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Ontario Legislature

Bruce County Men Want the Game Laws Amended.

Condition of the Province Discussed on Both Sides.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—In the Legislature, yesterday afternoon, Premier Hardy introduced a bill to provide for the administration of the fisheries laws by the event of a decision being given by the Privy Council upholding the judgment of the Supreme Court that the provinces had jurisdiction over all fisheries within their limits.

Dr. Ryerson's motion for a return of the particulars of insurance and fire protection for the public buildings led to a discussion of some length during which the members of the Opposition severely criticised the Government for not insuring their buildings. Mr. McKay explained that about \$150,000 had been saved in the past eleven years by not insuring the buildings, and that at the time when the Government did insure their buildings the Opposition continually clamored for the abolition of such insurance.

Mr. Hardy, in reply to Mr. Haycock, said that the Government intended to ask the House to again refer the question of the abolition of insurance to a committee, and after the deliberations of that committee the Government would be able to say more definitely what their intentions might be.

Mr. Harcourt, in reply to Mr. Brown, stated that 123 acres were fully under cultivation at the Mimico Asylum, 39 acres partially under cultivation, and 40 acres used as a golf course. There were five horses, 25 cows and some other animals at the asylum.

Col. Gibson, in reply to Mr. Beatty (Leeds), stated that the return of the estimated quantity of lumber standing on the crown lands of the province was now in course of preparation, and that he hoped to be able to present it to the House soon.

THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. Craig, the member for East Wiltshire. He joined in the congratulations that have been showered upon Mr. Hardy upon his recent elevation to the first place in the Government of the province. He not only made the assertion but furnished the proof that the financial administration of the province had been pure, progressive and economic. The appropriation of \$1,150,000 for education, \$1,150,000 for agriculture, \$1,150,000 for hospitals and charities, \$1,150,000 for asylums, \$1,150,000 for administration of justice. But this, Mr. Craig pointed out, was not all. Nearly \$2,000,000 has been returned to the first place in the province by the Government, thereby greatly reducing their taxes. The present amount to the province was \$1,150,000. After providing for the railways and for the land and survey duties there will still be a surplus of \$1,150,000. Mr. Craig paid a high tribute to the Education Department by Hon. George W. Ross. The licensing system has always been indorsed by the people.

Mr. Crawford (West Toronto) began by reviewing the desire of Mr. Craig that officials of all Governments should take an active part in public affairs. It was, he said, an evidence of the fact that the Government was not only a good citizen but a good neighbor. Mr. Crawford said the expenditure was a reduction in any form. The Government were relieving the pockets of their friends and cheering their hearts by giving them good, fat offices.

Dr. McKay, of Oxford, effectively replied to the Opposition criticism that the expenses of the Government have been steadily growing by quoting from the public accounts figures which were conclusive. They were as follows:

1890		\$1,150,000
1891		1,150,000
1892		1,150,000
1893		1,150,000
1894		1,150,000
1895		1,150,000

Dr. McKay pointed out the cost of some of the more important public services in Ontario with the expenditure for similar services in Quebec, and the advantage of the Government in the latter province.

the license system. Vague charges, he said, had long been made, but no specific instance of wrongdoing had been shown. The fact that the Government had written to him, saying that he was sorry he had made the charges, and that his information was incorrect. The fact that the Government had spent something like seventy millions of the people's money, and that no one could point to a single dollar, and say that it had been misappropriated, was sufficient justification for saying that the affairs of the Province had been well conducted. Dr. McKay, becoming prophetic, foresaw the day, not far distant, when Ontario would have a population not of two millions, but of three or four million souls.

Mr. St. John (Toronto) complained that Mr. Craig had misrepresented the attitude of the Opposition in regard to the high schools of the province. He defied Mr. Craig to say that the Opposition ever opposed the maintenance of the efficiency of the high schools. He objected to what he called the false flattery of Sir Oliver Mowat, and said that the veteran leader knew how to hold on to office and when to let go. He complained that agriculture is not taught in the schools. He admitted that it was an optional subject, but said that the teachers knew nothing about it.

Mr. Ross—It is taught in the Normal School.

Mr. St. John—What kind of agriculture? Mr. Ross—Just the kind the honorable gentleman does not understand—practical agriculture. (Laughter.)

Mr. St. John concluded by criticizing Premier Hardy's speech at Owen Sound, immediately before the Liberal victory in North Grey.

Mr. German (Welland), late in the evening, to the tune of Mr. St. John, said that but for Sir Oliver Mowat, there would have been no province at all. Mr. German replied that but for the Premier there would not have been 18,000 square miles of it, that his great constitutional ability and loyalty to Ontario had secured Mr. German's seat, and that the license law had been administered in the interest of the Liberal party. He challenged the Premier to point out a single instance in Welland county where the system had been employed to promote the industrial interest of the Government. When the number of the license was reduced in the town of Welland Liberals lost their licenses and Conservatives retained them.

Mr. Haycock, the Patron leader, began by humorously alluding to the solemnity of the occasion. He too congratulated the Premier upon his elevation. He said that with a new Premier it was expected that a new policy would be inaugurated. There had been an advancement. The old familiar assurance that "we will take it into our serious consideration" had not been heard this session. Now it was a "We will refer it to a committee." Mr. Haycock questioned that it was to the credit of the Government that the expenditure had been annually diminished, as Dr. McKay had asserted. Was Dr. McKay prepared to say that there had not been extravagance in the former years? Mr. Haycock advocated the encouragement of immigration of English tenant farmers to purchase Ontario mortgaged farms. In view of the probability of the Dominion Land Act and the Franchise Act, Mr. Haycock advocated the giving of an educational and property test at 20.

He also favored compulsory voting. Mr. Haycock moved the adjournment of the debate.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Brower—Inquiry of Ministry: (1) What live stock is kept at the Asylum for the Insane? (2) How many acres are under cultivation or otherwise on the farm? (3) How far do the products of the farm go towards providing fodder, etc., for the live stock?

GAME LAWS AMENDED.

County Council R. E. Moore, of Lambton Bruce, waited upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands today to urge an amendment in the game laws. He was accompanied by Messrs. Mutrie, Truax, Cleland and McNaughton. It was represented that in the Bruce Peninsula the deer was rapidly becoming exterminated, and that legislation is necessary to prevent outsiders from hunting. It was proposed that for four years the right to shoot deer should be limited to settlers, and that the hunting season should be only one week in a year.

