

ADVANCE SALE OF Ladies' Spring COSTUMES.

We have received 12 Ladies' Costumes (no two alike) the vanguard as it were of the Spring Styles. We have marked these and placed them on sale at prices that should effect a speedy clearance.

Suit of Fine Black All-Wool Venetian Cloth

Coat tight fitting, 25 in. long, trimmed with silk military braid. Skirt pleated in prevailing style and trimmed with braid of same quality as coat. An elegant, stylish, well-tailored costume, cheap at \$20.00, Our Price \$16.50.

Costume of Brown Vienna Cloth

Jacket handsomely trimmed with silk military braid, pleated skirt also braid trimmed. An elegant suit for the price \$18.00

Suit of Vienna Cloth In Navy or Brown

Jacket 24 inches long, trimmed with self-strapping and buttons, pleated skirt made in latest style, looks good for \$15.00

Quick Selling Price 12.50.

Suit of Vienna Cloth, navy or black

Coat 27 inches long, tight fitting, made with Gibson shoulder, handsomely trimmed with silk military braid. Skirt 13 gores with pleat at each gore. An up-to-date stylish costume, looks like \$18, Our Advance Sale Price 13.50.

All Remnants on our Table to be sold at Half the marked Price to clear this week

Clarke & Co.

LADIES' STORE. SPRING GOODS.

Ladies' Waists in Lawn, Lustré and Print, Ladies' Wrappers, Underskirts, and Whitewear, Children's Dresses in Lawn, Linen, Prints and Cashmere, Hosiery, Underskirts and Hygienic Underwear Boy's Suits and Blouses. Infant's Dresses, Cloaks, Bonnets, Ruben Vests, Bands, etc. A nicer assortment of Muslins, Waistings and Dotted Swiss. New Shell Goods and Fancy Work Supplies, Gloves in White Silk, Kid and Fabric.

Mrs. S. McLEOD.

We wish to heartily thank the public for the most prosperous year in our history, and to intimate that our next term will begin the first Monday in Jan'y.

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The Edison Phonograph With Gold Moulded Records

Makes any evening short. It fills in hours that might otherwise lag, be wasted or even be ill spent. It is a harmless, wholesome amusement maker and one that brings out the qualities of sociability and enjoyment.

See the New Model for \$16.50, the best on the market for the money.

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Jewelers. Established 1889. Newcastle, N. B.

107 Chinese Attending School.

27 Are Sons And Daughters Of Yip Sang, A Much Married Man.

VANCOUVER, Friday.—There are now one hundred and seven Orientals attending the Central School, which is nearest the Chinese district. It is proposed to open a special room for them, as many Orientals of from eighteen to twenty years of age are sitting alongside Canadian children of six and seven. Of the total number not less than fifty Chinese are putting in study specially to evade the head tax of five hundred dollars, and establish a special privilege as students. Vancouver too, in this connection, easily holds the palm for the size of a family attending school. Twenty-seven of the Chinese boys and girls in the Central school are sons and daughters of Yip Sang, a prominent Chinese merchant, who has three wives living and several dead, and whose children are of school age.

\$1,000,000 Damage By Storm.

MONTREAL, Friday.—The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways estimate that the severe snowstorms that have raged for the last ten days have cost them close to \$1,000,000, between the greatly increased cost of operation and the enormous falling off in traffic.

A leading official discussing the blockades stated that the railways always found that freight traffic lost during a few weeks in the winter time was never regained, as it always took weeks to get the branch lines in condition that would permit of freight trains being operated, and in this way a very large amount of freight was held back till the opening of navigation, where advantage could be taken of the lower rates of the water lines.

The Grand Trunk state that in no previous winter was so large an amount of money spent in so short a period of time in trying to keep the different lines open. Owing to the storms being confined to Ontario and the Eastern provinces, the C. P. R. has not suffered to the same extent as it did two winters ago, when the severe storms raged throughout the Western Provinces.

