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LACE GOWNS—Splendid stock of Shaped Lace Gowns, Black and Ivory, in Chantilly, Ecru, Alencon, Embroidered Brussels Net, etc., from \$14.00 to \$60.00 each.

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Special Xmas Silk Values.

Black Peau de Soie Silks "Catto's Specials" at 75c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 per yard.

Black Gros Grains "Catto's Specials" at 75c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$2.50, \$3.00 per yard.

Figured Armures at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.70 per yard.

Paillettes and Satin de Chenes at \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.50.

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Also an immense selection of Fancy Silks, suitable for Shirt Waist Suits, in Checks, Stripes, Dressing, Messalines and Fancy Tartanes, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 per yard.

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55, 57, 59, 61 KING ST. EAST. (Opposite the Postoffice.) TORONTO.

LOWER SCHEDULES FOR LARGER PARCELS

Smaller Parcels Subject to Higher Express Rates—General Manager Says They Are Justified.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—The investigation into the Canadian express companies by the railway commission was continued today. General Manager Stout of the Dominion Express Company reviewing the rates which the company was organized, and the basis on which it operated. He covered practically the same lines as Mr. Bryce of the Canadian Express Company.

The Dominion Company, he stated, was organized by the C.P.R. interests at the same time as the railway company, and had gradually expanded along with the railway. The company operated on the same basis as the other express companies, the main charge being for 100 pounds, and then a scale for larger amounts. For parcels weighing less than 100 pounds a higher schedule was charged, and he considered this higher charge was justified by the trouble the company was put to in handling it. The company had a somewhat different way of doing business with other railways. Instead of paying 50 per cent of earnings, it made a contract on the amount of business handled. This contract, however, figured out something equal to 50 per cent.

Mr. Stout took up the entire morning session. Mr. Bernier, one of the members of the commission, was absent through illness.

C.P.R. PLANNING

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nections whereby the Canadian Pacific could send traffic over its lines and those of its subsidiaries. The Canadian Pacific has not previously had an invasion of American railroad territory in the east. It has no ice free seaport on the Atlantic coast, and the advantages of an outlet at Boston as well as Maine ports are obvious.

"The Canadian Pacific directors recently authorized an issue of \$25,000,000 additional stock. It was definitely stated at the time to just what purposes this stock might be applied, but it was generally believed that the money would be used for extensions in the west. It was considered possible yesterday that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and his associates had an eastern invasion in mind.

"The New Haven's acquisition of the Boston and Maine met with opposition from the legislature of Massachusetts. A bill was passed making the merger illegal for a period of one year after enactment of the law, and since then the New Haven has been in the peculiar position of holding stocks in the Boston and Maine and being unable to exercise rights over its stock control. The two systems are not competitive. For that matter the Canadian Pacific cannot be considered a share competitor of the Boston and Maine. In case the Canadian Pacific, however, turns out to be the purchaser of the Boston and Maine, it will be closely scrutinized by the Massachusetts authorities and the interstate commerce commission."

Pontiac Conservatives. OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—At the Conservative convention of Pontiac County at Shawville to-day, Gerald H. Brabazon, the present member, was unanimously endorsed as candidate for the next federal elections. For the incumbent Dr. Lemon McNally of Campbell Bay was nominated.

"The Savoy's" Special Light Lunch for business people, 12 to 2, in the Japanese room and parlor.

YONGE AND ADELAIDE STS.

THE WEATHER

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 12.—8 p.m.—The depression which has been moving across the Gulf of St. Lawrence, having caused a light fall of snow in the lower St. Lawrence Valley and light local falls in the Maritime Provinces. In Ontario and the western portion of Quebec fine cold weather has prevailed, with a fair and mild.

Probabilities. Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate winds; fair and cold. Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate variable winds; fine and cold.

Lower St. Lawrence—Decreasing westerly winds; fair and cold. Gulf—Fresh to strong westerly and northwesterly winds; fair and colder; local snow flurries.

Maritime—Fresh westerly and northwesterly winds; fair and milder. Lake Superior—Fair and milder. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and milder.

