

WM. FOREMAN & CO.

IMPORTERS OF FINE LINEN

The Greatest On Record

The sales of Linen thus far during this February Linen Sale are the greatest on record. Little wonder this sale has been so successful when you consider the rich and exclusive patterns, the high quality and the lowness of price of the linens. We would suggest that you visit this store often during the next ten days while the linens are in the Millinery show rooms and while they may be seen to the best of advantage, and then if you would save money on linen such opportunities as the present occur seldom during the year, note the savings and then put our statements to test by inspecting the linens.

Slightly Imperfect Cloths and Napkins

Sets of Cloths with napkins to match, all pure linen, double satin damask.	8-10 all pure linen Table Cloths portraying poppy border with daisy centre, \$2.50 for \$1.90.	10-12 all linen double Satin Damask Table Cloths in rich floral scrolls, \$6 for \$4.50.
8-10 Cloths, 24x24 napkins portraying daisies, per set \$5.00.	8-10 all pure linen Table Cloths portraying Chrysanthemum border with snowdrop centre, tulips, double border of floral scroll and bowknot with snowdrop centre, lily and grecian border with lilies in the centre, \$3.00 for \$2.25.	10-12 all linen Table Cloths, unbordered, all ready hemmed, poppy border, moire centre, with poppies here and there, \$5 for \$3.90.
8-12 Cloths, 24x24 napkins portraying a leafy pattern, set \$5.75.	8-12 all linen double damask Table Cloths portraying tulips and crockes \$5.50 for \$3.90.	10-14 all linen double Satin Damask Table Cloths portraying maiden hair fern and scroll, \$10 for \$9.75.
8-10 Cloths, 24x24 napkins portraying dew drops with snow drop centre, set \$6.25.	8-10 all pure linen double Damask Table Cloths portraying lilies of the valley, shamrock centres and grecian border, \$4.00 for \$2.90.	10-14 all linen double Cloths, portraying daisies, \$7 for \$5.
8-12 Cloths, 24x24 napkins portraying a Begonia leaf, set \$3.25.	8-12 all linen double damask Table Cloths portraying tulips and crockes \$5.50 for \$3.90.	8-10 rich double Satin Damask Cloth, all pure linen, portraying roses and scrolls with a crest centre, \$7.80 for \$6.50.
8-12 Cloths, 24x24 napkins portraying Holly and Mistletoe, set \$13.25.	8-12 all linen Table Cloths portraying ivy leaves with floral border, \$3.75 for \$3.00.	5-8 Napkins, all pure linen double damask, portraying chrysanthemums, \$2.50 for \$1.95.
10-12 Cloths, 24x24 napkins portraying Springing, Tulips and Bowknots, set \$17.00.	10-12 all pure linen extra heavy satin damask in a rich floral pattern at per yard \$1.25 for \$1.00.	3-4 Napkins, all pure linen portraying fleur-de-lis, \$3.25 for \$2.25.
10-12 Cloths, 27x27 napkins portraying Rose, Bowknot and leafy centre, set \$18.50.		3-4 Napkins, all linen, double satin damask, ivy and snowdrops, pinrose and snowdrops, pansies, lilies of the valley, shamrocks, shamrocks with Grecian border, \$3.75 for \$2.75.
10-12 Cloths, 27x27 napkins portraying poppies, set \$18.75.		

Extra Values in Bleached Tablings

44 in. pure linen bleached tablings portraying a wild rose, special per yd 75c.	72 in. all linen double damask tablings in patterns, floral borders with fleur-de-lis centre and floral border with snowdrop centre, regular per yd \$1.16 for 85c.	72 in. all linen, floral border with large fleur-de-lis centre per yd \$1.00.
72 in. all pure linen, satin damask in patterns, floral borders with plain centre and grecian borders with pin dot centres, regular per yd \$1.00 for 75c.	72 in. all pure linen extra heavy satin damask in a rich floral pattern at per yd \$1.25 for \$1.00.	84 in. satin damask tabling, warranted all pure flax, portraying tulips, per yard \$1.25 for \$1.00.

