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SILK WAISTS —FOR— Christmas Gifts

No lady has too many separate waists. You are always safe in giving a silk waist. If the size is not just correct it can easily be changed after Christmas. We have the daintiest lot yet—some we have just received specially for the holiday trade. Colors are Sky, Pink, Grey, Navy, Cardinal, White and Black—styles are just the correct mode. Prices are:—\$4.25, \$5.00, \$6.00.

Handkerchiefs.

You can always fall back on Handkerchiefs. Whether you want an expensive or an inexpensive gift, handkerchiefs fill the bill. Ladies' fine pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, very special value at a box, \$1.50.

Men's fine pure linen plain hemstitched handkerchiefs, very special value at a box, \$1.50.

Umbrellas.

This season is peculiarly adapted for umbrella gifts—nothing could be more appreciated by lady or gentleman.

Ladies' Silk Umbrellas, the lightest and most stylish kind, with the noblest kind of handles, extra values at \$3.50 and \$5.00.

Men's Silk Umbrellas with newest sort of handles, and the quality of covering that never fades and lasts for years, extra values at \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.00.

Rugs.

No house has too many rugs in it—like pictures on the wall, they complete the furnishings of the floor. Prices are low or high just as you want, but you get a pretty rug at the lowest prices.

Tapestry, Smyrne, Axminster, Velvet, \$1.00 Each up to \$7.00.

Ladies' Ties.

A new lot just arrived that we wired for a few days ago, also a new lot that have just come out of the hands of our skillful makers. An immense variety in stocks, ties and ribbon ornaments at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Kid Gloves.

If the size is not correct change them after Christmas. No matter what else you give you can add a pair of our guaranteed kid gloves, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Thomas Stone & Son.



THE ARK. SANTA CLAUS IS HERE....

Saturday's Rush has not exhausted our supply of Xmas Novelties..

TO LOVERS

OF FINE ART CHINA would state that we have just received by express case of very CHOICE LIMOGES CHINA, consisting of Pudding Sets, Berry Sets, Salad Dishes, Celery Trays, Pin Trays, Comb and Brush Trays, Cups, Saucers, etc.

SPECIAL PRICES ON LAMPS.....
For the remaining THREE DAYS. See samples in the window. We have a good supply of "FAMOUS" STOVES AND RANGES in the rear room.
DINNER SETS, TEA SETS, TOILET SETS AND LAMPS ON 2ND FLOOR.
Prices Always the Lowest.

...H. Macaulay...

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 9, Chatham Township, to act as assistant, female. State salary and qualifications. Applications will be received up to Dec. 20. Address John T. Holmes, Tupperville, Ont. 160w.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 10, Chatham Township; duties to commence in January. Applications containing qualifications and salary required should be addressed to David Thorp, Oungah.

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend.

MARCONI'S WORK.

PREPARATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESS.

DELAYED BY DIFFICULTY IN GETTING MACHINERY.

SENDING THE FIRST MESSAGES ACROSS THE SEA.

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 23.—Marconi's modest little office at bleak Table Head was flooded with congratulatory messages from all parts of the world, and the wireless wizard was in great spirits.

The first inkling that his experiments were crowned with success was obtained on Sunday morning, when one of Marconi's staff asked the Cape Breton Yacht Club at Sydney for the loan of a number of flags, as Mr. Marconi evidently intended to celebrate the success of his work by a display of bunting at Table Head.

When seen yesterday Mr. Marconi at first stated that he had nothing more to give out than had been contained in his messages. When asked for the text of some of the messages transmitted, he said that as a matter of etiquette they would have to be given out first from England, and that the messages would probably be published in the English papers to-day.

"I have no objections whatever," he said, "to telling you between whom the messages were sent. In the first place, there was one from Lord Minto to King Edward; then there was one from myself to the King, to which I received a very nice reply, congratulating me on my success. I also sent a message to the King of Italy, and received an answer of congratulation in reply. Commander Martini of the Italian cruiser Carlo Alberto sent a message to the Italian Government, and received a reply. Other messages sent were from Dr. Parkin to the London Times and from Sir Richard Cartwright to the Times. All these messages were transmitted successfully. The message from Commander Martini to the Italian Government was in Italian, and despite the difficulty of working with English operators, both were successfully transmitted. I sent all these messages myself, and they were received by Mr. Woodward, chief of receiving staff at Poldhu.

