

Our Fifty-Ninth Year—No. 191.

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Terms—\$1.00 per year, payable in Advance.

GREETING. We wish to thank our numerous friends for the liberal patronage tendered us during the past year and take pleasure in wishing all A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

DOLLS AND TOYS AT SAVING PRICES.

In our mammoth Toyland in the Basement are toys, games and dolls at saving prices, that enable economical parents to save considerable on all their purchases.

Children's washing sets, table, tub, wringer, washboard and tub stand, in three sizes, large, medium and small, special 50c, 25c, and 15c.

Undressed Dolls, Bisque head, all jointed, blonde or brunette, special 19c.

Dressed dolls, good size, prettily dressed, several patterns and very attractive. By all odds the best dressed doll in the trade. 25c.

Doll Beds, iron bed, mattress and all complete, very special, \$1, 75c, 45c and 25c.

Mechanical boats, cars, buggies and automobiles, splendid variety. Your choice 25c.

Loop-the-loop—a very interesting toy; actually loops the loop. 25c.

The little carpenter set of hammer, saw, pinners, chisel and screw-driver, will please 12 1/2c the boy. Special 12 1/2c.

Children's dishes, complete sets for the little ones to play tea party with, only 5c, 35c, 50c.

Children's table sets, silver plated on white metal, knife, fork, spoon, cup and napkin ring, nicely engraved. Special 50c.

Glass ink well, mounted on nice pen receiver frame. 15c.

\$1.50 COAT SCARFS 50c Ladies' silk coat scarfs, useful to protect the collar and waist; in black and colors. Regular prices \$1.50, \$1 and 75c.

50c COLLARS FOR 25c A big offering of ladies' silk and lace collars, many styles and colorings, nicely made and very dainty; all silk, in colors of cardinal, crimson, blue, reds and white, worked in gold, also gold and fancy colors. Big range, 43c each down to 12 1/2c.

PIANO AND MANTLE DRAPES OF SILK Extra good range of silk drapes for pianos or mantles, excellent for Christmas gifts; splendid quality all silk, in colors of cardinal, crimson, blue, reds and white, worked in gold, also gold and fancy colors. Big range, 43c each down to 12 1/2c.

Sacrificing the Mantles.

12 Coats That Were \$7.50 each \$2.95 15 Coats That Were \$5.00 each \$2.95

Almost giving them away to mark them at such low prices, but they must go. On some about two-thirds the money stays with you. We only receive one-third on some—on the others you save almost a half. This certainly is a money-saving event for Mantle buyers.

27 ONLY women's and maids' all-wool Tweed and Beaver Cloth Coats, Vienna back, shoulder capes, silk strapping, fly front, lined, this season's styles, regular prices \$7.50 and \$5.00. Your choice \$2.95

MILLINERY MUST BE CLEARED.

Not a vestige of our present millinery stock must remain after this month. All must go, and these prices are sure to help it make a rapid move out.

49c FOR \$2.00 HATS.

98c FOR \$4.50 HATS.

36 ONLY ready-to-wear Hats, small and large shapes, all this season's styles in colors and black, regular prices were \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and 2.50; also untrimmed dress shapes, regular prices up to 1.50. Your choice 49c.

24 ONLY ladies' ready-to-wear Hats in turban and sailor shapes, rolling brim and high crowns, regular prices \$2, 4.00 and 4.50, for 98c. This very low price ought to make a quick clearance of the lot.

ORNAMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES. Good range of spangle ornaments in gold, silver, cardinal and blue, also silver spangle by the yard, at special prices.

PARCEL DELIVERY. We gladly deliver your purchases anywhere in town, but would thank you to kindly take small parcels, as during the busy Christmas trade they're so likely to become mislaid.

SANTA CLAUS STOCKINGS.

Just the thing to amuse the little ones. In these stockings there's a very large assortment of things that are sure to amuse the youngsters. They're far ahead of what you would ordinarily expect for the small price we ask.

The Ten 10c Fourteen 20c Inch Size Inch Size

25c CUFF BOXES 15c Gentlemen's Cuff Boxes, fine glazed paper, nicely decorated, pale tint inside, regular price 25c and 25c, for 15c.

PHOTO HOLDERS 18c Brown and gray card photo holders, hanger style, heart or square shape, hand painted, 18c only.

