EATON'S SEMI-ANNUAL SALE NEWS

Some of the Values That Are Making This the Greatest Semi-Annual Sale in the Annals of the Store

La Maxixe and Le Tango,

which have set the world and his wife a-tripping the light fantastic, have inspired the designing of two evening gowns specially adapted to the needs of these all-pervasive dances. And here are the dresses in the Costume Department simultaneous with their appearance in New York. Both are the embodiment of artistic effect, the skirts being of a modified Turkish trouser type, sewn together at the bottom, with vents for the feet to slip through.

The "Tango" is of black charmeuse, with bodice of black Chantilly lace, with V-shape neck and flowing elbow sleeves. The gracefully draped skirt is trimmed down the sides from the knees to the ankles and round about the vents with natural marabout.

"La Maxixe" is of white satin, a scarf of airy white net swirling about the shoulders and falling over the right arm. An unwired minaret tunic characterizes the skirt, a charming touch of color being lent by the Oriental beads on the scarf and the wide girdle of mauve and blue satin.

Both gowns will be on exhibit on Thursday in the Costume Department, Third Floor, James Street.

Women's Winter Coats at Extraordinary Prices

STOCK-TAKING this year is revealing more than the usual number of odd lots and broken size ranges of coats, because of the extraordinary selling occasioned by the Sale of the past two weeks; so this After-Stock-taking clearance announced for Thursday will afford exceptional selection. A choice from dozens of styles, shades and materials, fairly representative of all that has been offered this season in Winter coats for women. They are marked at prices less than you would pay for the materials. All sizes in the lot. Semi-annual Sale, $2.95, $4.50, $5.00, $6.95 and $7.50.

Fur Collar Coats at Half-price

All-wool Austrian Broadcloth Coats, lined throughout with Italian cloth and having large storm collars and revers of full-furred natural skunk, blended coon, river mink or coney. All sizes in the assortment. Half-price. Semi-annual Sale, $8.75, $9.25 and $12.50.

—Third Floor, James Street.

Irish Linen Table Cloths, $1.63

THESE CLOTHS are of fine, even weave and silvery satin finish Irish linen in a variety of designs, including the popular rose and stripe pattern, also shamrock, carnation and polka dot effects. All are handsomely bordered. Size 2 yards square. Semi-annual Sale price, each, $1.63.

Cluny Lace-trimmed Fine Linen Centrepieces. Size 20 inches across. Semi-annual Sale price, each, $1.43.

Strong Linen Huck Towels, with hemmed ends. Size 18 x 36 inches. Semi-annual Sale price, pair, 21c. —Second Floor, James Street.

Pillow Cases, 33c a Pair

Hemmed Ready-made Pillow Cases, of English cotton. Sizes, 42 x 33 and 45 x 33 inches. Semi-annual Sale price, pair, 33c.

White and Grey Flannelette Blankets or Winter Sheets, strong cotton with close, even napp; pink and blue borders. Size 64 x 30 inches. Semi-annual Sale price, pair, $1.33. —Second Floor, James St.

Half-price Sale of Oil and Water-Color Paintings

by Distinguished Artists of Europe and Great Britain in the Picture Galleries, Fourth Floor.

Oriental Rugs That Are Not Only Beautiful, But Amazingly Low Priced

THREE PARTICULAR groups are deserving of emphatic mention:—

A collection of fancy Turkish rugs of close deep pile and beautiful sheen of surface, the following four being fine examples:—

Rug, showing rose color border and medallion on a Wedgwood blue ground—an exquisite bit of coloring. Size 6 ft. 7 in. by 9 ft. 4 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $68.00.

Rug, showing rose medallion and border on soft green ground. Size 8 ft. 5 in. by 11 ft. 6 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $107.50.

Another rug in rose and Wedgwood blue. Size 8 ft. 7 in. by 11 ft. Semi-annual Sale price, $104.00.

The fourth, an all-over design in ivory and rose on a green ground. Size 8 ft. 2 in. by 11 ft. 1 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $99.00.

