

The Daily Planet

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PEOPLE PAY FOR FARCE.

It is now recognized that whatever value the report of the Royal Insurance Commission may have as political literature, it is of no great service in the matter of insurance. The one thing that the organization as a whole seems to have taken seriously was the political inquiry. All the rest is a tumultuous jumble, and the report itself now appears to be an object of ridicule to every person who has knowledge of insurance. The Government has taken no action on the report, and has paid no attention to the draft bill submitted by the Commissioners.

But the inquiry was an excellent engagement for those employed in it. Parliament has voted already \$105,000 to pay the bills. Probably there will be other votes next year. There was a vote of \$20,000, then one of \$10,000, then one of \$75,000. The way some of this money went has been explained. Other explanations will perhaps be made next year.

Mr. Shepley, Counsel for the Government, was paid \$100 a day and moving expenses during the time he was employed. He also received a counsel fee which was not fixed until after he had finished the job. His pay went on after he had finished examining the witnesses, and all the time the Commissioners were supposed to be preparing the report. As Mr. Shepley is believed to have written the report, thus acting as prosecuting counsel, judge and jury, he probably earned his money during the period after the hearing as well as before. Down to April 10th Mr. Shepley had received \$8,000. It may be remarked here that his firm drew \$8,266 in the previous year in connection with other Government business. This included a round sum of \$7,500 for professional services in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific contract. Also it may be said that this professional child of fortune is now acting as counsel for the Government in the Bell Telephone inquiry. There is a minister of justice, a solicitor-general, a deputy minister of justice, and two or three legal advisers to the Department of Railways, but they cannot get along without Mr. Shepley, even though he comes high.

Mr. Tilley was Mr. Shepley's assistant. He got \$50 a day and expenses, and had drawn \$4,000 when last heard from.

Mr. Dawson, principal Actuary, was allowed \$50 a day and expenses, and had two assistants at \$20 a day and expenses. Altogether these Actuaries received \$7,743.80.

Then we have the Commissioners themselves. They were allowed \$30 per day in addition to their moving expenses. This pay seems to have gone on continuously. Payments on account down to April last were \$2,500 to Commissioner MacTavish, \$2,000 to Commissioner Langmuir, and \$2,000 to Commissioner Kent. Chairman MacTavish is a County Court Judge and has been a Commissioner before. Sir Wilfrid Laurier appointed Judge MacTavish to inquire into the Brookville and West Huron election steals and other frauds of a like character. These matters had been under discussion in the Privileges Committee and discoveries were made. It became necessary to choke off the inquiry and so Sir Wilfrid used his majority in the house to refer the charges to a Commission. It need only be said that the inquiry was never held.

THE STAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Theatre—
East Lynne—May 31.

"EAST LYNNE" TO-NIGHT.

Local theatre patrons will be afforded an opportunity this (Friday) night, at the Brisco Opera House, of witnessing a highly artistic and enjoyable presentation of the greatest emotional drama, "East Lynne," by Joseph King's New York company.

The production will be given under the personal supervision of Mr. Joseph King, a stage director of reputation and ability, and a highly artistic and meritorious performance is assured.

The intense scene in which the unfortunate heroine's child breathes its last is the supreme dramatic moment of this most touching of all plays.

Nothing has been left undone in the way of scenic aids and accessories and competent stage direction will insure a harmonious performance.

The company will undoubtedly be greeted by a large audience at the Brisco to-night.

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OUR ANNIVERSARY SALE

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A BARGAIN FEAST!!

TO

Celebrate Our Ninth Birthday

Surpassing Display of

NEW GOODS AT ALLURING PRICES

Right Goods, Right Methods and Right Prices have ever been the policy of this store. This is the, "Square Deal" Store. One Treatment, One Price and Good Attention to all. Nine years ago we started with this policy and have stuck to it religiously ever since.

Even progress so decided, and growth so great as ours—is not surprising. It is gratifying. It shows us that our earnest endeavors are justly appreciated. We know we are laboring in the right direction, and it stimulates us to greater things.

OUR NINTH ANNIVERSARY is too great an occasion to pass unnoticed. It calls for recognition. We cannot review our past without feeling grateful to our patrons for our past success.

