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## Lace Curtain Sale Next Saturday

On next Saturday only, we are going to give you the benefit of a big bargain we secured in Lace Curtains. The curtains are 3 1/2 yds. long and 50 in. wide, with bound edges, the design is as neat and lacy as can be desired, the regular price is \$1.00 a pair, we place them on sale next Saturday only at

78c per pair.

## Our Millinery Opening

Our formal Millinery Opening for Spring Season of 1901 will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, March 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Further particulars will be given next week.

### APRON GINGHAMS

32 in. wide, indigo checks, at..... 8c  
36 in. wide, blue, brown and red checks, at..... 10c  
40 in. wide, blue and brown checks, at..... 12 1/2c  
40 in. wide, indigo checks and stripes, very firm, at..... 15c  
Our Apron Gingham are good, none better.

### BLACK DRESS GOODS

No finer showing of Black Dress Goods in Ontario than here. Imported direct from Germany, France and England, the very newest weaves produced are here for you to look at.

40 in. wide, All-wool French Henriette, in jet black, very special value at..... 50c  
40 in. wide, All-wool, a new plain weave, very special..... \$1.00  
40 in. wide, Corded French Velour, very new and stylish, for..... \$1.75  
40 in. wide, All-wool Satin Cloth, extra bright finish, for..... \$1.00

### CARPETS

Customers tell us we have the largest display of Tapestry Carpets in Chatham. We spoke about these carpets last week, about our having bought a clearing lot at very special prices, and we want you to ask to see them when you are in next Saturday buying some of these cheap carpets advertised above.

Tapestry Carpets, made and laid at 30c, 40c, 50c, 55c, 60c and..... 75c  
in designs suitable for any style of room.

### PRINT WRAPPERS

We are showing our new Print Wrappers for the spring season. The styles, the patterns and the prices are just such as you would expect to see at this store—  
\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25.

THOMAS STONE & SON, Direct Importers of Irish Linens

## The Pruning Season

Will soon be here and those who wish to raise good fruit and grow nice trees must prune. Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas have all the necessary tools for this purpose and their prices are right.

Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas

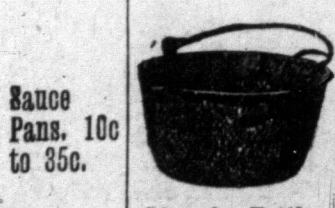
## FAMOUS ENAMELED WARE



Covered Stew Kettles  
35c, 45c, 55c



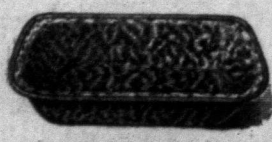
Round Pudding Pans  
10c to 30c



Lipped Kettles for Preserving or Cooking.  
20c to 75c

### "THE ARK"

for any thing you need for the kitchen.



Oval Bake or Pudding Dish  
10c, 15c, 20c.



Mugs and Cups  
5c to 8c.



Wash Basins  
15c to 25c.

H. Macaulay "THE ARK"

## A FOXEY FRENCHMAN

Assists Local Fishermen in Spearing Somewhat of a Monster

And Decides to Save Them all the Trouble of Carrying Their Catch to Chatham.

They put in a great day's fishing at the Bay on Wednesday last. They must have, because they are two veterans and adepts and tell all about it themselves.

Fishing through the ice, too, is right in their line, and when they secured the loan of two capital little shanties from a friendly Frenchman they had great anticipations for a big day's doings.

They had speared for some time and many pike and perch had fallen to their lot. The veteran was still engaged in his fishing domicile, but his comrade basked in the brilliancy of his shanty fire and dreamed dreams of the glowing ashes died out.

He was startled by a resonant knock at the shanty door, and a moment later a tall figure, clad in sparkling armor of frozen snow, with long icicles decorating the rim of his hat and the tethers of his flowing beard, entered and made himself at home with the greeting—"Bon jour, you catch big fish, eh?"

The sportsman replied that they had done fairly well, and watched the Frenchman build up a fire that soon brought the bric-a-brac of perspiration to his classic forehead and flushed face. By-and-by he strolled out on the ice to "cool off," leaving his visitors in charge of the spear.

But a few moments had passed ere there was a commotion inside that shanty. There were sundry spasmodic gasps and a general upheaval, then the wild cry—

"Go quick"—"gasp"—"oui, quick"—"gasp"—"get, fudge, get spear, quick"—"gasp"—"quick, quick."

The sportsman sped to his companion and hurriedly returned with the other spear. This, too, was launched with effect and a moment later the two men were engaged in their gigantic haul. There were all kinds of pulling, puffing and blowing, but they landed him—a great maskinonge, measuring—

The young sportsman then laid in for the day. That monster was sufficient for any man. He was laid out on the ice, the Frenchman departed and the fisherman once more sat down to dream—this time of his great catch and the emerald fish which would gaze upon him.

When he awoke his fish was gone. So was the Frenchman. So was his temper. In fact, it is hinted he said things not in the book. Rapidly he sought the home of his visitor and enquired the whereabouts of such doings.

The Frenchman met him with a square and genial smile. "Me save you big part of dat fish," he said, as he gallantly handed over a heavy basket carefully filled and covered, and bowed his visitor away.

The sportsman, somewhat appeased, took the basket and hied him homeward. But when he opened it and found it to be only the two fins of the fish, his wrath broke out afresh. There will be trouble when he next meets that Frenchman.

Harold Jarvis, Detroit's favorite tenor, will contribute several excellent dialect solos to the program of the Grand Tuesday evening next. An admirable series of renditions has been arranged. Don't miss it!

## TRIO OF BOER LEADERS WILL DISCUSS SITUATION

Commandants Botha, De Wet and Delarey Billed to Meet and Seek Counsel Together.

London, Saturday, March 16.—According to a despatch to the Times, dated March 15, from Kaalspruit, it is reported that Generals Botha, Delarey and De Wet will meet March 18 to discuss the situation.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special).—Following is the official list of nominations by His Excellency for commissions in the South African constabulary:—

Captains, 12—Capt. H. E. Burstall, R. C. A.; Major C. C. Bennett, 6th Rifles, Vancouver; Capt. F. W. L. Moore, 4th Reg. Ar., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Capt. W. A. Lawless, G. G. F. G., Ottawa; Capt. T. O. Critchley, 3rd Battalion R. C. R.; Capt. A. H. Powell, P. L. D. G., Ottawa; Major J. R. Search, N. W. M. P.; Sgt. Major Reading, R. D. Dragoons; Capt. Pomette, 26th Regt., London; Lieut. Beer, Rocky Mountain Rangers, Nelson; Sgt. A. W. R. Wilby (Halifax); Strathcona's Horse; W. L. McGivern, late R. C. R.; Lieutenants, 18—Lt. J. C. Oland, 63rd Halifax Regt.; Lt. A. B. Cline, 90th Winnipeg Regt.; C. P. Ermatinger (St. Thomas), late C. M. R.; R. A. O'Meara, 8th Regt., Quebec; J. French N. W. M. P.; W. D. McCarthy, 2nd R. C. R.; Vet. Capt. Morgan, 5th Field Battery, Kingston; Captain Boulkes, 5th Ar., Victoria; H. A. C. MacIn, late R. C. R.; G. Hampson, 5th Royal Scots; R. B. Eaton, Truro, N. S.; Cadet Folger, R. M. C., Kingston; R. R. Thompson, late R. C. R.; F. N. Burritt, late R. C. D.; Cadet Willetts, R. M. C., Windsor, N. S.; F. St. George, no address; J. R. I. Atwater, late R. C. R.; Lieut. G. R. Lightbound, 3rd Vics, Montreal.

The South African constabulary leave Ottawa for Halifax on Wednesday next, 20th inst.

DE WET A MADMAN.  
Bloomington, Orange River Colony, March 15.—Prisoners who have lately been released by Gen. De Wet say they think he is a madman. They

## GENERAL LORD WOLSELEY MAKES HIS DEFENCE

Refutes the Charges Made by Lord Lansdowne Concerning State of British Militia

London, March 16.—The House of Lords was unusually crowded yesterday in anticipation of the reply of Lord Wolseley, the former Commander-in-Chief, to the criticism of the former War Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, now Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Lord Wolseley, in his opening remarks said he regretted being compelled to discuss a personal matter, but he could not pass unchallenged the severe comments of Lord Lansdowne in the manner in which he had performed the duties of Commander-in-Chief. Lord Lansdowne's personalities evidently had been premeditated. His indictment was grave, and it almost seemed as if the personal attack had been made in order to divert attention from the question at issue, and throw upon the Commander-in-Chief the blame for the mistakes made by the Government.

Until the recent debate he had never had reason to suppose that he did not possess the confidence of Lord Lansdowne and the Cabinet. Early in 1900 circumstances occurred which left him no alternative but to resign, which he did.

