

CORKS PT. ARTHUR WITH SEVEN SHIPS

Rumored That Togo Did the
Trick On March 22.

WITH NEW FLEET WITHOUT LOSS

Another Russian Captain Charged
With Selling Military Secrets
to the Japs.

London, Friday, March 25. — The Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from its Tokyo correspondent, yesterday's date, which says: "On the night of March 22 the Japanese fleet renewed the attempt to bottle up Port Arthur. Sixteen warships escorted seven merchant steamers to the mouth of the harbor, and under cover of the bombardment the steamers ran and were sunk in desired positions. Three thousand Japanese officers and blue-jackets volunteered for this duty. An official report is expected this evening."

TOGO'S ACCOUNT.

Tokyo, March 24. — Vice-Admiral Togo's report of the attack on Port Arthur, which was made on March 22, reached Tokyo tonight, and was as follows:

"The combined fleet acted according to the plan arranged. Two flotillas of destroyers were outside Port Arthur, as instructed, from the night of the 21st, until the morning of the 22nd. Although during this time our destroyers were under the fire of the enemy, they sustained no damage. "The main fleet arrived off Port Arthur at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 22nd. "I dispatched a part of the fleet in the direction of Pigeon Bay, and ordered the battleships Fuji and Yashima to make an indirect bombardment against the inner side of the fort."

"During the bombardment the enemy's ships gradually came out of the harbor, and at the time, when the indirect bombardment stopped, which was about 2 o'clock, the number of Russian ships was five battleships, four cruisers and several destroyers. "We believed the enemy was retreating by making a movement of their fleet to draw us near the forts. The enemy's ships shelled us indirectly, and many of their shells fell near the battleship Fuji, but our ships sustained no damage. "About 2 o'clock our vessels withdrew off the port."

UNCONFIRMED AS USUAL.

The Daily Telegraph's circumstantial report from its Tokyo correspondent, that the Japanese succeeded in bottling up Port Arthur on the night of March 22, is not confirmed from any other quarter. The special dispatches to the other morning papers announce no new developments in the situation, but throw a few side-lights on the operations. The Standard's "Ten Tsun" correspondent says that Vice-Admiral Alexeff renewed his demand for the withdrawal of all Chinese officials and soldiers from Manchuria, on the ground that otherwise it would be impossible to conduct the war properly.

THE ENTRANCE MINED.

The Daily Mail's correspondents give from Japanese sources some details of the condition of Port Arthur which were gathered during the recent visit of a Chinese junk there. It is asserted that a boom has been placed across the entrance to the roadstead, which was alive with mines so equally endurable both Russian and Japanese vessels. The damaged Russian warships, these reports say, are reported to be in such a state that it is dangerous for them to leave their anchorage. Eight battleships and cruisers and several destroyers are now uninjured, and often leave the harbor, but never go far from the forts.

RUSSIAN POOR SHELLS.

Japanese naval officers praise the quality of the Russian torpedo boat destroyers, which they confess have done excellent work, but they declare that the Russian shells are badly fused and failed to explode except when they strike direct upon armor, and that their charges of gun cotton are insufficient to cause serious damage. The Daily Mail's Shan Hai Kwan correspondent says that the Japanese are secretly engaging Chinese to act as irregular corps.

COALING OFF GREECE.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: "Orders have been issued to Admiral Wirovich to keep his squadron at Piræus, Greece, until further instructions. As the squadron coals from the oil colliers, it is not expected that Japan make representations to that effect. It is also observed that the same friendly neutrality which France displayed when the squadron stayed at Djibouti, the French port of the Gulf of Aden, will be observed at Piræus. Information received at St. Petersburg, strong fortifications have been erected for the defense of Harbin and Liao Yang. The construction of batteries at New Chang continues to be feverishly pushed, and it is believed that that place will shortly be in a condition to resist even a determined assault by the Japanese. Eighty-two field engineers have left for the front for service in connection with the erection of fortifications and other work incident to the Russian operations."

GOING TO AN TUNG.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says that United States Consul Davidson will start for his post at An Tung next week. That he is arranged with the Japanese naval authorities to assist his vessel to reach its destination.

RUSSIAN TRAITORS.

Captain Leontiev, of the St. Petersburg artillery, has been arrested on the charge of selling military secrets to Japan. Captain Ikrout, of the Manchurian commissariat service, who is awaiting trial by court-martial on the charge of having sold information in connection with the quartermaster's department to Lieut.-Col. Akashi, who was military attaché of the Japanese legation here, has petitioned the legation asking for clemency, on the ground that the information he sold to the Japanese legation was not important. He received only \$250 for the information sold, which consisted of details of the Russian commissariat service during the Boxer war.

GREAT FIRE IN PANAMA

Entire Commercial Section of Bocas Del Toro Was Destroyed.

Panama, March 25. — By recent disaster the second battalion of Panama troops on the isthmus is disbanded, leaving only one battalion under the colors, and the vessels forming the Panama navy are offered for sale. Owing to the recent fire at Bocas Del Toro, the four Government secretaries have been sent there by President Amador to study the means to be taken to repair the damages sustained by the town. They sailed from Colon last night, taking relief supplies for the inhabitants. Almost the entire commercial part of Bocas Del Toro (about 20 miles west of Colon), was destroyed March 6, involving a loss of about five hundred thousand dollars.

THE BALKAN REFORMS

Saraffoff to Hold Off Until Scheme Has Been Tried

London, March 25. — According to the dispatch received today from Constantinople the Porte and the Austro-Russian embassies have reached an agreement in regard to the reforms of the Macedonian gendarmerie under European officers, so it is believed that it will not be long before the reform scheme for Macedonia, agreed upon by the Emperors of Russia and Austria at their meeting at Mueretok, Syria, last year, in support of which Austria has been alleged to be mobilizing troops, will be in full operation. In an interview at Sofia March 24, Saraffoff, the Macedonian leader, said his party intended to await the result of the introduction of the reforms before launching a fresh insurrection.

SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION

Railway Committee Permits Issuing of Bonds for \$25,000 a Mile.

Toronto, March 25. — The railway committee of the Legislature today passed the bill giving the Southwestern Traction Company authority to issue bonds for \$25,000 a mile, but the clause giving authority to receive shares in other companies as a gift was struck out.

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THE WAR NEWS.

From Tokio comes an unofficial dispatch saying that Togo made his fifth attack on Port Arthur March 22, and that he succeeded in blocking the entrance by the sinking of seven merchantmen manned by volunteer crews. Togo's official account of the bombardment of the 22nd makes no mention of an attempt to bottle the Russians. He tells of shelling the fortress and of a brief engagement with Makarov's fleet. If reports from St. Petersburg sources are correct Japan has greatly modified her original plan of campaign. Besides holding Korea, Russia believes the Mikado intends to land an army on the west shore of the Gulf of Liao Tung. This is Chinese territory and its occupation by either of the combatants would be a grave breach of neutrality. If it is true, it indicates that the Chinese are on the verge of allying themselves with the Japs. Reports of skirmishes of scouts and outposts are to hand. All of them are of a trivial nature, but indicate that the opposing armies in Korea are not far apart. Another Russian officer has been accused of selling military secrets to the enemy. Kurapatkin has reached Lake Balkal and another week will see him up on the scene of the war. It is supposed he will play a waiting game mazing his armies until the moment comes to make a grand stroke for victory.

London, March 24. — Lord Brassey presided at a crowded meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce yesterday. Regarding the fiscal question, he thought it well to invite further discussion under the auspices of the chamber by leading authorities on the subject of preferential relation with the colonies. He personally was strongly in favor of a royal commission. The over-sea members were guests at the chamber at a magnificent banquet tonight. Lord Brassey was chairman of the evening. Lord Alverstone, Lord Strathcona, George Drummond, A. Hodgson and H. Ames, of Montreal.

Lord Brassey, proposing "Our Canadian Friends," said: "How shall we find words warm enough to express our gratitude for the thoughtful kindness and infinite trouble shown on the memorable occasion of the Montreal congress? No matter what was thought of the fiscal question, they at the congress were all animated by the same high purpose of keeping the empire together, and he knew no means better than such meetings. Referring to the trip across the continent to see the resources of Canada, he said: "Our Canadian friends have proved that every man has a chance in Canada, that farming pays in a country boomed as is no other, and that the Canadian sheaves are destined to play a great part in the bonds of the empire."

Amid the cheers of the banqueters Lord Brassey was presented with a splendid service of plate, and an address of welcome was made by the over-sea delegates, who attended the Montreal congress. A magnificent silver inkstand was given to the Montreal Board of Trade by the London Chamber, and an illuminated address, to the French Chamber of Commerce in Montreal, a silver bowl. Silver bowls were presented to Messrs. Hodgson and Ames, as souvenirs of their courteous services at the congress. Addresses were presented to the C. P. R. and G. T. R. for their hospitality and special trains, and a clock to Mr. George Hadfield in his dual capacity of secretary of the board of trade and of the Canadian commission.

