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DEPARTMENT STORES AND THE PRESS

The campaign instituted by Saturday Night against departmental stores will bear fruit. A large number of the country newspapers have quoted freely from the exhaustive articles supplied, and commented thereon; but a single paragraph, or a single quotation, is not going to do the business. This is a fight that must be continued. There are many papers throughout the country, however, whose mouths appear to be sealed on this important question—papers which seem to think the subject does not interest them or their readers. The scales will gradually fall from their eyes if they do not enter the ranks, and they will soon find their merchants going into bankruptcy and their advertising patronage growing beautifully less. In this regard it is somewhat humiliating to have the excuse fired at you that "space" prevents entering into the matter, while at the same time columns may be filled by an annexation screed such as that which emanated from a Detroit man a few weeks ago. One or two papers in this county published that lengthy article, while their mouths have not been opened on the departmental store question. The Mildmay Gazette published the Detroit article in two instalments, no doubt thinking it had got hold of a very live issue and one of great interest. It would be interesting to know what percentage of its readers agreed with the editor. We think ninety-five per cent. of the people of this country have come to the conclusion that Canada has humiliated herself sufficiently in an endeavor to secure reciprocal trade, and that it is time to work another string. Unfortunately a few editors are numbered among the other five per cent. Pity it is they could not submit annexationist screeds to the waste basket and devote themselves to vital internal questions such as the one under discussion and protect their local trade. But as we have said, a goodly portion of the press are awake to the enormity of the danger, and are doing what they can, and the result is already being felt. Never were the mails used so freely by department stores as during the past week the transmission of advertising matter, huge bundles of which have been dumped into this post office each prepaid by a 3-cent stamp, and no less than three of them recline gracefully in our waste basket. Where do the profits come from on this huge outlay? Somebody pays the piper, and it is not the departmental store. We have examined this catalogue carefully, and find that in the case of well-known staple goods a somewhat low price is quoted, just about sufficient to let the buyer out for his postage, while on others not so well known the prices are no lower than the same articles can be bought for right at home. In our own line even this is not the limit, because in some instances our prices for printed stationery are actually twenty per cent. below the prices quoted. This we will be only too glad to prove to any one. Then, in view of all these things, should it be necessary to further appeal to the public to remain loyal to their town, their township and their county, and refrain from draining the district of its ready cash and crippling the financial interests of our county by dealing with these mercantile leeches—the department stores? We think it should not.

From all over the country come reports of intending migrations to the golds fields of British Columbia and the Rainy River District. Let us hope that none will be disappointed and that all will make their pile, but we fear all the same that many of them will have to come home on foot or rely upon humane conductors to get back. We fear there is not enough gold to go round.

The Grecian war cloud is still gathering in blackness but has not actually broken. It is whispered that there is not entire concord among the powers as to what had best be done with bellicose little Greece. If the advice of our fighting editor were taken they would do nothing. They would let Greece loose at the Turk, and after she got through with the old ghoul it would then be time to talk of keeping her within bound. The Turkey is too weak to gobble. After the war she would be but a Greece spot on the map.

It is announced that Mr. Laurier purposes donning the Conservative dress suit, breeches, shoes and all. It is a grand suit, made by Sir John Macdonald, and has worn well. After nearly twenty years of constant usage it still remains intact with no threads visible. This suit was called Protection, but doubtless the name will now be changed. It was thought at one time that Mr. Laurier would order a ready-made suit from Uncle Samuel Isaacstein of Washington, but he has thought better of it and will step into "a dead man's shoes." He might do worse. It is a high tribute to the tailor.

All the daily newspapers, even old Goody Two Shoes, the Toronto Globe, had extensive reports of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight last week. The press of this country is not allowed to report cock fights, but they may elaborate as much as they please upon prize fights; Mexican bull fights are read of with a thrill of horror, and the brutal instincts of the Mexican senor and senorita are too horrible to discuss; but when it comes to a bloody tussle between two human beings of our own flesh and blood we feast our eyes upon and eagerly drink in every word and movement of the combatants; we shout to cheer them on, and stake our money on them, and eulogize the daily press for the very full and accurate reports served up for our edification. Perhaps our American and Canadian animal instincts are not so far ahead of those of the Mexican and Spanish limit after all. Many a man has cried shame upon the Toronto Globe for its assistance in booming and then elaborately reporting such a disgraceful exhibition. This is wrong. The difficulty in such cases is that very many who denounce these things openly, enjoy them in secret. The horror is only skin deep. Their denunciations amount to words only, while their coppers go to support the papers that cater to them. There is a large leaven of the old Adam still in us, and such large chunks of Scotch, English and Irish grit, that though we will not fight ourselves we like to hear about the other fellow doing it. These elements create a demand for news, and the news must be supplied. A cock fight is too tame, we have no interest in it, and make it illegal to mention such barbarous things in our refined ears. But a man fight—well, as Kipling would say, that is another story. Our legislators should make it inclusive in this same story.

