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GREAT WHALES BECOME LITTLE.

Twelve months ago the sea was
full of great whales. A new breed
was amongst us, the like of whom
had never been before. We had heard
and seen captains of finance, but all
these were as nothing to the new kind
of financial whale that suddenly flashed
upon the public sea. In this school
of great whales Pierpont Morgan was
the greatest. Neither the President of
the United States nor King Edward, nor
William of Germany was in it with
Morgan as a great whale. Every
boy at school or in an office was told
to look at Morgan and try to be an-
other like him. Schwab was also a
whale that could splash the sea into
frothy foam.

These financial whales had a touch
magical; they first touched themselves
into multi-millionaires, and a great
many people under their mystic touch
imagined themselves worth millions.
These were the little whales. Still
thousands of others anxious to be
whales poured good money into the
propositions which the big whales had
launched. The whales made consoli-
dations, mergers, community-of-int-
erests, that dazzled the world. There
were millions of money in some of
them, even billions.

But something has happened in the
meanwhile. The great propositions
were full of either wind or water, or
both, and in some way this wind and
water has been let out. Prices have
declined to a surprising extent. Men
who thought they were immensely
rich are poor, and those who thought
they were fairly well off have nothing
left. They have been cleaned up by
speculation. Many have had to sell
out, and those who have been in on
margins have been sold out, and they
are all around where they are at and
where their money has gone. The great
big whales have lost proportionately with the smaller
fry. None of them know where their
phantom wealth has gone. Perhaps it
is in the banks and the loan com-
panies. We are afraid so. Perhaps the
widow and the orphan have it.
We hope not.

In Canada we had whales minor of
those that appeared in the New York
sea. They have all gone the way of
the bigger chaps in Gotham.

And now we come to the moral of it
all, and it is this: That these men
who were so prominent and who were
so competent to do everything twelve
months or more ago are today im-
portant. We suppose the managers of a
bank in New York would as soon see
the devil himself come into his office
as see Pierpont Morgan come in with
a bundle under his arm; and a Toronto
bank manager would assume the same
attitude towards some of our local
financial whales. For all these men,
the bank manager has now a frigid
look and a cold, cold hand. These one-
time whales of finance in New York, in
Toronto, are helping to today. They can-
not help themselves or help those who
followed them. They don't know which
way to turn. They have divided into
little fish with hungry eyes.

POLITICS AND PERSONALITY.
Liberal journals are expressing strong
disapproval of the publication of rumors
about the feeble health of Sir Wilfrid
Laurier and the probability of his early
departure. They say that these rum-
ors have a political origin, that the
wish is father to the thought; that the
Tories think Laurier is invincible and
want to get rid of him. Such motives
may influence those who regard office-
holding as the grand object of a public
career. This intense love of office is
one of the curses of Canadian public
life, producing on the one hand an
undue admiration for the successful
office-holder, and on the other a
side-sway and bitterness. In this
respect the experience of Sir Wilfrid
Laurier is not singular. Sir John Mac-
donald was the object of intense ad-
miration, and he was many times dom-
inated to death by his opponents. We
freely admit that this talk is equally
idle and uncharitable. But it all goes
with the office-holding idea of politics.

Another reason why so much attention
is paid to these rumors is that mortali-
ty plays so large a part in the polit-
ical game. Many reasons have been
assigned for Laurier's success in 1896.
One reason was that death had
made so many inroads in the Conserva-
tive party, removing Sir John Mac-
donald, removing Abbott, removing
Thompson, removing White. Then, in
case of the death or retirement of a
Premier, the leader of the opposition
is always in a better position than the
colleagues of the Premier. Public at-
tention is concentrated on him, and
while it is divided among two or three
or half a dozen members of the gov-
ernment, he stands the best chance of
getting the Premiership by succession.
Laurier succeeded in this way. Mere-
dith would undoubtedly have succeeded
if Mowat had remained in public
life until 1896 or 1898. If Whitney in
1898 had been leader of the opposition

for ten years, he would have won, and
as it was he came very near winning.
But two changes in the leadership pre-
vented that concentration of interest
on one man to which we have referred.
But the reason why people gossip so
much about the health of public men,
we repeat, is that they are always
thinking about the glory and profit of
office-holding. They are heirs-expect-
ant, and they are found to be much
among the political supporters of the
chief as among his political opponents.
The remedy for a public man to be
nobody's heir, but to have a career
and prospects of his own, to have his
own policy and his own convictions,
which depend neither upon the health
of his opponents or his rivals, nor up-
on the tricks of heelers and stuffers
of ballot boxes and burners of ballots.

