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TWENTY HOURS OF OBSTRUCTION

Liberal and Socialist Members Hold Up the Election Act

SLEPT IN THE LOBBIES

The Weary Members Establish Dormitories About the Legislative Buildings

(From Wednesday's Daily)

After twenty-one hours of obstruction on the part of the Liberal

From eight o'clock Monday evening until almost 2 o'clock yesterday

Had it not been for the resolution adopted by the House earlier in

There was loud and prolonged applause from both sides of the

Needless to say, the debate exhibited a frayed appearance after the dawn

Mr. Naden (Greenwood) attempted to emulate the record of John Irving,

As regards the bill itself, which was for the most part the subject of the

Grand Trunk Pacific Bill

Considerable work was done at last night's session and several bills were

The bill was held up for several hours, and finally the Chief

TERRY'S

Dr. Hall (Nelson) introduced a bill entitled "An Act to Amend the

Plans of the lands mentioned in chapter 19 of the statutes of 1908,

The chief commissioner of lands, shall from time to time be deposited in the proper land registry

Public Service Bill

The Public Service bill was taken up in committee. On motion of Hon

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TIMBER LICENSES

Mr. McBride made an important announcement in the Legislature yesterday. He informed the House that at the next session a measure will be introduced to make the tenure of licenses perpetual, provided the regulations to be prescribed are observed.

the Quebec contingent, the Liberals would have a potent continuation. The Opposition has been greatly strengthened in personnel by the late elections. The News says: "Mr. Bourgeois, of British Columbia, has strong personal attractions and something like a genius for public affairs."

OUR MINERAL PRODUCTS

Table with 2 columns: Year and Value. Data points for years 1886 to 1908, showing values ranging from \$10,221,255 to \$69,526,170.

other guaranteed line from Vegreville on its main line to Calgary, and from the point on the latter river to Deser on the Calgary & Edmonton railway and for some distance west.

PUBLICITY NEEDED

A number of gentlemen met the members of the City Council yesterday to talk over certain matters relating to the water supply.

That readers unfamiliar with the geography of Canada may understand how the Nelson river is so centrally situated to drain such a vast area may point out that it is the outlet of Lake Winnipeg, which receives several rivers flowing from the east, that is out of western Ontario, the Red river flowing from the west with tributaries flowing from Minnesota and the Dakotas, the Assiniboine, which drains a large section in the Rocky Mountains.

AID FOR THE G. T. PACIFIC

For some time there has been reason to expect that the Grand Trunk Pacific would approach the Dominion government with a request for temporary assistance.

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SPRING CLEANING is sure to show up some defects in some of your curtains, the wash is going to wreck some of the older ones.

helps for this house cleaning business—step-ladders, curtain-stretchers, all sorts of scrubs, etc. This is the shop that can make this labor lighter. Just try us.

Protect Your Furs and Winter Clothes in These The preservation of one garment from the ravages of the moth will more than pay for one of these Moth-proof Camphor Wood Trunks.

Extension Table, Only \$12.00 Here is a fine value in Extension Tables. Tables like cut, made of oak, finished golden and nicely polished.



English Willow Easy Chairs from each \$10 We want to show you these comfortable easy chairs—the English willow, low style chairs.

Furnished Rooms in Our Windows Today See the Handsome Bedroom Shown There If you want to see some genuinely attractive furniture, just take a glance at our Broughton Street Window.

- BRASS BED—A very stylish brass bed style from the finest shop in England. This is one of a line of samples we purchased from their representative. The value is special at \$100.
PARLOR SUITE—A three-piece suite—arm chair, arm rocker and settee—in mahogany. A new design and a slight departure from the usual parlor furniture style. Loose cushions, in red, silk velour. Priced at \$55.00.

THE REGULATION OF COAL MINING

Socialist Motion for Bi-Weekly Payday Voted Down By House

(From Tuesday's Daily) After a lengthy debate and a division, the premier's bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, given third reading and passed yesterday afternoon in the Legislature. The bill had to do with the book of examiners maintained at the offices of the provincial government, certificates as coal miners. At the third reading stage, Mr. Hawththwaite (Nanaimo) brought in amendments, one providing for a weekly pay-day at collieries, the other providing that an inquest should be held on the bodies of men killed as the result of an accident.