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WHEELER SPEAKS

Chatham Citizen Makes Forceful Address With Deputation to Minister of Public Works.

London fishermen have returned from Toronto, where they interviewed the Hon. Dr. Reame with a view to obtaining the cancellation of all descriptions of fishing privileges on the River Thames. They are in a jubilant frame of mind, as a result, and fully expect that the Minister will make the desired change. Dr. Reame expressed surprise that the condition of affairs as related to him had been permitted to exist. Mr. Baatelo, the fisheries superintendent under the late Government, is understood to have made a change of front on the question. At least some of the fishermen were surprised to find that he was ready to back up their side of the case, and stated that he had intended bringing the matter to the notice of the Minister.

The deputation from London consisted of Messrs. H. B. Elliot, James O. Weidon, W. H. Chittick, Frank Friend, John Bowman, Dr. Fred. L. Wood, Captain T. E. Robson. Other members of the deputation were Messrs. Caleb Wheeler, of Chatham; Hon. Nelson Monteith, Hon. Adam Beck, George Nesby, M. P. E. Telegrams of regret at inability to be present were received from a number of others. Nearly all the members of the deputation spoke, and they were delighted with the business-like manner of their reception. Hon. Adam Beck made a strong speech in favor of the cancellation of the licenses, as did also Mr. Nesby and Hon. Mr. Monteith, the latter claiming that he was as much interested as any of the others. One of the most forceful speeches was that of Mr. Wheeler, of Chatham, who has known of the conditions existing for many years past. —London Free Press.

JOHN DUCK

Was Once Warden of Kent County and Customs Collector, Ridgeway.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 16.—John Duck died at his home in Morpeth, Kent County, this morning. He was eighty years old and one of the earliest settlers in Kent County. He had served as Warden of the County and was for several years collector of customs at Ridgeway, retiring only three years ago. A widow, two sons and one daughter survive him.

The self-made man has a profound contempt for pedigree.

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WHAT ABOUT THE DREDGING?

Herbert S. Clements, M. P. Asks Pertinent Questions in Dominion Parliament.

Also wants to know if tariff does not discriminate against our farmers and their interests.

Herbert S. Clements, M. P., has given notice in the Dominion Parliament that he will on Monday make of the Ministry the following enquiries:

1. Have the surveys for the River Thames from Lake St. Clair to the City of Chatham been completed for a fifteen-foot channel, as proposed by the Government?
2. If so, what has been the cost up to date for the completion of said plans, specifications and all other work in connection with the same?
3. Is it the intention of the Government to complete the work as per plans and specifications submitted, and when will the work commence?
4. Relative to the tariff, which Mr. Clements alleges discriminates against the farmers and their interests, he gave notice of the following questions:—What were the imports of the following imported into Canada for home consumption from the United States, and the exports of same from Canada to the United States, and the duty on the same both ways, in the years 1903 and 1904:—Amount of pork, bacon, hams, shoulders, etc. 2—Apples? 3—Wheat? 4—Corn? 5—Beans, raw, canned and otherwise? 6—Cattle? 7—Horses? 8—Wool? 9—Hides?

Succumbed By Gas.

Albany, N.Y., Feb. 17.—Charles Bort, aged 41, a traveling millinery salesman of Syracuse, was killed by illuminating gas in his room here yesterday. He recently lost his position and is said to have been dependent, but his death is declared to have been accidental.

Former Premier Summons.

Buda Pesth, Feb. 17.—In view of the failure of Count Andrássy to form a Hungarian ministry, Premier Wekerle has been summoned to Vienna to see the Emperor-King. It is probable that former Premier Szell also will be consulted.

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GROSS CRUELTY

Ponies Spent Days in Open Cars without Food, Water or Shelter.