Lord Wolseley said he had never possessed the Cabinet's confidence that had been an opportunity which might legitimately have been used to appoint another Commander-in-Chief. Lord Lansdowne then proceeded to refute the specific charges launched by Lord Lansdowne. He said he had made every effort to improve the auxiliary forces. In February, 1896, he recommended that additional troops be sent to South Africa, and recommended strengthening the Natal garrison, and the defense occupation of the town of Ladysmith, but of the Biggarsburg range, which was twenty-five miles in advance of Ladysmith. He had never considered Ladysmith and its surrounding hills to be tenable. Lord Wolseley admitted that in common with all the other authorities he had underestimated the fighting power of the individual Boer.

Three weeks before Mr. Kruger's declaration of war he had urged Lord Lansdowne to send out a heavy cavalry division and five battalions for the lines of communication, in addition to the 10,000 troops already in South Africa. The mobilization of this force at that time would have produced a considerable effect in South Africa. If the country had not been prepared at the outbreak of war it had not been because he had urged the gradual and unostentatious reinforcement of the forces.

Lord Wolseley concluded with saying:— "I have said as little as possible consistently with any justice to myself. The noble Mar-

quis made strong personal statements which were not supported. I have made my reply which is also unsupported. I cannot, however, leave the matter thus. I feel I am amply justified in moving that all the papers be laid on the table. I am prepared to prove by official documents all I have said.

LANDSDOWNE'S REPLY.  
Lord Lansdowne, in reply, said he thought Lord Wolseley had nearly comprehended the purport of his former speech when he said it had not been a personal attack on himself (Lord Lansdowne). After that confession Lord Wolseley's criticism of Lord Lansdowne could hardly expect that there would not be retaliation on his own conservatory.

Proceeding, Lord Lansdowne questioned the correctness of some of Lord Wolseley's statements. He reminded the latter how, after the Glencoe disaster, he (Wolseley) had suggested that the British should fall back behind the Tugela River. If the suggestion had been given earlier it might have saved one of the most disastrous disasters of the war. Lord Wolseley's statement, however, that General Sir William Buller had written a private letter to Lord Lansdowne suggesting that 40,000 men might be necessary for the campaign.

Lord Lansdowne did not wish to excuse himself for under-estimating the enemy. But Lord Wolseley should bear his full share. Lord Lansdowne had suggested among other things the occupancy of Delagoa Bay and an appeal to the colonies.

THE MOTION REJECTED.  
Lord Salisbury said he thought it undesirable that all the papers referring to the debate should be circulated. He was not aware that any personal charges had been made against Lord Wolseley.

Lord Rosbery enumerated Lord Lansdowne's charges against Lord Wolseley, and said they were personal in the judgment of the mass of the House and the man in the street. He alluded to Lord Wolseley's historic career, now closed, and defended his single-mindedness of purpose in seeking to improve the War Office system.

Lord Wolseley's motion that all the papers be laid on the table was rejected by a vote of 62 to 38.

NEW PHONES.  
List of telephones put in since first of year:—  
251—Rev. Dr. Battisby, Park street.  
254—Miss Radford, Wellington street.  
257—Fetterly & Brisco, King street.  
260—Rev. W. E. Knowles, Wellington street.  
265—Merritt's bank, Fifth street.  
270—R. Pritchard, fire chief's residence.  
274—Miss Tilt, Wellington street.  
286—Dr. T. T. T. King street.  
304—C. Woodward—Wellington street.

SONS OF ENGLAND.  
Thames Lodge, No. 101, Sons of England Benefit Society held their usual weekly meeting last Monday evening, which was well attended. Bro. W. A. Moore, Worthy President, the chair. Sick committee reported only two on the sick list. There are several applications on hand for membership. Brothers will bear in mind that their monthly payments are now due and if not paid before the end of March they will be suspended from all benefits. A meeting will be held Monday evening instead of Tuesday, at 7:30. Important business on hand; every member requested to be present.

## \$25,000,000 GIFT BY CARNEGIE

Pittsburg, It is Said, Will Get It For a Proposed Technical School.

Steel Master Wants to Make the School the Finest in the World.

Pittsburg, March 15.—Intimate friends of Andrew Carnegie say that it is the intention of the steel master to give at least \$25,000,000 for the erection of buildings and for the endowment of the proposed technical school of Pittsburg.

It is also declared by those who have talked with Carnegie that he intends to make his school the finest of its kind in the world and that it will lend as much fame to Pittsburg on the theoretical side of iron and steel as his famous works have done in actual practice.

Easton, Pa., March 15.—The Easton board of school controllers have refused to increase the tax rate one-half a mill for the maintenance of a public library, thereby practically refusing the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give the town \$50,000, providing the city would appropriate \$5,000 for the maintenance of the library.

## OUR EMPIRE VS. RUSSIA

British Regiment on Guard at Disputed Territory With Fixed Bayonets.

Russians Reported to be Entrenched Therein—Anxious Time Awaiting Act.

London, March 16.—A despatch received here from Tien Tsin by Reuters' Telegram Co., dated from that city to-day at 3:30 p. m., says: "The Russians are now intrenching in the disputed territory. A company of the Hong Kong regiment, with fixed bayonets, is in front, while two companies of the Madras pioneers, under the command of Maj. Johnson, are held in reserve."

"Both the Russians and the British are awaiting instructions from their governments."

TROUBLES CONFIRMED.  
London, March 15.—A question in the House of Commons to-day in regard to the despatch from Tien Tsin, announcing friction between the Russians and the British there, elicited a confirmation from Lord George Hamilton, the secretary of state for India, who, corroborating the despatches of the Associated Press, said Russia had claimed the land in dispute by virtue of a concession alleged to have been granted by China since the disturbances commenced. The authorities on the spot were dealing with the matter. The government had not sent special instructions, as, throughout the Chinese operations, the British officers had shown a spirit of excessive conciliation.

RUSSIANS JUBILANT.  
The Russians at Tien Tsin took possession of the railway siding and armed sentries are now guarding it. Gen. Harvillat, second in command of the British forces, has just returned to the British camp, apparently in the absence of Gen. Gaselee, feeling sure that bloodshed would ensue. He had a long consultation to-day with Sir Ernest Satow, British minister. The Russians are jubilant.

## JAPAN FEELS SORE AT RUSSIA

Relations are Very Strained Between the Two Countries—War May Result.

New York, March 16.—A London special to the Sun says:—The Daily News declares that owing to the Manchurian convention the relations between Russia and Japan have become very strained, and that war seems not only possible but probable.

The paper prints an interview with a "distinguished Japanese diplomatist," who is represented as saying that "unless Russia makes some concession to Japan and that at one and the same time it will be impossible to avoid war. The feeling in Japan is high, and the vast majority of the public is eager for war unless Russia comes forward with some proposition which will be acceptable to Japan and which will satisfy her feelings of honor in the matter. If Russia has Manchuria Japanese sentiment demands compensation of a substantial character. With Manchuria in her grasp Russia is a constant menace to Korea, the independence of which, if not its actual possession, is vital to Japan. But Russia! What trust can be

placed in this shameless breaker of promises, assurances and treaties, this sinister maker of secret conventions concealed under the smiling, cynical mask of unmitigated falsehood? She turns that cynical smile to all the world."

## No Doubt You Can

Get better satisfaction buying your Prints, Gingham, Cottonades, Sheetings and all Wash Goods from this Store than from any other in Chatham. We are after your trade and will sell you goods at right prices.

## Thibodeau & Jacques

Detroit, Mich., Mar. 4th, 1901

## The Prince Piano Co., Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen:

On the evening of Feb. 26th, 1901, I gave a Piano Recital in Chatham, Ont. and was fortunate in having one of your Cabinet Grands furnished for my use. The Piano proved in every way to be a superior instrument. Its perfectly regulated action and fine singing tone gave every chance for delicate sustained work, and it was not lacking in volume when a crescendo was necessary. In fact it was the best substitute for a Concert Grand that I have ever used.

G. Arthur Depew

Mus. Bac., Organist and Musical Director First Free Church.



## The Planet.

S. STEPHENSON, - Proprietor.

### THE BUDGET.

The Hamilton Spectator congratulates Hon. Mr. Fielding upon having been able to present the budget in a short speech, and congratulates Mr. Oler upon having been able to criticize the budget in a shorter speech. And we congratulate the country on the good sense displayed by both speakers—so far as the length of their speeches was concerned.

Inasmuch as there was no change in the tariff, Mr. Fielding had really very little to say, and Mr. Oler very little to criticize.

The announcement that no change is to be made in the tariff will be far from satisfactory to those interested in Canadian woolen manufacturers.

The refusal to give a bounty for best sugar will be a disappointment to those who have come to imagine that the government is very fond of farmers.

The change in bookkeeping in respect of the steel bounties really amounts to nothing. The people pay—no matter what "account" the money is pushed into.

