

## BRILLIANT DEBUT OF SPRING FASHION.

Finch Bros'. Opening Display Delighted the  
Women of Hamilton To-day.

Their Stock Correctly Portrays the Season's  
Most Favored Styles and Wares.



To-day this great fashion store makes its bow to spring with a magnificent opening display of Dame Fashion's latest decrees in Paris and American millinery, spring and summer wearing apparel, dress fabrics, silks, gloves, etc. The store is in gay holiday attire, every department making special displays and the new goods sparkle with the brightness and newness of the spring season. The feeling of spring is in the air and these new goods cannot be denied their style supremacy. Never since the opening of this store has it made such a display and the efforts of the management will sure to be appreciated by large crowds thronging this store during these opening days. And this is just the commencement of the interesting story, continued until you come and see yourself. Everyone welcome. Styles that you see here are just a little bit different from elsewhere. "Exclusiveness," that's what makes the new designs we show unique and out of the ordinary.

**CONCERNING THE MILLINERY.**  
Individuality is the keynote for style and shape of hats for this spring season, and whether a hat shall be large or comparatively small, high or low, so long as it follows certain lines depends much on the taste of the wearer. Big turbans, toques, effects of lampshade and bowl-shaped hats, bonnets of every picturesque period, and to the surprise of some large hats, all of which will be fashionable this season, are shown in great profusion.

Straw braids in abundance, and that means hand-made hats, blocked shapes, flowers, tiny and numerous, feathers and plumes, ribbons, both silk and velvet, ornaments, especially cabochans, jet buckles and pins, lace and frills of all kinds are brought into use. The color range varies, and many new shades are shown, including, green, sage, blue, mauve, rose, red, green, cerise, crush raspberry and the pastel shades. It is the ingenuity and creative ability of such designers as Camille Roger, Pouyenne, Suzanne Blum, Gertrude, Maison Virot, Madeline Torre, Jenne Castel, Ester Meyer, Germaine, and Maison Lewis, as well as our own skilled artists, which makes the new styles we show unique and out of the ordinary.

Characterized by immense chic, the hats are charmingly varied and of a delightful novelty, thoroughly in accord with the season and over which one is apt to enthuse, so attractive and desirable it will appear. Among so many fascinating creations here and there a hat would stand out not through aggressive novelty, but with a charm of quiet elegance. Of such a description is one of Maison Lewis' models, in large shape, in crushed raspberry shade, trimmed with a wreath of lily of the valley in the raspberry tints and trimmed on the side with crushed rose in the wistaria shade; a beautiful ribbon ruche on the top. Another chic model is that by Madame Torre, in large white chip, in the bowl shape, with pink tulle facing, with ribbon over crown and brim, finished with ribbon and rosebud rosette under brim, also two little clusters of pink rosettes on the back. Three beautiful white plumes surmount the front, which gives it distinctive style. Still another stunning model is one by Jenne Castel, in a white hemp braid, with a rolled side and black edge under brim. The crown was formed with narcissus and daffodils and interspersed with black primroses and small bows of the new blue ribbon. Many other Parisian models will invoke much admiration, but their beauty will be quick to attract the eye of the fastidious.

Withal the display has a distinctive-ness of styles, many of which are revised from periods of quaint head-dresses and others of decidedly modern origin, which makes it out as one of unusual feature and peculiar interest.

**THE OUTER GARMENTS.**  
Those who love the new and beautiful in dress will find much of interest in the new season's display of women's coats, suits and skirts. The garments on exhibition represent the authentic fashions of spring and summer, 1909. In making this collection Finch Bros. have secured a wide variety at prices to suit the masses. The demand for apparel that has individuality has been met in a way that is sure to obtain unqualified approval. It would be useless to give style hints of the new suits here with such charming styles and trimmings to describe. The coats are sure to attract attention, and especially the

Pongee and Oriental satin coats for motorizing or driving. Others are the black silk coats and wraps in Bengaline, taffeta, applique and nets. Many new styles in children's coats are also showing. The dress skirts also should claim close attention.