The Canadian Northern Quebec lines were practically closed for the better part of all last week.

Olympic Club Preparing

OTTAWA, Saturday.—The Canadian Olympic Club convened today in the office of the Governor-General about twenty-five delegates being present from all over Canada.

In the morning the Central committee interviewed the Premier and received a very favorable reception regarding a government grant to assist in sending the Canadian athletes to London. It was decided to hold provincial meets in every province of Canada, the winners to meet in a final contest either in Toronto or Montreal not later than June 6th. All the preliminary contests in Quebec will be under Federation control; all the Maritime Provinces under the Maritime Amateur Athletic Union, and all other places under control of the C. A. A. U. All these events will be decided under same condition of government as will measurement, etc., as will prevail at Olympic contests.

MEETINGS LARGELY ATTENDED.

Government Candidates Making Great Headway in Northumberland.

Large meetings in the government interests were held Thursday night at Whiteville and Redbank, and each addressed by the four candidates. At Whiteville John McColm was chairman, and at Redbank, James Parks. At both meetings much enthusiasm was noticed.

A Line of Staples.

Foolscap, Note Books, Order Books, Time Books, Memorandum Books, Tablets, Papereries, Pen Knives, Pencil Holders, Ink and Pencil Erasers, Ink, Muclilage, etc., etc.

Follansbee & Co., Public Square, Newcastle.

Hon. William Pugsley Speaks at Chatham.

He Lays Bare the Inconsistencies and Hypocrisy of the Opposition Leaders.

The Masonic Hall at Chatham was filled to overflowing on Monday night by men who came to listen to Hon. Dr. Pugsley's address on the provincial political situation, and for two hours the immense audience heard with close attention his masterly expose of the hollow and worthless of the arguments put forward by Opposition writers and canvassers. Many had to leave for lack of standing room.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Dr. Pugsley characterized the campaign pamphlet of the Opposition dealing with the public debt of the province, as grossly incorrect and calculated to deceive the electorate. In order to make it appear that on Dec. 31, 1906, the province used nearly nine million dollars a treasury bill for \$250,000 had been counted three times. An item of \$250,000 had been counted in twice; and so with several other large sums. In truth the bonded debt on that date was only \$4,841,710.

At Chatham Mr. Hazen had given these erroneous statements in his speech. When called to account by the Opposition he had explained that the figures in his speech, thus repudiating the pamphlet. But the pamphlet must have been prepared by Opposition Executive, with Hazen's knowledge and consent. He should have chastised Organizer Hubbard for such a statement, but instead, he, at the St. John banquet had spoken of Hubbard's great services to the party. It was impossible for Opposition to have made such a mistake unintentionally, because the accounts are made up by the deputy provincial secretary and then gone over by the Auditor-General.

Though convicted of falsifying the accounts, Hazen has not withdrawn his charges. If the accounts were really wrong, Hazen's duty was to have opposed his (Pugsley's) election in St. John. But he did not do so, because he knew every figure in the Auditor-General's report was true.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

It was charged that the Board of Education were allowing school books to be printed at too high a price. He did not know of this personally, but he was informed that, taking the Readers by series, they were as cheap in N. B. as in any other province. Premier Robinson has promised to have the whole matter investigated and, if it is found that, by having all books the same for the different provinces or by any other means, the books can be secured more cheaply, they will be cheapened.

HIGHWAY ACT.

Mr. Hazen said he would repeal the Highway Act. He would not decrease the government allowance, but he does not promise to increase it. The

only change he would make would be to have the moneys spent by county officials. Whether that change would be better or worse would depend upon the men chosen to administer the Act.

In the speaker's opinion there was not money enough. That was all that was the matter with the highways. In this province the government built all the bridges. In other provinces such work had to be done by money raised by direct taxation. We cannot improve our road system without direct taxation.

CENTRAL RAILWAY.

