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Road Fund Surplus Cannot be Used For Other Purposes.

Board of Works Will Go Slowly re Railway Smoke.

Annexation of Westmount Survey Being Considered.

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HELD CAPTIVE.

Fifteen-Year-Old Girl Found by Detectives in Chinatown.

New York, Sept. 8.—For two weeks a pretty 15-year-old girl was held captive by a Chinese in a dark room at No. 8 Bovey, within the shadows of Chinatown. She was rescued before dawn yesterday by two detectives who for ten days had been searching through the quarter for the white slave they knew to be imprisoned in one of the squalid tenements fringing the narrow streets jutting off Chatham square and the Bowery.

She had no complaint to make of the treatment her master accorded her, she told the detectives. He kept her well supplied with money and gave her jewellery and costly dresses, and her meals consisted of dainty Chinese dishes. But she had not seen light from the time she entered the windowless, box-like room, and she blinked her eyes when Detectives Brickey and Reilly led her into the street.

It was like a strange dream—the two weeks in darkness, save when her master smoked opium and the glow of the peanut oil lamp penetrated the gloom. When he was away he had cautioned her to keep the room dark, so none would learn of her presence, and to respond to no knocks at the door, and, terrorized, she obeyed his commands and unwittingly kept the detectives off the scent until yesterday morning, when they broke into the room.

Christiana Braun had run away from her home in Weehawken, N. J. She was sent to the Children's Society, and Joe Wong, her master, was committed to the Tombs in \$5,000 bail to answer to a charge of abduction.

REPLIES TO WHITNEY

London Economist Arraigns Him For Bad Faith.

The London Economist of August 28 contains a lengthy editorial replying to Sir James Whitney's statement as to his course complained of in breaking faith with British investors in Ontario electric enterprises. We quote from it:

"In 1903 the Electrical Development Company of Ontario contracted with the Niagara Falls Park Commission, a body appointed by the Ontario Government, for a supply of power for sale and delivery to Toronto and other municipalities. To construct its works, the company sold \$8,000,000 of bonds in England and Canada, while upon the remaining \$2,000,000 it had authority from the Provincial Legislature to issue \$10,000,000 worth—advances were obtained in London. The Park Commission, which is the Government under another name, covenanted not to compete with the company, save under circumstances that have not arisen. Nevertheless, the Government established quite recently at Niagara another agency of its own, known as the Hydro-Electric Commission, with a Minister of the Crown at its head, and is proceeding to build transmission lines for the delivery of a number of western Ontario municipalities, Toronto included, of power which this new commission derives from an American plant on the Canadian shore, that in turn generates it from the water of the Niagara River, and an arrangement made with the Park Commission."

After calling attention to the fact that this is a manifest breach of contract, and a moral wrong to the British and Canadian investors, the reply deals with Whitney's legislation making legal what was illegal, and forcing the municipalities into contracts different from those submitted to the ratepayers. Such a course, it says, is likely to damage the public credit of Canada. "Further, the whole of the legislation may be unconstitutional for another reason, that by the Government of Ontario has throughout assumed jurisdiction over the water in the Niagara River, which first, as a navigable stream above and below the cataract, and second, as constituting the boundary between Canada and the United States from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, is surely within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dominion Government and Parliament."

"Sir James Whitney cites the English laws giving finality to the decisions of the executive departments of the British Government in certain matters in justification of his legislation in that respect. He is, apparently, not aware that the same practice is very generally disapproved in England, and that in June last the Lord Chief Justice entered a dignified protest against it, saying that whereas in time past the judiciary had stood between the people and the Crown and had protected the people, it might be necessary for some time to say to the people and the executive, in order that the executive might not presume to be the final interpreter of Acts of Parliament."