### THE SUN MAKES AMENDE.

The New York Sun has made the amende honorable in connection with the garbling of the Morrison letter and has done so in a manly and straightforward fashion, says the Ottawa Citizen. The only note of insincerity in its statement and apology is the remark that its correspondent garbled the letter "from some motive of which we are ignorant." If the Sun is really ignorant on the point we can do it a favor by informing it. Notwithstanding the denunciations of the British press the Sun is not a "yellow journal." It is one of the most ably edited newspapers in the United States. But great journals like great men have their weaknesses. That of the Sun is the annexationist fad, a strong feature of its general anti-British policy. It believes that one flag should wave from the north pole to the Gulf of Mexico but it has not awakened to the reality that that flag is as likely to be the Union Jack as it is to be the Stars and Stripes. Any alleged evidence of disaffection in Canada towards Great Britain is seized upon with avidity and apparently printed without question in its columns. Some of its correspondents in Canada know that and cater to its weakness. Circumstances have caused it to make an example of one correspondent in this case. Consistency should cause the Sun to make other examples throughout Canada, or at least to be more guarded in the acceptance of yarns obviously cooked to sell. If the Sun was a "yellow journal" we would not take the trouble to point this out, but we believe it deserves to be fair. Its attitude on this occasion proves that, no less than the honorable and candid manner in which on a memorable occasion it gave credit to Great Britain for its friendly offices at the time of the diplomatic crisis preceding the Spanish war. Coming from a journal holding its Anglophobic views its utterance at that time did it honor and won for it respect among Canadians. If the present incident, comparatively insignificant as it is, has the effect of drawing the Sun's attention to the continuous injustice that is being done to Canada by much of the Canadian "news" printed in its columns, it will not have happened in vain.

### POOR RUSSIA!

Ottawa Citizen.

If Russia has to govern many people like the Doukhobors she has Canada's sympathy.

### IS SURE OF A CUSTOMER.

Sioux City Journal.

John L. Sullivan is now officiating as travelling salesman for an eastern distillery. Business is bound to be good whether John sells much or not.

### THE EARLY BIRD.

Hamilton Spectator.

Carnegie is probably receiving about 200 letters a day from Canada just now. He'll be able, pretty soon, to regret that he ever heard of Ottawa.

### NOT TO BE BLAMED.

Toronto Telegram.

Jail rules will not allow Mrs. Nation to refer to her esteemed contemporaries in the language of the Hamilton Times, and, therefore, that journal should not blame the lady for merely calling them "liars and devils."

### THE DEGENERATE GRANDSON.

Toronto Telegram.

An American writer insists that some families are like the potato plant the best part under ground—and Bourassa, the grandson of Papineau, appears to belong to that variety of family.

### SMALL MINDS EASILY AMUSED.

Hamilton Herald.

It would be ungrateful to blame that infant terrible of the Dominion parliament, Bourassa of Labelle, for introducing his foolish resolution about the British policy in South Africa and making his schoolboy speech in support of it.

## Dyspepsia

Is difficult digestion, due to a weakened condition of the stomach and its inability to properly churn the food; or to unhealthy condition of the gastric juice, too much or too little acid, too much or too little pepsin.

Hood's Sarsaparilla relieves all the distressing symptoms of dyspepsia because it promotes the muscular action of the stomach and intestines, aids nature in the manufacture of her own digestive secretions, which are far better than any artificial pepsin, unlocks the bowels, stimulates the kidneys and tones up their mucous membranes.

So prompt is its effect in many cases that it seems to have almost a magic touch.

Begin to take it NOW.

**Suffered Everything.**—I was troubled with dyspepsia, suffered everything but death, could not eat without terrible distress. Since taking Hood's Sarsaparilla I eat heartily and I am well. Mrs. E. K. Evans, Danbury, Conn.

**Eat Three Times a Day.**—Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured me of dyspepsia and I never felt better. Can eat three good meals every day. F. J. Fox, Portland, 437 South Penna St., Indianapolis, Ind.

## HOOD'S Sarsaparilla

Is sold by all druggists. Prepared only by C. I. HOOD & CO., Lowell, Mass.

### EXACTLY.

Ottawa Citizen.

On Tuesday the Germans fought the Chinese at the Great Wall. And the Chinese were up against it.

### A WOUND BY A FRIEND.

Toronto Star, Grit.

Dan. McGillicuddy has been shouting at the judges to hurry up with their verdict in the case involving the West Huron seat in the Legislature. And now that the verdict is given we venture to guess that he is not satisfied with it.

### HOW NAILS WERE NAMED.

Book World.

Two accounts are given of the term "sixpenny," "eightpenny," "tenpenny" and so on, as applied to the various sizes of nails. According to one statement, when nails were made by hand, the penny was taken as a standard of weight, and six were made equal to the weight of a copper penny. This explanation is open to criticism on account of the very small size of the nails, of which six were needed to balance even the large-sized, old-fashioned copper penny. Others are much more probable. One explanation holds that tenpenny nails originally sold for tenpence a hundred, sixpenny for sixpence a hundred, and so on, the smaller nails selling for the lower price. Another explanation is that 1,000 nails of the tenpenny size sold to weight ten pounds, 1,000 of the sixpenny size six pounds, and so on for other sizes. Of the ordinary sixpenny nails there are eighty to the pound; of the eightpenny there are fifty; tenpenny, thirty-four; twelpenny, twenty-nine.

### WEAVING.

Sometimes he gives me thread of gold  
To brighten up the dye;  
Then sombre tints, so bleak and cold,  
That change the gold to gray;  
And so my shuttle swiftly flies,  
With threads both gold and gray.  
And on I toil till daylight dies  
And fades in night away.

Oh, when my day of toil is o'er,  
And I shall cease to spin,  
He'll open wide my Father's door  
And bid me rest within.  
When safe at home in heavenly light,  
How clearly I shall see  
That every thread—the dark, the bright—  
Each one had need to be!

God works in all things; all obey  
His first repulsion from the night;  
Wake thou and watch!—the world is gray  
With morning light!  
—Whittier.

### BLOOD

We live by our blood, and on it. We thrive or starve, as our blood is rich or poor.

There is nothing else to live on or by.

When strength is full and spirits high, we are being refreshed, bone muscle and brain, in body and mind, with continual flow of rich blood.

This is health.

When weak, in low spirits, no cheer, no spring, when rest is not rest and sleep is not sleep, we are starved; our blood is poor; there is little nutriment in it.

Back of the blood, is food, to keep the blood rich. When it fails, take Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil. It sets the whole body going again—man woman and child.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.  
SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Canada.

# A COUNT BANGS A PARIS EDITOR

## Jay Gould's Daughter's Husband in for a Duel as a Consequence.

### Paper Accused of Publishing a Libellous Paragraph—The Editor Refused to Retract.

Paris, March 16.—Paris has a new sensation, one that overshadows the Deroulede affair and that promises to be fully as spectacular. Count Boni de Castellane, the impetuous husband of the late Jay Gould's daughter, called on M. Fernand de Rodays, editor of the Figaro, and slapped his face red hard. Boni accuses the editor of stating that he (Castellane) had betrayed the Deroulede plot at the funeral of the late President Faure on February 23, 1899. He was accompanied by his father, the Marquis de Castellane, to see that all things were carried out as per program, and incidentally took along M. Morel, a newspaper man, as his press agent. A kinetoscope could not be obtained at the time, but Mr. Morel will see to it that the waiting world is fully informed of what takes place in the future. The story up to date is as follows:

**ADJECTIVES USED.**  
Count de Castellane—"You published in the Figaro this morning an abominable paragraph against me."  
M. de Rodays replied that he did not understand what the count meant, to which the latter retorted hotly: "Will you retract or not?" To this M. de Rodays replied by saying that the paragraph was courteously couched and that no mention had been made of the name of Count de Castellane. Then, without further ado, Count de Castellane boxed M. de Rodays' ears, several times and repeatedly.

M. de Rodays, who was seated, recoiled, and M. de Castellane followed him up and slapped his face again. The Marquis de Castellane and M. Morel then interposed and protected M. de Rodays from further violence. The Castellane party then withdrew.

**RODAYS SAYS FIGHT.**  
M. de Rodays later in the day said he had decided to send seconds to the Count de Boni de Castellane. The affair is the sensation of Paris. Since the speech of M. Deroulede at San Sebastian last month, in which he intimated that the royalists of Paris had notified the police of his attempted coup d'etat, after his refusal to allow the Duke of Orleans to appear in ranks of the agitators, very great interest has been aroused respecting the identity of the royalist emissary who approached M. Deroulede and M. Marcel Habert on that occasion. Names suggested including Jules Guérin, the hero of Fort Chabrol, while the royalists denied that the emissary acted in behalf of them. The duel arranged to take place near Lausanne, Switzerland, between MM. Deroulede and Buffet, the agent of the Duke of Orleans, is a direct outcome of the discussion on the subject of the coup d'etat which failed.

**CAUSE OF THE SLAPPING.**  
The paragraph in Figaro, which was the immediate cause of the assault on M. de Rodays was as follows: "People have been asking who the person M. Deroulede wished to designate. It appears that he is a member of parliament, and it is affirmed that he is the young deputy whose name is best known, and who, on the eve of starting for America with his young wife last week, very very loyally delayed his departure in order to reply, if necessary to the polemics which may develop."

