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SAVE 20 TO 30 PER CENT...

LACE CURTAINS

Buy your Lace Curtains before next Wednesday and save 20 or 30 per cent. Buy them to-morrow and get good selection of bargain numbers. To commence our sale with to-day there were seventeen styles—the quantity in each is very large, but at the prices we cannot promise the entire variety for the whole week. Sale opened this morning and will close next Wednesday night; seven days during which you can buy Lace Curtains cheaper than ever been offered in this city.

\$1.25 Values for 98c. \$1.40 Values for \$1.10. \$2.00 Values for \$1.60. \$2.25 Values for \$1.80. \$2.50 Values for \$1.98. \$3.50 Values for \$2.88.

Sale Hand Made Battenburg Doylies

10 dozen Battenburg hand made Doylies on sale Thursday morning, at about one half regular prices. This affords you an opportunity of securing drawing or dining room table decorations at very low prices.

6 in square hand made Battenburg Doylies on sale Thursday at 9c.

6 in square hand made Battenburg Doylies on sale Thursday at 12c.

7 1/2 in round hand made Battenburg Doylies on sale Thursday at 12c.

Fancy Combs and Hair Pins

French and American fancy bone and composition hair pins and fancy combs—new styles, just in, special values 5c to 25c each.

Embroidered Voiles, at 75c yd

44 in wide fine all wool Embroidered Voiles and Etamines in Ivory, Black, Navy, Reseda and Champagne, self embroidered, and Ivory embroidered with black, and black embroidered with white—the most correct goods for waists and fancy gowns, never before retailed anywhere less than \$1.00 a yd., on sale very special at

75c a yd.

Velvet Carpet at \$1.00 a yd

Handsome designs, rich colorings, artistic borders to match, English Velvet Carpet, recommended to wear and fine appearance—made and laid on your floor at

\$1.00 a yd.

THOS. STONE & SON,

HED-RITE

We are introducing the most excellent Headache Tablet. It comes well recommended from larger cities.

Central Drug Store,
C. H. Gunn & Co.

Stamped and Stitches Collars 10c

WELDON'S
SALE OF

Stamped Linen
Shirtwaists, \$1.50

BELTS! WEDNESDAY ONLY

Stamped
Linen ... 75c values 59c
50c " 39c

Free Lessons
in Fancy Work

The
Substitute
for
Daylight

The Ark. BLOCK LIGHT...

Have you seen it. It's a GAS BURNER; is 300 CANDLE POWER; in two styles. In operation and for sale at "THE ARK."

REMEMBER THAT
Friday & Saturday
IS THE LADIES' DAY
IN THIS STORE...

H. MACAULAY,
89 King St.

WILL CLOSE WOOL MILLS

Canadian Trade Killed by the Preference—Four Plants to be Sold.

Business Has Been Run at a Loss During the Past Three Years.

Toronto, April 12.—The directors of the Canada Woollen Mills Company to-day decided to close their business and sell out their plants at Hespeler, Carleton Place, Waterloo and Lambton mills. There are 700 hands employed, but the directors say they are running only four days a week to an unprofitable business. This industry represents an investment of a million dollars.

The reports presented to the directors to-day showed they had been carrying a losing business for the past three years. W. R. Brock, the president, says the whole trouble is the British preference, which permits British manufacturers to lay down their goods here cheaper than Canadians can manufacture.

The other directors are W. D. Long, Hamilton, vice-president; R. Mitchell, Toronto; W. E. Benson, Montreal and Geo. Randall, Waterloo. The plants are unencumbered.

THE GUILD

Christ Church Ladies Give a Pleasing "At Home"—Good Musical Program

One of the most pleasant little social events of the season took place at the Christ Church Rectory last evening. It was an At Home given by four ladies of Christ Church Guild, Mrs. Will Richards, Mrs. McCosh, Mrs. Waddell and Mrs. J. M. Pike. These ladies deserve great credit for the success of their social. Notwithstanding the very disagreeable weather there was an excellent attendance. Silver collection was taken at the door and a good sum was realized, which will be contributed from the Ladies Guild to the church.

The evening was opened by a short musical program, which was composed of vocal solos by Miss Lucy McKellar, soprano, soloist of the church, and J. W. Wilson, choir director. The Christ Church quartette—Messrs McKellar and P. Stephenson and Messrs. Wilson and Angus, gave a pleasing selection. Misses Helen Smith and Verna Heyward, and Mrs. O. L. Lewis, also gave piano selections.

After the program refreshments were served. Those who assisted in the serving were Mrs. T. K. Holmes, Mrs. G. S. Heyward, and Misses Florence McCosh, Beatrice Ermatinger, Edith Holmes, Florence Glass, Edna Deon's, Muriel Hennessey, Verna Heyward, and Meta Wilson, and Messrs. Harrison, Waddell, Perrin, and Angus.

