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BUTTERICK PATTERNS THOMAS STONE & SON FASHION SHEETS FREE

Aggressive and Progressive

We are here to look after your interests as well as our own. Our endeavor is to keep you posted on what is correct to wear and to have on sale the goods correct styles demand. Cases upon cases are now on the road out from the Old Country, but in the meantime we are extremely well provided with what you need for immediate wear and the prices are exceedingly attractive this month.

Bleached Cottons

This is the sewing season. We want to sell more cottons this month than in our history of February's, and having a big stock on hand, bought at old prices enables us to make our cotton offerings very tempting.

AT 3c a fine yd. wide Full Bleached Cotton, good round even thread, suitable for general family use, if bought to-day would have to be sold for 10c, our price for this month is 8c.
AT 4c mill ends of Bleached Cottons, good qualities and very cheap at the prices, ends contain 3 1/2 yds. to 10 yds. each, and the prices are 6c, 5c and 4c.

Embroideries

Customers tell us we have the neatest, sweetest, prettiest lot of embroideries we have ever shown. They ought to be, we spent many hours months ago, selecting them from Swiss manufacturers, and we bought them from one of the best embroidery concerns in the world. The prices are from 6c to \$2.00.

Carpets

We are offering for this week two good designs in best 4 frame Brussels Carpets, with or without borders, the reg. price is \$1.00 per yd., this week we make them, lay them and put lining under them for per yard 88c.

Lace Curtains

We have a number of pairs of Lace Curtains, somewhat damaged and soiled, the prices were originally \$1.50 to \$2.50 a pair, on Friday we clear out the lot at per pair 35c and 50c.

Ladies' Ready-to-wear Skirts

We have a splendid assortment of serge, figured blacks and tweed skirts, worth \$3.50 to \$6.50 each, all well made, lined and well tailored, on Friday you can have your choice of them at 1/2 off reg. price.

THOMAS STONE & SON

Direct Importers, 78 and 80 King St.

THE NEW CONSERVATIVE LEADER IS R. L. BORDEN.

He was Chosen at a Caucus of the Party Representatives at Ottawa—A Thorough and Hard-working Politician Who Enjoys the Respect of Both Parties.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—Conservative members of parliament, in caucus assembled last night, unanimously selected R. L. Borden, M. P., Halifax, as parliamentary leader of the party in the Dominion.

At first a resolution was passed that a parliamentary leader be chosen. This having failed, Mr. Borden was nominated, and the motion passed. A committee, consisting of Mr. Bennett (chairman), Clarke, Pope, Ganong, Prior, Roche, Maclean and Kemp, was appointed to arrange for a banquet to be given to Mr. Borden at an early date.

Mr. Borden has had conferred upon him all powers incident to position of party leader in parliament. There was no mention of a convention.

THE NEW LEADER. Robert Laird Borden was born at Grand Pré, Nova Scotia, on the 25th of June, 1854, and is the eldest son of Andrew Borden, Esq., and his wife, Eunice Laird. His forefathers lived in New England. He is of U. E. loyalist stock. Mr. Borden in early youth attended the Acadia Villa Academy, at Horton, N. S., and when only fourteen years of age was appointed one of the teachers of that institution. Shortly afterwards he became professor in the Glenwood Institute, New Jersey, returning to Nova Scotia later and taking up the

study of law. He was called to the bar in 1878, and at once took up the practice of his profession, having several distinguished partners at different times, among them being Mr. J. P. Chipman, of Kentville, now a County Court Judge; the late Sir John Thompson, Sir Charles Ebbett, Tupper and Judge Graham. Mr. Borden is now the senior member of the firm of Borden, Ritchie, Parker and Chisholm. Mr. Borden is now and has been for several years past, president of the Nova Scotia Bar Association, and has been prominently engaged in many important cases. He has attained his present position as head of the bar of Nova Scotia by hard, unremitting and conscientious work. If genius be, as Carlyle once defined it, the capacity for taking infinite pains, then Mr. Borden is well endowed with genius. He is thorough in all his work. Superficially and he is at opposite poles. His record in the House, comparatively brief though it is, has shown that on every great question brought before the Commons, he has gone into the details of the question with a thoroughness that has often put to shame the superficial investigation of members of the Government. And to the consideration of every great question of statecraft he has always brought a sane and well-balanced judgment that has won for him opinions in the House the greatest respect from both Government and Opposition members.

WILSON TAYLOR'S METHOD OF TEACHING ARITHMETIC

Discussed by the C. C. I. Board—Inspector Seath's Report on the Local Institution Kept Back From the Press.

