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FARMERS AT GUELPH

Programme for the Provincial Winter Fair Will Be of Great Interest.

Commencing on Monday next and running throughout the entire week, there will be a great gathering of prominent farmers and stockmen at Guelph in connection with the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair. All the farmers' institute speakers will be present, as well as the Dominion and Provincial members from 20 counties. Outside of the fair programme, which will be held from Tuesday to Friday, and promises to be the most successful yet held, there will be a series of meetings arranged in connection with the fair, at which matters affecting the farmers and stockmen will be dealt with in the most practical manner, are expected to prove of great interest and value. The public will be devoted to the work of the Experimental Union at the Agricultural College, and matters pertaining to field work generally will be discussed. Professor I. P. Roberts, of Cornell University, and G. C. Creelman, superintendent of the Farmers' Institutes of Ontario, will deliver addresses, and the professors of the college will present the results of the experiments carried out during the year. Professor C. F. Curtis, of Ames, Iowa, Mr. Thomas Crawford, M.P., Mr. P. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner, and others will deliver practical addresses regarding the production of live stock. The public meeting will be held in the city hall on Wednesday night will be addressed by Hon. George W. Ross, Hon. John Dryden, and Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville.

FATAL STREET DUEL

Williamson, Pm. Dec. 6.—Yesterday afternoon Hon. Wm. Stokes shot and killed Rev. John Wohl in a street duel here. Mr. Stokes being also dangerously wounded. The public meeting will be held in the city hall on Wednesday night will be addressed by Hon. George W. Ross, Hon. John Dryden, and Mr. D. Derbyshire, of Brockville.

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EXECUTION AT HAMILTON

George Arthur Pearson Pays the Penalty of His Crime.

Hanged for the Murder of the Girl He Professed to Love—His Confession and Last Letter.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.] Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 7.—George Arthur Pearson was hanged at 7:53 this morning for the murder of Annie Griffin.

On the gallows Pearson was wonderfully firm and calm. He admitted the crime and the justice of the punishment, and although he made no boast or show about it, professed to have made peace with God, and said he would die gladly if he could restore the life he had taken.

Official Hangman Radcliffe had charge, under the sheriff, and the execution passed off without the slightest irregularity. It was witnessed only by the officials, the jury, a dozen members of the medical profession, and one representative from each of the city papers.

THE CRIME AND TRIAL

George Arthur Pearson, aged 20, shot and killed Annie Griffin, aged 17, while the couple were out driving on the Dundas road, Sunday evening, Dec. 23 last. Pearson was arrested the next day, and at first said that two men driving past them had done the deed; but on being closely questioned, he confessed that he alone was the girl's murderer. Pearson, in his confession, said that he and Miss Griffin were in love with each other, but they could not get married, because he could not afford to keep a wife. During the ride they talked the matter over, and decided it would be better for them to die together than to live apart, and they made up their minds to die together rather than to return to Hamilton alive. Reading dark spot in the road, Pearson said he kissed Annie good-bye, then shot her dead, intending afterwards to take his own life, but his courage failed.

At the October assizes Pearson was tried before Judge Rose. Pearson went into the box and acknowledged that he shot Miss Griffin twice in the head, but gave no reason for his act. The jury, within an hour, returned a verdict of guilty, and Pearson was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 7.

The case was presented as a minister of justice at Ottawa, asking for executive clemency, but the cabinet decided that the law must take its course.

A LETTER FROM PEARSON.

The following letter was written by Pearson on Sunday, to a Hamilton Times reporter: "Dear Kind Mr. — I will now drive you a few lines to tell you how I am, as I have not seen you for a long time, but would like to see you, but the Govt. won't let many see me under the supervision. But I hope to see you sooner or later. Tell all the boys through the paper that I send my best wishes for all my old friends in town, and I would like to speak to you alone.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekison.] Strathroy, Dec. 7.—Arrangements are being made for the reception of Pte. Geo. McBeal, who is expected home about Christmas time.

Miss Lulu Ashwell has returned home from a three months' visit to her sister, Mrs. A. McIntyre, Crossville, Mich., and Mrs. C. D. Woodmill, Sanilac Center, Mich.

The anniversary services held on Sunday in the Front Street Methodist Church were very successful. Large audiences were present both morning and evening. The offerings for the day were over \$60.

Mr. T. B. Gough, who has been in the employ of E. M. Marshall, hardware merchant, for the past four years, has accepted a position as salesman and collector for the John Goodison Thresher Company, Sarnia.

Mr. Jacob Best, opening up a grocery store in the premises next to the public library.

The last of the Mission Circle of the Baptist Church will be held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. Gill, Front street, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, when an entertaining programme will be provided. A silver thank offering for missions will be taken up during the evening.

At the regular meeting of the town council the Cameron-Dunn Manufacturing Company bylaw was introduced and read a first and second time.