Humane Society Officer Sanders Wednesday took further action in the matter of the horses being shipped over the C. P. R. through this city. The train, to look out for which the local officer had been warned by the Chatham official, reached the city Wednesday night, and Inspector Sanders at once took a look at the cars, which were four in number, and loaded down with the poor animals. A typical case was one car in which there were loaded twenty-six horses. They were rough western ponies, and were being shipped in bond to St. John, N. B. The ponies were loaded at Chicago, so the way bill showed, on the 12th of the month. Apparently they had not been fed or watered since that time, for they were in a frightfully emaciated condition when seen by the officer. The cars were of the open variety, exposed to all the winds of heaven; frigidly cold. They had apparently at one time been covered with paper, but the paper had blown into shreds until it was a very mockery of protection for the poor shivering animals. Local officials told the inspector they could do nothing in the way of opening the cars to feed the horses, but Mr. Sanders was informed that they would be fed at Toronto, at which place they were scheduled to arrive about two o'clock yesterday morning. It appeared that the horses had been at least two days and probably longer without either food or water, and exposed to the elements in the open cars.

Inspector Sanders says that he was powerless to do anything in the matter. "I could not find anyone who seemed to be in charge of the cars, which were in bond," he said. "Humane societies are practically powerless to do anything in these cases. There is no one official whom we can get at, and, in fact, the whole thing seems to be well worthy of being looked into by our legislators." —London Free Press.

Humane Officer James McGregor got track of the car of horses here and he at once wired Mr. Sanders at London to investigate. Mr. McGregor was too late to stop the train here.

Jay Cooke Dies.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17.—Jay Cooke, whose fame as a financier is world-wide, died last night at the home of his son-in-law, Charles D. Barney, at Ogontz, a suburb of this city. Mr. Cooke was 83 years old.

China Decorates Diaz.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.—President Diaz has been given by the Emperor of China the first grade decoration of the Order of the Double Dragon.

Speedily Sentenced to Death.

Towanda, Pa., Feb. 17.—Bigler Johnson was yesterday convicted of first-degree murder for the killing and burning of his wife last September. Judge Fanning immediately passed the death sentence.

To Irish Art Gallery.

London, Feb. 17.—The Prince and Princess of Wales have presented five pictures, by Constable and Corot, to the new Irish art gallery.

THE BRITISH COMMONS

Asquith's Amendment To Speech Defeated By 63 Majority.

The Attendance Was Large and Guarantee Continuance of Government to End of Term—Chamberlain Opposed to "Instructing" Delegates to a Colonial Conference—Again He Is Epigrammatic.

London, Feb. 17.—H. H. Asquith's amendment to the reply to the speech from the Throne was defeated in the House of Commons last night by a vote of 315 to 248. This amendment declared that the various aspects of the fiscal question had been thoroughly debated, and that the question should be submitted to the people without delay. The majority of 68, by which Mr. Asquith's amendment was rejected, is regarded as giving the Government the first move in the political game, and as finally disposing of any present prospect of dissolution of Parliament. In his reference to the colonial conference and the Opposition's amendment that British members of the conference should be instructed, Mr. Chamberlain in his speech yesterday asked whether the Opposition thought the men from the colonies would come to talk until black in the face knowing all the time that Great Britain's representatives had a mandate in their pockets not to give anything that was asked.

Salisbury's Son Is Strong.

The real event of the night's debate was the brilliant speech delivered by Lord Hugh Cecil, which is admitted by friends and opponents to have been his finest oratorical effort, and one of the best speeches delivered in the House of Commons since the Gladstone-Salisbury period, and as placing Lord Hugh in the forefront of possible leaders of the Conservative party. Lord Hugh Cecil is the leader of the Conservative free traders, and the Liberals had placed their hopes in him to turn out the Government. He disillusioned them by contending that the free trade cause would gain by keeping the present Government in office still longer, and while he pulled no punches mercilessly his cousin Balfour's attitude on fiscal questions, he declined to vote for the Asquith amendment. The majority of Conservative free traders will follow Lord Hugh Cecil's lead, and apart from the possibility of some unexpected snap division, the government's position is decidedly safe.

Recalled the Late Salisbury. The scene during Lord Cecil's speech was somewhat curious and was intensified by his peculiar habit of nervous gesture and physical characteristics, recalling the appearance of his father, the late Lord Salisbury, at the same age. Only a couple of yards separated him from Premier Balfour, sitting alone on the treasury benches.

"It is the business of a premier to make himself understood," said his lordship. "If he confesses that he has not been understood then he throws up the sponge."