Lord Strathcona, replying, spoke of the prosperous condition of Canada and its encouraging prospects. A cable message from the Montreal Board of Trade, sending cordial greetings to the banqueters, was received with great enthusiasm. Mr. Drummond, who received an ovation, said: "Canadian are trying to keep the grand old flag flying over the continent. It is as much yours as ours. He begged them to send more Britons to neutralize the rush of Americans to business houses. The minerals, forests, fisheries and agriculture of Canada made a magnificent heritage, and they were going to look at the British. Canadians would look at the question from the standpoint of the pocket, but of the empire. The Americans were looking for the gold, but the Canadians were looking for the silver. Germany was doing the same, and they wanted to stop that, and were appealing to the world to revise the tariff to that end. He hoped Britain, by royal commission or in some other way, to settle the question before it was too late. When the next generation would do under present conditions God only knew. He presented the chamber with a souvenir on behalf of the Montreal Board, consisting of a beautiful frame holding a picture of the visit to Montreal of the congress."

Mr. Hodgson, in a brief, neat speech, spoke of the chance of the Imperial tie being more affected by the meetings of commercial bodies than political bodies. They did not dictate to England what to do, and whether the motherland gave a preference or not it would have no effect on Canadian loyalty.

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One line of Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Mourning Handkerchiefs, worth 12½c, for each.....**10c**
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Millinery Department.

Special lines of Ladies' Ready-to-wear Straw Hats, new styles, selling at cut prices.
Big lot of Fine Large Ospreys, regular 75c. Closing this lot out at each.....**35c**
It's going to be a big Osprey and Flower season; now is your time to buy.
Lot of plain and fancy Straw Braids, all colors, selling at less than cost, some as low as, yard.....**3c**
Big lot of Quills, in white, black, fawn and gray. Quills are going to be used very much this spring. Half price here.

Don't overlook this Sale. Bargains are going here, all through the store. We must clear it out, it's only a question of time.

A PORT STANLEY FLOOD

Kettle Creek Overflows and Carries Boats Out to the Lake.

Port Stanley, Ont., March 24.—The warm weather of the past few days caused an immense flow of water into Kettle Creek from melting snow, and this evening the ice broke up and went clear out into the lake, carrying the tug Gordon Brown with it, also Brown's log saw. The tug now lies in the ice southeast of the harbor. The water was very high for a short time, but the ice soon broke away, doing little damage to the houses along the low-lying part of the town.

HE'S PERFECTLY CURED.

That's Maxime Boucher's Statement—Had Kidney Disease—Used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Humberstown, Que., March 21.—(Spec. club).—For twenty-five years Maxime Boucher, of this place, suffered from Kidney Disease. Its aches and pains and feebleness had become so much a part of his daily life and the different medicines he had tried had done him so little good that he had about abandoned all hope of ever being better.
But Mr. Boucher read of so many cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills that he resolved to try again and the result is he is out with a statement that tells of his long suffering and ends, "I am perfectly cured, Dodd's Kidney Pills did it."
It is never too late to cure your Kidney Troubles. Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure them.

THE IRISH LAND ACT.

London, March 25.—Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, replying in the House of Commons yesterday to a request of William Redmond (Irish Nationalist), for information concerning the working of the Irish land act, said he believed that if all the parties concerned worked in the same spirit as last year, great success would attend the operations of the act. Appl-

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THE LEGISLATURE IN COMMITTEE

House Progressing On Municipal Taxation Bill.

TAXING OF LIQUOR AND COAL

The Easter Adjournment—The University Act—The New Revenue Measure.

Toronto, March 24.—The House took up the municipal taxation bill today. Considerable discussion was expended on the clause levying 10 per cent yearly on arrears of taxes on all land property. The object of the clause was to head off land speculators, who seek to evade paying their share of the taxes. Most of the clauses of the measure were passed without much opposition.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.
A partial arrangement was reached as to the Easter adjournment. The Premier was of opinion that the House should adjourn on Thursday, Tuesday. Some members favored an adjournment until Wednesday. The adjournment will probably be as suggested by the Premier.

THE UNIVERSITY ACT.
Mr. Harcourt, in committee on the bill to amend the university act by enabling the authorities to strike from the rolls any graduate guilty of crime, added a clause to provide that Trinity graduates who are expelled from the university shall not be eligible for election for the chancellor and members of the senate. This election takes place before October next, and federation will not be completed until that time, hence the necessity of the amendment.

THE EVENING SESSION.
At the evening session, the House again went into committee on the municipal taxation bill, and passed a large number of clauses with great rapidity.

The clause placing liquor shops and coal dealers on a 50 per cent basis caused an animated discussion. Mr. Murphy and Dr. Lackner urged that the former should be on the 25 per cent class with other retail dealers.

Mr. Richard, in the interests of coal merchants, protested against what he called undue severity. He contended that the consumer would have to pay for it.

Mr. Whitney said the bill was largely an experiment, and, although it was some weeks since it had passed the select committee, no protests had been received.

Mr. Stratton moved that the committee rise and report progress, which was done, and the technical decision on the question was reached.

SCHOOL BOARDS.
Minister of Education Harcourt introduced a bill permitting all cities and towns, on a majority vote of the municipal council, at a special meeting called for the purpose, to amalgamate the public, technical and library boards in a board of education, as in Toronto.

THE REVENUE BILL.
The Premier did not bring down his supplementary revenue bill, but it is stated, however, that it provides for the taxing of all railways to the extent of \$50 per mile, which will give the provincial treasury an extra \$50,000 every year. There is no provision for further taxation of municipalities.

A QUIET DAY IN THE COMMONS

Level Crossings; Amendment to Criminal Code; Sunday Observance Petitions.

Ottawa, March 24.—In the House today Mr. Lancaster, of Lincoln, moved the second reading of his measure, and it is amended the railway act. He drew especial attention to the dangers of the level crossings. To minimize the peril his amendment cuts the speed of trains to ten miles an hour at level crossings, and watchmen are employed. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that the railway bill embodied the principle of protection that the railway deemed necessary. A certain amount of elasticity, he said, was necessary, and it would not be advisable to make one rule for all crossings. He suggested that the bill be referred to the railway committee of the House.

Mr. Borden suggested that the bill should be discussed first in committee. The House adjourned then referred to the railway committee.

This proposition Sir Wilfrid Laurier accepted at the same time pointing out that the bill would eventually have to go before the railway committee of the House. On this understanding the debate on the bill was postponed.

Mr. Lancaster then moved the second reading of his bill to amend the criminal code, dealing with the object of the bill is to prevent minors from being their guardians. He quoted a number of cases where children, on trivial offenses, had been given severe sentences by magistrates.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said he did not see any need for the measure. Good progress was made with the public works estimates in committee of supply, and the House rose at 11:15 p.m.

PETITIONS AND ANSWERS.
Another batch of petitions in favor of a Sabbath observance law was presented. One of them, put in by Mr. Stewart, of Lisgar, contained 1,000 signatures.

Mr. Clarke learned from the Finance Minister that the bond of the Quebec Bridge Company, which the Government is to guarantee to the amount of \$5,000,000, had been approved and issued, but a temporary loan had been made by the Bank of Montreal, pending the issue.

Sir Richard Cartwright informed Mr. Puttee that the Government had not received any information that the Chinese Government demands free entry of Chinese at Vancouver in return for its sanction of the peonage system of Chinese labor in South Africa.

STORM AT CHICAGO.
Chicago, March 24.—One of the severest storms this city has known in many years passed over Chicago tonight. Great damage was done in the suburbs to the south of the city and considerable loss was sustained north of the city proper.

The town of Indiana Harbor, 20 miles southeast, was the heaviest sufferer. L. Barker, the proprietor of a dry-

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Not Sunlight Soap—
No, indeed!

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Ask for the Octagon Bar

goods store, was killed, and fifteen persons who were in his store when the storm struck, were injured, some of them seriously.

THE TORONTO SCANDALS

Mr. John Gray and Mr. Frank A. Gray Found Guilty.

Toronto, March 25.—The jury in the general sessions last night, after an hour's deliberation, found Frank A. Gray, druggist, and Lieut.-Col. John Gray, his father, guilty of conspiracy in tampering with the ballots cast for the board of education at the last municipal election in Dr. R. B. Orr's interests. The son was deputy returning officer at polling sub-division three, sixth ward, and the father was his poll clerk. This is the first conviction by a jury, Sam Thompson, a deputy returning officer, having pleaded guilty. Dr. Orr was credited with 377 votes at their booth, which would require at least 113 votes on the cumulative voting. There were only 55 ballots returned on which there were no votes for Orr, but the crown called about 90 witnesses, who said they had not voted for Orr. Handwriting experts swore that on about 40 of the ballots the name of Dr. Orr was written in the wrong hand than that which marked the other votes, and that on about 48 ballots the handwriting of the marks for Orr were by the same hand. The Grays were remanded for sentence till April 2, bail being fixed at \$2,000 each.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c. CATARRH CURE

The diseased parts by the Improved Catarrh Cure, clear the air passages, stop droppings in the throat and permanently cure Catarrh and Hay Fever. Blower and All Dealers or Dr. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

Beginning one mile west of the head of the Galop Canal, in Canada, and extending for two miles, a channel has been cut 30 feet wide. By the use of this channel the latest machinery has been used to save the tortuous and dangerous passage by the south channel through American water.

CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

The wives of Siamese noblemen have their hair cut in pompadour style. It is usually about 1½ inches in length, and sticks up straight, like the hair in a blacking brush.

SEVERE COLDS are easily cured by the use of Bickle's Anti-Consumption Syrup, a medicine of extraordinary penetrating and healing properties. It is acknowledged by those who have used it as being the best medicine sold for coughs, colds, inflammation of the lungs and all affections of the throat and chest. Its agreeableness to the taste makes it a favorite with ladies and children.

In the course of a murder trial at Cape Town recently the defendant, an aged Malay trader, admitted that he had 27 wives.