ISLAND DEVELOPMENT

There is a growing sentiment among the people of Vancouver Island that advantage must be taken of the present trend of opinion in the mainland construction that will be advantageous directly to their interests. They are not influenced by the men responsible to any part of the province. Indeed, we think it can fairly be claimed for the people of the island that they have at all times shown themselves ready to do what in their lay for the development of the island.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The Toronto News states that persons, who have had a long connection with the Departments and the Press Gallery at Ottawa, say that the present House of Commons is the best since Confederation. We think with the Toronto paper that this is putting the case more strongly than it is warranted, although of course, an accurate comparison is impossible.

THE SENATE

Senator George Ross was quite correct when he said that there is no general demand in the country for the abolition of the Senate. Public feeling has not reached that stage, nor do we see any reason for believing it is likely to do so.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

We have before us a map of Alberta showing the projected railways which the legislature of that province has guaranteed. It is a highly instructive map. It shows that the government plan contemplates the development of two great railway centres, Edmonton and Calgary.

THE HUDSON BAY ROUTE

The report of Engineer Armstrong upon the Hudson Bay route is another proof that Canadians have a good deal to brag about in their own country. Here follows an extract from the summary of it made by the Free Press Bulletin on March 10th.

HECATE STRAIT

We have on several occasions recently, referred in Hecate Strait and have raised a question as to whether it might not properly be regarded as a closed sea. Our impression on this question was taken in the Colonist long before it was discussed by the government.

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Many Specials for Friday's Selling

We offer a number of specials for Friday, including many lines of new goods. We were never so well situated to fill your every want as this season. Our stocks are more complete than ever before and prices were never so attractively low. The duty of a big store in a community is to furnish the newest and best that the market affords at the lowest possible price. We are fulfilling that duty, you have only to visit The Big Store and get our prices to realize that.

Drapery and Carpet Bargains for Friday

These are extra good bargains, and coming just at the time when spring changes are being made should be most welcome.

- \$3.75 Lace Curtains for \$1.95
- 300 PAIRS NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, extra strong net, in fine and heavy weaves. A large assortment of designs. Width 54 inches, length 3 1/2 yards. Regular, per pair, up to \$3.75. Friday \$1.95
- \$18.50 Brussels Carpet Squares \$13.75
- 30 BEST GRADE ENGLISH BRUSSELS CARPET SQUARES, in a variety of colorings and designs. Size 9 x 9. Regular, each, \$18.75 to \$18.50. Friday's sale \$13.75

Friday Values in the Men's Store

Many special lines of new goods will be offered on Friday at special prices. We have some splendid values to show you in new and stylish garments just opened.

- MEN'S SUITS, some new ones just to hand, single and double breasted styles, in tweeds and worsteds, some very smart styles are included. Specially priced at \$7.50 to . . . \$12.50
- BOYS' SUITS, in tweeds and worsteds, in all shades, including the popular browns, two and three-piece styles. These are the kind of suits that look well and wear well. Splendid values. Priced from \$3.50 to \$9.00
- MEN'S HATS, a large shipment of hats just opened, in stiff and crush shapes, the very latest blocks, the newest shades and black. Priced from \$2.00 to \$5.00
- MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS, in nobby styles for spring. Priced from 25c to \$1.25
- ODD LINES IN TAMS for boys and girls. Regular values, 50c and 75c. Friday 25c

Women's Underwear at Special Prices

Two lines of seasonable Underwear that are very special values at these prices—

- WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, a nice weight for wearing at present, made of fine white cotton, fleeced, long sleeves, high neck, different sizes. Exceptional value at 25c
- WOMEN'S UNDERVESTS, a somewhat heavier weight of fleeced cotton, high neck, long sleeves. Extra value at 40c

New Arrivals in the Ribbon Section

- SILK PETERSHAM BELTINGS, 2 in. wide, in white, cream, sky, Alice, Copenhagen, brown and black. Per yard . . . 35c
- FANCY BELTINGS, with gold flowers and tinsel embroidery, in cream, sky, reseda, brown and navy grounds. Per yard, 75c and \$1.00
- DUCHESS RIBBON, 6 in. wide, beautiful soft finish, for millinery, in all the new shades of rose, brown, pink, green, blue, lilac, white, cream and black. Per yard 40c
- DRESDEN RIBBONS, with pretty pansy and carnation designs, in all colors, correct for sashes and hair ribbons. Per yard 35c
- LAWN STOCK COLLARS, eyelet embroidery with pleated ruche. The newest shape 35c

