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Saturday Bargains.

A Huck Towel for 10 cents.

On Saturday we place on sale ten dozen Irish linen huck towels, fringed and bordered at both ends, size 17 in. by 34 in., good heavy clean made towel, very special at each 10c.

Hemmed Sheets at \$1.40 a pair.

3 dozen hemmed sheets, ready for use, neatly hemmed and made of extra fine quality English sheeting, size 70 in. by 90 in., on sale very special value at per pair \$1.40.

Fancy Tucked Apron Lawn at 10c.

37 in. wide fine white apron linen, deep hem and trimmed with three rows of tucks, extraordinary value Saturday at 10c.

Ladies' \$6.50 Skirts Saturday for \$4.95.

Ladies cloth skirts, 7-gore flare, overstrapped seams, nine rows stitching on flare, unlined, made of navy cloth with invisible light stripe, regular \$6.50 value, on sale for \$4.95.

Girl's Raincoats for \$3.75.

Girls' rain coats, made of excellent quality Oxford Grey Cravenette, full skirt and new bishop sleeve, very special at \$3.75.

Electric Seal Jackets for \$37.50.

Ladies' first quality Electric Seal Jackets, satin lined throughout, 24 in. long, all bust sizes, regular \$40.30 quality, on sale, special, at \$37.50.

35c Dress Serge for 25c yard.

42 in. wide, pure wool, heavy serge dress goods, in black, navy, brown, castor, cardinal, royal green, etc., regular value 35c. a yard, on sale, very special, at a yard 25c.

Velvet Carpets at \$1 per yard.

English Velvet Carpet in rich, floral design, with elegant border to match, especially suitable for parlors, very special value at a yard \$1.00.

Thos. Stone & Son.

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- First Prize** on Stoves and Hardware.
- First Prize** for best Stove.
- First Prize** on Cutlery and Silverware
- First Prize** on Tin, Copper and Graniteware.
- First** and only prize on Harness.
- Biggest and Best Display** by one firm at any one fair. **WE LEAD!**

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BIGGEST HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENT STORE IN ONTARIO.



"THE ARK"

Just received another consignment of the Gilroy Curtain Stretcher as shown in cut. It will stand on the floor, when not in use can be folded up in a small parcel 6 feet long. In three different styles. 6x12 feet when opened out. Price \$1.25, \$2, \$2.50. A set will last a lifetime. Will be pleased to show you this useful article.

This store is filled with things which you may require. Prices right.

A Visit to "The Ark" Will Please You.

H. MACAULAY,

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WILL APPEAL TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL TO PUNISH FRAUDULENT PROMOTERS

Important Meeting of Dominion Oil Company Shareholders Yesterday—Course of Present Officers Endorsed—An Unanimous Meeting.

A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Dominion Oil Company was held in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium yesterday morning, when some startling revelations were made concerning this company, its formation and the present situation of its affairs.

The meeting was called upon a requisition from the Colonial Securities Company who are deeply involved in the purchase of shares—

"To consider the formation and management of the said company from its beginning and to take such action on the premises as may be necessary or expedient.

"To consider the advisability of continuing the business of, or of winding up the company.

"And generally to look into all matters affecting the company's interest and to take action thereupon."

It has been thought for some time that this company was formed, and has been doing business, on a false basis. Circulars of big oil strikes and prospects have been issued and upon the strength of these, good people have taken stock in the company, when the stock is practically valueless.

The promoters of the company are accused of fraud, and the present officers claim that they know nothing of the state of the company's affairs when they assumed office. In fact, the management of the company's affairs, they claim, was practically dumped upon them. Finding themselves in control they considered it to be their duty to remain until properly relieved. The meeting would have been called by them in the near future without the requisition from the Colonial Securities Co.

The meeting yesterday was harmonious throughout, as every man present was bent upon winding up the company's affairs as speedily and as satisfactorily as possible.