THE GRAND TRUNK AND THE WEST.
Any popular favor that is accorded
to the government's railway proposals
is due to the fact that people are glad
to see the Grand Trunk getting into
the west, giving its equipment to help
to move out the grain, and connecting
the west with its eastern lines, and with
the manufacturing centres of Ontario
and the other eastern provinces. All
these are good objects. The question
is whether they are served by the gov-
ernment proposals. We all want to see
the Grand Trunk entering the west,
helping to move the grain, bringing
down the rates, giving the western
farmer better prices, and enabling east-
ern manufacturers to reach the west-
ern market. But approval of these ob-
jects does not necessitate approval of the
government measure.

Public ownership is the key to the
relief of the west, and to the best
means of connecting the industrial east
with the agricultural west. But public
ownership must be applied wisely and
in a business-like manner. The first
thing to be done is to build or ac-
quire for the public a railway from Win-
nipeg to the lakes, make it the best grain
road on the continent, and let all the railways
use it. From that point there is a great
public highway, the lakes and rivers
of Canada, leading clear to the Atlan-
tic. From Port Arthur to the eastern
shores of the Georgian Bay and Lake
Huron there is a public waterway for
the largest grain carriers. When this
point is reached the whole railway sys-
tem of Old Ontario is available.
A railway running away north of the
lakes and away north of the industrial
centres of Old Ontario may serve some
useful purpose. The question is, whether
the government is wise in throwing
all its energy and all the public resour-
ces at its disposal into this part of the
scheme, rather than into the immediate
necessity: the improving of the chan-
nels for western grain, and the con-
nection of the west with the manu-
facturing centres of the east.

UNFAIR TO OUR FARMERS.
The farmers of the neighboring states
are ahead of ours in three things, as
our correspondent shows—cheap tele-
phones, two-cent rates on the railways
and rural mail delivery. There is no
reason why this should be. The Ont-
ario farmer is as progressive as his
American neighbor, has as good barns
and farm implements, raises as good
products, is as intelligent and has as
strong a desire for the comforts and
refinements of life for himself and fam-
ily. There is no reason why he should
be imposed upon with three-cent rates,
or why this country should be made a
junk shop for discarded telephone ma-
terial, and taxed for the price of all
the modern improvements.

The senior member of the Interstate
Commerce Commission, in an interview
with our correspondent, gave his opin-
ion that two-cent rates stimulated trav-
el, and stimulated it regularly and all
the year round. This is an entirely dif-
ferent effect from that of the excursion
rates that are put forward in this coun-
try as evidence of the generosity of the
companies. The commissioner thinks
that these are positively harmful, in-
cluding travel that is unnecessary. At
all events, what is required is not the
facility for going off in crowds on hol-
idays, but the low rate that is a con-
venience and a means of saving for
everyday business.

THE TWO-CENT RATE.
Oshawa Reformer: Mr. Maclean is
sticking to his demand for a two-cent
mile rate on the railways, and the
now denied him it will have to come
to pass. That either Canadian or
American roads should discriminate
against Canadians is manifestly unfair
and ought not to be tolerated. With
the same service and the identical
equipment in every respect the Grand
Trunk, the Michigan Central and the
ride on them across the line to Canada
per mile, while exacting three cents
the minute their trains were into Can-
ada. The practice is simply absurd
and calls for adjustment at an early
date. As remarked by The World, it
should be such as would give Canada
the preference. Traffic is as good here
as in Michigan.

