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Provincial Exhibition.

The Prince Edward Island agricultural and industrial exhibition, which opens at the exhibition grounds on Tuesday the 23rd inst., and continues during the 24th, 25th, and 26th, will be the centre of attraction for our farmers, and all others engaged in any industry, as it will be for all sight-seers and lovers of sport.

It is by visiting such an exhibition as this that our farmers and mechanics are enabled to compare the different methods pursued in these various avocations and estimating the value of the respective results obtained.

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are told, are to guarantee an issue of the company's bonds at 5 per cent payable in 30 years, and to exempt the company from taxation. Whatever agreement may be reached to be ratified by the Legislature.

letter to Hon. W. B. Ives, the then Minister of Trade and Commerce, pointed out the magnitude of their proposed operations. The letter speaks for itself:
"MONTRÉAL, June 9th, 1896.
"Sir,
" In submitting our tender for the new Mail Service we have to explain that it is our purpose not only to provide the mail service but to cojoin with it the numerous cargo and passenger services of the Allan Line, and greatly to enlarge and improve these.

It is obvious that the maintenance and expansion of these Canadian services are of great importance to the trade of the Dominion.
" The proposed undertaking will greatly exceed in extent any existing service between Great Britain and the American continent. It will involve the expenditure of much money, the conversion of the Allan Line into a company under the Limited Liability Act, and the completion of several important negotiations.

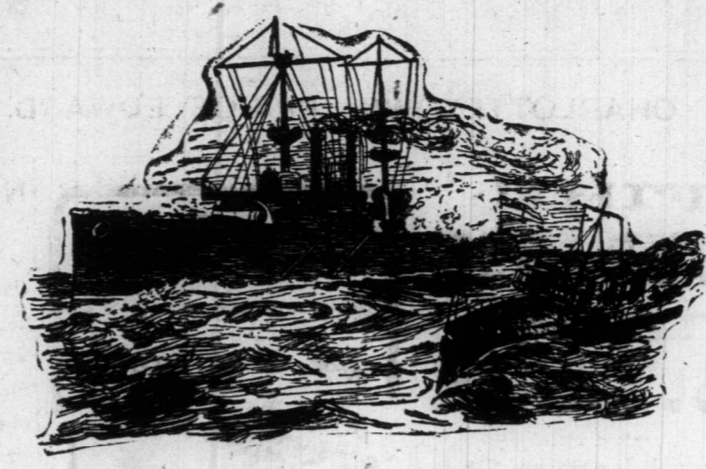
Only a Mask.
Many are not benefited by the summer vacation as they should be. Now, notwithstanding much outdoor life, they are little if any stronger than they were.

Calendar for Sept., 1902.
New Moon, 2nd day, 0h., 55m., m.
First Quarter, 9th day, 5h., 51m., a.m.
Full Moon, 17th day, 2h., 0m., a.m.
Last Quarter, 24th day, 0h., 7m., m.

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THE HERALD'S SCOOP-NET

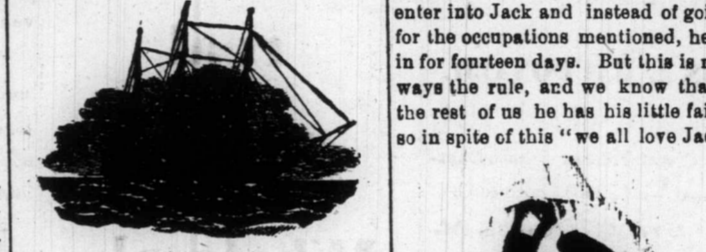
CONDUCTED BY TOM A. HAWKE.



TWO TYPES OF MODERN WARSHIP—BATTLESHIP AND TORPEDO BOAT.

ON BOARD THE "ARIADNE."

On the 9th of August, 1860, the 28 gun frigate Ariadne, arrived in Charlottetown harbor, along with the big 91-gun ship Hero, the latter bearing on board his Royal Highness, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, better known nowadays as King Edward VII., of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British dominions beyond the seas, and a good many more things.



AN OLD TIMER.

I wonder what the Prince would have thought had he seen the present Ariadne placed alongside the old Ariadne at that time.

Today your humble servant paid a visit to the flag-ship. You feel a sort of respect as you approach the big fighter in a ten-foot row-boat. Just look at that row of guns frowning on the foredeck part of the ship.

Men felt hats at Weeks & Co. We are having a splendid sale of our Christy Hats this year beating all other year's hallow. We give the best value and have a big stock of the latest styles to choose from.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.
LOTTERY.
The drawing of the lottery in aid of the building fund of the new parochial house at St. Ann's, Hope River, intended for July 3rd, will take place

On Wednesday, September 17th, inst.
It is intended to have a Picnic in connection with the drawing, when luncheons, fruits and temperate drinks will be supplied in abundance.