After the refreshments, the rest of the evening was very pleasantly spent in music, vocal and instrumental. It is to be hoped that the ladies will give another of their delightful socials in the near future.

GONE TO TORONTO

A deputation of twelve citizens of Chatham and W. E. Gundy, of the firm of Wilson, Pike and Gundy, left yesterday afternoon on the Eastern Flyer for Toronto in the case of Thompson vs. the City of Chatham, a case arising out of the claim of \$400 by Thompson Electric Company against the city. City Clerk W. G. Merritt is called by the Thompson Company and the others are for the city.

The other members of the delegation are ex-Ald. Geo. W. Cowan, ex-Mayor Geo. W. Sulman, City Engineer E. B. Jones, ex-Mayor T. A. Smith, City Treasurer R. G. Fleming, ex-Ald. Geo. J. Fielder, Henry Dunn, Archibald Park, H. W. Anderson, Albert Jones and O. L. Lewis.

MADE IN CANADA

A meeting of the committee who have under control the St. Andrew's Bazaar met at the Curling Rink last evening to complete arrangements for their fair. Among those present were Messdames Manson Campbell, Will Hadley, (Dr.) Dunne and Crombie, Miss Nan Battisby and Messrs. Geo. Crombie, D. S. Paterson, Bert Macdonald, Robert Gray, Jas. S. Gray, W. R. London, W. Hadley and others.

Committees were appointed and arrangements made for floor space for exhibits. The ice has all been cleared from the building and a front sidewalk put down. The front fence facing William St. is being taken away and the grounds overhauled and made attractive.

The Bazaar promises to be a grand success.

The New Rogers Stain Floor Finish and Pratt & Lambert Varnish is the latest finish for varnishing the floors of your house. For sale at Patterson's.

DENOUNCED AID TO SOO

Opposition Leader Whitney Describes Securities as Invisible and Mystical

Even Michigan Legislature Would Reject Such a Proposal—A Dangerous Precedent

Toronto, April 12.—The Opposition leader, in a two hours' speech, which was admitted to be the strongest arraignment of the Government this session, exposed in the Legislature to-night the iniquitous proposal of the Government to aid the Soo industries by a two million dollar guarantee upon the company's bonds. He showed conclusively that in the proposed loan the Government was creating a dangerous precedent, and likewise, placing \$2,000,000 of public money where it would never be recovered. The securities which the Government would hold were, he said, invisible and mystical, and as such, would not be accepted by any financial institution of repute. The Attorney-General followed Mr. Whitney, speaking for over an hour.

MR. WHITNEY SPEAKS.

Mr. Whitney, in opening, said the Government, if it had appreciated fully the serious consequences to the Province of the proposed legislation, this step would not be taken. All were interested in anything that was for the advancement or prosperity of the Province. There was no choice of either side of the House in that respect. It was untrue that the Opposition was opposed to the industries at the Soo. The Opposition was as true a friend of these industries as the Government. Mr. Whitney then said he proposed to let the air out of some of the bubbles. If the Premier persisted in painting such a rosy picture of the advantages of the proposed guarantee of bonds, he was taking away much of the bone of his argument. The Premier had given the House to understand that the industries were of priceless value. If they were such there was then no stern necessity for aid. Mr. Clague was undoubtedly a man of great ability, infinite tact and cheerful optimism. He was entitled to respect because he was one of the men who had refused to join in the high carnival, and wallowing in public money at the Soo. He refused to go in with the rest of the gang.

DIFFERENT STORIES.

Mr. Whitney then dealt at some detail with the events which had occurred at the Soo. There were two different stories. The Premier's rosy view indicated that there was no trouble of any kind in the affairs of the company, and the guarantee of bonds was a gift-edged investment. On the other hand, representative business men declared that the proposed loan was a great financial risk. The Premier had said there were thirty millions invested at the Soo, but he had neglected to tell how much water was injected into the Soo stock. It was freely stated by financial men that three-quarters of the stock was watered, and only one-quarter of it was legitimate investment. The Premier had claimed that the cause of the company's trouble was the panic in stocks a year ago. There were, however, men of authority in such matters who had foretold years ago that the Soo industries must come to grief. Mr. Whitney then pointed out the Speyer Company must realize largely on the securities. The company had even better security upon the industries than the Government. Any aid by the Government would be of no substantial benefit to the company. If the company was to get out of its financial difficulties the only way they could recover was in the usual business way. The industries were too great to be allowed to lie idle and crumble away, and there was no doubt whatever that without Government aid the company would recover and yet be what the people expected it to be. The Government had no right to take the money of the people of the Province and apply it to

SO RISKY A PROPOSITION.