To Have Your Suit Look Right

You must have the correct corset. The well-dressed woman's silent partner, that is what the corset has been called, and there is no doubt whatever about that being the truth. We have an expert fitter to see that you get the proper corset and that it fits you. We have the proper corsets, the ones needed to produce the lines necessary for getting the best effects from the new gowns and costumes. Special fittings can be arranged.

The "D. S." Corsets

Made especially for us by the leading Canadian corset-maker. They are correct in style and corsets that will give perfect satisfaction. We would not put our own name and brand on them unless they were all right, and the prices are very moderate, indeed.

The "D. S." Corset, No. 10—Two splendid models that sell at \$1.00

Friday Specials in the Furniture Department

Perhaps you need a Go-Cart or Carriage for the baby. The fine weather is at hand and nothing is better for the little one than fresh air and plenty of it. These Go-Carts and Perambulators are specially priced for Friday's selling.

Spencer's "Magic" Folder

The strongest Go-Cart on the market. Folds instantly with one motion.

Price, without Top \$8.75 | Price, with Hood Top . . . \$11.75
SEE BROAD STREET WINDOWS

Genuine English Perambulators and Go-Carts

See Broad Street Windows for Values

These goods are very handsomely and strongly built, painted in best coach style, leather hung, finely tempered steel springs, large wheels with grey rubber wired-on tyres. The upholstery is in best style, in Crockett's Superior Leather Cloth, small pleats, best loose cushions, and cloth lined waist straps. The hoods have good brass joints with adjustable catches.



For Friday a Sale of New Net Waists

A Special Offering of Handsome Waists

Another lot of our nobby Net Waists go on sale Friday, another example of our ability to secure the newest goods at special prices. We are offering these Waists at less than we would ordinarily pay for them. They are made up in the very newest styles of fine nets, in shades of cream and in white. We describe two of the styles—



HANDSOME WAIST, made of cream Brussels net. The front has rows of handsome embroidery, with rows of fine tucks between. Back made with fine tucks, and frill of lace over shoulder. Long sleeves, shirred, with frill of lace running from shoulder to wrist. Frill of insertion and lace at wrist. High collar with lace edge. Lined throughout with silk. Regular value, \$7.50. Friday's price \$4.75

HANDSOME WAIST, made of white Brussels net. The front is prettily embroidered, and has rows of tucks between. Lace frill down front, over shoulder and down back, also rows of tucks down back. Long shirred sleeves with lace frill running from shoulder to wrist. Frill of lace and insertion at wrist. High collar edged with lace. Lined throughout with white silk. Actually worth \$7.50. Friday's price \$4.75

Men's and Boys' Shirts at Special Prices

A most complete assortment of Shirts for men and boys, and at prices that make them extra good values. You are almost sure to find something that you want mentioned here.

- MEN'S LIGHT WORKING SHIRTS, cream cotton ground, with black stripes and patterns, collars reversible to turn inside, also blue, black and fawn stripes 75c
- MEN'S LIGHT WORKING OR OUTFIT SHIRTS, fancy cream cotton ground, with blue, pink and green satin stripes, collar reversible \$1.00
- MEN'S SHIRTS, blue and white and black and white striped Galatea working shirts, collars attached, very strong material, 75c and . . . 50c
- MEN'S GOOD BLACK SATEEN SHIRTS, for hard work, collars attached, all sizes, \$1.00, 75c and 65c
- MEN'S HEAVY BLUE MOLESKIN SHIRTS, collars attached, specially durable, soft inside, 75c and 65c
- MEN'S SHIRTS, imported union flannel shirts, with collars attached, made in grey stripes, specially full cut for large men. \$1.00
- MEN'S SHIRTS, extra, heavy blue, grey and striped flannel shirts, with collars attached, and pocket \$1.50
- BOYS' STRIPED OUTFIT SHIRTS, cream ground with colored stripes. Specially suitable for school wear, 65c and 50c
- BOYS' WHITE COTTON MESH OUTFIT SHIRTS, with a colored stripe, collar attached 65c
- BOYS' SHIRTS, superior quality union flannel shirts, in various patterns, collars attached, \$1.00 and 65c
- MEN'S SHIRTS, imported striped flannelette shirts, collars attached, a strong cloth, and specially large cut, well made, 75c and . . . 50c
- MEN'S SHIRTS, imported Oxford cotton shirts, very strong and easily washed, pattern woven through material, clean-looking stripes, 75c and 65c
- BOYS' STRIPED FLANNELETTE SHIRTS with collars attached, good, useful shirts for every day wear, 50c, 35c and 25c
- BOYS' GALATEA WORKING SHIRTS, collars attached, made in check patterns, blue and white stripes and dark shades. Specially strong shirts, 50c, 40c and . . . 35c
- BOYS' FLANNELETTE SHIRTS for school, made in striped patterns without collar, just a neckband 50c
- BOYS' GOOD BLACK SATEEN SHIRTS, with collars attached, 65c and 50c
- BOYS' WHITE OUTFIT SHIRTS, collars attached, made of white cotton materials, imported and Canadian makes, 75c and . . . 50c