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Itching Skin Commercial

Distress by day and night. That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. They can't.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
It was taken with an itching on my arms which proved very disagreeable. I concluded it was salt rheum and bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. In two days after I began taking it I felt better and it was not long before I was cured. Have never had any skin disease since." Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md.

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.
JAS. LONERGAN, Proprietor.
June 25, 1902.—14

The Top in Quality!

We aim to supply our customers with the best of everything in our line and at the right prices. This accounts in a great measure for our growing trade.

Teas and Coffee

In no part of Canada is there more Tea consumed in proportion to population than in P. E. Island, and in no other part of Canada is Tea sold as cheap. We pay particular attention to this branch of our business. Our "Eureka Blend" is having a very large sale. This Tea we have blended especially for our retail trade, and we claim that there is no better Tea on the market at 25 cents per lb.

R. F. Maddigan & Co.

ITS Money Saved
TO BUY YOUR Summer Furnishings At D. A. BRUCE'S

Besides the satisfaction gained in receiving just what you desire in the very latest and most novel styles of Ties, Underwear, Hats, Straw and Felt, the newest patterns for Negligee and Outings. Summer Hosiery in black and stripes. Don't forget we sell

READY-MADE CLOTHING

Of our own manufacture for less money than is asked for imported goods. Wool Wanted
D. A. BRUCE.

ROBERT PALMER & CO.

Charlottetown Sash and Door Factory.
With experienced workmen and first-class machinery, we are prepared to supply contractors and others with Doors and Frames; Sashes and Frames, Interior and Exterior Finish, etc.

Grocery News

Perhaps you are dissatisfied with your Groceries and are paying prices which should secure you better value. Have you ever purchased goods in our store? if not just begin. You may find reason to become a customer. We have lots of good and tasty things to please any person and sell at "live and let-live" prices.

JAS. KELLY & CO.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.
Cash paid for all the Eggs you bring us.

Stanley Bros.

Enormous Reductions on Summer Goods.

A lot of pretty Dress Muslins at 10 cts. per yard

Those Muslins are all this year's importation, good colors and splendid weavers—worth 14 cents, 16 cents and 20 cents per yard.

Ladies' Hats 25c. each

About 150 in black, colored and white—worth up to \$1.00 each.

Shirt Waists 50c. each

This lot includes regular 75 cent and 85 cent Waists, lots of them worth \$1.00.

A lot of old Ladies' Dolmans at 99c. each

And hundreds of other bargains.

Stanley Bros.

NEW GOODS For Fall Trade

We expect a big trade this fall. Times are good, prices are good, and crops on the whole are said to be above the average. We have bought a big stock in preparation for a big trade, and its coming in every day. Some of the new goods are

NEW BOX CLOTHS, Friezes & Mixed Effects,

Most deservedly popular this year, are shown in large quantities. All the latest shades in plain and mixed colors. Zibeline effects, very handsome, something of a camel hair effect, Chevoits, Serges and some very stylish rough effects in black goods.

Ladies' Swell New Felts For Fall, 1902,

Are now in and are really very beautiful. Mostly rough effects to harmonize with the prevailing styles in Dress Goods. See them in our Millinery Department.

For the Men

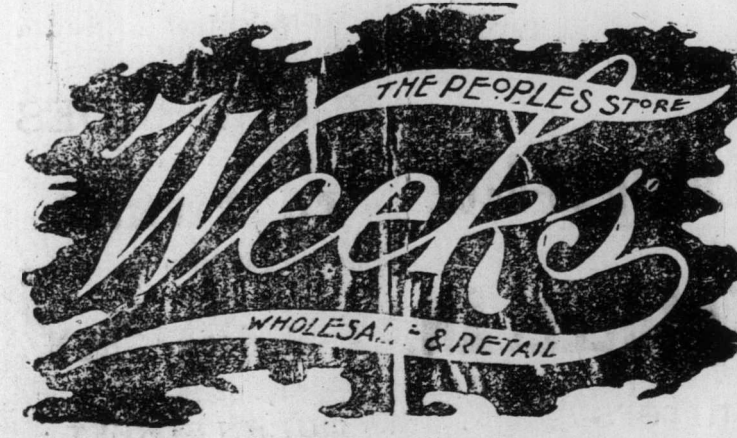
New Christy Hats FALL 1902 STYLES.

