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INDEPENDENCE

The Toronto Globe, commenting upon the proposed Depeche of Lord... The Globe's word "independence" and perhaps it ought to be understood to be using the expression only in a restricted sense...

capitulation of a just and equitable proportion of the costs, charges and expenses incurred... The Corporation of the City of Victoria in connection with the installation, operation and maintenance of a water supply system...

great was the importance attached to a thorough grounding in the knowledge of the Province... It is only by a system of comparison that one is able to arrive at a just estimate of the enormous dowry and it bestowed upon the inhabitants of this gigantic province...

H. Turner, Agent-General, a man who, during his residence here took the greatest interest in all matters relating to agriculture and especially the branch of it now being considered... These remarks have been suggested by the presence in the city of the British Columbia fruit growers to discuss the question of freight rates...

New Spring Curtainings

CHARMING NEW AND DAINTY FABRICS FOR SPRINGTIME

DELIGHTFUL Spring is in evidence on our Second Floor, in the new curtain materials just opened. Light, dainty, airy materials specially suitable for Spring-time decoration, are here in profusion. The finest range we have shown.



There is a wealth of dainty new things in Madras Muslins suitable for every environment. It is a complete and comprehensive assortment of the very finest the best mills produce.

MORE NEW ARRIVALS IN HAVILAND CHINA

We are marking today some more beautiful Haviland China—direct importations. These new sets—Dinner sets—are even better than our last consignment, and we then thought we had about perfection in china.

Make This Your Carpet Store

For We Can Save You Some Money You can save money on the purchase of your carpets, if you get them here, for we are offering the very finest carpets in the land at "ordinary sort" prices.

LET US SHOW YOU THIS

We want you to come in and let us show you this modern wall covering—Decora. It is a washable wall cloth, specially desirable for the walls of your kitchen, pantry, bathroom, etc.

Stylish Axminster Squares

Our very latest additions to the carpet stock is a grand line of Templeton's Seamless Orient Axminster Squares. These are without doubt the handsomest we have shown.

A Serviceable and Attractive Cover for the Floor of Your Bedroom

One of the most popular bedroom floor coverings we have sold during the past two years has been this Fibre Matting. There is so much that can be said in favor of this style of floor covering.

NEW TEMPLETON'S SEAMLESS SQUARES

Our very latest additions to the carpet stock is a grand line of Templeton's Seamless Orient Axminster Squares. These are without doubt the handsomest we have shown.

It is so superior to China and Jap matting that it is fast supplanting these. The slight extra initial cost is soon forgotten in the long and excellent service it gives.

THE STORE WHERE YOU MAY SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO SHOP. Yes, you are safe in sending your little girl or little boy here, to do your shopping, for this is a "ONE PRICE STORE" and a store where that price is printed in the plainest of figures.

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MANY PRIVATE BILLS WERE ADVANCED

Yesterday Afternoon's Session of House Devoted to Private Members.

(From Thursday's Daily) The afternoon sitting of the legislature yesterday was devoted entirely to the consideration of private bills, a number of the private bills before the House were passed to the report stage.

Among these was the bill to incorporate the British Columbia Permanent Loan Company, an amounting dealing with the nature of the investments to be allowed the company. The bill was passed by a majority of 11 and will be considered when it reaches the report stage.

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THE CITY MEMBERS.

Mr. H. B. Thomson, M.P.P. for Victoria, is having no picnic these March days. The task of making and carrying out municipal legislation is never a happy one, and when it is watered with the influence of the city of Victoria, it is never a happy one.

A SUGGESTION.

The Colonist is in receipt of the following letter from a correspondent whose opinions on all subjects of an educational nature are worth having. It is gratifying in the highest degree to receive such a letter.

FRUIT GROWING.

The almost daily we hear of something gratifying in connection with the fruit growing industry in British Columbia. Not only our own people but those of other countries and especially of the United Kingdom are beginning to realize that it is one of the greatest potential sources of wealth in this western province.