Count de Castellane has written the following letter to the newspapers here:  
**BONI FILLED WITH INDIGNATION.**  
"Reading the Figaro, I was filled with indignation at the perfidious insinuation accusing me of treachery. I immediately begged my father and a friend, M. Morel, to accompany me to the residence of M. de Rodays. The latter received us and, after a few brief observations to which he gave satisfactory responses, inflicted correction. I reserve a similar one for any person permitting himself the same accusations."

**RODAYS TELLS HIS STORY.**  
M. de Rodays gave the following account of the affair:  
"I received the card of the Marquis de Castellane, whom I instructed to be shown in immediately. I found myself in the presence of three persons—the marquis, the count, and a third person, whose name I don't know. The marquis said:  
"You insulted my son."

"Count Boni de Castellane then asked me for explanation regarding the paragraph in the Figaro. I replied that the paragraph was in no way offensive to him, and that on the contrary, it was worded in the most courteous terms and that his name was not mentioned. Then the count threw himself upon me and punched me without even giving me time to defend myself. I believe it was a prearranged attack."

Count de Castellane was interviewed at his residence on the Avenue Dubois de Boulogne, on his return from the residence of M. de Rodays. He said:  
"Yes, I boxed M. de Rodays' ears several times in the presence of my

father and M. Morel, who is editor of the Journal de Castellane. They are here now and can give you particulars of the incident."

The count, who was calm and smiling, then retired to his study and the Marquis de Castellane gave the following account of the affair:

**BONI DEFENDED.**  
"The paragraph in the Figaro clearly designated Boni as the traitor of whom M. Deroulede spoke, but Boni could not have acted such a role, nor be suspected of so doing. It was a most outrageous insult to designate him. Boni determined to ask an explanation of M. de Rodays and begged us to accompany him in order to serve as witnesses in case of need. We therefore went to M. de Rodays' residence, which is on the fifth floor of the house where we presented our cards. M. de Rodays immediately received us. He had on a gay dressing robe. After polite exchange of salutations the Count de Castellane said:  
"You published against me an abominable paragraph. I have come to ask for explanations."

"M. de Rodays replied: 'Do you mean an article?'  
"I interposed, saying: 'Have you not read your paper?'  
"Yes, said M. de Rodays, 'but I do not understand.'  
"Boni without allowing him to conclude, said: 'Can you say formally that the paragraph is not in your paper? Reply quickly that it is not I speak quickly or—'  
"At the same moment Boni approached him and boxed his ears several times."

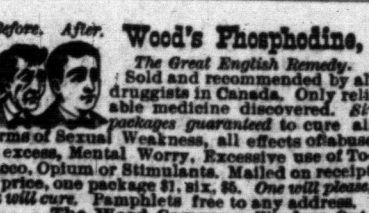
"M. de Rodays recoiled and Boni struck him again. We then intervened and stood in front of M. de Rodays. The whole party withdrew. M. de Rodays, much agitated, accompanying us to the door."

M. de Rodays' seconds, M. Prestat and Pottier, have called on the residence of M. de Castellane. The representatives of the count are not yet publicly known, but it is understood that the count will meet them to make arrangements for the duel."



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Some of the skirts of new tailor gowns, although circular in shape, are trimmed down the front and sides with bands of cloth cut on or only like the strapped seams of gored skirts.

Tentative efforts are again being made both here and abroad in the direction of shorter skirts, but no one can yet make absolute affirmations concerning them, as the matter stands at present in the hands of American designers and specialists.

There are new graceful autumn models in both five and seven gored skirts, the backs cut to conform to the latest style, of a certain amount of fullness at the back, in slight draperies, in box plaits, a number of partly stitched plaits, or French shirrings, very closely massed.

Chartreuse green, a rich beautiful shade of dahlia red, deep rose colored and jet black velvets are often seen on evening toilets of cream and ivory white satin, crepe de chine and net over taffeta silk. The velvet decorations are almost covered with a lattice network of jet or of lace designs en applique.

After a season of universal favor, it would be supposed that the demand would cease in at least the strictly fashionable world, but the majority of the new autumn styles, for youthful wearers particularly, are made with some form or other of open fronted coat or jacket for either street or house use, and this color again for some description of waist to wear beneath, and the skirt waist is still found, as it has been for seasons past, to be the prettiest, smartest and most comfortable and becoming finish.

### PEN, CHISEL AND BRUSH.

The late Professor Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche left 51 unpublished manuscripts. Arrangements are now being made to put them to print.

Augustus St. Gaudens, the sculptor, is hard at work in Paris finishing the medallion of his friend, Robert Louis Stevenson, to be cast in bronze for the cathedral at St. Giles, in Edinburgh.

Domenico Morelli, the greatest of living Italian painters, is illuminating on parchment the prayer of Queen Margherita. His work will be reproduced in majolica, and the tablet will be set up in the Church of San Francesco di Paolo in Naples.

"Deaf as a post" is an actuality as regards Mr. Swinburne. Conversation with him is almost impossible, and he lives in a world of his own. He owns something like a gold mine in the shape of a large collection of pictures by Dante Gabriel Rossetti.

Rider Haggard, the author, in a recent public address in London, said that athletic training was a most desirable preparation in the life of a missionary because nothing in a missionary impresses the savage so much as to find himself equalled or surpassed in strength and agility by the stranger.

Frederick MacMonnies, the Brooklyn sculptor, will be awarded the gold medal of honor for his exhibit at the Paris exposition, which consists of seven pieces—the historic "Bacchante," "Sir Henry Vane," "Shakespeare," "Venus and Adonis," two groups of horses and a marine and an army group.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Wm. Hadley has returned from Toronto.  
Warden VonGuten was in the city yesterday.  
Jacob Durfy, of Blenheim, is in the city today.  
J. W. Smith, of Stewart, is in the city today.  
D. Dewar, of Sarnia, spent yesterday in the city.  
W. J. Falconer, of Palmerston, is in the city today.  
W. C. Leeper, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday.  
Geo. Rodger, Raleigh St. is still confined to his house.  
Wm. McQueen, of Leamington, is in the city today.  
W. C. Thomson, of Gilmer, Texas, was in the city yesterday.  
Ed. Donegan, Murray St., is confined to his home with a gripe.  
George, the young son of Wm. Gendall, Wellington street, is seriously ill.  
Geo. Vester and Geo. Cox, of Blenheim, were Maple City visitors yesterday.  
Park street Methodist choir will meet in the church this evening for rehearsal.  
W. E. Gundy, barrister, of Ridgeway, is in the city today, on professional business.  
Miss Annie McPart, King St. East, is confined to her home with a badly sprained ankle.  
Hugh De Clute, of the Lake Shore Hotel, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.  
The funeral took place yesterday, to McVicar's cemetery, of Robert Moir, late of the Caledonian road.  
Blue birds were seen flying northward this morning, which is said to be a sure sign that spring is near.  
The assessors have completed their duties in wards 1, 2, and 5. They will be through with ward 4 next week.  
Owing to the illness of Dr. Backus, Dr. Rutherford is acting as physician for St. Joseph's Court, No. 241, C. O. P.  
Mrs. J. Patterson, of Blenheim, who has been the guest of her son, A. D. Patterson, grocer, West St., returned home today.  
Wm. A. Mills, of Chatham Twp., has been appointed census commissioner for both wards, and James Waugh has been given a similar position for Kent.  
The pupils of Principal Brackin's class, in McKeough school, presented him with a beautiful comb and brush at the conclusion of the exercises yesterday afternoon, owing to tomorrow being his birthday.  
Probate was granted today for the wills of the late Ben. Carron, of Dover, and Cecelia Jane Kersey, Dresden. The former estate is valued at \$4,600 and the latter at \$200. Ward Stanworth is the solicitor.  
This is pay day for the men employed by Contractor R. M. Paxton to work on the Eau Claire. Mr. Paxton arrived in the city yesterday. The low pier is now being repaired and covered. The latter improvement is being made on the suggestion of Mr. Paxton.

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Other Quotations From City Square.

The market this morning was large, considering the poor weather this week. In the shed, butter, eggs, and poultry were displayed in abundance. Although plentiful, there was little change in the price of butter and eggs, the former selling at 17 and 18c a pound and the latter at 13 and 14c a dozen.  
Poultry was also plentiful, chickens sold from 25c to 35c each and turkeys from \$1 to \$1.50.  
Vegetables were quite plentiful with no change in the price. Potatoes sold at 40c a bag, apples \$1 a bag, turnips 10c a peck, carrots 10c a peck, onions 15c a peck, squash 5 to 25c each, sweet corn 25c a gal, and celery 10c a bunch.  
Meats were offered for sale in large quantities. Beef sold for 5 and 6c a pound, and pork at 8 to 9c a lb.  
Fish was plentiful with no change in prices. Trout sold for 10c a lb., and white fish at 10c a lb.

