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## This Cool Snap

Just serves to remind us that we must prepare for what is coming. Have you yet thought much about your new fall jacket? Do you know that it is here waiting for you? The weather has been so hot that we have not said much about jackets, but they have been piling in on us the last few days, and on opening them up, and marking them, we find such grand values and such elegant styles that we feel now compelled to invite you to see them. We went right to

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this year, and bought the very newest things there shown, and bought them direct from the makers, so that we speak confidently when we say that we have never displayed such a stock for value and style as we have ready now for your inspection in

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28 in. long, fitted back, ladies' jackets, made of fine black kersey cloth, lined with good mercerized sateen, collarless, with stock front, handsomely stitched and tailored, extra value at \$12.00

36 in. long, fitted back, made of extra quality black kersey cloth, applique collar and stoles, lined throughout in style and sizes suitable for elderly ladies, extra value at \$16.50

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Children's Reefer Coats in brown and navy, made of good heavy beaver cloth, nicely trimmed, new sleeves, special, \$2.50

## White Bedspreads for Saturday

White Honeycomb Bedspreads, full double bed size, knotted fringe all around, soft finish for easy washing, worth regular \$1.25 each, on sale Saturday for

## Roller Toweling 5c. for Saturday

14 in. wide all linen crash roller toweling, soft finish and extraordinary value Saturday for 5c.

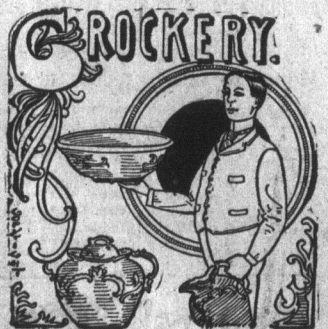
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**LAMPS, 1903.**—Our lamp room is on the second floor. We show samples on the first floor. See our gold-plated brass lamps; they are handsome. Everything HIGH-CLASS, excepting the price; we always keep that low at "The Ark"

## H. MACAULAY,

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FRUIT JARS BY THE DOZEN OR GROSS

## LOSES THREE MEMBERS.

### CHAMBERLAIN, RITCHIE AND HAMILTON RESIGN.

Retiring Colonial Secretary Will Become Missionary of the Imperial Zollverein Idea—His Letter to the Premier and the latter's Reply.

London, Sept. 18.—The official announcement of the resignations of Mr. Chamberlain and two other members of the Cabinet was made last night at Downing street, in the following communication:

"The following Ministers have tendered their resignations, which have been accepted by the King:—Right Hon. Jos. Chamberlain, Secretary of the Colonies; Right Hon. T. C. Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, Secretary for India. The accompanying correspondence passed between the Premier, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, and Mr. Chamberlain."

Then follows Mr. Chamberlain's letter, dated Birmingham, Sept. 9, commencing "My Dear Balfour," in which he sets forth his reasons for his resignation. An extremely interesting feature of the letter is the following statement concerning a preferential tariff:—"For the present, at any rate, a preferential agreement with our colonies, involving any duty, however small, on articles of food hitherto untaxed, even if accompanied by a reduction on other articles of food of equal value, would be unacceptable to the majority of the constituencies."

"I think that with absolute loyalty to your Government, and with no fear of embarrassing it in any way, I can best promote the cause I have at heart from the outside, and I cannot but hope that in a perfectly independent position my arguments may be received with less prejudice than would attach to those of a party leader. Accordingly, I would suggest that you limit the present policy of the Government to an expression of our freedom in the case of all commercial relations with foreign countries, and that you agree to my tendering my resignation of my present office to his Majesty and devoting myself to the work of explaining and popularizing these principles of Imperial union, which, experience has convinced me, are essential to our future welfare and prosperity. Yours very sincerely,

"Jos. Chamberlain."

Mr. Chamberlain points out the unyielding opposition of the Liberal party, which "scouted the idea that a system generally accepted in 1846 could possibly require modification in 1903." He goes briefly over the same ground regarding protection as did Mr. Balfour in his recent statement.