Then, in regard to taxation the
railways have an immense advantage
in freedom from the heavy taxation
that prevails across the river. Be-
sides this, many of our Ontario rail-
ways have been heavily subsidized by
the people. That the very same rail-
way should charge three cents a mile
per mile should be a charge three cents a mile
in this province and two in the states
is an injustice that we ought not to
submit to. These railways in Michi-
gan pay heavy taxes to the State as
well—they have hardly any taxation
in Ontario.

WASHINGTON'S STATUE.
Canadian Baptist: It is said that a
number of Catholics in the provin-
tario, and a few women in
Toronto, are objecting to the
erection of a statue to George Wash-
ington in the Abbey. With the
exception of these few peculiar
people the whole British Empire will
commemorate the great Englishman
who became America's greatest
soldier and statesman. No monument
in Westminster would receive more
respectful recognition.

THEY DISAGREE.
Asthma and Clarke's Kola Compound
are incompatible, they can't agree.
The compound attacks the cause of
the asthma, as antidiabetic serum
does diphtheria. It kills it and drives
it out of the system, and enables it to
resist further attacks. Keep up the
treatment as long as benefit is received
to make sure it is entirely driven out.
A bottle, or 3 for \$5.00. Limited.
The Griffiths-McPherson Co., Limited,
Toronto.

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OVER 34 MILES
—OF—
JAPANESE SILKSAn immense purchase—direct from
the source of supply.

Our buyers have just returned from the Orient, where for months they have been personally selecting all kinds of Eastern goods. To-day we tell you of the greatest im-
portation of Japanese Silks ever brought to Canada by a retail house. Greatest not
only in quantity, but also in value. Beautiful corded goods, in all the most popular
shades and shot effects, bought to sell at a sensational price. On sale Monday morn-
ing at 8 o'clock. See Yonge street windows for showing of representative shades.

60,000 yards fancy Corded Japanese Silk; extra fine quality; pure dye; best wear-
ing and washing silks made; beautiful colorings for street and evening wear, in-
cluding pinks, blues, greens, ivory, white, cream, black and Dresden; splendid
values at 35c and 40c per yard; August Sale Monday.....20

Special space and salespeople provided, so that all are assured prompt attention.
Mail orders received Monday will be filled to your entire satisfaction.

Men's Clothing Needs for Monday.

The popularity of Eaton Clothing and Eaton Prices is established
on a firm and satisfactory basis. Our usual prices represent exceptional
values, but occasionally for one reason or another we are able to do
better—Monday, for instance:

160 Doz. Men's and Boys' Shirts, odds and ends, "left-
overs" from our annual Shirt Sale. They include zephyr, percale, Ma-
dras and cambrie qualities, mostly negligee bosom, with cuffs attached,
but in the lot we have some with detached collars and cuffs; sizes 12
to 16½ inch, 47c, 50c and 70c each, August Sale Monday.....29c.

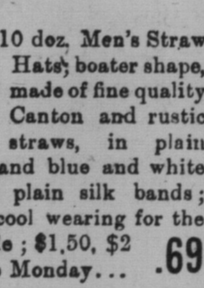
Genuine Panamas.

Genuine Panamas; crush and
fedora shapes; latest Eng-
lish and American styles;
bleached and unbleached;
pure black silk bands; nat-
ural tan Russian Calf leath-
er sweat bands; were ex-
ceptionally good value at
\$7.50, August Sale 3.99



Nobby Straw Hats.

10 doz. Men's Straw
Hats; boater shape,
made of fine quality
Canadian and rustic
straws, in plain
black, blue and white mixed,
and blue and white
even stripes; leather sweat-
bands; neat crown and flat set
brim; cool wearing for the
hot weather; prevailing style;
\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 values,
August Sale Monday.....69



Children's Blouses.

10 doz. Children's Blouses;
made of extra fine quality im-
ported white cambric; em-
broidery and insertion trim-
med; deep sailor collar;
pearl buttons; very rich ap-
pearance; were excellent
value at \$1 and \$1.50; to fit youngsters from
3½ to 8 years; August Sale Monday.....69

Men's Summer Suits.