On Friday evening, Nov. 28, Emmeline, the youngest daughter of Mr. Richard Geary, Adelaide, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Bolton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. J. Uren, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton will take up residence in 2nd line north.

GUilty OF FRAUD.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The jury in the old storage conspiracy cases found J. McGillis guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The jurors were unable to agree in the case of McCullough, and they were discharged.

LOANS TO THE METHODIST STUDENTS.

New York, Dec. 7.—The Methodist Episcopal board of education, in session here, reports that during last year \$81,879 was loaned to 1,830 students in various parts of the country. There is now \$30,000,000 invested in Methodist schools and colleges.

FORESTERS' INSURANCE CASE.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—The Catholic Order of Foresters is defending a suit brought by Mrs. Sarah Ryan, in which the point at issue is the time at which an insurance policy comes into force. Mrs. Ryan's son John made application on Dec. 6, 1899, for a \$1,000 policy in the C. O. F., and was accepted. On the 10th he took ill, and on the 19th he died of pleurisy, just before the papers of the case came back. It is claimed that the policy was in force from the time of acceptance, and before the return of the papers. The society, in its defense, pleads that Ryan's health was not what it was represented to be.

NEWS OF THE RAILROADS

Marvelous Growth of New York Central Interests.

Buffalo Feels the Effect—As the Great Railway Lines Have Expanded, Buffalo, Which is Intimately Associated With Them, Has Done the Same—Figures Tell the Whole Story.

The marvelous increase in the development of the Vanderbilt of New York Central Lines, as shown in the annual report recently published, is of especial interest to Buffalo, for Buffalo is the center of the Central system, and the growth of that system has been closely paralleled by that of the city. Buffalo as a city is a year younger than the beginning of the Central system. Fifty-eight years ago, in 1832, we were incorporated with a population of about 10,000. Today we have 352,219, and are the eighth city in the country.

In 1831 the total length of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, the first of the New York Central Lines, was 10.4 miles. The equipment consisted of 150,400 freight cars, 3,600 passenger coaches, baggage, mail and express cars, and 3,580 locomotives. This equipment carried more than 12,000,000 passengers in 1899 and hauled over 100,000,000 tons of freight.

This great central railway system of America comprises the following New York Central and Hudson River R. R. and branches: 2,804 miles Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley R. R. and branches: 91 miles Boston and Albany R. R. and branches: 394 miles Michigan Central R. R. and branches: 1,658 miles Lake Erie and Western R. R. and branches: 1,425 miles New York, Chicago and St. Louis R. R.: 830 miles Pittsburgh and Lake Erie R. R.: 180 miles

Total: 10,439 miles Over this line there are operated every day hundreds of splendidly equipped passenger trains. The finest character of Pullman sleeping and parlor cars and the most luxurious of modern day coaches will be found

in their equipment, and the dining cars of these lines, which are operated under the direction of the general passenger agents, are recognized as among the best in the land.

Over the perfect tracks of the national highway of America, formed by this great system of railways, passes a large share of the enormous traffic to and from the great commercial ports of New York and Boston. The ponderous locomotives of these lines haul over a large portion of this system from 80 to 100 loaded cars to a train; many of these cars will hold 1,000 bushels of grain, or 60,000 pounds of merchandise, or 100,000 pounds of coal each; during the busy season there are several hundred freight trains per day passing over these tracks, forming an endless chain of traffic between the great commercial, industrial and agricultural centers of the West and New York and Boston.—From the Buffalo Express.

News at a Glance.

Wm. Way, formerly of Brandon, has died of smallpox at Willman, Minn. Customs receipts last year were \$254,773,000; expenses, \$1,155,000. Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson, one of the authors of the "Pride of Jennico," is dead in Rome. It is said that Chinamen are being smuggled across the Niagara River at the rate of ten a day. Seventy families of Boers are to be imported and settled on 1,113 acres of land on Long Island, N. Y. On account of scarcity of raw flax in Germany, prices have advanced 10 or 15 per cent, and a number of mills have closed. Arthur J. Souly died in Chicago, making the seventh victim of the boiler explosion of the Northwestern Railroad's power house. Wm. M. Gates, of New York, has absconded with \$60,000 belonging to Frank & Dubois. It is said the firm told him to run away or be arrested. Grand Trunk Railway earnings, Nov. 22 to 30, 1899, \$652,394; same period in 1898, \$657,532; decrease, \$4,698. Chicago and Grand Trunk earnings omitted. Balfour & Co., wholesale grocers, received from the war office, London, England, a large order for goods for South Africa, to be made before the first of January. That's what the Liberal Government's fostering of trade with the mother country does. Robert Fisher, of Hamilton, whom Sheriff T. W. Ford, of Rochester, N. Y., says he believes to be guilty of the murder of Teresa Keating, and who was discharged a few days ago, has sailed from New York for Cape Town, South Africa, via England, to join the mounted police under Baden-Powell. It is alleged that new evidence against Keating has been found. It is said that Hamilton, Ont., has been the base of operations for tobacco smugglers, and within the past year or two the United States Government has seized thousands of thousands of dollars. The scheme was to import Havana to Canada from Havana, via New York, labeled "filler" tobacco. The United States Government charges \$1.85 a pound on wrapper and only 35 cents on filler.

