere act of courtesy and without special significance.

Foreign office officials declare that the New York dispatch stating that Germany was getting the Russians to surrender the Shan Hai Kwan Railroad in order to keep it for Germany is absolutely untrue, as the Germans are receiving the line, according to agreement, to turn it over to the British, and will turn it over as early as possible.

Tien Tsin, Jan. 23.—Preparations are being made in Tien Tsin to make it the military base for the coming spring and summer, and it is believed a majority of the troops in Peking will encamp in the neighborhood preparatory to gradual embarkation.

BRITISH WARSHIPS FOR CHINA. Portsmouth, England, Jan. 25.—It is reported here that the British first-class battleships Ocean and Canopus have been ordered to hurry to Chinese waters from the Mediterranean in connection with the dispute with Russia over the Elliott and Blonde Islands.

Now, see here a minute, my friend! You ought to know that you can't cure pains in the head, or heartburn and shooting pains in the stomach with headache powders and liniments. That stuff you rub on doesn't remove the cause. You have got to go down where the trouble is. What you want to do is to get your bowels to work. Take three Hutz tonight. Take one after each meal. It takes out these pains by stopping the fermentation of the food. It is easily taken, and doesn't contain any injurious substance. It's a hundred times better than elixirs, sarsaparillas, iron and acid preparations. Don't lose time fooling with such things, but start using Hutz as quickly as you can. It's a doctor for ten cents!

Minard's Laxative Cures Diphtheria.

BATTLESHIPS ON THE LAKES!

Question Discussed in the United States House of Representatives—Abrogation of the 1817 Treaty Suggested.

Washington, Jan. 25.—At the opening of the session of the house yesterday, consideration of the naval appropriation bill was resumed in committee of the whole. Speaking to a pro forma amendment, Mr. W. A. Smith (Michigan) brought up the question of the abrogation of the treaty of 1817, prohibiting the maintenance of war vessels upon the great lakes. Mr. Smith said the treaty was an inhibition upon the shipbuilding and commercial interests of the lakes, against which he protested. The treaty originally had been made in the interests of peace, and was very properly negotiated. The reasons which he cited had passed away. He desired to see the shipyards of the great lakes protected in the building of warships there which would threaten the cities on the American side and the whole commerce of the lakes.

Mr. Mann (Illinois) opposed the abrogation of the treaty. If we built warships on the lakes, England must have a similar privilege. She could build great ships there which would threaten the cities on the American side and the whole commerce of the lakes.

The treaty, he urged, was absolutely essential to the safety of cities of the lakes in case of war with Great Britain. Mr. Boutelle (Illinois) was in favor of a modification of the treaty in the interest of the naval reserve, so as to permit the maintenance of one small armament on the upper lakes and one on the lower. The treaty also should be modified, he urged, so as to permit both parties to the compact to build warships of any class, to be taken unarmed to the lakes.

Mr. Frazier said the question of a modification of the treaty of 1817 was discussed by the government commission a few years ago. It was a matter for the state department, not the naval committee, to consider.

The provision for the increase of the navy was made the occasion of an interesting debate upon the length to which the building up of the navy was to go, and drew from Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, a statement to the effect that when community, military, and naval authorities were completed, \$200,000,000 would have to be spent upon the new navy, and that in his opinion the time to stop will then have arrived. An amendment offered by Mr. Bixey (Va.), a Democratic member of the naval committee, to strike out the provision in the bill for two battleships and two cruisers, was defeated, 46 to 80.

BUFFALO BLAZE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The building at Elliott and Carroll streets, owned by A. Judson Wells, and occupied by the Chase Medical Company and other firms, was burned this morning. Loss \$50,000, covered by insurance.

WANTS WAR STOPPED.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In the senate yesterday Mr. Towne (Minn.) offered the following joint resolution: "That justice, the public welfare and the national honor demand the immediate cessation of hostilities in the Philippine Islands, under terms recognizing the independence of the Philippine people, and conserving and guaranteeing the interests of the United States." Mr. Towne asked that the resolution lie on the table, and gave notice that on Monday next he would address the senate upon it.

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Some men are in advance of their age, but women are always a few years behind it.

BUSINESS IN CANADA IMPROVING

Good Movement in Wholesale and Retail Trade.

The Outlook Across the Border—Jobbing Lively—Failures Fewer.

New York, Jan. 25.—Bradstreet's weekly review of Canadian trade says:

Business conditions at Montreal have been steadily improving this week, and in most departments of trade a large volume of business is reported. The mills and other manufacturers are busy, and appear to have all the orders they can take care of at present. Business conditions have to some extent been disturbed by the great fire that took place in the middle of the week, and retailers may have to exercise a little patience in regard to getting orders filled, but no serious consequences are likely to result. The insurance will be large and any inconvenience caused by the fire will, in most cases, be merely temporary. There is a good demand for funds and rates are steady.