"Besides, there is an important difference between refusing access to the courts from the decision of a Government Department in England and refusing it from an Act of a Provincial Legislature in a British dominion possessing a federal system of government, under which the Legislatures, though subordinate politically, exercise original jurisdiction over property, civil rights, and other matters counted amongst one's dearest possessions. If for nothing else, for the sake of their credit in the English money market, Canadians should lose no time in procuring such amendments to the British North America Act as, without reducing the Legislature to impotence, shall curb their propensity to legislate by executive order, and of the principles of justice and fair dealing."

"Sir James says his present statement is not a reply to his critics so much as a complaint against their methods and that he and his colleagues intend at their own time to make a detailed answer to them by a quiet and dignified way, and that it will show that the facts above given are susceptible of a different gloss and conclusion from those at which we reluctantly arrive. He is an able and honest man, but has, perhaps, been led astray by his public-ownership friends in Toronto, some of whom are disposed to regard the private investor in public services as a noxious monopolist to be got rid of in as shabby a fashion as the law allows."

"The rush of the fall business is now on, Finch Bros.' report being unusually busy. Their five made-to-order departments are fast filling up with orders for the coming season, and ladies desiring garments made to measure should lose no time in placing their order and choosing the materials now. Large assortments of the new dress and suiting materials are ready and choosing now is easy and best. Saturday being the great shopping day of the week, Finch Bros. are advertising to-night a very special savings in many lines of the new goods for the autumn, read about them. They will interest you. Besides, the display of the new autumn merchandise should charm the heart of every woman. Make a note of it and shop at Finch Bros. Saturday."

IS AN EMBEZZLER.

Ex-Station Agent Gets Two Years in Belleville Court.

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An Expert New York Corsetiere Will be in attendance at THE RIGHT HOUSE Corset Department Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 16th, 17th and 18th, for the purpose of demonstrating the celebrated Nemo Corsets. All fitting will be free of charge.

The Right House HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE

"Self-reducing" Nemo for Stout Figures. A very prominent feature in the Nemo Corset demonstration at The Right House, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, will be the special Nemo Self-reducing Corset, the only perfect Corset for stout figures.

Autumn Garments and Goods: Very Latest

Huge spot-cash purchases in every department give THE RIGHT HOUSE price advantages that are once more drawing people who know quality, who recognize exclusive design, who want to dress smartly and yet not waste money. Not only can we point to genuine exclusiveness in design in our suits and costumes, but exclusiveness in many of the world's most famous weaves of goods for Hamilton and vicinity.

Table Linens Pretty Fall Costumes, Coats and Skirts Autumn Gloves

THE RIGHT HOUSE showing of Fall Costumes, Coats and Separate Dress Skirts, is the centre of attraction for the smartest dressers of Hamilton and vicinity, as well as for those who want stylish and well-wearing garments at popular prices. We show costumes up to \$50 in price, but give description here of a couple of the more popular priced designs.

Table Linens The RIGHT HOUSE has long been known as one of the "linen" stores, that is known for dependable pure Linen values and for the wide choice in price and design. We have more than lined up to our reputation in this Autumn's selecting from the best known makers in all the world. We mention a couple of lines: Pure Linen Table Cloths in very best Irish and Scotch weaves. Many new patterns now shown for the first time. In 72-inch square size at \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$3.75. In 72 by 90 inches, at \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$4.00.

Costumes—Ladies' and Misses' Costumes of Venetian and Sedan Cloths; in navy, green, black, grey or brown stripe; semi-fitting coats, well lined, trimmed with self, satin and buttons; pleated skirts with front panel. An excellent RIGHT HOUSE value. SPECIAL \$22.50 COSTUMES—These styles are very exclusive, both in design and color; made of Cheviots and Broadcloths; in wistaria, green, blue or smoke; silk and satin lined. Coats semi-fitting, 40 to 48 inches long. Full skirts with pleats and panel effects; self, silk, satin and jet button trimmings. Very special value at our price.