**LINGERIE DRESSES AND BLOUSES.**  
The new Princess and Empire dresses are sure to charm the heart of every woman. They are in fine silks, laces and mulls, with fine lace trimmings. So much has already been said previously of the styles in lawn blouses for the summer, scores of the new styles being on display. Long tucked sleeves and tailored styles are strongly shown. Fashion's fancies are deeply imbibed in the prettiness and shadow effects. You will enjoy looking at the display of these new goods. You'll enjoy far more the wearing of them. Make this opening day a day of choice for that Easter gown. Remember we have expert modists here to tailor your new gown, suit or skirt. Enquire about it.

**HINTS OF SILK FASHION.**  
Fashion this season has called for the soft, satiny, clinging, shimmering silks. Her fancies are best exemplified in the stocks this firm is showing. Superb gowns of the most supple Oriental satins, in wonderful lovely new colorings, pure Shantung of the heaviest weight, were draped and arranged so that sheen and weave were seen to perfection, and accentuated the extraordinary richness of the prevailing modes in gowns.

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have!" The exclamation was a natural one—simply cause and effect. Never have Finch Bros. had a more beautiful line of wash goods. There seems to be no limit to the possibilities of an artistic genius in these fabrics, and this is especially true this season. This department has gained a wide reputation for high class novelties, the buyers selecting with care the cream of the French, English and American goods. Every indication points to a great white season, and this department will be found stocked accordingly. Don't pass this store when looking for your summer dress. Wise women who like to get the best patterns will early and carefully select everything needed for summer. It is not prudent to delay.

**HOSIERY AND UNDERMUSLINS.**  
This is a department that is known in every home in Hamilton for keeping what is good and reliable in quality hosiery. They have boosted this department even higher this season by the splendid qualities and values shown. Special values will be in evidence this year, as already several purchases have been made in summer makes.

The women's white muslin undergarments are also kept in this department, also the corsets, handkerchiefs, etc. All the goods are imported direct from the best manufacturers, and the styles and values are the best, and there is a good time for choosing. Pretty lace and embroidery trimmings in various new effects adorn these pretty garments.

**THE GLOVE SECTION.**  
The standard to which our glove department has attained can only be judged by the quality and excellence of the glove trade is kept. We keep only the best French and English gloves, made specially from selected French skins, made to order. The new spring shades are on display in all the new styles, matching the new Easter gown. The glove carries a full guarantee and quality is much superior to those shown in previous years. Heavy ladies' tan walking kid gloves were also shown, and they prove very stylish for spring wear. The new fabric kid gloves were also displayed in both long and short styles, in all colors, in silk or lisle. Superior values in many lines were greatly evidenced.

**LACES AND EMBROIDERIES.**  
Laces and embroideries of all kinds seem to delight the heart of every woman. They will be used very extensively this season in the trimmings of the pretty lingerie dresses. The critical eye will be quick to notice the exclusiveness and practical daintiness of our display. That something that is different than shown elsewhere.

The neckwear display is bound to command your attention, with its quaint new Dutch styles, that seem to be the popular vogue, direct from New York. The new fabric kid gloves were also displayed in both long and short styles, in all colors, in silk or lisle. Superior values in many lines were greatly evidenced.

**DEPARTMENT FOR MEN.**  
This new department at Finch Bros. is already attracting much attention, and being largely patronized. Being a new department, everything is in the latest and best styles in gloves, shirts, neckwear, hosiery, etc. This department is directly at the front of the store, and looks very attractive, with its large display cases. Visit it.

Many have already come to visit this opening display, and every one should take the opportunity to visit the store during the opening and thus secure a correct idea of the styles to be worn this season. Come every day, if possible, as time will be well spent. All are most cordially invited.

## AT BRITANNIA.

Successful St. Patrick's Night  
Carnival at East End Rink.