There has been a fair movement in the wholesale trade at Toronto this week. Travelers are reporting a very fair amount of orders for the coming season, and are keeping the volume of trade booked, so far, well up to what it was last year at this date. The wholesale firms look for a large movement in staple goods the coming season.

The weather at London has not been altogether favorable to business, but wholesalers are doing a nice trade for future delivery. General deliveries are rather light. The conditions of the retail trade at London are encouraging. Immediate vicinity are encouraging. Payments are fairly good.

Business at Ottawa has been moderately active this week. There is a good deal of labor going on, and good wages are being paid—conditions which are favorable to retail business. The outlook for wholesale trade is very fair.

Business at Hamilton has shown an improving tendency this week. Wholesale trade at Winnipeg has been somewhat on the quiet side the past two or three weeks, but this week has shown a marked tendency toward improvement.

Trade at the large coast centers is showing revival after the temporary derangement caused to some departments by the great snowstorm, and the future is by no means discouraging to business men.

IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, Jan. 26.—Dun's weekly review says:

This week seems to have marked the climax of enormous dealings at figures which have become familiar, the jobbing trade in the interior is going and collections continue excellent.

Bank clearings at New York gained 52.1 per cent over 1900, and 1.3 per cent over 1899. The volume of business at leading cities outside of New York there is a gain of 9.9 per cent over 1900 and 3.4 per cent over 1899. Railroad earnings thus far reported for January show a gain of 11.4 per cent over last year and 2.6 per cent over 1899.

After a week of quiet conditions the iron and steel industry has taken another long stride forward. The exports of iron and steel for the week at an advance of \$13.25 at Pittsburgh. Further improvement is seen in footwear, and manufacturers are receiving ample orders. Leather has advanced in demand, although prices are steady. Hides at Chicago fluctuated widely, with more grades sold at concessions than advanced. It is difficult to find encouraging features in the movement of the week at the three chief eastern centers were a million pounds smaller than the preceding week, and in four weeks the aggregate is only 13,275,700 pounds, against 21,504,700 last year.

Despite the advance in prices over those prevailing a year ago, exports of wheat, including flour, from Atlantic ports for the week were 2,668,818 bushels, against 1,641,149 in 1900, or 62 per cent. 3,472,614 bushels, against 3,097,450 in 1900. Western receipts of corn were heavy, amounting to 4,315,450 bushels, against 2,911,035 last year, but there is complaint of poor quality. Cotton maintained the advance above 10 cents.

Final returns of British exports of yarn in 1900 proved to be 30 per cent smaller than in 1899, while of cloth the reduction amounted to 40,000,000 yards. Foreign trade at New York for three weeks of January was less satisfactory. Exports for the last two weeks were heavy, but compared with a liberal movement of poor quality in January, the loss is \$3,015,755. On the other hand, imports show an increase to \$3,254,332.

Liabilities of firms failing during three weeks of January were \$3,426,159, of which \$3,534,864 were in manufacturing and \$4,057,555 in trading. Failures for the week were 306 in the United States, against 231 last year, and 46 in Canada, against 38 last year.

BRADSTREET'S.

Despite some irregularities in reports from different sections and industries, trade as a whole is of satisfactory volume for the time of year. Special activity has been noted in some branches of the iron trade.

Speculation is limited in nearly all lines of product and in stocks, and it is probable that clearing returns at present give a clearer idea of actual business than for three months past. Prices show few important changes, the cereals being slightly higher, while hog products and corn are lower, with dairy products weak. The general range of other values is, on the whole, steady, although some shading to the higher grades of wheat has occurred.

Gross railroad earnings on 61 roads for the first two weeks of January aggregate \$16,800,000—a gain over the same period a year ago of 8.5 per cent. For the week aggregate 4,838,678 bushels, against 3,336,054 bushels last week, 2,581,197 bushels in the corresponding week of 1900, 4,997,522 bushels in 1899, and 5,026,024 bushels in 1898. Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,972,155 bushels, against 5,154,550 last week, 3,626,834 in this week a year ago, 3,895,733 in 1899 and 4,962,539 in 1898.

Business failures for the week numbered 281, against 230 last week, 252 in this week a year ago, 346 in 1899, 526 in 1898.