## HE TACKLES THE PRESS

Evangelist Hunter Does Not Relish Sensational Sunday Papers.

Large and Attentive Audience at the Revival Meeting Held Last Evening.

At 7.45 last evening the large audience room of Park street Methodist church was comfortably filled, and at 8 o'clock every seat was taken and many were standing at the doors.  
Mr. Crossley's first solo was "The Star of Bethlehem," which he sang with telling effect.  
Mr. Hunter read the Scriptural lesson, Matthew 19, beginning at 16th verse. He said in brief that the question of the young man who came to Christ, "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" was the greatest question that could occupy the human mind. During the lesson he advised his hearers to square their lives by the ten commandments, to avoid sensational newspapers and especially Sunday papers.  
His advice to the young people in regard to the treatment of parents was especially timely.  
A new thought was given to the passage, "Love your neighbor." Mr. Hunter said, "I can not love everybody. Some persons will not allow me to love them, there is nothing lovable in their entire nature. In thrilling tones he ejaculated, 'How can I love the man who sells distilled damnation and breaks my mother's heart?'"  
Before the sermon Mr. Crossley sang "The Pearl Gates and Golden." His sermon was to the young people, and his text, "doublets and singlets." 1st. Run, speak to the young man, Zechariah 4:4.  
2nd. We spoke unto the women, Acts 17.  
He gave his sermon under the head of precepts, among others being—  
Be a consistent Christian, Confess Christ, Join the Church, Have a high moral standard, "Be a student of men and boys as for girls and women: Live for time and eternity."  
He concluded by giving four reasons for becoming a Christian—  
1st. Christ needs you.  
2nd. Christ calls you.  
3rd. I am willing to go.  
4th. I am willing to go.  
The affair was a time of great spiritual power.

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## GRAND TRUNK NEW FAST TRAINS.

Official announcement is made by the management of the Grand Trunk Railway that it has been definitely decided to put on two new fast express trains between Chicago and New York early this summer. The trains will run solid, leaving Chicago daily at a convenient hour in the morning, arriving at Buffalo early the following day and New York early in the afternoon; they will leave New York in the morning, reaching Buffalo early in the evening, and Chicago before noon the following day. These trains which will consist of combination baggage and smoking cars, standard Grand Trunk coaches, the finest Pullman cars, this well known establishment turn out and the popular cafe-parlor cars, put into service some time ago on the "International Limited" and "Eastern Flyer" are now being constructed. The large ten wheeled Morse-type engines will be used to haul them.  
These trains will, without doubt, become popular, operating as they will through a country of beautiful scenery, and passing over the Grand Trunk single-track, double track steel bridge over the Niagara Gorge, from which the view of the falls and the whirlpool rapids is something magnificent; then passing through the "Land of Lakes" in Central Western New York, giving a glimpse of the captivating view of one of America's most arid spots and the Wyoming Valley, thence through Marsh Creek, which has been called the Switzerland of America.

## PUBLIC NOTICE.

For the purpose of a thorough investigation by the committee of the Board of Works for the City of Chatham as to the qualities of the competency of J. W. Shackleton, whilst acting as a city engineer of the city, any person or persons having any charges of incompetency or complaints to make regarding Mr. Shackleton will please communicate with the chairman of the Board of Works, stating the nature of the complaint, and full particulars regarding the same so that the matter may be thoroughly investigated by the committee, the complaints to be made in writing and to be handed to the committee on or before the evening of the 21st inst. at 8 o'clock.  
W. S. MARSHALL,  
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15 doz. Ladies' Ribbed Vests long sleeves, shaped, buttoned front, finished around neck and down the front, with lace edging and ribbon, medium and large sizes, special 25c value, clearing at 15c.  
Ladies' Natural Wool Vests, light weight, a correct line for early spring wear, at 20c

## Small Wares and Novelties

Velvet Grip Hose Supporters with patent rubber cushion button, cannot tear the hose, children's and ladies' sizes, prices from 15c to 25c.  
Heavy Shell Pompadour Combs, 15c, 20c and 25c.  
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Sterling Silver Hat Pins 15c.  
Kid Curriers per doz. 5c, 6c, 10c and 12c.  
New shape in Ladies' Satin Bow Ties 25c.  
"King Edward VII" Satin Neck Scarf for ladies, in black, white or cardinal, at 25c.  
Gold Braided Belts with embossed buckle 50c.  
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## New Spring Suits For the Boys

We have just opened up this week a few of the new things for spring.

## Boys' Middy 3 pc. Suits

In plain shading Halifax Tweed, big sailor collar, braided trimmed, neat vest, wearers, for ages 3 to 8 years, very special value at \$2.50

## Boys' Middy Blue Serge Suits

With neat vest, full sailor collar, trimmed with white military braid, made from solid worsted serge, for ages 3 to 8 years, dressy, at \$3.75

## Boys' Swell Middy Suits

The new thing, made with plain coat collar, silk lapels, in mass checks, very nobly, ages 5 to 8 years, prices range \$4 to \$4.50



## Boys' 3 pc Suits

Made from honest wearing, all-wool blue cheviot Serge, in double breasted styles, sizes 28 to 35, very dressy, at \$4.50

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## WALLACEBURG.

March 16.—W. Riley, of Mooretown, was in town yesterday.

Miss Rose Hinnegan is visiting in Port Lambton.

Mr. Moss West is spending a few days at home.

R. Hays, of Leamington, is in town this week.

The Electric Light Co. are putting lights in the new Presbyterian Church this week.

A large number of votes were polled yesterday at the different wards, but owing to the bad weather some were unable to come out. The vote for the \$30,000 bonus was carried, as follows: For the bonus, 325; against, 7.

## DRESDEN

March 16.—Rev. Norman Lindsay, B. A., Presbyterian, and Rev. Jos. Galloway, Methodist, will exchange pulpits next Sunday evening, March 17th.

The 1 O. O. F. degree team of Wallaceburg will visit their brothers here next Monday evening, March 18th, and assist them in conferring degrees. An invitation has also been sent to the Florence and Thamesville lodges.

B. Bridgewater, who has been confined to the house for sometime through illness, is able to be around again.

M. Houston, police magistrate of Chatham, paid Dresden a visit yesterday.

Mayor Rubble and G. E. Weir returned home yesterday.

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## NEW GROWTH OF NOBILITY

May Follow Colonial Tour of the Duke.

Luxurious Preparations for the Trip Around the World—A Beautiful Gown for the Duchess—A Political Reason for the Visit.

New York, March 15.—A cable to the Journal from London says: The Duke of Cornwall and York sails for Australia next Saturday on the steamship Ophir. No royal yacht dares to venture into the open sea, although the constructors still are trying to do something with the top-heavy new yacht which cost several million dollars, but cannot leave the harbor.

The Ophir is fitted up luxuriously for the royal trip around the world and will be constantly accompanied by at least two British cruisers, while a whole fleet will escort it through the Mediterranean. The Duke nominally is going to open the new Parliament of Federal Australia, but everyone knows that the real object of the visit, like the Queen's visit to Ireland, is to cement the British colonies, which lately have been growing very independent, more closely to the crown.

Australia is so independent that it is not permitting the slightest Imperial interference in arranging the selection of the new Governor-General, Lord Hopetoun, to force the selection of his titled candidate as the first Premier was so effectually vetoed by the Australians, who calmly put their own unanimous choice, plain Mr. Barton, in the Premier's chair, that a royal duke is being sent out, despite the recent death of the Queen, to bring the Australians back into line.

COMPANIONS OF THE DUKE. The Duchess hates ocean travel, but is obliged to go along for reasons of state. All the children are left behind. As equerries and companions the Duke is taking Prince Alexander of Teck, the Duke of Roxburgh, Viscount Crichton, Sir Charles Cust, all unmarried, who will do the society caper to dazzle aspiring Australian matrons and debutantes.

The other older and more serious members of the suite include Sir Arthur Bigge, Lord Wenlock, Commander Faussette, Major Ber. Chalmers, and several colonial officers and diplomats.

The Duchess is attended by Lady Mary Lyon, Lady Katherine Coke, and Mrs. Derek Keppel. The Duke will arrive at Halifax September 15, after coming by way of Cape Town, the whole length of the Atlantic Ocean. His itinerary does not include a visit to the United States, but it will be altered if considered politically advisable.

GOWNS OF THE DUCHESS. The dresses the Duchess of Cornwall will wear during her visit to the colonies are very beautiful. The richest and handsomest materials have been used, and by the express wish of the Duchess, wherever possible, only British and India fabrics are employed in the dresses and trimmings.

Every gown is of black. Monotony is avoided by the use of the most varied materials. For wear at the opening of the Australian parliament, an extremely handsome dress is made of black broadened gauze, made in princess shape, with a long train and a border deeply woven in a design of flowers and leaves. The bodice has soft folds across the front and fastens under a jet ornament at the left side, and is finished with a yoke of net finely embroidered in jet. A high collar is worn. The transparent sleeves to the elbow, almost light, fall a trifle loosely over the closely fitting long undersleeves of fine embroidery.

