GOUGH AGAIN on TOP

The Gigantic Buying that Startles the Midland District!

PYRAMIDS OF CLOTHING! PILES OF SEASONABLE GOODS! THE GOUGH SYNDICATE
THE BIGGEST BUYERS AT MONTREAL!

The Clothing trade of Canada had its eyes centered on Montreal last week. Buyers thronged to the city. Here was a bonanza for the clothing dealer who had enterprise and pluck and confidence in his constituency. Only the Clothing Kings could hope to win. The Gough Syndicate was there, and B. J. Gough bought heavily, being one of the largest buyers at the ***Great Doull & Gibson Sale of Clothing.***

Doull & Gibson are millionaire clothiers, who are giving up clothing. The immense stock was placed on sale by auction, and Gough secured an immense plum at prices actually less than the cost of cloth and trimmings.

The goods are here. There's joy in prospect for clothing buyers. Gough's purchase will sweep the trade of the county from one end to the other.

Here's Rich and Racy Reading for Rich and Poor Alike:

—A mammoth lot of Men's Spring and Fall Overcoats, prices from $7 to $12 will be sold for..... **$4.90**

—1000 Men's Tweed Suits, splendid spring and summer goods, handsome patterns, quiet, medium and fancy effects, well worth from $7 to $15, will be sold from $2.90 to..... **$7.50**

Hats and Gents' Furnishings.

To top of the business load, we are crammed with Spring Hats, the newest and nobbiest styles. Our Gents' Furnishing Department is loaded, and we are bringing down buyers by the hundred. You have our best bid for your best patronage. There's value here for you.

—500 Men's Black Worsted Suits, bound and stitched, morning or sack styles, regular price from $8 to $14, will be sold at..... **$6.95**

—1500 pairs Men's Pants in Tweeds and Worsteds, stylish, splendidly made and trimmed, regular price $1.50 to $4, we will sell at 75c to.. **$2.50**

B. J. GOUGH, The Wonderful Cheap Man.

General and District News

CULLED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND LATEST TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES

NEWS OF THE WEEK

—The Winnipeg Tribune prophesies a provincial election in Manitoba within six months.

—The conservatives of Brockville have nominated Hon. Peter White as their candidate for the Commons.

—Mrs Frances Ruddell, of the 7th line, Esquesing, dropped yesterday while engaged in her household duties. She arose to kindle the fire, and a short time afterwards her daughter found her lying dead in the woodshed.

—During the month of March the emigrations from Great Britain to Canada were 1345 English, 102 Irish, 149 Scotch and 1168 foreigners. The emigrations to Australia during the same period numbered 948, to the Cape 1238 and the United States 9751.

—It has been arranged that Admiral Sampson shall during the coming summer take a fleet of United States warships to Southampton, where the English Admiralty authorities have arranged a reception under the superintendance of the Duke of York.

—According to the advance copies of the Missionary, official organ of the Catholic Missionary Union, among the notable converts to Catholicism during the past three months is Robert Thomas Nichol, of Toronto, a former minister of the Protestant Episcopal church in New York.

—While sawing wood with a steam saw on Friday at Neepawa, Man., John McPhail was instantly killed by the saw breaking and a piece striking him on the head. James Stevenson had his right arm almost severed at the shoulder, and the fingers of his left hand badly cut by another piece.

—The Ontario government has issued a charter to Dr. H. O. Walker, R. D. Robinson, H. C. Farnum, A. K. Kiefer and H. L. Bingham, all of Detroit, incorporating them under the name of the Copper King Mining Company, limited. The capital stock is $150,000. The new company will go into the mining of copper extensively in Hastings county, Ont.

—The deposit of $500 in the Brockville election case was on Friday taken out of court. This proceeding was the last of forty similar ones in connection with protests which did not go to trial. Brockville has the last record of this anomalous course, for by the amendment of the election law in the last session of the Ontario Legislature protests entered must be tried, all "saw-offs" having been made illegal.

—The Marid correspondent of The London Times says: "The government has received a despatch from Gen. Rios, announcing the return to Manilla of the commission that went to secure the liberation of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos. The commissioners report that the prisoners are well treated, but are scattered over the country, so that Aguinaldo himself is ignorant of their number and location. Gen. Rios says the Tagalos require a ranson for some, but are ready to liberate many out of friendship. Not a few of the Spanish prisoners are now living with the rebels."

—On Friday a bright child of nine years of age, a daughter of Mrs. Kempton of Merriton, Ont., playing on the street in front of her home, built a bonfire of straw and twigs, when her clothing became ignited. The child ran towards a neighbor's residence, which had the effect of drawing the flames to the back portion of her clothing. She was terribly burned. Her lips, nose and ears were burned to a crisp. Her arms were so badly burned that the skin dropped from the shoulders down over her hands. She lingered till about eight o'clock in the evening when death relieved her sufferings.