CANADIAN MILITIA

Several Highly Important Changes in Official Staff Are Looked For.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Rumors are abroad of impending changes in connection with important militia commands. One of these connects Lieut.-Col. Foster's name with the vacant commandship of the Kingston military college. Col. Foster's friends say that he has strong qualifications for the office, and is possessed of all the technical knowledge which is held to be necessary. They also say his selection would be satisfactory to the war office. The officer in question now discharges the duties of quartermaster-general, which office carries with it a salary of \$2,300 a year, and if he were transferred to Kingston it is likely he would be succeeded by Col. Otter. The latter is now D. O. C. and inspector of infantry at Toronto. In the event of Col. Otter being promoted to Ottawa, it is said that either Lieut.-Col. Pelletier, D.O.C. at Quebec, or Lieut.-Col. Lessard, commanding the Royal Canadian Dragoons, would become D. O. C. at Toronto. The odds would be in favor of the latter officer's promotion, especially after his brilliant services in South Africa. Lieut.-Col. Buchanan, commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment in the Queen City, is mentioned as likely to combine the inspectorship of infantry, now held by Col. Otter, with his present duties. The department of militia will give out no official information in the matter; therefore it is not possible at present to verify the reports in circulation. Definite announcements, however, are expected in a day or two.

THE ROWE CASE.

A Mail and Empire Representative Investigates.

THE PARTICULARS IN FULL.

Consecon Has a Sensation, the Like of Which It Has Not Experienced for Years—David Rowe Gives a Written Statement of the Facts of the Case.

[From the Mail and Empire.]

Consecon, Jan. 20.—For some time this village and neighborhood has been ringing with the story of David Rowe. Mr. Rowe is a farmer, who has lived on a farm three miles from here all his lifetime, and is known to every man, woman and child in the miles around. Some time ago his friends noticed a great change in his physical appearance, and a little comment was made as to the rapidity with which he was failing in health. At first he was vigorous man he had become a weak and crippled invalid. Recently, however, he has appeared to his friends sturdy and straight, strong and well, and with all his old-time vigor and health. Knowing that such a case would be of great public interest, your correspondent visited Mr. Rowe to get the facts. Mr. Rowe is a modest man of few words, but straightforward and truthful. After having introduced myself, he said:

"You need not apologize for visiting me, to inquire into this matter. I do not consider it an intrusion at all. I have little to say beyond the fact that as everybody round here knows, I was bent nearly double with kidney trouble, pains in my shoulders, spine and joints, and my back aching so that I could not stand up straight to save my life. I could do no work. I consulted my physician and took his prescribed medicine, but got no better. I read in the newspapers how Dodd's Kidney Pills were curing people of Kidney Disease, Lame Back and Rheumatism. I bought a box from Mrs. German, who runs the grocery here. Before I had used all I began to recover, and after I had used ten boxes I was entirely cured, and now, as you see, I am in perfect good health. This is my story. You can print it if you like, and I have nothing to hide, and it may satisfy a good many people who knew of my previous condition to know how I was cured."

"Have you any objections to signing a written statement?" inquired the reporter.

"None whatever," answered Mr. Rowe, "just you go ahead and write down what I say."

At Mr. Rowe's dictation I prepared the following statement, which he cheerfully signed:

"I had very severe pains in my back, more or less, day and night, for two years. It commenced in my shoulders, and extended down my spine, finally concentrating its full force in what is commonly called the small of my back, or across my kidneys, and there the pain was almost unbearable. It made it impossible for me to do any work, and I could not straighten up to save my life. When I went to urinate it gave me great pain, and I could not imagine what the matter was as I did, was not able to do much. I consulted a physician, and he prescribed for me, but to no benefit. I noticed in the papers how that Dodd's Kidney Pills were curing people of Kidney Disease and Rheumatism, and I determined to give them a trial. I purchased a box of Mrs. German, who kept groceries and patent medicines here. I did not feel any benefit at first, but before I had finished the first box I began to feel better, and the pains in my back, and in my shoulders, and in my joints, and they have entirely cured me. I have no pains in my back, and I am able to do all my work, and I am a well man today through taking Dodd's Kidney Pills."

(Signed) DAVID ROWE.

(Witnessed)

W. J. MARSH.
Those who may read this article, and do not know Mr. Rowe, cannot fully appreciate the position he holds in this community. He is an able farmer, well and favorably known, and as an evidence of his character for truthfulness and honesty I append the statement of Mr. J. J. Ward, the local justice of the peace:

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Mr. David Rowe, and know him to be a man of truth, a man of sterling honesty and integrity, whose word could always be relied on, and a gentleman well and favorably known in Consecon and vicinity, and in the neighborhood at large, and any statement he might give you I have no hesitation in saying that you need not be afraid to use, as a gentleman of Mr. Rowe's standing giving a written statement would be sure to carry weight with it.

J. J. WARD,
Justice of the Peace, and for the County of Prince Edward.

ONE GRAVE FOR BOTH.