A mantle to be worn on the same occasion is of black velvet bordered all round with Chantilly lace in a beautiful floral design, this being let into the lace, showing black lisse underneath. The mantle is circular in shape and fits well over the shoulders. It is bordered with a wide band of deep, gathered frill, applied with lace. The yoke and high collar are drawn into several gatherings, trimmed with lace. Long ends of chiffon, relieved with white, chiffon, are softly frilled from the neck. The lining is of white satin. This is the only garment on which any white is seen.

Of the evening dresses, of which six are most beautiful, one in moire mousseline is embroidered with flowery-shaped applications of Chantilly lace, finely worked with jet beads and bugles. The bodice is finished at the shoulders with folds of jet embroidered net, held in the centre with a jet ornament. A black velvet belt, like all those worn by the Princess, is slightly pointed in the front.

HONORS FOR COLONIALS. A day gown, princess pattern, is

panne cloth with strappings. The bodice is laced on each side of the front and down the back over a full under bodice of crepe de chine. To wear with this there is a small cloth coat with a short 'basque' cut in curves, with reverses and cuffs of fine silk embroidery on peau de soie. The garment fastens with salambo buttons. It is expected that the Duke of Cornwall will create a large crop of Australian and Canadian 'Sirs' during his coming tour, and a great number of ambitious persons are said to be awaiting his arrival. It is understood to be the desire of the Crown to bestow knighthoods in Canada and Australia with much greater liberality than in the past, and to attach the more prominent men of the colonies, more closely to the monarchy by endowing them with a dignity which would be worthless in a republic.

Heretofore the policy, or rather the custom of Great Britain has been to foster democratic tendencies in the colonies by extending to them only a most limited share of the titular ranks which in England are the body-guard and mainstay of royalty. Queen Victoria was very conservative on this subject, but King Edward is understood to take a broader view, and it is not surprising to see Canadian lords and dukes, as well as Canadian knights, form a new growth of nobility in the eastern Hemisphere to offset the very decayed and effete condition of England's aristocracy at home.

Such titles as Duke of Quebec, Earl of Montreal and Marquis of Toronto, fully within the possibilities of the next few years.

## AFTER EFFECT OF GRIP

Are Often More Serious Than the Grip Itself.

Physicians and grip sufferers alike are agreed that the after effects of the disease are more to be feared than the acute attack; you can never be sure that the disease has left the system completely.

Gripe naturally attacks the weakest organ and leaves it still weaker. Not only pneumonia, consumption, bronchitis and throat trouble follow the grip, but kidney, liver and stomach are troubled just as liable to result, provided any of these organs should happen to be in a weak condition at the time of attack.

To get rid of the grip germ, to get it entirely out of the system and blood, few remedies are so good and none safer than Stuart's Cathartic Tablets, for they are a compound of powerful and dangerous drugs, but a pleasant, palatable, convenient remedy in tablet form, composed of the whole-some antiseptic principles of Eucalyptus bark, blood root and similar germicide remedies which are perfectly wholesome and harmless to the system, but death to the germs of grip, catarrh, consumption and disease of the throat and air passages.

Mrs. Chas. Gormley, of Memphis says: Last winter an attack of the grip left me with weak back, a persistent cough and loss of flesh and appetite and after using various remedies for a month with little or no improvement I finally bought a 50 cent package of Stuart's Cathartic Tablets at my drug store and as they were pleasant and convenient to take I used them at all times of day and night and I was astonished to secure such fine results from so pleasant and convenient a medicine. In two weeks my cough disappeared, my appetite returned. I improved in flesh and color and no one would think that I ever had such a thing as the grip.

My druggist told me he sold more of Stuart's Cathartic Tablets, for the cure of grip, catarrh and catarrh, than other similar medicines.

## DARING ATTEMPT TO EFFECT ESCAPE

Prisoners in Nebraska's Ruined Prison Almost Got Away Last Night.

Lincoln, Neb., March 16.—Only the presence of the Nebraska militiamen on guard at the state penitentiary prevented the escape of 12 convicts from that institution.

Mourning from the floor of the cell house to the top of the roof through a ventilator flue after first sawing through an iron grating and big iron bars at the lower end, the two men and others looked over the top edge of the front wall down to the road below, only to see four vigilant guardsmen patrolling fearlessly along the front of the building. Though the criminals had rope ample to lower them to the ground they dared not risk a meeting with the militiamen, and cowered from the accomplishment of their purpose.

They huddled down together in the great drain trough along the edge of the roof just behind the abutting wall and lay there shivering, some without shoes, and others only in their underclothing, till they were discovered by Deputy Warden Bowers in the back dungeons below.

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## ORIGINAL UNCLE TOM

New York Telegraph Discovers Him in a Former Resident of Dresden.

A Sketch of an Interesting Career and Life Full of Incident.

A writer in the New York Telegraph has the following to say of Josiah Henson, who died in Dresden a few years ago.

There have been as many claimants for recognition as the original "Uncle Tom" as there are pieces of the true cross, but the best authenticated of them all was the Rev. Josiah Henson, who died peacefully in Canada twenty years ago at the ripe old age of ninety-four years, instead of being brutally smashed over the head with a bottle by a Red River slave owner.

This statement will, doubtless, be a great blow to the multitudes who thought they saw Milton Lagrange brutally murdered by Theodore Roberts at the Academy, but the fact is that Mrs. Stowe took historical liberties with Uncle Tom, as well as the blood-hounds.

Josiah Henson himself worked for an easy-going master named St. Clair, whose daughter, while to him out of the bible, after he had earned \$500 toward his freedom, he was taken to New Orleans, his master's son to be sold, but before reaching the block, Massa was taken down with yellow fever and the faithful slave nursed him back to health.

It was this breach of faith concerning which St. Clair subsequently prompted Josiah Henson to escape. He was tracked through the swamps by bloodhounds, but with his two children on his back and his wife by his side, he threw them off the scent and safety to the Canadian side, where he abolitionist lake captain conveyed him safely to the Canadian side, where he settled down as a farmer and waxed rich through the founding of the town of Dresden, Ont., upon his property.

HE WROTE HIS OWN LIFE'S STORY. At the age of fifty-five he learned to read and write, and composed his own autobiography, which was published in Boston, with an introduction by Mrs. Stowe. When he was eighty-nine he went to England, and was entertained at Windsor Castle, by the late Queen Victoria.

It was the story of this simple God-fearing negro which helped lead inspiration to Mrs. Stowe for the remarkable work which sold half a million copies in the North, within the first five years after publication.

The writer was once introduced to the "original Uncle Tom" at a performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" given in a western city. The good old colored brother had never seen the play before, and was strangely excited by it. He was so moved that he received a great ovation from the audience and made an eloquently pathetic little speech.

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Ladies' Spring Coats of black and fawn cover cloth, mercerized lined throughout, nobly, neat and stylish, at..... \$7.00	Separate Skirts, of black broadened mohair, No. 1 lining and binding, first-class workmanship at..... \$2.50
Ladies' Spring Jackets, of all-wool kersey cloth, double breasted, new sleeves, mercerized lined throughout, pearl buttons, a special for..... \$3.00	Separate Skirts, all-wool, heavier goods, reduced to \$3.00 and..... \$4.00

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SPRING MILLINERY, to early to say much about it yet, save that Miss Cathcart is just now opening splendid lines of Head Wear

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

Frank Knight and Alex. Tait, of Blenheim, are visitors in the Maple city to-day.

Miss Samson, professional nurse, of Blenheim, is taking care of Mr. Polson's child, ill with pneumonia.

Father Duprat's physician, Dr. McKeough, reports that the aged priest of Pain Court is somewhat improved to-day.

Stanley McKeown Brown, the Mail & Empire war correspondent and W. J. Robinson, spending Sunday in town at the Rankin House.

Gidion Albert Jewell, son of Mrs. Hy. Jewell, Northwood, who is now in South Africa, proved himself one of the best marksmen by securing 19 points out of a possible 20 and 4 out of 5.

The Kent Law Association are in session this afternoon in Harrison Hall to consider the candidates this society would support in the election for Benchers of the Upper Canada Law Society, which takes place in the early part of next month.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vince entertained a number of their friends to a party on Thursday evening. Miss Aggie Larin and Mr. John Barr won the two first prizes, and Mrs. John Barr and Mr. Ed. Pritchard the two inferior prizes. After supper they all enjoyed dancing till a late hour.

PASSED AWAY. The death took place yesterday of Mrs. Josephine Martin, of the 3rd concession, Harwich. The deceased was 45 years of age and leaves behind her husband ten children to mourn her loss. The cause of her death was pneumonia and heart trouble. The funeral will take place from her late residence to-morrow morning at 8 a. m. to St. Patrick's cemetery.