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish—but won't wash clothes.

In Mexico the family of a dead duelist can claim support from the person who shot him.

Six Doctors Failed to Cure Him.

ERYSIPELAS AND SALT RHEUM WAS THE TROUBLE.

Burdock Blood Bitters

DID MORE THAN SIX DOCTORS COULD DO.

Mrs. Theo. Newell, Argyle Sound, N.S., expresses her opinion of this wonderful remedy in the following letter:

"It is with the greatest gratitude that I can testify to the wonderful curative powers of Burdock Blood Bitters. For years my husband suffered terribly with Erysipelas and Salt Rheum. He was so bad at times that he could not sleep on account of the itching and burning. He had been under the care of six different doctors, but they failed to do him any good. I had read different times of the wonderful cures being made by Burdock Blood Bitters, so advised him to give it a trial. He did so, and after taking five bottles was cured without a doubt. I would strongly advise any person troubled with blood disorders to give B.B.B. a fair trial for I am sure it will cure them."

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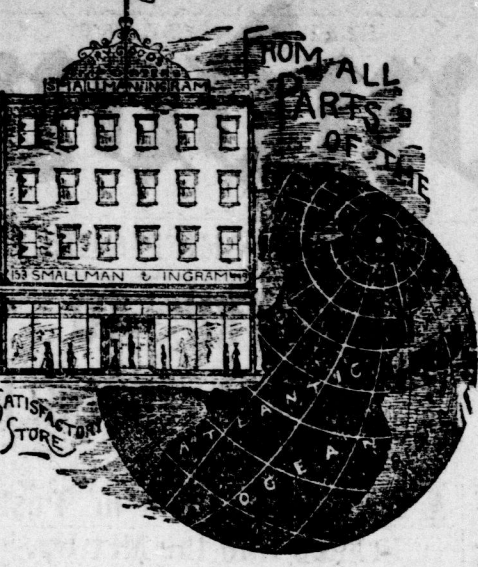
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THE WEATHER TODAY—Unsettled; mild; showery.

The Trimming Tells

To always look attractive no matter how few gowns you own, is not a hard problem to solve. The smart dresser knows, because she has learned the great effect of a little thing fittingly put to use. Oftentimes it's the Trimming alone that arrests the attention, and if it is all that it should be it stamps the gown a success. Right from the beginning this has been a Trimming year—Laces and Insertions are playing an important part in Shirts waists and Dainty Blouses, and in nearly every instance it's the Trimming that tells. Those who favor Made-to-Order Gowns, Waists, etc., will find in our Lace and Trimming Department the newest novelties moderately priced.

Fiber Laces and Insertions, with the appearance of silk, the most popular lace shown this season for trimming heavy and light wool materials, as well as crepe de chine and silks. Showing in black, ivory and champagne, in all widths of insertions from 1 to 3½ inches. Special prices at, per yard, 25c to **\$1 25**
Guipure All-Over Laces for yokes and panels, in white and ecru, new designs, large and small patterns, from \$2 75 to **\$5 00**
Ivory and Ecru Guipure Insertions and Galleons (to match all-overs), neat patterns. At per yard, from 20c to **\$1 50**
Nottingham Lace All-Over, pretty patterns, in white and ecru. Suitable for trimming muslins. At, per yard, 50c, 55c and **\$1 00**
Nottingham Valenciennes Laces and Insertions, large assortment of floral and bow-knot designs to choose from; very nice for trimming underwear, dressing sacks, etc. At, per yard, from 5c to **35c**
Good assortment of narrow Valenciennes Laces and Insertions; fine, neat patterns, from, per yard, 30c to **20c**
Linen Insertions and Laces, yak patterns, very special, at, per yard, 12½c, 15c and **85c**
Mererized Chamo Insertions in white and Paris crepe, perfect for shirtwaist suits and blouses; will retain its luster after washing. All widths. Prices range from 8½c to **20c**
Pretty Embroidered Jap Silk Insertions for trimming Jap silk blouses, in cream, white, sky, pink, black, and cardinal. At, per yard **45c**
Latest Paris novelty for dress fronts, in black and ivory pleated chiffon, with silver tinsel edge. Special at, per yard **\$1 50**
Large range of handsome embroidered, tucked, shirred and hemstitched chiffon, embroidered Jap and Pongee All-Over, and Black and Silver Sequin All-Over.

Display of Spring Millinery Continues.

Don't permit so pleasing a sight to be dispersed without profiting by it. It's no exaggeration to say that thousands of ladies have already been delighted with the showing. Never in our experience have so many turned out to view the styles. The weather was all that could be desired, and as all signs now point to fair spring weather don't delay ordering anything you may want for Easter—a week from today.

Some of Our Pretty Dress Goods.

TWO-TONED VOILE—Five colorings of Two-Toned Voile, flaked with white, in shades of navy, reseda, champagne, brown and black. Suitable for shirtwaist suits, and very stylish. Per yard only **75c**
PIN DOT VOILE—One of the latest materials shown in Voile, in shades, gray, brown, navy, champagne, and black; very dainty goods for summer dress. Per yard **\$1 00**
LACE VOILE—Pearly Voile, lace effect, two-toned; something entirely new, in shades of navy, champagne and gray. Very dainty. Don't fail to see them. Per yard **85c**
Silk Spot Crepe de Chine, suitable for fancy waists and dresses; two very pretty shades of gray and reseda, self colors. Per yard **\$1 25**

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 AND 153 DUNDAS STREET.

RAILWAYS AND NAVIGATION.

Some fellows have lots of push, but extend most of it on saloon doors.

A MERRY HEART GOES ALL THE DAY—But one cannot have a merry heart if he has a pain in the back or a cold with a racking cough. To be merry one must be well and free from aches and pains. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil will relieve all pains, muscular or otherwise, and for the speedy treatment of colds and coughs it is a splendid medicine.

A factory has been established in Louisiana for the utilization of the waste from sugar cane. It will be made into berry baskets, boxes, railroad car seats and pencils.

One divorce to every eleven marriages is the statistical showing for the United States. Western Reserve—a proportion greater than that of any state or nation on earth. This 6,250 square miles in Northwestern Ohio was settled while a part of the Northwest Territory, almost exclusively by Connecticut and Massachusetts folk, and its people are now the purest Puritan stock to be found west of the Hudson River.

16 to 1.

This does not refer to the silver question in the United States, but to the number of loan companies and banks authorized by the Government to receive savings deposits in this city.

We desire to direct your attention to

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taking deposits.
Time deposits, 4 to 4½ per cent.
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\$7 of security for every \$ of savings bank and debenture liability.

Ask for the eleventh annual report.

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Saloon rates from \$75 up. Second saloon from \$45 up, according to steamer and accommodation. Third class rates to Liverpool, London, Glasgow and Derby, \$28 and \$30.

Accommodations for all classes of passengers unexcelled.
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From St. John every Saturday, and Halifax every Monday, to Liverpool, via Mobile.

First cabin, \$5 and upwards; second cabin, \$7 and \$9; and third class, \$4 to Liverpool, Derby, Belfast, Glasgow and London, \$5 and \$8. Through tickets to South Africa.

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I understand that the Santa Fe will sell one-way colonist tickets to

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During March and April at very low rates.

\$33 from Chicago and \$25 from Kansas City.

Please advise me full particulars.

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The great Wabash Line is the only railroad that owns and controls its own rails from Canada direct to the World's Fair gates.

The new magnificent trains built especially for this traffic, places the Wabash in the front rank for this business. For other information, address any ticket agent of J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, N. E. corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

EASTER, 1904

SINGLE FARE to all points in CANADA, DETROIT, BUFFALO AND NIAGARA FALLS, on March 31 to April 4, inclusive.

GOING RETURN UNTIL APRIL 5. All information at city ticket office, 385 Richmond street. Phone 256.

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April 30 to December 1, 1904.

Easter Rates, 1904

Round Trip Tickets will be issued at SINGLE FIRST-CLASS FARE

Going March 31 and April 1, 2, 3 and 4; valid for return up to and including April 5, 1904, between all stations in Canada, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Detroit, Mich., and east, and to, BUT NOT FROM, Buffalo, N. Y. W. PULTON, C. P. and T. A., London. A. H. NOTMAN, assistant general passenger agent, Toronto.

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CALENDAR FOR MARCH SAYS:

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Therefore cultivate a good humor. If business should call you to the Maritime Provinces (the pleasures of nature always will) good humor is assured on the "Maritime Express," for the roadbed of the Intercolonial Railway is of the very best, its equipment perfect, and the dining-car service excellent.

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Easter Holidays, 1904

Return tickets will be issued at single first class fare, good going Thursday, March 31, to Monday, April 4, valid returning on or before Tuesday, April 5, 1904.

Open April 20 to Dec. 1, 1904. Return rates from London: \$16.65, good 15 days; \$21.40, good 30 days; \$25.70, good until Dec. 15. On sale April 20 to Dec. 1. Good to stop over in Canada, also at Detroit and Chicago.

Pullman sleeper to Ottawa daily—Leaves Toronto on "Eastern Flyer" at 10 p.m.
One-way special tickets on sale daily to points in Colorado, British Columbia, California, etc. Rates, \$21.25 to \$42.25.
For tickets, illustrated literature regarding World's Fair, and all information, apply to E. DE LA HOOKE, C. P. and T. A., C. E. HORNING, depot ticket agent.