PEARSON'S CONFESSION.

Pearson made a confession to the Rev. W. F. Wilson. In it he tells the story of the crime which took place in East Flamboro on Sept. 23. The story is quite different from that told in the witness box, at the trial, on the day he was sentenced to be hanged. Pearson says that the cause of the crime was passion, and admits that he must have lost his reason temporarily. He traces his vice-prest from the time he fired the fatal shots. When opposite the farm of Mr. Sheppard, he says, he made an improper proposal to the girl, whom he highly respected. The young woman resented the proposal, and said, "I never thought you would act that way towards me." "George," Pearson said this, expressed him so much that he felt he could never face her again and concluded that the best thing he could do was to kill her and himself. He admits that the statement he made before the judge that the arrangement for both to die together was not true.

W. C. T. U. CHOOSE OFFICERS.

Washington, Dec. 6.—At the morning session of the W. C. T. U. convention, the old officers were re-elected, as follows: President, Mrs. L. M. Stevens; vice-presidents, Mrs. Anna L. Gorton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Susanna M. D. Fry; recording secretary, Mrs. Clara C. Hoff.

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Liberal Victories in British
Columbia.

Two delayed Dominion elections were fought out yesterday in British Columbia—Burrard and Yale-Cariboo. So important were they regarded that the Dominion Opposition brought into play horse, foot and artillery, headed by the two Tupper and Hon. Clark Wallace, who went from Toronto to the Pacific Province especially to engage in the contest. Sir Charles Tupper's shadow, Mr. John Lowes, the English ex-M.P., also took a hand in. The anti-French cry was likewise raised.

The election came off yesterday, and two Liberals were handsomely added to the majority of the Dominion Government.

Next!

Recent Victories and Their
Lessons.

The general election in Quebec Province has resulted in the overwhelming defeat of the Conservative Opposition. When, on nomination day, it was found that 35 Liberals in a House of 74, had been returned by acclamation, and that in a number of ridings there were contests between Liberals only, it was apparent that the Opposition conceded that the Parent Government could not be defeated.

The result of this purely provincial contest has much interest to Canadians outside the Province of Quebec. We have been asked what is the cause of the great change that has come over the sister province, which, by the way, only assumes an attitude already taken up by such divisions of the Dominion as Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The immediate cause of this second great Liberal victory in Quebec within a month is the unassailable record of the Government which was on its trial. When the late Hon. Mr. Marchand became Premier, he promised that an equilibrium between receipts and expenditures would be established, and that his Government would be for the whole people, and not for a class. While he lived Mr. Marchand carried out this view, and Hon. Mr. Parent, his able coadjutor, who became Prime Minister at his death, has continued the programme. It is not a startling one, but it is such that the people can understand, and they know, from Mr. Parent's success as Mayor of Quebec, and as a member of the Marchand Cabinet, that he is no ordinary manager of public affairs, and that he is worthy of the trust that has been reposed in him. Let the new Legislature strive to maintain the standard set up by the late Mr. Marchand and lived up to by him.

But the success of Liberalism in Quebec Province has not been achieved in a day. In five Dominion elections out of eight, the Conservatives carried Quebec, and their friends in the Local Legislature were equally successful. There were two reasons why Liberalism, until recently, made comparatively little headway in Quebec Province. One was the persistent teaching by members of the Conservative party that Liberalism in Canada was a "free-thinking," semi or wholly atheistic organization, and that members of the Liberal party were, almost without exception, bitterly opposed to the Catholic religion. A continuous attempt was made to bracket Canadians with those so-called liberals of the Continent of Europe who really are of the stamp of men here portrayed. And among a trusting populace, there can be no doubt, that the Liberal party was injured by the persistent circulation of this calumny. It took a long time to root out the skillfully promoted antipathy, but thanks to the earnest efforts of the Quebec Liberal leaders and the ably conducted Liberal newspaper press of the province, Liberalism has been placed in its true light before the people, and Liberal principles have been shown to be inimical to no class, race or creed in the country. Nay, rather are they such that every class, race and creed can find a place under the broad banner of the great party at the head of which is Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is a great triumph, but it is a deserved one, and we can only wonder that the misrepresentations succeeded so long.

