

THE RITCHIE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FEBRUARY THE MONTH FOR Furniture Covering

### FEBRUARY SALE OF FURNITURE COVERINGS

We are exceedingly proud of our showing of Furniture Coverings and justly so. We have never before shown such beautiful designs. Prominent among them you will notice the beautiful Louis XV. designs or the small repeat patterns, also floral and oriental designs in shades of rose, green, blue, brown, gold and excellent two tone effects and mixed shades.

During the month of February we offer about 25 splendid patterns at greatly reduced prices—some small ends, while others with enough in them to cover several chairs, lounges and settees, suitable for any room in the home. Now selling at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

### Have Your Shabby Furniture Reupholstered and Made Like New

Spring cleaning usually reveals the fact that certain pieces of your furniture are shabby. One of the resources of this store is an upholstery department with a skilled upholsterer in charge who is ready to execute furniture renovating and repair work. Whether the work demands Tapestry, Velvets, Velour or Demin it is within the scope of our ability. A personal request or phone 829 and you have an expert upholsterer ready and willing to advise you as to what can be done with your pieces of furniture.

### 20 Per Cent. Off Work

In addition to the special prices on materials, we offer for this month a discount of 20 per cent on all work charges. This means that during the month of February 20 per cent less will be charged on the actual time spent in reupholstering any furniture, and that represents a decided saving to anyone with furniture to be reupholstered. This discount in no way affects the price of materials.

Have Your Furniture Reupholstered Now

### New Arrivals in English Prints of the Finest Qualities



We have just opened up and placed in stock thousands of yards of best English Prints. We imported these direct from the best makers in England and are exceedingly proud of their quality and patterns. They are now on display at the washgoods section. The range is complete representing plaids, checks, dots and stripes in shades of blue, black, navy, light blue, lilac and pink etc. ranging in width from 30 and 1-2 to 33 inches. You are invited to come in and examine them closely. We are sure you will pronounce them splendid values at

12 1-2c and 15c yd.

See them at the Wash Goods Counter

### HALF PRICE DRESSES

Your choice during the month of February of about 25 Ladies' and Misses' Silk and Serge Dresses, all new fashionable styles, in black and best colors, while they last: JUST HALF PRICE—which means—

\$6.00 DRESSES FOR \$3.00. \$8.00 DRESSES FOR \$4.00. \$10.00 DRESSES FOR \$5.00.

### HALF PRICE MILLINERY

After a heavy season's selling there are still dozens of Pretty Hats, trimmed or untrimmed, in our Millinery Parlors, to be cleared out during the month of February at just half their former selling prices. There are no exceptions:—Imported pattern hats, black and colored, untrimmed shapes, hats trimmed in our own workrooms, and Children's Millinery, all at

JUST HALF PRICE

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RELIEF COMMITTEE TO BUY CARGO OF WILHELMINA. LONDON, Feb. 1.—According to a Central News despatch, the American Belgian Relief Committee has offered to purchase the cargo of the steamer Wilhelmina, now crossing the Atlantic from New York with food for Germany. The committee is considering the purchase in order to fill the gaps in the relief supplies caused by accidents to other vessels bringing provisions.

## PATERNALISM AND INDIANS

Present Attitude Not Best For Indians' Welfare—Should Face Necessities of Life and Consequent Development, said Rev. W. G. Clarke.

That the Indian population would be in much better circumstances and conditions if they were not provided for by the government, was the opinion expressed by Rev. W. G. Clarke at the Tabernacle Methodist church. This he based on his impressions of Indian life as lived in four districts northwest and west of Belleville. "Let them face conditions as others. The Indians have been free as the bird on the wing. Take these out of their natural element and put them on land with nothing to do and an annual bounty. They often just rent out their little farms to whites to work and become really paupers. They are as a result disappearing as a race."

To the pastor's mind it would be a blessing if they were relieved of their land, leaving out the question of the chief of it, so that they might make their own way. Controlled on these reserves they are made victims of cruelties and have nothing to do. They are kept out of citizenship. Under present conditions they will ultimately disappear as a race becoming so few as to be absorbed.

Britain has been careful to keep her treaties and treat the Indians fairly. Yet it is one of the great problems to be considered. Present conditions make the work of missions among Indians very discouraging. Every Christian church would have an easier task if the Indians were granted citizenship and responsibility. If there is anything out of harmony it is for professing Christians (like the Indians) to be in a state of dependence.