MARRIAGES, DEATHS

BUNSER—In this city on March 23, 1904, Norah, beloved wife of George Bunser, died at her residence, 23 Askin street, at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

ROGERS—In London Township, on March 24, 1904, James, beloved husband of Susan Rogers, aged 50 years, died at his late residence, 12 Askin street, on Saturday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m.; service at 3 o'clock. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MARSH—On March 24, 1904, Laura Louise, only daughter of William and Caroline Marsh, in her 17th year, died at her residence, 12 Askin street, on Saturday, March 26, at 12:30 p.m.; service at 12 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

Transit Condensed Advertisements—No Advertisement Less Than Ten Cents.

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GRAND TONIGHT—EAST LYNNE—SUMMERS STOCK COMPANY. SAT. MATINEE. R. P. VAN WINKLE. 10c and 20c.

Yvonne and Little Trio between acts. Eve, 10c, 20c, 30c. TRUE IRISH HEARTS. Vaudeville and Little Trio between acts.

MONDAY, MARCH 28. MR. C. C. WHITNEY PRESENTS A MAGNIFICENT PRODUCTION OF THE ISLE OF SPICE. 8 BIG MUSICAL CAST. ENSEMBLE OF 60.

HEAR—"Peggy Brady." "You and I." Uncle Sam's Marines. Mercenary Mary Ann. Father's Talking Child. In His Step. The Great Star of the Sea. The Goo-Goo Man. Price, \$1.50, \$1.75, 50c. Seats on sale tomorrow.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29. Among the novel features are: The Life and Death Struggle in a Balloon; The Great Court Room Scene; The Greatest Murder Trial Ever Witnessed; The Great Airship. 15c, 25c, 50c. Seats on sale tomorrow.

SCOTLAND—Allan Line—Two direct services. Montreal and New York to Glasgow. F. B. Clarke, 416 Richmond street.

PROF. J. G. HUME, M.A., PH.D. of Toronto University, will give his celebrated lecture, "How to Think," in the Grand Court Room, Wednesday, March 31, at 8 p.m. Musical programme. Public invited.

DANCING—PALACE ACADEMY—Week March 21. Following classes only meet: Advanced class, Wednesday; ladies' class, Saturday evening. Dayton & McCormick.

TONY CORSE—THE ORIGINAL London Harpers. Music furnished for all occasions. 161 Maple street. Telephone 1278.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING by Mr. E. B. Millard. Special attention given to waltz and two-step. Rapid teaching; low rates for the purpose. Satisfaction guaranteed. Residence and academy, 345 Princess avenue.

REPORTS BY PRINCIPAL BARRON of progress of every Conservatory pupil that plays, sings at rehearsal, sent to parents.

CHOICEST MUSIC FURNISHED for private parties, balls, banquets, etc. Telephone 1355. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers, 161 Maple street.

MEETINGS. LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 23, ROYAL Arcadium, will meet this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, in Duffield block. W. H. Hartman, secretary.

REGULAR CONVOCACTION OF ST. George's R. A. Chapter, No. 5, in Masonic Temple, this (Friday) evening, at 8 p.m. General business. Visitors welcome. C. C. Reed, Sec. R. A. 5 Stephens, Z.

THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, NO. 19, C. O. C. F., will meet in their hall, corner Craig street and Wortley road, on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of attending funeral of our late friend, Mrs. Bonser. Members of sister councils are cordially invited to attend. R. Jupp, chief counselor; A. M. Legg, recorder.

THE WESTERN ONTARIO COMMERCIAL Travelers' Association—The regular quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2, at 3 p.m., for the transaction of general business. Members are cordially invited to attend. W. R. Grant, president; Alf Robinson, secretary.

LOST AND FOUND. LOST—LARGE GRAY SHAWL, with border, between Walker's blacksmith shop and Glenworth. Finder please leave at Walker's blacksmith shop.

LOST—BUNCH OF KEYS. REWARD at Strong's Drug Store.

LOST—BROWN ALBERTA ROBE. Reward for return to Hueston's livery.

WANTED. WANTED—SECOND-HAND REFRIGERATOR, suitable for butcher shop. Apply Bernard House.

TEACHERS WANTED. WANTED—TEACHER TO TAKE charge of school, first day of April. Address L. R. Woolley, secretary, 1000 St. George's, No. 5, Springfield P. O. Ont.

SITUATIONS WANTED. POSITION WANTED AS CLERK in grocery store; five years' experience. Apply Box 32, this office.

DERMATOLOGY. SPRING AND FRECKLES—ONE FOLLOWS the other. Come and consult us. We will tell you what you require to prevent them, or to remove them if they have already appeared. Remember, electrolysis permanently and almost painlessly removes superfluous hairs. London Dermatological Institute, 43 Park avenue.

MALE HELP WANTED.

BOY WANTED. A. M. HAMILTON & Son, 725 Talbot street.

WANTED—STRONG, ACTIVE MAN. Able to handle team; man from country preferred. Apply Box 37, Carling street, London.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS CARPENTER. Apply J. W. Smith, corner Richmond and Maple streets.

WANTED—EVERYBODY TO SEE THE attractive window display now on by the International Correspondence Schools, at 23 Dundas street. Samples of students' work, text books, drawing and electrical outfit, phonograph language equipments, etc. Don't forget to see it this week.

WANTED—DRUG APPRENTICE, OR one who has had some experience. Apply Box 30, this office.

INTELLIGENT BOY TO LEARN trade. City Blindery.

BOY WANTED TO COMMENCE AT 150 week. W. E. Saunders, 352 Clarence.

WHEN YOU LEARN TELEGRAPHY with us you get the most thorough course of instruction it is possible to give, and a graduate are qualified to take a position anywhere. Will you not let us help you qualify for a good position? Our telegraph book tells how; we mail it free. The Dominion School of Telegraphy, 35 King street, Toronto.

WANTED—BOY WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE of bicycle repairing. William Gurd & Co.

WANTED—FILLER STRIPPERS; ALSO first-class bookers. Apply W. Sangs, 423 Talbot street.

WANTED—A PORTER. APPLY CITY Hotel.

CARPENTERS WANTED—WANTED, general used in operating machinery. Apply Robert Stewart, Limited, Guilford, Ont.

A DESIRABLE POSITION, PERMANENT—Salary or commission. Apply Cooper, Drawer 531, London.

INTELLIGENT BOY TO CARRY PAR- cels—Good chance for advancement. Apply Job Department, Advertiser.

WANTED—BOYS ABOUT 15 YEARS of age, for book making. Apply McCormick Manufacturing Company.

ALL STAR CAST ENSEMBLE OF 60.

UPSTAIRS GIRL WANTED AT WEL- LINGTON House.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED GEN- eral servant; no washing; no smelting. Apply 40 Becher street, opposite Ridgway.

WANTED AT ONCE—TWO FIRST- CLASS dining-room waitresses; good wages. Russell House, St. Catharines.

YOUNG GIRL WANTED TO ASSIST IN light housework. 309 Hymen.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—GIRL FOR housework; no washing. Mrs. Thomas Copp, 17 Beconsfield avenue, South London.

WANTED AT ONCE—A GIRL FOR general housework, in a small family; references required. 386 Waterloo street.

WANTED—EXPERIENCED GENERAL servant; high wages; competent person; small family. Mrs. J. N. Wood, 294 Hyacinth.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERV- ant. Apply Mrs. S. Munro, 59 Ridout street south.

WANTED—LAUNDRESS TO DO PLAIN underwear for commercial suit. Apply Box 57, Advertiser.

WANTED—A GOOD GENERAL SERV- ant. Apply Mrs. G. Good, 138 Kent street.

WANTED—CHAMBERMAID. APPLY City Hotel.

EXPERIENCED COOK, ALSO PAR- lor-maid wanted. Apply Mrs. J. W. Little, 245 Dufferin avenue.

SMART, ACTIVE WOMEN, WISHING pleasant employment and good pay, call or write Robinson Corset Company, 375 Clarence street.

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The Railway Commission's Decision.

Some newspapers have been too eager to discredit the railway commission on the strength of the first decision it has handed down. Much of the criticism has been premature, to say the least, and has revealed a very imperfect acquaintance with the railway act. The chairman of the board, Hon. Mr. Blair, has been attacked upon the assumption that his ruling in the telephone case is final. The finding of the board upon any question of fact is conclusive (except that an appeal may be carried to the Governor-General-in-Council), but upon any question of law the board may, upon the application of any party, state a case in writing for the opinion of the supreme court. The provision of the act giving the chairman the sole power to determine points of law is denounced, but it should be remembered that Mr. Blair is the only lawyer on the commission. It was not desirable that three lawyers should be appointed, the idea being to give representation to the agricultural and commercial interests.

Mr. Blair, in reply to his critics, announces that he will state a case for the supreme court, and clears up their misconceptions by this declaration of policy.

"I think I can say for the board, and I certainly say it for myself, as being responsible for the legal conclusions that may be arrived at, that at no time and under no circumstances would I hesitate one single moment to afford the utmost facility to any litigant who may appear before us to have my judgment upon a question of law reviewed. I would only be too happy to be set right if I am wrong. That is particularly so in a case such as the telephone case, which involves questions that are likely to come before this board frequently in one form or another. I think that an appeal to the Governor-in-Council would not be desirable in that case. It is a question of law, purely and simply, so far as it now stands, and I say it with confidence that the Governor-in-Council is not a tribunal to determine questions of law."