The inaugural meeting of the C. C. I. board was held yesterday afternoon. At first it appeared unlikely that a quorum would be secured, but shortly after four o'clock Mr. Thomas, who was suffering from a severe cold, came along and completed the working corps.

There were present J. E. Thomas, J. W. White, Alex. McVean, J. C. Fleming and Edwin Bell.

On motion Thos. Soullard was elected chairman of the board for the ensuing year and J. C. Fleming chairman protem.

T. K. Harris re-appointed secretary-treasurer.

The following accounts were submitted and passed:—

Banner Co. \$18 and \$7.50.
G. W. Sulman \$5.50.
Jas. Holmes \$8.50.
Typewriter Co. \$2.70.
J. & J. Tilt \$1.50.
Westman Bros. \$13.75.

Principal Paterson's report on the attendance for the past month was adopted as follows:

Form 4—6 enrolled, 5 average.
Form 3B—34 " 48 "
Form 3A—36 " 32 "
Form 2B—38 " 32 "
Form 2A—30 " 30 "
Form 1B—34 " 31 "
Form 1A—28 " 25 "

Messrs. T. O. u. s. Bell and Battisby were re-appointed a committee to meet the county committee re county fees.

The standing committees were struck as follows:

Internal management—Battisby, Pell, Fleming, Thomas and O'Neill.
Finance—Thomas, McVean and White.
Supplies and property—Soullard, White and Battisby.

The Sec. Treas. submitted his annual report which showed the total retail receipts from Government grant, city and county with receipts for rent to be \$9,917.69, while the expenditure for the year had amounted to \$9,754.43. Report adopted.

THE TAYLOR ARITHMETIC.

Mr. Thomas brought up the matter of the recent criticism, through the press of the methods of arithmetic taught by Wilson Taylor. Now, he had taken the ground that the board as a board could not take notice of such complaints until they were officially brought before them. At the same time many people were dissatisfied and the public should know that both Mr. Taylor and the Principal had been instructed to discontinue the arithmetic alluded to altogether.

Mr. Thomas said he believed the talk had largely arisen over the unfortunate trouble Mr. Taylor had had with Ald. Mountear, but he had definitely told Mr. Esterson that Mr. Taylor better conform his methods to the text books on arithmetic authorized by the Education Department, as far as possible. He understood this had been carried out since. But he had found just as many satisfied as were dissatisfied, and that was all the more reason why the board should refuse to pay any attention to outside talk and take no notice officially of newspaper criticism. Mr. Thomas said he believed a petition had been gotten up but the promoters had failed to get a proper number of signatures.

Mr. White said the Wilson Taylor book was not in use at the Institute.

Mr. Thomas said he knew nothing about the matter, but one man had told him that Mr. Taylor's teaching could not be improved on and it would be a calamity to the school if he left.

Another citizen, generally recognized as a good mathematician himself, had told him that Mr. Taylor refused to consider the work of the child, even when accurate result was obtained, when obtained by his (the parent's) method. Mr. Thomas said the board could pass a resolution providing for the methods being in accordance with those authorized.

Mr. Bell said in this case it was better for Mr. Taylor and the school to take notice of it in some way, if the board did not take some action their position might not be understood as complaints had been made personally to members of the board.

Mr. Thomas said he had told Mr. Paterson to have the methods conform to those of the public schools. It was the duty of the board to have the teaching strictly and absolutely in the lines laid down by the Education Department, and they had no more right to deviate from them than they had to authorize a new text book.

WAS COUNTY PUPIL EXCLUDED?

Mr. Fleming said one complaint had recently been made to him by a resident of the county, who claimed his child had been forced out of the high school. He was very indignant and was coming personally before the county council in the matter.

Mr. Bell said perhaps the high school had been over-crowded.

Secretary Harris said he could not understand it at all. The high school couldn't be over-crowded for the average for the last three years had been 704 pupils, while now it was only 602.

A motion by Messrs Bell and Thomas to refer the Taylor arithmetic matter to the Internal Management Committee was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bell said that this would afford the people an opportunity of placing their complaints and coming before the committee.

Mr. White spoke heartily in favor of Mr. Taylor's method, which he said was a geometrical one. The book was authorized in the Provincial Model schools and endorsed by the best educationalists. He thought Mr. Beckin hit the nail on the head when in his eulogy on the work he declared it to be the coming book. He thought Mr. Taylor should have been given credit for introducing the system.

KEEPING A REPORT BACK.

Mr. White moved that the report of Inspector Seath referred to the new board by that of last year, be referred to the internal management committee for consideration. Carried.

The press representatives present asked to see this report and make a copy thereof for publication.

The secretary refused and the members of the board were appealed to.

"No," said Mr. White, "the report has not been before the board yet."