A line of heavy Indian carpets of deep loose pile, including light and dark colorings, some soft greens and tans being among them. The patterning is bold and clearly defined. Sizes are:

7 ft. x 10 ft. 2 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $43.50.

7 ft. 5 in. x 10 ft. 2 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $45.75.

9 ft. 5 in. x 12 ft. 3 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $58.50.

10 ft. 2 in. x 13 ft. 1 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $80.00.

Some small Shirvans in characteristic combinations of blue and red, and of terra cotta and tan, show the usual bold designs, suitable for halls, living-rooms, dens, etc. Average size 3 ft. 4 in. by 5 ft. 6 in. Semi-annual Sale price, $17.75.

—Fourth Floor, James St.

Some Sensational Values for Thursday in the Sale of White Wear

THE MATERIALS are fine, the trimmings dainty, and the needlework characterized by a thoroughness that assures good wear. Styles and prices are as follows:

Corset covers in fine cotton with square-cut yoke of shadow lace and embroidery run with washable ribbon. Semi-annual Sale price, 73c.

Drawers in soft cotton, in seamless umbrella style, edged with torchon lace run with baby ribbon. Semi-annual Sale price, 69c.

Drawers in fine cotton with flounce and insertion of Swiss embroidery, bows of blue satin ribbon. Semi-annual Sale price, 89c.

Wonderfully dainty combinations—corset covers and drawers—in fine nainsook, daintily tucked, the square neck edged and inserted with an effective cut-out embroidery, the same trimming the drawers. Semi-annual Sale price, $1.79—a remarkable value.

Princess slips in extra large sizes in soft cotton, edged with lace or embroidery. Sizes 44, 46 and 48. Semi-annual Sale, half-price, $1.38, $1.50, $1.63. —Third Floor, Queen St.

Beaver and Velour Hats at Less Than Half-price

THIS IS A CLEARANCE of every untrimmed beaver and velour hat at less than half-price.

Nearly 1,000 Imported Fluffy Beaver Hats, in a choice selection of styles, suitable for women and girls. Nearly all are in black; a few colors. Rush price, Semi-annual Sale, each, 50c.

Velour Hats, including first quality Austrian velours, conceded to be the best that can be made. Splendid range of styles in the leading American blocks. Black and colors. Rush price, Semi-annual Sale, 95c.

Fine Quality Black and White Beaver Hats, in small, medium and large styles, for girls and women. Rush price, Semi-annual Sale, $1.00.

—Second Floor, Yonge St.

Boys' Underwear at 29c

"PENANGLE" BRAND Fleece-lined Underwear, in fawn shade, made with close-fitting cuffs and ankles, and all edges strongly bound. Sizes 22 to 32. Semi-annual Sale, special, per garment, 29c.

Men's Sweater Coats, in cardigan weave, made with high storm collars, with two pockets and close-fitting cuffs. Colors are plain grey, also grey bodies with navy or green trimmings, and brown with green trimmings. Sizes 36 to 40. Semi-annual Sale, each, 69c.

Men's Shirts, neglige style, with attached laundered cuffs and neckbands. Mostly in light grounds with neat contrasting stripes in blue, helio and black. Generously cut bodies, and seams are neatly felled. Sizes 14 to 16½. Semi-annual Sale, each, 50c.

—Main Floor, Centre.

You were Inquiring?

Readers wishing advice on the subject of dress, house decoration, books, pictures, etc., will, upon writing to "The Scribe," receive a reply in this column. Mark envelope "The Scribe."

Associated with "The Scribe" is "The Shopper," who will personally select any merchandise desired by those who, for some reason, are not able to come to the Store to shop in person. "The Shopper" will answer by mail any requests for information relative to style, prices, etc. Mark envelope "The Shopper."

"Lucy Snow."—What a nice little library you will have! Books by each of the authors mentioned can be had in that red cloth fifteen-cent edition of the Nelson Classics. The titles are as follows: — By Thackeray, there is Henry Esmond. By Charles Dickens there is A Tale of Two Cities, Great Expectations, Hard Times, Pickwick Papers, David Copperfield, Martin Chuzzlewit—each of the last three in two volumes, and by George Eliot there is Romola, Adam Bede, The Mill on the Floss, and Silas Marner. The complete works of Dickens and of Thackeray can be had in the Nelson Library in a limp leather edition at 65 cents a volume.