"I believe it would be to the advantage of the Christian church if all the restrictions were removed and these people left to take their chances as all others. I am glad that the church has been able to accomplish so much. When men have been taken out from under the hand of paternalism and given the chance of development, they have succeeded as well as any."

Why are we living here in quiet possession of the land once owned by the Indians? Kipling would explain it on the ground of the White Man's Burden—the development of the resources and the mission of the highest form of civilization. But that England does not rest quietly in this view of possession is seen in her attitude towards the aborigines, whose rights she recognizes. The right of conquest is not absolute. We have purchased by a bargain which the original inhabitants had to accept. Britain is generous towards the Indians, giving reserves, annual grants, bounties of blankets and so forth. But the Indian has no right outside of the reserve as citizens. They live on their own territory, elect the chief of the tribe and councillors but have no vote outside.

Of the 111,000 Indians in Canada, 22,000 live in Ontario. The Roman Catholic church has had a very large share in conversion, said the pastor, recalling the heroic Jesuits' labors in Northern Ontario, even at the stake. As a result, about 40,000 Indians are Catholics. They live on the reserve as citizens. They live on their own territory, elect the chief of the tribe and councillors but have no vote outside.

Rev. Mr. Clarke told of his experience with the Indians on Lake Scugog, Alderville, and Rice Lake. He referred to the noble work and character of a young Indian from the West as a missionary to his people.

### DR. M'MURPHY COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL

High School Women's Institute Meeting Postponed

By special request of Belleville citizens, the Ontario Government are sending Dr. Helen MacMurchy, Provincial Inspector of the Education of Defective Children and one of Toronto's first Medical Inspectors of

### Your System Demands

an occasional corrective to insure good health and strength. Success is almost impossible for the weak and ailing. Enjoyment is not for the sick. Impaired health and serious sicknesses usually begin in deranged conditions of the stomach, liver, kidneys or bowels.

## Beecham's Pills

are recognized all over the world to be the best corrective of troubles of the digestive organs. They tone the stomach, stimulate the liver, regulate the bowels. They cleanse the system, purify the blood and act in the best and safest way

### For Health and Strength

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 25 cents.

Schools, to address a mass meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4th, in the High school.

In order to hear this famous little woman, the High School Women's Institute have withdrawn their usual monthly meeting for Feb. to-day, and will unite forces with the other institutes, the Board of Education, and the parents of the city to give full consideration to the question of how to do the main thing in strengthening the Empire, produce a finer type of Canadian manhood and womanhood. With our half empty armories, our country calling insistently for the best men, and on our streets so many more less defensive men who might have been perfect with intelligent management in the past, this question today assumes a position of military as well as educational importance to all truly patriotic men and women.

### BOUQUET FOR BELLEVILLE

The Kingston Standard speaking of the Belleville-K.O.I. game on Friday night says:

"For Belleville, the least that can be said is that they did game. They put up a fight that surprised some out of ten on the fans and if it is any consolation they have gone back to Belleville and hung up their sticks, feeling that they impressed in the local fans, the fact that they are kept out of citizenship. Under present conditions they will ultimately disappear as a race becoming so few as to be absorbed."

### IT ALL STARTED FROM A BAD COLD

Watford Man Found Relief in Dodd's Kidney Pills

Mr. Robt. Taylor, Sr., After Suffering for Two Years, Tells of the Benefits He Got from Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Watford, Ont., Feb. 1st.—Special.—Mr. Robert Taylor, Sr., a very estimable man living here, is telling his friends that the pain in his back, from which he suffered for some time, has disappeared, and that he gives all the credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"My trouble started with a cold," Mr. Taylor states, "and though I was treated by a doctor, I got no permanent relief. I had cramps in my muscles and stiffness in my joints, and I perspired freely when at the least exertion. I had attacks of rheumatism and sciatica, and though I tried many medicines I found no relief till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. I must say they were a great benefit to me."

Mr. Taylor's troubles came from his kidneys. The diseased kidneys failed to strain the urea acid out of the blood and the result was as he has stated, Dodd's Kidney Pills put the kidneys in working order, the urea acid was strained out of the blood, and the troubles went with it.