WILL EXHIBIT POULTRY. The poultry fanciers of this city met in Wm. Robinson's office on Thursday night, resident Geo. A. Sayer, of the association occupied the chair. Messrs. Sayer and Handcock were chosen to work with Messrs. Motiachy and Plumridge, of the Agricultural Society's poultry committee, to make this year's poultry exhibit the best better than ever. The secretary was instructed to write to outside fanciers and invite them to exhibit at Chatham this fall.

## TECUMSEH CLUB

RIFLE SHOOT

Some Splendid Scores Made by Local Marksmen in the Recent Competition.

Arnold's riflemen lined up for the initial match Thursday on Tecumseh Rifle Range. The condition of the weather was of the meanest kind for rifle practice. Only three of the men were able to gauge the dull light and drifting wind. Two matches were fired.

Score First Event.

Following is the score at 100, 200 and 400 yards:

Capt. Arnold, 32, 27, 33—92.  
W. Ferguson, 34, 29, 19—82.  
A. McCormick, 33, 27, 25—85.  
B. Morrison, 32, 27, 28—87.  
Sec. McCormick, 35, 30, 34—99.

Second Match.  
Second match at one, two and four hundred yards:

A. McKellar, 33, 29, 30—92.  
A. McCormick, 34, 27, 25—85.  
R. Morrison, 32, 27, 28—87.  
Sec. McCormick, 34, 29, 34—99.  
W. Ferguson, 31, 26, 19—76.  
J. McCormick, 34, 30, 24—88.  
Capt. Arnold, 33, 30, 33—96.

Kent Children's Aid Society. The Society wants a home for a girl five years old, healthy, fair complexion, kind disposition. Apply by letter or in person to R. A. Sims, President, or R. V. Bray, Exec. Officer.

Reports are current of serious differences in the royal family of Portugal over the treatment of the religious congregations.

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## FATE OF BOERS IS RECOGNIZED

United States the First Power to Notice Britain's Annexation of the Republics.

New York, March 16.—A special from Washington says: The United States has given official, although indirect, recognition to Britain's annexation of the two republics with which it is at war in South Africa. This recognition is accorded in the state department's annual review of the commerce of the United States with foreign countries, issued to-day.

In this publication the republics, which have previously been known as the South African Republic and the Orange Free State, are referred to in every instance as "the Transvaal" and the "Orange River Colony," which are the names Britain's annexation

proclamation applied to them. A foot note says that the former republics have been annexed to Britain and are now only colonies.

The United States is the first power to recognize the annexation, all other powers having taken the stand that recognition of the annexation is not in order until they have formal notice of it, which Britain has not yet given.

Boer sympathizers are considerably wrought up over the fact that the United States should be the first to accord recognition to the disputed annexation.

According to a despatch to the Times, dated March 15, from Kaalispuit, it is reported there that Gen. Botha, De la Rey and Dewet will meet March 18 to discuss the situation.

Mr. Aronson, pawnbroker, or Craig, street, Montreal, shot and killed himself.

The Baptist College at Woodstock has been formally closed owing to the epidemic of scarlet fever that prevails in the building.





## A GIRL OF GRIT.

BY MAJOR ARTHUR GRIFFITHS.

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### CHAPTER I.

IT WAS the middle of the night (as I thought) when Savory—my man, my landlord, valet and general factotum—came in and woke me. He gave me a letter, saying simply, "The gentleman's a waiting, sir," and I read it twice, without understanding it in the very least.

Could it be a hoax? To satisfy myself I sat up in bed, rubbed my astonished and still half-sleepy eyes and read it again. It ran as follows:

GRAY & QUINLAN, SOLICITORS,  
101 Lincoln's Inn, July 11, 1899.

Dear Sir:—It is our pleasing duty to inform you, at the request of our New York agents, Messrs. Smiddy & Dunn of 57 Chambers street, New York city, that they have now definitely and conclusively established your claim as the sole surviving relative and general heir-at-law of the late esteemed client, Mr. Aetias McLaughlin of Church place and Fifth avenue, New York.

As the amount of your inheritance is very considerable and is estimated approximately at between \$14,000,000 and \$15,000,000, say three millions of sterling money, we have thought it right to apprise you of your good fortune without delay. Our Mr. Richard Quinlan will hand you this letter and is person and will be pleased to take your instructions. We are, sir, your obedient servants,  
Capt. William Aetias Wood, D. S. O., 21, Charles street, Piccadilly.

"Here, Savory. Who brought this? Do you say he is waiting? I'll see him in half a minute." And, snatching my hand in cold water, I put on a favorite old dressing gown and passed into the next room, followed by Roy, my precious golden retriever, who began at once to sniff suspiciously at my visitor's legs.

I found there a prim, little, old young gentleman, who scanned me curiously through his gold rimmed pince nez. Although, no doubt, greatly surprised—for he did not quite expect to see an arch-millionaire in an old usher with a ragged collar of catskin, with damp, unkempt locks and unshorn chin at that time of day—he addressed me with much formality and respect.

"I must apologize for this intrusion, Captain Wood—you are Captain Wood?"

"Undoubtedly!"

"I am Mr. Quinlan, very much at your service. I am sure this your dog? Is he quite to be trusted?"

"Perfectly, if I don't speak to him. Lie down, Roy! I fear I am very late—a ball last night. Do you ever go to balls, Mr. Quinlan?"

"Not often, Captain Wood. But if I have come too early, I can call later on."

"By no means. I am dying to hear more. But, first of all, this letter. It's all bona fide, I suppose?"

"Without question. It is from our firm. There can be no possible mistake. We have made it our business to verify all the facts—indeed, this is not the first we had heard of the affair—but we did not think it right to speak to you too soon. This morning, however, the mail has brought a full acknowledgment of your claims, so we came on at once to see you."

"How did you find me out, pray?"

"We have had our eye on you for some time past, Captain Wood," said the little lawyer smilingly. "While we were inquiring—your understanding—we were anxious to do the best for you."

"I'm sure I'm infinitely obliged to you. But still I can't believe it, quite. I should like to be convinced of the reality of my good luck. You see, I haven't thoroughly taken it in."

"Read this letter from our New York agents, Captain Wood. It gives more details," and he handed me a typewritten communication on two quarto sheets of tissue paper; also a number of cuttings from the New York press.

The early part of the letter referred to the search and discovery of the heir-at-law (myself) and stated frankly that there could be no sort of doubt that my case was clear and that they would be pleased, when called upon, to put me in full possession of my estate.

From that they passed on to a brief enumeration of the assets, which comprised real estate in town lots, lands, houses, stocks, shares, well placed investments of all kinds, part ownership of a lucrative "road," or railway; the controlling power in shipping companies, coal companies, cable companies, and mining companies in all parts of the United States.

"It will be seen that the estate is of some magnitude," wrote Messrs. Smiddy & Dunn, "and we earnestly hope that Captain William A. Wood will take an early opportunity of coming over to look into things for himself. We shall then be ready to give a full account of our stewardship and to explain any details."

"Meanwhile, to meet any small immediate needs, we have thought it advisable to remit a first bill of exchange for \$50,000—say £10,217 17s. 6d., at current rates—negotiable at sight and duly charged by us to the estate."

"The last part of the letter is convincing enough," I said with a little laugh, as I returned it to Mr. Quinlan. "Always supposing that it is real money and will not turn to wickered leaves."

"How would you like it paid, Captain Wood? Into your bankers?"

"If you please, Messrs. Sykes & Sarsfield, the army agents, of Pall Mall."

"It shall be done at once. I will call there. If you will permit me, on my way back to Lincoln's Inn. Is there anything more? As to your affairs generally, if you have no other lawyers, we are supposed to be good men of business and perhaps—of course we advance no claims—you may consider that we have served you well already and may intrust us further with your confidence."

"My dear sir, I fully and freely admit your claims. I should be most ungrateful if I did not. Pray consider yourselves installed as my confidential legal advisers from this time forth."

"Thank you sincerely, Captain Wood. I can only express a hope that as our acquaintance grows you will have no reason to regret this decision. I will now—unless you have any further commands—wish you a very good morning."

With a stiff, studied bow he bent before me and was gone. He left me a prey to many emotions—surprise, bewilderment still predominating, but with a sense of pleasurable excitement.

It was indeed a change, a revolution in my affairs. Hitherto, like most men of my cloth, I had been constantly hard up; of late, all but in "Queen's street," for I had yielded only too readily to the fascinations of London. After many years of service abroad, this spell at home, in the heart and center of life, was enough to turn any one's head. I was now on the headquarters staff, with an appointment in the intelligence department, and I found people were very kind; shoals of invitations came in, and I accepted everything—balls, dinners, routs. I went everywhere on the chance of meeting Frida Fairholme, at whose feet I had fallen the very first day we met. I worked hard at the office, but I played hard, too, making the most of my time, of my means, which, unhappily, did not go far. Four or five hundred a year is not exactly affluence for a careless young soldier, with a war office appointment, aping the ways of a dissipated man about town. Gloves, but-bonholes and cab fares swallowed up half of it, and with the other half I had hardly been able to keep out of debt.

