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## DRESS-MAKING!

### TWO DEPARTMENTS

MADAME SKIRVING who has charge of our First Department has now a very large staff of able assistants, and can turn your orders out without delay.

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ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

### HONEST BOX OF APPLES

Mr. Fisher's Resolution For Uniformity of Size Passes.

Only Change Made That These Boxes Shall Only Be Required for the Export Trade—Little Hostile Criticism on Principle, But Considerable Difference as to Details—Anti-Separate School Petitions Presented.

Ottawa, March 14.—(Special)—A large number of petitions protesting against adding the new provinces of the northwest with a separate school system were presented at the opening of the house today.

Mr. Fisher's resolution providing for uniformity in size of boxes in which apples are packed for export trade, was the subject of a debate in the house today.

There was very little hostile criticism of the general principle of the resolution, but objection was taken to some of its details.

R. L. Borden submitted the consideration of the minister a letter, in which the suggestion was made that the size of the box should be 20x12x9 1/4 inches.

The imperial bushel contained 2,218 inches, and the box proposed would allow for paper and a still give our British customers an honest British bushel.

The minister of agriculture said the box proposed in the bill was a compromise arrived at for the sake of giving dimensions without fractions, and was only 18 inches short of the imperial bushel.

The resolution was then adopted and the bill founded upon it introduced and read a first time.

After recess, the vote of \$588,000 for the St. Lawrence ship channel was discussed and Mr. Fisher's resolution explained the contemplated improvements, including the construction of a supply boat at a cost of \$100,000, to be used in winter as an ice-breaker.

He claimed that the ice-breaker Montcalm had been successful in breaking the ice jam above Quebec, so that navigation would be open three weeks earlier in the spring.

The item, after debate, was passed, and the house adjourned at 11 o'clock.

There will probably be a field day today in the House on the Northwest autonomy bill. The leader of the opposition has given notice to the Government that on the motion to go into supply, he will bring up the subject of the open letter of Premier Haultain to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Sir William Mulock gave notice that he will move the following resolution: "That a select committee, composed of Messrs. Burrows, Smith, Nairn, Johnston, Cape Breton, Grant, Deane, Sir William Mulock, Boyce, and Roche of Marquette, be appointed to enquire into and report on the various public telephone systems in operation in Canada and elsewhere, and the committee shall determine, and to consider and report what changes, if any, are advisable in respect of the methods at present in force for furnishing telephone service to the public, such committee to have power to send for persons and papers, to examine persons under oath, and to engage stenographers, clerical and other assistance."

### BEHRING SEA FISHERIES.

United States Makes an Offer for Canadian Rights.

Ottawa, March 15.—It is learned that the United States Government has made an offer of between two and three millions for the purchase of Canadian rights in the Behring Sea fisheries. The offer will come before the Government, but it is thought will not be entertained.

The Marine Department has purchased a number of quick-firing Nordenfelters from the British naval stores at Halifax and Esquimaux. The price paid was a nominal one, as the imperial authorities were desirous of getting rid of them for more modern guns.

Reception to the Canada.

Ottawa, March 15.—The new cruiser, Canada, has been splendidly received by the British authorities at her various ports of call in the West Indies. At Barbados, on arriving, the Canada, stood a salute, when the Governor sent out two A. D. C.'s to call upon her commander, Capt. Knowlton.

House and royally treated. The Canada is allowed to coal from the depots in the port she enters just as though she were a vessel of the royal navy.

The King Fire Cases.

Toronto, March 15.—One of the most important cases that will be tried at this sitting of the Criminal Sessions was commenced yesterday before Judge Morgan and a jury. Thomas Gordon, his son Joseph, his daughter Estelle, Bateman, and her husband, Hamilton Bateman, are on trial, charged with setting fire to the buildings, hay and straw stacks of James Bell. All the parties live in the Township of King. The actual value of the property destroyed was nearly \$6,000. The case will last all week.

British Shippers Complain.

London, March 15.—(C. A. P.)—The recent rise of freight on the C. P. R. and G. T. R. to inland ports in Canada is being unfavorably commented on by British merchants and manufacturers.

### BOGUS BALLOT BOX CASES.

His Lordship Judge McMahon, in Charging the Grand Jury at Belleville, Reviews the Evidence.