Mr. Balfour replied to Mr. Chamberlain in a letter dated September 16. In it he says: "Agreeing as I do with you that the time has come when a change should be made in the fiscal canons by which we bound ourselves in our commercial dealings with other Governments, it was paradoxical indeed that you should leave the Cabinet at the same time that others of my colleagues are leaving it who disagree on the very point which we both. Yet I can but admit that there is some force in your arguments in support of that course, based, as they are, upon your special and personal relation with that portion of the controversy which deals with colonial preference. You have done more than any man living or dead to bring home to the citizens of the empire the consciousness of Imperial obligation and interdependence between the various fragments into which the empire is geographically divided. I believe you to be right in holding that this interdependence should find expression in our commercial as well as in our political and military relations. I believe with you that a closer fiscal union between the mother country and the colonies would benefit the trade of both, and that if such closer union can be established on fitting terms, its advantage to both parties would increase with years and as the colonies grew in wealth and population.

"If there has ever been any different development of a protective policy, and on the part of this country, the evidence between us in connection with this matter, it has only been in regard to the practicability of the proposal, which would seem to require on the part of the colonies a limitation in the all-establishment of a preference in favor of important colonial products. On the first of these requirements I say nothing; but if the second involves, as it most certainly does, a taxation, however light, upon food-stuffs, I am convinced with you that public opinion is not yet ripe for such an arrangement. The reasons may be easily found in past political battles and present political misrepresentations. If, then, this branch of fiscal reform is not at present within the limits of practical politics, you are surely right in your advice not to treat it as indissolubly connected with that other branch of fiscal reform to which we both attach importance, and which we believe the country is prepared to consider without prejudice.

"I feel, however, deeply concerned that you should regard this conclusion, however well-founded, as one making it difficult for you to remain a member of the Government. Yet I do not venture, in a matter so strictly personal, to raise any objection if you think you can best serve the interests of Imperial unity, for which you have done so much, by pressing your views

on colonial preference with the freedom which is possible in an independent position, but hardly compatible with office.

"How can I criticize your determination? The loss to the Government is great, indeed, but the gain to the cause you have at heart may be greater still. If so, what can I do but acquiesce? Yours very sincerely,

"A. J. Balfour."

"P. S.—May I say with what gratification, both on personal and public grounds, I learn that Mr. Amstel Chamberlain is ready to remain a member of the Government? There could be no more conclusive evidence that, in your judgment as in mine, the exclusion of the taxation of food from the party programme is in the existing circumstances a course best fitted practically to further the cause of fiscal reform."

London, Sept. 18.—It is understood that the resignations of other members of the Cabinet are imminent, and that Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Secretary for Scotland has actually resigned. Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, left London last night for Balmoral, thither Premier Balfour and his brother are also expected to proceed immediately.

The Morning Post says that Mr. Chamberlain by his resignation, which the King was graciously pleased to accept, has crossed the Rubicon. That was but a little stream, but to cross it had an immense significance.

## MESSAGE TO CHAMBERLAIN.

### Manufacturers Regret His Withdrawal From Cabinet.

Toronto, Sept. 18.—The resignation of the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain from the British Cabinet excited much interest here, and the subject was brought up at the meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday afternoon. Mr. Robt. Munro informed the meeting of the resignation of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. He considered the meeting should express its views, and submitted the following message, to be cabled to Mr. Chamberlain:—

Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, London, England:—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, in convention assembled in Toronto, desires to express its deep regret that your withdrawal from the British Cabinet has been found necessary. This association has followed your proposals with the greatest solicitude, and hopes your efforts to adapt Great Britain's fiscal policy to existing conditions will continue to be vigorously enforced.

Cyrus A. Birge, President.

