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## The Greatest \$5 Skirt Value

Ever Offered

We have just passed into stock the best skirt for \$5.00 ever shown in this city. We ran across it in an odd way, had it made especially for us and confined to us for this district. You will see the style nowhere else and you will not be able to find its equal in value in Kent County.

Made of excellent quality all wool Frieze, in black and navy blue, unlined, with deep flare, flounce trimmed with 6 clusters of 3 tufts and 5 rows of satans, perfect fitting, in all lengths and waist sizes, regular \$8.00 value for \$5.00

One hundred and sixty-five new skirts are here, direct from the best Canadian manufacturers, showing the very latest ideas in skirt styles for spring wear. Every skirt is perfectly made, or it would not be here, stylishly trimmed, or we would not have it, and perfect fitting, or you would not want it. Here are a few representatives from the stock:

**AT 3.75**—A neat dressy unlined skirt, made of medium weight Oxford grey serge with reversible stripes, with deep flounce trimmed with 3 clusters of 4 tufts and 2 rows of satans, very special value at \$3.75.

**AT 3.90**—Ladies' Walking Skirt made of medium weight all wool frieze, in navy, Oxford and black, unlined, pleated lengthwise with 8 wide pleats, very stylish and neat, extra value at \$3.90.

**AT 4.50**—Made of medium weight all wool frieze in black only, unlined made with circular flounce, trimmed with 6 clusters of 3 tufts, special value at \$4.50.

**AT 7.00**—Made of extra fine heavy zibeline suiting, unlined, in Oxford grey only, flounce with satin from hip to flounce, very new and stylish extra value at \$7.00.

**AT 6.75**—Made of fine black costume cloth, 7 gore, graduated circular flounce trimmed with tufts and satans, lined, excellent value at \$6.75.

**AT 5.50**—Made of fine all wool black frieze, unlined, stitched yoke pleated panel front, trimmed with buttons, specially adapted style for large waist measure.

**AT 1.98**—Extra special value in girls' skirts, made of Oxford grey frieze, stitched seams and flare, in lengths 32 in. to 38 in.

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Chatham's Leading Clothiers & Outfitters.

Having purchased a large up-to-date stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings at St. Thomas, at an exceedingly low rate on the \$, we will, for the next few days, sell

Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Caps

At prices regardless of cost, to enable us to make room for our St. Thomas Stock.

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## The Musical Event of the Season

THE FAMOUS PITTSBURG ORCHESTRA

55 ARTISTS | Conductor—VICTOR HERBERT  
GRAND OPERA HOUSE WEDNESDAY EV., FEB. 18

PRICES, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c. and 50c. Seats on sale at Central Drug Store on and after Saturday.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Saturday, Feb. 21.

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

Johnston & Boyle

In the Humorous Comedy,

"THE AUCTIONEER."

A Hurricane of Laughter, A Blizzard of Fun, a Cyclone of Merriment.

WATCH for the Noon Day Parade. Don't forget the date.

Prices—25c., 35c. and 50c. Matinee—10c. and 25c.

## MISSIONARY WORK

A very interesting meeting of the Church Woman's Missionary Society of Christ Church was held yesterday afternoon. Judge Woods and M. Wilson, K. C., were present and delivered earnest, practical addresses. Both gentlemen spoke of the wonderful revival of missionary work now sweeping through the Church of England in Canada, and of the necessity of the congregation of Christ Church helping on the forward movement. Both addresses were listened to with marked attention, and the ladies are very thankful for the earnest addresses. Christ Church possesses one of the most active branches of the C. W. M. A. in the Diocese of Huron.

## MURDER AT WINGHAM.

DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE DEATH OF MR. SMITH.

A Prominent Merchant Found Lying on the Sidewalk—First Thought to Have Fallen—His Skull Fractured and Money Missing.

Wingham, Feb. 17.—A prominent hardware merchant, resident here for thirty years past, named Mr. J. Smith, a member of the firm of Smith & Peck, was found some nights ago lying on the sidewalk unconscious, with his skull crushed in. It was first supposed to be the result of a fall on the ice and snow. He was carried to his home nearby, and Drs. Chisholm and Agnew of Wingham and Gunn of Clinton were summoned, and did everything they could for the terribly injured man, but he never regained complete consciousness, and died early on Sunday morning.

The doctors all now express the opinion that he was the victim of foul play. The unfortunate man had started back to his store from his house, where he had just had supper, a curious fact being that he had counted over the money he had with him at the table before going out, amounting to \$14 in bills, which it seems he had neglected or forgotten to deposit in the bank. Very shortly after he was found only a few rods from his door, lying face down on the pavement, and with his foot still drawn over his head, and all his money gone. As soon as an operation could be attempted severe fractures were discovered extending across the skull, which must have resulted from a severe blow or blows of some heavy, blunt weapon.