80 Men's Summer Suits; coat and pants only; made
of all wool tennis tweed; in Oxford grey, blue and
fawn with neat stripes; single and double breasted
sacque shape; patch pockets; keepers on pants for
belts; face buttons inside waist land; cool wearing;
very smart in appearance; sizes 34 to 44;
values up to \$6.50; August Sale Monday 4.29

Odd Coats and Vests.

60 Men's Summer Coats and Vests; single and
double breasted sacque style; made of genuine
imported English cloth twill worsted; in grey, black
and blue; without a full range of sizes in any one
color, but all sizes in the lot; patch pockets; un-
lined; light and cool wearing; sizes 35 to 46;
goods we have sold at \$5 August Sale Monday.....2.95

Furniture Sale News for Monday.

Pleasing features about our Furniture Sale are:

- I. Every piece we sell is absolutely reliable and honestly made.
- II. Acres of space containing thousands of pieces make selecting pleasant and satisfactory.
- III. Our sale prices represent savings that command the attention of all who have any thought of economy.



Bedroom Suites

15 BEDROOM SUITES; birch,
golden oak finish; handsomely
carved; dresser top 40 inches
wide, fitted with 20x24 bevelled
edge mirror; has two shaped top
drawers; large combination wash-
stand to match, top 30 in. wide;
bedstead 6 feet 4 inches high,
slats 4 feet wide; August
Sale price.....13.25

10 BEDROOM SUITES; golden oak
finish; dresser fitted with 20x24-
inch oval-shaped British bevel
plate mirror; at an ornate
stand; bedstead neatly carved,
slats 4 feet 2 inches wide;
August Sale Price.....15.90

25 ASH BEDROOM SUITES; fin-
ished in rich golden oak color;
dresser fitted with 22x28 bevelled
edge mirror; large combination
washstand and bedstead to
match; slats 4 feet 2 inches
wide; August Sale 17.00

100 IRON BEDSTEADS; white
enamel finish; 1-inch posts; heavy
brass vases and knobs; 3 feet 9
inches high; extended foot end;
in sizes 3 feet, 3 feet 6 inches,
and 4 feet 6 inches wide, by 6 feet
long; August Sale 4.39

75 IRON AND BRASS BED-
STEADS; white enamel finish; 1-
1½ inch posts; heavy brass top
rails and brass spindle in centre;
extended foot end; in sizes 3 feet,
3 feet 6 inches, and 4 feet 6
inches wide, by 6 feet long;
August Sale price.....5.19

35 BRASS AND IRON BED-
STEADS; enamelled white, 1-1½
inch posts; heavy brass top
rails and knobs; brass rail and
spindles to both head and foot ends;
fancy scrolls; massive and very hand-
some design; in sizes 3 feet 6
inches, and 4 feet 6 inches wide,
by 6 feet long; August 8.00

Sideboards

6 SOLID OAK SIDEBOARDS;
golden oak finish; handsomely
carved; top 52 inches wide; fitted
with 16x28-inch bevelled edge
mirror; three small drawers;
1 large linen drawer and cupboard;
extra well made; August
Sale price.....18.49

12 SIDEBOARDS; made of oak;
beautiful golden oak finish; hand-
carved; top 48 inches wide; fitted
with 18x30-inch bevelled
plate mirror; top drawers quar-
tered oak veneer; 1 large and 2
small drawers; 1 lined for cut-
lery; August Sale price.....19.35

10 GOLDEN OAK SIDEBOARDS;
swell top base, 48 inches wide;
1 large and 2 small drawers; large
cupboard; handsomely carved
top; fitted with 18x32 British
bevel plate mirror; extra good
value; August Sale 19.89

10 EXTENSION TABLES; hard-
wood; golden finish; top 44 inches;
with 5 very heavy fluted
legs; extra well made; 8 feet
long; August Sale 8.29

20 SOLID HARDWOOD EXTEN-
SION TABLES; choice selected
stock; golden finish; square top;
42x42-inch; 5 very heavy hand-
carved legs; 8 feet long when
extended; August Sale 7.25