A protest against sending such a cable was made by Mr. Francis Braidwood of Montreal. The association, he said, should not be political in its nature, and it was a mistaken policy to stand by Mr. Chamberlain. They had nothing to do with Mr. Chamberlain in this matter.

Mr. W. K. McNaught said the resolution did not touch upon preferential trade at all, but was simply an appreciation of the work done by Mr. Chamberlain.

## SHIPS GO DOWN.

### Many Lives Lost Off Florida and Maine Coasts.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 18.—The British steamship Roxby, Captain Shields, which arrived here yesterday from Port Inglis, has on board Domingo Ballo Reyarberay, the sole survivor of the crew of twenty-two men on the British steamship Mexicana, which foundered with all on board off the Florida coast on Tuesday night. Reyarberay caught a piece of wreckage and managed to keep up until he was seen yesterday morning by the Roxby and rescued.

Demariscott, Me., Sept. 18.—Fifteen men lost their lives in the violent gale which raged off the coast during the night. The Gloucester mackerel-seining schooner, George F. Edmunds, Capt. Poole, struck on Penquoit Point and was smashed to pieces. Fourteen of the crew of sixteen men perished in the breakers.

The schooner Sadie and Lillian, Capt. Hardy of Prospect, also struck on Penquoit Point, and was smashed to pieces.

New York, Sept. 18.—Rough estimates of the financial loss due to yesterday's storm are \$2,000,000 on and around Manhattan Island alone. So far eighteen lives are known to have been lost in the storm, and it is believed this number will be doubled when all reports are in.

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Sir Thomas Lipton, who is ill at Chicago, is much improved.

Mr. N. A. Lindsay of St. Catharines dropped dead on the street.

Mr. Edward Malt, for many years Commissioner of Inland Revenue, is dead.

Mrs. Brook Green of Greenville died while under chloroform for an operation.

A political deadlock exists in Haldimand County Council over the election of a clerk.

The Gurney Company has obtained an injunction against officers of St. Catharines labor unions.

The British steamship Mexicana foundered off the Florida coast, and twenty-one men were drowned.

The Canadian Bankers' Association met at Montreal and decided not to increase the rate of interest on deposits.

## MUST GET A GOOD GAIT ON

### Chatham's Board of Public Works Applying Prod to Tardy Contractors.

### Many Improvements to be Pushed Through—Condition of Streets Under Discussion.

That this is a very busy year for the Board of Works—and the engineer—was plainly evidenced at last night's meeting. Every member was present.

"We have a lot of work on hand," commented Ald. Mounteer, "and it is now the 17th of September and we have only about six weeks longer to work on our local improvements, and it is time we were looking around to see where we stand."

"First as to pavements. We have the Dominion Paving Co. on Wellington street. They are not getting along as well as I would like but they will be finished inside of six weeks. Blight & Fielder are on Thames street with the curb and gutter completed and they are almost ready for the concrete. They are getting along pretty well. The Warren Co. on Queen street have the curb and gutter laid from King street as far as the Gray street corner. They are not making good progress and we should urge them to put on faster men. They have a lot more work to do and they will have to get a move on. The asphalt block pavement on King street will not be completed by Christmas if they do not work faster than they are at present. They have just got two and one-half blocks of curb and gutter laid and they have been working for three and one-half weeks. Mr. Jones also is not satisfied with the quality of the curb which has been laid as it was put in too dry and crumbles away."

Mr. Bingham was present at the meeting and said that he was anxious to see a good pavement put down and he would look into the matter of the poorly constructed curb and, if it is not satisfactory, he will have it relaid. He is also going to hustle the contractors along.

There are also seven sewers to be put down, viz., on Wellington street, William street, Wellington street east, Wilson avenue, West street, Murray street, in all about 2,667 feet, practically a mile of sewers. It was decided to ask for tenders immediately.

