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No. 9 Tea Kettles, regular \$1.25 now \$1.00; Teapots, regular 75c now 50c; Pudding Pans, regular 25c now 15c; Double Boilers, regular \$1.00 now 75c; Water Pails, regular \$1.10 now 90c; Preserving Kettles, regular 90c now 40c; Wash Bowls, regular 30c now 23c. Everything in our very large stock equally low. Ask for the "Bargain Counter." SPOT CASH.

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GOING AHEAD

The Firm of Thornton & Douglas are Establishing a New Store in Berlin

The firm of Thornton & Douglas, clothiers, whose headquarters are located in Stratford, Ont., are adding another to their list of retail establishments in this province.

The best proof of success in the mercantile field is shown in the expansion and improvement of business equipment. The Thornton & Douglas people have enjoyed prosperity, and the success of their enterprise is apparent wherever they have located their stores.

The new store is located in Berlin, and will be opened to the public in April of this coming spring. This will make four clothing stores under the control of Thornton & Douglas. They are already established in Stratford, Guelph and Chatham.

A magnificent factory in Hamilton, now nearing completion, will be opened and occupied by the firm's skilled workmen, during the coming season.

Business enterprise, combined with strictly honest methods has been the keynote to this firm's splendid success.

SHE DOESN'T TALK WAR

But France Feels Strain of German Attitude on Patience.

Will Appeal to the World in Open Conference at Algiers and Cease to Hold Any Further Private Negotiations—French Journals, However, Bitterly Attack Germany's Course—People Are Calm.

Paris, Feb. 21.—Germany's rejection of France's proposal at Algiers that the proposed Moroccan police system shall be French and Spanish has given renewed gravity to the Franco-German situation.

A semi-official note was issued announcing France's intention to discontinue private negotiations and to carry the question of policing Morocco before the judgment of the world in the open conference. The note states that Germany's reply indicates that it is evidently the desire of Germany to have the conference fail, and it adds that the delegates will not separate before 15 days have elapsed, and of discussing all the questions on the original program. The latter statement indicates that there is no present intention on the part of France to create a rupture by withdrawing from the conference.

French People Calm.

Notwithstanding the renewed strain in Franco-German relations growing out of the Moroccan question, public sentiment here remains entirely calm. The journals, including those in the governmental interest, bitterly attack Germany's course in the Algiers conference. They agree that France has reached the limit of her concessions. However, there is no recurrence of public excitement over possibilities of war.

Even the sensational newspapers make no illusion to war. La Liberté alone says: "While France wants peace, she does not want the Government to show weakness before the inflexible and almost humiliating pretensions of Germany."

The comparative steadiness of the bourse yesterday affords a disposition, philosophically, to accept the events at Algiers.

Another Clash.

Algiers, Feb. 21.—France's and Germany's proposals for the creation of a state bank in Morocco were submitted to the conference yesterday. Both the French and British delegates consider that the German proposition shows an absolute disregard for France's position as the largest and most privileged creditor of Morocco by giving every power equal controlling capacity on the administrative body without reference to preferential claims, relative to existing loans.

Other points with regard to the control of the finances of Morocco also aroused objections.

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THE RANKIN HOUSE LICENSE

WAS THE SUBJECT OF DEBATE

Hon. G. W. Ross Brings up Action of West Kent Commissioners in the Legislature—Premier Whitney Makes Strong Reply—Says From Now on Every Man Can Expect a Fair Deal Whether he be Grit or Tory

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—In the course of the address of the leader of the Opposition, Hon. G. W. Ross, and the Premier, Hon. J. P. Whitney, on the motion to adopt the speech from the throne, allusion was made to the license situation in Chatham in connection with the Hotel Rankin. The full text of the remarks of the respective leaders on this question was as follows:

After alluding to what he termed "a wholesale swinging of the political axe in license law administration," Hon. G. W. Ross undertook to illustrate from specific cases in Ottawa, Chatham and Toronto.

"Another flagrant case occurred in Chatham, where the license of the Hotel Rankin, one of the best in the town, was cancelled simply because the proprietor was a Liberal. Were there no politics in that? If not, I trust the honorable leader of the Government will furnish an explanation."

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TOKIO CHEERS

Emperor of Japan Breaks Through Custom in Personal Welcome

Tokio, Feb. 21.—The arrival of Prince Arthur of Connaught, coming to present the Order of the Garter to the Japanese Emperor, is the occasion of absolutely unprecedented evidences of rejoicing. Contrary to all custom, the Emperor received Prince Arthur at the railway station. The platform was crowded with court dignitaries and officers in full uniform. The decorations there consisted of Union Jacks and Rising Suns. The city was decorated with flags, lanterns, flowers and triumphal arches.

The impressive ceremony of the investiture of the Emperor of Japan with the British Order of the Garter took place yesterday in the presence of about eight high personages, including Crown Prince Arisugawa, the Imperial princess, Premier Salongi, Foreign Minister Kato, the household ministers, Field Marshal Yamagata and the entire membership of the party headed by Prince Arthur of Connaught, which brought the order, and the British ambassador, Sir Claude M. MacDonald, and the members of the embassy. Only those personages who were specially invited were permitted to be present.

An hour after the ceremony the Emperor visited Prince Arthur of Connaught and expressed to him his appreciation of Great Britain's friendship. A banquet was given at the palace last night, at which court dances were given by the court's exclusive artists.

Salvation Army Immigrants. London, Feb. 21.—"Last year we sent 4,000 to Canada, this year we expect to send 10,000. We have not had twenty complaints."