"When did I first succeed in transmitting messages from Table Head to Cornwall? Well, it was about a month ago. The first messages were, of course, in code, and were simply queries, such as 'How is there?' We would have been in a position to transmit messages much sooner but for delays in obtaining machinery of all kinds. We are, as you can see, somewhat out of the world here, often we are isolated as far as Montreal for parts of machinery. This, of course, delayed us greatly, even after the first message was sent. A slight defect was found in one of the instruments, and it required two days to remedy that and this, of course, delayed us when we will have our station ready for commercial purposes. All that is required here is a little organization, which is merely a matter of a little time. Some time ago, however, the English Government, which controls the telegraph system of the United Kingdom, refused to make connection with the Poldhu station, and this, of course, will have to be done before we can do a commercial business.

"It was rather amusing," said Mr. Marconi, "for us to read rumors of failure in the newspapers, just at the time when our experiments were being successful. Yes, the Carlo Alberto sailed yesterday, but it was not before her object in being placed at my disposal had been accomplished, and a message had been sent from her commander to the King in the commander's presence, and that was during the night before last. I will remain here some time, and then proceed to the Cape Cod station, and from there to Cornwall, to make arrangements for opening for commercial business."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A very enjoyable Christmas entertainment was given by the children of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday school last evening. Rev. W. E. Knowles, pastor of the church, presided over the program, which consisted of songs by Willie Hoag and Miss Hope Rankin, instrumental solos by Misses D. Foreman and Vera Smith, and a recitation by Miss Cora Marshall.

After the program the children indulged in games and each of them was given a bag of candy. One commendable feature of the Sunday school Christmas was the distributing of edibles among the poor of the city. Each of the children of the school brought articles of food to the Sunday school room last night and these were sent around to the different families in need this morning. As a result, Christmas will be made brighter and happier in many a home in which the day would otherwise have passed by unnoticed.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods and daughter, of Minnesota, are visiting friends in Chatham.

AN OLD COIN

A. Berard, of this city, has in his possession a coin which is probably the oldest ever seen in this city or vicinity. It is an old English farthing made in the year 1475. It formerly belonged to the late Louis Cartillet, of this city. Mr. Berard found the coin in an old box of trinkets left in the house lately occupied by the deceased gentleman. The coin is in the best of preservation and the lettering and date can be easily distinguished. He has been offered \$10 for it, but refuses to part with his relic.

PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES.

PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF THE LAST CENSUS.

The Proposal of the Provincial Premiers' Conference—A Difference on the Fisheries Award Division.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—There is pretty reliable authority for the statement that what the Provincial Premiers ask for the resolutions adopted at the final meeting of the conference on Saturday is the readjustment of the Federal subsidy of 80 cents per head of the population of the Provinces, so that hereafter it may be always calculated upon the basis of the last decennial census, instead of upon that of 1861, as arranged at Confederation. This means, of course, a considerable increase in the sum of the actual subsidies paid to the Provinces, but a limit to this increase is provided. When the population of any Province has so augmented that the subsidy at the rate of 80 cents per head would exceed the sum of \$2,500,000 per annum, the resolutions propose that the subsidy shall be reduced to 50 cents per head.

On the subsidy question the delegates were practically unanimous, but it is understood that Attorney-General Longley, on behalf of Nova Scotia, dissenting from the others on the question of the fisheries award of \$5,500,000, the division of which between Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is now demanded. It would appear that Nova Scotia considers itself aggrieved without this division, and hence its dissent from the resolution of the conference on the subject.

Speaking at the Board of Trade banquet on Saturday evening, Premier Tupper of New Brunswick told his hearers that when the Provincial Premiers went to Ottawa he expected to hear it yelled out that they had gone there to make another raid on the treasury. In the past they had no been in the habit of making such raids and they did not intend in the future to make any illicit demands upon it. They would simply ask for their rights.

The Provincial Premiers and their colleagues who were still in town on Sunday attended by invitation Divine service at the Anglican cathedral, and were accompanied with seats in the Governor-General's pew. The coronator choir sang the service.

During their flying visit to Quebec on Saturday Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann saw Premier Parent, and it is understood, discussed with him the chance of obtaining a Provincial subsidy for the extension through this Province of the Canadian Northern line to the port of Quebec as its eastern terminus.

ALL FRANCE INTERESTED.