The attractions at the Britannia roller rink are usually a success, but the success of the Irish carnival was a surprise, and showed that the east end rink has not lost any of its popularity with the many people who have enjoyed exercise on the tiny wheels this year. The skating rink was covered with coasters, while the balcony was comfortably filled. The rink presented an artistic appearance. The brilliant illumination and the fancy costumes, along with the music, made an interesting event. The characters caused much amusement. A number of the costumes were appropriate, but the ones that attracted attention were the clowns. There are fun-makers with circuses, but the amateurs last night were funnier than the professionals. The music went through a fast routine of work, and were time and again applauded. The Irish costumes were something out of the ordinary. Mrs. Plawton, dressed as an Irish duchess, won the first prize. She was attired in black, trimmed with green ribbon. Mr. Beardon, in the uniform of a prince, with a blue velvet suit, was awarded a handsome box. For the most original Miss A. Bradt was first among the ladies, and Mr. Druhan won the men's. The most comical lady was Miss N. Beardon, dressed as a woman, was the most comical clown. He had a baby carriage, and after the buggy had got some pretty hard bumps it ended in a wreck. A. Havers also won a prize for helping to make the most fun. Lomas' orchestra provided the music.

Judging by the applause each of the winning competitors received, the crowd approved of the decisions. The judges were very careful in selecting the winners, and it was only after a lengthy deliberation that they came to a conclusion about the prizes. Those who acted as judges were Messrs. Howard, Burns and McKenty.

**ST. PAUL'S YOUNG MEN.**  
An enthusiastic meeting of St. Paul's Young Men's Guild was held in the school-room on Tuesday evening. After several items of important business had been passed upon several members addressed the meeting, among others Mr. Barry, Mr. Finch, Mr. Gow and Mr. Telford. Readings were given by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Soule. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on the 23rd inst., which will take the form of a luncheon at 6:30 p.m. and the members will be addressed by Mr. Frank Yeigh, of Toronto.

**FARMERS' GYM. EXHIBITION.**  
One of the special features at the Farmers' Gym Exhibition, to be given at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-night, will be St. Perkins' educated mule. This mule will be used to figure, walk on his hind feet, waltz to music, and several other special stunts, that will be wonderful. Sandox, the village blacksmith, will also surprise the natives with his wonderful feats of strength, handling the big weights as one would peanuts. The proceeds are to be used for the gymnasium fund. Tickets at Y. M. C. A. office.

Hon. Mr. Foster has withdrawn part of his statement of claim in his action against Mr. Macdonald, of the Globe.

## IRISH OF A CENTURY AGO.

Fine Address by Rev. Canon  
Cody Last Evening.

Loyalty to the Squire Was a  
National Characteristic.

A Ready Tongue, Ready Fist,  
and a Strong Faith.

The advertisement in the Times announcing the lecture given by Rev. Canon Cody in the Conservatory of Music last night said that it would be "a rare treat." Those present last night found ample verification for the announcement. The lecture was entitled: "Irish Social Life a Hundred Years Ago," and Canon Cody said that his knowledge of the subject was secured from the very interesting book, "Recollections of Aubrey De Vere," coupled with what his grandmother told him, who, herself, was a native of County Wicklow. Before leading off with his subject the lecturer said that of all the notable days in the year none was so enthusiastically observed as St. Patrick's Day, and on that day most people's thoughts drifted across the sea to the little green isle, and they thought affectionately of it, for it is the right kind of patriotism that goes back to the land of one's birth and enhances the patriotism to the land of one's adoption. The address was given in the anecdotal style, and before the lecturer was very far on with his subject the audience were in convulsions, and were wading knee deep in regular stream of Irishisms, and before the close the stream had reached illimitable depths. The chief features of the social life a hundred years ago, said the speaker, was the loyalty of the tenant to the squire, and on certain days the opposite in class would combine without any thought of the squire being lost sight of. The qualifications necessary to the making of a good squire in those days were that he should be able to ride well, shoot well, tell a good story and fight a duel, not forgetting that he should be able to dispose of large quantities of the "cratur." A spirit of feudal independence permeated the Irish people, and perhaps, said the lecturer, that may account for why the Irish of today do not like things to run smoothly—for things going wrong gives some spice to what's doing. One hundred years ago there was a great desire to fight duels and duelling was considered the most manly of pastimes and the favorite of all sports. Next to the duelling custom was the custom of fighting from political fights, as they were strictly family affairs. Daniel O'Connell put an end to them, and gave out that a man who committed a crime against the law of the land was an enemy to his country. The faction fight was regarded as necessary to retain the family honor, and no power was sufficient to eradicate the deep rooted animosity. In those days elections lasted two weeks and were very riotous. There were fights galore, and the candidates were not retrograded in political machinery. We are to-day shocked at political scandals, and rightly so, yet, in spite of such things, we have advanced. Every Irishman a century ago was a great controversialist, and gave a long reason for his faith or belief in anything, and the canon said, that it would be a good thing if we could do so today.