THE BAROMETER. Time. Ther. Bar. Wind. 8 a.m. 37 29.63 16 W. 11 a.m. 37 29.63 16 W. 2 p.m. 38 29.70 16 N.W. 5 p.m. 39 29.82 16 W. 8 p.m. 40 29.88 6 W. Mean 38.5. Difference from average, 10 below; highest, 24; lowest, 13; snow, 3.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 12. At From Adriatic. Plymouth. New York. La Provence. Havre. New York. Calabria. Naples. New York. Savatia. Genoa. New York. Molte. Naples. New York. Cedric. Queenstown. New York.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO. Friday, the 13th. Public Library Board, 5 p.m. Free Public Library, 5 p.m. Laymen's Missionary Movement - Massey Hall, 8.

MARRIAGES.

LOUGHEED-WRIGHT - On Dec. 11, 1907, at the residence of the bride's father, 19 Belmont-avenue, by the Rev. W. H. Vance, Kathleen, eldest daughter of the late William Lougheed, and Edward Wright, both of Toronto.

DEATHS.

KELLOW - At 24 Howland-avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, Dec. 12, 1907, M. S. Kellow, aged 73 years 1 month and 12 days. Funeral at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Flowers omitted.

PARSONS - At Eglington-avenue, Toronto, on Monday night, Dec. 12, Edna May Quinn, aged 25 years, the beloved wife of T. J. Parsons. Funeral notice later.

TAYLOR - On Dec. 12, at Grace Hospital, Thomas C. Taylor, aged 68, formerly of Crown Point, Ontario. Funeral on Friday, Dec. 13, from 415 Dovercourt-road, to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

WILLIAMS - On Dec. 12, at the residence of his late wife, George R. Fawcett, 10 Orange-avenue, William G. Williams, aged 38 years, youngest son of the late Thomas R. Williams. Funeral from the above address on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. to Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

SNATCHED HER PURSE.

Second Street Robbery of Women in Two Days.

As Miss A. Taylor, 238 Lisgar-street, was leaving her house last night, a man passed her. He turned and knocking her hat over her eyes and grasped her chatelaine containing \$15. In the struggle which ensued the handle of the bag was broken and her assailant made good with the property. A similar robbery was committed at St. George and College-streets Wednesday night.

From Harrigan, 11 years old, of 917 Yonge-street, was arrested by Detective Newton yesterday, charged with theft of a purse from a woman in Sackville-street. The woman turned the money and the purse was found in a lane.

FUNERAL OF B. B. GUNN

VERY LARGELY ATTENDED

SEAFORTH, Dec. 12.—The funeral of the late B. B. Gunn, M.P., this afternoon was one of the largest ever seen in this part of the country. The public services at the Methodist Church were very largely attended, hundreds being turned away. The church was draped. The services were conducted by the Rev. Rogers, pastor, assisted by Revs. Messrs. Walwin and Birks of London, former pastors of the deceased, and by the other clergymen of the town.

The procession from the church to the cemetery was headed by the Seaforth band, the fire brigades, the Canadian Foresters, the members of the town council and others. The stores and other places in town were closed. The procession was very prominent. Conservatives present, among the number being H. Ellber, M.L.A.; John Sherritt, ex-M.P. for North Middlesex, and E. N. Lewis, M.P.

LAVERGNE IGNORES CAUCUS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Committees organize to-morrow. It is expected W. S. Calvert will be elected the chairman of railways and canals. At the Liberal caucus to-day, D. H. MacKenzie was chairman. Lavergne of Montmagny, the invited, was not present.

DEMOCRATS IN DENVER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver on July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than had been needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. On the first ballot Denver received 22 votes, as against 17 for Louisville, 5 for Chicago and 1 for St. Paul.

Men Shoplifters.

Leon and Magin Buraah, 195 York-street, were arrested in the Eaton store yesterday by Detectives Tipton and Twigg, charged with shoplifting. When searched at police headquarters a cup and saucer and a necktie were found on them. They were admitted to bail.

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Public School a Weapon In Fight With Disease

The public school is to be used as a weapon in the fight to prevent the spread of tuberculosis. A movement has been started to establish an adequate system for protecting the countless army of school children from the White Plague. Among other innovations, children suffering with tuberculosis in a contagious form will be segregated, and provision made for their special education.

Parents should be very careful to act promptly in checking a cough or cold. The strain on the respiratory organs from coughing leaves them sore and susceptible to the tubercular germ.

To break up a cold quickly and cure any cough that is curable, the mixture of two ounces of glycerine with a half ounce of Virgin Oil of Pine and eight ounces of good whiskey, given in doses of a teaspoonful every four hours, is most effective. Five ounces of tincture of Cinchona compound can be used instead of whiskey with the same effect.