RETURN OF THE HUMBERTS IS EAGERLY AWAITED.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The public awaits with intense interest the return to Paris of the Humberts, the famous swindlers, and their accomplices, who were arrested in Madrid. Not since France was shaken by the Dreyfus affair has the country been so profoundly moved as it is by the developments in this case. The French newspapers are devoting all their energies to elaborate presentations of the celebrated case. Some papers assert that the arrest of the Humberts is only a prelude to even more sensational developments, which involve personages in the foremost ranks of the political, judicial and social world. The indications are that the Dreyfus affair will also be dragged again before the public, and a message will be a renewal of the animosities of the anti-Semitic discussion. Deputy Gauthier has taken the initiative in asserting that the relatives of Dreyfus are among the heaviest creditors of the Humberts, and that this alleged fact excited an important influence in highest Governmental quarters during the Dreyfus trial. Velled allusions have been made to some of the men most prominent in public life, some newspapers even going so far as to name those alleged to figure, directly or indirectly, in the affair, and public opinion is intensely wrought up over the expected developments.

The Ancient Order of Foresters sent a turkey this week to the widow of every late member of the lodge. Secretary William Benson and Treasurer Ed. Cape financed the gift.

HOSPITAL BOARD AND STAFF DO HONOR TO MISS JOHNSTON

Handsome Presentations and Hearty Eulogies Last Evening—
Ex-Mayor Malcolmson, Chairman of the Board, Pays
High Tribute to the Lady's Work and Abilities
—A Very Inspiring Address.

Miss Bella Johnston, formerly superintendent at the Public General Hospital, now occupying a similar position at the Mineral Baths, was last evening presented with a handsome gold watch and chain, suitably engraved, a ladies' companion and several eulogistic addresses, at the Hospital.

The Hospital Board, comprising Chairman Hugh Malcolmson, Judge Houston, Mansson Campbell and Secretary McKendall, were present, together with the 14 nurses. The occasion was taken advantage of to express in some degree the great appreciation which the Board felt for the splendid work Miss Johnston had done for the hospital.

Secretary McKendall read the following extract from the minutes of the regular Hospital Board meeting held on December 6th:—
"After all business had been transacted, Mr. Malcolmson requested Mr. S. F. Gardiner to take the chair, as he (Mr. Malcolmson) wished to make a resolution. He referred briefly to the great loss which the Public General Hospital had sustained in losing the valuable services of Miss Johnston. Since the opening of the hospital this lady had devoted both her time and talents as a superior trained nurse and likewise had given the institution the full benefit of her excellent executive ability as a superintendent. In this way Miss Johnston's efforts had largely been the means of building up the Hospital and placing that institution in its present creditable position.

"Few know better than the speaker the sacrifices of personal comfort and finances that Miss Johnston had made. She had even given up her own room to patients, nor had she ever received more than one-half the salary which was paid in similar institutions.

"Mr. Malcolmson then moved that a room in the hospital be granted to Miss Johnston for her own personal use whenever she desired it, sick or well, free of charge.

"All the other members of the Board concurred and the motion carried unanimously."

After Mr. McKendall had concluded, Mr. Malcolmson presented Miss Johnston with a handsome gold watch and chain in a beautiful case. Mr. Malcolmson, on behalf of the Board, paid a high tribute to the ex-superintendent, and the heroic manner in which she had toiled for the good of the hospital. The Board were sorry to lose her, but felt that the young lieutenant, on whose shoulders Miss Johnston's mantle had fallen, would continue the good work of her predecessor, since under Miss Johnston she had received her training. He trusted and felt that the nurses would all be loyal to Miss Kennedy.

Judge Houston, S. F. Gardiner and Mansson Campbell in brief speeches eulogized what President Malcolmson had said.

The nurses presented Miss Johnston with a sterling silver mounted mirror, brush and comb. The articles were engraved with Miss Johnston's initials. The following address accompanied the presentation:—
Dear Miss Johnston.—The staff of the Public General Hospital on the occasion of your resigning the office of superintendent, desire to express the feeling of friendship and good will they entertain towards you, and to assure you of their warm appreciation of the deep and kindly interest you have always taken in their welfare. The difficult and responsible position you have occupied for so many years has been filled in a way to gain the respect and admiration of those who have known you, but probably none have had the opportunity of knowing those sterling qualities of character you have displayed as those who have received their course of training and instruction under your guidance and supervision. The deep and unselfish interest you have manifested in the sick and dying have been a source of inspiration to us all, and we feel that whatever good we may accomplish in our chosen profession may be attributed, in a large measure, to your teaching and example.

We shall miss your aid and counsel more than we can express, and we are sure the public have reason to regret your severance from an institution you have done so much to bring into popular favor.