Belleville, March 15.—The ballot box cases are on again in this city. The sessions opened at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, and Judge McMahon, in his charge to the grand jury, directed most of his remarks to the conspiracy case, which, he said, from the number of accused persons, and the large amount of territory covered, was evidently one of large dimensions. The false ballots and false ballot boxes were only the means to an end. The principal parties who had conspired to use them were candidates for Parliamentary honors, and it was charged that the boxes were to be used to defeat the candidates opposed to W. J. Shibley and Byron O. Wolf. Neither of the former candidates were connected with the case, and could not be tried, yet it was necessary that the witnesses should appear in the indictment. The judge then reviewed the evidence given at the preliminary trial, and Attorney-General W. J. Shibley.

It was not apparent from the evidence at the preliminary examination, the judge said, that the Hastings County plot had been able to secure any ballots. The charge against the accused, the judge said, was a very serious one. The attempt to steal an election was an attempt to do a great wrong, to deprive the people of their legal rights. The crime of conspiracy was then described to the jury, it being, the judge said, a case when two or more persons conspired together to do an unlawful act by unlawful means.

Conspiracy was the essence of the charge; if that were proved, whether the object were attained or not, the accused ought to be convicted. There were some persons accused who were not connected with the case when it first started, but if it was proven that they were brought into the case before it ended, that would be sufficient, and they were equally guilty of conspiracy with those who started it.

Wait for a While.

There was also on the docket a charge of criminal libel, Porter v. Carmichael, but His Lordship said he would defer the case until after the conspiracy case had been deliberated upon, before he charged them in connection with the criminal libel case.

The grand jury then retired, but the evidence in the conspiracy case will not be presented to them till this morning at 10 o'clock, and Mr. Bellmuth, the Crown Prosecutor, is quoted as saying that he will require all day to present his case. The conspiracy cases will be tried separately, that of F. J. Reilly of Kingston being taken up first. He will be defended by E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., of Toronto, who will wait till the conspiracy matter has been dealt with.

Whelan will be defended by Mr. O'Flynn of this city, who will be associated with W. R. Ridell, K. C., in the defense of Kuttan.

POISON FOUND IN CAKE.

Mrs. Dee on Trial for the Murder of Her Husband.

Woodstock, March 15.—In the Dee murder trial here yesterday afternoon Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, a neighbor of the Dee family, swore that Mrs. Dee, the accused, on one occasion, when complaining of her unappetizing food, had said to her, "I'd kill him if I could!"

Mrs. Kennedy related that Mrs. Dee had said this to her, and that she could not get along with her husband, and that her life was most unhappy. She frequently expressed the wish to get away from all her troubles. Mrs. Kennedy believed Mrs. Dee to be of sane mind and responsible for her actions.

Matthew Wilson, K.C., crown prosecutor, in his preliminary address to the jury, stated that the case was introduced to show that Mrs. Dee purchased poison in Ingersoll two months before Dee's death.

He said that strychnine was found in the stomach of the deceased, and in the cake he had eaten for breakfast. The plea of the defense is insanity. The case will be continued to-morrow.

"BOBS" AT INDUSTRIAL.

King Commands Abbey's Coronation Picture to Be Sent to Toronto.

London, March 15.—By command of King Edward, Abbey's coronation picture will be exhibited at this year's Canadian National Exhibition.

Four pictures from the Louvre, Paris, will be exhibited at the Toronto Exhibition.

The Canadian Associated Press has learned that at a dinner on Saturday night in one of the London clubs, the Colonial Secretary mentioned to Lord Roberts that in a Provincial newspaper he had seen a cable from Canada that Lord Roberts intended visiting Canada.

Lord Roberts replied: "Yes, yes, I am going to Canada, and I think I am to open the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto."

Mon. Clifford Sifton Declines.

Toronto, March 15.—Clifford Sifton and Hon. F. G. Haultain have been written to in regard to addressing an indignation meeting in this city. Hon. Clifford Sifton declined to speak at the autonomy bill in Toronto, and Hon. F. G. Haultain has not replied, but it is not anticipated that he will accept.

Two More Protests.

Toronto, March 15.—At Osgoode Hall yesterday petitions were filed against the section of Richard Harcourt in Monck and Prince George.

The defeated candidate in this case is the petitioner. The list of petitions against members-elect now totals ten.

Make hay while the sun shines.

### 19 LOSE THEIR LIVES

Two Hundred Tenants in Desperate Struggle For Life.