CUPS AND SAUCERS. There's an immense range to select from. They're the best values we ever had; good in quality, dainty designs and pleasing decorations. Prices range 35c, 25c, 15c, 12 1/2c and 10c.

GOOD BOOKS—CHEAP. A special line of books by writers who need no introduction to most book lovers—books by authors whose names are household words. Special 15c.

A big range of story and picture books for the little ones, at popular prices.

CHATELAINES AT 25c. Black leatherette chateaines, nickel trimmings, woven handles. Special 25c.

40c SILK HANDKERCHIEFS 25c Men's white silk handkerchiefs, 13-inch hemstitched hems, colored borders in several patterns, 25c regular price 40c, special.

MEN'S LAWN 3 for 25c HANDKERCHIEFS 10c Men's hemstitched lawn handkerchiefs, good quality lawn and very durable, special, three for 25c or each 10c.

COMMITTEES. Appointed to buy gifts for schools, Sunday schools, and all presentation purposes, will do well to visit this store and see its vast range of suitable gifts for all occasions.

THE MAN FOR WEST VICTORIA

Who Will Contest the Riding in the Reform Interest at the Approaching Provincial Election.



MR. THOS. STEWART.

The first gun in the Provincial campaign was fired by Hon. G. W. Ross last Tuesday night at Napanee, when in a two hours' speech he made a brilliant defence of his Government's administration of Provincial affairs. While admitting that irregularities had been committed by a few Liberals, he gave a solemn denial to the Opposition charge that he was cognizant of and approved the wrong-doing, and in return he laid bare the details of Tory corruption and referred in scathing terms to the pharisaical professions of purity made by Mr. Whitney and his coterie of lieutenants who for years have been exhausting every means—fair or foul—to accomplish the defeat of the Liberal party in order that they may riot among the flesh-pots and make free with the grand resources of this fair Province.

We do not think any Liberal in West Victoria will permit himself to be stamped into voting against his party by the shallow, though carefully planned artifices of the Opposition. They will remember that all good and progressive measures have emanated from the Liberal party, and that the fountain source is not tainted because a few impurities have accidentally found their way into the unguarded basin. Mr. Stewart stands for a clean fight and clean politics, and no man—however strong his moral convictions—need hesitate to give him cordial and hearty support in the present contest.

That Mr. Stewart will win we firmly believe. There is but one danger with the Liberal cause and that is failure or neglect to use all proper methods of effective organization and work to win. That might be fatal. But if the Liberals get to work untriedly and at once and plan to get every vote to the polls a victory is assured. All they have to do is to poll the vote. With the excellent organization Mr. Stewart is sure to set working, and the magnificent record of service to the Province that Liberals can appeal to, we should and can win. Let there be nothing honorable left undone to do so.

BRILLIANT OPENING

Premier Ross Begins the Campaign at Napanee.

VIGOROUS 2-HOURS' ADDRESS

Boldly Challenged Criticism of His Past and Record—Building Up Ontario the Keystone of the Present Electoral Fight—Whitney's Unprogressive Record—Deals Frankly With Question of Corruption.

Napanee, Dec. 21.—A magnificent record of business administration compared with Conservative inaction and stupid obstruction in what Premier Ross laid before the electors in opening the Provincial campaign last night. The contrast was applied with all of Mr. Ross' old-time vigor, with special reference to the great work of building up Ontario, which now more than ever lies at the door of whatever Government may be in power. The ringing periods of his opening speech, his frequent dashes of humor and ironical thrusts at his opponents, his mastery and impartial review of the attitude of the two parties respecting corruption, and his optimistic views of the great future of this Province, were in the Premier's best style, and his steady maintenance of vigor during a two hours' address should give hope to every Liberal for a brilliant and active campaign.

A Large Meeting. The meeting, which was in the interests of Mr. M. S. Madole, Liberal candidate in Lennox, was large enough to crowd the Opera House in spite of a heavy snowstorm. The audience sat, with the closest attention, intact to the last, and frequently manifested their approval by loud cheers. The Premier's speech was marked by the introduction of considerable new material. In beginning he boldly challenged criticism of his position and record, and then spoke of the great necessity of building up Ontario, with special reference to the industries at Sanit. Ste. Marie, which the Government had been instrumental in restoring. Mr. Whitney's unprogressive record in the House was put under the searchlight, and then the Premier discussed frankly the two records in regard to corruption.