BOBCATS ATTACK A MAN.

An Augusta, Me., despatch says: Jerry Archer, who lives near the line dividing Amherst from Chilton, finding that his hay mow was getting low, he took up his gun and went to look for deer. He found a deer in a meadow to haul in some stacked hay which he put up last summer. When the deer roared and fell down in the sled tracks not ten rods away from the oxen. On going ahead to find out what was the matter, he found the deer on the animal's back and another on the snow gnawing away at the deer's throat.

Archer, having a sense of fair play in his make up, and not liking to see two bobcats against one deer, got up and shot at the deer. He missed, but he is now sorry he undertook anything of the kind. The first blow he made broke the fork handle in two, and though he stunned one bobcat, the other was still on the animal, and provided it by jumping on Archer's back. Two scratches with its powerful paws and Archer's coat was in shreds. Another scratch sent Archer's blood staining the snow. With the aid of the broken handle and a small jack-knife Archer fought off the animal and retreated to his sled. Though weak from loss of blood, he succeeded in turning the bobcat about and was headed for home, when the cat which he had stunned early in the battle leaped at him. Archer had plenty of hard wood-sled stakes now, and succeeded in killing the cat with a few blows. He then taunted from loss of blood, and was taken home in that condition.

The hunter found Archer's face, neck, and shoulders terribly lacerated by the claws of the cat. There was also a serious bite on Archer's face near the right jaw. The injured man was stuck and sewed together and put to bed. He is now recovering, but the night the bobcats found the body of a dead bobcat and the carcass of the deer partly eaten. The surviving bobcat had completed its meal with evident relish.

Bradford Council has decided not to allow the city's street watering to be done by contract this year. Several carts will be purchased.

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Petrolea.

Proceedings of the Council—\$100 Voted for the Famine Fund.

Petroleans Going to Rossland—Other News Notes.

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Petrolea, Feb. 25.—The town council met Monday evening, all the members being present, excepting Mr. Marshall, the mayor occupying the chair. It was expected that the town fathers would grapple with the all-interesting question of water rates, at this meeting, so an unusual number of citizens attended, but were disappointed. The usual batch of accounts were ordered to be paid, several communications were disposed of, and number of poor people forgiven their taxes. A communication from the school board was also received, asking for money to build a new four-roomed school house at the east end, in place of the one recently burned, but this was not settled, the council wanting more time to consider it.

The most important matter was the auditors' report, which was put in, and a communication from the auditors, asking that several irregularities be straitened out by the council, which was accordingly done. The report was received. Councilman Dunfield took the occasion to protest against several items which he considered irregular and indefinite in connection with the waterworks expenditure.

After some discussion on this, \$100 was granted to the Indian famine relief fund and the council adjourned for two weeks.

A party of seven leave for Rossland, B. C., next week.

Mr. F. Stenlake, who has been sick for some time and was just recovering, took a relapse yesterday.

Mr. Jas. Wickert, township councillor, is confined to bed with a severe cold.

The last three or four days there have been over 50 travelers at the Tropics Hotel.

Mr. W. T. Dettler, traveling passenger agent, C. P. R., is in town.

Mr. Bert Gledhill has been appointed manager at Chatham of the International Commission Company of Buffalo.

STRATHROY.

Debate of the Literary Society postponed—W. M. Teachers' Meeting.

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Strathroy, Feb. 25.—Miss Cockburn is visiting friends in Bothwell.

Messrs. L. H. Dampier, James Woods, D. Bishop, and L. H. Jackson, attended the funeral of the late Mr. Mitchell in London on Tuesday.

The regular meeting of the Literary and Debating society was held last evening, on account of the baseball concert, but was held on Wednesday evening, March 10.

Mr. E. Nightingale, of London, has secured the position of traveler for the Strathroy Brewing and Malting company.

The meetings of the West Middlesex Teachers' Association have been being held in the basement of the Front Street Methodist Church here. This evening Mr. J. Tilley, inspector of school schools, will speak on the subject, "Home preparation for school life." Besides, a fine musical program will be given. Among those who will take part are Messrs. Freeman, Hinchliffe, and Smith.

At the meeting of the Epworth League held Tuesday evening in the basement of the Front Street Methodist Church, reports of the district convention were given, and Mr. R. Moore, of the Baptist Church, gave an excellent address upon "What is Christ Doing for Us?"

A DINNER PILL—Many persons suffer from indigestion after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food parakeen, Ireland, a fortnight ago, when much, and instead of being a healthy nutriment it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parke's Vegetable Pills are a wonderful corrector of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convert the food parakeen into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion or dyspepsia.

At Charnoville the school is closed on account of diphtheria in the section.

RAVENSWOOD.

RavenSWood, Feb. 22.—A collection was taken up in the Presbyterian Church here on Sunday last in aid of the Indian famine relief fund, amounting to \$26. Owing to a break in the roads, the congregation was not so large as expected.

Eight Years Ago

A London Lady Speaks Strongly in Regard to the New Medicine for Heart Trouble Which is Causing So Much Favorable Comment in This City

Miss Lizzie Jones, when interviewed by our reporter, spoke as follows: "Eight years ago I had rheumatism, which left me with weak nerves and serious heart trouble. Just at that time when I was convalescing, my dear mother died, and this threw me into a complete state of nervous prostration, thus aggravating my heart difficulties, which have since been growing serious.

"My blood was so impoverished that I had no color in my face, I lost flesh and became very weak. The condition of my heart frightened me, as I suffered from sharp pains and palpitation. It was impossible for me to get restful sleep at night, and on this account, I was unable to walk even a short distance, as the slightest exertion made me so short of breath that I could scarcely move.

"I was easily startled, and mentally became very depressed, thinking that I was going to die shortly. I had to rely on my medicine, which was my chief pleasure. Last November I gave up treatment with the doctors, because their medicines seemed of no use. I then commenced taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, which I got at Strong's drug store. From the time I commenced their use a radical improvement took place. My nervous system was completely restored to its usual strength and vigor. I have now taken four boxes, and am strong and well. They have restored healthy blood.