THE WATER QUESTION.

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"LORNA" Extracts of Wild Flowers of Exmoor

A perfume that has become very popular in Victoria. Deliciously fragrant and refreshing. Have You Ever Tried It? Above all it is lasting and it is the odor of nothing but Devonshire wild flowers. You can buy as much or as little as you please; 50 cents per ounce.

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Chemist Government St. Near Yates

THE COMMON APPLE A GREAT SOURCE OF HEALTH

The Juice of the Ordinary Apple is One of the Best Things in the World For Keeping the Blood Pure.

Few people there are but enjoy a ripe, juicy apple. But how many realize that it is a medicine as well as a treat?

Apple juice has a very marked effect on the kidneys, increasing their power to throw off the waste products of the body, called urea, and thus preventing rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, and similar troubles that come from poisoned blood.

Similarly, other fruits stimulate the action of the liver and bowels—others of the skin. Combined, they keep the blood pure—the body clean and healthy.

To get this effect, however, one must eat a great deal of fruit, or better, eat a little fruit and take "Fruit-tives."

"Fruit-tives" are tablets in which the juices of ripe fruits, with their medicinal value intensified, are combined with valuable tonics. They act directly on bowels, kidneys and skin and put them in perfect condition—thus insuring the thorough elimination of all waste matter and poisons from the body.

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NO PENSION BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Unlikely That Supplementing Measure Will Be Passed This Session

THE PUBLIC SERVICE ACT

Receives Second Reading—Is Much the Same as Measure of Last Year

(From Tuesday's Daily) While the public service act received second reading at last evening's session of the legislature and beyond some little cavilling by Mr. Oliver (Delta) and the Socialist contingent, it is doubtful if the bill amending the pension clause of the former bill amended and improved will be introduced at the present session.

Hon. Dr. Young explained the measure in brief and referred to the companion measure but it is believed that the difficulty of fixing the funds necessary for the inauguration of a pension fund as a charge upon the consolidated revenue still detours the government from taking the projected step.

The bill given second reading is merely an improved edition of the bill of last year and beyond providing for the appointment of officials to grade the civil servants and providing for entrance examination, little new is observable in its provisions.

The debate upon the second reading of the coal mines regulation act was adjourned.

Coal Mines Regulation. The resolutions reported from committee of supply on February 24, 25 and 26 were read a second time.

Hon. Mr. McBride moved third reading of the bill to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act. Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanaimo) moved that the third reading of the bill be deferred and the bill referred back to committee for the consideration of two amendments; one to the effect that wages be paid every two weeks; another to the effect that an inquest should always be held on the bodies of all persons whose death may have been caused by explosion or accident in any mine.

Mr. McBride explained that the amendment had no bearing on the original bill, and so Mr. Hawthornthwaite was out of order. The speaker had to do with the board of examiners in coal mines. There was another bill at present before the House dealing with amendments on the same subject. This was the bill introduced by Mr. Ross (Fernie) and dealing with the payment of wages.

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CHEESE TO PROMOTE EPICUREAN ENTHUSIASM. MACLAREN'S IMPERIAL, per pot, 50c and 25c. ROUEFORT, per pound, 60c. ENGLISH STILTON, per pound, 60c. GORGONZOLA, per pound, 50c. LIMBERGER, 50c. SWISS, per pound, 30c. EDAM, each, \$1.00. CAMAMBERT, each, 35c. NEUFCHATEL, each, 10c. GERMAN BREAKFAST CHEESE, four for, 15c. SAP SAGO CHEESE, each, 25c. PARMESAN, per bottle, 25c.

Save All Your Cream. U.S. Cream Separator is biggest money maker—gets more cream than any other. Holds WORLD'S RECORD for clean skimming. Cream represents each year's waste cream every day if not using a U.S. Cream Separator.

SEEDS. We have a full assortment of Garden, Flower and Lawn Grass Seeds. L. L. MAY & COMPANY'S, per package, 5c. STEELE, BRIGGS SEED COMPANY'S, per package, 5c. D. M. FERRY & COMPANY'S, per package, 5c.