The President, C. W. Chamberlain, occupied the chair, and the following is a list of the shareholders present with the amount of shares invested by each:—

- S. R. Hassen, Stratford, 1,000 shares.
- F. A. Clary, Toronto, 5,000 shares.
- F. L. Slaver, Montreal, 163 shares.
- John Reeve, city, 5 shares.
- Mrs. J. Rumph, Toronto, 500 shares.
- J. B. Rankin, K. C. city, 5 shares.
- P. Dierlamm, Stratford, 5,040 shares.
- J. Carter, Guelph, 300 shares.
- William Pulkingham, Elora, 2,857 shares.
- Executors of Geo. Delrymple, Lakeshore, 1,100 shares.
- A Casey, London, 800 shares.
- J. C. Nethercotte, Arve, 3,000 shares.
- Geo. Stubler, Tavistock, 500 shares.

R. C. Youngs, Ridgetown, 300 shares.

Chamberlain, Patrolea, 90 shares.

J. Bell, Hensall, 1,311 shares.

G. A. Gray, city, 10 shares.

J. S. Waugh, city, 5 shares.

J. J. Ross, city.

J. J. Ross, Trustee, 320,000 shares.

Christ Smith, city, 250 shares.

E. R. Smith, city, 5 shares.

Mr. Hesson asked the secretary for information regarding the formation of the company as referred to in the circular sent out. Mr. Ross proceeded to do so, and gave a full explanation of the state of the affairs from the present time. He also read a statement of receipts and expenditures to date.

The secretary, Mr. Ross, was asked several questions by the shareholders present, relative to the company, and its mode of doing business in the past. To every one of these questions Mr. Ross made a satisfactory reply.

All of the motions were passed without any proxies being used, and the vote was taken by a show of hands, no poll being demanded in any case.

Rankin—Youngs—That in view of the prospectus going about, published by the Colonial Securities Co., representing itself as the fiscal agents of the Dominion Oil Co., Ltd., we, the shareholders of the company, repudiate the said prospectus and contents thereof, and state for the benefit of the public that the prospectus is untrue, and that the substance of this resolution be reported in the *Monday Times*, Toronto; *The Times*, London, England; and *The New York Herald*,—Carried.

Netherdale—Clary—That the Dominion Oil Company, Ltd., be wound up and that Col. Rankin be appointed to consult with the Attorney-General of the Province to examine the matter of the company's origin and to punish the organizers of a fraud on the public.—Carried.

Netherdale—Hesson—That in view of the literature which has been scattered around regarding the management of the Dominion Oil Co., we desire to say that we exclude the present officers of the company from any mismanagement in connection with the business of the company.

Col. Rankin here took the chair and put the motion, which was passed. Both Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Ross thanked the shareholders for the expression of confidence.

Mr. Stubler, Mr. Hesson, Mr. Clary, Mr. Netherdale and Mr. Casey were appointed a committee of council to assist the directors in winding up the affairs of the company. Their expenses will be paid out of the company's treasury.

It was understood that the secretary would furnish reports of the meeting to all shareholders. He also a copy of the financial statement as read at the meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

HOTEL LOSES ITS LICENSE FOR BREAKING LIQUOR LAW

Political Efforts to Escape Responsibility Failed—Vigorous Action by Crown Attorney and License Inspector—A Field Day in Ridgetown.

Special To The Planet.

Ridgetown, Oct. 2.—The hotel men of Ridgetown were liberally assessed yesterday for selling liquor during prohibited hours. There were several interesting features in connection with the case.

William Merrifield, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, was assessed \$90 and costs. This being a third offense, he is, by statute, deprived of his license. This is the first conviction for third offense that has been made in the county in the past twenty years, and shows that Crown Attorney H. D. Smith is determined to carry out the law.