—There passed through Seaforth on Thursday of last week one of the largest trees ever seen in that section. It measured 7 feet 1 inch across at the stump and it was 46 feet from the ground to the first limb. It was cut into four sections, the first section measuring 12 feet and each of the others 11 feet in length. It contained in all 7,661 feet board measure. It was of soft elm. It grew on the farm of Mr. Thomas Grieve, 2nd concession, McKillop. It made a big load for four sleighs to draw. It was perfectly sound, and there will not be a foot of waste timber in it. This tree, according to internal rings, is 341 years old.

—Mr. Worthy Acret, a farmer residing about a mile east of Brantford, on Thursday found $500 in silver in an old safe standing in a back kitchen in his house, and long since discarded. Mr. Acret intended selling the safe for old iron, but thought he would see what was in it before doing so. He accordingly got an axe and broke open the locked door, when to his surprise, the money rolled out. The cash was nearly all in English silver, sixpences and shillings. Mrs. Acret's father, who occupied the house up to the time of his death a few years ago, was an eccentric old gentleman. It is supposed he left the money in the safe many years ago, and it has never been opened since.

—The economy of killing cattle in properly-equipped abattoirs is proved by the experience of the stockyards of Chicago. To such an extent has the utilization of the by-products been carried there, that now the only waste in a steer is the gastric juice, and what was formerly the waste is now worth more than the meat. As a result of this care and economy, the financial returns from a steer, as estimated by one in the business and quoted by the Boston Journal of Commerce, are: "From the meat and compounds of meat, $40; from the hide, hair, horns and hoofs, $25; from the fats, blood, sinews and bones, $15; from all other waste, $15; or $55 received from the by-products.

—A decision was rendered by Judge Peabody in the city police court on Thursday, that under certain conditions a husband has the right to beat his wife. The case was of one Bernard Kreitzer, charged with beating his wife because she would not agree with him in the management of their children. Judge Peaboy said in passing judgment: "In this case the wife was more guilty than the husband for trying to contradict and thwart her husband's will in the presence of the children, and setting them a bad example, which he had a right to rebuke. There are times when a wife irritates her husband to such an extent that he cannot control himself and uses his hand or fist. As long as no serious harm is done I believe in punishment."

—It is astonishing how some men can accumulate so much money in a short life time. Mr. Hugh Ryan, the well known contractor, who died in Toronto in February last, and who commenced life a poor boy, leaves an estate of nearly two million dollars. The schedule filed for probate shows his estate in the province of Ontario to amount to $835,322.99. It is inventoried as follows: Book debts and notes, $62,309.25; moneys secured by mortgage, $279,728.03; life insurance, $7,881.25; bank stocks and other stocks in Ontario, $282,869; cash in bank, $154,333.46; freehold, $21,000; real estate $27,202. Besides his Ontario estate he had property and investments in Manitoba and the United States to nearly as large an amount as in Ontario. The estate will have to pay between $60,000 and $80,000 in succession duties to the Ontario treasury.

DISTRICT HAPPENINGS.

—At Peterboro assizes last week Albert A. Taggart pleaded guilty to writing criminal liable on the sidewalks. As he had been 164 days in jail awaiting trial, he was let go on suspended sentence.

—Mr. Jos. Tretheway, who lived at South Falls some years ago, but of late years has been residing at Mission City, B. C., had a mining claim which he recently disposed of for $26,000. His friends in Muskoka will be pleased to hear of his good fortune.

—Boulton R. Kean of Orillia was elected second-vice president of the Canadian Lacrosse association at Toronto recently, by defeating his opponent, Lionel King of Peterboro, by a vote of 90 to 43. Messrs. Stark of Stouffville and P. McMillan of Beaverton were elected president and first vice-president respectively.

—Mr. Henry Seymour, of Harvey, had a very successful sale of stock, on Friday, Mr. Lavery using his skill as auctioneer with great effect. He had a good quality of stock to deal with and made the most of it. Cows sold from $28 to $37, sheep $8 to $18 a pair. A ten months colt sold for $46, and a six year old mare in foal, brought $100. The sale realized $800.

—On Wednesday of last week Richard Ough of Mount Albert was killed in a peculiar manner. He was on a regular trip with his bread wagon and it is supposed had been walking beside the rig at a dangerous part of the road when it fell over upon him, the iron rim or railing pinning him to the snow. No one saw the accident and he was dead when found.