That, at least, and without looking further, was all over now.

Savory had suffered more than once from the narrowness of my budget, but he had been very good and patient, and I was glad to think he would be the first to benefit by my good fortune.

"Would you like your money?" I asked as I buttoned up my coat and made ready to start for the office, a little late in the day.

"Well, sir, I am rather pressed. The quarter's rent is overdue, and the landlord called twice yesterday. If you could make it convenient—"

"How much do I owe you?"

"Seventeen pounds eleven for the rooms, and Mrs. Savory's bill is £9."

I had taken out my checkbook while he spoke and wrote him a check for £50.

"A little check! There! Keep what's over after you've bought a nice bit of jewelry for Mrs. S. You've been long suffering with me and shall be the first to share my luck."

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At this moment an office messenger came in with a huge bundle of papers, which he placed before me on my desk. They were enveloped in the usual green "jacket," which meant extreme urgency, and on the outside was written, in a big, bold hand, "Captain Wood—speak."

### CHAPTER II.

AT THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICE.

As I left the bank, where I had been most cordially received, with my sovereign purse full and the nice crisp notes for £250 carefully put by in my pocketbook, I began at last to believe in my fortune. There is a solid, unimpaired reality in the clink of good gold, while the supple civility of the great financiers, who had so lately looked black at my overdrawn account, proved how completely my position was changed.

The morning's adventures and surprises had occupied much time, and it was now getting late; past noon, in fact. We members of the "Intelligence" made it a point of honor to be in good time at the office—an hour or more earlier than this. It had hardly occurred to me that I need not go to the office at all. You see, I had been some 13 years under discipline and not many hours an arch-millionaire. Besides, there is such a thing as esprit de corps. I was a public servant engaged in responsible work, and I could not, would not, have neglected it willingly; no, not for the wealth of the Indies.

So I stepped briskly down the steps below the Duke of York's column and crossed the park at my very best pace. For all that, I was overtaken near Birdcage walk by some one who hailed me without coming quite close.

"One word, sir. I pray, in your own best interests. But, sakes alive, keep back that bound. He is a fine beast, no doubt, but I'd rather have him farther away."

"Quiet, Roy! My dog will not harm you," I said civilly. "But at this moment I am very much pressed."

"If you will allow me to walk with you a few yards, no more, I reckon I could make it plain to you that I have a good excuse for intruding upon your valuable time."

The park was as open to him as to me, and when he ranged himself alongside I made no objections. I confess I, too, was curious to hear what he had to say.

"You have enemies, sir," he began abruptly, and he looked so comical as he said this that I was rude enough to laugh. He was a broad shouldered, square faced, weather beaten looking man, with a florid complexion and a bulky nose, irreproachably dressed in the very height of the fashion. But he had rather the air of a second class tragedian, with his long, black, curly hair and his voice so deep and so solemn.

I reckon this is no laughing matter, captain. Guess your enemies will soon fix that. They mean mischief."

He spoke it like a sentence of death and seemed very much in earnest, yet I could hardly take it seriously.

"Such a threat scarcely affects me. You see, it is my business to risk my life. The queen has sometimes enemies, and hers are mine."

"There I speak of altogether your own, captain—people who grudge you your new wealth."

"You have heard then?"

"Heard?" he cried, with great scorn. "There is nothing I do not know about you, captain. How did you enjoy the summer on the Cuyuni river, and were the maps you got at Angostura very useful to you?"

"By this time we had entered Queen Anne's gate and were at the door of the office."

"Is this your bureau?" he now asked. "May I not go inside with you, only for one moment? The matter is urgent. It affects you very closely. Your danger is imminent. They are bound, these enemies, to do you an injury—a terrible injury."

"Oh, well, then, it must keep," I said petulantly. "I cannot give you any more time now; I am expected here. I suppose Sir Charles has arrived?"

I asked of the office messenger, old Sergeant Major Peachey.

"Yes, sir, he has been here these three hours. He came on his bicycle—soon after 9 a. m., and he has asked for you, I think, twice."

"There, your business must keep, Mr.—"

"Snuzzer. I bow to your decision, but if you will permit me, I will call in Charles street this evening again."

"If you must come, come about 5. Good day," and I passed into the office. I shared my room at the "Intelligence" with a colleague, Swete Thornhill, of the artillery, a lively youth out of hours, but who stuck to his work manfully—more so than any of us, and we were by no means idle men.

"Thought you were dead," he said shortly, and without looking up from his papers; "wonder you took the trouble to come at all."

"I was detained by something special. Important business. Anyhow, it's no affair of yours," I answered, rather nettled.

"Yes it is, when it throws me out of my stride. I wish you'd make up your mind either to come or stay away altogether. There has been a regular hue and cry for you all the morning, and I've been disturbed abominably. I have those calculations of the comparative penetration of the new projectiles in hand, and they take some doing."

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"He'll do most of the talking, I expect," went on Swete Thornhill maliciously. "He's fit to be tied. Go in, man, at once, and take your punishment."

The distinguished officer at that time head and chief of our department was Major General Sir Charles Collingham, V. C., K. C. B., one of the most notable soldiers of the day, ardent, fearless, highly skilled, strong in counsel, foremost in the field, who had served almost everywhere, in all the wars, great and small, of recent years and had made a close study of the science of his profession as well. He had traveled far and wide, knew men and many cities, was as much at home at court as in camp, popular in society, which he cultivated in his spare moments, although he allowed nothing to stand in the way of his work. The service came first, and first in the service was the all important, transcendently useful department, as he thought it, over which he presided.

Sir Charles expected—nay, exacted—a like devotion from us, his staff officers, whom in all matters of duty he ruled with a rod of iron. None of us liked to face him when he was put out, which, it may be said, was not seldom.

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for he was choleric, although not cross grained. Under a stern face and rough manner he had a kindly nature far down, for he did not wear his heart upon his sleeve, certainly not for an erring subordinate, as he considered me just then.

I felt rather sheepish and uncomfortable as the general before the great man. The general was tall in stature, very thin and straight, while his strong, weather beaten face—the deep bronze contrasting sharply with the bristling white mustachios and long, projecting eyebrows, over fierce, steely blue eyes—commanded respect.

He began on me at once. "By the Lord Harry, this won't do, Wood!" he cried, with amazing volubility and force. "What have you got to say for yourself? Slept late? Of course you will sleep late if you waste the night flirting and philandering with that little madcap devil, Frida Fairholme. But, I tell you, I won't have the business of this office neglected. Now you are late for parade, and you know I insist upon punctuality. And I practice what I preach. I was here as the clock struck this morning, and I'd already been to Hounslow and back on my 'bike.' But there, you'll end by putting me out of temper. Don't do it again."

"I won't, Sir Charles," I said meekly, yet wondering why I, a man of millions, submitted to such slavery, and I turned to go.

"Ah, by the way, Wood, bring me that report of yours, will you, on the defense of the Canadian frontier? It is ready, I presume?"

"Well, no, Sir Charles, not quite. I have been delayed by—"

"Great Scott!" he roared, instantly blazing up into white heat. "You lazy, idle young villain! I believe you want to drive me mad. You know as well as I do that the foreign office is pressing for the paper, that I promised it to Lord Salisbury within a week, and here you are—Oh, go away! I want none of your excuses. I've had enough of you. You shan't stay here, bringing discredit on the office. I'll have none of it. You shall go back to your grueling, grueling routine, and when you are grizzling your soul out in that beastly tropical hole, Bermuda, you may be sorry for the chance you've lost. Go away, I say. I've done with you. I hate the very sight of you."

And I went, mopping in my rage—for I, too, had become furiously angry—to take him at his word and walk straight out of the house. But custom is strong. The spirit of subordination, of obedience, the soldierly sense of duty, when once imbued, are not to be shaken off in a second. When I regained my desk and saw the papers there, I remembered that I was bound in honor to fulfill my obligations. My chief had, no doubt, gone too far, but that did not release me. Before I took any further steps I must first complete my work.

There was not much wanting to finish my report on the Canadian frontier, and I did it out of hand. Then I sent it in to the chief and prepared to tackle the second set of papers, which proved to be a scheme, marked "strictly confidential," for a combined attack upon New York by sea and land. (Our political relations at that particular moment were greatly strained. There were rumors of grave disagreement, if not of war.) But now I noticed the word "speak," and I knew that I must take verbal instructions before I set to work. I must have my irascible chief again, and I had no great fancy for it. However, it must come sooner or later, so I scribbled a few words on a sheet of foolscap and went in.

The general was at his standing desk (he seldom sat down) pouring over my other report, but he looked round as I entered and nodded pleasantly. Bright sunshine had already succeeded the all-ways fugitive storms in his hasty temperament.

"This will do first rate, Wood. There are only one or two points that need amplification," and we went over the items together.

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