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JANUARY Inventory Sale!

January is a good month in which to do lots of shopping at this store. This year especially stocks are heavy in every department and our anxiety to reduce them is clearly reflected in the prices at which goods are marked. There has been no hanging back on our part—we mark and advertise our price reductions in plain figures. You know that we are anxious to sell goods, and we know that we must reduce our stock, the combined knowledge proves that prices must be cut to accomplish the end—and they are cut.

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10c. " " 9c.
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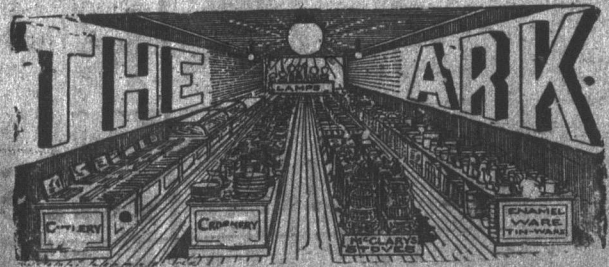
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Stock-taking Bargains throughout the whole store on Saturday. Sale will begin at 9 o'clock. Spot Cash

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OUR ADVERTISEMENTS PAY.

LET US HAVE A PROVINCIAL HOUSE-CLEANING

RIDGETOWN'S ROYAL RECEPTION TO HER OWN POPULAR SON

Magnificent Meeting Greeted Phil. H. Bowyer—Addresses By Editor of The Farmers' Sun and Other Life-Long Liberals—The Late Hon. David Mills' Tribute to Bowyer and His Memorable Editorial—Thos. Barnes' Splendid Speech—The Standard Bearer's Ringing Utterances.

Ridgetown's splendid tribute to her own popular and esteemed son, Phil. H. Bowyer, the candidate of the people of East Kent, in the Opera House last evening was a memorable one. It bespoke the universal regard in which Mr. Bowyer is held by his fellow townsmen and gave evidence of the confidence which they intend to extend to him on the 25th inst. It was earnest, enthusiastic and spontaneous—essentially a gathering of the people. The non-partisan character of the gathering was eloquently evidenced upon the platform. Besides the candidate there were four speakers, three of whom were Liberals—and all spoke in vigorous and hearty support of Mr. Bowyer and his platform. The trend of public sentiment was unmistakably demonstrated, and no doubt remains that East Kent will enroll under the splendid standard of new, clean and progressive government by the election of Phil. H. Bowyer by a handsome majority.

Long before the commencement of the meeting the Ridgetown Opera House was crowded to the doors. Many were forced to stand and others secured seats on the window ledges. A feature of the occasion was the presence of a large number of ladies, whose greeting of the popular candidate was equally hearty with that of the gentlemen. On the stage was a large picture of King Edward, while scores of Union Jacks were utilized for inspiring decorative purposes.

W. E. Bottoms, the stalwart veteran of many a sturdy and strenuous campaign, presided, and with him on the platform were Elder B. St. John, Thomas Barnes, Harwich; Walter Mills, W. L. Smith, editor of the Farmers' Sun; County Commissioner Brien; Neil Watson, Mull; R. B. Hunter, secretary of the East Kent Association; B. W. Willson; John Henry, Clearville; George Weitzel, Howard; Dr. Steen, president of Howard Association; Dr. D. Marr and others.

In opening the meeting Chairman Bottoms took occasion to express the pleasure and pride the people of East Kent experienced in having a standard-bearer like Philip H. Bowyer. Applause. They were proud of him and proud of the cause he represented, and they purpose demonstrating their sentiments in no uncertain way on January 25th. Renewed cheers. Of his opponent, too, they had nothing but kind words to say personally, but they deeply regretted the stand he had taken and the discredited cause he had espoused. This would not be a campaign of personalities and abuse—it would be a serious and earnest expression by the people for the right and the good name of their Province. And East Kent would speak with no uncertain sound. Applause.

Ovation to Bowyer.