10 SAME TABLE; in solid oak;
extending to 8 feet long; 10.39

12 EXTENSION TABLES; made
of hardwood; golden oak finish;
square top, 44x44-inch; 5 extra
heavy turned and fluted legs;
strongly made; 8 feet long when
opened to full length; August
Sale price.....8.89

Dining Room Chairs

25 SETS DINING-ROOM CHAIRS;
5 small and 1 arm chair; hard-
wood; finest selected stock; gold-
en oak finish; brace arms; strong-
ly made; upholstered seats in
pantostoe; August Sale price,
per set.....9.98

10 SETS DINING-ROOM CHAIRS;
keppel or imitation quarter-cut
oak; golden polish finish; shap-
ed back; brace arms; comprising
5 small and 1 arm chair; August
Sale price, per set.....9.10

15 SETS DINING-ROOM CHAIRS;
golden oak finish; embossed car-
ved back; brace arms; well con-
structed throughout; upholstered
seats in pantostoe; 5 small and
1 arm chair; August Sale price,
per set.....11.64

Parlor Suites Cheap

6 ONLY THREE-PIECE PARLOR
SUITES; mahogany finished
frames; highly polished; finely
carved and richly upholstered
spring seats; covered in a rich
and high grade silk tapestry; best
workmanship; August Sale 21.00

8 ONLY FIVE-PIECE PARLOR
SUITES; comprising sofa, arm
chair, arm rocker, and two re-
ception chairs; solid walnut
frames; well finished and uphol-
stered; spring seat and edges
covered in best English Wilton
rugs; with silk
bands; August Sale 37.89

12 ONLY PARLOR SUITES (five
pieces); richly carved mahogany
frames; highly polished and up-
holstered in a good
silk tapestry covering; double
stuffed spring seats and edges,
with buttoned bands; assorted
colors; August Sale 35.00

LOVED PREY STEPSISTER
NOT WISELY, BUT TOO WELL

Young Torontonian Gets Himself Into
Nasty Predicament at
Rochester.

Rochester, Aug. 7.—A succession of
exciting events that led off with a re-
volver display in the buffet of the Ger-
ard, formerly the Livingston, Hotel, and
which was followed by a desperate
battle between the stepmother of pre-
tend, Myrtle Wilson and the daughter's
lover, made it busy for the police yes-
terday afternoon until detectives ar-
rested the young woman on a charge
of vagrancy, and her companion upon a
charge of criminal assault, second de-
gree.

The man is Herbert P. Wilson, from
Toronto, Canada, who for the past two
weeks has been employed in a Main-
street dry goods store. In the Police
Court this morning he pleaded "not
guilty." It is claimed by the police that
Wilson, who is a stepbrother of the
young girl, is responsible for the girl's
waywardness. She is 16 years old, ac-
cording to her mother, a fortune-teller,
living on North-street. The latter
caused her daughter to be arrested last
week on a charge of vagrancy, and the girl
was arraigned in Police Court yester-
day. She was allowed her liberty on
the promise of a Mrs. Soule of 22 Hart-
per-street to give the girl employment.
That was life last heard of the mat-
ter until yesterday afternoon, when
Capt. Zimmerman was notified by tele-
phone to send officers to the Gerard
Hotel, as a man was terrifying the at-
taches with a revolver. Officers were
sent to the place, but when they arrived
the trouble had been quieted down.
They learned, however, that a young
man named Wilson had ordered some
drinks which he refused to pay for,
and when payment was demanded
threatened to shoot the bartender.
These facts were reported to Captain
Zimmerman, who had known of Wil-
son's relations with his stepmother, and
he ordered that both be brought to the
Central Police Station.

In the meantime there was an excit-
ing time in the Whelan Block at 34 Al-
len-street, where the Wilson girl's father
lives, and where she had gone to get
her clothes. It is understood that she
intended to go to Mrs. Soule's house
and would have done so had it not
been for Wilson's interference. After
leaving the hotel young Wilson went
to the block where the girl was with
her mother. The latter and Wilson
met and the mother accused Wilson of
trying to ruin her daughter. The two
became involved in a fight, during
which the woman says that Wilson
partly tore her clothes from her back.
The woman escaped from the room and
fled down the street, but afterwards re-
turned.