RALEIGH COUNCIL

In Raleigh Township there is a great contest expected for the Revere-ship. There are nearly as many candidates for the chief office as there is for the Council. Only five are said to aspire to the honor of being reeve of Raleigh. The candidates who are spoken of are A. J. Dolson, James Clayton, L. A. Pardo, P. J. Doyle and possibly R. J. Morrison.

The following are spoken of as likely candidates for councillor:—A. J. Crowe, River Road; Ed. Dillon, Merlin; George McKay, 11th Con.; and Alex. Macpherson, Cedar Springs.

SENSATION IN SAXONY.

THE CROWN PRINCESS MISSING SINCE DECEMBER 12.

Official Announcement Says that She Has Gone Abroad—Theory of Suicide Not Confirmed.

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 23.—The Crown Princess of Saxony fled from her home during the night of December 11-12. The Dresden Journal says:—
"The Princess, in a state of intense mental excitement, suddenly deserted her family at Salzburg and went abroad. The Saxon Court functions for the winter, including the New Year's reception, have been cancelled."

The foregoing paragraph in the official journal, which was inserted by order of the King and Crown Prince, has confirmed what for several days past has been regarded as an incredible tale. The Crown Princess, surrounded by her ladies-in-waiting and numerous attendants and servants of the royal household, has vanished so utterly that the police of every kingdom of Europe have for ten days been unable to trace her. The official announcement was made in order to obtain the aid of the general public in finding the Princess, and because the Court feared that she would remain in retirement at Salzburg rather than to return to her husband and children at Dresden cannot longer be maintained.

Accompanied by the Crown Prince, the Princess went to the castle of Rumpshausen, near Salzburg, a month ago. A week after their arrival the Prince broke his leg while hunting and was brought back to Dresden. The Princess, however, still remained at the castle. Why she did so the people of the Court did not know, except that the Princess, with gloomy tenacity, usually does what she wants. For a little while this explanation sufficed; then fragments of gossip began to reach Dresden. It was said that the Princess had surrendered herself to periods of nervous excitement, and that her eccentricities of deportment caused much concern to her suite and to some of her Austrian kindred, who were staying in the castle with her. It is now believed that she was under surveillance.

The narrative of the events at Salzburg during the night of December 11 and 12 as told in Dresden is that the Princess, who appeared to be in an unusually tranquil mood, retired before 12 o'clock, and after the music in the saloon. Three hours later, when a maid looked in on the royal bed chamber, some thing in the appearance of the bed prompted her to go closer and examine it. Instead of the Princess the maid perceived a dummy figure. She awakened the lady in waiting and the latter, with other members of the Princess' suite, searched all the neighboring apartments, then the entire castle, and finally the grounds of the castle, but no trace of the Princess was found. At dawn the police of Salzburg were informed of the disappearance, and inquiries were made throughout the whole country, but with no tangible result. The inquiry by the end of that day had extended to all parts of the Kingdom of Saxony, and on authority from Dresden on the end of the second day to all of Europe. The theory of suicide was suggested, and a fruitless search for the Princess has been made. All the ponds and other pieces of water in the vicinity of the castle have been dragged without result.

The disappearance of the Princess will doubtless cause the circulation of many stories. It is already related that she eloped, but inquiries made here have brought out nothing to substantiate or support this supposition.

BANK NOTE FORGERY.

Remaining Prisoners Sentenced to Terms of Penal Servitude.

London, Dec. 23.—The five of the remaining prisoners on trial here in connection with the bank note forgeries were sentenced to terms of penal servitude ranging from a year to 18 months. The sixth man got off with one month in prison.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Bank of Toronto opened a new branch at Oakville.

Very Rev. R. W. Stephens, Dean of Winchester, is dead.

John Smith, a teamster, dropped dead at his work in Hamilton.

The British cruiser Palas has been ordered from Halifax to Venezuela, and sails to-day.

The deaths as a result of the railway accident near Byron, Cal., now number twenty-three.

Donline Line steamers between Liverpool and Boston will call at Halifax, beginning next month.

Eleven men were drowned or died from exposure as the result of a collision between Boston schooners.

M.P. DISQUALIFIED.

JUDGMENT AGAINST BRUNET IN ST. JAMES.

WILFUL BLINDNESS EQUIVALENT TO GUILT.