As Phil H. Bowyer rose a magnificent outburst of enthusiasm greeted him. Cheers after cheers were given and it was some time ere he could proceed with his address.

"There are times when the goodness of his friends makes a man indeed humble," said the esteemed standard-bearer when the cheering had somewhat subsided. "I have not words to thank you. I can only earnestly pray to be given strength and steadfastness to always prove worthy of your kindly confidence and cordial loyalty. Let me say to you only this, I have sincerely consecrated my energies—such as they may be—wholly and solely to your service, to the service of the best interests of the people of East Kent, irrespective of party or of political creed. And I trust, I may prove worthy of the many generous ex-



PHIL. H. BOWYER.
Candidate of the People of East Kent.

pressions of confidence they are giving me."—Loud cheers.
Continuing, Mr. Bowyer briefly reviewed the situation. Two years ago Premier Ross had been sustained by a majority of four in the Legislature. The vacancy in North Renfrew and the recalcitrant had reduced that majority to a slim margin. The situation had settled into an almost devilish fight for power and office, in which honor, integrity and common justice man to man had all been thrown to the winds, and cabinet ministers and disreputable henchmen embraced in the mad fight to retain their grip upon office and the public purse. Liberal principles—those grand old realities of the splendid past—were forsaken one and all. Everything sacrificed, and even the good name of the Province dragged in the dust.

Ah, but we are told, the cabinet has been cleansed and reconstructed—the government has been purified. Has it? I ask you honestly, seriously—has it? What about Vance and Smith, reported by the courts? Are they not still employed as responsible agents of the Ross administration? What about—

THE PURIFIED CABINET?

What are the changes? Stratton and

Davis have been retired; Graham and McKay have taken their places. What about these two men who are heralded as the purifiers of the cabinet? Mr. Graham we have heard of. He was the organizer for Eastern Ontario at the time of the ballot box frauds and we learned something of him then. But we have come in still closer contact with Mr. Graham. The other day he visited Kent County and spoke in Chatham in the interests of Mr. McColl and my opponent. On behalf of the people The Chatham Planet addressed to him some questions which he undertook to answer. How did he do so? By the statement of a deliberate and calculated lie. We know to be absolutely false. Mr. Graham told the people in answer to The Planet's enquiry that North Renfrew was never unrepresented during a session. And he stated something he knew to be false, for he was in the house all the time. So much for Mr. Graham. Mr. McKay, the other cabinet purifier, perhaps some of you know and know the reputation he bears. Far be it from me to attack a man personally, but we know publicly that the Legislature was dissolved to prevent the ventilation of personal charges of corrupt practices against him, after a fruitless effort had been made to starve the investigation by the vacating of his seat. Ladies and gentlemen, it is the same old pirate ship, with the same old discredited crew and covered with the same old barnacles. A couple of the old officers have been sent to the hold from public view—that's all—Applause.

THE PEOPLE'S PLATFORM.

Continuing, Mr. Bowyer gave a statement of his own position and the platform he supported. He was pledged first and foremost to a thorough and effectual Provincial house-cleaning—a cleansing of the putrid legislative atmosphere, a removal of the barnacles, and a vindication of Ontario's good name. He was a supporter of Mr. Whitney's progressive platform and he purpose to hold the coming Premier strictly to it. If Mr. Whitney failed he promised to introduce the legislation in question "off his own bat" and fight strenuously for it as a private member. But he did not believe Mr. Whitney would fail in the fulfilment of his promises. "My platform," declared Mr. Bowyer, "is as follows:—

"I shall, if elected, do all in my power to give the people clean and efficient administration.

"I shall fight the school book monopoly and endeavor to give the children of the Province cheaper school books and avoid the frequent, expensive and unjustifiable changes that are now being made.

"I shall oppose all land grants, subsidies and bounties, and work that the railway, telegraph and telephone companies shall pay their fair proportion of taxes and so lessen the burden of the farmer.

"I shall stand for the people as against the corporations, trusts and combines, serving the people regardless of party.

"In short, I shall go to Toronto placing your interests above and beyond those of a personal or party nature.