When you are reading this paper we will be opening our New Hats. We have had a big trade this year, and expect a good fall trade. The reason is the excellence of the hats we sell, the low prices we ask for them and the variety we keep for your selection. We're always glad to show you our hats, and don't forget to get one of those Handy Cleaners free with every Hat. Cost you nothing but the asking.

New Cloth Caps.

Our stock is complete for fall in the cap department. We have the leading shapes, best qualities and marked at low prices. If you want a cap have a look at them. Costs nothing to look.

New Underwear, New Shirts, New Collars, New Ties, Braces, Hose, Top Shirts, etc



LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Six thousand more harvesters are required in the North West.

The writ for an election in the Yukon has been issued. The election will be on Dec. 2nd.

FOUND.—Where you can get something good is right quick—at the Commercial Cafe, Queen St., next A. E. McEwen's boot store.

Officers and men of the Canadian mounted infantry, to the number of 238 sailed last week from Liverpool on the Elder Dempster liner Lake Erie.

Hon. D. Gordon's new barganettes which it will be remembered caught on the launchways a few weeks ago was successfully floated on Friday.

Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger, Shamrock 111, is now building at Denny's yard, Dumbarton. It is expected that she will be launched in December.

WANTED.—A second-hand safe in good order. Any person having such for sale should apply to S. C. Clark, Mount Stewart.—31

LORD Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen have given a joint gift of \$50,000 yearly to the London journals have made much favorable comment on the matter. It is agreed that the gift will prove of the highest service in the advancement of the healing science.

A TELEGRAM to the secretary of the Abegweit from E. H. Brown, secretary of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association states that there will be no polo vault at the Canadian championships. This news has caused much disappointment among our boys, as they intended to send Wm. Halpinay, the Island champion to compete in these sports.

ISLAND cheese makers did well at the St. John Exhibition. In white cheese, J. W. Hazlett, Cornwall won 1st, with 99 points out of a possible 100, and Lorne A. Gibson, Dunstaffnage, second with 98 1/2 points. In colored cheese, E. L. Head, of Hazelbrook was first with 99 points and C. J. Cook, New Perth, second with 98 1/2 points.

THE Commercial Cafe, on Queen Street, James Lomergan, proprietor has been removed a little further down the street, to the store lately occupied by Antoine Vincent, sculptor, directly opposite the Herald office. In his new quarters Mr. Lomergan will be ready at all hours of the future, as in the past to cater to the wants of the inner man.

A SAD drowning accident occurred at Heatherdale last Wednesday, the victim being Willie, the three year old son of Mr. Malcolm L. McPhee. The little fellow wandered from the house and straggled down to a stream, the head of Mr. McPhee, where he fell in, with the sad result mentioned. He was soon raised and on search being made his body was found in the pond.

A RICHMOND, N. B. despatch of the 6th says: William Fongers a seaman on the schooner Fanny Young, met with a fatal accident at Rexton on Monday evening. He left the vessel and started to walk up the run at Burns mill. He slipped on one of the rollers and fell, striking his side on a timber. He lived till yesterday morning. The deceased was aged fifty-seven and belonged to Montague P. E. Island, where he leaves a wife and six children. The schooner sailed with the remains last evening.

H. M. TORRENT boat destroyer Rocket arrived in this port on Friday afternoon. The Rocket is a smaller craft than the Quail which sailed last year. She has a crew of 45 men, including 29 stokers and was built for 27 knots an hour. The cruisers Ariadne and Indefatigable arrived here on Saturday afternoon. The Ariadne was launched at Clydebank in 1898. She is the largest ship which has ever been in this harbor, being 462 1/2 feet in length, which is 2 1/2 feet longer than the Manchester Commerce, which sailed here for England in July. The Ariadne can go 20 1/2 knots an hour.

THE Department of Agriculture Ottawa, has now been officially advised that two parties of Borer farmers have been selected to tour throughout Canada, New Zealand and Australia for the purpose of getting information in regard to agriculture. One of these parties is from the commandos which left last year at St. Helena with Crows and the other from Ceylon. They will leave for Canada at once. The British Government are anxious that they should see this country before the winter sets in. Each party will have a guide and the Department of Agriculture here will furnish an official to select the districts which they will visit and to direct them in their tour.