There is another potent factor making towards the Liberal revival that has once more placed the management of the affairs of the Dominion in the hands of a Liberal Government, and nowhere more than in the Province of Quebec have the changed conditions been felt. We refer to the fact that while Sir John Macdonald lived the Conservative party had cohesion when he left the scene the party began to go to pieces. It seemed as if he alone could keep its contradictory elements in comparative harmony.

mony. In the days of Sir John the Conservatives were in the habit of getting large majorities from Quebec, and again and again the astute leader had to rely upon that province to keep him in power. He never looked a gift horse in the mouth. He never cared how or where he got his majority; all he desired was to get it. Unlike the men who are battling for his shoes in opposition today he never said hard things of those who had gone against him. He was statesman enough to know that in this country of ours, with its diverse population and varied interests, it is bad policy to endeavor to win elections by race or religious cries, and he owed his success, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier owes his, to a conciliatory and unifying, rather than to an irritating and dividing line of action. The death of Sir John Macdonald has left a blank—a great blank—in the Conservative ranks that has not been filled, and is difficult to tell how long it will remain unfilled. In the late campaign very small men compared with those Sir John Macdonald was in the habit of associating with him in his palmist days got hold of the Conservative organization. They have got it yet. The result we saw in the Dominion election. The result we have seen in the Quebec provincial elections. And when the Ontario general elections are brought on, if reasonable care is taken to properly organize the Liberal forces, we will most assuredly have a similar demonstration of the strength of Liberal and progressive administration of affairs. Mr. Whitney has in no way demonstrated to the people that he would be a better and safer administrator of affairs than Hon. G. W. Ross.

Let us see. It was Mr. Foster and Sir Charles Tupper who declared that it would be easy for their party to capture the Dominion Government, if only they got control of the provinces. They tried it in Nova Scotia; they were overwhelmingly defeated. They tried it in New Brunswick, with Mr. Foster as boss, and they were routed, horse, foot and artillery. They capitulated, almost without a struggle, in Quebec, and there is an equally marked Liberal victory. Mr. Foster and his chums are sadder, if not wiser men today, because of the result of their empty boasting.

Our Municipal Policy—Xl.

11. All closets in connection with schools should be connected with sewers.

A state of affairs tolerable in a small place becomes intolerable as the place grows in size and density. Another factor of much importance is the possession of a system of waterworks.

Some years ago the whole system of the schools was abolished. We had one central school for the whole city, but the city outgrew what was considered a splendid plan, when it was erected; and instead of one central school, we have what are called graded schools in several parts of the city—in reality, central schools for the part of the city served by them. And the Collegiate Institute takes the place of the Central School for the more advanced pupils from all parts of the city.

We believe that the new schools, such as the Simcoe street school and the Collegiate Institute, are connected with the sewers, but there are other schools in the city, such as the Coburne street school, which is on part of the old Central School grounds, in just the same condition as when the old Central School itself was built in 1849. The city has made considerable progress since then, and what suited the city before we had any sewers, or any waterworks, does not suit now.

It would be bad enough now if these closets were kept as clean and in as good repair as they used to be, but when it becomes necessary for those living in the vicinity of a school to band together and threaten action, as was the case with the Coburne street school, then they are a serious menace to the health of the children and of the people living in the vicinity of such schools. This is not the fault of any official, but of the system.

The present condition is not as bad as it was. During one summer it was allowed to remain in a disgraceful condition, and one dangerous to life; and to add insult to injury, the scrapings of the street were dumped between the sidewalk and the fence, there to dry into dust and blow in every direction. There is no attempt made to sod or level that part, and apparently no interest is taken in the appearance of the schools or the condition of the trees

or grounds. The time was when the trees were protected by a fence, but all that is past, and carelessness reigns. We do not object so much to letting the trees take their chances, but we do object to the scrapings off the street being dumped there in heaps; and worst of all, that closets of that description should be permitted by the health inspectors. The health inspector might remedy it. The trustees are responsible for it.

If a citizen leaves any garbage in his back lot he is quickly told to remove it, and yet the Board of Education is allowed to still maintain in public schools closets dangerous to health, which by connection with the sewers could be made much more sanitary.

Of course, no absolute proof can be given of the cause of sickness. We contend that probable causes should be removed. A couple of months ago over ten cases of diphtheria existed within two blocks. The cause might have been the sewers, or it might have been the closets, or possibly some other cause; but who wants little children's lives lost, or their health impaired for life, or to put them to the suffering of such a dreadful disease when the means of prevention are so simple?

It would be far better to do without many things on which money is spent, than for the sake of the expense to let such public nuisances exist in the city. Every one is interested in this, and we trust fair play will be given to all sections of the city by the School Board, and that no further reference to the subject will be necessary.

The interesting news is cabled from France that only in three years in the century has the yield of wine been greater in France than this year. In gallons it is 1,460,000,000. Last year it was only 1,057,000,000 gallons. The Frenchman will have plenty to drink as well as to export this year, but we suppose much of it will be adulterated, as usual, big yield or small.

Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, the great railway men, have agreed to give free sites for Presbyterian churches along the whole length of their line from Port Arthur to Prince Albert, N. W. T. They are Presbyterians, and in their work they have apparently learned to appreciate the value of religious ordinances.

River Water Cleans Itself.

So much has been said in recent years about the question of river water, and the effect of depositing impurities in it, that a recent inquiry made by eminent scientists at Chicago will be of much interest to our readers. The Chicago health authorities empowered Dr. E. O. Jordan, bacteriologist of the University of Chicago, Prof. Palmer and Burrill, of the University of Illinois, and Dr. Adolph Gehrman, director of the Chicago health department laboratory, to test the water in the drainage canal that carries off the sewage from that city. They were also instructed to test the water in the Des Plaines, Illinois, and Mississippi Rivers, into which the canal conveys the waste water, both before and after the opening of the canal, and their report lends strong support to the belief that running water rapidly purifies itself. The scientists named procured samples of water from 24 stations along the rivers as far as St. Louis, taking the samples for four months preceding and four months following the opening of the canal. They report that the water was purer in the second period than in the first, and they set Chicago laughing at St. Louis by asserting that the Mississippi River water, which furnishes the bulk of the domestic supply for St. Louis, is inferior to that in the Illinois River, which carries much of Chicago's sewage. Another interesting showing of the report is in the exclusively bacteriological investigation. Water from the Chicago end of the channel develops bacteria in very great numbers, but water taken from near the mouth of the Illinois River since the drainage canal opened shows hardly any bacteria at all. That indicates with remarkable certainty the purification that the water has undergone in its course to the streams. Experience with our own Thames backs up this conclusion. When the water is permitted to run it very soon cleanses itself of any impurities that may get into it. Nature has provided for that.

The Ottawa Journal opposes the granting of perpetual civic charters to any company or individual. Our contemporary is on the right track. No charter should be made for all time, and indeed the shorter the term the more it will be in the public interest.

Isn't the
Ontario Mutual
the Best?

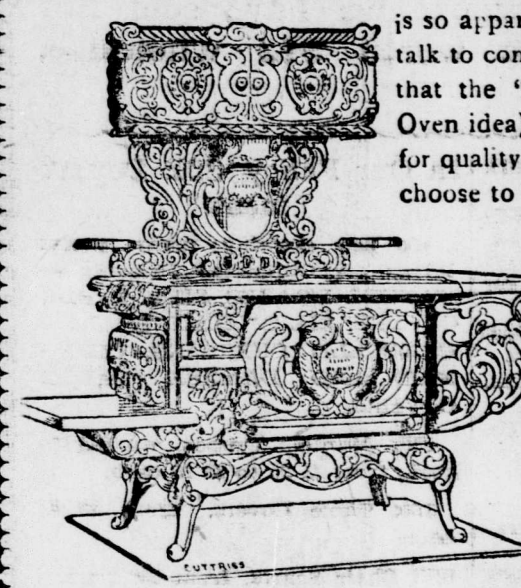
merchant asked him the name of his company, and was told "The Mutual Life of Canada." He at once replied, "Well, but isn't the Ontario Mutual the best?"

If its splendid financial standing and its unequalled results to policyholders are the test, the inquiry is true, The Ontario Mutual is best.

The Mutual Life of Canada (Formerly The Ontario Mutual Life)
C. E. German, General Agent, 421 Richmond Street.

Last week one of my agents called upon a prominent business man to canvass him for insurance. The

"Souvenir" Superiority



is so apparent that it takes mighty little talk to convince. And is it any wonder that the "Souvenir" (with its Asrated Oven idea) should be made the standard for quality from whatever point one may choose to view it? Merit will get to the top—and "Souvenir" popularity proves it. The best by test and comparison; most economical—most durable—best appointed—most perfect cooker and baker—handsomely fitted—for general good service without a fault.

Will you take time to examine the "Souvenir"? Sold everywhere—and one will last a lifetime.

WM. WYATT & SON, Local Agents,

335 and 337 TALLMANT STREET, LONDON.

THE GURNEY TILDEN CO., Limited, HAMILTON.

Wholesale Branches—Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg.

Grocery and Crockery
Department in
Basement.

THE RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE CO.

208, 210, 210½, 212 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON, ONT.

The New Idea
Patterns=10c

Special Unloading Sale for One Week

Mantle Department

Out of our immense stock of Mantles only 2.0 left. These have been given marching orders, and for the next few days our Mantle Section will be lively.

SEE THE UNDER-MENTIONED BARGAINS.

ALL JACKETS at \$4.50, \$5.25 and \$5.50, this season's goods, black, fawn, navy and gray, smooth and rough cloths. FOR ONE WEEK YOUR CHOICE
\$3 90.