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Northern Interior of B.C. Miners and prospectors going into Telkwa, Omicame or Ingness Camp will find a full stock of mining tools, camp outfits and provisions at my general store at Hazelton, which is the head of navigation on the Skeena River and headquarters for outfitting for above points.

REGA. ILLS introduced into culture are of three though all of them pass through a so-called career before receiving their initial vicissitudes. They may be classified as public bills and money bills.

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A Manufacturer's Surplus Stock of Wash Suits, Skirts, Blouses and Kimonos on Sale Friday

A big quantity is involved in this sale of garments of various kinds. They are the surplus stock of a big eastern manufacturer, and we secured the lot at a very large saving. The maker was working on Fall goods and wanted room, so our offer for the lot was accepted. We offer the lot for sale on Friday and feel safe in saying that this is one of the best bargain opportunities that has been offered by The Big Store for some time. The list of articles includes Kimonos, Dressing Jackets, Blouses, Wash Suits, Muslin Skirts, Pique Skirts and Lustre Skirts, many of the lines are marked at half the regular figure.

\$1.50 Kimonos Friday 75c KIMONAS, made of Japanese crepe in a variety of odd colorings and designs. Worth to \$1.50. Friday 75c	\$1.50 Dressing Jackets Friday 75c DRESSING JACKETS, in colored muslin in pretty designs, also fine quality zephyrs in different colors. Worth to \$1.50. Friday 75c	\$3.00 Wash Suits Friday \$2.00 WOMEN'S SHIRT WAIST SUITS, made of white and colored muslins, and fancy prints in light and dark colors. Worth to \$3.00. \$2.00	\$3.50 Wash Suits Friday \$2.50 WOMEN'S SHIRT WAIST SUITS, made of fine white and colored gingham and fine cambrics. Worth to \$3.50. Friday \$2.50	\$4.75 Wash Suits Friday \$3.50 WOMEN'S SHIRT WAIST SUITS, made of fine white and colored muslins, some very pretty suits. Worth to \$4.75. Friday \$3.50	\$3.50 Lustre Skirts Friday \$1.50 LUSTRE SKIRTS, in various plain colors and pretty fancy patterns, all in full pleated styles. Worth \$3.50. Friday's price \$1.50
\$2.75 Wash Skirts Friday \$1.75 WHITE MUSLIN SKIRTS, a big assortment of patterns, beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidery. Worth \$2.75. Friday \$1.75	\$3.75 Wash Skirts Friday \$2.25 WASH SKIRTS, in white muslin, fancy ducks, white piques and other washing materials. Worth to \$3.75. Friday \$2.25	\$1.25 White Blouses Friday 75c WHITE MUSLIN BLOUSES, a good variety of neat designs, nicely trimmed, less than the price of materials. Worth to \$1.25. 75c	\$1.50 White Blouses Friday \$1.00 WHITE MUSLIN BLOUSES, good designs, trimmed with embroidery and lace, long and short sleeves. Worth to \$1.50. Friday \$1.00	\$1.75 White Waists Friday \$1.25 WHITE MUSLIN WAISTS, made of lawn, nicely trimmed with laces and embroideries, good designs. Worth \$1.75. Friday \$1.25	\$2.25 White Waists Friday \$1.50 WHITE MUSLIN WAISTS, very attractive styles made of lawn and nicely trimmed with embroidery and lace. Worth \$2.25. Friday \$1.50

Linens at Special Prices

These Linens were bought away below regular, and at these prices are values that should induce speedy buying. We don't often have the opportunity of offering goods like these at less than the regular figure.