"The color in my face has returned, and I sleep as well as ever. I did in the past. I do not suffer now from heart or nerve trouble. I can walk any distance, and my appetite is good. I feel the weakness. All my friends remark the wonderful change for the better in my case."

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The Rossland Miner, Feb. 11, says:

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ROBERT ALLEN, a miser, died from starvation and exposure in Armagh, Ireland, a fortnight ago. Allen had, by lending small sums of money, amassed nearly \$2,000, which is now lying to his credit in a local bank. His brief food consisted of crusts, stale bread, and boiled turnips. Allen was the owner of several very comfortable and substantial houses in Armagh, the room in which he lived and died was almost without a vestige of either furniture or bedding.

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Arrive London..... 8:15 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.

Note—Trains leaving London at 10:50 and 7:50 run to St. Thomas only.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. Going East.

DEPART—London..... 8:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
Woodstock..... 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Kitchener..... 8:45 a.m. 1:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 9:15 p.m.
Guelph..... 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.
Toronto..... 9:15 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 9:45 p.m.
Peterborough..... 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.

Trains arrive from the east at 11:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m., 11:30 p.m.

Going West.

DEPART—London..... 8:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
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Peterborough..... 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.

Trains arrive from the west at 4:00 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:25 p.m.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY. Southern Division.

MAIN LINE—Going East.

DEPART—London..... 8:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
ARRIVE—Woodstock..... 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
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Peterborough..... 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 10:00 p.m.

Trains arrive from the west at 4:00 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:25 p.m.

MAIN LINE—Going West.

DEPART—London..... 8:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
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Trains arrive from the west at 4:00 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 4:25 p.m.

St. Marys and Stratford Branch.

DEPART—London..... 8:15 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 8:45 p.m.
ARRIVE—St. Marys..... 8:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
Stratford..... 8:45 a.m. 1:45 p.m. 4:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 9:15 p.m.

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Spring Fashions

Trimmed skirts will be very much in evidence among fashionable gowns, both for day and evening wear, but not to the exclusion of the plain, elegant, unadorned, and long-favored, and still preferred by many of fashion's leaders.

Quaint little Normandy bonnets with peaked crowns and chin straps, and company many of the costly Lenten gowns. The majority of them are made of fabrics matching the costume, and very often a tiny mouchoir muff is added that is suspended from the neck by a narrow ribbon or a tiny cord of finest gold.

The new skirts are gauged, corded, tucked, knife-pleated, or laid in firm accordion pleats. They are considerably less flaring without losing anything of their attractive cachet, and are much less cumbersome than the skirts of past seasons. Some of the skirts are shirred on the hips alone, the back plain and full, the front forming an apron that is trimmed down each side.

The possession of half a dozen pretty slip-waists of net, cotton, fancy tulle, silk, or satin affords the wearer any number of beautiful changes of the toilet at comparatively small expense—as twelve yards of black satin or moire will make the effective background for all of these various changes, this is the fashion being all that is required for a gracefully gored skirt, a bolero jacket, or a deep or narrow girle, as best suits the wearer.

Sleeves are now made tight-fitting from wrist to armhole, double banded, and finished with a dainty ruffiness to the top of the arm. This arrangement is more novel and ornate than the simple puff or fan, which is another means of giving width to the shoulders, and is far more becoming to the figure than the threatened close-sleeved that outlines the arm from shoulder to wrist in severe, unattractive, uncompromising fashion.

Cordings rival tucks in favor, and these are exceedingly popular with modists just now. Cording near the waist are convenient for regulating the fullness of the skirt at this portion of it. Say there is a dress with cordings about two inches apart immediately below the waist; this insures plainness about the hips, the skirt expanding in umbrella shape below the cordings. The cord must be fairly thick to insure the desired effect, and many modists use the circular mode in making a corded skirt.

Violet does not seem to have decreased in popularity this season, in spite of its having been the rage last winter. It is the most prominent color at all fashionable functions, and its general use is especially noticeable to any one who will stand at the back of a well-laid audience-room. Waists and costumes, and even the furniture of violet are seen on at least one-third of the women present, and the flower itself is everywhere, worn as a corsage bouquet, embroidered with black feathers on a "picture-hat," or with other flowers upon a dress bonnet, tucked in the belt, pinned on the shoulder, carried in the hand, while the breath of violet perfume makes the air unpleasantly heavy at times.

Tucks have long been considered a simple trimming for childish gowns, but Fashion is doing her utmost to insist that tucked skirts, tucked bodices, sleeves, etc., are entirely suitable for women who have passed their second, third and fourth decades. Skirts for the spring and summer will be tucked to above the knee, or otherwise heavily tucked on the upper instead of the lower part of the skirt. If near the hem, the tucks are moderately wide. About the hips they are narrower, and as a rule the pleats are laid perpendicularly. The horizontally tucked skirt, bodice, yoke, and sleeves with which we are now growing familiar, date back to the gowns of 1877 and 1887, and in histories of dress we see illustrations of this style in very early Victorian fashions. A pretty velvet

sleeve on a model for an Easter gown is cut in one piece throughout, being sufficiently wide at the top to simulate a small puff on the shoulders. The sleeves are graduated to the wrist, and are arranged at this part of the sleeve; below, the fullness is sloped to the arm, and at the wrist it is tightly and then extends into a pointed collar-shaped cuff.

The meadow larks were calling so sweet and slow and pondering. And bonobos shook their bags of money in the air.

And long, long ago came, through the meadows, my little Silverhair.

'Twas long, long ago, but the daisies shone as brightly.

The old, old daisies and the buttercups, and the old, old butterflies, they fluttered as on light.

For then the meadow was young that now is so old!

Her cheek was like a rose-leaf, her eyes were blue and gleaming. Her heart was like an open flower below the cloudless skies;

'Twas long, long ago, and she went so still and listening.

With the deep blue of heaven sinking in her eyes.

And she saw the blue sky lying down upon the daisies.

And wandered on and dreamed the rim of heaven was there;

And she dreamed how she would be like the daisies, my little Silverhair!

And when she gazed the hillock, the sky lay still beyond her.

Resting on the mountains, oh, far and far away!

And she wondered, "Shall I ever through the fields of heaven wander?"

And it seemed so long, that old, old summer day.

'Twas long, long ago when she vanished in the shadow.