COATS—We have a special showing of Ladies' and Misses' Semi-fitting Coats of Beaver and Cheviot, in green, brown, blue and black; 48 to 52 inches long; velvet collars; self and button trimmed. \$15.00 COATS—Some of the best values ever shown at this price are now on exhibition at THE RIGHT HOUSE Mantle Department. They are of Cheviots, Beaver and Kersey Cloth, Serge, etc., semi-fitting; 48 to 52 inches long; some self trimmed and with velvet collar, others braid trimmed. These are elegant sample coats and are wonderful values.

Autumn Gloves Ladies' Kid Gloves—Perrin's celebrated make, in two-dome length, neat over-seam stitching; shades are ox-blood, myrtle, navy, grey, brown, tan, white and black. A magnificent RIGHT HOUSE value at \$1.00 a pair. Perrin's celebrated "La Rive" Kid Gloves, in the new plume and mole shades, two-dome length; neat over-seam stitching. An exceptional value at \$1.25. Perrin's and Dents' Cape Gloves in one-dome style; saddle sewn; a strong reliable line, and well known to the glove-wearing world. An unrivaled value at \$1.25 per pair. Chevette Tan Gloves, in 6-button length, with Cape strap wrist, at \$1.75 and \$2.00. Chevette Tan Gloves, in 12-button length, at \$1.75 to \$3.00 per pair. Chevette Tan Gloves, in 16-button length, \$3.00.

Napkins to match above—20 by 20 inches, also 22 by 22 inches, at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.75, \$3.25 and \$4.00; these prices in either size. Pure Linen Tabling Also Bleached Pure Linen Tablings, 72 inches wide; new stock; many beautiful designs, including open and closed borders, floral and conventional patterns. At \$1.13 and \$1.35 per yard.

Blanket Coats Children's Blanket Coats, just arrived; in red and blue, red piped with blue, and blue piped with red; warm storm collars; in size suitable for children of eight years, \$7.00; children of 10 to 14 years, \$7.50. Excellent values. \$25, \$30, \$35, \$37.50.

OUR \$7.50 SKIRTS—Smart new Dress Skirts in Panamas and Cheviots, made in the new close-fitting yoke effect, with full pleating below, trimmed with large jet buttons, giving the skirt a fine tailored finish. OUR \$9.50 SKIRTS—Elegant and very fashionable Dress Skirts; made with yoke and front panel; two pleated gores at each side, finished with jet buttons; also panel back. These are in all popular shades—brown, navy, green, black and new stripe and check effects. SKIRTS AT \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$16—Most exquisite and perfect productions of this season, in finest weaves of voile; newest and smartest pleated styles. ALSO Skirts at a number of other prices, beginning at \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50 and upward.

Kid Glove Special Just received and placed on sale one of the best bargains in Ladies' Kid Gloves that we have been able to offer for many a day. They are in one-dome style, pique sewn, neat spear-point ornamental stitching on back; in tans and browns; a magnificent RIGHT HOUSE value at 75c a pair.

Colored Dress Goods Complete Beautiful newest Autumn weaves and patterns, many of them exclusive to THE RIGHT HOUSE. Armure Self-stripe Suitings, Cheviot Suiting, Tricott Suiting, Satin Cord de Chine, Worsted Suitings, Fancy Broadcloth, Chiffon Broadcloth, Novelty Satin Cloth.

Black Suitings Admiralty Cheviots The celebrated Admiralty Cheviots, for which THE RIGHT HOUSE has exclusive sale for Hamilton. In plain, herringbone and stripe effects. Already shrunken and guaranteed fadeless. In 44 and 46-inch widths, at 75c. Panamas, Sail Cloths and Canvas Cloths Most durable popular priced dress materials you can find. Suitable for Winter wear, and especially adapted for rough weather; all fast black. In 45 and 46-inch widths, at 75c a yard. Black Resilda Cloths Very new and very popular; in lovely crystal Shantung, also diagonal and new corded effects; bright, rich, lustrous finish. Very durable for all-round wear, also very dressy. Just right for either suits or dresses. Very special value at \$1.15 and \$1.25 per yard. Black Broadcloths Complete range of Broadcloths from most reliable French makers; short close nap; well finished and very durable. In 54-inch width, at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