HEMSTITCHED RUNNER, 48 in. long. Each **25c**
DAMASK RUNNERS, hemstitched, at 65c, 75c and **\$1.00**
FRINGED BREAKFAST CLOTHS, 4 in. square, in white with pink, white with blue borders, also blue and blue grounds, with figured designs. Each **75c**
LINEN CLOTHS, hemstitched damask, 36 in., 40 in. and 50 in. square. Each **\$1.00**
LINEN DOYLIES, damask centre with hand-crochet each, different sizes. Each **25c**

Friday Price Magnets in the Annex

The opportunities to save on articles in this department were never better than at present. This list of specials for Friday contains many articles that you could use, and the prices are very attractive.

REAL CUT GLASS VASES, assorted styles and shapes:
4 1/2 inches high. Regular 35c. Special Friday **20c**
6 inches high. Regular 50c. Special Friday **25c**
8 inches high. Regular 75c. Special Friday **35c**

PLAIN THIN GLASS VASES, straight sides:
10 inches high. Regular 50c. Special Friday **35c**

REAL CUT GLASS CREAM JUGS, polished bottoms:
1-3 pint size. Regular 50c. Special Friday **25c**

REAL CUT GLASS CREAM JUGS, polished bottoms:
1-2 pint size. Regular 75c. Special Friday **35c**

REAL CUT GLASS OPEN SALTS:
Regular 50c. Friday Special **25c**

REAL CUT GLASS KNIFE RESTS, two sizes:
Regular per pair, 75c. Special Friday **50c**
Regular per pair, \$1.50. Special Friday **\$1.00**

GARDEN SPADES. Friday Special **90c**
GARDEN RAKES. Friday Special **75c**
BUCK SAWS, very strong. Friday Special **65c**
WOOD CLOTHES HORSES, two sizes. Special Friday, at **65c**

SNOW BALL CLOTHES WASHER, with fly wheel, makes it easy to operate, having a contrivance which takes the clothes both ways alternately, prevents tearing. Friday Special **\$8.00**

HEAVY AXES, with good handles. Regular 85c. Friday Special **65c**

FOLDING CLOTHES DRYERS. Regular \$1.00. Friday Special **75c**

WICKER WASTE PAPER BASKETS, three sizes. Friday Special, \$1.00, 75c. **65c**

LAUNDRY HAMPERS, plain finish. Friday Special **\$2.00**

WIRE SPONGE BASKETS, will fit on bath tub rim. Friday Special **25c**

WIRE SOAP STANDS. Friday Special **5c**

WIRE POT CLEANERS. Friday Special **15c**

WIRE PIE PLATE LIFTERS, no trouble to remove the hot pies from the hot oven. Friday Special **20c**

OVAL WASH BOILERS, three sizes, with copper bottoms. Friday Special, \$2.00, \$1.75 **\$1.50**

ROUND WASH BOILERS, medium size. Friday Special **\$1.50**

FRENCH RAT CAGES, with trap door. Friday Special **50c**

NICKEL THREE-ARM TOWEL RACKS. Friday Special **15c**

METAL CAKE MIXERS. Friday Special **\$2.00**

Quality Clothing at Saving Prices

Men's \$18.00 Spring Suits for \$12.50

A Special Line of Men's Suits for Friday's selling. As an inducement to buy your spring suit early, we offer this bargain for Friday. These suits were made to sell at \$18.00. We bought them at a special price, intending to run them as leaders, but not at such a low price as the one quoted. However, for Friday we will sell these new and natty spring suits, some are the Fit-Right brand and others are makes just as good and desirable. They are single and double breasted styles, in a good variety of cloths and colorings, suits that are worth \$18.00 easily. Friday's price **\$12.50**



FOOTWEAR SPECIALS THAT ARE EXTRA GOOD

These are a few lines taken at random from our immense new stock of spring footwear, and give you some idea of the values that we have here for you.