H. W. Pursell, proprietor of the Lozar House, was assessed \$20 and costs for a first offense.

Seven men were charged with frequenting the Queen's Hotel bar after hours. They pleaded guilty and were fined \$5 and costs each. The men were Chas. E. Smith, Ridgetown; Thos. Bad, Howard, and John McKenzie, Selton; Edward Smith, Howard; Roy Scane, Ridgetown; Geo. Reynolds, Howard. Two pleaded guilty to frequenting the Lozar House bar after hours and were fined \$5 and costs. They were Peter Miller, Ridgetown, and Geo. Smith, Ridgetown.

A unique feature of the case was that there were four Smith's and Crown Attorney Smith appearing in the case. None of the law violators

were related to the crown prosecutor. Complaints have been frequent of late as to the open violation of the liquor law in Ridgetown. Saturday night, the chief of police and night watchman made a round of the hotels. In the bar-room of the Queens they found twenty people and two bartenders dishing up the distilled liquor that entices and inebriates. In the Lozar House three people were found in the bar. The frequenters whose names were secured were all convicted, except two who were used as witnesses. This is the first time in some years that the law against frequenters has been enforced and the prosecution of the purchasing public met with approval in Ridgetown as did the prosecution of the hotel men.

William Merrifield is a good Liberal and his friends confidently asserted that he would never be convicted of a third offense and lose his license. They said he was too valuable a man to his party.

These, however, reckoned without License Inspector Boon, of Bothwell, and the Crown Attorney. Both are men who are not afraid to carry out the law in face of politics.

Strong efforts were made to have the charge against the proprietor of the Queen's hotel reduced to a second offense, but it was not successful.

There is an interesting feature in connection with the charge against Mr. Merrifield. He alleges that at the beginning of the year the Chief

of Police and night watchman were dismissed and the present tenants of the offices appointed, and that he secured their appointment on condition that they notify him of any raids. In addition, he alleges that he gave them free drinks in return for their influence, and for these parasites they agreed to protect him. The officers, he claims, overstepped their privileges and were in the habit of walking in with a crowd, tramping the bunch and then walking out without anteing. He called them down, they got angry and made the raid.

The Chief of Police and his assistant strenuously deny the charge and emphatically state that they never agreed to protect Mr. Merrifield and that they neither owed their election to him or accepted his hospitality.

The general opinion of all classes in Ridgetown is, that this lesson to the hotel men has been a good one, as complaints have been very general that the hotels, except the Arlington, were running wide open.

A good deal of regret is expressed for Mr. Merrifield, as he is credited with running the best hotel in Ridgetown, as regards meals, etc., but his non-observance of the early closing hours has been a source of annoyance to the law-abiding citizens.

BRITISH CONSERVATIVES.

UNPRECEDENTED ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Majority of Delegates Favorable to Mr. Chamberlain.

Sheffield, Eng., Oct. 2.—The thirty-eighth annual conference of the Conservative Association opened here with an unprecedented attendance, attracted by the unusually interesting political situation. Nearly 2,000 delegates were present. The delegates who were prepared to voice the opposition to preferential tariffs appeared to be considerably in the minority.

In moving the adoption of the annual report Mr. Lowe, M.P., Chairman of the committee, deprecated the conference expressing a decided opinion on the tariff question in behalf of the party until Joseph Chamberlain had fully explained his views. Cheers greeted Mr. Chamberlain's name, and the interruptions of Mr. Lowe's remarks soon made it manifest that there were grave differences of opinion on the fiscal question. Though the majority seemed to favor the bold departure from the present system proposed by Mr. Chamberlain, excited interrupters declared the country would never be ripe for a food tax, but their voices were drowned by the chorus of those asserting that the country must be educated thereto.

A reference to the resignations of Chancellor of the Exchequer Ritchie and Indian Secretary Hamilton brought forth a cry of "Good riddance."

After resolutions had been adopted calling for the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain, the redistribution of Parliamentary seats, etc., an official resolution on the subject of the fiscal controversy was moved by Sir John E. Dorrington, M.P. The resolution deals solely with Premier Balfour's proposals, not touching on Chamberlain.