"An Onlooker."—La Mode, alas, is not in sympathy with your plans of economy. The coats in the new suits are the jauntiest little specimens we have had for a long time, scarcely reaching to the hips—utterly incapable of serving as separate wraps. But this is scarcely a matter for grief when top coats are available at their present infinitesimal prices. For practical proof take a glance at that coat item in the left-hand column.

The booklet, "From a Woman's Standpoint," has already been sent off to you.

Mary.—Yes, Miss Newport is expected to arrive on the 26th of this month, and will be in attendance in the fitting-rooms for two or three weeks.

E. B. B.—Small, stout people are legion, and no corsetmaker is so short-sighted as to neglect their particular interests. Practically all the well-known makes of corset include several models specially adapted to your needs. There is, for instance, the American Lady, notable as a good style corset at a moderate price—procurable from $2.25 to $5.00; the Nemo, with its famous self-reducing bandlet, at $3.50 and $4.50; the Smart Set, the well-known style corset, at $6.00; and the R. and G., a splendid all-round corset, from $2.50 to $6.00.

Heather.—The clippings of blue cloth would be in your hands instead of lying on my desk if you had remembered to add your address to your request. There are some delightful weaves and tones among them. As for Jean Blewett's "The Cornflower," it is procurable at $1.10. Have her happy thoughts led you to setting your fancy upon this particular tint?

The Scribe

THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED

LORD STRATHCONA

A Study in Personality by T. P. O'Connor, M.P.

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months he was virtually a prisoner, but patient, sweet-tempered, diplomatic in temper, unyielding in purpose, even under threats of instant death, he paved the way for the new state, and Garnet Wolseley and the Red River expedition finished the work he had begun; and the vast, peaceful and daily growing great west of America stands as the indestructible monument of Donald Smith's work—a monument far more spacious and enduring, and even it may be said stupendous, than any the hand of man has ever raised to any of the conquerors of the world.

Creator of the Great West.

But in an even more real and essential sense the next work of Donald Smith created the great west. Among his countrymen and related to him by marriage was another powerful personality, then a draper and simply Mr. Stephen; now Lord Mountstephen. It was Stephen and Donald Smith who were at the inception of the great enterprise which first linked the two oceans between which the vast territory of Canada lies.

These are not the pages in which to retell the melodramatic story of the creation of the Canadian Pacific Railway. There are few people even today in England who realize what that vast enterprise means; with its system greater than any in the world; with its trains running their hundreds of miles across the great continent daily; with its vast fleet, joining Canada to Europe on the one side and Canada to China and Japan and the great east on the other.

Building of C.P.R.

Suffice it to say that there was scarcely a mile of that great system which had not been fought for in the early days; against want of capital, against tremendous natural difficulties, against violent and powerful political opposition.

There are episodes in the story that read more like scenes in a daring melodrama than incidents in the real and hard life of railway construction. Again and again the vast enterprise trembled in the balance. There are stories of moments when the men who had staked their all—which with some of them already meant millions—and who stood at the cross-roads, one of which led to dazzling wealth and the other to the abyss of bankruptcy and irredeemable poverty; there are stories of some of these men whoo are said to have waited thru nights of agony prepared to face self-inflicted death rather than the impending catastrophe of the morrow.

Nerve Never Failed

But amid all this agony of hope and despair there is one man whose nerve is never reported to have failed; and that was the quiet, soift-spoken, gentle but grimly resolute Scotchman, who had learned self control and silence and endurance under Arctic skies. Some of the sayings of Donald Smith in those moments of agony passed into the vernacular of Canada, as the despatches of General Grant during the closing year of the civil war flew from lip to lip. And in the end Donald Smith and his associates triumphed; and the Canadian Pacific runs smoothly over prairie and by lake and past mountains from the Atlantic to the Pacific, opening up to the world that vast continent of millions of acres of the best land in the world.