This is eminently fair and reassuring. The chairman is ready at all times to have his interpretation of the law revised by the highest court in the land. The public will agree with him when he says that the Governor-in-Council, which is merely another name for the Dominion Government, is not the proper tribunal to determine questions of law.

The outlines of the case are familiar to most of our readers. The C. P. R. and the Bell Telephone Company, two years ago, entered into an eight-year contract by which the latter was given the exclusive right of placing telephones in C. P. R. stations. In return for this monopoly, the C. P. R. gave the Bell Company free transportation over its system. The value of this telephone service to the C. P. R. is given as \$40,559 yearly, while the value of the free railway passes given to the Bell Company is \$22,458. It will be seen that this exchange of services is a very profitable one for the railway company, and no doubt is satisfactory to the Bell people as well. The towns of Port Arthur and Fort William, having installed municipal telephone systems, were refused permission to place their instruments in the C. P. R. stations, and applied to the railway commission for an order compelling the C. P. R. to grant this permission. The application was based upon this clause of the railway act:

"Whenever any municipality, corporation, or incorporated company has authority to construct, operate and maintain a telephone system in any district, and is desirous of obtaining any telephonic connection or communication with or within any station or premises of the (railway) company in such district, and cannot agree with the company in respect thereto, such municipality, corporation, or incorporated company may apply to the board for leave therefor, and the board may order the company to provide for such connection or communication upon such terms as to compensation as the board deems just and expedient, and may order and direct how, when, where, by whom, and upon what terms and conditions such telephonic connection or communication shall be constructed, operated and maintained."

Mr. Blair, while admitting the right of the municipalities to have their telephones placed in the company's stations, found that the contract between the C. P. R. and the Bell was a valid one and that the parties to the agreement were entitled to compensation for "any actual pecuniary loss" they would sustain by reason of this interference with their contractual rights. Commissioner Bernier also held that the contract was valid, but he would limit the compensation to the cost of installing and operating the municipal telephones in the C. P. R. stations. Commissioner Mills held that the contract was not a lawful and binding one, being in restraint of trade and in the nature of a monopoly. Mr. Blair takes issue with Mr. Mills in very emphatic terms. He says:

"If effect were given to applicant's contention that this contract is void as being in restraint of trade, the nature and extent of the compensation to which the parties will be entitled if the contract may be invaded by the municipalities. The argument against the validity of the contract is that a railway company is a public carrier and has no right to discriminate against any section of the public or grant exclusive privileges. This is the view

taken by Commissioner Mills. Mr. Blair contends that at the time the contract was made there was no law by which a railway company could be compelled to allow any telephone company to place its instruments in the railway company's stations; therefore, the latter would be entirely free to determine the conditions upon which they should be admitted. Whether the supreme court inclines to the opinion of Mr. Mills or Mr. Blair there is no doubt that the contract is opposed to public policy and that the statutes should be amended to prohibit such agreements in future. If the supreme court holds that compensation over and above the mere cost of installing and maintaining the municipal telephones should be awarded, the burden should not fall upon the municipalities. Parliament had better pay the award than pass retroactive legislation to dissolve a contract declared to be legal by the highest court in the land. The sacredness of contract is at the basis of public security, though we are free to admit that corporations, in their relations and obligations to the public, are the most notorious contract-breakers.

The Walking.

The rule of a czar in this city would be welcomed for one day if he would issue a ukase compelling householders to clean their walks. This mild weather would be a boon to citizens if they could venture outdoors with some comfort, but stretches of bare sidewalk are provokingly few and far between. There is not much encouragement to a householder to clear his sidewalk frontage, when he has no assurance that the folks next door will emulate him. In some cases he has shovelled not wisely, but too well, by forming a collecting basin for the water which streams from the melting snow, which his less public-spirited neighbors failed to remove. The only remedy is an order compelling everyone to clean off his walk, and the present state of the streets is such as would justify the council in passing a bylaw to that effect. Slushy sidewalks may be a good thing for the street railway company, but the real merchants are suffering perceptibly, as many people will not venture down town if they can avoid it. The slush may be easily removed in this soft weather, and unless this is done the walks will remain in the present vile state perhaps for weeks. The condition of things is a disgrace to the municipality, and there is no other city of the size in the Province where it would be tolerated for a day.

The report that Port Arthur has been bottled up would be more credible if the war correspondents were not bottled up also.

Sir William Macdonald has thrown another \$100,000 to McGill University. If the rich men of Toronto did their duty as well as the Montreal millionaires, the Provincial University would not be always looking for Government aid. There is room for a Macdonald in this city also.

The finer it is overhead in this city the worse underfoot.

The sap is flowing through the maples and the head of the spring poet.

Now that the London Street Railway Company has been finally beaten by the city, the Free Press will break its young heart over this latest assault on invested capital "within our gates."

Rev. Morgan Campbell, of the City Temple, London, the citadel of English non-conformity, is being assailed because he proposes to surplice his choir. In Canada several Methodist churches have surpliced their choirs without a racket in the congregations.

GENIUS.
Wives of great men all remind us,
Though their lives may be sublime,
It is best to take a common
Average fellow every time.

"NEVER HAD NONE."
[Exchange.]
"And to what do you attribute your longevity?" asked the reporter of the longest inhabitant.
"My wife" was the reply.
"Your longevity."
"I never had none. Rheumatism and sciatica were the only things that ever bothered me."

TRUE DIPLOMACY.
[Chicago News.]
Parson Brown—I want to sell my horse. He's a good traveler, sound as a dollar and gentle as a lamb.
Deacon Smith—How old is he?
Parson Brown—Oh—er—about the usual age of horses.

EVER A SONG SOMEWHERE.
[James Whitcomb Riley.]
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
There is ever a something sings away;
There's the song of the lark when the skies are clear,
And the song of the thrush when the skies are gray;
The sunshine showers across the grain,
And the bluebird trills in the orchard tree;
And in and out, when the leaves drip rain,
The swallows are twittering ceaselessly.
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear,
Be the skies above so dark or fair;
There is ever a song that our hearts may hear—
There is ever a song somewhere, my dear—
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In the midnight black or the midday blue,
The robin pipes when the sun is here,
And the cricket chirrups the whole night through;
The buds may blow and the fruit may grow,
And the autumn leaves drop crisp and sure;
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POSSIBLE EXPLANATION.
[Chicago News.]
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And in her honest, wide-eyed hand
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"How many children, little maid,
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Her hazel eyes to mine she raised,
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"How many children 'round your door
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"Forty of us at Provo dwell,
At Ogden there are nine,
The good ship Jane, they sail her well—
Twelve brothers dear of mine!"

"I see at last, your meaning's clear,"
Said I, with laughter merry;
"Is it an orphanage, my dear,
Or a female seminary?"

"My father kind is drawing near,"
The little maid replied;
"He's been to room, he's bringing home
Another brand-new bride."

"With father dear we dwell at peace;
Our mothers are eleven;
'Round ever door there's room for more,
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And then I left in dumb amazement,
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Transportation Commission Listen to Requests for Its Completion.

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SMASHED HIS ARM.

Windsor, Ont., March 25.—Leo Dolan, an ex-jockey and pugilist, was badly injured in the Michigan Centennial yesterday. He was coupling cars when his right forearm was caught between the bumpers and smashed badly.

LOOKS WARLIKE.

London, Friday, March 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna says that the whole third army corps, numbering 50,000 men, will embark, according to report, at Trieste, in April. Its destination is unknown. The transports are being prepared to carry them.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Liverpool, March 25.—The Grand National steeplechase (of 2,535 sovereigns, about four miles and six furlongs) was run here today and was won by Moffat. Kirkland was second, and the Gunner was third. Twenty-six horses started.

A MUCH-MARRIED SARNIAN.

Bay City, Mich., March 25.—Mrs. Albert Lalonde, of Sarnia, Ont., accompanied by her attorney, came to Bay City yesterday to secure the arrest of her husband, who was living in this city with Miss Nellie Ellmore. It is claimed by Mrs. Lalonde that her husband has lived with her woman in each instance, securing a marriage license, representing that it was all that was necessary for them to become husband and wife. Lalonde was held to the circuit court under \$500 bail.

SOO SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

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Wroter, Ont., March 25.—Samuel Fine, a Hebrew peddler, was found dead about a mile and a half from this place this morning. He is supposed to have been killed by his peddling box upsetting and falling on him.

SMASHED HIS ARM.

Windsor, Ont., March 25.—Leo Dolan, an ex-jockey and pugilist, was badly injured in the Michigan Centennial yesterday. He was coupling cars when his right forearm was caught between the bumpers and smashed badly.

LOOKS WARLIKE.

London, Friday, March 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna says that the whole third army corps, numbering 50,000 men, will embark, according to report, at Trieste, in April. Its destination is unknown. The transports are being prepared to carry them.

THE GRAND NATIONAL.

Liverpool, March 25.—The Grand National steeplechase (of 2,535 sovereigns, about four miles and six furlongs) was run here today and was won by Moffat. Kirkland was second, and the Gunner was third. Twenty-six horses started.

A MUCH-MARRIED SARNIAN.

Bay City, Mich., March 25.—Mrs. Albert Lalonde, of Sarnia, Ont., accompanied by her attorney, came to Bay City yesterday to secure the arrest of her husband, who was living in this city with Miss Nellie Ellmore. It is claimed by Mrs. Lalonde that her husband has lived with her woman in each instance, securing a marriage license, representing that it was all that was necessary for them to become husband and wife. Lalonde was held to the circuit court under \$500 bail.