Henry Chaplin, M.P., in supporting the official resolution, moved the addition of a "rider," thanking Mr. Chamberlain for his patriotic efforts and expressing approval of any practical scheme to promote a closer political and commercial union of the empire.

SAVED BY PROCTOR

The Well Known Stock Broker Aroused from Sleep in Time to Save Funeral Expenses.

The Planet narrowly missed a news item to-day in the "supposed suicide" of F. B. Proctor, the King street broker. Mr. Proctor works in his office almost every evening after tea posting his books, etc. Last evening he was in his office, and as it was damp and rainy he lighted a small gas heater, which he has to take off the chill. Mr. Proctor posts the stock quotations on a large black-board covering the side of his office, direct as they tick out from the telegraph sounder, and some days will make upwards of twenty miles in this operation. Last evening being somewhat tired he lay down on the couch after having ignited the gas stove burner. He got drowsy, but luckily did not go to sleep. He aroused himself almost suffocated, with the room saturated with gas fumes. Going out into the hall the light there was out and the hall also full of gas. He went to an open window and took a deep breath and returned and closed the gas cocks, threw open the windows and doors and took to the street to renovate.

Owing to difficulty some where the pressure on the gas had been removed and the flames had died out. Subsequently the gas pouring out of the open valves filled the room and had Mr. Proctor fallen asleep he might have been a dealer to-day.

The Planet is reminded by the incident to caution its readers against going away from their houses or retiring at night with any gas burning. Some people turn their gas dim all night. Do not do it. If you are afraid of the dark get a small night lamp. It will smell with the poor grade of kerosene we have but it may save embalming expenses.

WILL PAY WAGES AT THE SOO.

Government Solves Difficulties of Workmen.

Toronto, Oct. 2.—The Ontario Government has succeeded in evolving a plan of coming to the relief of the business men and the unpaid workmen of Sault Ste. Marie, and yesterday a plan was arranged for the immediate payment of the wages due by the "Soo" companies to its employees.

Under this arrangement the three banks represented at Sault Ste. Marie—the Traders' Bank, Imperial Bank and Canadian Bank of Commerce—will pay the time-checks of the men. These checks will be placed in the possession of Mr. Charles J. Holman, K.C., of Holman, Drayton & Slaght, to whom they will be assigned by the workmen, and who will secure all of their rights of priority of claim against the properties. The men will be paid through the trustee, and he will retain the checks as collateral for the banks. The Government partially endorses the checks, giving the banks an undertaking that they will be paid, either by the present ostensible owners of the properties, or by anyone to whom they may be sold. The security of the Government will be the land and pulp-wood limits, and the inability of any company to operate the works without its support.

Mr. Holman left for the Sault last night, and with him were Mr. Henry L. Drayton and Mr. Frank Ford, solicitor to the Treasury of Ontario.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Oct. 1.—This welcome news announcing that payment is to be made at once of the wages due the workmen of the Consolidated Companies was received here at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the head office of the company, and a very short time elapsed till it was generally known throughout the Soo. A few minutes later and it was supplemented by the following:—

Toronto, Oct. 1.—D. D. Lewis, Sault Ste. Marie; Have arranged payroll. Payment begins Saturday. Leave for Soo to-night. (Signed) F. H. Clergue.

As there is no possible chance of any further troubles, the regular troops here will be at once withdrawn. Major Carpenter, who is in command, said to your correspondent to-night that they would leave for Toronto at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning by special train. The amount to be eventually paid out by the Government as a result of its decision will be considerable, probably in the neighborhood of \$300,000, but it is not likely that all this will be required for Saturday.

Just how many men of the Soo Company are still here it is hardly possible to estimate, but since the closing down of the works nearly two thousand must have secured employment.

THE NEW DOROTHY DODDS ARE HERE

Are here in all their brightness.

Many new lasts and styles have been added to our stock.

We can fit any ladies' foot with a Dorothy Dodd Shoe.

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