In granolithic walks there are 15 walks to be laid—6,000 feet of four-foot walks, practically a mile and a half of walk. Mr. Chrysler, the original contractor, has assured the Board that he will commence at once to construct these walks and has already ordered the cement. Some of the sidewalks will, in all probability, be laid over until next year, but on streets like Church street, Selkirk street and Charteris street where there is no sidewalk now the walks will have to be laid at once.

As to the repairs to King street, part of the street will be repaired this fall and the balance will be repaired in the spring.

Ald. Mounteer also brought up the matter of repairs to bad streets, and Adelaide street, Victoria avenue, Head street, St. Clair street, St. George street and Delaware avenue all need repairing.

"I ordered the holes in Victoria avenue filled up with brick bats," said Ald. Mounteer, "two weeks ago, and since that time the Gas Co. have torn up the street and left it worse than ever. Their trench has been open for four weeks. The company will be ordered to put in their pipes immediately on fill up the trench."

On Park avenue west the mud is up to the hubs. Adelaide street also is very bad. These matters were referred to the engineer to attend to the specially bad cases.

The St. George street sewer has been blocked for years and a new sewer will have to be laid from Dowley's to Park avenue. Referred to the engineer.

It was decided to do as much teaming as possible right away as the teams will soon be engaged hauling sugar beets.

The sidewalk in front of the Idlewild Hotel, the one in front of the Aberdeen House, and also the one in front of the C. P. R. Hotel, will be repaired by the engineer.

The flag stone in front of the Chatham Loan & Savings Co. will also be repaired at once.

The matter of the letter from Lewis & Richards re the ditch on the estate of Robertson of Inches was referred to the engineer.

The petition re the acute point at the corner of Wellington street and LaCroix street was brought up. Miss McLean has donated part of her lot in order to get rid of the acute turn and a park will be placed at this corner. The plans were shown last night by the engineer.

The matter complained of by H. Malcolmson re a granolithic walk on Foster street has been attended to.

O. B. Hullin asked for a crossing at the corner of Head and James

streets. Referred to the engineer.

Robert Gollan asked for more pay for hauling dirt off King street. Referred to engineer.

A complaint was received from Chas. Hadley re the bad state of the macadam road in front of his factory on Wellington street. Referred to the engineer.

The Board then adjourned.

## MASKED HIGHWAYMEN.

### Farm Hand Tied Up and Robbed Near Brighton.

Brighton, Sept. 18.—While Mr. Morris Newman, an employee of A. M. Markham, a farmer, one and a half miles west of here, was plowing in a field near the railroad, he was accosted by a stranger wearing a mask. He was then seized from behind by another man wearing a mask, and his eyes and mouth filled with dirt and mud to prevent him making an outcry. His hands were strapped together and he was bound to a cart-wheel with a heavy trace-chain. The robbers ransacked his pockets, securing \$33.50. They left him tied to the cart and unable to move. Some time after Mrs. Masklam heard his cries, and went down to the field and released him. The man seen by Newman was tall, and had a fair moustache, but he did not see the other man. After leaving him they proceeded towards the woods south of the track, and have not yet been apprehended as yet.

## REPORTS MORE HOPEFUL.

### Grain in the West Is Not Very Badly Damaged.

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—The latest news from the country concerning the crops, as received from correspondents, is reassuring after the reports of great damage which it was feared the storm of last Saturday had entailed. The latest advices, however, tend to relieve the anxiety, as they are generally very hopeful, and indicate a minimum of damage. Thrashing will be greatly delayed generally, but the fine weather that has prevailed since will prove the salvation of the country.

## NO INCREASE OF INTEREST.

### Bankers' Association Decide to Maintain Present Rate.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—The chartered banks of Canada have decided not to increase the interest rate on depositors' funds from 3 per cent, the present rate, to 3 1/2 per cent, as proposed by the Bank of Nova Scotia. That conclusion was arrived at at a special meeting of the Canadian Bankers' Association, held in their headquarters in the Bank of Montreal building, at which the leading Canadian banks were represented.

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