It seems fitting to us that on this occasion we celebrate with a Birthday Party—with Bargains as a repast

So now for our Anniversary Celebration—a great big sale of generous economies. PRICES HAVE BEEN CUT. NEW GOODS ASSEMBLED AND EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DRESSED IN GALA SALE ATTIRE.

The sale will be an important one—the Bargains are in New and Wanted Merchandise. We can't do the sale justice on paper. You must come and see to realize its greatness. COME EARLY FOR THE BEST BARGAINS.

Sale Begins Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock, and will continue for 15 Days.

\$1 Lace Curtains, 83c pair.
3 1-2 yards long, fine strong net choice new designs, overlook edges, regular \$1 a pair, sale price

\$2 Curtains, \$1.48 a pair
46 pairs beautiful Nottingham lace curtains, 3 1-2 yards long, 50 in. to 58 in. wide, excellent value at \$2 a pair, sale price

\$4 and \$4.50 Curtains, \$3.68 a pair
Fine Nottinghams, cable nets, Brussels nets, etc., in elegant designs and finish, regular up to \$4.50 a pair, sale price

2 Bargains in Tapestry Curtains
16 pairs rich reversible tapestry curtains, full size, good range colors, rich fringe trimming, regular \$3 to \$3.50 a pair, sale price

Tapestry Curtains, \$3.89 pair
Rich heavy full size portiers in beautiful designs and colorings, heavy fringed ends, regular a pair \$4.50 to \$5.50, sale price

White Enamel Curtain Poles, 10c each
10 dozen 4 foot white enamel poles, with fancy brass trimmings, regular 15c. each, sale price

Brass Extension Rods, 4c each
Will extend 36 inch, complete with brackets, sale price

Extension Rods, 12 1-2c each
Heavy Brass Rods, will extend 54 inch, fancy gilt or silver ends, sale price

Special Carpet Values
Heavy Union Carpets, full yard wide, in new reversible designs, rich colorings, clearing at sale price a yard 25c, 29c, 33c, 39c and

Linoleums at Sale Prices
Heavy Scotch Linoleums, 2 yards, 3 yards and 4 yds. wide, in handsome new carpet and tile designs, elegant colorings, at a yard, sale price, 58c, 50c, 45c, and

25 Sheetings, 19c yard
Heavy plain English bleached sheeting, 2 yds. wide, regular 25c, a yard, sale price

Unbleached Sheeting, 19c yd.
400 yards heavy, plain sheeting, full 2 yards wide, regular 25c, at

Tapestry Room Rugs
In handsome designs, new colorings, at fully 20 per cent. less than regular values.
Size 9x7 1-2 ft., sale price \$3.90 and

Size 9x9 ft., sale price \$6.90
Size 9x10 1-2 ft., sale price \$7.50 and

Size 9 ft. x 12 ft., sale price \$9.90 and
Size 10 1-2x12 ft., sale price \$10.50 and

Size 10 1-2x13 1-2 ft., sale price \$12.90
Size 12x13 1-2 ft., sale price \$21.90

\$2.25 Hemmed Sheets, \$1.89
Fine quality bleached sheets, hemmed and ready for use, size 2 yards by 2 1-2 yards, regular \$2.25 a pair, sale price a pair, \$1.89

20c Pillow Cottons, 15c each
Fine quality, soft pure finish, bleached cotton, sizes 40, 42, 44 and 46 in., hemmed and ready for use, regular 20c. each, sale price

10c Toweling, 8c yard
700 yards pure linen Scotch crash toweling, full 18 in. wide, bleached, finished with red borders, the best 10c. quality, sale price

A Snap in All-Over Laces.
28 pos. fine imported all-over laces, 18 in. wide in choice designs, regular 75c., 85c., and \$1 a yard, sale price

Sample Combs, Half-Price
23 dozen side and back combs, manufacturer's samples, great variety of styles, in plain and mounted, Regular up to 8c. each, sale price