Her children called her old, her locks were white as the snow.

But oh, did life seem longer than your journey through the meadow—

Little Silverhair, my little Silverhair!

—Dreene Putman.

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Recurrent men cashiers of several Minneapolis establishments have been replaced by women, and the action has led to another discussion as to whether women are more trustworthy than men.

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Western Ontario. London Knights Abroad

Old Neptune Probably Got a Consignment of 200 Plows.

The Shortage of Brant's Late Treasurer Found to be \$6,700.

Hespler hotel licenses have been increased \$50.

The Oxford Pat Stock Club will hold their next show in Ingersoll.

Rev. W. M. McKibbin, of Millbank, intends to resign the pastorate of Knox Church in London.

The Soho cheese factory, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt at Drumbo.

The creditors of James Ross, an East Zorra farmer, have decided to sell him out.

The congregation of Rev. I. M. Moynihan presented him with \$40 and silverware.

Brantford will build a new school, to be called the Albion street school. The cost will be about \$4,000.

The manufacture of butter in connection with the Waterford cheese factory, will be commenced shortly.

Mr. James Currier has resigned his position as town clerk of East Zorra, and will stand a reduction of salary.

G. W. Holman, for eleven years a clerk of Oshawa township, was given a gold watch and chain on leaving for Seaford.

Byron Sparks was committed to the Penitentiary, Kingston, for stealing a watch.

Dr. Gustin, of St. Thomas, has received word from Wesley Grimes, of Deer, Alberta, that his buildings have been burned and all his furniture lost.

The members of the Chatham bar have adopted an address of condolence, which will be engrossed and presented to the relatives of the late Sheriff Mercer.

Woodstock town council, by a vote of eight to seven, rejected the recommendation of the finance committee that \$100 be granted to the India famine relief fund.

Brant County Council had a meeting Wednesday, when Auditor, McCosh's report was taken up. An important party late treasurer's (W. S. Campbell) shortage to the county council, \$6,700.

Mrs. Robert Jamieson died on Saturday at West London, aged 71 years. She and her husband were among the earliest settlers of Aldborough.

Mr. Jamieson died four years ago, aged 77 years.

The Liberals of East Elgin met in Aymer on March 9 to elect officers and transact business.

It is expected that Hon. John Dryden, the Minister of Agriculture, will address the meeting.

The coroner's jury which investigated on Monday the death of William Travis, of Brantford, who died under mysterious circumstances, returned a verdict of manslaughter.

Deputy Sheriff Meeson, of Chatham, has received an order for the release from prison of W. W. Taylor, the old man from whom he was kept for six months, the only charge against him being poverty and old age.

He will be taken care of in future by a writ.

A writ was issued on Wednesday in a suit for \$3,000, begun by Duncan C. Ferguson, of London, against Stevens Manufacturing Company, of London.

Mr. Ferguson had his thumb blown off and sustained internal injuries in the boiler explosion on Arch Ferguson's property.

At Windsor, the Giles avenue sewer is getting out another consignment of plows for Australia.

The company shipped some 200 plows a short time ago, but the order was cancelled owing to a storm, which disabled the steamer, in which the articles were.

Another step was made in the high court at Toronto Tuesday in the case of the Currie estate.

A decision was rendered on some minor points. All claims of the Glen estate and for the Currie estate were referred back to the local master for his report.

Admission to all defenses that may be raised against them, including the defense of the statute of limitations.

The social event of the season in Windsor was the "At Home" given by Mrs. John Currie Tuesday afternoon in the ball in the evening.

There were fully 200 people at the "At Home" and more than 100 at the ball.

Merrill Walker and Mrs. Charles Hoare assisted Mrs. Currie in doing the honors, and relays of young ladies took charge of the refreshments.

A well-known farmer of Southwold, Mr. Frederick James Hawke, died on Tuesday at the residence of Mr. Isaac Styles, Black street, from the effects of paralysis.

He was 78 years of age. He was born in Stratford, Ontario, and came to America in 1838. With the exception of ten years passed in California, he has since resided in Southwold.

He leaves one brother, Wm. Hawke, of McKillop township, Huron county.

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Temples of This District at Windsor and Detroit.

A Preceptory of Instruction—Grand Ball at Detroit.

Windsor, Feb. 24.—A preceptory of instruction for the London Masonic district was held at Windsor yesterday. Most Eminent Sir Knight Will H. White, Montreal, supreme grand master, was present, accompanied by P. E. Sir Knight Tressouler, Montreal. A special car carried the following Sir Knights from London and Chatham: K. E. Sir Knights D. B. Burch, J. S. Dwyer, A. Carrothers, A. E. Sir Knight J. A. Campbell, W. J. Carson; Sir Knights W. T. Stenbury, E. J. MacRobert, T. H. Luscombe, T. P. Kingsmill, J. A. Gaudin, C. W. Davis, F. C. Davis, A. T. Cooper, H. M. Douglas, F. A. Andrews, O. Brenner, W. H. Escott, J. T. Stephenson, Wm. Wyatt and S. Charr, London; Grand Prelate Rev. J. R. Battisby, R. E. Sir Knight T. C. McNabb, P. E. Sir Knight N. W. Ford, of Chatham, and Sir Knight W. R. Hickey, of Bothwell. Most Eminent Sir Knight J. S. Gray, grand chancellor, and Sir Knight Geo. C. Davis, of London, were too ill to be present.

Windsor's Sir Knights met the visiting brethren at the depot and escorted them to the Manning House, where the supreme grand master was quartered. The supreme grand master was escorted to the temple, and received a hearty welcome.

A group of the Windsor Sir Knights proceeded to the Windsor ferry, met the Sarnia Sir Knights, 25 in number, and escorted them to the temple, where they were introduced to the supreme grand master, after which he conferred the degree of Master on the Red Cross in a most impressive manner, which led to many complimentary remarks. The preceptory was then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the Order of the Temple was conferred by the London preceptory in a most creditable manner, as every officer is an expert in his work. The Malta degree was conferred by the Windsor preceptory, which they received the highest compliments from the supreme grand master.

A 4 p.m. grand master was escorted to the foot of Woodward avenue, Detroit, by the Canadian Sir Knights, who he met by the grand commander of Michigan and escort, and taken to the Russell House.