ALL JACKETS at \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$7.50, this season's goods, black, brown, navy and fawn. FOR ONE WEEK YOUR CHOICE
\$5 00.

ALL JACKETS at \$7.50, \$7.90 and \$8.50, this season's goods, fawn, black and moose shades. FOR ONE WEEK YOUR CHOICE
\$5 90.

ALL JACKETS at \$8.50 and \$10.00, this season's styles, in fawn and black. FOR ONE WEEK YOUR CHOICE
\$7 50.

ALL JACKETS at \$12, \$13.50 and \$15, this season's styles, black, fawn, navy and gray. FOR ONE WEEK YOUR CHOICE
\$10 00.

ALL JACKETS at \$20, \$22.50 and \$25, this season's styles, black, fawn and gray. FOR ONE WEEK YOUR CHOICE
\$15 00.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

Very mild, unseasonable weather. Stock too heavy. Sales not what we expected. Prices cut away down for one week. Here are particulars:

Mens Double-breasted Oxford Gray, Navy and Black Dress Overcoats, big value at \$10.
Cut Price, \$7 90

Mens Heavy Weight Brown Whigford Overcoats, wide facings, regular price \$6.50.
Cut Price, \$5 45

Mens Navy, Black and Gray Dress Overcoats, this season's newest style, extra value at our regular price, \$10, one week only, big
Cut Price, \$8 50

Mens Fine Clay Twill Serge Suits, in navy and black, single and double-breasted, regular \$7.50.
Cut Price, \$5 95

Mens Heavy Weight All-wool Tweed Suits, double and single-breasted, regular \$5.50 and \$10.
Cut Price, \$6 00

Boys' Three-piece Suits, double and single-breasted, finest tweeds, new patterns, were \$5.
Cut Price, \$3 99

Children's Fancy Vestee Suits, all new styles, this season's novelties, regular \$4 and \$4.50.
Cut Price, \$3 00

Mens Heavy Weight Tweed Trousers, very neat new patterns, regular \$2.50 and \$2.75.
Cut Price, \$1 95

Everything in Clothing Cut in Price for One Week.

Blanket Section.

ALL WOOL BLANKET, \$2.18.—For one week we will offer an All-wool Heavy Blanket, lofty finish, soft and free from grease, for only, per pair.
\$2 18.

LARGE WHITE BLANKETS, \$2.38.—For one week only we will offer a 66x86 Wool Blanket, lofty finish, soft and inodorous, for only per pair.
\$2 38.

LARGE WOOL BLANKET, \$2.45.—For one week only we will offer a 66x86 Wool Blanket, soft finish and inodorous, for only, per pair.
\$2 45.

ALL-WOOL BLANKET, \$2.75.—For one week only we will offer the "Perfect" All-wool Blanket, size 68x74, lofty finish, soft and inodorous, for only, per pair.
\$2 75.

ALL-WOOL BLANKET, \$3.90.—For one week only we will offer a special line, All-wool Blankets, size 66x86, lofty finish, fine, soft and inodorous, for only, per pair.
\$3 90.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

One Hundred and Eighty-Three Pieces Dress Goods at 1-2 and 1-4 Off Regular Prices.

No. 1 Table, Choice 35c

20 pieces All-Wool Tweed, 44 inches wide 50c
10 pieces Home spun Twill, 54 inches wide 75c
15 pieces Plain Home spun, 38 inches wide 70c
15 pieces Plain Amazon, 44 inches wide 50c

YOUR CHOICE THIS LOT, 35c.

Table No. 2, Choice 50c

13 pieces Camelhair Plaid, 44 inches 90c
1 piece Home spun Twill, 54 inches \$1 00
15 pieces Plain Cheviot Suiting, 46 inches 75c
15 pieces Tweed Suiting, 46 inches 70c

YOUR CHOICE THIS LOT, 50c.

No. 3 Table, Choice 75c

10 pieces Cheviot Suiting, 46 inches 95c
10 pieces Home spun Twill, 54 inches \$1 25
10 pieces Cheviot Suiting, 54 inches \$1 00
1 piece Cheviot, camelhair finish \$1 00
15 pieces Broadcloth, two-tone effects \$1 25

YOUR CHOICE THIS LOT, 75c.

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY'S AND MONDAY'S SELLING.