### FUNERAL OF THE LATE J. C. GILBERT

(From Monday's Daily.)

The funeral of the late John G. Gilbert of Detroit took place on Saturday afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. T. H. B. Purdy, Avondale to Belleville cemetery. Rev. R. C. Blagrove of Christ church conducted a solemn service at the house and at the grave. The bearers were Messrs. C. Farley, N. Gilbert, J. W. Bates, W. A. Owens, S. Sils and J. Anderson. Mr. J. Stewart Carstairs of Toronto who accompanied the remains from Detroit and Mr. Ralph Gilbert of Toronto besides many friends and neighbors attended the last sad rites. Many beautiful floral designs were contributed in memory of the deceased.

### OBSEQUIES OF THE LATE MRS. CUMMINS

(From Monday's Daily.)

The obsequies of the late Mrs. Emily Rose Cummins, widow of the late James Cummins took place this morning from the family residence, Front street to St. Michael's church where in the presence of many friends Rev. Father Killen celebrated a solemn requiem mass. Rev. Father Corrigan officiated at the grave. There were many spiritual and floral offerings made for the deceased. The bearers were Messrs. F. Dolan, J. McGurn, J. W. Walker, A. Roy, C. Legault, and Wm. Williamson.

### SOCKS AND MORE SOCKS

The Red Cross Supply Committee has again been called upon for more socks and mittens to supply our local recruits. 135 pairs of socks, and 45 pairs of mittens have been given out within the last few days.

The urgent needs of hand-knit socks both home and abroad, is greatly felt. The Committee purposed giving a "Sock Shower" within the next two weeks and every member, and anyone who will, is asked to have a pair of socks ready when the date is announced.

The regular meeting of the Supply Committee will be held on Friday night, when business of importance is to be transacted.

Mrs. Percy Boulton, of Belleville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Henry Bury Odessa for a few weeks.

## CLASS IN FOOT FOR 10 YEARS

Remarkable Experience of a Member of the 21st Battalion

A member of the 21st Battalion had a piece of glass, about an inch long and half an inch wide, removed from his foot at the Military Hospital Kingston last week. The glass had been imbedded in the fleshy part of the foot for no less than ten years, unknown to the young man, and it was only lately that it began to trouble him—probably due to the fact that he was doing so much marching with the battalion.

The young man now recalls that about ten years ago he stepped on a quantity of broken glass, as a barefooted boy and was badly cut, but he thought that all the glass was removed from his foot at the time, which evidently was not the case. He is out of the hospital now and will be in good shape again in a day or two.

Capt. C. W. Stewart, late of the 5th United States Cavalry, has been appointed Captain Quartermaster of the 8th Mounted Rifles of this division.

Sergeant Major Taylor is back in the city from Belleville, where he went to complete arrangements for the accommodation of the 39th Battalion. It is not known when the local recruits for the 39th Battalion will leave the city for mobilization in Belleville. Four of the 39th Battalion, which will march on the route march yesterday.—Kingston Standard.

### RECRUITING IS SLOW IN EASTERN ONTARIO

Only Half Number Needed in 3rd Division Area Have Enlisted So Far

In the Third Divisional area about one-half the number required for the third contingent is enlisted, the total to date being 1,551. In eastern Ontario enlistment is slow, however, only 423 having volunteered for the 38th Battalion, which will mobilize at Ottawa. For the 39th Battalion, which will mobilize at Belleville, the enlistment so far is 72, and for the 8th Mounted Rifles, Ottawa, 38 have enlisted.

### 39TH BATTALION NOTES

Cof. Hemming was in Peterborough on Sunday to attend the Home Guard church parade.

The 57th Peterborough detachment of the 39th Battalion is hard at work drilling with two sessions per day. The men are rounding into shape, and they will add to the good name won by the regiment by the first and second contingents.

A squad of military police at Peterborough consisting of two non-coms and two privates have been appointed. They look after the men off parade.

The twenty Y.M.C.A. men of the Third Contingent, Peterborough were given a send-off on Friday evening, and were presented with pairs of socks.

The office building formerly occupied by John Sloan's and the Corby Distillery Co., Front street, Belleville will be fitted up for officers' quarters and headquarters. Some changes are being made in the armories.

The time of the volunteers when they arrive will be taken up most of the day with drilling in the armories and marches.