Presbytery of Orangeville

The Presbytery met at Orangeville on the 9th inst., Mr. E. A. Harrison in the chair.

Mr. McKenzie reported that the Presbyterial Commission had visited Dundalk. In the matter of the appeal of Messrs. John Sinclair and R. M. Mitchell, M. D., against the action of the session in removing their names from the communion roll, the Commission found that the session had simply noted on the communion roll the time at which they ceased to attend ordinances, and the Commission instructed the session to give them certifiates (if they applied for such) of good standing up to the date at which they ceased to attend ordinances.

In the matter of the petition from the congregational meeting, while the commission of Presbytery deplore the unhappy friction that exists in the congregation, they yet find nothing that reflects on the character of Mr. Harrison or on his work as a minister, and earnestly urge all parties to seek to forget the past and work for the things that make for peace.

The clerk read a report forwarded by Rev. D. McLeod, B. A., to the effect that he had met with the people of Flesherton and Eugenia congregations and moderated in a call, which was given to Rev. L. W. Thom, late of Arthur.

The call was signed by 137 members and concurred in by 103 adherents. They promised $750 stipend annually to be paid in semi-annual instalments, together with the free use of a rented house or manse.

The call was sustained and accepted by Mr. Thom, and his induction appointed to take place at Flesherton on Tuesday, 23rd inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., Mr. Harrison to preside, Mr. Davy to preach, Dr. McRobbie to address the minister and Mr. Morrison the people.

Mr. McKenzie reported that he had met with the people of Camilla and Mono Centre and moderated in a call in favor of Rev. Jas. McMillan, who had been laboring there during the past year as ordained missionary.

The call was signed by 120 members and 19 adherents, they promised $600 stipend per annum to be paid semi-annually and free use of a manse.

The call was sustained and accepted by Mr. McMillan and his induction appointed to take place on Wednesday, 24th inst., at 2 p. m., at Camilla, Mr. McKenzie to preside, Mr. Mattheson to preach, Mr. Bell to address the minister and Mr. Neilly the people.

The Presbytery appointed the following ministers as commissioners to the General Assembly, which meets at Winnipeg in June next, viz.: J. W. Orr, Mono Mills; J. J. Elliott, B. A., Hillsburg; Dr. McRobbie, Shelburne; W. Farquharson, B. A., Claude, and P. Fleming, Caledon East. Elders are not yet appointed.

Rev. R. Torrance, D. D., was nominated as moderator of next General Assembly.

A letter was read from Rev. R. Hughes, late of Rosemont, now of Worcester, Mass., claiming $69 for services rendered at Everett. The clerk and Mr. Farquharson were appointed to investigate the matter and report.

Mr. McKenzie read a letter from the Secretary of the Foreign Missions Committee to the effect that said committee would require $30,000 in excess of last year's ordinary contributions. This is due to the fact that less had been received through legacies, and the work had been greatly expanded during the last eighteen months. It was agreed that the Presbytery urge the congregations to use extra efforts to aid this fund.

Rev. P. Fleming tendered his resignation of the pastoral charge of Caledon East and St. Andrew's, Caledon, and Rev. N. Morrison tendered his resignation of the pastoral charges of the congregations of Corbetton, Riverview and Gandier.

The Clerk was instructed to cite said congregations to appear for their interests at next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Bell read a report on Sunday Schools, and Mr. Morrison a report on Church Life and Work, both of which showed a very encouraging state of affairs within the bounds of the Presbytery.

The next regular meeting will be held at Orangeville on May 4th.

H. CROZIER, Clerk of Presbytery.

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New importations of Spring Goods now opening, consisting of Dress Goods in all the new materials, designs and colorings. Silks, Mohairs, Woods, Linen and Cotton Fabrics, Hosiery, Gloves, Laces, Ribbons.

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We show Tapestry Carpets lower than ever, ranging from 25c per yard, and some of the finest values in yard-wide carpets we ever had to offer.

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Our Boots and Shoes are already making a sensation.

In Spring goods we have had to repeat orders to manufacturers for several lines.

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We have made extra efforts to have the biggest values in Men's and Boys' Clothing ever offered here.

All for Five Dollars!

A Complete Suit in Men's Sizes
A Felt Hat
A Pair of Braces
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A Linen Collar
A Pair of Boots

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The very best quality

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