It is stated that when a large blood clot was removed from the brain supuration had occurred, and just as he was trying to rally from the effects of the chloroform he was heard to call out the word "murder," and muttered some words in the nature of a request to send for Charlie his son.

The tragedy, occurring at such an early hour in the evening, and in a populous part of the town, has caused great excitement, and the general opinion appears to be that in the interests of justice a searching investigation should immediately be made, and such a despicable crime, if so it proves, as appears now to be the case, should not go undiscovered or unpunished.

The deceased was a quiet, law-abiding and respected resident of the town, and it would appear that robbery was the motive of the crime. A wife and one daughter at home, and a married son, accountant in the Bank of Hamilton here, survive. It is reported that an inquest has been ordered.

## GRAVE CHARGES MADE.

V. S. Officials at Caracas Leagued With Castro.

London, Feb. 16.—A blue book on the Venezuelan dispute was issued last evening. The most interesting despatch in the book is an official letter from the former British Minister at Caracas, W. H. D. Haggard, to Foreign Minister Lansdowne, dated Trinidad, December 30, concerning the alleged illegal detention of the British schooner Harry Troop by the Venezuelan Government in an unhealthy place from May to November, 1902, whereby the crew were decimated by dysentery. Mr. Haggard says in this letter: "I regret to say that it would appear that I placed too much faith on the complete accuracy of the statements of the Secretary of the United States Legation, W. W. Russell, as to the improvement in the conditions of the Harry Troop, etc., when he saw her. These statements may probably be accounted for by the facts which appear undoubted, that Mr. Bowen was most anxious for reasons best known to himself, to report the conduct of the Venezuelan authorities in the most favorable light possible, and that he had inspired his subordinate in the same direction. To put it briefly, Mr. Russell did not dare to say a word outside the Legation contrary to President Castro's mode of procedure."

Another noteworthy despatch is Sir Michael Herbert's report to Minister Lansdowne on his disagreement with Mr. Bowen, dated Jan. 29.

## Outrage Against Religion.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 16.—Missionaries and ministers in this city are, it is said, annoyed over the announced contract entered into by a Philadelphia firm to ship Buddhist idols to Kwang. They denounce the plan as an outrage against religion and decency.

## GAMEY'S CONSTITUENTS.

MEETING AT GORE BAY OF CONSERVATIVE EXECUTIVE.

The Member States His Reason For Supporting the Ross Government—Course Condemned, but Not Asked to Resign.

Gore Bay, Feb. 17.—A meeting of the Conservative Executive, fairly well attended was held, at which the action of Mr. R. R. Gamey, as outlined in the recent interview with The Globe, was discussed.

Mr. W. H. Williams, who recently returned from Toronto, was asked to give his views as from the outside Tory party. He strongly condemned the course taken by Mr. Gamey and charged that serious rumors were afloat as to the motive for that course. He did not produce one particle of evidence.

Mr. T. Robinson, a delegate from the country, took the ground that Mr. R. R. Gamey had promised to take an independent stand during the campaign last spring if the Government were sustained, and that he had received a great many Liberal votes on that account.

Mr. E. Battye did not understand any such stand to have been taken during the campaign.

Mr. Gamey attended and explained his position in a clear and careful manner, alleging that his duty was to his constituency first, and that he had only done what he considered in the best interests of his constituency. He particularly asked them to suspend judgment for the present. He also expressed an opinion that the executive had no power to ask him to resign, and said that he would be pleased to have a convention called and abide by their decision, as he knew from letters and interviews the great majority of the people were well satisfied with his recent action.

A strongly worded resolution endorsing Mr. Whitney and condemning the recent interview was passed, but no attempt was made to introduce a resolution asking for Mr. Gamey's resignation. The majority of the delegates personally favored Mr. Gamey, and have still confidence in him doing the best for the riding. Quite a number of votes were around the town, expecting to hear a public debate, but there was no public meeting.

The almost unanimous opinion expressed by those voters was favorable to Mr. Gamey.

## WOULD BUY BATTLESHIPS.

A Resolution to Raise a Canadian Naval Force.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—At the meeting of the Young Men's Liberal Club yesterday a notice of motion was given by Mr. W. J. Elliott, reciting that Canada enjoys the protection of the British navy without cost, and urging "that the Dominion Government raise a Canadian naval force, under the provisions of the militia act, to be composed exclusively of seamen, sailors and persons whose usual occupation is upon any steam or sailing craft navigating the waters of Canada, and that the whole expense thereof should be borne by the Government of Canada, and that they also cause to be purchased or built two first-class battleships, and present them to the British Government."

