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The Island's Leading Store

Men's Straw Hats 1-2 price



\$1.00 Hats for	50c
1.50 " "	75c
2.00 " "	1.00
2.50 " "	1.25

This is a great clearing out of all the Men's Straw Hats in Sailor Shapes and Dips, everything in the way of Straw Hats go out now at 1-2 price.

Ladies' Straw Shapes from \$1.25 to \$3.25 for 49c

In our window today we are placing Ladies' Straw Hats which we are clearing out at 49c, this is your last chance to get a nice up to date Straw Hat for 49c regular values run from \$1.25 to \$3.25 for 49c.

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A Big Shirt For Little Money

A good strong shirt for 50c.

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10 doz. Ladies' Hose 65c for 35c

This lot consists of Tans, White and Black Lisle in sizes from 8 to 10, regular values 60c on sale now for 35c.



35c Hose for 19c

This consists of 20 doz. colored Hose, Lisle and Cotton, regular value 35c on sale now for 19c.

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THE GRIT DILEMMA

On the plan that desperate diseases necessitate desperate remedies, the sick and sorry Grit candidates held a second conclave in the city yesterday, in order to come to some arrangement for the selection of a leader and to agree upon some platform on which to appeal to the electorate. It is one of the most extraordinary circumstances in the history of Canadian politics that a party should be formed and a policy adopted, after the dissolution of the Legislature and within three weeks of the election. Up till yesterday there was no recognised Opposition to the Government, no leader whatever, and no policy. Candidates were thrust, or allowed themselves to be thrust, on unwilling constituencies higgly-piggily, and then when some thirty nondescripts had been thus got together, they set about selecting a head and devising a common programme as an excuse for seeking the suffrages of the electors. The choice as leader fell upon Mr Benjamin Rogers, who, at the age of seventy-eight, when most men should be enjoying a well-earned dolce far niente, has plunged into the vortex of a political campaign. Mr Rogers is just as good a choice as could have been made and has just as much chance of "making good" as any other of the many aspirants to political fame who find themselves included in his unwilling following. But what about a programme? This also was discussed in draft, but so far has not seen the light of day. The electors rightly will be highly suspicious of any specially prepared political manifesto submitted under such extraordinary circumstances. It cannot possibly be a considered policy and must necessarily partake of a "catch-vote" political extravaganza, produced merely for the purpose of effect. A crowd which was originally attracted to the contest merely by "the rustle of the hay," and which otherwise had absolutely no reason for existence, may be depended upon to produce something flamboyantly attractive to submit to the country as an inducement to accept the candidates at something more than their face value. But we must, perforce, wait and see.

ROAD DISTRICTS' GUN FUND

As will be seen elsewhere in this paper the Road Districts Machine Gun Fund, previously referred to, has been opened and already there has been a substantial response from the neighbourhood in which it originated, Red Point, and many encouraging letters to Mr Bruce, who initiated the move, from many roadmasters throughout the province.

A magnificent example has been set by the Cavendish Presbyterian Congregation, who in a few days contributed the very generous sum of \$1,160, a thousand dollars of which goes to buy a gun and the remainder to the Patriotic Society. The Cavendish Congregation, as far as material wealth is concerned, is an ordinary, fairly well off country congregation, or perhaps little, if any, above the average population of country congregations. Measured by its generous gift, however, it towers high above anything yet accomplished by any similar organisation in the province and has given a splendid demonstration of what may be done by a loyal people under capable and willing leadership. We have no doubt that every part of the province is as loyal and patriotic as Cavendish, as sensible of the peril of the Empire, and as anxious to do its bit in bringing the war to a successful termination. But neither loyalty nor willingness will avail without leadership and co-operation. Cavendish evidently had both as their splendid gift to the Island's sons and to the Empire proves.

Many of the roadmasters throughout the province have already expressed their hearty sympathy with the Road Districts Machine Gun Fund and we have no doubt that the others will also take an active part in it. In this way the fund is already in the hands of an organisation and we feel assured that there will be a liberal response. If each district does its part even to the extent of half the response given by Red Point, there will be no trouble in raising a fund sufficient for several guns. The main thing is to go to work at once. To quote from a recent address given by the well-known author, Ralph Connor: If you have anything to do that you can do, if you have anything to give that you can give, to put in the scale for the Empire, do it within the next few days. This is Canada's hour. Two months after this it may be too late, or it may be unnecessary.

GRITS' COOKED ACCOUNTS

Try as it will the Patriot cannot succeed in convincing its readers that two and two make five. In every possible and conceivable manner it has tried to belittle the Government's surpluses, but without success. Yesterday it attempted to beguile its readers by submitting the balance-sheet of the Grit Government for 1911, and the balance-sheet for 1914, and asking them to judge for themselves whether there possibly could be a surplus or improvement in the finances. The comparison would have been all right and the logic convincing but for one thing—the Grit balance-sheet submitted was cooked and unreliable. The Grits, in order to present as good a showing as possible and to mislead the public, took no account of their outstanding liabilities at September 30. When Messrs Rossborough and Dench, the two independent auditors appointed to examine the accounts and to find out exactly how the finances of the province stood, found that from 30th September 1911 until 31st December 1911, when the present Government took charge, the Palmer Government had received \$22,000 and had paid out \$105,000, making a ready-made deficit of \$83,000. They found also that there were \$85,000 of unpaid accounts, which the present Government had to pay. These should, according to these independent bankers, whose reputations as actuaries are at stake, have been included in the Grit expenditures as at September 30 1911, but were purposely omitted to delude and mislead the public. Messrs Rossborough and Dench certified over their signatures that the true liabilities of the province at September 30 1911 were \$1,072,595.77.