Regular up to 15c. each, sale price
Regular 15c. and 18c. each, sale price

Regular 20c. and 25c. each, sale price
Regular 25c. to 35c. each, sale price

Regular 35c. to 40c. each, sale price
Regular 50c. to 60c. each, sale price

Mill Ends Lawn
650 yards fine white lawn, 36 to 42 in. wide in lengths of 1 yard to 8 yards, each
Regular 10c., sale price per yd.,

Regular 12 1-2c., sale price per yard
Regular 15c. a yard, sale price, 10c

Regular 20c. a yard, sale price, 11c

25c Pad Hose Supporters, 19c
Foster's 4 strap hose supporters, in black and colors, the best 25c. supporter made, sale price

10c and 12 1-2c Curtain Materials, 8c yard
Fancy muslins, lace scrim, etc., white, ecru and colors, good range patterns, regular 10c. and 12 1-2c. a yard, sale price

20c Curtain Materials, 12 1-2 yard
Cotton spot and fancy muslins, 44 in. curtain lace, 40 in. scrim, nets, etc., plain and ruffled, regular up to 20c. a yard, sale price

40c Covers at 29c
Fine Lonsdale cambric, yoke made with 6 rows of fine lace insertion, trimmed with heading, lace and ribbon, fine tucks on back, regular 40c. each, sale price

25c, 35c and 40c Dress Goods at 19c yard
Lustrous mohairs, checks and plain materials, 36 to 42 in. wide, good range colors, all new goods, worth regular up to 40c. a yard, sale price

65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.00 Dress Goods, 58c.
34 pos. all new goods, including 54 inch tweeds, 52 inch mohairs and Scillians, plain and shadow check lustrous, ecru de chenes, etc., wide range of fashionable colors, and black, worth regular up to \$1 a yd., sale price

Big Lot Dress Goods Remnants
Fine long cloth cambric, deep full frill, with 3 rows tucks, 1 row 2in. frill, with hemstitched tucks, and deep lace, regular 40c. values, sale price

Drillers at 29c
Fine long cloth cambric, deep full frill, with 3 rows tucks, 1 row 2in. frill, with hemstitched tucks, and deep lace, regular 40c. values, sale price

7 inch frill of fine Swiss embroidery, special at \$1.75 each, sale price, \$1.39

75c to \$1.50 Flowers and Roses for 35c each
16 dozen beautiful flowers, rose and foliage, regular up to \$1.50 each, sale price

40c to 75c Flowers at 16c
19 dozen choice flowers, new fresh goods just in, regular up to 75c. each, sale price,

Extraordinary White-wear Bargains

25c Corset Covers, 19c
10 dozen fine lawn covers, made with fancy yoke of 4 inch lace insertion, finished with ribbon and lace, the best 25c. cover in the city, sale price,

35c Covers at 25c
8 dozen fine lawn covers, yoke of 6 rows fine lace insertion, ribbon and lace, all sizes, regular 35c., sale price.

40c Covers at 29c
Fine Lonsdale cambric, yoke made with 6 rows of fine lace insertion, trimmed with heading, lace and ribbon, fine tucks on back, regular 40c. each, sale price

\$1 Underskirts, 75c
Fine cambric, 12 in. lawn flounce trimmed with two rows embroidery, insertion and hemstitched tucks, edged with 5 in. Swiss embroidery, regular \$1 value, sale price,

\$1.25 Cambric Underskirts, 98c
Fine quality, with 18 in. lawn frill, trimmed with two rows 6 in. Swiss embroidery, a snap at \$1.25 regular, sale price,

\$1.75 Skirts at \$1.39
Fine Lonsdale cambric, deep lawn frill, with 3 rows tucks, 1 row 2in. frill, with hemstitched tucks, and deep lace, regular 40c. values, sale price

75c Bureau Covers, 49c
Fine Swiss applique bureau covers, size 20 in. by 54 in., in range of handsome designs, regular 75c each, sale price

\$1.39

85c Cambric Gowns, 59c
Good quality cambric, at full size, yoke of fine tucks with 1 row lace insertion, finished with heading, lace and ribbon, lace and merion, on sleeves, very special at 85c. each, sale price

\$1.25 Gowns 89c
Fine cambric, yoke trimmed with 4 clusters fine tucks and bows, with 2 rows 6 in. Swiss embroidery, lined with heading, lace and ribbon, extra value, regular at 1.25 each, sale price,