H. Dickenson gave notice of motion favoring a railway commission, and expressing the view that the granting of subsidies should cease, and a uniform system of municipal taxation be adopted for all railroads.

An informal discussion of the transportation question took place, after the subject had been introduced by Dr. Thompson of Alberta. Views were expressed by Messrs. B. Davis, R. J. Gibson, A. C. Thompson, H. Dickenson, and others.

## PROGRESS AT THE SOO.

First Blast Furnace to Start by April 1.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—In a letter received at the Parliament buildings Monday Mr. F. H. Clergue writes from Sault Ste. Marie concerning the activities of the company's various industries:—"Our large sawmill is running, employing from 50 to 75 men; our veneer plant, employing the same number, starts up on March 1; our pulp mills are producing more than ever before, employing over 200 men; our coal shops are working on an order of 500 cars from the Canadian Pacific Railway; our charcoal plant just coming into operation, employing in the woods and works 500 men; our first blast furnace starts up on April 1, our second on May 1, and by July 1 we shall have 2,500 men in the woods cutting forest products for these different works, and this number will be required all the year round. The employees around our works will at that time also amount to 2,000 people."

"We have now applications for all of the settlers' land we have surveyed, and I am nearly ready to send our maps down to the Crown Lands Department for the assignment of our land grant. We shall have no difficulty whatever in putting in twice as many settlers as our contract calls for."

A man is known by the company he keeps out of.

## TO THE MERCER

Annie Reaume was to-day sentenced to six months in the Mercer Reformatory, by Judge Houston. Mrs. Reaume pleaded guilty to perjury. She stated in the witness box that on Sunday, Feb. 8th, she was not at Jacob Labombard's hotel. Other witnesses swore that she was, and then the woman admitted her guilt. In sentencing her, Judge Houston said that the crime of perjury was considered, next to murder, the worst offense one could commit.

When Mrs. Reaume received her sentence, she sank back into the witness box, bowed her head and wept bitterly. Since last week, when she was sent up to jail, the woman hasn't tasted a morsel except half an egg. She is in a highly nervous state and takes her position very hard.

## NORTH YORK CAMPAIGN.

Messrs. Davis and Lennox Address a Joint Meeting at Aurora.

Aurora, Feb. 17.—The first joint meeting in the North York campaign passed off without riot or bloodshed. It was, in fact, a distinctly orderly and good-natured meeting, at which strong partisans stood for four hours tightly wedged against one another without losing their temper. The two candidates were the only speakers. Mr. Davis spoke first, dealing admirably with the administration of the Ross Government. Mr. Lennox dealt exclusively with the settlement of the protest, and Mr. Davis replied to him on that question. The audience gave each a candidate a fair hearing.

Mr. Lennox renewed his challenge and offer to resign if Judge Morgan would state that the \$800 costs was fixed by him after cutting down both bills of costs as the excess of Mr. Lennox's cost over Mr. Davis'. He said that the amount represented all of his costs. He read a formal statement to this effect, and drawing a Bible from his pocket, swore that what he said was true. In reference to the employment of alleged detectives by him, Mr. Lennox said that it was through one of these detectives that he had learned that Mr. Davis had paid a hotelkeeper's wife \$5 to promote temperance.

Mr. Davis in opening his reply said that one speech such as they had listened to, delivered on the floor of Parliament, would kill any member's usefulness in that body for all time to come. He (Mr. Lennox) had spoken for an hour and twenty minutes without referring to a single public question. He had not discussed a single public question, Mr. Davis exclaimed fully the circumstances attending the publication of the item in The Globe, describing the differences in the make-up of the first and second editions of The Globe, which caused the absence of the item in the second edition. Mr. Davis insisted on the accuracy of his telegrams and of Judge Morgan's statement. As to Premier Ross' interview, in which he said that no member of the Government had resigned, Mr. Davis said that he was present when Mr. Ross gave the interview for The Telegram reporter. Mr. Ross did not say that no member of the Cabinet intended to resign. Mr. Ross was familiar with the arrangement that had been made. He had consulted Mr. Ross, as he had with all the other members of the Cabinet who were available, in regard to the settlement.

## MISS McLEAN'S DEATH.

Inquest at London on an Ingersoll Girl.