MONEY PAID FOR THE COMMISSION OF CRIME.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Mr. Joseph Brunet, Liberal M.P. for St. James' Division, was unseated and disqualified. In giving judgment, acting Chief Justice Tait referred to a few words to the frauds in poll 37, to the payment of money by the respondent to Brault, an elector; Melancon, another elector, and the payment by these people of persons. No money had been paid by Mr. Honore Gervais, the legally authorized agent, who was the only one who had a right to play out any money for the legal expenses, according to law. What inference was to be drawn from the action of Brunet as revealed by the evidence? This was expressed by the acting Chief Justice as follows:—
"I think the inference we should draw is that the money was paid to Brault with the intention that it should be used in the manner it was used, and that defendant must stand responsible for the use Brault made of it. As has been said, wilful and intentional ignorance is the same as actual knowledge. As the money was used for corrupt practices, as, for instance, in the payment of persons, defendant must be held guilty of corrupt practices, and we consider it, therefore, our duty to annul the election and report accordingly."

Mr. Justice Loranget recited the circumstances of the case at length. The particulars upon which the annulment of the election was asked for included the frauds at poll 37, the tearing up of good ballots to be replaced by forgeries, the forging of ballots for people who had never voted, and the reception of votes from unauthorized persons, as well as a general system of corruption and personation throughout the constituency. The defendant contends that the frauds were committed by agents outside of his knowledge and control. Even if this were true, there is enough proved to annul the election. The fact of bringing together at the central polling place the crowd of miserable blackguards who had been hired to "telegraph" or personate, and the assembling of the same crowd in a cellar before polling, to get drinks and money to start on their nefarious work, was sufficient evidence of an organized plan of corruption and ballot-stealing. The Judge maintained that the question of agency was established, and, coming to the question of personal disqualification, his Lordship said the court had deeply pondered on the subject, and carefully considered their responsibility in the matter of depriving a citizen of his rights. The learned Judge then went into the evidence, showing how money had been paid out to secure the services of telegraphers, and to keep people away from the country. The payments made to Brault and Melancon, two electors, were in contravention of the law. They might not be sufficient to bring about disqualification, if it had been shown that the money had been used for legal purposes. Here it had been used, according to the evidence, to pay a lot of blackguards to personate and commit crimes. Some of it had even been paid to the poll clerk of poll 37 for participation in the crimes committed at that place against law and public order. Brunet must have known of these payments when he sent money up during the payments, and had to call the police to protect the payer. He who closes his eyes in order not to see corrupt acts is fully as guilty as if he had actually participated in them. The court, therefore, came to the conclusion that the respondent Brunet knew of the corrupt acts and countenanced them.

My dear girls.—I can only thank you from the bottom of my heart and say that your kind thoughts and feelings are fully reciprocated.

CURIOUS CHAIR

John Mains, Winnipeg, a former resident of this city, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Mains, Raleigh street. Mr. Mains was called home owing to the serious illness of his mother. He brought home with him a chair made of buffalo horns. This is one of a set of furniture made in the west and sent as an exhibit to England. Mr. Mains exhibited the chair from the set and it is a valuable and expensive piece of furniture, now, of buffalo horns.

FOUND DEAD

Joseph Radford, an old man who lived alone in Dover Township, near Chatham, was found dead in bed this morning. Radford was in the city yesterday and visited the hotels a little too often. Coroner Dr. J. L. Bray was notified and, after investigation, deemed an inquest unnecessary. The coroner gave the cause of death as general debility and heart failure due to neglect. The facts of the case were reported to the Crown Attorney, H. D. Smith.

SALARY \$1 A YEAR

John Newman, civil Engineer, Windsor, tells of an interesting little experience which he had near Leamington, a few days ago, with a hyper-officious apothecary of the township of Mersea. The man in question holds the position of pathmaster, overseeing a six-mile section of the public highway, and enjoys the princely salary of \$1 a year. The honors which the office entails have weighed heavily upon him, says Newman, and his 25 years' martyrdom for his country at the stipulated salary have by no means minimized his enthusiasm.

"At all events," said Newman, "I was busy running the line, when I was suddenly approached by the doughty officer. Without the formality of a 'how do,' he thundered out: 'How are you running that line?'"

"I dunno," I replied, not without hinting that it mattered little to him how I was doing it.

"Then my new acquaintance struck an attitude that would have reflected glory on a Pope-to-be-I-am-a-pretentious-south of the melodrama, and replied with gravity:

"Well, you see, I am the pathmaster and I want to know."

"The information was tendered him."

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Illustration of a man's foot wearing a shoe.