By doing so they were creating a dangerous precedent. Other large industries which might get into financial disaster would have equal claim to aid from the exchequer, and if they made such a claim, how could the House refuse recognition of the justice of their claim? The Premier had hinted that in the event of the company not meeting its obligation with the Government, the Government might take over the industries and operate them, yet the plain English of the situation was that the company must either fulfill its obligations or the Province would lose the money advanced. The Premier had also said there were visible and tangible securities amounting to \$7,800,000; it was therefore apparent that there was an equal amount of mythical securities if, as the Premier claimed, the investments exceeded fifteen millions. Government newspapers had gone a little better and had estimated the property given as security was worth nineteen millions. Would any honest business man think of putting up \$19,000,000 in securities to obtain a \$2,000,000 loan if in a tight place? No institution or syndicate with such assets would

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THE ROARING OF CANNONS

Sounds of Heavy Firing was Heard This Morning Near Port Arthur

Big Sea Fight Believed to be in Progress but no Reports Have Yet Been Received

Che Foo, Wednesday, April 13, 11 a. m.—A correspondent of the Associated Press at Teng Chow, 40 miles northwest of here, telegraphs as follows:—"Sounds of heavy firing were heard at half-past six o'clock this (Wednesday) morning. The firing evidently was being done between here and Port Arthur. It is believed at Teng Chow that the long expected sea fight among the Miaotao Islands has taken place. The Japanese battleship Asahi, flying an admiral's flag, was seen off Che Foo yesterday, going to the west, and there is no doubt that the remainder of the Japanese fleet was in the vicinity of Port Arthur. The Russian fleet was also seen outside Port Arthur yesterday."

Che Foo, April 13—noon.—The captain of the steamer Lockshan, which arrived to-day from New Chwang reports that he heard heavy firing between five and seven o'clock this (Wednesday) morning in the direction of Port Arthur. The firing was continuous, but no ships were visible. From the direction of the sound he judges that there was fighting at the entrance of Port Arthur. The Lockshan was the last foreign vessel to leave New Chwang, sailing at the same time as the British gunboat Espiegle at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

St. Petersburg, Wednesday, April 13.—According to telegraphic advices received by the Novosti from its correspondent at Liao-Yang, a bombardment of Port Arthur and a fight on the Yalu are expected momentarily.

London, April 13.—The Times' New Chwang correspondent, cabling under date of April 11, says:—"Last night a plot's flare was mistaken for the lights of a Japanese fleet and the Russians fired and sank the junk with 35 hands, besides killing three persons and wounding seven in another junk. The native population is panic-stricken and leaving the town."

WATER COMS.

Special Meeting Held—Routine Business Only Dealt With

A meeting of the Water Commissioners was held Monday afternoon. Chairman Dr. Bray, W. D. Sheldon, Supt. Jones and Secretary Weir were present. The following accounts were ordered paid: Park Bros., \$84.96; Pennsylvania Salt Co., \$35; Buffalo Meter Co., 50c; Chatham Electric Co., \$170.88; McKeough & Trotter, \$87.24.

Account of Gas Company, for \$70.75 was referred to Secretary-Treasurer to arrange.

Account of A. G. Malcolmson for \$45.74 for car of coal was laid over, the Superintendent reporting the coal was not up to representations. The Pere Marquette communicated to the effect that they objected to the rate seven cents per thousand gallons being charged them. Mr. Weir was instructed to write stating that that was the by-law rate for steam users and would have to be complied with.

John Moore, employed at the pump house, asked for an increase in pay. On motion of Mr. Sheldon his pay was increased from 15 to 17 cents per hour.

Mr. Sheldon spoke of the great work of Mr. O'Mara during the flood and moved that he be granted \$15 for his extra services. The motion carried.

Re Separate school account, an application was made for a reduction. It was decided to take off \$14.00, leaving a balance of \$70.00.

The Commissioners decided to extend the time to the 8th of August for annual return to City Treasurer of water rates in arrears.

The cash statement was read as follows for March: To cash in Bank, \$1180.70; Alex. Jameson, \$1; Chatham Mineral Water Co., \$158.53; John Moore, \$1.25; City of Chatham, \$190.10; W. Roberts, \$1.35; F. Allen, \$2.00; turning off, 50c; water sales, \$490.09; total, \$2,037.52. Contra: By operating, \$1,514.92; by maintenance, \$43.51; cash in Bank of Montreal, \$479.09.

OLD BOYS RE-UNION

All citizens and committees interested in Chatham's street carnival and old boys' reunion will meet in the City Council Chambers, Harrison Hall, Friday evening, April 15th, at eight p. m. Everybody should turn out, as a good meeting is desired. All citizens who know the names and addresses of Chatham old boys will confer a favor if they will kindly send same to the secretary, W. W. Scane, at once.

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FINEST AS-
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To meet the growing demand for a high grade shoe for Men and Women to be sold for

\$3.00

we have bought a special line of shoes that we are proud to be able to say we can retail for

\$3.00.

The material is there, the style is there, and we guarantee their durability. In fact they are as good shoes in every respect as many others charge \$3.50 for.

We Want Your Trade

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