Spring Cleaning Time is Here

The time that most people dread, but which we cannot avoid. Formerly it meant upsetting the house, perhaps one or a few rooms at a time, but a at best it meant the home upside-down for quite a time. Carpets had to be taken up to be cleaned, everything upset. Not so now. The Vacuum Cleaner does the carpet cleaning better than any system that has been discovered. It does it thoroughly, the carpet, the paper and the floor. The dirt is all removed, the carpet freshened to look like new, and no trouble or worry. It only takes a short time, and the cost is very moderate. Estimates cheerfully furnished.

Friday Footwear Values

Of special merit are these Friday leaders. New, smart, snappy lines, selected from latest spring arrivals. Priced to insure quick sale.

- MEN'S BOOTS—Tan or wine, kid, Blucher, built on a smart medium toe last \$3.00
- MEN'S BOOTS—Good quality patent colt, Blucher boots, new half wing toe caps, Goodyear welt soles \$4.00
- WOMEN'S BOOTS—Blucher cut, in vici kid, gun metal calf and patent leather. These are of American make and a strong line, at \$2.50
- WOMEN'S OXFORD SHOES—An extensive range of Oxford tie shoes, in narrow, medium and broad toes, black or tan calf and kid and patent leather, American make . . . \$2.50
- COLLEGE GIRLS' OXFORDS—In patent colt, vici kid, tan calf and tan kid. Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 \$2.50
- BOYS, YOUTHS' AND LITTLE GENTS' BOOTS—Blucher cut, Dongola kid, stout sewn soles—
Sizes 8 to 10 1/2 \$1.50
Sizes 11 to 13 \$1.75
Sizes 1 to 5 \$2.00
- CHILD'S BOOTS—Box calf, laced boots, sewed soles. Sizes 8 to 10 90c
- CHILD'S AND MISSES' BOOTS—Good quality Dongola kid, patent tips—
Sizes 8 to 10 1/2 \$1.25
Sizes 11 to 2 \$1.50

Items of Toilet Articles

- SHAVING SOAPS, Colgate's, Williams' and Sanitol. Per stick 25c
- TOOTH POWDER AND PASTE, Colgate's and Sanitol. Each 25c
- COLGATE'S LIQUID DENTIFRICE. Per bottle 45c
- CALVERT'S CARBOLIC TOOTH POWDER. Per box 15c
- FACE CHAMOIS. Each 10c and 15c
- COLGATE'S QUINOL HAIR TONIC. Per bottle 60c
- DY-O-LA, for coloring wool, cotton or mixed goods, 10c, 3 for 25c
- LEE'S LIQUID CORN REMOVER. Per tube 15c
- LEE'S CELAKUT COURT PLASTER. Per tube 10c
- TOILET PAPER, round or square, 5 for 25c
- TOILET SOAP, perfumes violet, rose and sandalwood. Per box 15c
- COLGATE'S BATH SQUARES, honey, elderflower, brown Windsor. 2 for 25c
- COLGATE'S FLOATING BATH SOAP. 3 for 25c
- TAR SOAP, for toilet and bath. 3 for 25c
- CASTLE SOAP, Virgin brand. Per bar 25c
- SPONGES. Prices ranging from 85c to 2 for 5c