The ingredients are inexpensive and can be purchased without trouble at any good drug store. A good substitute of some inferior pine product for the Virgin Oil of Pine, it is better to purchase each separately and mix them at home.

The genuine Virgin Oil of Pine is put up for dispensing, only in 1-2-ounce vials, each vial securely sealed in a round wooden case with an engraved wrapper showing plain—the name—Virgin Oil of Pine, prepared only by each Chemical Co., Windsor, Ont. Be sure to get the genuine as the oil sold in bulk and cheap imitations put out to resemble Virgin Oil of Pine in name and style of package are ineffective, being largely composed of a distillation of pine needles, or leaves, instead of from the pine tree proper.

These pine needle oils are not intended for medicinal purposes, and when taken internally usually cause nausea. Their use is mainly confined to the manufacture of soap and similar purposes.

MUTUAL RESERVE ROW.

Allegations Reflecting on Solvency of Big Company. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Trouble in the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company in the home office, New York, has developed a condition of affairs most serious for the \$7,000,000 policyholders of the company, most of whom have been paying in premiums for many years and are now too old to get new insurance in other companies.

Some of the secrets of the report recently made by State Insurance Superintendent Kelsey on the financial condition of the Mutual Reserve were disclosed during the rumour at the directors' meeting, the leading belligerents being Archibald C. Hayes, president of the company, its counsel, John B. Stanchfield, once Democratic candidate for governor, and William Hepburn Russell, Secondary partner were played by George D. Eldridge, the venerable vice-president of the company, and Mr. Russell's law partner, Frank H. Wagoner.

Extraordinary care has been taken to keep the Kelsey findings from the public, but it is positively stated that the findings, as they now stand, declare the company to be without sufficient legal reserve, and therefore insolvent.

During the row William Hepburn Russell declared that to cover up its deficit in reserve the company has for five years been arbitrarily putting liens on the policies of assessment members, charging up these liens on its books as loans and figuring the loans as assets.

President Hayes says: "I can only say that the method of valuing the liens adopted by the insurance department is entirely correct, and I am confident of our ability to convince Mr. Kelsey that our valuation is correct. The same holds true of our leasehold properties."

There is probably \$2,000,000 of Mutual Reserve insurance held in Canada.

KNOCKING THE "ALL-RED."

Lloyd-George Commended for Not Participating in Proposal.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(C.A.P. Cable.)—The Aberdeen Advertiser says the caution showed by Lloyd George at the colonial conference in declining to commit this country to any heavy liability in money with respect to the projected all-red route must be held to be fully justified by the facts and considerations bearing on the proposal.

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LOCAL OPTION HOTEL.

MOUNT FOREST, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Local optionists here will spend \$20,000 on 55 shares to establish a temperance hotel if the local option by-law passes, and the two hotels now here give up.

Commercial Travellers.

Certificates for 1908 can now be obtained from John Lennox & Co., 27 West King-street, Hamilton.

FIRE NOTICE

Although our building received much damage through fire at 2 a.m. yesterday, we are pleased to state that the fire did not reach that portion of our premises in which our Retail Department is carried on.

Business is going on as usual, without interruption. Christmas orders promptly filled.

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MASS MEETING FOR MEN AND WOMEN

CHAIRMAN: HON. J. P. WHITNEY, K.C., LL.D., Premier of Ontario

SPEAKERS—Fletcher S. Brockman of China, "The New-East and its Message to the West." Hon. B. H. Blake, K.C., Chairman of the Toronto Committee, Laymen's Missionary Movement. J. Campbell White of New York, "How Toronto Can Evangelize Five Millions of Non-Christians."

Mr. Brockman is one of the most eloquent speakers of the South, and has had ten years' residence in China, during which time he passed through thrilling experiences in the Boxer uprising.

Mr. White is one of the most forceful and convincing speakers that has ever visited Toronto.

FINE DRAMA AND MUSIC DRAW LARGE AUDIENCES

Mrs. Patrick Campbell at the Princess-Sousa's Band at Massey Hall.

Aubrey Tanqueray.....Ben Webster Cayley Drummond.....Edgar Kent Capt. Ardale.....J. Malcolm Dunn Gordon Jayne.....George Ford Frank Miquith, Q.C.....Harold Howard Sir George Orreyed.....Charles Garry Mrs. Orreyed.....Miss Margaret Watson Lady Orreyed.....Miss Florence