There are other episodes in this dramatic career to which I can only briefly allude; in the life of any other man they would have been sufficient to make up a momentous life. Tho little inclined by temperament to the controversies of public life, Lord Strathcona had to enter political life, and for years to take his share in the heated and passionate and often violently personal and acrimonious debates of the parliament at Ottawa; now and then fiercely assailed by disappointed rivals, who had become enemies from being friends; quiet until he was aroused by his indignation, and potential in attack as well as in defence; and at one time, placed by a combination of circumstances in a position in which his single voice and vote decided the fate of a great minister and the transfer from one great party to another.

The Sunset of Arduous Career

And then came the wonderful and prolonged sunset of the arduous and chequered career; with all controversies left behind, with party politics abandoned and succeeded by the representation of the great young nation he had helped to create in the interests of all the nations; and the universal respect and veneration which the new-born land delighted to join in giving to one of its creators and parents.

This past of Lord Strathcona's career may be dismissed here summarily, for it is known to all. For more than a generation he has had this new life; has added this new chapter to an already remarkable career. In spite of the weight of more than ninety years, he is in his office daily at Victoria street. He is ready to receive everybody. He is always doing something for Canada; he is even more frequently doing something for Canadians.

Giver of Millions.

This is no money-grub sitting on his millions; but a man keenly interested in all the movements of the world, and ready to listen to every appeal of education, of religion, of philanthropy and of sorrow. His benefactions to universities, to churches, to charities, run to many millions. He does even yet his share of the entertaining of the representatives of his country and all distinguished guests within the gates of London; he goes to all public ceremonials where his presence is needed to represent his land; he is as tireless as if he were beginning his strenuous life.

And how does he think of it all? With some wonder, with some amusement, with no self-flattery, with no illusions that glitter represents realities.

I met him on the steps of his office on the day Henry Irving was buried in Westminster. Looking at me with his bright but humorous eyes, thru the thicket of his long white eyelashes and thick and protuberant and bushy eyebrows, he said with conscious humour: "Once I had twenty pounds." I am not sure that he didn't pronounce the word "twenty pons" "a year and all found. Wasn't that a fine income?" he said—"twenty pounds a year and all found!"

"T.P."

STRATHCONA'S LIFE

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great. Physically, however, he had been gradually declining of late years and the recent death of his wife, whom he married in his early pioneer days in the west, and to whom he was devotedly attached, undoubtedly hastened his end. Lady Strathcona was the daughter of Richard Hardisty, one of the early traders of Western Canada, and tho much fonder of home than public life was generally beloved, having been a true helpmate in the widespread philanthropies of Lord Strathcona. One daughter, Margaret Charlotte, the wife of R. J. Bliss Howard, F.R.C.S., survives.

Laden With Honors.

The honor of the Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George was conferred upon him in 1896, and he was made a baron in the ensuing year, taking the title of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal. In 1908 the Grand Cross of the Victorian Order was conferred upon him. Other honors bestowed from time to time were those of fellow Royal Society, doctor of laws, privy councillor and deputy lieutenant.

Lord Strathcona's generosity was one of his marked characteristics. Having acquired many millions, he was in a position to distribute lavishly, and he did so. Particularly notable were his benefactions in the direction of promoting education and the fostering of all movements definitely directed towards strengthening the ties of empire.

Numerous Benefactions.

In 1896, jointly with Lord Mount Stephen, an early associate in railway enterprises, including the C.P.R. and the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway, he gave a million dollars for the founding and endowment of the Royal Victoria Hospital. Later he gave almost a million dollars for maintenance. He founded the Royal Victoria College the first of the kind for women. McGill University knew him as most loyal of all its supporters. He provided Strathcona's Horse for service in the South African war, at a cost of about $2,000,000. He showed great interest in bettering the conditions of the poor of London, and institutions far and wide learned to look to him for support. The cause of music and art claimed much of his attention, and as a collector he gained distinction.