\$2 Gowns, \$1.63
Fine cambric gowns, with yoke of fine 1-over tucks, lace insertion and heading, panel of fine embroidery insertion, trimmed with lace down front, short sleeves, trimmed with tucks, insertion, heading and lace, a special \$2 gown, sale price,

Shirt Waist Suits, \$1.19
Good quality percale, in black and white, navy and white and ink and white checks, fast colors, made with tucks and bias folds on skirt, sleeves collar and down front, sizes 32 to 44, regular \$2.25, values, sale price,

Percale Suits, \$1.49 each
Good quality, in black and white, navy and white, pink and white, and navy and white stripes, fast colors, trimmed with tucks on skirt and waist, sizes 32 to 42, at each, sale price,

\$3.50 White Lawn Suits, \$2.89
Cool quality white lawn, full puffed skirt, trimmed with 3 rows white Swiss insertion, waist with all-over tucked front, trimmed with embroidery, insertion on collar and down front, sizes 32 to 42, the best value in the city at 3.50 each, sale price,

Beautiful Linen and Lawn Suits
Perfect fitting, prettily made and trimmed with tucks, lace embroidery, insertion, etc., at each, sale price, \$3.89 \$2.99 \$4 \$5 \$6 \$7.50 \$9.00 and

A Cleaning of Skirts
\$4.50, \$5, \$5.50 and \$6.50 skirts at 3.89—tweeds, vicunas, box cloths, panamas, chevrons, etc., in black, colors and mixtures, all this season's styles, dozens to select from in every want, at size, regular up to \$6.50, sale price,

\$6.50 Raincoats, \$4.89
Full length, cravenette raincoats, pleated or loose back styles, with or without belts, colors greys, fawns and navy, lengths 52 to 60 in., a snap at \$6.50 each, sale price,

\$3.89

\$4.89

49c

Coats at \$8.95
Black box cloths and kerseys, also fawn coverlets, fitted, box and half-fitted styles, 24 in. long, perfect fitting garments, trimmed with straps, braid and buttons, velvet or self-collars, sizes 32 to 42, sale price,

Tweed Coats, \$5.68
Stylish tweed mixtures, box style, with puffed back, collarless, double front, sizes 32 to 40, sale price,

Tweed Coats, \$7.89
Handsome styles in pretty tweed mixtures, loose styles, trimmed with strapping, etc., each, sale price

\$5 Silk Petticoats, \$3.89
Rich black French taffeta silk, cut wide, with full deep flounce, trimmed with ruffles and tucks, regular \$5, sale price

\$1.50 Underskirts, 98c
Rich black satin, made with deep flounce, trimmed with tucks, ruffles, pleatings, stitching, etc., lengths 38 to 44, regular up to \$1.50 each, sale price

Millinery at Less Than Half
18 doz. ladies' misses' and children's hats, in new, smart, correct shapes and colors, clearing at sale price

Ladies' Hose, 12c pair
60 doz. ladies' fine full fashioned fast black hose, seamless feet, double heels and toes, sizes 1 1-2 to 10 in., regular 15c. pair, sale price

Children's Hose, 15c pr.
Plain and fine in all sizes up to 10 in., fast black, seamless feet, double heels and toes, regular values up to 20c. per pair, sale price,

Embroidered Hose, 25c pr.
35 doz. ladies' fine Egyptian cotton hose, fast black, seamless feet, double ankles, seamless toes, sizes 1 1-2 to 10 in., regular 30c. pair, sale price

Ladies' Late Late Hose, 25c
Fine imported quality Harnessed fast black, full fashioned, fancy toe designs, at a pair, sale price

25c Vests 15c each
20 doz. ladies' fine Swiss re white vests, sleeveless, front and back yoke of lace insertion, trimmed with heading, lace, and heading on sleeves and shoulder straps, regular 25c. each, sale price

Ladies' Vests
Fine, bleached quality sleeves, half sleeves and sleeveless, elastic knit, trimmed with lace, heading and ribbon, two special lines at sale price, 10c and

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