—A very sad accident occurred at Hurdville, McKellar township. Mr. John Battley, who owned a mill in McKellar, drove down to Hurdville dam and began to raise the stop logs of the dam to lower the water in the lakes so that he could operate his mill. He and several other men were engaged in easing these logs when Mr. Battley lost his balance and fell into the water. He was carried down the rapids, which are filled with large rocks, but he clung to the logs for some distance, when he lost his hold of it and sank. His body was recovered next day.

—The York county police are on the lookout for two pretty sleek characters who have been robbing farmers on their way home from St. Lawrence market, Toronto, their mode of operation is to jump on wagons, ride a short distance on the rear end and when the driver's attention is directed towards the horses, one works forward and hands to the other anything that may be in reach. The one with the parcel then jumps off and waits for his accomplice, who generally continues the journey until an opportunity presents itself to get something for himself. Several farmers have been robbed recently.

—Mr Soo Haskett of South Harvey, lost a very fine team of four-year-olds on April 1st while crossing Sandy Creek. He drove down to Lakefield by way of Buckhorn, but coming home decided to try the ice as several had reported it safe. All went well till he came to the creek when he drove into a weak spot and the team dropped through. He was alone and had to go over a mile to Jos. Stablers to get help, but when they got back the one horse was dead The other they succeeded in getting on to the ice, but it died shortly afterwards They were a pretty team and in splendid condition, for Mr. Haskett had taken qute a pride in them.

—Tuesday morning, Mr. Jas. E. Ward of Harvey met with a most unfortunate accident. He had been drawing log of hardwood to the house for firewood, and was about a mile and a half from home, near David Bardoes with the last load he had to draw. In running down an icy hill the sleigh load of logs skidded to the side with a jerk that broke the king bolt of the front bunk, loosened, the binding chain, threw Ward and a young lad named Murdock who was sitting with him on the load, to the ground; and the logs went on top of them. Ward was not held down by the logs but was struck with such a force that both legs were broken at the thighs. Murdock was caught among the logs and badly bruised, and it was when Ward attempted to rise to go and relieve Murdock, that he found he was unable to do so. They shouted for help for a few moments, and luckily, Mr. Cockrane and Allan Patterson came along and conveyed them home. Medical assistance was obtained and both legs were placed in splints. Under the most favorable circumstances Mr. Ward will not be able to get about for some months, and will lose his spring and summer work.—Independent.

—The Simcoe Peat Fuel Co., of Barrie has been granted letters patent of incorporation. The capital stock will be $28,000, divided into two-hundred shares. The company have already secured peat lands west of the town, and will manufacture the fuel at Butterfield's old foundry. It will be sold about town for about $4 a ton, and as it has from accurate tests which have been made in different parts of Ontario, proved equal to the finest quality of soft coal, it is expected that consumers will save from $1 to $1.50 on their fuel. Peat will give perfect satisfaction in open grates and box-stoves as at present constructed, and with a slight alteration in the grates of heating and cooking stoves, will prove a most lasting and efficient fuel. Companies have been started in many other parts of Ontario, the largest being that of the Trent Valley Company, in which the Hon. Geo. A. Cox is a large shareholder. The company has a capital of $600,000, and receive peat from the Dominion government, on the banks of the Trent Valley canal, free. Other large companies will commence operations as soon as the snow goes, in Ottawa, Brockville, Stratford, Kingston, and smaller ones in nearly every county.

A DEPRESSING SEASON

IT IS JUST NOW PEOPLE FEEL MOST THE EFFECT OF LONG MONTHS OF INDOOR CONFINEMENT

Winter is the most trying season of the year so far as health is concerned. Confinement indoors and overheated and impure air, makes even usually strong people feel dull, languid and generally run down.

A tonic is needed to assist nature in regaining lost energy. April is the month of all months when a tonic is of the most service. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the only true tonic medicine. They do not purge and thus further weaken the already enfeebled constitution. These pills make rich, red, energy-giving blood, and transform listles, tired and wornout men and women into smiling, healthy, happy work-loving people.

E. Sims, of the Salvation Army, Kingston, writes. "At the time I ordered some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I was physically run down. I felt a lack of energy, and always had a tired feeling After using your pills for a time I felt as well as ever I did."

Thousands—some of them your neighbors—have been made well by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but you must get the genuine, which are sold only in boxes the wrapper around which bears the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." Sold by all dealers or direct from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.

CANADA FOREVER

Miss A. M. Machar, ("Fidelis"), Kingston.

[The following poem was selected by the Marquis of Dufferin as the best of ten poems submitted to him for his decision as to merit. The ten had been selected by a committee of Canadian judges from among seven hundred received by the Montreal Witness in a prize competition for a Canadian national song.]

Our Canada, strong, fair and free,
Whose sceptre stretches far,
Whose hills look down on either sea,
And front the polar star;
Not for thy greatness—hardly known—
Wide plains, or mountains grand,
But as we claim thee for our own,
We love our native land.