Several Who Perished Were Roasted to Death in Plain View of Thousands in New York—Grossness Deaths, Thrilling Escapes and Daring Leaps for Life Witnessed—Tenement Only a Fire Trap.

New York, March 15.—At least a score of people were burned to death, several were so badly hurt that they may die, and forty others received slight hurts in a fire that practically destroyed a five-story tenement house in Allen Street early yesterday. The fire had gained great headway before it became known to most of the tenants, and the escape of many of them was cut off until too late to save themselves. Thrilling rescues and daring leaps for life marked the fire. Scores were carried from the blazing building. Firemen climbed the walls on their scissor ladders, braved the flames and reached the imperilled tenants. Of the badly injured several may die, as they are terribly burned.

Fire Escape Deaths.

Of the bodies thus far recovered only the following have been identified: Rachael Solomon, 45; Jacob Solomon, 16; Isaac Solomon, 18; Jessie Cohen, 18; Rose Wiener, 23; Sander Wiener, 4; Ida Muskowitz, 18; Harry Kaufman, 18; Rose Miller, 4; Morris Miller, 4.

Crowded fire escapes in the rear of the tenement house were largely responsible for so many deaths in injuries among its population, which approached 200 souls. The scenes about the building after the fire was over and when the search for the dead was begun were heartrending. Nothing so pitiful of such proportions has been seen in New York City since the Siccum disaster.

A Lamp Exploded.

The fire started in the basement, occupied by a lamp in the rear of three children. Davis had been out last night, and returning to his home early yesterday morning, went into his store on the same floor just in time to see a kerosene lamp in the rear explode. He awoke his wife, and both tried to put out the flaming lamp, but without success, and then gave all their attention to getting their children out of the burning building. A young man passing the house at the time saw the flames and gave the alarm.

Coroner Goldenkranz declared after an investigation that he had reason to believe the blaze was the work of an incendiary. He issued subpoenas for the fire marshal, tenement house and building inspectors, and health and police officials, to appear before him at the inquest Thursday.

The fire started in the basement and spread with frightful rapidity to the second floor, where it was caught in traps of flames, the halls and exits being rendered impassable in a few minutes after the blaze started. The building was one of the most crowded tenements, and the disaster was the worst in the history of the east side.

The district attorney has begun an investigation to place the blame for the great loss of life. Chief Croker of the fire department asserts that the police and tenement house departments are to blame for the disaster of the fire escape law. The tenement house department officials, however, say that the blame is on the shoulders of the fire commission. Of the nineteen dead three bodies, those of a boy and two girls, remain unidentified.

Chicago Tack Plant Burnt.

Chicago, March 15.—Fire, which broke out yesterday in the printing and box department of the Grand Crossing Tack Company's plant, caused a loss of about \$200,000. The entire plant, valued at \$1,000,000, employed 800 persons, many of them women and children.

Half a Town Destroyed.

Winnipeg, Man., March 15.—Half the town of Ponoka, Northwest Territories, was destroyed by fire Monday night, including Fairly's big store and the Bank of Commerce. Loss is \$100,000.

LEANS ON GUN; RULLS TRIGGER.

Campbellford Man Commits Suicide—Found by His Daughter.

Campbellford, March 15.—Thomas Blute, a well-known resident of this village, and former proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, shot himself yesterday afternoon at his residence. He was discovered by his daughter, lying in the woods with a double-barrelled shotgun lying beside him. One barrel had been discharged, the shot entering the lower part of his body.

From all appearance the unfortunate man had placed the stock of the gun on the ground and the muzzle against his body, and, leaning over, had pulled the trigger. Mr. Blute was a man, about 55 years of age, and had not been feeling well for some time.

Kingston Man Killed.

Syracuse, March 15.—The Empire State Express, westbound, killed two men at Dewitt, five miles east of this city, today. They had stepped from an accommodation train to cross the station, and walked in front of the Empire. They were instantly killed. The dead men were later identified as Broecker Pinan of Kingston, Ont., and R. W. Smith, home not known.

Old Man Frozen Dead.

Syracuse, March 15.—An unknown man about 80 years old was found dead, in a standing position near a straw stack on a farm near Syracuse yesterday. The body was frozen stiff, and the feet were so imbedded in the frozen ground that the body had to be chopped out.

He is richest who is content with the least for comfort is the wealth of Nature.