MEN'S OXFORDS—Dongola, Blucher Oxfords, sewn soles. Very Special **\$1.75**

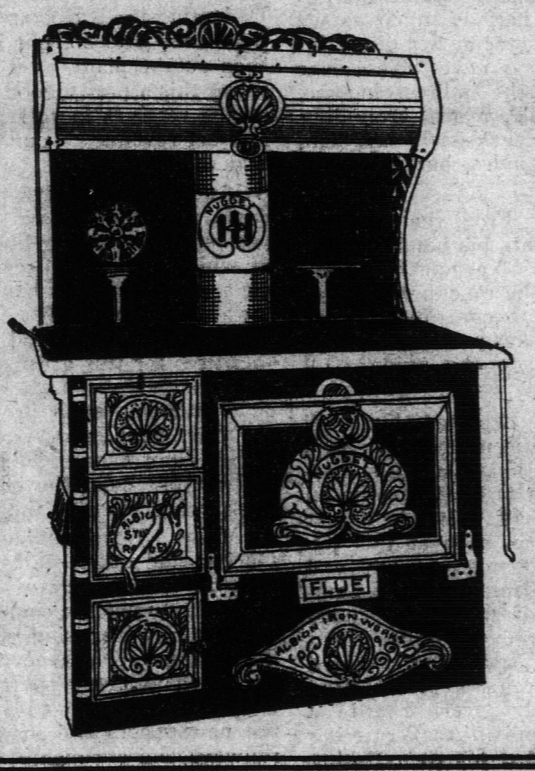
MEN'S BOOTS—Strong buff leather lace boots, screwed soles, a splendid working boot **\$2.25**

WOMEN'S OXFORDS—Tan and black Dongola Blucher Oxfords, light turn soles **\$1.50**

WOMEN'S BOOTS—Box calf Blucher boots, stout sewn soles **\$2.00**

COLLEGE GIRLS' BOOTS—Tan and black Dongola Blucher boots, low heels, a stylish and serviceable boot, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 **\$2.00**

CHILD'S BOOTS—Box calf lace boots, sewn soles, sizes 8 to 10 1/2 **90c**



The Nugget Range

EXCELLED BY NONE
EQUALLED BY FEW

This splendid Range, made right here in our own town, is without doubt one of the best ranges on the market. It has every new and up-to-the-minute idea that serves to make using the stove less labor. It is extra heavy around the oven, insuring a steady heat and no danger from buckling. It is made of the very best materials by expert workmen, it is made here in Victoria, and goes direct from the factory to yourself. What is saved in freight and handling charges you get in the quality of the materials used. The price, as illustrated, is

\$62.50

Friday Values in the Men's Store

These lines are all new goods, many shown for the first time, and the prices are sure to appeal to you, as the values are exceptionally good.

MEN'S COLLARS—Special quality imported white line collars, made in all the leading shapes and all sizes and widths. Special **12 1/2c**

NEW PINK SHIRTS—The finest range we have ever had to sell at \$1.00. The best Canadian make, soft finish and pleated fronts, made with separate cuffs or cuffs attached, in a fine variety of prints and percale, mauves, greens, blues, fawns, tans, in stripes, checks and plain shades. Special price **\$1.00**

MEN'S SHIRTS—Finest quality woven Oxford print and zephyr shirts, the patterns woven right through the material, stripes, checks and plain shades, pleated and soft bosoms, some coat styles with cuffs attached. Special **\$1.50**

MEN'S NEW SILK NECKTIES, fancy silk in the latest brocades and tints, including some fine poplins, the best Canadian and American styles. Special **75c**

FANCY AND PLAIN SILK NECKTIES, just opened out in a splendid range of shades. Special value **50c**

PLAIN POPLIN TIES, made with the seam at the side, or they can be reversed, a fine range of plain shades, reds, blues, greens, mauves, greys. Special **50c**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR, new Balbriggan shirts and drawers, plain natural shade and natural shade and blue striped. Special per garment **50c**

MEN'S UNDERWEAR, heavy natural shade ribbed Balbriggan shirts and drawers. Special per garment **50c**

MEN'S SOX, good quality cotton sox in black and tan. Extra value at, two pairs for **25c**

Special Prices on Stationery

Savings on Stationery and such articles, however small, are worth taking advantage of. Our prices are the lowest possible and you can save considerable by making your purchases here.