The reporters pointed out that it had never been before the board there could not have been two motions to refer it.

Mr. Bell said there was nothing in it anyway. He could tell the press its contents were.

The reporters repeated the request that they be allowed access to the Inspector's report.

Mr. Bell asked if the press would publish the whole of the report without any charge to the board. It was a long one.

Mr. White said the report was in the hands of the internal management committee now and could not be got at.

Mr. Bell said that the board knew what should be published and should have the say in the matter. The Planet representative said his journal had made application for access to the report before and had been declined with the information that it would be opened dealt with at the present meeting of the board. The journal knew nothing of its contents and the facts in connection with the case, but there were many rumors to the effect that the Inspector's report was derogatory and was being concealed from the public by the board. The board was spending large sums of the people's money and surely they were entitled to the official report upon their stewardship.

Mr. Bell said the board knew best what should be given to the press. The board adjourned during the discussion and, after adjournment, several members assured this journal that they had "personally" no objection to its securing the report for the benefit of its readers, the ratepayers. However, it was not forthcoming, apparently.

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MORE MEN FOR KITCHENER.

Thirty Thousand Mounted Troops to be Sent to South Africa.

General Buller Indulges in Some Criticisms—Too Much Artillery Drilled on the Battle Field.

London, Feb. 7.—The following announcement has been issued by the war office:

"In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions, the government has decided, in addition to the large forces recently equipped locally in South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. Recruiting for the Imperial Yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated 10,000 will shortly be available.

"The South African mounted constabulary, including those enlisted in the colonies, may be relied upon to exceed 8,000, and the new colonial contingents to replace those withdrawn will probably reach 5,000.

"The remainder of the force will be made up of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establishment. The enlistment of volunteers to replace those that have already served a year in South Africa, is also being proceeded with. Arrangements have been made for the equipment and transportation of the force. The first contingent will leave on the Aurania Feb. 9th."

BULLER CRITICISMS.

In a memorandum issued to the troops under his command at Aldershot, Gen. Buller, referring to the British army in South Africa, criticizes the lack of initiative and independence of action shown by subordinate commanders, and refers to the independent, intelligent action on the part of the rank and file. As regards artillery, he says too much drill was introduced on the battlefield, in many cases the action of batteries being paralyzed by awaiting the orders of a brigade division commander, many favorable opportunities being missed.

Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, Feb. 5, says: "Smith-Bartlett has occupied Lake Charasso. French is driving back the enemy to Amsterdam. Dewet's force is still north of Thabane, his men damaging a train of transport wagons at Pampay's Siding this morning."

BABE THROWN FROM A TRAIN.

Its Cries Brought "Help to It—The Mother Under Surveillance in a Hospital.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—A woman giving the name of Madame De Segulay, of Montreal, has been arrested on a charge of attempted infanticide. It is alleged that she accompanied a woman named Amy McLean from Montreal on a C. P. R. train, and that Miss McLean gave birth on the train to a child which was thrown off the train at North Station Mills. The child's cries attracted attention, and it was picked up. Miss McLean is in the hospital and the charge against her will be attempted infanticide. The police are watching Miss McLean, who is too ill to leave the hospital.

GRAND TRUNK JEALOUSIES.

Bad Feeling Aroused by Some Promotions—Old Hands Think They Were Over-looked.

Montreal, Feb. 7.—Joseph Farrer, foreman in the erecting shop of the Grand Trunk Railway in this city, has resigned. He was next in line for promotion for the position of master mechanic, and is said to have felt hurt at the appointment of J. E. Mulholland, of Port Huron, Mich., to the place of A. G. Elvin, who resigned to go to Sarnia, Ont. Other foremen are said to feel dissatisfied also at the promotion of Mr. McArthur, of Stratford, to the position of master mechanic at Port Huron in the place of Mr. Mulholland. They claim the most important mechanical work is done at Montreal, and promotions should come here and not to Stratford and Port Huron, where only repair work is done.

THE SLATER \$5.00 SHOE

Why It Came

Scene: "Slater Shoe Store," prior to 1899:—

Customer: "Can't you give me a pair of Rubbers to fit my shoes? It seems impossible to get a Rubber that won't pinch or be loose on my foot. You know, I have a peculiar shaped foot, and have to wear one of the "Slater" special shapes. Now, why don't you people make special rubbers to fit these shapes?"

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THE SLATER \$5.00 SHOE

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2 only, \$4.00 Vase for.....\$3.00
2 only, \$3.00 Vase for.....\$2.00
2 only, \$2.50 Vase for.....\$1.98
2 only, \$1.00 Vase for.....60c
3 only, 75c Vase for.....50c

See Window!

H. Macaulay, "The Ark"