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Upon the Mystery of the
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Obtained Where is It
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Washing Apparel

Low price temptations cause much disappointment. Garments to "wash well" must be shrunk before making; must be properly put together. Excellencies in cutting tend to comfort in wear. Such goods alone are here given:

Shirt Waists

Choice patterns Dimity and Organdy Muslins, at 50c each.
Fine Printed Cambrics, at \$3, \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1, \$0.75, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05, \$0.02, \$0.01.

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Black and White Linen Lawns, at \$2; Plain Black, \$2 and \$1.50.

Black Silk Organza, \$3.00 each.

White Lawns, with insertion trimming, from \$2.50 to \$3.75 each. New \$2.00.

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The Enrolment of Militia.

The enrolment of the militia is made in each company division by the captain, who, by actual inquiry at each house, makes up his roll with the names of persons liable to serve. If, when the active militia is called up, a sufficient number do not volunteer, those enrolled in the first class decide by ballot who are to serve, not by law all are liable to do so. Even then those who are not themselves called upon to serve, the former are for the time being exempt. The enrolment is made in the Her Majesty, but can be exercised by the Governor-General as her representative. In case of war the Act provides that Her Majesty may place the militia or any part of her forces in North America, whose headquarters are at Halifax. The force is limited to 40,000 men and the period of drill is from eight to sixteen days, April 1898, the active militia was 35,173 strong, but only 25,290 men were trained or partially trained during that year. There are 30 odd battalions, 6 cavalry regiments, 18 field and 40 garrison batteries, divided into twelve military districts. Each is under a deputy-adjutant-general, whose appointment is permanent.

Vigilant Units Weak.

The various units, therefore, are very weak. In addition there is a permanent force of 10,000, of which there are at present exactly 800; with them are combined schools of instruction. It is composed of two squadrons of cavalry, one garrison and two part-garrison and part field batteries, and four companies of infantry. They are called for three years, and the officers have to pass through Kingston. They form the nucleus of a regular army, and, in addition to performing garrison and other duties, serve as practical schools of instruction for the militia. Physically, discipline, esprit de corps are admirable in the permanent troops, which are well commanded. But the instruction given to the militia is very elementary, and the standard of knowledge in the permanent forces is not equal to their responsibilities. Needless to say this is not owing to any lack of zeal on their part. It is simply due to want of opportunity. Much good is hoped to result from the interchange of a Canadian and Royal Artillery battery. But for this purpose the Militia Act would have to be amended, both as regards the instructional duties of the permanent troops and their liability to distribution amongst various units in war-time. Hence it follows—that this interchange can be arranged—first that the permanent troops would have to take over those duties. Moreover two Canadian batteries would have to be taken over by the militia. The field battery required. The difficulties in the way, though great, are not insurmountable. It is to be hoped that the idea will be carried out.

Dangerous to the Empire.

Considering the fact that Canada has a frontier of 2,200 miles bordering on a great country, which may soon become a great imperial power, it is little short of a danger to the Empire that the forces of Canada should not be better organized. Moreover, at present she spends in proportion less on her defences than any other great country in the world. The Canadians are imbued with a spirit of loyalty and patriotism, and it is lamentable that such sentiments should not be turned to better account. It is not only the militia, but the force itself that at present in existence fulfils modern military requirements. It is important that all corps should train annually for a fixed period, and that all should be of uniform strength. It is also important that this change could be effected gradually, and that corps could at first be combined into provisional units, while still retaining their identity. General Hutton emphasizes the necessity of embodying the militia in the permanent troops, an arrangement which would afford him an opportunity of personally judging the proficiency of corps and commanders.

A Militia Naval Brigade.

A militia naval brigade, should be formed, while steps should be taken for the naval defence of Lakes Erie and Ontario. The militia is a force of great value, and it is lamentable that the force was only intended as a supplement to the British troops garrisoning Canada. But for nearly thirty years the latter have been withdrawn, and thus the whole responsibility of national defence has fallen on Canada alone. Yet the system remains the same. A small increase might with advantage be made in the permanent troops, so as to bring them at least up to the strength of complete units, and thus facilitate their interchange with Imperial troops. But still better would it be to form a battalion of Royal Canadian Guards, who would be made a reserve force, and would be available for service in the event of a contingency of Lancers who will spend the next six months at Aldershot.

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ROSEBERY'S SPEECHES

Discussed by the London Papers

With Regard to Their Influence on Politicians.

HOME RULE QUESTION DROPPED

Rosebery Now Looked Upon as Having Adopted Chamberlain's Attitude of Long Ago.

London, May 7.—Politically, the feature of the week was the speech of the Earl of Rosebery before the London Liberal Club on Friday evening. The speech was tantamount to a volte-face on the part of the Earl, who expressed his desire for a revival of the old Liberal spirit that prevailed prior to 1886, and said that he regretted the division occasioned by the "hideous political apathy," and his true object was to bring about a union of the Liberal and Conservative parties.

The Times says that his remarks "were of so cryptic a character that plain men, and even some of his own party, were at a loss to say precisely what they mean."

The Standard says: "If we were to judge of the Home Rule question by the speech of the Earl of Rosebery, we should be inclined to think that the Liberal Unionists must be coaxed back into the fold by some confession that they were right in deserting it."

The Daily Telegraph says: "Whigery revived with a strong force of Imperialism in Rosebery's remedy for the anemic condition in which parliamentary Liberalism finds itself."

The Daily News, cautiously analyzing his speech, discovers that Rosebery's view is that this country has been alienated from the Liberal party by three things: Fear of extremes, the Home Rule bogey, and a dislike of little Englandism.

The Chronicle says that Rosebery appeals to the Liberal party to dissolve all the ties of common purpose so far as these relate to the prosecution of Irish autonomy, and adds it is an appeal in plain words to the Liberal Unionists to revert absolutely to the position which Chamberlain deliberately adopted nearly 15 years ago.

The Pall Mall Gazette says that Rosebery tells the members of the party that "they have been all in the wrong and that they must drop Home Rule for good, and all hark back to the policy of Whigery tempered by Imperialism."

The Globe explains Rosebery's ambition, defining it as "no less than to reconstitute the Liberal party as it was before the Home Rule issue, and to find a basis for Imperialism in the principles of Radical Imperialism."

Twenty persons have been summoned to appear in the Police Court this afternoon to answer charges of breaking the bicycle law.

Michael and John O'Neill of the rear of 302 East King-street were arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Forester on a charge of theft. It is alleged that they stole \$12 from John Burcher of 32 Scott-street on April 27 last.

On Sunday evening, April 30, Prof. B. L. Atney of Knox College addressed the students of Upper Canada College, and last evening Prof. McNulty of Toronto University spoke to the boys.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on Monday evening, April 3, the following resolutions were passed:

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