"Great wealth," he said, "cannot bring happiness. It must come from a contented mind and hard work. Great wealth is a burden, for one has to think very hard how to make the best use of one's money. I would not advise any man to strive after great wealth. I would rather be a very good man than a very rich one."

Offices Held.

Among the offices which he held from time to time were: Director of C.P.R., hon. president and director Bank of Montreal; governor of the Hudson Bay Company; director of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway, and of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; hon. president of the Bank of Montreal; D.C.L., Oxford and Dublin Universities; hon. LL.D. of Cambridge, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Victoria (Manchester), Dublin, Queenstown, Laval, Yale, Ottawa and Toronto Universities; chancellor of McGill and Aberdeen Universities; lord rector of Aberdeen University, 1899, and chancellor 1903; Cr. K.C.M.G., 1886; hon. commodore of Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club; hon. president Winnipeg Rowing Club; patron Manitoba Rifle Association; president Quebec Rifle Association.

Single Fare to Ottawa Via Grand Trunk Railway.

The Grand Trunk Railway System will issue round trip tickets at single fare to Ottawa from Toronto, North Bay, Parry Sound and stations east in Canada, good going daily until Thursday, Jan. 22, inclusive. A through electric lighted Pullman sleeping car leaves Toronto 10.45 p.m. daily and Ottawa 6.55 p.m. daily for Toronto. All tickets are valid for return until Saturday, Jan. 24, 1914. This is an excellent opportunity to visit the "Winter Fair" which will be held in Ottawa, Jan. 20 to 23, inclusive. Berth reservations and full particulars at Grand Trunk ticket offices, Toronto City office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4209. 234

In 26 states of the American Union there are state foresters who co-operate with private timber land owners in solving forest problems.

KILLED WIFE BECAUSE SHE MADE THE REQUEST

Octogenarian's Dramatic Story Resulted in Virtually a Life Sentence.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—(Can. Press.)—Tottering under the weight of his eighty years, William Eberwein stood in the criminal court here today and told a simple but dramatic story of how his wife, fifteen years younger, had pleaded with him to kill her and how he committed the deed.

After the old man had completed the story, Judge Walling of Erie, Pa., temporarily presiding in the court, fixed the crime at murder in the second degree and imposed the minimum penalty which, in this case, was practically a life sentence. It was solitary confinement in the penitentiary for not less than seven years or more than fourteen.

HYDRO-RADIAL SURVEY.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Can. Press.)—Surveyors and experts from the Hydro-Electric Commission are going over the routes of the proposed radial from this city to Stratford, preparing estimates, selecting the cheapest and most advantageous route and performing other duties in connection with the work. These figures will be available shortly.

TO UNSEAT COUNCILLORS.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 20.—(Can. Press.)—Proceedings have been taken by a local lawyer against two of Aylmer's councillors, F. D. King and J. H. Strachan, calling upon them to show cause why their seats on the council board should not be vacated. It is claimed that the men, King and Strachan, have not the necessary qualifications.

HUSBAND CLEARED BY JURY FINDING

Mrs. Thompson Was Intoxicated When Her Injuries Were Received.

"That Mrs. Christina Thompson died on Jan. 16 at the General Hospital from injuries at her residence, 112 St. Clarens avenue, on Jan. 12," was the verdict returned by Coroner Kenny's jury, which enquired into her death, last evening.

The evidence showed that Mrs. Thompson had fallen on the sidewalk in front of her home on the morning of Jan. 12, breaking her right arm. She was taken to the General Hospital, and after having the arm set by the doctors left the institution against the wishes of the authorities. According to her husband she did not return home until late at night. She was intoxicated and fell over a chair. She sustained a fracture of the skull and was found in the morning by her husband. He called in Dr. Buck, who had her removed to the General Hospital, where she died on Jan. 16.

DRIVEN TO OLD FOLKS' HOME.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Can. Press.)—A woman who made the claim that she lost $8000 thru having her affairs handled by T. H. Luscombe, the London lawyer sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary, has offered her furniture and other household effects for sale by public auction, and, according to her friends, will spend the rest of her days in an institution for aged people.