Hon. Hugh McCurdy, past grand master of the Grand Encampment, and Edward D. Wheeler, grand commander, represented the American bodies. A grand ball and banquet was given last night in honor of the occasion, at which Detroit Commandery displayed the trophies it has won for years for supremacy in drill.

Passenger Agent Dickson, of the G. T. R., has just returned from Niagara Falls, and reports that work on the new G. T. R. bridge spanning the gorge is progressing satisfactorily.

Men are at work on both sides of the line, and it is expected that the structure will be completed next May.

The fact was made known that the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, has placed an order with the Carnegie Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., for 6,000 tons of steel rails. No mention was made of the price.

Yardmaster McKenzie has been promoted to chief yardmaster at the Sarnia Tunnel. Besides having control of the yards, he will have control of all the clerical and checkers.

St. Thomas Journal: The M. C. R. company have had a big rush of freight business during the past three weeks, and the employees in the freight offices at Niagara Falls and the customs offices have been kept hustling.

The average number of cars handled on the cantilever bridge during the past week is one car per minute in the day of 24 hours. This week's business will probably exceed that.

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With a Whip

A Jealous Girl Lashed Her Lover and Her Rival, and So Spoiled the Arrangements for Her Own Wedding.

Scottsdale, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The coming Donald-Harvey marriage is of course the talk of the town, and the jealous jealousy. Miss Dora Harvey, a daughter of Albert Harvey, and young Donald Harvey, the only son of George Donald, have been sweethearts for several years. Miss Lucy Ryder, daughter of Marcus Ryder, was at one time engaged to the young man, but she is now a wealthy parent.

The three were in the village at the same hour yesterday afternoon. Young Donald came to meet Miss Ryder for the first time in months, and was walking slowly along the street in conversation with her when the couple were seen by Miss Harvey from the door of the house.

The sight of Lady in company with Donald suddenly revived the old memory of the young man whom Miss Harvey expected to wed Wednesday night. Dora became despondent, and hurriedly depositing some parcels in her trunk, seized a whip from the sleigh, and rushing across the street, vigorously lashed the young man and his companion, exclaiming at the same time:

"I will endure this no longer; one is as good as the other, and both deserve a thrashing!"

Neither of the victims suffered from the onslaught, and the young man, who had been called off, and there is talk of suing the young woman for damages.

KILTS IN TENNESSEE.

How Colonel Strathey Created a Sensation at a Wedding.

Chatanooga papers, containing accounts of the wedding of Hon. Archibald Marjoribanks, brother of Lady Aberdeen, to Miss Myrtle Brown, of Nashville, all refer specially to the unusual sight of a Highland costume which graced the many form of a well-known Tennesseean. The Times says:

"But the picturesque figure of the evening was the handsome and gallant Col. Strathey of the Royal Scots, Montreal. He marched slowly up the aisle, his sword clanking at his heels, dressed in the striking uniform of a Highlander. His jacket was scarlet and his kilts a dark green plaid. His legs were bare at the knees and several inches above and below. Further down he wore stockings in harmony with his kilts. He carried his bonnet, in keeping with his dress, on his arm, and had a large velvet fastened on his left shoulder. As he approached the novelty of his costume in this section. Afterward, at the Warner reception, he exchanged banter concerning his dress in a good-humored way."

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Marriage of Miss Ledyard to Baron Von Ketteler at Detroit.

The Religious Ceremony Very Brief—The Pair Previously Wedded by a Justice—The Bride's Dress.

Detroit, Feb. 25.—At noon yesterday Miss Ledyard, daughter of Frederick Ledyard, of the M. C. R., was married to Baron von Ketteler, of the German embassy, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, on Jefferson avenue. Bishop Foley, assisted by Rev. Fathers A. A. Schapman, the rector of the parish, and P. Hoos, performed the ceremony. It was an unusually impressive proceeding, but it did not last altogether ten minutes.

The bride was attired in a gown of plain white satin, the lustrous train of which was finished with a heavy fluting of chiffon and lace. The bodice was simply made, the only garniture being a delicate finish of pearls at the throat. The long bridal bouquet was composed of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss McMillan, also wore white satin, simply made, without train or ornament.

The groom was dressed in the consular full dress uniform, glittering with gold braid.

The civil ceremony between Baron Ketteler and Miss Ledyard was performed Tuesday afternoon in the front parlor of the Ledyard residence on Jefferson avenue, by Justice Shindel.

The wedding was attended by Mr. Ledyard, his son, H. B. Jun., Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Ledyard, New York, and Baron Thielmann, the German ambassador, and 12 to 1300 guests.

His bride took their places before Justice Shindel, who read to them the episcopal wedding service, omitting the prayers, and pronounced them man and wife. He then issued his official certificate of marriage, which was signed by Baron Thielmann and Louis A. Ledyard as witnesses.

Railway Rumbblings.

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—Browning.

The Crow's Nest Pass Railway and the Public Interest.

As the day for opening the Dominion Parliament approaches there is renewed discussion of the question how best to build and run the Crow's Nest Pass Railway.

The line, by general consent, is a necessity to the securing of the valuable trade of the famous Kootenay mining region to Eastern Canada.

At present, because the railway is not in existence, almost the entire commerce of Rossland and other centers of population is done with Seattle and the neighboring State of Washington.

There is a strong indignation on the part of the new Government to enter into any liabilities of an onerous character, except such as are of absolute national necessity, but the consensus of opinion is that this trade line must be speedily provided. That much being settled, there remains the question, How shall the railway be built, and how shall it be controlled for the public benefit after it is built?

We have never disguised our opinions on this point. The C. P. R. has a line built to a short distance from the entrance to this pass through the Rocky Mountains, and the company is willing, with some assistance from the Government, to continue this railway through the pass to the mining region, thereby opening not only a good market for farm products from the east, but for the manufactures of the workshops of Ontario and Quebec. The district thus to be opened up is rich in minerals, and there are great deposits of coal that will be of immense value to the settlers on the treeless prairies.

Some people have been opposed to permitting the extension to be built by the C. P. R. on the ground that the rates of the company in the west have been high, necessitated by the paucity of settlers, and the long hauls over districts where no local freight has developed.