SOO SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

Detroit, Mich., March 25.—A Washington dispatch says that Senator Alger and Peter White called at the British embassy to see Ambassador Sir Henry Durand about England and

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CONGRATULATED ON THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTORATE

Ven. Dean Davis, of South London, Presented With Address and Good Wishes.

At St. James' Church, South London, last evening, there was a celebration of the thirtyeth anniversary of the pastorate of the church's incumbent, the Rev. Dean Davis, who has been in the pastorate of the church for so long a period being thirty years.

Thirty years ago yesterday, Rev. Mr. Davis arrived in this city and took charge of the very small parish—as it was then. Changes have taken place in the interval, and last night there was much rejoicing. Merit was made several times of Mr. Davis' elevation to the deanery, and the bishop, who created him to that office was among those present last evening to offer greetings. Not only did the clergy of the Church of England in and about London, and the congregation of St. James, present their congratulations, but the best wishes of the other denominations were tendered by the respective pastors of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian congregations.

The evening took the form of a social reunion of the church members, the vast majority of whom were present. The schoolroom was decorated for the occasion, and the seats were placed in a manner to promote sociability. The chair was taken by Mr. B. S. Murray, after a prayer of general thanksgiving was invoked by those present, led by Rev. Canon Richardson.

Chairman Murray, in addressing the assembly, spoke of the honor they were doing to one, who, for almost a third of a century, had nobly, loyally and faithfully performed the work of his Master in the Parish of St. James, who has been on the firing line first

and always, and never shirked his work, and who found St. James' Parish on the morning of the 24th of January, 1874, simply an outpost. Last night—30 years after—he faces a congregation creditable to himself and satisfactory to the diocese of which he was now so important a factor. The average congregation, no matter of what denomination, were very much inclined to keep many things as a matter of course. They understood that their ministers have many privileges, particularly those of being on duty seven days in the week, and 24 hours a day; of being on demand at all hours of the day or night, in order to meet all sorts and conditions of men, and needless to say, must always say and do the right thing at the right place, otherwise criticism was not always withheld. People should not forget the fact that the average minister was only human. He then called upon Mr. John Shaw, warden of the church, to read an address. It was one of congratulation and gratitude from the congregation, expressing in the fullest sense the feeling that existed among those who so dearly loved the dean.

Venerable Archdeacon Richardson, as one who had known Dean Davis since the former came here, and as one who thanked him for being the first clergyman he met on the first day he walked along the streets of London, on his arrival from Halifax, made a very feeling reference personally to the friendship that existed between them. The audience had come here in three sections—first, as representatives of St. James' congregation; second, as representatives of the sister churches; and thirdly as representatives of the clergy of the Church of England of London. They had come, inspired by good purposes to render honor to whom honor was due. An anniversary which had reference to the development of Christian service was being celebrated, and it was to be celebrated by any one man on his account. All

felt that a continued ministry in this church, for so long a period, was to be deeply congratulated, and was worthy of being marked as they were marking it this night. They were living in a time of changes, but there was only one man in the Diocese of Huron, whose ministry was longer than that of the incumbent of St. James, South London. The speaker mentioned the deans of the old country of the past, and the present, and said that Dean Davis was a better Canada better than the lot of them put together. He concluded with some well-worded wishes.

Archdeacon Richardson then read an address that had been drawn up by the clergy of the Church of England in and about London, in which they congratulated their fellow-worker and bore testimony to his worth. The address was most complete and did great honor to Dean Davis. Mr. MacQueen, principal of the Victoria school, was then called upon. He told of how 26 years before he had been greeted by Mr. Davis, and he expressed his thankfulness for the friendship of the rector of St. James and the assistance he had always rendered him.

Representatives of the three other churches in South London were next called upon. Chairman Murray, First, Rev. J. G. Stuart, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, spoke. He remembered the occasion five years ago, when they celebrated Mr. Davis' silver wedding with the church. The relations during the past nine years had been most pleasant. In the most delightful things to think of was the close relationship by a long pastorate, for in time a minister became more intimate with the people than those of the congregation he represented.

Rev. George Walker, of the Wortley Road Baptist Church, referred to the suburb of South London being such a pleasant one on account of its being without a hotel which was largely to Mr. Davis, he said. He spoke of the joys of a minister in living in one place so long, and he expressed the well wishes of the Baptists, he said, it was due to the dean's spirit that there was such good will, and he prayed that the dean would long be spared as rector of St. James' Church.

Rev. W. G. Howson, pastor of the Asklin Street Methodist Church, endorsed what had been said by his fellow-ministers. In their congratulations, he said, he had been told that South London were certainly sincere.

At this stage Miss Mattinson was called upon for a solo. With her charming contralto voice she sang "Dry Those Tears," Miss Minnie Fox delighted the gathering with two soprano solos, rendered in a splendid voice. The accompanist in each case was Mr. George Phelps, organist of St. James' Church.

The Bishop of Huron made a touching address. He began with a simile of a ship going out to sea and coming back after years of strife with the storms. And so, he said, he spoke of his buoyancy of spirit and his brightness in influence. People were always better for something bright; that was what made success in life. There were three reasons why he had honored Mr. Davis as he had to one of the highest offices in the diocese. First, because he was an eminent preacher, secondly, because he had been eminent in his labors; "a terrific visitor," their bishop-bearer who had made their life gladder and whose character was marked by consistency and nobleness; thirdly, because he was a true and faithful friend to all those he professed to love. In having Dean Davis as his pastor they had had a great privilege. The bishop then spoke of Mrs. Davis, who was loved by the congregation, and in conclusion he said he wished to make glad the recollections of the past, and anticipate the great joys of the future, and his reception in the ages which were yet to come.

The Dean was deeply moved by what had been said, and there was more than a usual tremor in his voice. "To say 'thank you,' and no more, would express what was in his heart, he said. The heart at times grew so full that one was unable to give utterance to what was in it. He had been confident that he had their sympathy and their prayers. To the address from the congregation, he replied that if there was one thing he had prayed for it was to be faithful to them, and he thanked them for all they had said about him, his wife and his household. His wife had worked side by side with him. He recalled his coming there, and he rejoiced last night that there were so many there as there were who had been there 30 years ago. He paid a tribute to the superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. John Fox, who had been there over 30 years, and referred to the record of him and of others who had worked so earnestly at St. James. He reciprocated the kind words of the principal of the school, to which his children had been sent. Then, as to the other ministers, he said there had never been difficulty with them, nothing but brotherly kindness, and it was largely due to the brotherliness between the ministers that there was the good feeling between the peoples of South London.

"And what can I say to the words of my dear-brother bishop?" said the dean. He thanked him feelingly, and said that he hoped no act of his would ever cause either the bishop or the others to regret what they had done. He appreciated the honors and concluded by saying that if there was anything he had coveted more, he coveted then, it was their sympathy and earnest prayers.

This concluded the programme, after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

A SPLENDID CONCERT

Eighteenth Annual Under Auspices of F. C. B. C. Literary Society.

The Auditorium's interior was decorated last evening with the red and black, the colors of the Forest City Business College Literary Society. It was the occasion of the eighteenth annual concert of the college, and the drapings and shields, with these dark colors, added to the attractiveness of the Auditorium. As to the concert, it was one of the best ever given under

the auspices of this well-known society, and the popularity of the organization and the concerts that have gained such a reputation was shown by the large attendance, the place being entirely filled.

None of the artists of the evening were more appreciated than the local favorites, Miss Margaret McCoy, who is fast becoming one of London's favorites. Her beautiful soprano voice was heard to great advantage in her vocal numbers, and she was called upon for encores, to which she graciously responded. Miss Maude Westervelt acted as accompanist of the evening with much credit.

As to the outside talent, Mr. James Fox upheld his reputation as a fun-maker, while Mr. Hubert W. Percy, of Toronto, proved an eloquist that Londoners will be glad to hear again. He and Mr. Fox were repeatedly encored, and gave other numbers than were on the programme with equal ability. The programme was as follows:

"I Wouldn't if I Wuz You," James Fox; "How Ruby Played," Hubert W. Percy; two little Irish songs (Lohe), "The First Letter," "You Better Ask Me," Miss Margaret McCoy; Pygmalion and Galatia, Act I, Scene I, Hubert W. Percy; "Steadfast With Me," James Fox; "A Week Away From Home," Hubert W. Percy; "How Do They Know, I Dunno," Jas. Fox; "Hail to the Chief," Hubert W. Percy; "Love the Peddler," Miss Margaret McCoy; "Bill Adams," Hubert W. Percy; "Lock High Men," James Fox; "St. Telemachus" (Tennyson), Hubert W. Percy.

In addition to the above numbers, Miss McCoy sang "The Little One Cryin'" and "So Let It Be," two very much enjoyed solos.

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CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Toronto, March 25.—The Grand Council of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends concluded last night. The following further elections were made: J. W. Frost, Owen Sound, fourth representative; Rev. A. J. Paul, Elmville, grand preacher; A. C. Strange, Barrie, grand marshal; Mrs. W. G. Lemon, London, grand warden; W. P. Thompson, Brockville, grand scribe; Auditing committee, W. L. Roberts, Horning's Mills; A. A. Moore, Kingston; committee on laws, W. O. Smyth, Montreal; W. Robertson, St. Catharines; Dr. Cloory, Kingston; finance committee, A. A. Legge, London; V. Levesque, Montreal; A. Mitchell, Bowmanville. A proposal to hold no session for two years was rejected. The council will meet again in Toronto in March next year.