He laughingly added that if Mr. Balfour would give him an office without a portfolio he would undertake to make his policy perfectly clear to the whole country. He feared, however, that his own ministerial career, though sensational, would be brief, and that the Government would soon be defeated. In conclusion, Lord Hugh declared that the free traders were winning all along the line. He had no intention, he said, of leaving the Conservative party. The Conservative free traders were the inheritors of true Conservative principles. In time, the speaker said, "You will forget our bad economics. The future is with us. It is needless that we should make one personal point against Lord Hugh Cecil by stating amid laughter, that it would be difficult for his lordship to give a monosyllabic answer to the question whether he was a ritualist as for himself (Balfour) to say whether he was a protectionist."

Bounty On Steel Rails.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A cheque for the sum of \$60,000 has been given the Lake Superior Corporation representing bounty at the rate of \$3 a ton on steel rails manufactured by them. The bounty was supposed to apply only to structural steel, but the corporation argues that it should be paid on steel rails as well. The Auditor-General referred the matter to Mr. Aylesworth, who upheld the corporation's contention.

Canadians Do Good Shooting.

Detroit, Feb. 17.—At the Rush House shoot yesterday C. G. Spencer of St. Louis, had a percentage of 1,000. He was high man of the day, with a kill for every one of the 24 targets shot at. I. O. Chapman of Fulton, N.Y., was tied with three others for second gun, with 24, while Mort Mayhew of Marcy, N.Y., and H. Scane of Ridgeway, Ont., had 23 apiece.

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QUALITY IS THE KEYNOTE HERE

Of this business. For eighteen years we have ever held quality as our guiding star. You would never forgive us if we sold you "trashy" clothing, even though we called it "trash."

You'd forget about that, and the cheapness would not smooth your ruffled feelings when you realized your mistake in buying. We do SELL clothing at low prices, but it is the reliable satisfactory kind. The kind with which we always give a "money back if you want it" guarantee.

Guaranteed Suits for Men \$5 to \$18.00.
Guaranteed Suits for Boys, \$2.00 to \$7.50

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TO TAKE CHURCH CENSUS.

Sarnia Church Workers Will Keep Tab On Themselves and Others.

Sarnia, Feb. 17.—Within the next three weeks a church census of the town will be made for the purpose of sending out exactly how many persons belong to the various denominations, and to report the names to the clergymen.

"The idea has been put into operation in other towns and cities," said a local clergyman yesterday, "and has been found a great help. The work will be done by a committee of 100 or more volunteer workers. The town will be divided into sections and two young men, or young women, representing different denominations, will be assigned to a certain number of blocks and will be required to secure the names and church affiliations of all persons residing therein, including children of Sunday school age. The names and addresses will then be given to the proper clergyman. In this way it is hoped that a large number of persons will be aroused to an interest in church work. There is a natural diffidence on the part of the clergymen towards calling on families of whose denomination they are not certain, and many are overlooked. The census being non-denominational, will remove this objection."

President in Control of Canal.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Mann bill to provide a Government for the canal zone was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday. The bill gives all the right of Government of the canal zone to the President until the end of next Congress, but provides the inhabitants in the free enjoyment of their liberties, property and religion. It abolishes the Isthmian Canal Commission and places the work of construction of the canal in the hands of the President, and such persons as he may appoint and employ. The bill authorizes the President to retain the Canal Commission as a commission or individuals members as consulting engineers, if he shall so desire.

New Electric Power.

Brantford, Feb. 17.—Cecil Smith, the promoter of the Grand River and Western Power Co., which seeks a Dominion charter, was in the city yesterday morning on a brief business trip. He stated that his company, if it gets a charter, will develop power at Jordan, near St. Catharines, and will run a line west as far as London. Brantford will be on the direct route and the main line of transmission will be through this city. There is an abundance of power for use, according to the testimony of experts, and a large share of it would be utilized at very low rates in the various manufacturing industries of this city.

To Fight License Reduction.