The government has built a railway from Chipman to Minto and purchased the Central from Chipman to Norton. It was insinuated that certain individuals had made money out of this transaction, but no one had dared to make such a charge. The railway had been secured at less than \$800,000 over and above the subsidies—a very reasonable figure for 60 miles. The opposition had supported him in voting to refuse \$21,000 a year rental for the road. Senator King reports the road is now earning \$1,200 a month, and may soon earn \$30,000 or \$50,000 a year—good interest on the cost. It was estimated that the Queens-Sunbury coalfields contained nearly 250,000,000 tons.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY.

This road would run through 110 miles of fertile land covered by virgin forests. The government had guaranteed its bonds instead of subsidizing it. They had security on what should be built with aid of a double Dominion subsidy as well as of the provincial guarantee. The province ran no risk. Instead of doing as his government had done, the old government before 1883 gave away what built the roads in the west of the province. On those properties the C. P. R. was now paying a rental 4 per cent on a valuation of 20,000 a mile, or \$72,000 in all. 1,600,000 acres of land, now worth \$5 an acre, had been absolutely given away. The opposition held Premier Whitney of Ontario up as an example, but Whitney had guaranteed Canadian Northern from Toronto northward at \$20,000 a mile.

Dr. Pugsley, then amidst applause, mercilessly dissected Hazen's platform showing that it really guaranteed no change of any importance, but was written merely to catch the unthinking reader.

CONCERNING MR. MORRISSEY.

In 1903, John Morrissey, M. P. P., stated that he knew of persons paying half or less than half the Stumpage they should have paid. On March 31st 1903, Dr. Pugsley had challenged Mr. Morrissey to formulate charges, but the latter had backed out at the critical

moment. The whole Opposition had voted against the resolution calling on Mr. Morrissey to put his charges into definite shape. He did not believe a word of Morrissey's charges. There had been fair and honest dealing. When sceler McBeath had been found favoring Mr. Mott, he was dismissed, although Mr. Mott, then a government supporter, had begged in Mr. McBeath's behalf.

CROWN LANDS.

The Blair Government and its successors had refused to sell the Crown Lands. The province now had 7,000,000 acres worth at least \$21,000,000.

BALANCE AT OTTAWA.

Blair in 1883 withdrew a small portion of balance at Ottawa to construct departmental building, but it had never since been touched. It was drawing 5 per cent interest. The bulk of the increase of the debt since 1883 had been incurred in carrying out the railway plans voted in 1881.

Dr. Pugsley appealed to Northumberland County to support the Robinson Government; that the Dominion and Provincial Governments could work in harmony in dealing with the inland fisheries questions, the Halifax Award (which if settled as New Brunswick urged would add \$2,000,000 to the province's capital) and other problems. He wished to have his hands at Ottawa strengthened by a sympathetic local government.

MR. MORRISSEY NOT A LIBERAL.

Mr. Morrissey had said he was a Liberal, but would not be led by him (Pugsley). Well, rightly or wrongly he was the Liberal leader in New Brunswick, and he could not recognize Mr. Morrissey as a Liberal until the latter took back the false statements he had made about the leader of the Liberal party in the province.

Four weeks ago because of the false and slanderous statements of the Opposition pamphlets, it looked as if the Government might be defeated, but as a result of the Government campaign of education, it now looked as if the government would carry as many seats as in 1903.

The Government should be supported, because it had given the laboring men, the Woodman's Lien Act, Protection of Wage Earner's Act, Mechanics Lien Act, and Workmen's Injuries Compensation Act. Also because it gave equal justice to rich and poor, and honestly administered all public affairs. (Prolonged Applause)

Hon. J. P. Burchill, being called upon to make a short speech, that was cheered to the echo.

Chairman Snowball called for cheers for Dr. Pugsley, and for the King, which were given with a will, and the meeting dispersed.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

Brilliant Social Function at the Newcastle Opera House Last Night.