Washing Underskirts Just Opened

For the woman that wants a skirt as light in weight as a white one, but one that will not soil so easily, these skirts will fill the bill. And they are splendid value, too, at these prices—

- UNDERSKIRTS, made of dimity, white ground, printed with figures in different shades. This skirt has a deep ruffle, finished with tucks. Special at 85c
- UNDERSKIRTS, made of good washing gingham, in various colored stripes. This skirt has a deep ruffle, finished with four rows of tucks. Special at \$1.00

Our Spring Catalogue

The latest and most complete Catalogue that we have ever issued is now being distributed. If by any chance any of our friends and patrons living out of the city do not receive a copy, we will gladly forward one on request. Thousands of satisfied customers testify to the excellent service that our Mail Order Department affords, and this season we have greatly enlarged it, insuring the best possible service and satisfaction. We would like to count you among our patrons if you are not one already.

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STILL HOPEFUL OF AGREEMENT

Coal Mine Workers to Hold Convention at Scranton Next Week

POSITION OF OPERATORS

Say They Will Not Recognize Union or Give Increase in Wages

Philadelphia, March 13.—After issuing a call for a tripartite convention at Scranton, Pa., on Tuesday March 14 to take up the question of a new agreement between the anthracite coal miners and operators, the members of the three executive boards of United Mine Workers of America, for their homes today, and no important developments are looked for until the convention meets. Thomas L. Lewis, international president of the union, left tonight for Scranton, where he will remain the eve of the convention. Lewis, before departing, said he still hopeful of reaching an agreement with the operators that will be satisfactory to both sides.

There was little new in the situation today. The coal president left the city, and there was not to be learned here from them. The miners' representatives devoted the day to the meeting which resulted in the issuing of the call for the convention. The sub-committee of the miners which had been negotiating with the operators in the of the Reading company in this made its report, and there was discussion.

The mine workers declare that they do not know what action the operators will take. The delegates will be elected next week, and it is impossible to forecast the result of the convention. The call for the convention states that it is called for the purpose of hearing the report of a conference committee, also for the purpose of taking such action as may regulate wages and conditions of employment after April 1st, 1909.

President Lewis reiterated his former statements to the effect that if an agreement is reached it must be by the United Mine Workers of America and not with the representatives of anthracite mine workers.

Operators' Position
New York, March 13.—A statement of the attitude of the anthracite operators on the question of recognition of the United Mine Workers of America was given out here today. The operators' committee of seven, in a statement sets forth that the operators will treat union and non-union alike, and that they will exercise discrimination against or in favor of any man because of his membership or non-membership in any labor organization. They will make an agreement only with the representative of the anthracite mine workers.

FIRE AND PANIC

Girls Employed in New York Factory Building Razed by Firemen

New York, March 13.—A fire broke out late today on the fourth of a manufacturing building on Broadway, caused a panic among hundreds of more girls employed there. Smoke filled the halls and cut off escape of several, who climbed out of the narrow window ledges over Broadway. Most of them were rescued by the firemen, who ran up scaling ladders as soon as they arrived, and spread the fire net.

Two young women, terror-stricken jumped before the firemen could get them. One of these was caught by the net and escaped with a fractured leg. The other fell into an awning which held her for a moment and gave way, dropping her into the arms of a policeman, who was standing the sidewalk. She suffered several internal injuries. The only others were two young women who burned about the head and shoulders. The fire was confined to the floor, with a loss not exceeding \$10,000.

Playing for \$1,000 Prize.
New York, March 13.—The Ottawa, Canada, hockey team of Canada, tonight won the trophy which was offered for the prize which was offered for the games. The game tonight was 3 to 2. Last night's score was 3 to 1. The total score for the games, Ottawa 14, Wanderers 12.

Death of General Palmer
Colorado Springs, Colo., March 13.—General William J. Palmer, fourth Colorado Springs, died at his seat, Glen Eyrie, west of the city today. Death came as a result of a fall from a horse on October 1, which resulted in breaking his hip. General Palmer, who was widely known in the east, has often been called the foremost citizen of Colorado. He leaves an estate valued at \$15,000.