"After all, do you not think that after thirty-two years of one party in office, it is time for a provincial house-cleaning, and that there should be more men of independent minds and fewer mere partisans in the Legislature.

"I have but to say in closing, that I hope to go to the Legislature—applauded—and I shall go as your representative, and as no one's man but your man."—Loud and prolonged applause.

THE FARMER'S REPRESENTATIVE.

W. L. Smith, editor of the Farmer's Weekly Sun, was accorded an enthusiastic welcome. He said the sound of Mr. Bowyer's victory was in the air. Since he had been in the constituency he had not found one single man who had one single word to say against Philip Bowyer. Cheers. When he spoke against school book monopoly and corporation bounties he

meant it. He was a man of his word. He made no appeal to party prejudice or personal animosity. The most advanced radical the speaker ever knew in public life was Mr. Bowyer. There would be something doing when Philip Bowyer went to Legislature. He thought the frills that the farmers objected to would be looked into. There were the opening ceremonies with the men's hats that looked as though they came from a ladies' millinery display and the sergeant at arms—why even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Laughter and applause. Some radical like Bowyer is liable to object to these fancy and costly frills and is liable to use the huge sword of the sergeant at arms to stir up the base-burner in the basement.

"Read Bowyer's card," declared Mr. Smith. "It's worth reading and thinking over. One man of the right type could do a great deal. Look at Mayor Urquhart who fought the corporations in Toronto; at Mr. Lancaster, who single-handed secured cattle-guard legislation; at M. K. Cowan, who secured advanced drainage law; at M. V. McLean fighting for a two-cent per mile railroad rate; at Hanna, of West Lambton, Downey, of South Wellington, and Hugh Clark, of Centre Bruce, who were fighting the battle of an equalization of taxation.

The present government had outlived its usefulness. He hoped a period of opposition would obtain a renewal of the invigorating old times of the Mackenzies, Blakes, Mowats and Mills. At Hastings the previous evening Mr. Steele had stated that the Ontario government had bonused the people almost to the death. He was right, and the most iniquitous was the recent one in favor of iron and steel manufacturers.

He had been to Toronto, and had seen things for himself. He saw the corridors and halls of the Legislature thronged with lobbyists and hucksters like bees around a honey comb. He knew how the government was under their knuckles.

The debt of the Province was from six and a half to six and three-quarter million dollars, and the government should surely put a stop to these corporation grants. Why, too, should \$1,000 worth of farm property be assessed a tax equal to \$6,000 worth of railroad property? In Michigan railroads are assessed \$900 per mile, or about three times the amount they paid in Ontario.

Mr. Smith closed with an earnest appeal to elect men of the Bowyer stamp.

A LIBERAL SPEAKS.

"I want you to understand that I am just as much a Reformer as I ever was," said Thomas Barnes, of Harwich, in opening his spirited address. "And just in event of attacks for my position here I want to tell you right at the outset that I never wanted an office, never asked for nor was refused an office nor am I doing anything to get an office. I have no selfish personal purposes. I am taking this stand solely because I believe it is right. There was a time when I was foolish enough to believe that all the honest men on earth were Reformers and all the scoundrels on earth were Conservatives. I've gotten over that idea. I've got cured of it. Laughter. In both ranks are the grandest men and the meanest pligs possible. Crime can be committed just as much by the Reformers as by the Conservatives. I tell you I'm getting cured of much of my partisanship—that's what Ross and his parasites are doing for many of us farmers. The only thing that seems to distinguish the Conservatives and Reformers is who's got the handle. I belong to the farming interests and I'm sorry to say the farmer hasn't yet got his full rights. I'm glad to meet the editor of the Farmer's Sun here. That is a paper that is honestly devoted to the farmer and his interests. It is as watchful as a dog and as energetic as a locomotive—and in so saying I have no reference to the Lake Erie locomotives."—Laughter.

I want to tell you people that—Reformer as I am and will remain—I am disgusted with that old discredited Government that knows no-

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