Rarely has the Miramichi beheld a more brilliant and pleasing spectacle than that presented at the hall and reception given by the Highland Society of New Brunswick at Miramichi in the Newcastle Opera House last night.

Six hundred invitations had been issued, and many scores of couples were attended and took part in the festivities of the occasion.

The hall, stage and gallery were magnificently decorated with flags and bunting, conspicuous among which was the old ensign of Scotland—the red lion rampant on a field of yellow—the lion of which is now happily, side by side with the lions of England and the harp of the Emerald Isle, part of the younger and still more glorious standard that floats o'er the empire upon which the sun never sets—an empire which could never have attained anything like its present grandeur and influence without the assistance of the hardy men of the North. Evergreens, conveniently placed, added to the beauty of the hall, and Tartan shawls draped the windows, reminding the beholders of the stalwart ancestors from whom they sprang. The whole was illuminated by one hundred and fifty colored lights, that gave one the impression of being on the borders of fairyland.

up stairs, which was tastefully decorated and brilliantly lighted. Mr. J. J. Fallon, the well known host of the Waverley, was the caterer, and at 11:30 the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast prepared in the style for which Mr. Fallon is noted far and wide. There were two tables, each seating about fifteen couples.

Varied and beautiful were the dresses worn by the fair ladies who were present. Some of the costumes were as follows:—

- Mrs. H. Williston—cream voile over pink silk.
- Mrs. C. C. Hubbard—black silk, lace trimmings, red carnations.
- Mrs. H. Fallon—black sequins over black satin, red roses.
- Mrs. John Robinson—black sequins over black silk, red roses.
- Mrs. Quinn—fawn voile, lace trimmings.
- Mrs. A. E. Shaw—white point d'esprit over white silk, pink carnations.
- Mrs. E. Hutchinson—black net over black silk.
- Mrs. John O'Brien—embroidered chiffon over white silk.
- Mrs. A. J. Ferguson—white embroidered brussels net over ivory satin, pearl trimmings, red carnations.
- Mrs. Gilmour Stothart—Blue silk colienne, silk trimmings.
- Mrs. D. W. Stothart—Green silk colienne, chiffon trimmings, pink carnations.
- Mrs. B. P. Steeves—blue silk, white carnations.
- Mrs. Geo. Stables—Black satin, sequins trimming, red roses.
- Mrs. Dennison (Toronto)—Black sequins over black silk, red roses.
- Mrs. Osborne Nicholson—Black silk colienne.
- Mrs. Lewis—White silk, pink and white carnations.
- Mrs. John Ferguson—Black silk, lace trimmings.
- Mrs. LeGallais—White net over white silk, red carnations.
- Mrs. J. D. Craghan—Black silk, chiffon trimmings.
- Mrs. J. R. Lawlor—Black net over black satin, sequins trimming.
- Mrs. Hutchinson—White point d'esprit over pink silk.
- May Williston—white silk, red roses.

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Too much credit cannot be given to the efforts of the committee in charge.

Messrs. John Robinson, Jr., chairman; A. J. Ferguson, Sec; A. E. Shaw, Wm Stables and Jas. McRae. Their work left nothing to be desired.

Messrs. George Stables and A. E. Soaw were floor managers and performed their task without a mistake. Dancing began at 8:30. Nearly 100 couples took part. The programme, exclusive of extras, consisted of twenty dances, as follows:—

- 1 Grand March and Circle.
- 2 Waltz.
- 3 Lancers.
- 4 Two Step.
- 5 Scotch Reel.
- 6 Militaire.
- 7 Quadrille.
- 8 Waltz.
- 9 Two Step.
- 10 Highland Schottische.
- 11 Lancers.
- 12 Rye Waltz.
- 13 Two Step.
- 14 Militaire.
- 15 Quadrille.
- 16 Waltz.
- 17 Two Step.
- 18 Bon Ton.
- 19 Waltz.
- 20 Two Step.

Supper was served in the dining hall.