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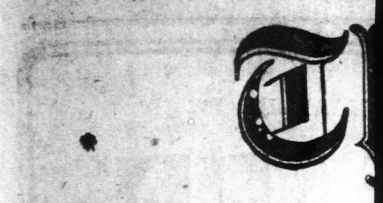
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BETTER FEELING IN COAL FIELDS

Good Prospects of Agreement Between the Miners and Operators

SUSPENSION NOT LIKELY

President Lewis Cordially Received By Officials of Companies

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 6.—Having completed arrangements, so far as the miners' representatives are concerned for the meeting between the operators and the United Mine Workers and the anthracite coal operators in Philadelphia on Thursday next for the purpose of making a new agreement between the men and their employers, Mr. Lewis, national president of the miners' organization, left for Indianapolis.

Mr. Lewis will remain at the national headquarters until Tuesday, and will reach Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon. He put in a busy day this morning, visiting Pittston and Hazelton for the purpose of inviting the individual operators to participate in next week's conference. Mr. Lewis called upon W. J. Calk, president of the Individual Operators' association, and extended him an invitation to attend the meeting, and it was accepted. The organization of which Mr. Calk is the president represents practically all the independent operators in the region, and he participated in the negotiations three years ago, when a present three-year agreement was arranged. This agreement expires March 31.

There is a distinctly better feeling in the hard coal fields regarding the outcome of the negotiations. This no doubt due to the cordial manner in which Mr. Lewis has been received by the president of the coal-carriers' roads when he met them individually in New York and Philadelphia to arrange a conference. Business men say they feel there will be no strike, that these days the coal operators' suspension of work, if indeed there is any stoppage in the mining of coal. The business interests of the region are almost unanimous for three-year agreement in order to avoid an annual disturbance in the industry. Neither Mr. Lewis, his association nor the operators in this section discuss the situation in advance of negotiations.

Not Talking.
Hazelton, Pa., March 6.—As to whether he believed there would be a strike in the anthracite coal field, President Lewis, just before leaving for the west, said: "Even if I knew I could not talk."

Deceased Bank.
Toronto, Mar. 4.—In the criminal sessions this morning J. M. Poole, vice president and business manager of the defunct Poole Publishing company of Toronto, was found guilty of false pretences the sum of \$2,000. Sentence was deferred.

B. C. Southern Tax Case.
Nelson, March 4.—The hearing of the appeal of the B. C. Southern Railway versus the provincial government is definitely fixed for March 12, before R. S. Leitch. The injunction as for in the supreme court to restrain the government from making any assessment of the lands in question not affect this hearing. The case arousing much interest, owing to huge sum involved.

McGill Libraries Robbed.
Montreal, March 4.—The spoils of the library of Lincoln Inn, London is an nothing to the students and friends of McGill university, who say that thieves have been in their midst and that the Robb and science libraries have suffered to an extent that is heart-breaking. While the authorities are loath to admit that the libraries are crippled to any great extent it is known that hundreds of volumes have been carried off, and many of them have been sold for ridiculous sums.

Alleged "Dumping."
Washington, March 6.—The all-practice of foreign manufacturers of long goods in this country at a lower price than that obtained at home is the subject of an inquiry introduced today by Mr. Galligan. The resolution which was agreed to, directs the secretary of state to "procure through all available information relating to the practice of foreigners selling their goods in this country at a price lower than domestic prices, and to communicate the information to the senate at the earliest possible date."

New York Opinions.
New York, March 5.—Memorial petitions were adopted by the New York chamber of commerce, protesting against the adoption of a tariff under the new tariff on the sale market price in the United States instead of on the price abroad. A provision in the new tariff law, securing from France minimum duties on American exports, favoring the bill for providing adequate residence abroad for American automatic officials. The appointment was authorized of a committee to study the question of Panama canal construction, and to report what should be done to make the subject convenient to all time needs and expanding accommodation.