Premier Not Responsible. He expressed his greatest sorrow for the acts of certain Liberals, but pointed out that he should not be responsible for the acts of every one of the 225,000 voting Liberals in Ontario, any more than Rev. Dr. Carrman could for every Methodist who went to the theatre or played cards. "It is grossly, cruelly untrue and false that I have any guilty knowledge of these corrupt practices," Mr. Ross declared with all the energy and emphasis that he could command. The Conservative platform, as adopted at the conference, was scathingly criticized, and shown to be largely stolen, and of their temperance plank it was said: "It is as colorless as a white ray of light, and not so pure." The meeting was most satisfactory from a Liberal standpoint, and gives every promise that Mr. Madole will this time win and hold the honors of office he was unjustly deprived in 1902.

Adverse Weather Conditions. The heavy snowstorm which continued throughout the day interfered very much with the attendance of electors from the country, nevertheless there was a large representation of the farmers, some of whom had driven twenty-five miles through the storm to hear the honored and revered leader in his inaugural appeal in the campaign. The open house was well filled with an enthusiastic and attentive audience, who listened with the closest attention and cheered Premier Ross frequently and heartily. A large number of ladies testified to their interest in the success of the Government by their presence. Upon the walls were displayed banners bearing the following mottoes: "A hearty welcome to the Premier of Ontario." "Thirty-four years of pure and progressive Government." "Home and continued progress and prosperity." Speeches were also made by Messrs. E. J. B. Pense, M. S. Madole, and W. S. Herrington.

Bellefleur Church Burns. Bellefleur, Dec. 19.—St. Michael's Church, the only Roman Catholic church in this city, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The building, which was of massive stone, was undoubtedly the best in this city, and the altar was one of the finest in Ontario. The loss is keenly felt by the congregation of St. Michael's. The church was built about 15 years ago. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

Aaron Cox Dies Suddenly. Peterboro, Dec. 19.—Aaron Cox, brother of Senator George A. Cox, died very suddenly Saturday morning about 11.30 in the photo studio of R. M. Roy. Shortly after Mr. Cox was climbing a stair with Mrs. Cox and his daughter, and on arriving at the landing complained of a pain in his chest. He was given a chair, and shortly after sitting down expired. He appeared in splendid health prior to this.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—William Hutchison, Commissioner of Exhibitions, has returned from St. Louis. He states that the Canadian pavilion, which cost \$30,000, was disposed of for about \$1,300. This is probably about double the amount realized for the buildings of other countries.

Special Fur Values

You'll undoubtedly pronounce this the best assortment of Furs in Lindsay. The smallest piece of fur receives our same careful attention as the largest or most expensive garment in stock. The prices are low—the result of many months' careful search in the fur manufacturing centres. Furs are not priced lower anywhere than these, and we invite your inspection.

J. SUTCLIFFE & SONS, LINDSAY. CASH ONE PRICE. THREE STORES.

Fine Clothing

There's a smartness about the general get-up of our men's clothing that appeals readily to those wanting the season's styles. The materials are the best possible to procure—bought direct from the maker—in many instances made especially for us. This quality of clothing couldn't be lower priced than our small profit added to the net cost of the individual garment. Buying for cash—selling for cash—no bad debts to make good—these ways are certainly beneficial to both merchant and customer. Think this over and you will readily see, as many others have, the benefits derived from buying at this store.



HIDES AND BARK WANTED!

The R. M. Beal Leather Co., of Lindsay, will pay HIGHEST CASH PRICE for HIDES, SHEEPSKINS, LAMBSKINS, TALLOW and BARK. Office and warehouse at Wellington-st. Bridge—6m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TEACHER WANTED—School Section No. 4, Somerville. Applications, stating salary wanted, received by SILAS O'BRIEN, Sec., Norland, Ont.—w4.

ARE YOU INDEPENDENT or have you a boss? Get out of slavery and be free. Write G. MARSHALL & CO., London, Ont., and they will show you the way. They have started thousands on the road to freedom.—w

STRAYED—Came into the premises of the undersigned, on or about the 20th of November, one white Sow, about eight months old. Owner can have the same by proving property and paying expenses. JOSEPH COOPER, Cambry P. O.—w3

MATRON WANTED for Home for the aged, Lindsay. Applications received till Dec. 28th, '04, by MRS. MILNE, Convenor of Committee, or E. E. SHARPE, Secretary.—w1d3.