Mantles	Ribbons	Flannel Waists	Kid Gloves	Boys' Hose	Corsets
42 of Last Season's Ladies' Jackets, were \$3.50 to \$10 each. Saturday, each \$1.95, \$2.50 and \$5.00	Pure Silk Ribbons, 2 to 4 inches wide, shades of pink, navy, royal, heliotrope, brown, cardinal, regular price 15c to 25c. Saturday, per yard 10c	Ladies' French Flannel Waists, cream, cardinal, garnet and black, regular price \$2.75; Saturday \$1.75	Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, black and all shades, sizes 5½ to 7½, warranted, 11 gloves. Saturday, per pair 75c	Boys' Heavy Wool, Ribbed Hose, sizes 8½, 9, 9½, regular price 40c; Saturday, per pair 30c	Ladies' Long Waist, Short Hip, 75c Corset; Saturday 50c
Handkerchiefs	Ladies' Knit Underwear	Children's Ulsters	Kid Gloves	Ladies' Gowns	Flannelettes
25 Dozen Ladies' Fine White Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 2½c value. Saturday 2 for 25c	Ladies' 20c Wool Vests and Drawers. Saturday, each 20c	Children's small size Ulsters and Jackets, were \$2.50 to \$4; Saturday, each \$1.00	Ladies' Kid Gloves, black, white, and all wanted shades, sizes 5½ to 7½, regular price 75c; Saturday, per pair 50c	Ladies' \$1 Flannelette Gowns, lace trimmed, Saturday 75c	Special Line Fancy Flannelette, assorted colors, sprays, figures, etc., regular price 10c and 12½c; to clear 7½c

Reduced Prices Carpet Dept.

Any of our best 50c Tapestry Carpet for 40c
Any of our best 6 c T Tapestry Carpet for 52c
Any of our best 7 c T Tapestry Carpet for 60c
Any of our best 8 c Brussels Carpet for 75c
Any of our best \$1 Brussels Carpet for 82c
Any of our \$5 and \$6 Elder Cornerers \$4.50

Men's Furnishings

Mens Scotch Wool Underwear, in all sizes, heavy-weight ribbed shirts, double-breasted. Very special value 50c
Mens very fine and heavy-weight Underwear, new brown shade, fleeced with lambswool. Very special value Saturday 75c
Mens Kid Gloves and Moose Lined Gloves, done fasteners, and with gusset. Extra value Saturday \$1.00
Mens heavy-weight Unlaundered Shirts, four-ply bosoms, continuous facings. Saturday 35c

3 Shoe Bargains for Saturday

Strictly High-Class Footwear.

Assorted lot Ladies' Lace and Button Boots, in all sizes, American makes, regular \$3 and \$3.50. Saturday \$2.40
Ladies' Very Fine Kid Shoes, button and lace; also tan, high-cut, Lace Boots; regular \$2.50 to \$3. Saturday \$1.80
Fine Dongola Lace and Button Shoes, for ladies' fine wear, in all sizes; regular \$2. Saturday for \$1.45
200 Paris Ladies' First Quality 60c Rubbers, Granby make. Saturday 35c

No Cripe, Pain

Or discomfort, or irritation of the bowels—big gentle, prompt, thorough laxative—Hood's Pills.

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

THE MARKETS.

Local Market.
A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.
London, Friday, Dec. 7.
Wheat, white, per bu. 62c to 63c
Wheat, red, per bu. 62c to 63c
Oats, per bu. 25c to 27c
Peas, per bu. 49c to 57c
Barley, per bu. 33c to 41c
Rye, per bu. 42c to 45c
Buckwheat, per bu. 41c to 43c
Beans, per bu. 30c to 31 1/2c

The receipts were light today. Oats sold from 75c to 90c, and wheat at 1 1/2c per cental. Hay in good supply, at 35c to 38 per ton. Quotations:

GRAIN.
Wheat, white, fall per 100 lbs. 1 05 @ 1 06
Wheat, red, fall per 100 lbs. 1 05 @ 1 06
Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs. 1 05 @ 1 06
Oats, per 100 lbs. 25 @ 27
Peas, per 100 lbs. 49 @ 57
Barley, per 100 lbs. 33 @ 41
Rye, per 100 lbs. 42 @ 45
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs. 41 @ 43
Beans, per 100 lbs. 30 @ 31 1/2

HOGS.
Hogs, light, per 100 lbs. 5 25 @ 5 50
Hogs, heavy, per 100 lbs. 4 00 @ 4 50
Pigs, young, per pair 3 50 @ 4 00
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs. 7 50 @ 8 50
Dressed hogs, 120 lbs. 7 50 @ 8 50
Hog, per lb. 7 50 @ 8 50

For Housekeepers.

PROVISIONS.
Butter, per lb. 22 @ 23
Butter, per 100 lbs. 22 @ 23
Butter, creamery, per lb. 22 @ 23
Lard, per lb. 10 @ 12
Eggs, per doz. 12 @ 13
Apples, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00

WHOLESALE DEALERS' PRICES.

Butter, creamery, per lb. 22 @ 23
Butter, country, per lb. 22 @ 23
Lard, per lb. 10 @ 12
Eggs, per doz. 12 @ 13
Apples, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00

POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb. 8 @ 9
Ducks, per lb. 5 @ 6
Geese, per lb. 4 @ 5
Chickens, per lb. 4 @ 5
Squabs, per lb. 4 @ 5

FRUIT.