London, Ont., Feb. 17.—An inquest was begun in the case of Bertha McLean of Ingersoll, who died here late on Saturday after three days' illness. The evidence of John McLean, a brother of the deceased, was taken, also that of William Ryman of Ingersoll, who had been paying attention to the young woman. Ryman stated that he had been keeping company with deceased for about a year and a half. He was with her at the skating rink at Ingersoll on the Tuesday evening before she came to this city. Deceased had not complained to him of being unwell, but said that she was coming to London to visit an aunt. The brother of deceased stated that he was not aware of his sister's illness, but he knew she was going to visit in this city. Coroner Ferguson adjourned the inquest until Friday evening. It appears that at the boarding house where she was stopping Miss McLean gave the name of Mrs. Moore. A gold watch, which her name was inscribed. The police here then telegraphed to Ingersoll and found that her home was there. The young woman while staying here had her meals brought to her room. Mrs. Williams, with whom the young woman boarded, said that the deceased went out for a short time the first night she was here, and the next time she went out was as a corpse. Mrs. Williams said she had learned through a brother of deceased that the latter had been married when she was fifteen years of age, but that her husband had deserted her.

## PHILADELPHIA NOT SO SLOW.

Man Robbed of Diamonds Ten Minutes After His Arrival.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Nathan Doras, a diamond broker of Philadelphia, was robbed of \$7,000 worth of diamonds on a street car ten minutes after his arrival here from Cincinnati to-day.

## THE WHITE PLAGUE.

The Treatment of Tuberculosis in Germany.

Berlin, Feb. 17.—Yesterday the Chancellor sent to the Reichstag a memorandum on tuberculosis treatment, showing that out of 1,000 deaths in Germany of persons between the ages of 15 and 60, 316 die from tuberculosis alone. The mortality of the whole population averaged 242 per 100,000 yearly. The health officer found that consumption can best be treated in special hospitals. The statistics of 1896 to 1901 showed that on the average out of a hundred cases treated 37.7 were dismissed as cured or improved, 8.8 as no better, 3.1 as worse, and that 0.4 died.

## A BRANDON FORGERY.

Banks Swindled Out of Several Thousand Dollars.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Quite a sensation has been created at Brandon by the discovery that a number of banking institutions, notably the British North America and the Imperial, have been swindled to the extent of several thousand dollars by the operations of a smooth young farmer named L. S. Paterson. It appears that young Paterson some time ago discovered how easy a matter it would be to raise money on warehouse receipts. Blank warehouse receipt books were generally left about the offices of elevators and grain warehouses. A number of blanks were torn out, and the names of the warehousemen forged thereon. Then the receipts were taken out to the bank and large amounts of money raised on them. In one or two cases the name of J. Crawford, warehouseman for Mr. E. O'Reilly, was forged, and the money raised at the banks. One or two other elevator people were victimized in the same way. Some time ago the same game was successfully worked at Wapella. No arrest has yet been made, as the supposed guilty party has departed.

## FARM LABOR PROBLEM.

The Government Adopts Practical Measures.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The scarcity of farm labor in Ontario was the subject of a conference Monday between Premier Ross and a deputation representing the County Councils of York, Ontario and Simcoe Counties. Mr. C. E. Lundy of Newmarket headed the party, which included Councillors Johnston, Kirby, Pugsley, Hill and Rogers, and Clerk J. A. Ramsden from York; Councillor Alex. Hardy from Ontario and Warden Brownfield and Councillors Graham and Snowdon from Simcoe County. Mr. Thomas Southworth, Director of Colonization, was also present. The Councillors asked that the Province take some distinct steps toward securing for old Ontario the same law regarding English, pointing out that the tendency was for them to go to New Ontario and the Northwest, where they become farmers on their own account. Mr. Southworth told of the demand for labor through his department, and said he believed 10,000 men could be placed this year. Mr. Hill suggested sending agents to the ports of entry, but this was thought to be ineffective, as the men were usually ticketed through to the west. The Premier expressed his hearty sympathy with the aim of the deputation, and said that while it was too late to do much for this season, he would at once cable the Ontario Immigration Agent at Liverpool, Mr. Thomas Byrne, and Mr. W. R. Preston, Dominion Agent, at London, of the urgency of the situation. He also favored the commencement next fall of an active propaganda in the old country on the part of Ontario to secure farm help.

## Garfield's Son Appointed.

Washington, Feb. 16.—It was announced at the White House to-day that the President would appoint Jas. R. Garfield of Ohio Commissioner of Corporations under the act creating the new Department of Commerce. Mr. Garfield is a son of the late President James A. Garfield, and is at present a member of the civil service commission.

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