### HONORED HIM

Holy Trinity's New Rector Receives Recognition on his Departure From Seaford.

In a recent letter from Rev. Rural Dean Hodgins, of Seaford, the new rector of Holy Trinity church, he states his expectation of taking charge of the Maple City church on the first Sunday in April.

The Seaford Expositor says: "Farewell At Home—The ladies of St. Thomas' church gave a farewell at home to Rev. Rural Dean and Mrs. Hodgins on Friday evening last, a large number of the congregation being present. The spacious school room was artistically decorated with bunting and Chinese lanterns. A long table shaped like a cross occupied the centre of the room and was tastefully decorated and contained all the luxuries of a feast, which were heartily partaken of by the large gathering present. Supper over, the guests of the evening were called to the platform, when Mr. F. G. Neel, acting as chairman, read a short address, while Mrs. H. Bullard, wife of the rector's widow, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Hodgins with a beautiful solid sterling silver tea service, and little Miss Elsie Lynch, on behalf of the societies of the church, presented Mr. Hodgins with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a purse of gold in recognition of her services as choir leader and her faithful and devoted efforts in all the leading branches of church work. Mr. Hodgins gave a short address, thanking the friends for their liberality, stating that he did not feel that he had deserved so much kindness from the congregation, as he and his family had received so many beautiful tokens of esteem and good fellowship from them from time to time, and this last act of friendship seemed more than he could bear. Short addresses were made by the chairman and by Warden Bullard and Langstroth, expressing their regret at losing such valuable pillars from the church, and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hodgins unbounded success in their new field of labor in Chatham. Mr. Harry Town sang an appropriate and well rendered song. The chairman also congratulated the ladies on their noble thought in providing so pleasant an evening's entertainment for all."

SAD DEMISE

Joel Lewis Winegarden, a brakeman on the Pere Marquette railway, passed away at the Public General Hospital this morning about seven o'clock, after an illness of one month. Death was caused from nervous prostration.

Deceased was 29 years of age and was one of Chatham's brightest citizens. He was one of the Pere Marquette's most valued employees and worked on the run between Chatham and Walkerville. He married a Miss Graves, daughter of Jas. Graves, Stanley Ave., who with a family of five small children, the oldest of whom is nine years of age, is left to mourn his loss. Hiram Winegarden, Chatham yard conductor of the Pere Marquette, is a brother, and a sister, Loumore, of Dover Centre, is a sister of deceased.

The deceased was a member in good standing of Chatham Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 1041, which order will attend the funeral in a body.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at half-past two o'clock, from the late residence of deceased, King St. East, to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. Rural Dean McGee will conduct the obsequies.

POPULAR BOB

C. B. Atkinson, Jr., of Manitoulin Island, is in the city spending a week with his father, Park avenue. During the recent provincial campaign Mr. Atkinson was with Mr. Gage nearly every night. The ex-Chathamite dealt with the issues of the day, and then Mr. Gage followed with his exposure of the Ross Government. Mr. Atkinson is a warm admirer of Mr. Gage. He says that on the island the provincial member is not known as Gage or as Mr. Gage, but as "Bob." Everybody knows him and everybody admires him. The meetings often lasted till after one o'clock a. m., and Mr. Gage would then try to close his discourse but the audience would not have it so. "Go ahead, Bob," "Don't stop," "We've come 40 miles to hear you and we are still listening," were some of the cries that always urged the member for Manitoulin to continue.

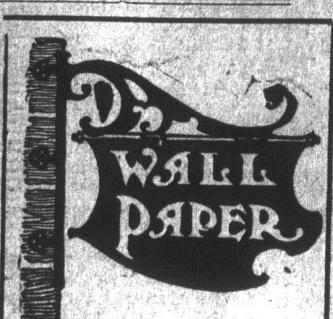
Mr. Atkinson will remain in this city until Monday, when he will return to Toronto.

Locomotive Explodes.

Schenectady, N. Y., March 15.—By an explosion on an engine on the N. Y. C. Railroad, near this city, yesterday, the engineer, Elmer E. Allen of Albany, was burned in a frightful manner, and death resulted in a few hours. No cause for the explosion can be assigned.

Novelist Kerby Ill.

Niagara Falls, March 15.—William Kerby, the aged Canadian novelist and historian, is seriously ill at his home at Niagara-on-the-Lake.



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