Supposing the Government were to build and run the line, as some advocate, we fall to see how, under the charter given to the C. P. R. by the late Government, it would be possible for the Administration to secure any reduction on freight rates outside the Pass for a long time to come, unless the railway company voluntarily relinquished its advantage. The freight rates for the traffic east and west would be fixed by the C. P. R. at the place where the exchange was effected, and the C. P. R. authorities could not be brought to book, under the agreement by which the line was built in 1880-85, until such time as it paid a dividend of 10 per cent over and above all expenses. Of what value, then, would ownership of a line dependent upon the C. P. R. for its connections be to the country?

It has been said that we should have competition if the Government owned the line through the Pass, and that other railways would eventually build up to it. Where, we should like to know, is there competition in railway rates in Canada today where it is in the interests of the railway companies to come to an agreement? Manitoba thought it would have competition by subsidizing the Northern Pacific. But control of the branch into Winnipeg had no sooner been obtained than the manager of the United States line entered into an agreement with the C. P. R. as to rates, and the two railways have been working in harmony for their own interests ever since. In the east, we have had a similar experience.

Canadians have had their eyes opened in regard to railway competition in the last decade. We would not advocate the construction of another trunk line through the Western Ontario Peninsula, even if it were proposed by private capitalists. Experience has taught us that sooner or later—sooner rather than later—its managers would resolve to coalesce with the lines previously existing, and agree to keep rates up to a point that such system deemed necessary to at

least pay running expenses. Thus the public would be paying for the maintenance of four railway lines where three are able to do the work. We can see no reason why additional through lines of railway should be built in the Northwest till the C. P. R. Company is able to pay a reasonable dividend on its investments, and at the same time reduce its freight and passenger rates.

The British way is probably the more sensible. In England, Parliament will not consent to the duplication of railway systems unnecessarily. It provides for the granting of running powers over existing lines in all cases where public policy dictates such a course, but it will not charter two railway lines where one can do the business.

The best course for Parliament to pursue with regard to the Crow's Nest Pass Railway is to guarantee the bonds of the C. P. R. to a reasonable amount, to enact the most stringent of regulations to secure low rates for the carriage of freight both for short haul and long haul; to provide against all ambiguity in the interpretation of the terms, and to secure for future railways the right to running powers through the Pass on conditions fair and reasonable.

The "Great Powers" continue to play second fiddle to Turkey in the "European concert."

Steinitz, the famous chess player, it turns out, is not dead. He is alive, but in an asylum, insane. His malady is believed to result from over-engrossment in the game. Chess is not a recreation; it is the hardest of mental work. What men need is legitimate amusement that will give the mind a rest.

"The Barbara Heck College for Women."

The Christian Guardian announces that it is proposed to celebrate her Majesty's "diamond" jubilee, from a Canadian Methodist point of view, by erecting a Barbara Heck College and residence for women in connection with Victoria University. One hundred thousand dollars is required, but of this amount \$50,000 is already provided by the will of the late Mr. H. A. Massey. In a body possessing so many well-to-do members and liberal givers it ought not to be difficult to collect the remaining \$50,000.

Why should not "The Barbara Heck College for Women" be erected in this western center of Methodism? No better point at which to construct a college of the kind, in affiliation with Victoria University, could be selected.

A bill now before the Ontario Legislature empowers councils in any city to expend \$5,000 on the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of her Majesty's accession to the throne. Many councils will doubtless spend more, and with profit to their constituents.

Wm. Connelly, an old-time British Columbia prospector, says the Vancouver World, who is now in South Africa, writes from Johannesburg that the report of the mining excitement in British Columbia has caused thousands of miners on the Rand to pack up their kits and start for the new El Dorado. In his opinion there will be a veritable stampede from South Africa to British Columbia in the next six months.

Financing at Toronto and Quebec.

Under this heading, our contemporary, the Montreal Herald, draws an instructive picture of how provincial affairs are managed by the respective Government of Ontario and Quebec. The Herald says:

"The inhabitants of Quebec will envy Ontario the ease with which the sister province again has a surplus of \$200,000 for the last fiscal year—that is, if they think of the accumulated deficits of our province. Of course some explanations are required. For instance, Ontario receives from the Dominion Government more than Quebec, under the Dominion aid and subsequent legislation; but on the other hand the Provincial Government of Quebec received \$65,087 from the Dominion, while the Ontario Government appears to have received only \$26,612, the balance being left to the municipalities. Moreover, Quebec levied nearly half a million by direct taxation, while Ontario had only the duties on successions, which brought in \$145,000.

"In short, the revenue of Quebec in 1896 was not less than \$1,327,910, from which must be deducted a cash balance of \$54,000, leaving actual revenue at \$1,273,910, while Ontario's receipts were only \$1,096,671.

"Turning to expenditure, we find that Ontario spends \$200,000 more than Quebec for education; \$25,000 more for agriculture and colonization, and \$60,000 more for charities.

"How is it, then, that Ontario, having a smaller income, a larger population, and being more generous towards its educational and charitable institutions, should have a surplus while Quebec has a deficit?

"The first reason is found in the fact that greater economy is practiced in the sister province. Thus legislation last year only \$127,100 in Ontario, and \$194,688 in Quebec; and the administration of justice \$442,000 in Ontario and \$564,600 in Quebec. But the principal cause of Ontario's easy position and of our embarrassment is to be found in the difference between the policies which have been pursued here and there since Confederation.

"While Ontario has given reasonable assistance to railways and other enterprises calculated to develop the resources of the province, it has kept within its means, and today, instead

of being burdened with interest charges it receives returns on its investments. Quebec, on the contrary, has plunged headlong into extravagance, meeting every deficiency with a loan, until we can look forward to the day when over one-half of the provincial revenue will have to be sent to Europe to pay the interest on the public debt. So long as that condition of affairs exists the Provincial Government must remain powerless to adequately encourage education and other services, and deficits must continue to be an annual recurrence.

"Of that there cannot be any manner of doubt. Yet, realizing this situation, knowing that the only hope of relief lies in cutting off every avoidable source of expenditure, Mr. Flynn at the present time is giving out millions in railway subsidies, promising assistance to all sorts of schemes, creating new offices for favorites and declaring that the taxes which were considered essential by his party, are no longer necessary."