Apples, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00
Oranges, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00
Grapes, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00
Pears, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00
Plums, per bushel 1 50 @ 2 00

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bag 30 @ 35
Cauliflower, per doz. 30 @ 35
Cabbage, per doz. 30 @ 35
Onions, per bag 30 @ 35
Carrots, per bag 30 @ 35
Savory and Sage, per doz. 15 @ 20
Fennel, per doz. 15 @ 20
Artichokes, per doz. 15 @ 20
Vegetable soup, per bag 30 @ 35

MEAT, HIDES, ETC.

Beef, per lb. 6 @ 7
Mutton, per lb. 6 @ 7
Lamb, per lb. 6 @ 7
Pork, per lb. 6 @ 7
Hides, per lb. 6 @ 7
Kills, per lb. 6 @ 7
Tallow, per lb. 6 @ 7
Skins, per lb. 6 @ 7
Hoofs, per lb. 6 @ 7
Bones, per lb. 6 @ 7

NEW Cuckweed Flour

(Wholesale and Retail.)

HAMILTON'S, 343 Talbot St., near King St.

St. Thomas Market.

St. Thomas, Nov. 21.—Wheat, per bu. 62c to 63c; Oats, 25c to 27c; Peas, 40c to 45c; Barley, 35c to 40c; Rye, 40c to 45c; Buckwheat, 40c to 45c; Timothy, 35c to 40c.

The Oil Market.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 6.—Oil opened at 11 1/2c.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 6.—Oil closed at 11 1/2c.

Oil, Dec. 6.—Oil—Credit balances, \$107; certificates, closed, \$11 10 for cash oil.

English Markets.

Rule prices for the past week's market—

The following table shows quotations for wheat at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given.

	Dec. 3.	Dec. 4.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 6.
WHEAT—				
1st Winter.	6 0	6 0 1/2	6 1	6 1 1/2
2nd Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
3rd Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
4th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
5th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
6th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
7th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
8th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
9th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2
10th Winter.	5 11 1/2	5 11 1/2	5 12	5 12 1/2

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Wheat was weak today on lower cables and a poor shipping demand. Futures closing 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c.

Lower. Corn closed a shade to 1/2c higher, and oats 1/2c lower. Provisions at the close were 2 1/2c to 3 1/2c improved.

The seaboard reported 15 loads taken for export. Clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 490,000 bushels.

Primary receipts aggregated 158,000 bushels, compared with 673,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 583 cars against 499 a year ago.

Local receipts were 116 cars, 30 of contract grade. Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 80 cars; corn, 155 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 26,000 head.

The grain future closes as follows: Wheat—

Dec. 7, 7 1/2c; Jan. 7 1/2c; May 7 1/2c; Corn—

Dec. 7, 3 1/2c; Jan. 3 1/2c; May 3 1/2c; Oats—

Dec. 7, 2 1/2c; Jan. 2 1/2c; May 2 1/2c; Pork—

Dec. 7, 11 1/2c; Jan. 11 1/2c; May 11 1/2c; Lard—

Dec. 7, 25 1/2c; Jan. 25 1/2c; May 25 1/2c; Sugar—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Coffee—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Tea—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Rubber—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Gold—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Silver—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Copper—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Iron—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Steel—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Lead—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Zinc—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Tin—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Nickel—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Platinum—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Palladium—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Rhodium—

Dec. 7, 15 1/2c; Jan. 15 1/2c; May 15 1/2c; Iridium—

BAYLEY'S **SELLING-OUT SALE**

It's a genuine, clean, honest retiring-from-business sale we're conducting.

No Hoodwinking--No Trickery--No Reserve.

Whether you believe it or not, there's wonderful bargains here. Your neighbors know it. Ask them.

EVERYTHING BEEN CLEARED

Table Linens and Napkins

Fine qualities at about half price.

Black and Colored Dress Goods

Superb stock; frightful reductions.

Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear

At less than makers' cost.

Millinery

Looks like giving it away.

BAYLEY'S

LABOR UNIONS ARE GROWING **\$17,000 FOR HON. A. S. HARDY.**

Compers Tells How the Federation of Labor is Progressing.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 6.—President Compers presented his annual report to the American Federation of Labor today.

The past year has witnessed a most remarkable growth in organization among the workers. We have issued 14 charters to national and international unions, 5 to state federations of labor, and 96 to city central labor unions.

We had on Oct. 31 last 82 national and international unions, 16 state federations, 206 city central labor unions.

Our movement seeks and has to a considerable extent secured a dominant position in the number of strikes, the character of strikes rises with lack of organization, and the extent and power of the labor union movement.

The alien labor law has been a great help to the workers, and it is a great help to the workers, and it is a great help to the workers.

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