Galt, Feb. 17.—James Haverson, K.C., of Toronto, has been called by the hotelmen of Galt to come up and aid them in fighting the temperance forces that are endeavoring to induce the town council to cut off three of the nine licenses. The hotelmen have secured about 1,000 signatures to a petition strongly setting forth reasons why the proposed reduction should not be made. This will be presented at the council meeting Monday night, and Mr. Haverson will be on hand to support it with an address. The liveliest possible time is anticipated.

Disturbance Glass Windows.

New York, Feb. 17.—Within 24 hours after his release from prison, where he had served a sentence for smashing more than \$2,000 worth of plate glass windows, John Grogan early to-day returned to the scene of his escapade and started in to duplicate the feat of two months' ago. He was not so successful this time, however, having broken only three of the large show windows when he was overpowered and again taken to a cell.

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FRICTION ABOUT FAIR FAIRS.

Eastern Men Will Withdraw From the Central Association.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The Central Fair Association of Ontario concluded their annual session at Victoria Hall yesterday. The chief matters under discussion were the proposals to change the form of distributing the Government grant and to make no distinction between district and township fairs. No action will be taken on either of these points, but the association will wait for the Government to make an assertion, which it is hoped to be able to discuss at the next annual meeting.

R. B. Faith, of Ottawa, advocated a division of the association into East and West Ontario. He contended that Toronto was too far from the extreme districts. The meeting was not favorable to Mr. Faith's proposal, but the eastern men are determined and the Eastern Fair Association will take the matter into its own hands and run an independent association.

These officers were elected: President, J. W. Shepherd, Cayuga; first vice-president, James Mitchell, Godrich; second vice-president, Rev. C. B. Clark, Metcalfe; recording secretary, Alex. MacFarlane, Ottawa; executive committee, John Farrell, Forest; W. B. Sanders, Stayner; William Alexander, Burk's Falls; R. Honey, Brimley; J. Thomas Murphy, Simcoe; W. Black, Parham; D. Quinlan, Barrie.

To Secure Safety of Trains.

Pittsburg, Feb. 17.—A ten-day test of the teleautograph was opened here yesterday by the Pennsylvania Railroad, and while a final report will not be given until the end of the ten days, the test of yesterday was an unbounded success, and it is reasonably certain that unless something unforeseen comes up the teleautograph will be adopted here, as it has been in the big stations of St. Louis and New York. By the teleautograph yesterday handled by J. B. Blunt, who conducted the experiments at the World's Fair, messages written on the transmitter were recorded simultaneously at various other receivers. Three receiving stations were used in the test. The transmitter was placed in the office of the train dispatcher and the receiving stations were in the office of the station master, the train-master and in a nearby tower. Experiments with longer distances will be made to-day and on succeeding days.

Trouble Now Averted.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 17.—The executive committee of the Great Lakes Dredging and Tug Owners' Protective Association yesterday effected a wage agreement with the firemen and linemen. On Monday the representatives of the owners and the employees assembled on the verge of a deadlock. In the agreement for 1905, wages for firemen remain at \$60 per month and for linemen at \$40 per month. Industrial conditions as to hours and overtime are said to be equivalent to a 1 per cent. increase for the men. Last week the dredge and ocean men secured a similar 7 1/2 per cent. increase.

Losses Cause Suicide.

Listowel, Feb. 17.—Arthur Dawd, a popular Mornington farmer, committed suicide at his home yesterday morning. After breakfast he went to the barn to do his chores. Not returning, his sister, who had been keeping watch on him for some time, became alarmed. Search revealed his body suspended from a rafter in the barn. Melancholy, caused by real estate losses, and a heavy loss sustained by a cyclone in 1903, is supposed to be the cause. Deceased was an unmarried man and temperate. He was about 37 years of age.

Cameroon M.P. By Two Votes.

Godrich, Feb. 17.—His Honor Judge Doyle handed out his judgment in the West Huron recount, holding that M. G. Cameron had a majority of two of the total votes cast. Mr. Holmes gained three votes. Mr. Dickinson, counsel for Mr. Holmes, has given notice that he will appeal from his honor's judgment, to a high court judge at Toronto.

In the Garrow-Beck election, of 1900 Mr. Garrow was declared elected by the casting vote of the returning officer.

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