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Vera's Love Affair

"Double it," he says at length, "and I'll leave the country tomorrow. To confess the truth, I am sick of it. I haven't it at this moment, but I dare say I shall be able to manage it." says Dyrart, in the same worn-out, different manner. "In the meantime, while I try to get it, I shall require of you that you stay in this house and hold speech with no one, save Grunch."

"All right," he says at length, "and I'll leave the country tomorrow. To confess the truth, I am sick of it. I haven't it at this moment, but I dare say I shall be able to manage it." says Dyrart, in the same worn-out, different manner. "In the meantime, while I try to get it, I shall require of you that you stay in this house and hold speech with no one, save Grunch."

CHAPTER LIV.

I hold the world but as the world, Gratiano.

A stage, where every man must play a part, And mine a sad one.

With the fatal wilt clasped in his hand Dyrart goes straight to the small morning-room, where he knows he will be sure to find Vera. Twelfth is beginning to fall, and already the swift herald of night is proclaiming the approach of his king. The air is chill with an intense cold, and though fires are burning everywhere, in halls and corridors, and ante-chambers, the penetrating sting of frost makes itself felt. Already the old house, under the new regime, has taken a wonderful turn for the better; life seems to rush through its ancient veins, and its breathes, and rustles, as if making vigorous efforts to fling off the coils of death and decay which have been which for so long it has lain bound. A smart fire is burning in the morning-room; blazing pine logs are flinging forth brilliant flames, and the moon's rays, and keen as the diamond's, so bright are they that Vera, nestling in a low chair and bending forward, is reading, by their aid, the thick volume she holds in her hand. She starts slightly as he comes in, and lays the book upon the table near her.

"I am sorry to disturb you," says Dyrart, with a look of culpable guilt, "but it was necessary that I should come, that—"

"I am glad you have come, I too was anxious to see you," says Vera, a touch of nervousness in her tone. "I— you must know it is impossible that we should stay in this place, my dear. My uncle, who was our guardian, is gone and—she had risen to her feet and is looking at him in sore distress. "I have wanted to speak to you about it for a long time; I thought perhaps you would help us find another home." He can say no more, and sits there, terribly in having to throw himself upon his good nature, to openly demand his assistance. "We must leave this place at once," says she, stammering a little, and with a slight miserable break in her voice.

"You will not have to look for another home," says he; "this is your own home."

"Oh, no!" drawing back with a haughty gesture; "I have told you, it is impossible, I shall certainly not stay here."

"As you will," quite as haughtily, "it will be in your power for the future to reside exactly where you please, but if the fear of seeing me here is deciding you against this place, you are satisfied on that point; I have no longer the smallest claim to consider myself master here. Warned by a change in his manner Vera looks at him.

"Something has happened?" she says abruptly.

"Yes, something I find it difficult to explain to you."

"Griselda!" exclaims she sharply, her thoughts running first in a sharp, unreasoning fashion to the sister so dearly loved. If harm should have come to her, she gives herself no time to remember that his agitation had to do with her quitting the house, not with a possible accident.

"It is not that; it is nothing of that sort," with some impatience. "It is not, bitterly, 'decent grief' to which I allude, it is disgrace—no, not you, so do not have any fear."

"Disgrace? For you? Oh, impossible!" The last ardent declaration has been given in a whisper. She has grown deadly pale.

"For me, indeed!" As she speaks he flings upon the table, with a heavy sigh—heavy as though his soul had been dragged from his body with it—the fatal document that proclaims his father's dishonor. "Read that," he says vehemently, and turning aside, broken-hearted, he walks over to one of the distant windows, and stands with his back turned to the room.

"But what is it?" asks she, woman-like shrinking from the document that smells so distinctly of law.

"Our grandfather's will. It will explain everything to you better than I can, and yet"—his lips seem to grow suddenly dry, and it is by a violent effort alone he produces the next words—"this must be said—my father knew of its existence. For twenty years—ever since his execution—he knew of it! He purposely suppressed it. He fully defrauded your father, your sister, of your rights for twenty years."

"He has compelled himself to turn his face to hers when making this damning confession, and his face is as that of a corpse."

"What rights?" asks she, puzzled, bewildered.

LONDON LIKELY TO HAVE TEAM IN WESTERN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Plenty of Material Available—Effort To Be Made to Raise the Necessary Cash.

It was practically decided the other evening that if enough money can be raised London will have a team in the spring series of the W. F. A. O. A large number of men who played in the city league teams were present, and there was a unanimous feeling that a team strong enough to represent the city, and do it credit could be chosen. Committees were appointed to arrange subscription lists and look for grounds. The meeting at which the organization of the team will take place is to be held a week from Monday. Support should be given to such a worthy object.

COLLEGIATE PLAYERS MEET.
A well-attended meeting of football players was held at the Collegiate Institute this week, the object being to reorganize for the season. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, F. W. McCutcheon; Vice-president, George Garrett; Secretary, J. H. Downings; Treasurer, George Garrett. The following representatives of the forms were elected to the executive committee:

There is a little sharp sound in the semi-darkness, as though he had brought his teeth together in a strong effort to suppress the shame that is overpowering him. It becomes clear to Vera, the horror of despair that must be his, and her heart dies within her. "But this is horrible," she says faintly. She lays her hand upon the table as if to steady herself.

"That is only what I expected you would say," returns he coldly, failing to read her real meaning, "but I would entreat you to remember that he is dead!" There is a world of reproachful grief in his tone.

"You misjudge me. I was not thinking of him—poor Uncle Gregory!" says she, tears rising to her eyes. "Oh, how could you believe it? What I mean is that you—Am I to understand, then, that this place is no longer yours?"

"You are to understand a little more—that it is mine."

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From teachers, R. A. Little, S. B. McCutcheon, and W. M. Govanlock; from Form IV, M. Brock; from Form V, J. Gilmore; from Form VI, John Wood; from Form VII, W. Aylesworth; from Form VIII, W. Bowser; from Form IX, L. Walker; from Form X, H. Tamey; from Form XI, J. Ferguson, Wm. Beech, W. Cuthbert, and W. Cuthbert. W. Blackwell. Teams will be chosen from the several forms and there will be a contest for the championship.

ORGANIZATION AT SEAPORT.
South, Ont., March 24. At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Hurons, held today, it was decided to enter strong teams, both the senior and intermediate W. F. A. The following officers were elected for the coming season: Honorary president, J. H. Downings; president, J. H. Downings; secretary, G. F. Rogers; president, G. A. Sills; secretary-treasurer, Wm. Mardie; manager, Brown Jackson; assistant manager, O. W. Powder; committee, Messrs. Ralph Crosswell, Jas. Dunn, Geo. V. Colling, Keith McLean, and Campbell. The boys will make a determined effort to win the championship this year, as all the old team are available, with several new men.

HOCKEY.
ALISA CRAIG WON OUT.
Alisa Craig, Ont., March 24. — Alisa Craig defeated Clinton at Alisa Craig Wednesday night in an exciting game of hockey by the score of 6 to 1. About three weeks ago Clinton was fortunate to pull out a victory from Alisa Craig by the score of 4 to 1. About three weeks ago Clinton was fortunate to pull out a victory from Alisa Craig by the score of 4 to 1. About three weeks ago Clinton was fortunate to pull out a victory from Alisa Craig by the score of 4 to 1.

THE TURF.
RALPH YOUNG WON DERBY.
Little Rock, Ark., March 24. — The Arkansas Derby, for 3-year-olds, at 1 mile, was won by Ralph Young, 5 to 1, with Ralston in second place, and Barkley, 8 to 1, third. William Wright was scratched. Jockey Trotter rode the winner. Weather clear and track good.

TEN HORSES FELL.
London, March 24. — An extraordinary series of mishaps occurred during the Stanley steeplechase at Liverpool today. Ten horses fell in the race, and the winner, a colt named "The Duke," was killed. The race was a disaster for the spectators, who were left in a state of confusion.

PLAGUE AT JOHANNESBURG.
Johannesburg, March 25. — Bubonic plague is spreading. There are now 69 suspected cases among the colored population and nine among the whites. Fifty-five white natives and fifty natives have already died from the disease.

On the Verge of Hostilities.
The desire of Russia to get its Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles has passed through the British press on one occasion, and the act brought England and Russia to the verge of hostilities. It was in 1878 that Russia declared war against Turkey in consequence of the Bulgarian massacres. The Russians pressed forward to the very suburbs of Constantinople, and in order to prevent the capture of that city, the British fleet passed through the Dardanelles notwithstanding all the treaties. Of course, in Canada everyone is a liberty to use the Dardanelles Turkish cigarettes, and whether they have cork, silver or plain tips will not affect the eastern question.

A NORWICH FATALITY.
Norwich, Ont., March 25. — Joseph McVicar, a farmer, residing in Burford Township, died here Wednesday night from injuries received while assisting with about a dozen others in taking down a barn near here. Five other men were also injured, but not fatally. McVicar leaves a widow and family.

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...Textile Mill Supt.
...Textile Designer
...Architect
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...Building Contractor
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and trainers cannot openly criticize the work of a starter. The latter's word is supposed to be absolute. If he finds a driver, the penalty generally goes, unless the starter, because of extenuating circumstances, decides otherwise to the judges. But at times a starter knows there must be ill feeling toward him on the part of those who possibly have had horses left at the post when big money has been wagered on them, and for that reason he usually holds himself in readiness for trouble of some kind, though it may never appear.