FOUND—Near Bobson, on the evening of Dec. 14th, one GREY BARK. The owner can have same by calling at Singer Office, Lindsay, proving property, and paying for advertisement. G. H. WATSON.—w4

STRAYED—On the premises of the undersigned, let 7, concession 2, Carleton township, one steer, supposed to be two years old. He came to my ranch some time during the summer season 1904. Owner can have him by proving property and paying the charge. W. CONNOLLY, Brechin, Ont.—w3

WANTED—A good dining-room girl, at once. Apply at Grand Union Hotel. MRS. T. CONNORS.—d6

STRAYED—About 15th of last May a three-year-old Steer strayed onto the premises of Thomas Wylie, lot No. 7, in 7th concession of Carleton. Anyone proving property and paying expenses can take the animal. Thos. J. WYLIE, Kirkfield, Ont.—w3p4.

WOOD FOR SALE—The subscriber is cutting on Lot 19, Con. 7, Mariposa, one mile south of Taylor's Corners, a quantity of 22-in. or 4-foot maple wood. Farmers or others wanting to purchase can do so by applying to the subscriber or to Malcolm Maklin, on the premises—who is cutting the wood. ELIAS BOWEN, Lindsay.—w3

GREATEST WEST TRIP IS.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier passed through Chicago yesterday on his way home from his trip to California. He expressed much satisfaction with the influence his past had upon his health. Sir Wilfrid spoke of the contrast between the south, which he had just left, with roses abloom along the highways, and the north, with air and other suggestions that the thermometer was not at ways in June. "But," he added, "the north is, after all, the best of this continent. I never was so assured as I am now that Western Canada is the greatest of the west. I have just come through the United States west, and what do I find? I find that for hundreds and hundreds of miles the train travels through what can only be described as a desert—a sage brush desert—which to the eye of the traveler looks very hopeless. Irrigation would do much for parts of it, but I am told that the greater part of it will be forever what it is now. In the same meridians in the Canadian West we have the finest grazing ground in the world. Let me say again, deliberately, that the Canadian West is the greatest west there is."

Sir Wilfrid said this with great earnestness and quite evident pride.

London, Dec. 10.—Colonial Secretary Liffelton, speaking in Glasgow and referring to the proposed colonial conference, said nothing was suggested to be imposed on the colonies contrary to their will. All the proposals of the Government were that they should sit in debate and freely discuss what was desirable to be done so far from there.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Prof. Alexander Graham Bell, the airship inventor, has asked the State Department whether Canada has a law justifying the exclusion of negroes from hotels there. Several hotels at Sydney, Cape Breton, refused accommodations last summer for Prof. Bell's negro valet.

PIERCE TORNADO.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 21.—The Danish vessel Greca has arrived here, her captain injured and her mate dead as the result of her experience in the fierce tornado that is now sweeping the coast. A heavy sea struck the ship, throwing the mate through the cabin door and breaking his neck and legs. The wheel was broken, and the Greca's deck gear and sails were carried away. The schooners Matilda and Swallow have also arrived in port divested by the storm of their spars, rigging, sails and deck gear. The steamers Sicilia, Sylvia, Fortia and Carthaginian are detained here by the storm.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 21.—Death in the sea was the probable fate of seven men who comprised the crew of the schooner Richard S. Learning, which was driven ashore on Long Shoal during the severe blizzard last Sunday. Both of the schooner's yawl boats were found aboard her yesterday, one of them having been smashed to splinters.

Lisbon, Dec. 21.—A disastrous storm, which suddenly burst on the northern coast of Portugal, has caused great loss of life. Eighteen fishermen were drowned at Figuerada. Two and 600 others have been rendered destitute. A ferry boat, lying at the mouth of the Mondego River, was capsized, and fourteen persons were drowned. In the Leixões Basin near Oporto, five boats were sunk and five persons drowned.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following officers and non-commissioned officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery have been selected to proceed to England to attend the gunner staff course at the School of Gunnery, commencing on Jan. 1, 1905. They will embark on board the H. M. S. Parula at Halifax to-day. Capt. and Brevet Major H. E. Burstall, Lieut. and Brevet-Captain C. S. Wilkie, Battery Sergeant-Major J. O'Grady, Sergeant-Instructor I. Mooney, Sergeant W. A. Kruger, Corporal J. J. Har-