Drink was very prevalent in the by-gone days in old Ireland, and nearly all the gentry were to be seen in an advanced state of inebriety. Profane language, too, was much in evidence. Wit and repartee in the Irish has not diminished, and the desire to say things to please was, and is now, responsible for a certain amount of deviating from the two sides of truth.

In conclusion, Canon Cody said that all the best features of the Irishman would bear transplanting his love, his elasticity, his patriotism, his wit, etc. The Irish were a good addition to the population of Canada, and they had shown themselves body and soul into building up the Canadian nation, and the Canadian represented the best of all stocks and worst of none. Irishmen could be most loyal to the old land by carrying its best traditions in the new, and seeking to build up a good nation, and by showing the high elements that the Irish have always shown.

The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was well punctuated by jokes, strictly Irish, genuine care and feeling, and they were told by a man who can laugh heartily, whose laugh is not like a green house plant, forced, but is infectious; by a man with a first class appreciation of wholesome humor. It was "a rare treat" to hear him.

During the evening Mr. Bristow gave a solo and Mr. Roy McIntosh sang two appropriate songs.

Mr. A. Lester was chairman. The lecture was under the auspices of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society.

## OBITUARY.

Funeral of the Late James Bain—  
Death in Halton.

The funeral of Mr. James D. Bain took place from his late residence, 171 West avenue north, yesterday afternoon at 3:15, and was largely attended. The services at the house and at the grave were conducted by Rev. A. E. Mitchell. The pall-bearers were Thomas, James, John and George, four sons of the deceased, and two nephews, A. G. Bain, of this city, and James Bain, of Berlin. The floral offerings were beautiful and were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gordon, Cleveland, O., cluster white roses; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton and family, cluster of lilies; Mr. and Mrs. Quass, Cleveland, O., carnations; Mr. and Mrs. S. Boyd, Cleveland, O., carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hamilton, cluster of lilies; Mrs. and Miss Reid, roses and carnations; Mr. and Mrs. Noohan, roses on white; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wright, basket of roses; Mr. and Mrs. J. Rousseau, cross; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kingdon, sickle and sheaf; the family, pillow, wreath and anchor; Misses Williamson, spray; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Williams, spray; Miss Nellie Young, spray; Mr. and Mrs. C. Elliott, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Allen, wreath; Mr. Kirkpatrick, spray; Kingston-Smith Co., wreath; Mrs. Ed. Tindill, spray of lilies; Mrs. and Miss Tindill, anchor; Mr. Frank Post, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. A. Strouwer, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bishop, Mr. John Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Torrance,

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In addition to the tailored garments are the daintiest of Lingerie Dresses, Smart Shirts, Fine Undermuslins, Children's Frocks, etc., in fact, the whole second floor is brimful of interest and help for the practical sight-seer to-morrow.

If you were here to-day, come to-morrow. Come every day.

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## COURT IDEAL.

Independent Foresters Had an  
Enjoyable Irish Night.

Notwithstanding the extra seating accommodation provided last night at the Irish night entertainment of Court Ideal, Independent Order of Foresters, many of the guests had to stand. However, everybody was contented, and enjoyed the splendid programme supplied by the ladies of this progressive court.