ONE of the biggest fires in Charlottetown for some time broke out about 2.30 p. m. yesterday in the factory of W. W. Harper, builder and contractor, Fitzroy St. Owing to a misunderstanding in the telephone message the fireman took the wrong direction and as a consequence the fire had gained great headway. When they arrived on the scene the building was a whole mass of flame. The brigade had great difficulty in preventing the fire from spreading and several buildings in the vicinity were badly scorched. At 3.25 the fire was under control. The fire started in the boiler room from the furnace. The loss is a heavy one to Mr. Harper. In the building was much valuable machinery, including planer, moulder, box-planer, circular saw, valued at over \$5,000 with only about \$700 insurance. The building was erected in 1898.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Cheese Board Friday morning the largest quantity of cheese offered this season was boarded. At noon the only sale was Red House 75, New Perth 280, Gowan Brae 140, Dundas 230, at 91 cents to Millon & Spillist. The board adjourned to meet at 2. The following bulletin was boarded: Montreal, firmer and higher; English market, firm and advancing; Montreal, 91 to 10; London 49 to 50. Prockville cleared at 10 cents. The following cheese remained at noon: Lakerville 90, Stanley Bridge 228, St. Peter's 130, New Glasgow 170, Wiltshire 175, Cornwall 115, New Dominion 120, Union 250, Orwell 275, East River 84, Cardigan 110, Red Point 117, Hillsboro' 250, Dunstaffnage 190, Emerald 385, Mount Stewart 140, Hazelbrook 300, Winsloe 13, O'Leary 75. The buyers present were W. H. Atkins, John Whalley, R. E. Spillist, A. J. Biffin, Geo. E. Auld and Horace Hazard.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

At the next meeting of the City Council, Councillor Moore will propose a repeal of the Curfew Law.

The published conditions of the horse races to be held on the Charlottetown Driving Park on the 24th and 25th of September, inst., stated that "no horse barred by record made after 18th September." This condition has been changed and a new condition made in its place as follows: "No horse barred by record made after 2nd September."

A GRAND ball at Government House on Monday night was a suitable, culmination of the round of festivities and amusements held in honor of the visiting war ships. The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. McIntyre entertained a large party at the ball in their proverbial generous fashion. Splendid music was furnished and dancing was kept up till after midnight. All present enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

C. M. B. A.—Pictures of the C. M. B. A. group taken on the steps of St. Dunstan's Cathedral, by Mr. E. R. Turner, photographer, on Argus 29th, are now about completed. The photographs are first-class, all the figures showing up very well. No consent of the visit of the C. M. B. A. Grand Officers can equal one of these photos, and every member of that group should have one. The price of the picture is 50 cents, and any one desirous of procuring one should address without delay, Mr. E. R. Turner, Charlottetown. All who have seen the picture pronounce it one of the best group photos ever taken here. Mr. Turner is a first-class artist and the assembled C. M. B. A. Brothers were fortunate in securing him for their photographer.

The ceremony of blessing the new bell recently purchased for St. Joseph's church, Morrell, was performed on Sunday last, by his Lordship, Bishop McDonald. High Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. J. Cole of Halifax and an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Sinnott. There was a large congregation in attendance. The new bell is pronounced a magnificent one weighing upwards of fourteen hundred pounds. It cost in the vicinity of six hundred dollars. The pastor, Rev. Father McAuley and the congregation of St. Joseph's deserve every praise for procuring such a splendid bell, and are to be congratulated on the success attending the ceremony of its blessing.

The annual athletic competition between the boys of the two city schools, West Kent Street and Queen Square, took place on Saturday afternoon at the C. A. A. grounds, West Kent coming out ahead this year. In military drill the pupils of both schools have improved greatly since last year. The result of the inspection by Major Weeks and Capt. McDonald was that 46 points were awarded to West Kent and 40 to Queen Square. The athletic events were all warmly contested, and when the points were totalled up it was found that the trophy had been won by West Kent with 162 points, Queen Square scoring 124 points. The trophy will be held by the former school till next season. The silver cup donated by P. S. Brown for the best all-round athlete was won by Walter McLean of West Kent.

The Exhibition management have secured several rare attractions, among them being the wonderful bicycle which has created so great a sensation throughout the United States and Upper Canada. The performance is a most thrilling one, and is an exhibition of skill of the highest order. The barrel act is also a very clever manipulation act and affords much pleasure to the onlooker. In addition to the above there will be presented the side-splitting comedy act known as Fun on a Clothes Line, also the trick-bicycle performance, an extremely clever act showing the wonderful control of a bicycle in the hands of a professional. Everyone should make a point to see these exceptionally good performances on exhibition days when in front of the grand stand in both the afternoon and evening performances will be given in other parts of Canada where they have been produced they have attracted numerous crowds day after day.

During August J. B. McDonald & Co. are giving tremendous bargains in clothing dry goods, boots and shoes. Read their adv. and if you go to town be sure and call and buy. You will save money by doing so.

New Fruit Syrups.

We have just received a new lot of Fruit Syrups. The varieties include:—

- Lemon,
- Pineapple,
- Strawberry,
- Raspberry,
- Lime Fruit,
- Raspberry
- Vinegar.
- Lemon Ginger-ette.