Yale, Mich., Jan. 25.—Joseph Scott and wife, old and respected residents of this neighborhood, passed almost hand in hand over the dark river yesterday. The wife preceded the husband but a few minutes. Mr. Scott was 84 years of age, and his wife over 80. One grave will hold the aged couple.

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Every caller at this department will be given this unique booklet FREE. It contains all those little secrets of the toilet so dear to every woman's heart. We give below a list of some of Madame Ruppert's Toilet Requisites:

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Mme. Ruppert's Golden Hair Tonic gives new life to and stops falling hair, 1.00	1.00	Mme. Ruppert's Almond Oil Complexion Soap, a perfect soap, a combination of almond oil and wax, not a boiled soap, and contains no lye, .25	.25
Mme. Ruppert's Wonderful Depilatory removes superfluous hair without injury to skin in three minutes, 1.00	1.00	Mme. Ruppert's World Renowned Face Bleach, large bottle clears the skin of any discoloration, and beautifies the complexion naturally, 2.00	2.00
Mme. Ruppert's Gray Hair Restorative not only dyes, but restores gray hair to its natural color, 2.50	2.50	Mme. Ruppert's Egyptian Balm, a valuable skin food, and used in connection with the Face Bleach removes wrinkles, 1.00	1.00
Mme. Ruppert's Pearl Enamel causes the skin to assume a girlish loveliness, mainly for evening use, 1.00	1.00		
Mme. Ruppert's White Rose Face Powder, an exquisite powder, .50	.50		

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London to New York and Boston

The fare to New York and Boston via the New York Central is the same as by other lines, but the New York Central is conceded to be the best line in the country, being the only line with a depot in New York city, and having four tracks, thus avoiding delay. See that you get the best. 55ul

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Electric Turkish Baths.
R. G. Gilbert, of Hartford, Conn.; Mr. James Quinn, of New York, and R. Elliott, of Ingersoll, were taking the Electric Baths this week, with decided benefit. The Turkish Baths are all right, is their verdict.

Gold Mining.
New ten (10) stamp mill, compressor plant for (3) drills, and large developed free gold property reported by Ontario Government Bureau of Mines, cost over one hundred thousand dollars cash, can be bought for five thousand dollars, 10 per cent cash and year to pay balance. Who cares to join us. Call or write John A. Moody & Co., brokers, Box 426, London, Ont.

Some New Publications.

"Picturesque Views" is the title of the latest publication issued for the Grand Trunk Railway. It is in the shape of a souvenir of the entire system, comprising over 100 half-tone views of what is claimed to be the finest scenery on the American continent extending from Portland, Me., to Chicago. The chief attractions are the scenes of hunting, fishing and camp life, and the views of some of the aristocratic summer resorts of the country which are shown in detail. Other features are the telescopic views. The book is handsomely bound and well worth the retail price, which is 50 cents a copy.

Rapid Railway Travel.

Representatives of the Grand Trunk Railway Company had in their charge the other day two children who, probably made the quickest trip between Truro, N. S., and Council Bluffs, Ia., covering the 2,063 miles in exactly 66 hours and 13 minutes. The little tots were alone, and made the trip to join their parents, the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. J. Simpson, in the city on the banks of the Missouri River. They left Truro at 2:45 o'clock in the afternoon on the Maritime express, arriving at the Bonaventure station at 5:30 o'clock the following afternoon. While here they were entertained by representatives of the company, and at 10:30 o'clock in the evening they boarded the "Fast Flyer," arriving in Dearborne station, Chicago, at 8:45 o'clock the following evening. They continued their journey the same evening, leaving for Council Bluffs at 10:30 o'clock, and reached their destination at 2:45 o'clock the next morning. Their journey was uneventful, but they seemed to enjoy every minute of the time they were on the trains, as the men in charge as well as the passengers, showed them every attention. The total time occupied from Truro to Council Bluffs was 72 hours, from which, of course, the stops at Montreal and Chicago are to be deducted, as well as the difference of an hour in eastern and central time. The foregoing shows one of the possibilities of modern railroad travel.

Shorthand Situations.

During the past week, Miss Holland, who took a three months' course at Coo's Shorthand and Business Academy, 76 Dundas street, accepted a situation with Hammond & Gillean, insurance agents, etc., and pupils were placed correspondingly with A. D. Green & Co., Geo. McIntosh, Esq., and Fried, Wright & Co. The demand for good stenographers is increasing. Poor stenographers are not wanted. Mr. Coo aims to give his pupils a thorough training in shorthand, typewriting, penmanship, bookkeeping, etc.

No matter how erect a general may be he is apt to learn more or less on his staff.

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