# THE AYLMER EXPRESS

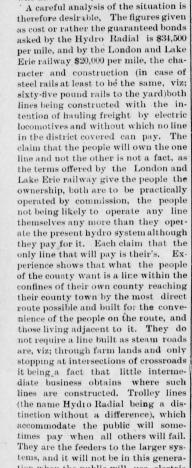
#### The Railroad Question.

To the Editor of the Express:

Those who occupy public positions being always subject to criticism, railfully advised as to the relative merits First, the Hydro Radial engineers have laid before the people seven diff-erent schemes, but have condemned all surveys except No. 3 as unprofitable, each showing a deficit. The London and Lake Erie railway

propose an extension of their line from St. Thomas to Aylmer with a branch line from a point at or near Union or Sparta and from Aylmer to lines prove successful, the latter branch is not being included in any proposition of the Hydro Radial. The Hydro Radial engineers have

undertaken to inform the people what the earnings of their schemes would be, but the London and Lake Erie decline so far to make any estimate of earnings, their officials claiming that there is no possible method whereby such an estimate could be made with any accuracy on an undeveloped and untried proposition and claiming that such a view will be supported by the traffic managers of the larger lines who have had experience



and who do not work amicably with electric lines and when forced to do so usually receive the greater revenue. The London and Lake Erie railway do way promoters cannot therefore ob- not believe the earnings of the line ject to a fair and honest analysis of St. Thomas to Aylmer to be \$66,000. If what is proposed as a public utility that were correct the line could be fiand therefore it is important that the people who pay the bills should be without aid; neither do they believe the expenditure to be \$80,000. If built of propositions made to the people of Middlesex and Elgin are interested. and Pt. Stanley or the London and Lake Erie railway, they claim that the only line that will prove a success is a line from St. Thomas to Aylmer whe-

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ther built as an extension of their line or the Hydro, and that it will not be a success if bonded in figures given by the Hydro They challenge the statement that

expenses of operation will be less under government control than private Pt. Burwell should the first named and in each case the interest on bonds must be paid either from the earnings or additional taxation. It cannot be

shown that municipal ownership of electric railways has so far proven successful, the contrary being the case. Therefore the people will do well to study carefully whether they desire a Hydro line costing \$34,500 per mile or a London and Lake Erie railway costting \$20,000 a mile, the benefits derived being the greater in the London and Lake Erie railway proposition at less cest on account of the route traversed accommodating the people of Elgin which the other does not

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

The many friends of Rev. Murray A. Hunt, of Desboro, Ont., will read the following paragraph from the Owen Sound Times with much pleasure. Dear Rector and friends :- We have met here to nigh to commemorate your first six months among us as Rector of Williamsford, Holland Centre and Desborp and to join in the wish that you may be spared to continue the good work among us. It would be out of place to enumerate all the improvements in the parish in the past six months, but in justice it may be said that at Desboro every family calling themselves Anglicans have come back to the church several of whom had dropped out during the past few years. In Holland Centre the attendance has increased very much and a new vestery has been built which speakes for itself. The increase in the attendance at Williamstord is marvelous and we are all delighted with the success of our of the county want is a line within the infant parish. We are glad of this opportunity to publicly express our appreciation of your faithful work among us and pray that you may long be spared to labor for the Master. Signed by Messrs. T. P. Hatten and C. Magee, wardens of St. John's church Desboro. Mr. Hant is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Hunt, of Mt. Salem, of Mt. Salem.and a graduate of Huron College, London.

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# Early Showing of SPRING WASH GOODS for Your Inspection

Winter is just about over and soon the warm spring days will bring thoughts of lighter dresses to replace the cumbersome garments of the cold weather.

The Big Store has never been in a better position to supply these wants than it is this spring Our Wash Goods Department is full to overflowing with delicate fabrics of texture and design to please the most fastidious. You really should inspect our stock to fully appreciate the wide range of colors and patterns in these goods.

#### **Figured Crepes**

in the Dolly Varden designs which have proved themselves so popular. There will be a great sale for these patterns this season 12 1/2 c, and I5c yard.

# **Snowflake** Voiles

Can you imagine anything daintier for the new spring dress than these fabrics in sprig and 

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make lovely dresses for general wear. These come in a wide range of colors and designs. 

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in pink, blue, and green floral effects. We predict a wide popularity for this fabric this season, 

#### Women's Serge Dresses

in Black, Navy Blue and Copenhagen, White Collar and Cuffs, with or without girdle. Sizes 16 and 18. These are wonderful value at .....\$5.50

### **New Spring Coats**

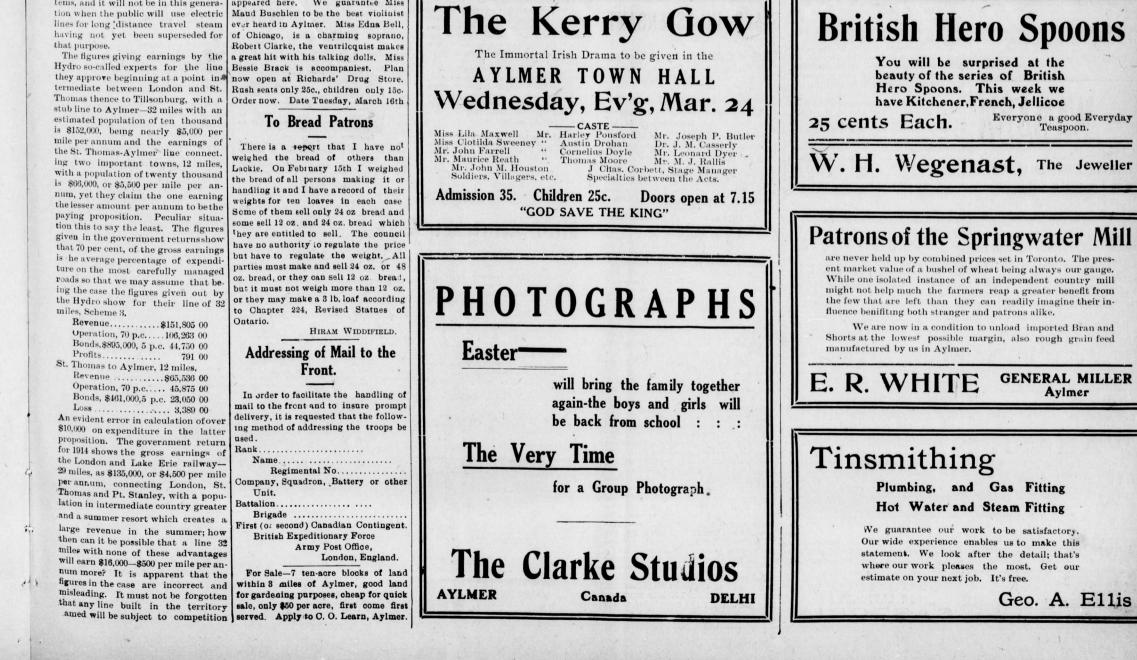
in the popular "sand" shade. They are made with 3 button front, motor shoulders, belt and patch pockets. You will be sure to like these modist coats. Price.....\$12.00 and \$15.00

Just a few dress lengths left of our popular Black Duchess Satin. The Silk Specials price on this class of goods is on the raise, so you had better take advantage of our reduced price on this regular \$1.50 value now selling for ......\$1.19

Don't forget that our whitewear sale is nearing its close. There are howev-Whitewear er a tew vere good values left in broken lines and odd sizes in whitewear with a few left-overs in Towellings and Table Linens.

Our Spring Millinery Opening will take place Saturday, March 20th. Will tell you more about it next week.

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