The prices range from 10c to 35 cents a bottle.

BEER & GOFF, GROCERS.

Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public Auction, on Wednesday, September 10th, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the Law Office of Messrs. J. B. McDonald & Co., in the Town of Charlottetown, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Twenty-third day of May, 1902, and made between Alexander McDonald, of Halifax, Hope, Lee or Township Number Fifty-six, in King's Co., in the Province of Nova Scotia, of the one part, and Credit-Foncier Franco-Canadien, of the other part:

All that piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being on Lot or Township number Fifty-six, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at the southeast angle of three hundred and two acres of land purchased by James McDonald from the late Thomas Heath Haviland, and conveyed to him by Deed from Thomas Heath Haviland and wife, and George W. DeLois and wife, and running thence north along the eastern boundary thereof five chains, thence west parallel with the southern boundary thereof one hundred chains, to the western boundary of the said three hundred and two acres of land; thence south five chains to the southern boundary thereof; and thence east along said boundary to the place of commencement, containing fifty acres of land, a little more or less.

Also all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on Lot or Township number Fifty-six, aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the eastern boundary line of three hundred and two acres of land formerly held by the said James McDonald, and conveyed to him by Deed from Thomas Heath Haviland and wife, and George W. DeLois and wife, and running thence north along the eastern boundary of fifty acres of land, part thereof conveyed to Alexander McDonald, and running thence east along said boundary one hundred chains, to the southern boundary of fifty acres of land conveyed by the said James McDonald to Angus McDonald; thence east along said boundary one hundred chains to the aforesaid eastern boundary of the said three hundred and two acres of land; and thence south five chains and five links to the place of commencement, containing fifty acres of land, a little more or less, excepting the main road, passing through the same.

Also all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on Lot or Township number Fifty-six, aforesaid, bounded as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the western boundary line of land now or formerly held by James McDonald, and running thence north along the western boundary of the said land now or formerly held by James McDonald, and running thence east along the same to the said southern boundary of the said land now or formerly held by James McDonald; thence east along the same to the said eastern boundary of the said land now or formerly held by James McDonald; thence south five chains and five links to the place of commencement, containing fifty acres of land, a little more or less, excepting the main road, passing through the same.

For further particulars apply at the office of the Solicitor General, at Charlottetown, George Street, Charlottetown.

Dated this Twelfth day of August, A. D. 1902.

CREDIT-FONCIER FRANCO-CANADIEN, August 12th, 1902.—31

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A Great American Artist

Is doing the work for us, and is doing it in our own store, so if the Portrait does not please you, you can tell him so and he will make another at once. Bring us a photo. or a good tin type, buy two dollars worth of goods, get your ticket, go to the Artist's Studio upstairs, order your picture, and it will be done as soon as possible and you will be satisfied.

Why? How?

Why? Well, the reason why is because in the dull season of the year we're going to wake trade up a little. How? Oh, well that makes no difference, in fact we hardly know ourselves how we do it; but we do it, that's all you want to know.

BEER & GOFF, PROWSE BROS.

Auction Sale.

—OF— Farm Stock, Crops and Implements.

I am instructed by J. J. Hughes, Esq., Souris, to sell by Public Auction at Park Farm, on TUESDAY, Sept. 16th.

At 12 o'clock, noon.

The stock consisting of: 4 grade Guernsey Cows, 1 milk; 1 heifer, 2 years old; 1 Bull, 2 years old; 1 Bull, 3 years old; 1 Ox; 2 Calves; 1 horse, 13 years old; 1 brood mare in foal; 1 colt; 30 sheep, wethers; 1 brood sow, Yorkshire, 6 pigs. The crop consisting of 100 tons hay; 5 acres wheat; 15 acres oats; 3 acres barley. Farm implements consisting of 1 binder Noxon; 1 Branford mower; wheel rake; seeder; hay fork and carters; 2 rollers; 2 carts; 2 single driving wagons; 1 double wagon; 1 express wagon; 1 road cart; 1 box sleigh; 1 driving sleigh; 3 wood sleighs; 3 plows; 1 disc harrow; 1 spring tooth harrow; 2 spike harrows; 1 scuffer; a churn and lot of dairy utensils; 2 sets cart harness; 2 sets driving harness; 1 set team harness; collars, hames, etc., etc. Also, some household furniture. TERMS—All sums of Ten Dollars (\$10) and under, cash. Over \$10 and to the amount of \$50, three months credit. Over \$50 dollars 14 months credit on approval joint notes.