There is a great deal of speculation as to just when the men will arrive and as to how long they will remain here. Many think their stay will be for three months at least.

The Kingston Standard says of a possible German invasion—"The fact that in one hour, the whole force of this city (Kingston) could be mobilized at any point within the city and a force of such size and efficiency made active, that no raid could succeed nor raider escape. Hence the German decision to try anything in Kingston. Whatever may be worrying other cities, Kingston can feel secure as there is no place so capable of taking care of raiders as the Limestone city."

Recruiting is still going on rapidly in Belleville for the 15th detachment of the 39th Battalion and for the 49th regiment.

### DIED AT GREAT AGE

Mrs. Julia McCloud Passed Away This Morning

Mrs. Julia McCloud, possibly the oldest resident in Belleville, died this morning at the age of 98 years. She was born in 1817.

Choked for Air.—Some little irritant becomes lodged in the bronchial tubes, others gather, and the awful choking of asthma results. Nothing offers quite such quick and positive relief as Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. The healing, soothing smoke or vapor penetrates, clears the passages and gives untold relief. It is completely cured. It has behind it years of success. It is the sure remedy for every sufferer.

Purity is the first consideration in the preparation of Salada tea. Only the fragrant buds and most delicate leaves are used. Salada contains no stems, bark, twigs or dust.

## ONLY SIXTEEN, GIRL VERY SICK

Tells How She Was Made Well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

New Orleans, La.—"I take pleasure in writing these lines to express my gratitude to you. I am only 16 years old and work in a tobacco factory. I have been a very sick girl but I have improved wonderfully since taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now looking fine and feeling a thousand times better."

—Miss AMELIA JAQUILLARD, 2931 Thiboutoux St., New Orleans, La.

St. Clair, Pa.—"My mother was alarmed because I was troubled with oppression and had pains in my back and side, and severe headaches. I had pimples on my face, my complexion was sallow, my sleep was disturbed, I had nervous spells, was very tired and had no ambition. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has worked like a charm in my case and has regulated me. I worked in a mill among hundreds of girls and have recommended your medicine to many of them."—Miss ESTHER MAQUIER, 110 Thwing St., St. Clair, Pa.

There is nothing that teaches more than experience. Therefore, such letters from girls who have suffered and were restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound should be a lesson to others. The same remedy is within reach of all.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

## OBITUARY

MRS. NELSON DENYES

Mrs. Nelson Denyes, well known to many in Belleville and this vicinity passed away on Jan. 18th at the home of her son in Fort William at the advanced age of 80 years. Her husband predeceased her about twenty years ago. Mrs. Denyes whose maiden name was Sarah J. Wilson was a sister of the late Dr. B. S. Wilson, of Belleville. She resided in this city until about twelve years ago when she went to make her home with her son at Fort William. She is survived by two sons and one daughter—Hugh of Fort William, Albert of Wisconsin, and Miss Ephraim, also of Fort William. Her late husband was a devoted member of the Methodist church and held in high esteem for her many fine qualities of heart and mind.

MRS. HANNAH CLARK

Hannah Clark, wife of Mr. Joseph B. Clark, Octavia street, this city, died on Saturday in Kingston, at the age of 62 years. The remains were brought to Belleville yesterday and taken to her late residence, whence they will be taken for burial in Barr's cemetery, Prince Edward.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle.

Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

## WHAT MOVES CANADIANS MOST?

A traveller on the G. T. R. reports an interesting occurrence on Saturday last.

When the train from Toronto to London reached Georgetown, the conductor from another train was seen to lead with tenderness and care two girls, of perhaps six and four years, into the Toronto train. He was careful to see the comfortably seated and their bundles arranged. Soon it was noted that the new-boy on the train was providing the girls with fruit and candy as well as chewing gum in abundance, and yet accepted no pay. At Drayton, the victorious Harrison hockey team got aboard and the infection soon reached them, and to the surprise of the travellers in the car, the jolly hockey lads were seen to take up a liberal collection amongst the rank and file of the passengers and they crowded round to learn the cause of these strange proceedings.

A wave of feeling passed over all when it was learned that the girls were two Belgian orphans on the way to some Canadian home near Palmerston, where they were to be adopted. Needless to say the collection was not confined to the generous hockey boys.

The heart of the world is tender towards Belgium.