Such was the testimony of General Booth in an address before the colonial institute on immigration. He declared a million were on the verge of starvation in England and argued that immigration was the only remedy for this condition.

Gets 10 Years and 50 Lashes.

Napanee, Feb. 21.—Thomas Newport, an English laborer, working as a farm hand near Enterprise, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Madden to 10 years in Kingston penitentiary and to receive 50 lashes. Newport attempted to murder an Assyrian peddler named Sydal last December on the highway near Enterprise, striking him with an axe.

In the course of his reply the Premier, Hon. J. P. Whitney, said: "I am glad my honorable friend, the leader of the Opposition, has alluded to matters of license administration. It is quite true that I declared the administration should be removed from, and independent of, party and political influences. We found the system steeped in political immorality by our predecessors. This we are seeking to remedy."

"The leader of the Opposition has alluded to the case at Chatham. It was the practice of the late Government to make their licenses absolutely and in every instance for political reasons. It may be that the poison, which permeated the atmosphere during their disgraceful regime, has unfortunately extended to some of the men who support this Government. They have been unable to escape contamination. But we are undertaking to clear and purify the atmosphere. A new era is drawing and we hope to make the administration of the license laws as reasonable and decent in the future as they have been unreasonable and indecent in the past."

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DEATH'S GALL

The death occurred at six o'clock this morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. J. O'Neil, Wellington street, of Mrs. John Masterson, a respected resident.

The late Mrs. Masterson was formerly a resident of Harwich, but had been living in the city for the past two years. She was about 65 years of age. The death was very sudden and unexpected, the cause being heart failure. The late Mrs. Masterson's husband predeceased her some years ago.

There survive her four sons and two daughters, who are as follows: Henry, of Kent Bridge; Edward, of Dover; Thomas, of San Francisco; Michael, of Raleigh; Mrs. M. J. O'Neil and Mrs. A. C. Arnold, of this city.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

KILLED THE RAT

Public School Trustees have a Lively Time in the Central School During Their Meeting

Last night while the members of the Supply committee of the School Board were pondering over the matter of teachers' salaries and other grave and important things, Principal Plewes' private room in which the meeting was being held, was visited by a bold and ferocious looking rodent of monstrous size.

The rat made its appearance from beneath a couch and was first noticed by Chairman Paxton.

The creature settled itself back on its haunches and observed Mr. Paxton with gleaming eyes. It was as large as a small cat according to Dick's story, and had fierce bristles which stood up on its back like those on a wild pig.

The general chairman pinched himself thrice, then being assured that it was not a nightmare, motioned to his colleagues to have a look at the monster.

The daring animal hurriedly took to cover, but the sporting blood of the trustees was up, and they gave hot chase. Brooms, fire shovels and other emergency implements of offence and defence were hastily brought into service.

The rat's hiding place was discovered to be in the springs of the couch from under which he originally emerged. On being unearthed, the creature paid the penalty of his daring and was put to death.

It died from a thousand wounds, and a half-dozen Chatham school trustees stood flushed with victory, their courage unimpaired should the beast show any further signs of life. The "remains" were conveyed to the back yard, and the Board resumed business.

LADIES LOOK YOUNGER

Which is the desire of one and all. Take the trouble of visiting Prof. Dorend's private show rooms at Garner House, Chatham, on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, and see the many beautiful inventions in Styles of Human Hair Coverings, Wigs, Bangs, Switches, etc., and inspect his new patent structure.

FOR SUPPLIES

Tenders Were Opened by the School Trustees Last Evening—G. W. Sulman Is Low Man

A meeting of the Supply committee of the Public School Board was held in the Central school last evening to open and consider tenders for supplies. Three tenders were received and the one from G. W. Sulman was the lowest.

There were present at the meeting Chairman Paxton and Trustees Robertson, McArthur, Somerville, and Andrews, and Principal J. W. Plewes.

One of the most exciting and interesting incidents of the meeting was the killing of a huge rat, about one foot in length. Mr. Rat has had his nest in a lounge in the office of the school for some time. He didn't give up without a struggle, but there were six against one and the merry chase down the hall resulted in the ending of the life of the rat.

DEFIES COMMISSION

Frederick Nichols Absents Himself Though Subpoenaed.

Says Refusal to Give Evidence Wanted by Hydro-Electric Power Commission Would Be Breach of Faith With Shareholders of Company, but Premier Whitney Will Take Decided Action to Ascertain Reason.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—Yesterday afternoon in response to a subpoena requiring Mr. Nichols, of the Electrical Development Co. of Ontario, to give evidence as to the cost of his company's works at Niagara Falls and the cost of producing electric power, W. B. Middleton, his solicitor, appeared before the Hydro-Electric Power Commission to say that the non-appearance of his client was due to the fact that he could not furnish the information desired except by authority, which was not obtainable in the absence of the president, Sir Henry M. Pelham. Then Mr. Middleton added:

"Mr. Nichols is strongly of the opinion that in giving the particulars demanded he would be guilty of a breach of faith with the shareholders of the company."

The commission adjourned for legal counsel, and will announce their ultimate decision this morning.

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GOES TO PRIVY COUNCIL

Right of Christian Brothers to Teach in Ontario Schools.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The case involving the right of members of religious communities to teach in the separate schools of Ontario will go to the Privy Council. Application was made yesterday morning to the Supreme Court to hear the case, but leave was refused on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction.

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