This well-founded contrast goes a long way to explain why the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, whether led by Mr. Meredith, Mr. Marter, or Mr. Whitney, has found it an uphill task to caviil at the management of Ontario provincial affairs by the statesmen now in power.

Little wonder that as each recurring appeal to the electors is made, the Opposition is moved to toy with a new policy, because the old signally failed to shake the confidence of the people in the Administration. An employer does not readily send a faithful servant about his business.

When the colonial Premiers assemble in Britain for the Queen's jubilee, Canada will not suffer by comparison. Mr. Laurier would be distinguished in any company.

The Port Huron Daily News, started a few months ago, has collapsed, and will not again be published.

Chronic Kickers.

Already the Opposition organs are beginning to caviil at the legislation providing for the appointment of a provincial auditor, whose duty shall be to see that every municipality and school board has proper books, that they are intelligently kept, and that defalcations or shortages are prevented by every reasonable precaution. The cry for such an official has been widespread. But the Opposition critics, anxious to have something at which to caviil, object to the payment of a salary to the official. It is, they say, an expense. What of that? The officer will save his salary to the municipalities ten times over if he performs his duties efficiently.

Do these carping objectors believe that the duty of the Government is to provide a provincial auditor who will do the work for nothing, and pay a bonus for the opportunity? Officials appointed by Conservative Governments have never been asked to accept conditions of this description. Such unreasonable criticism destroys the value of objections to expenditure which may have some foundation.

One week from today the inauguration of Mr. McKinley, the new President of the United States, takes place.

In 1790, the first full year of Washington's administration, there were 35 postoffices in the United States. Now there are more than 70,000, and the revenue of the Postoffice Department is two thousand times as great as it was then. Scores of unfamiliar facts like these, together with many curious anecdotes of "old times," are brought out in an article on the "Early Days of the American Postoffice," which Postmaster-General Wilson contributes to the Washington's Birthday Special Number of The Youth's Companion.

The Advertiser has received from the Mason & Rich Piano Company (limited), a copy of the "Souvenir of Musical Toronto." It is a beautifully printed, handsomely-illustrated volume, and has been ably edited by Mr. H. H. Godfrey. The frontispiece is a full-page portrait of Madame Albani, the Canadian prima donna. Price, 25 cents.

Harper's Magazine for March is to be remarked because of its "geographical" articles and its articles on allied subjects, all splendidly illustrated. Mr. C. E. Lumsden contributes the account of the Mexico of today in the second paper on "The Awakening of a Nation," and Mr. Postyn Biglow has a fifth paper on "White Man's Africa." Mr. J. W. Collins comments on the "Decadence of the New England Deep Sea Fisheries." Dr. H. S. Williams tells of the "Astronomical Progress of the Century," and Capt. Macdon has an essay on "Preparedness for Naval War." The other articles of the number are of the kind and quality for which one looks in Harper's.

THE CHIEF REASON.
Canada's Presbyterian.
(The Senate of the United States is a body in which "wealth accumulates and men decay." That is the chief reason why the arbitration treaty was not ratified.)

ODE.
Cleveland Leader.
(The Amerer of Nupe has been de-throned.—Cable dispatch.)

Weep!
Let your tears flow!
Let the world know
That you are deep
In the bitterest woe!

Whoop!
Abound with grief
O'er the fallen chief—
The Amerer of Nupe
Is in the soup!

The Inauguration.

Preparations for the Event of Next Week.

The Great Ball at Washington and the Dresses to be Worn.

From the Independent.

Time is speeding on, and signs of the inauguration are at every turn, and preparations for the ball will be under way. Not the least interesting thing to many people, though not all women, is the published account, describing in detail Mrs. McKinley's inaugural ball gown. We are informed that it is a "Paris fabric" made in Chicago. This recalls the gowns worn by Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Morton at the ball when Mr. Harrison was inaugurated. The material was not a "Paris fabric" but broadened satin of American manufacture. The patterns were designed by an American woman, Mrs. Harrison's having the golden-rod broadened in pattern, and the silver-gray satin ground. Every article in the gown was of American manufacture. The idea of protection thus carried out with care, premeditated, and Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Morton were extremely proud of their ball gowns, which were quite as rich and elegant as the finest gown of "French creation" seen at the ball. They were unique, for the pattern of each was destroyed, and no more of the broadcades were ever manufactured, as they were designed and woven expressly for the inaugural ball. Mrs. Harrison had a small piece left after her gown was completed, and about a year later she used it for dressing a doll, which was sent over to New York to a charity bazaar, and the doll was sold for \$100. The little girl who got it was not only the happy possessor of a lovely doll, but a historic doll.

The former etiquette carried out on inauguration day, of the outgoing President entertaining the incoming at luncheon, has been of late observed by a dinner instead, given on the evening preceding the inauguration. This, of course, gives more time, and is more satisfactory, for it is far more convenient. I think the change was made at the close of President Cleveland's first term, when the President and Mrs. Cleveland had dinner at the dinner to Mr. and Mrs. McKinley and Mr. and Mrs. Hobart on the evening of the third of March. It has been the custom for not only the new President and his Cabinet to attend the inaugural ball, but the ex-President and his Cabinet also, bringing together the two Administrations on this occasion.

The last of the state dinners given by President and Mrs. Cleveland, in honor of the justices of the Supreme Court, was a most beautiful affair. The three-table flowers of Jacquemont roses and ferns, giving rich effects. The "court" circle was largely represented, probably on account of illness, and absence from the city of several members of the Committee of the Senate and House, and a half a dozen friends from private life, making a dinner of 24—half the number entertained at the dinner in honor of the diplomatic corps a fortnight before. On the occasion the table was laid in the long private corridor, less effective in decoration than the state dining room, but affording more space. It is the superb East room, that affords scope for the florid art, the dinner given on the evening of the 24th, when the chandeliers are hung with garlands of feathery asparagus, flushing with tiny electric lights, while the mantels are banked with fragrant blossoms. Altogether, with the music by the orchestra from the Marine Band, the dinner of the 24th, for all affairs, but on the contrary, occasions of much festivity.

Finding a purse containing 33 cents on the sidewalk in front of a Calais, Me., store, a woman picked it up and took it to the storekeeper. He hung it in the window above a sign reading: "Found: This purse, containing a large sum of money, was found down the next morning the purse was gone and there was a big hole in his plate-glass window."