RUNNING MEETINGS

ARRANGED FOR 1904

The following list of dates of running meetings has been given out: Washington, D. C. (Benning), March 24-April 14; New Memphis Jockey Club Memphis, Tenn., March 28-April 26; Kinloch Park, St. Louis, Mo., April 15-May 20; Aqueduct, N. Y., April 15-23; Tennessee Breeders' Association, Nashville, Tenn., April 21-30; Jamaica, N. Y., April 21-May 4; Worth Jockey Club, Worth, Ill., April 27-May 20; Kansas City, Mo., April 30-May 21; New Louisville Jockey Club, Louisville, Ky., May 2-18; Morris Park, N. Y., May 2-25; Latonia Jockey Club, Covington, Ky., May 18-June 11; Chicago Jockey Club, Chicago, Ill., May 21-June 3; Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, May 21-June 4; Delmar Park, St. Louis, Mo., May 21-June 10; Gravesend, N. Y., May 24-June 15; Harlem Jockey Club, Chicago, Ill., June 4-17; Buffalo, N. Y., June 6-25; Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton, Ont., June 12-20; St. Louis Fair Association, St. Louis, June 11-Sept. 3; Kansas City Jockey Club, Kansas City, Mo., June 13-July 4; Sheephead Bay, N. Y., June 15-July 5; Washington Park Club, Chicago, Ill., June 15-July 16; Port Erie, June 27-Aug. 3; Brighton Beach, N. Y., July 5-Sept. 12-17; Chicago Jockey Club, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3-24; Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Sept. 3-24; Gravesend, N. Y., Sept. 15-Oct. 1; Harlem Jockey Club, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26-Oct. 2; Kansas City Jockey Club, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 1-23; Morris Park, N. Y., Oct. 3-15; Worth Jockey Club, Worth, Ill., Oct. 4-31; Jamaica, N. Y., Oct. 11-24; Kinloch Park, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 22-Nov. 19; Aqueduct, N. Y., Nov. 3-15; Washington Jockey Club, Washington, D. C., Nov. 17-Dec. 3; Tennessee Breeders' Association, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 19-26; Crescent City Jockey Club, New Orleans, La., Nov. 24-Dec. 31.

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Ladies' White Lawn Waists, with full front, tucked back, new sleeves, and tab collar, with fancy edge, sizes 32 to 40, Sale price, Saturday 69c

White Lawn Waists, Saturday 89c
Ladies' Fine Lawn Waists, with full French front, made with new sleeves, and tab collar, with fancy edge, sizes 32 to 40, tucked back, Saturday 89c

35c Hose, Saturday 25c.
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Ladies' Red Drawers, guaranteed pure wool and will cure rheumatism, also unshrinkable, ribbed ankles, value \$1.00, Saturday 68c

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Police, Firemen or Postmen's Braces, extra heavy, strong, elastic, finished, with leather straps, strongly stitched, value 35c, Saturday 25c

25c Hose Supporters, Saturday 15c.
Best Hose Supporters, full sizes, made of very strong silk elastic, with full and best quality elasticated and reinforced backs, also band to go around waist in five different colors, red, black, pink, blue and yellow; regular price 25c, Saturday 15c

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32 distinct lines of candy, including all kinds of taffies, etc. Try our 25c chocolates; they are equal to the usual 40c goods.

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Saturday morning at 8:30 we will offer 7 dozen only, splendid quality 3-string brooms, at 2 for 25c
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4 dozen only, 14-quart flaring Pails, Saturday 15c
Milk Pans, 10-quart, Saturday, 3 for 25c
Flour Sifters, Saturday, only, each 10c
Galvanized Pails, 12 quart, Saturday, each 15c
Wash Boilers, No. 9, corner rib bottom, Saturday \$1.25
Wash Boilers, No. 8, copper pit bottom, Saturday \$1.00
Granite Sauscans, with cover, value 25c, Saturday 19c
Granite Wash Basins, value 25c, Saturday 15c
Granite Chambers, large size, value 40c, Saturday 25c
Granite Club Spitoons, value 40c, Saturday 25c

A few more 10-piece Toilet Sets, value \$2.25, Saturday, set \$1.75
White Ironstone Ewers and Basins, Saturday, 2 for 9c
5 Arm Towel Rack, value 15c, Saturday 10c
Double Egg Cups, Saturday, 6 for 25c
for 25c
Nest Eggs, Saturday, 2 for 9c
A large assortment of Gravy Bowls, Saturday 5c
Butter Prints, value 25c, Saturday 15c

35c and 50c Vases, Saturday Evening 15c.
Saturday evening at 7:30 we put on sale 4 dozen only very fancy Austrian Glass Vases, assorted colors and decorations, value 35c and 50c, choice 15c

Water Glasses, Saturday 2 for 5c

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Lola Downs, of Bowmanville,
has accepted a situation in this city.

—Very Rev. Dean Davis will con-
duct Lenten services at Exeter tonight.

—Miss M. E. Davis, who has been
visiting Miss Lilian Lewis, of Strath-
roy, has returned home.

—Mr. R. C. Struthers left last evening
for New York. He sails on Saturday
for the English markets.

—A Reader, Clachan—A man sen-
tenced to five years on each of two
charges, terms to run concurrently, is
released at the end of the five years.

—The inaugural meeting of the Civic
Improvement Society will be held to-
night in the city hall at 8 o'clock. Mr.
George R. Pattullo, of Woodstock, will
speak, and officers for the year will be
elected.

—Mrs. P. F. Rundle, mother of
Messrs. John Dyer, of this city, and
William Dyer, of Petrolia, died at In-
gersoll, Tuesday. She was 111 but 15
hours, and was 53 years of age. Her
husband also survives.

—Miss May Armstrong, of Exeter,
who was injured at the Clarence street
crossing of the G. T. R. some time
ago, has so far recovered that she is
well enough to be wheeled about the
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Between 7:30 and 9:15 o'clock, Tuesday
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heavens of which the ordinary mortal
would not be aware. It was an astronomical
incident of interest to scientists in the
form of an eclipse in which the bright
particular star, Aldebaran, was put out
for the night. The eclipse was caused by
the new moon. The star, so the sky
sharps say, was the red Aldebaran, the
most lurid and the brightest in the
constellation of Taurus.

In order that those who missed the
show will be able to tell their friends
just what happened when the moon
passed before the star the following
explanation is given:

Aldebaran, went under the dark side
of the lunar globe first, and dis-
appeared some distance from the edge of
the bright portion. A little over an hour
later it appeared on the bright side.
In other words, it was lost to view on
the edge of the circle which is a con-
tinuation of the crescent, some distance
from the convex side, and emerged on
the convex side. These occultations of
large stars are observed with great
interest by astronomers because they
give them a chance to watch for evi-
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body. If the extinction and re-appear-
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the computed moment, a suspicion is
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(C. C.)

**\$52,890 IS AMOUNT WANTED BY
THE BOARD OF WORKS THIS YEAR**

Several Items Increased Over
the Sum Passed in 1903, When
\$39,430 Was Spent.

That the board of works of 1904 are
not afraid to ask for what they think
they need is amply proven by the
statement of estimated expenditures
for the year, which was submitted at
last night's meeting of the board, and
which was sent on to the council. The
estimated total \$52,890, against \$39,430
spent last year.

This year the board ask for \$24,000
for streets and general improvements,
whereas last year they asked for only
\$19,000. For street-cleaning the sum of
\$3,000 is placed in the estimates,
against \$7,403 spent in 1903.

The board apparently do not intend
to be caught napping as regards sew-
ers this year, and, whereas they only
demanded \$1,800 for such works in
1903, they have jumped the sum up
this year to \$4,000. Of course, the
board of works had quite a large de-
ficit last year, and they account for
it by the fact that they were com-
pelled to expend \$4,073 on sewers,
whereas only \$1,800 had been provided
in the estimates.

For the parks this year, the board

ask \$2,500 or \$500 less than last year;
but they modestly place the sum of
\$6,800 in the estimates for extra sew-
ers and culverts. In 1903 there was no
provision for extra sewers and cul-
verts, so that this means a clear in-
crease of \$6,800 on one item.

The board also propose to spend \$1,-
275 on the London West breakwater,
as against \$577 spent last year. The
repairs to the asphalt pavement are
also estimated at \$1,200 for 1904.

For the city registry office, the
board ask \$300, the same as last year.
In 1902, the board asked the council
for \$43,093. This sum was paid down
in order to keep down the tax rate
to \$35.54, but the board overran their
account and spent in 1903, \$39,430. This
year the board are asking for \$52,890,
or \$13,457 more than they expended last
year; and \$17,337 more than the council
allowed them in 1903; and \$9,737
more than they asked a year ago.

A batch of petitions against cement
walks were referred to the assessment
commissioner. The petitions of Geo. Lo-
gan and others for a permanent pay-
ment and a tile sewer on Dufferin
avenue east, were also sent to Mr.
Grant to report upon.

The claim of Wm. Hunter, a South
London liverman, presented through
Messrs. McEvoy & Perrin, barristers,
for damages through a horse being

killed on the York street bridge, was
referred to the engineer to report.

Those present were Chairman Wya-
att, Alds. Gerry, Forristal and Abraham,
City Engineer Graydon and Secretary
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