ALLAN BOISNER, Auctioneer, Souris, Aug. 18, 1902. Auctioneer, Sept. 3—21

P. E. ISLAND Agricultural & Industrial EXHIBITION!

CHARLOTTETOWN, From September 23rd to 26th. Open to Maritime Provinces. The largest Prize List yet. Over \$6,000 Offered in Prizes.

There will also be a number of interesting specialties. Live Stock, Dairy Products, Poultry, Fruit, Flowers and Manufactures. Entries close 15th September; other entries close 9th September. Live Stock judges will explain their awards. Illustrated lectures by experts on agricultural subjects almost all the time. A large lecture room provided on the grounds.

2-DAYS HORSE RACING—24th and 25th Sept. \$1,250 IN PURSES.

The fastest classes ever started on the Island. Cheap rates on railways and steamboats for the exhibits. The very lowest excursion rates on all railways and steamboats for visitors. For entry forms, prize lists, race programmes and all information address the secretary. F. L. HAZARD, C. R. SMALLWOOD, President. Secy Treas. Aug. 6, 1902—71

BIG DISCOUNT!

For August

Men's Clothing 33 1-3 off.

All our Men's Tweed Suits 33 1-3 per cent. off
All our Men's Serge Suits " " "
All our Men's Worsted Suits " " "
All our Men's Pants " " "
All Men's Overalls 25 per cent off
All Boys' Suits 33 1-3 off

Dress Goods.

Black and Colored Dress Goods 33 1-3 per cent. off.
Corsets, Gloves and Underwear 33 1-3 per cent. off.
Laces and Ribbons 33 1-3 per cent. off.
Print Cottons, White Cottons, 35 p. c. off; Grey Cotton and Flannellette, 25 p. c. off; Wrappers 33 1-3 p. c. off; Gents' Furnishings, do.; White and Colored Shirts, 33 1-3 p. c. off; Ties, Collars and Cuffs, 33 1-3 p. c. off; Hats and Caps, do.; Underwear, 25 p. c. off; Boots and Shoes, do. These are genuine discounts from regular marked prices.

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One Third Off.

On one of our centre tables you will find a lot of girls' and ladies' Waists that are as pretty and practical as girls or their mother could wish. Dainty, seasonable, in good variety and yet marked to sell at one third off the regular price.

.75 for	.50
1.00 "	.66
1.25 "	.82
1.50 "	1.00
1.75 "	1.16

And there is new, choice, dainty, beauty in every one.

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CHAPTER XIX.—(Continued.)

She gave me a questioning look out of her blue eyes, and went on silently and busily with her work, Frith handing her the leaves and blossoms as she required them.

The wreath was soon finished and we got up to go. I lifted Frith into the saddle and put the reins into his hand, for my horse was so gentle I knew he could be trusted with him. At first the boy rode along the narrow path at a foot's pace, in accordance with the injunctions of his sister, who followed with him. But as I had anticipated, this was too slow a mode of procedure for the active little fellow, who contrived with hand and foot to urge his steed into a trot, so that he was soon some distance ahead of us, for all Miss Mary might do or say.

I was not going to let slip the opportunity that thus presented itself, and with a beating heart I craved my companion's indulgence, begging her to listen to me for a few moments. She dropped her eyes with a conscious look, and began toying with my pony which she was carrying. When I tried to deliver the speech that I had prepared, I could not bring out a single sentence, although I am not generally at a loss for words. I stammered out a kind of apology, saying I was well aware that the present moment, when her father was only just laid in his grave, was no fitting time to speak on such a subject, but it was a question of now or never, as I was on the eve of leaving London for a long period, and perhaps should shortly quit the country for good and all. I was much gratified to perceive how startled Miss Mary was at this intelligence, for it showed me that I had been right in believing that she was not indifferent to me. Thus encouraged, without further preamble, I asked her could she love me a little, and might I cherish the hope, that when I was in a position to offer her a home, I might claim her for my bride?

She changed color, and two large tears rolled slowly down her cheeks, as she timidly answered: "Perhaps I ought not to reply to such a question in this season of bereavement, but if I am to ask my own heart, it will not say nay."

At these words heaven seemed open to me, and in my delight I wanted to take her in my arms. But this she would not allow; indeed she said perhaps she had already said too much, for she must make the stipulation that the consent of her grandmother should be asked, and until it was obtained there should be no more talk of love between us. To this I was obliged to agree; and little more was said until we reached the garden gate, where Frith, who had already taken my horse round to the stables, met us with the garland. We took it from him, and together went to hang it on the cross under the great oak.