God bless our mighty forest land
Of mountain, lake and river:
Thy loyal sons from strand to strand
Sing, "Canada Forever."

Wrapped in thy dazzling robe of snow,
We proudly call thee ours,
We crown thee when the south winds blow,
"Our Lady of the Flowers!"
We love thy rainbow-tinted skies—
The glamour of thy Spring—
For us thine Autumn's gorgeous dyes,
For us thy song-birds sing.

God bless our fair Canadian land,
Of mountain, lake and river;
Thy loyal sons from strand to strand
Sing, "Canada Forever."

For us thy brooding Summer wakes
The corn-fields' waving gold,
The quiet pastures, azure lakes,
For us their treasure hold;
To us each hill and dale is dear,
Each rock and stream and glen,
Thy scattered homes of kindly cheer,
Thy busy haunts of men.

God bless our own Canadian land,
Of mountain, lake and river;
Thy loyal sons from strand to strand
Sing, "Canada Forever."

Our sires their old traditions brought,
Their lives of faithful toil,
For home and liberty they fought,
On our Canadian soil.
Quebec to us is sacred still,
Nor less is Lundy's Lane—
Long may a loyal people fill
The land they fought to gain.

God bless our own Canadian land,
Of mountain, lake and river;
Thy loyal sons from strand to strand
Sing, "Canada Forever."

Saxon and Celt and Norman we;
Each race its memory keeps.
Yet o'er us all from sea to sea
One Red Cross Banner sweeps.
Long may our "Greater Britain" stand
The bulwark of the free;
But Canada, our own dear land,
Our first love is for thee.

God bless our own Canadian land,
Of mountain, lake and river;
The chorus ring from strand to strand
Of "Canada Forever."

A COURTEOUS ADMISSION

THE CATHOLIC RECORD EXPLAINS THAT IT WAS WRONGLY INFORMED —HOLDS ONE MAN GUILTY YET.

Our readers may remember that in our issue of March 16th we corrected several erroneous statements appearing in the Catholic Record regarding the proposed reduction in the police magistrate's salary. In its issue of last week the Record admits its mistake regarding the council as a whole but repeats its charge against one member. Under the heading "The Lindsay Police Magistracy" it has the following to say:

"We some time ago made reference to the action of the Lindsay Town Council in proposing the reduction of Police Magistrate's salary from $1,000 to $500 and from information received we were led to believe that the motives of the majority in passing the resolution were dictated by anti-Catholic feeling.

We have since been informed by those who ought to know the truth of the matter that the movement toward reducing the salary was dictated, not by any such feeling as our first information led us to believe, and we gladly inform our readers that we have been mistaken in attributing to the majority, this unworthy motive, as they were influenced by a desire for economy, this tendency to economize having manifested itself before Mr. Steers was appointed to the Magistracy.

We willingly make this correction in regard to the majority of the council, nevertheless it remains true that at all events, one member of the council boasted that as the present holder of the office is a Catholic he would make the position not worth holding. Our charge of bigotry is, therefore, freely withdrawn as regards the council generally, but not as regards this particular individual."

[The above admission of error, is only what we were quite sure would be made by the editor of the Record as soon as he satisfied himself that our correction was reliable. It is a great satisfaction to discuss matters with a contemporary that so promptly and fully admits an error when it has been pointed out. It is furthermore a matter of congratulation that the Record "gladly" clears the town council of aiming to reduce the salary of the police magistrate because he is a Catholic. We assume—although it is not expressly stated—that the editor intends to be understood as withdrawing his statements that the councillors are "a clique of bigots" giving play to "their A. P. A. "proclivities" in an act of incredible meanness and narrow-mindedness." With the charge so fully withdrawn it may not be too much to ask us to infer that the caustic strictures founded upon it are also taken back.

A point which is a good deal more clearly stated, however, is that one member of the council is still guilty. He is declared to have said that, since the police magistrate is a Catholic, he would make the office not worth having. This the Record affirms is "nevertheless true." Since the authority for this statement has been omitted we take it that it rests on the same "evidence that cannot be gainsaid" as did the charge against the whole council. If so, the Record must be a tireless bigot hunter who is loth to have his spirited article go to waste. In this he is doomed to disappointment and another withdrawal, for we have asked each member of the council if he ever made such a statement and everyone of them has positively denied doing so or ever hearing any of his fellow-councillors do so. It is painful to point out two wholly untruthful statements in the columns of a religious journal in such a short time, but the truth and the honor of our town demands that they shall not go unchallenged. This unfortuate action of the Record will, we trust, be a warning to both religious and secular papers against hasty and intemperate utterances on sectarian questions. ED. WATCHMAN-WARDER.]