That was the starting point of the Mathieson Government, and after three years, the report of the external auditor, on this occasion another independent banker, Mr H. W. Binning, whose reputation also is at stake, showed that the total liabilities at December 31, 1914 had been reduced to \$983,354.49, or a net reduction in three years of \$39,241.28. There can be no gainsaying these facts. The Patriot

may try to hoodwink its readers as much as it likes, but it cannot blast the reputations of trained and responsible bank actuaries by pretending that the cooked accounts of the Grit Government are more worthy of credence than the report of these three, independent gentlemen, who are neither politicians nor partisans, but trained bankers and professional auditors.

In order that there may be absolutely no dubiety on the subject in the minds of any of our readers, we append the reports of these auditors for 1911 and 1914, from which it will be seen exactly how matters stand:—

Report by Messrs Rossborough and Dench on 1911 Accounts.

Balance against Province, Sept. 30, 1910 (current account)	\$145,849.07
Expenditure, year ended Sept. 30, 1911	\$416,631.08
Receipts, year ended Sept. 30, 1911	374,797.82
Debitures sold	41,833.26
	\$187,682.33
	10,000.00
	\$177,682.33
Expenditures, Sept. 30, 1911, to Dec. 2, 1911	\$105,862.44
Receipts, Sept. 30, 1911, to Dec. 2, 1911	22,580.94
	83,281.50
	\$260,963.83
Due banks	\$171,839.66
Less cash on hand	6,456.21
	\$165,383.45
Cheques outstanding	10,046.82
Loans (private parties)	85,533.56
	\$260,963.83
Accrued interest due—	
Banks (overdrafts)	\$715.50
Loans (private parties)	3,066.15
Debitures	8,303.24
	\$12,084.89
Accounts payable, Appendix A.	\$4,854.07
Accounts payable, Appendix B.	5,576.79
	10,430.86
Outstanding road orders, Appendix C.	4,959.49
Salaries accrued—	
District teachers	\$15,740.00
Public officials	773.03
	16,513.03
Incomplete contracts, Appendix D.	19,532.38
Dominion subsidy, 29 days unearned	21,449.11
Net debenture indebtedness, Appendix E.	726,622.18
	\$1,072,595.77

Report of Mr H. W. Binning on 1914 Accounts.

Balance of Current Account, 31st Dec. 1913	\$270,925.56
Expenditures, 1914	514,982.73
Receipts, 1914	\$525,555.19
	10,572.46
	\$260,353.10
Due Bank	\$170,383.91
Due Loans	89,969.19
	\$260,353.10
Accrued Interest—	
Banks	\$1,268.15
Loans	2,526.62
Debitures	6,331.88
Accounts Payable, Public Works	18,508.27
Incomplete Contracts, Public Works	5,581.37
Accounts Payable, Treasury	117.61
Teachers' Salaries, Grants and Supplements accrued	14,901.00
Debiture indebtedness (net)	673,766.49
	723,001.39
	\$983,354.49

MISSED CONNECTION

Passengers by the western train from Summerside yesterday morning were somewhat mystified by a long delay at Kensington which seemed to be out of proportion to the apparent activities of this usually busy railway centre. Just as the patience of the passengers was about exhausted the shriek of a locomotive was heard coming from Summerside way. Presently the puffing engine pulled in and Mr A. C. Saunders, the Liberal candidate for the Second District of Prince, leaped out and boarded the waiting train; the conductor gave the usual signal and the train was off. It appears that the Liberal candidates had arranged for an ante-mortem consultation at Charlottetown yesterday and Mr Saunders, who is not an early riser, missed connection at Summerside. He telegraphed Kensington to hold the train until he arrived in the shunter and the obliging railway officials accommodated him. It was an ominous occurrence. He will miss connection again on the 16th of September and there will be no shunter to get him to the train bound for the Government benches.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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When your road's a stretch of sorrow,
And your soul is filled with fear—
Do not worry o'er tomorrow;
Do not shed a scalding tear—
But—CHEER UP!

Life is always worth the living;
We are never down and out,
While our God His love is giving.
So just trust—Cast off each doubt—
And—CHEER UP!

Friends may fall you, foes may fell you,
Sins may sadden and annoy,
But high Heaven comes down to tell you,

Of forgiveness, friendship, joy—
So—CHEER UP!

Brighter day will dawn to-morrow,
Turn your back upon the past;
There is joy for every sorrow,
And a happy home at last
Soul—CHEER UP!
ARTHUR E. GRINGLE.

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Aug. 27th to Sept. 6th	Sept. 15th	\$34.35
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Women's and Misses' Patent and Dongola Blucher Oxfords \$2.10 for \$1.49.
Women's Dongola Strap Slippers \$1.15 for 89c.
A lot of Men's Boots Tan and Black \$6.00 now \$4.50—\$5.00 now \$4.00—\$4.50 now \$3.50.
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