Shortly after I repaired to the house and asked to see Mrs. Bellamy. I found her at needlework in a small built-out room; she received me very kindly, and asked me to sit down. After the exchange of the usual civilities I summoned up courage, seeing my nosegay in a glass on the table, to ask whether Miss Mary had received a message from me when she brought the flowers. The old lady laid down her work, and said her granddaughter told her that I had a word to say to her. Thereupon I opened my heart to her. She replied that as I remarked, within a week of her son's funeral, one would hardly choose to speak of love and marriage; but the exceptional circumstances under which we lived in England must be our excuse. "I tell you quite openly," she said, "that I have personally not a word to say against you. Our acquaintance is not one of long standing, but the events under which it is made, and all that has since occurred, have given me an insight into your character, showing you to be a staunch adherent of the Catholic faith, and possessed of all the qualities of heart and mind which I should wish to see in the husband I should choose for Mary. Since therefore you tell me, what indeed I have already found out for myself, that she loves you well enough to join her lot to yours, I will gladly consent to your union, as soon as you can provide her with a comfortable, though not a luxurious home."

I kissed the hand of the venerable dame, thanking her for her kind expressions in my regard, though I must acknowledge that in the goodness of her heart she much overrated my gifts and qualities. I stated it to be my determination to wait until my future was fully secured, before making Miss Mary a formal offer of marriage. Then I spoke of my project of settling abroad, on account of the difficulties that beset Catholics

in the practice of their religion in England, difficulties that every year became greater. I said I had deposited a considerable sum of money with a merchant in Cologne, and if later on matters took a turn for the better in our country, as I confidently believed they would, there would always be the small estate I had inherited from my mother in Cornwall to which to return. I asked if she would be prepared to take up her abode with us on the Rhine! She smiled sadly and shook her head, saying she was too old a tree to be transplanted, and she hoped her last resting place would be on English soil. Yet she approved of my plan.

We then spoke of the more immediate future. I told her that in a week's time I was going to Chartley as body physician to the Queen of Scots, at which she was very much astonished, instantly inquiring how I had obtained the post. She also put a great many other questions to me. I did not give her a hint of our plot, for I was sworn to secrecy; but she suspected the truth, and warned me against Babington, and any foolhardy schemes he might devise on behalf of the captive Queen. She also warned me against trusting Walsingham, in almost the same words Father Weston had employed. I promised to be very guarded in pledging myself to any design of which my conscience did not approve. Finally she said she would speak to her granddaughter, and give me a decided, she hoped a favorable answer, before my departure from Woxindon.

I thanked her, and was about to leave the room, when my little friend Frith came running in, to say that Babington had arrived, and had brought him a new beautiful velvet cap with a heron's feather. I then remembered that the host of the "Blue Boar" told me when I stopped there on my way out, that Babington had been there only a few hours before. Thinking of other things I had forgotten all about it, and did not in the least expect to meet him at Woxindon. The reason of his coming was to be explained later on.

Before supper time I went into the garden to take a few turns upon the terrace, to enjoy the fresh air and watch the setting sun. Just as I got out I saw Miss Anne coming from the outbuildings, very much heated, as if she had been walking quickly. She started on seeing me, and appeared at first as if she wished to avoid me; but the next minute she advanced to meet me with a pleasant greeting, while she stroked from her brow her somewhat disorderly hair. She had been for a ramble in the woods, she said, and had a beautiful view from thence, would I like to accompany her thither, to see the sunset? We should just have time before supper.

I willingly assented, and she guided me through the copse, already out in full leaf, to the old castle. We clambered over the ruined walls, covered with moss and all sorts of plants, until we reached the foot of the principal tower, whose massive stone walls, notwithstanding various cliffs and fissures, still bid defiance to wind and storm. I could perceive no means of gaining access to the tower, the doors of which were, as is frequently the case, at a considerable height from the ground, only to be reached from one of the adjacent buildings by means of a draw-bridge. The place where this had been was plainly discernible, amid the ivy that clothed the ancient edifice. My companion solved the difficulty by leading the way through a thicket to another side of the tower, where one could climb to a

considerable height on one of the outer walls of the castle, and thus reach a loophole, the sides of which had crumbled away, and which was almost concealed by a curtain of ivy. Thus we gained ingress to the interior; beneath our feet lay a vaulted chamber. Father Weston's hiding case, in a state of tolerable preservation, constructed in the masonry of the tower, conducted to the platform of a projecting turret.

When we reached the summit we let our gaze wander over the fair landscape spread out before us like a panorama, beautified by the golden rays of the setting sun. Anne told me the names of the different villages that lay on the banks of the Thames, and on the far reaching plains of Middlesex. Then we stood for some time without speaking, contemplating the peaceful scene, no sound disturbing the silence except the shrill cries of the swallows as they whirled in wide circles round the tower.