His Worship, Bro. Mayor McLaren, of Court Orient, occupied the chair for the preliminary portion of the proceedings, and performed his duties most graciously. Before he retired, Little Ethel Peterson stepped on the platform and presented his worship with a pretty floral design, which seemed to give the recipient much pleasure, judging from his remarks in a neat speech of thanks. Bro. Robt. H. Foster, H. C. R. of Western Ontario, was also honored during the evening, when the Chief Ranger of the Court, Comp. Peterson, read an address and presented him with a pretty set of writing materials. The presentation was made, on behalf of the ladies of the Court, and extended congratulations on his reaching the highest position obtainable in the gift of the members in the Western Ontario jurisdiction. This address also acknowledged the many kind wishes bestowed on the court during his Forester career. Bro. Foster made a happy reply, and advised all the young ladies present never to marry unless the favored one was a member of the Independent Foresters.

I. M. Peterson introduced the following programme: Piano solo, Bro. G. Goddard; song, Mr. E. Hall; reading, Miss Marjorie Revell; solo, Miss Nettie Cline; reading, Miss E. Melody; duet, Miss Harley and Master Reid; solo, Miss R. Levy; comic song, Mr. Alex. Mackie; piano solo, Miss E. T. Hawkins; Master W. Robinson; duet, Misses Mintz and Findlay; reading, Miss E. Melody; song, Mr. E. Hall; solo, Miss E. B. Jerome. The accompanists were Miss Hawkins, George Goddard and Melville Stanton. After the programme had terminated refreshments were served and many took part in dancing. The com-

mittee, which was in charge of the affair, was composed of the officers of the Court, all of whom worked hard and were successful in making their Irish night a pronounced success.

## BOYS DINE.

St. Patrick's Club Had Fine  
Banquet Last Night.

The first annual banquet of the St. Patrick's Boys' Association was held in their club rooms last night. A large number were present and the event was a fine success. President Ed. Farrell was in the chair, and under his direction, a good programme of amusements was indulged in.

Progressive eucure was the first number on the programme, and the prize was won by Mr. Fred Skerrett, who had to work like a whirlwind to come out first. Mr. James Wall had the pleasure of winning the booby prize. After the games a delightful luncheon was served, which was relished by all who attended. A short concert then took place. Messrs. Roy Nelson and Alex. Curtis sang a duet assisted by Ed. Doyle, pianist. Mr. Morris O'Toole gave a selection on the piano. The chairman then made a speech, stating that the members not only benefited physically, but also mentally by their meetings, and that they have a good many coming orators. Rev. Father Coty, Mr. Fred Skerrett and Mr. John Hemmings were called upon to speak and all responded. Father Coty said that it was a great pleasure for him to see the boys enjoy themselves, and he thought they could hold their own with any club in the city. Mr. Skerrett said he hoped to see a good many St. Patrick's Boys' Club athletes to the front in the coming season. (Happy) McGraw supplied the fun.

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\$3.00 Skirts for \$1.50 \$4.00 Skirts for \$2.50 \$6.00 Skirts for \$3.95

## Wholesale Bankrupt Stock of Dress Goods

New spring weaves in all the good shades, goods that Burton, Spence & Co., were taking orders for spring delivery are now on sale here at these extraordinary values, 75, 85c and \$1.00 goods, per yard 50c

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Wrappertees 12½c, for	6½c	White Vesting 19c, for	12½c
Towelling 12½c, for	7½c	Prints, 32-inch, worth 12½c, for	7½c
Bleached Sheet, 20c, for	22c	Muslins and Dimities, worth 15c and 18c, for	10c
Table Linen Ends 60c and 80c, for	25c	Blouses, worth \$1.25, for	75c
Table Linen Ends 75c, for	39c	Blouses, worth \$2.25, for	\$1.50
Table Linen, worth \$1.25, for	99c	Underskirts, worth \$1.50, for	\$1.00