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WOMAN BANKRUPTS IN ENGLAND Reasons of Failures—Dressmakers Who Give Credit. More women failed in business during last year than in 1907, according to a return just issued by the Board of Trade. Of the total of 441 failures there is a preponderance of married women bankrupts, the proportion being: Married women 208 Widows 154 Spinsters 82 The trade that has proved most disastrous to the business woman is dressmaking and millinery, as is shown by the following table: Trade Failures Dressmaking and millinery 49 Grocers 37 Drapers and haberdashers 34 Lodging house keepers 22 Publicans and hotel keepers 21 Confectioners 20 Tobacconists 14 Butchers 12 Stationers 11 Boot and shoe dealers 10

question put to the head of a flourishing dressmaking business in Mayfair. "There are three principal reasons," was the answer. "Too little capital, too long credit, and lack of hereditary business instinct. "Only dressmakers starting with big capital can afford to give credit," she added. "A ready money basis is the only possible one for a woman whose capital is restricted. Another common mistake is to launch out either in the west end or in a high rented district on the fringe of the fashionable quarter, where many rivals and heavy outgoings must be encountered. The suburbs are crying out for good dressmakers and there is money to be made by women who will conduct their establishments on businesslike lines. "Many women have lost good customers by the unbusinesslike fashion in which they promise a gown for a certain date and never trouble to see that the promise is kept." The head of a firm of accountants said: "The fatal mistake made by women without business training is their idea that they can count on immediate profits. They make no allowance for the long period in which the business must be built up."—London Daily Mail.

FELL AGAINST BEDPOST. Jury's Finding on Death of William Hendrie, of Sarnia. Sarnia, Sept. 9.—That the deceased came to his death by accidentally falling against the bedpost in a room in his hotel while under the influence of liquor, was the verdict of the adjourned inquest on the Hendrie case this evening. Dr. McDonald and Wilkins said the appearance of the wound was consistent with its having been caused by impalement on the sharp point of the bedpost, beside which the dying hotel-keeper was found. Another report says that first class electrical engineers are needed in the Argentine republic for the installation of tramways, electric light plants, telephones, elevators, motors, etc., but the pay is fully 20 per cent. less than the usual pay of such engineers in New York.

PETS OF GREAT LADIES. Some Curious Affections of London's Social Favorites. Some pretty rough things have been said about the affections of English aristocracy from time to time, but the recent accounts of their household pets are about as incomprehensible as any of their other follies. The greyhound and the long silky eared spaniel are a thing of the past. The Duchess of Marlborough is said to have a special fondness for serpents. She spends days also in the park at Blenheim with the gazelles, which in her society seem to forget their traditional shyness. Her other pets are grotesque looking pelicans which may be seen about the shores of the ponds. Lady Warwick, the titled Socialist leader, especially loves white animals, and in her grounds at Warwick are even peacocks, all kinds of white birds, white a white elephant. Her special treasure is a white parrot, which is said to be more than a century old. Lady Cadogan has a famous collection of snakes. She is able to drape some of them about her in such a way that they serve as jewelry. Among her pets are two trained lizards. Lady Cottenham nurses with great care her dormice, and Lady Churchill is said to be happiest when her crocodile is near her. Lady Hope's pet is an ape from Senegal, while Mrs. Rose Hubbard, one of the most popular of the women in Mrs. Keppel's set, raises geese. Miss Rosa Boughton, one of the most likeable of the unmarried girls in London society, insists upon taking to all the houses that will allow her a hyena that she brought from Constantinople and has tamed.

Women on School Boards. In the town of Holden, Mass., there are four women on the school board. Attleboro, Fall River, Melrose, Shavou, Tyngsboro and Woburn each have three women members on their school committees, and thirty other towns and cities have two each. In all there are 173 school committees in the State composed partly of women. CASTORIA The Kid You Have Always Bought. Beware of cheap imitations. The weakest individual can sometimes break a promise.