When the sun disappeared below the horizon, and the distance grew hazy, Miss Anne warned me that it was time to return. As I reluctantly moved away, after a last lingering look, my eye fell upon a little pocket-book, elegantly bound in parchment, that lay upon the stone parapet. I immediately recognized it as belonging to Babington; I had frequently seen it in his possession, besides, it bore his initials stamped in gilt on the cover.

"Why, this is Babington's pocket-book! However came it here?" I exclaimed, as I took it in my hand. At these words Miss Anne, who had already reached the stair steps, turned back with a hasty ejaculation, and snatched it from me. Then, aware that she had betrayed herself, she colored violently, saying: "For God's sake, dear Mr. Windsor, do not let my grandmother or my sister know of this!"

I felt for the poor girl's confusion, and as I did not doubt that Babington's intentions were honorable, I did not feel called to play the preacher or act the informer. However, I was not a little annoyed with him for having persuaded the innocent, but rather giddy child to meet him clandestinely at the old tower, and I begged Miss Anne to be guilty of no such imprudence in future, since she knew how much her relatives would object to them. She was very penitent, and entreated me not to reveal her secret, but as I was Babington's friend, she did not mind telling me that she had secretly engaged herself to him before her father's death. Her grandmother was so terribly prejudiced against Babington, that she would never consent to their betrothal; yet they suited one another so well, and Babington was such a dear, pleasant fellow, she would never give him up. If I would only keep my own council, and not say a syllable to any one, she would help me in my courtship of her sister, for she had seen very plainly that I was in love with Mary.

Thus she ran on while we wedded our way homewards, and I gave her to understand that all was pretty well arranged between her sister and myself, and her grandmother approved of the match. She looked very much surprised, and said what a hypocrite Mary was, for she had told her nothing about it; and when I turned the tables on her, by asking if she had confided anything about the view from the tower to her sister, she said the case was different, as in this instance concealment was necessary, on account of the unreasonable dislike her grandmother had for Babington.

We got back just in time for supper. Nothing noteworthy happened till after morning prayers on the following day: Uncle Barby acted as chaplain, for Father Weston had gone on a mission to the midland counties.

I was walking in the garden, chatting with Frith, when I heard a horse led round from the stables, and wondering who could be going out riding on Sunday morning, I went round to the front door. To my surprise I found it was Babington. He was evidently in a state of great irritation; when he saw me, he shook his riding-whip at me angrily, exclaiming: "You tell-tale, you old tell-tale!" Then he struck his mare so violently that she reared and nearly threw him. I called to him to stop and tell me what was the matter; but he was off like a shot and soon out of sight in the forest.

A few moments later I encountered Miss Anne, in tears and much agitated. She taxed me with my treachery; this explained the mystery. The old lady had been told of the meetings in the old tower, and had taken Babington to task about it; and finding he made light of her reprimand, had forthwith forbidden him the house. I was suspected of having been the mischief-maker.

I could not help feeling much annoyed, for my friendly relations with Babington were not merely disturbed, but permanently destroyed by this untoward incident. Even when at a later period he discovered that the old serving-man John, had carried the information to his mistress, he held aloof from me still, and thus I lost all opportunity I might have had of influencing him for good.

But my vexation was almost wholly forgotten in the happiness that awaited me that same Sunday. In the afternoon I was called up into

the upper chamber, that I knew so well. There I found the venerable dame, and my dear Mary. The former called my attention to the wonderful flower; I had often looked at it before, now it was fully developed, and all the fine rosy blossoms were unfolded. I had never in all my life seen the like of it, nor could I conceive how the plant could possibly draw sap and moisture out of the dry cement in which its roots were fixed. When I made this remark to the old lady, she replied that she regarded the wonderful growth of this plant as a special mark of divine favor, and on that account it was to be a source of continual consolation. For although in itself it was a natural flower, it could not have sprouted and grown in such a place without supernatural interference. That was why she had asked me to come up thither; she wished that beneath God's little flower, as she called it, Mary and I should pledge our troth and seal our engagement with a kiss. For although a public engagement was not to be thought of in consequence of their recent bereavement, yet Mary had decided upon giving me the promise I desired without further delay.

There is no need to describe the happiness I felt, when my love and I clasped hands, and our lips met for the first time. Standing beneath the wonderful flower, the white-haired grandmother laid her trembling hand upon the shoulder of each of us, and made the sign of the cross upon our foreheads; for it was not within thoughtless levity, but as becomes children of the saints, that we entered upon the contract which was the first step towards the union we looked forward to in the solemn Sacraments of marriage.

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