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M. HICKETT,
Motor, Rocks County, Kansas.

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- 1st—Colored Grecian Quilts, full size, new design, worth \$2, Friday \$1 30.
- 2nd—Tapestry Table Covers, two yards square, worth \$1 25, Friday, Bargain Day, 50c.
- 3rd—White Honeycomb Quilts, 2x2 1/2 yards, worth \$1 25, for \$1 08.
- 4th—Damask Table Cloth, bleached, fine quality, 2 1/2 x 3 yards, worth \$3 75, \$3 29 Friday.
- 5th—Colored Quilts, with fringe, large size, worth \$1 75, Friday for \$1 19.
- 6th—Plush Table Covers, 1 1/2 yards square, fancy borders with fringe, all good colors, worth \$5, Friday \$3 75.
- 7th—Scotch Plaid Flannel, all wool, worth 38c, for 25c.
- 8th—Bleached Twill Sheet, 2 yards wide, worth 25c, Friday for 21c.
- 9th—German Flannelettes, just the thing for wrappers, new patterns, worth 13c, Friday for 8c.
- 10th—All-Wool Tweed, for men's and boys' wear, worth 75c, Friday for 50c.
- 11th—Oxford Shirtings, fast colors, worth 10c, Bargain Day for 8 1/2c.
- 12th—36-Inch Bleached Cotton, fine soft finish, very durable, worth 10c, for 8c.
- 13th—Plain Red Moleton Skirting, with fancy border, worth 25c, Friday 15c.
- 14th—Fancy Striped Angola Skirting, 36 inches wide, worth 30c, Friday for 20c.
- 15th—Striped and Plain Flannelette, wide width, worth 12 1/2c, Friday for 8c.
- 16th—One table Flannelettes and Oxford Shirtings, plain checks and stripes, worth 8 1/2c and 10c, Friday 5c.
- 17th—Children's Fine Wool Hose, made of fine imported yarn, double heels and toes, worth 40c, Friday for 30c.
- 18th—Children's Ribbed Wool Hose, merino heels and toes, worth 18c, for 13c.
- 19th—Children's Plain Wool Hose, double heels and toes, worth 20c, for 15c.
- 20th—Ladies' Colored Cashmere Gloves, all-wool, worth 15c, Friday for 10c.
- 21st—Children's Fancy Colored Picture Handkerchiefs, Friday for 1c.
- 22nd—Plain Hemmed Linen Handkerchiefs, worth 10c, Friday, Bargain Day, 4 for 25c.
- 23rd—Ladies' Colored Black Kid Gloves, Friday, Bargain Day, for 25c.
- 24th—P. N. Corsets, drab or ecru, worth \$1, Friday for 70c.
- 25th—Tan or Cream Undressed Kid Gloves, worth 75c, Friday 50c.
- 26th—Ladies' Fancy Flannelette Night Gowns, trimmed with silk embroidery and ribbon, worth \$1, Friday for 75c.
- 27th—Stamped Linen Doilies, new patterns, worth 10c, for 5c Friday.
- 28th—Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests, full fashioned, worth 25c, Friday 19c.
- 29th—Men's Fine Cambric Shirts, fast colors, worth 75c, Friday for 50c.
- 30th—Men's heavy Ribbed Underwear, worth 50c, Friday for 37 1/2c.
- 31st—Men's All-Wool Cardigan Jackets, worth 75c, Friday for 42c.
- 32nd—Men's Heavy Home-Made Mitts, worth 40c, Friday 25c.
- 33rd—Men's Black Ribbed Wool Socks, worth 25c, Friday 3 for 50c.
- 34th—Men's Black Sateen Shirts, worth 60c, Bargain Day for 43c.
- 35th—Men's Fine Flannel-Lined Underwear, worth 50c, Friday for 38c.
- 36th—Men's Gray and Black Astrachan Caps, worth 50c, Friday for 35c.
- 37th—Men's Fine Sateen Caps, worth \$1, Bargain Day for 60c.
- 38th—Men's Fur Caps of all kinds, at less than cost on Friday.
- 39th—One lot Silk, plain and fancy, worth 25c and 35c, Friday for 12 1/2c.
- 40th—One table of Dress Goods, a very fine assortment, all kinds, worth 60c, 60c and 75c, for 25c.
- 41st—Five Pieces Corkscrew Twills, all shades, worth 40c, Friday for 25c.
- 42nd—One table Scotch Tweeds, newest designs and shades, worth 60c and 75c, Friday for 35c.
- 43rd—Twelve only, Dress Lengths, very fine goods, special lot, worth \$1 25, for 50c.
- 44th—One lot of Embroidered Wool Skirts, worth \$1 75, Friday 85c.
- 45th—Seven pairs Chenille Curtains, double dado and heavy fringe, worth \$4 for \$2 75.
- 46th—Nine pairs Chenille Curtains, worth \$5 50, very fine, Friday \$3 95.

ON FIRST FLOOR.

- 47th—Men's Heavy Storm Frieze Ulsters, worth \$6, Friday \$3 75.
- 48th—Men's Very Heavy Storm Frieze Ulsters, worth \$7, Friday \$4 05.
- 49th—Big Boys' Heavy Storm Frieze Ulsters, worth \$5, Bargain Day \$3 25.
- 50th—Big Boys' Heavy Tweed Overcoats, wool linings, worth \$4 50, for \$1 49.
- 51st—Any Boys' Heavy Frieze Ulster in the house, sizes 22 to 30, worth \$4, for \$2 50.
- 52nd—Men's All-Wool Double-Breasted Tweed Suits, worth \$7, Friday for \$4 95.
- 53rd—Men's Fine All-Wool Tweed Suits, worth \$7 50, Bargain Day \$4 95.
- 54th—Men's Fine All-Wool Worsted Suits, Black Stripe Pants, worth \$12, for \$8 75 Friday, Bargain Day.
- 55th—Men's All-Wool Grey Twill Tweed Pants, worth \$2 25, for \$1 50.
- 56th—Ladies' Flannelette Wrappers, our own make, fine pattern, worth \$2 50, for \$1 49, all sizes.
- 57th—Ladies' Print Wrappers, great snaps for Friday, a beautiful one, worth \$1 75, for \$1 35, fast colors, all sizes.
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