CANADIAN BONDING PRIVILEGE

New York Sun: Sir Wilfrid Laurier,
the Canadian Premier, addressed the
parliament at Ottawa on July 30 and
formerly committed the Ministry and
the Liberal party to the support of the
Grand Trunk Pacific trans-continental
railway project. Mr. R. L. Borden,
the leader of the Conservatives, replied
on behalf of his party, and it is quite
evident that Mr. Borden had not a
little to say in the argument. Sir
Wilfrid's speech was of considerable
length, filling in solid type an entire
page in the newspapers.

We have already commented upon
the merits of the proposed rail-
road. A point of more important im-
mediate interest to the American pub-
lic appears in the speeches of Sir Wil-
frid Laurier and Mr. Borden in re-
ference to the bonding privileges ex-
tended to Canadian goods in transit
through the United States. Upon that
question Mr. Borden had much the
best of the discussion, both in point of
fact and of patriotism. Sir Wilfrid
fought the case for the proposed line
it down as a principle upon which the
people of the United States should be
willing to be judged by friend
and foe alike, that Canada should have
a transcontinental railway "with
terminus on Canadian waters, and
every inch of it in Canadian terri-
tory." This, he said, was the "Sunset
Route," the eastern terminus
of which is at New Orleans, be counted
as such. We have systems and con-
necting lines which make up such a
one line where we have several, Cana-
dian or Canadian products can go
from Vancouver to Halifax without
touching an inch of our soil.

From this false premise, Sir Wilfrid
argued Canadian dependence for trans-
continental transportation upon the
good will of the United States in main-
taining the bonding privilege over
American lines to American ports.
Having highways of their own, he said,
that Canada could say to the United
States: "Take away your bonding
privileges if you choose." "Canada,"
he said, "is commercially independent,
and will absolutely secure this inde-
pendence when she has the (Grand
Trunk Pacific) railway to her own har-
bor." He added that he had a great
admiration for the American people,
but "had found that the best and most
effective way to maintain friendship
with them was to be absolutely in-
dependent of them."

To this Mr. Borden replied that he
was astounded to hear the right hon-
orable gentleman say that Canada was
at the mercy of the United States in
regard to the bonding privileges, be-
cause those privileges were secured to
Canada not only by the most solemn
declarations by the plenipotentiaries on
both sides and ratified by treaty, but
also were assured by virtue of the
commercial interests of American
transportation and shipping companies,
and that it was at the mercy of the United
States in its own strength in the fu-
ture."

Doubtless the best and wisest way
of dealing with this bonding question
would be by the removal of all neces-
sity for it, upon certain products, at
least, as international commercial com-
merce. The free passage of Cana-
dian wheat and cheese across our border
would not reduce prices one penny
to our own producers. If free pas-
sage of Canadian beef cattle reduced the
prices charged by the "Beef Trust," or
if the free passage of Canadian
chickens gave us a few more wings
and drumsticks, so much the better
for us as well as for Canada. What-
ever Canada ships thru the United
States is by just so much an advan-
tage to the United States. There are
also articles produced in Canada where-
of an increased shipment to the United
States would be of mutual advan-
tage.

Where Fruit Crop Failed.
C. C. James, Deputy Minister of
Agriculture, has received a letter from
Harrison Watson, Canadian curator at
the Imperial Institute in London, in
which he states that the fruit crop is a
failure in England. The raspberry
crop was the poorest in many

Why a Man Aged

35 Should Insure.

Because it enables him to
secure ease and affluence
for later years, as well as
being a method of making
certain provision for the
family.

The 7 per cent. Guaranteed
Income Bond is an excellent
plan for accomplishing both
results. It is payable im-
mediately at insured's death,
or, if he live out the term of
the Bond, 15 or 20 years, as
selected, it becomes paid up
and yields an income for
life of 7 per cent. of face
value, the latter being still
payable at death. The rate
at age 35 for a 20-year Bond
is \$64.40 per thousand.

The financial position of the
North American is unexcelled.

North American

Life Assurance Company

HOME OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

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