

TOMORROW MORNING STARTS THE BIG SALE

Children's Dresses at Great Savings

A well assorted stock of Children's Dresses, for winter wear, will be cleared at prices lower than the cost of the materials alone. The dresses are for children of all ages and sizes. A few very choice coats for small children also offered at great reductions.

CHILDREN'S 50c and 65c Dresses, January Sale Price 25¢	CHILDREN'S \$1.85 and \$1.90 Dresses, January Sale Price \$1.15
CHILDREN'S 75c and \$1.00 Dresses, January Sale Price 50¢	CHILDREN'S \$2.25 and \$2.50 Dresses, January Sale Price \$1.35
CHILDREN'S \$1.10 and \$1.25 Dresses, January Sale Price 75¢	CHILDREN'S \$2.75 and \$3.00 Dresses, January Sale Price \$1.65
CHILDREN'S \$1.50 AND \$1.75 Dresses, January Sale Price \$1.00	

If the good values we have to offer this year receive the attention they merit, this will be Our Greatest January Sale. We have been preparing for this carnival of value-giving for some time, and can assure you that we are convinced that this year's sale prices are unusually good, in fact, we feel safe in saying that they are the best we have yet offered. The sale starts tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. If what you want is not advertised, you will probably find it on some of the special tables, priced at an attractive figure.

Women's and Children's Hats Reduced

Cost cuts no figure when we come to reduce our millinery for this great sale.

WOMEN'S TRIMMED HATS, including model and pattern hats, regular from \$15.00 up. January Sale Price \$5.00	WOMEN'S OUTFIT HATS, worth to \$5.00. January Sale Price. \$2.50
WOMEN'S TRIMMED HATS, worth from \$10.00 to \$15.00. January Sale Price \$2.50	UNTRIMMED FELT SHAPES, were sold for up to \$4.50. January Sale Price 50¢
WOMEN'S TRIMMED HATS, worth from \$5.00 to \$10.00. January Sale Price \$1.50	CHILDREN'S SAILOR SHAPES, were up to \$2.50. January Sale Price. \$1.00
	CHILDREN'S HATS, bear-skin, silk and velvet, regular up to \$3.50. January Sale Price 50¢

Men's Suits at January Sale Prices

Of more than ordinary interest will be this sale of Men's Suits. The reductions are very generous, and on most meritorious goods, garments that are the foundation of our Men's Clothing business. The "Fit-Rite" is one of the brands we carry, and the others are just as well known, and equally as good. You can buy a good, natty, dressy suit, a suit that will please you, and one that will look well on you, at any of the prices mentioned below.

\$8.50 to \$12.50 Suits for \$6.45	\$12.50 to \$15.00 Suits for \$9.45
GOOD SERVICEABLE SUITS, made of strong tweeds, and worsteds, regular \$8.50 to \$12.50. January Sale Price \$6.45	DRESSY, NICE SUITS, made of good quality tweeds and worsteds in attractive patterns. A good assortment at this price and some very fine garments, regular \$12.50 to \$15.00. January Sale Price. \$9.45
\$22.50 to \$30.00 Suits for \$15.45	\$15.00 to \$20.00 Suits for \$11.45
OUR VERY BEST LINES, the highest grade suits we carry are included in this lot. "Fit-Rite" garments and other first-class makes in all the very newest cloths, made up in the best styles. You can be well dressed, in fact perfectly dressed at small cost if you take advantage of this sale. Regular \$22.50 to \$30.00 suits. January Sale Price \$15.45	SOME DANDY SUITS in this lot, including a quantity of the "Fit-Rite" Brand. These garments have an enviable reputation for fit, finish and general excellence. These suits are good enough to please any man, no matter how particular he is. Regular \$15.00 to \$20.00 Suits. January Sale Price. \$11.45

Women's Costumes at Great Reductions

We never carry anything over in this department, we always start the season with entirely new lines. To do this we reduce all garments in stock at this time in a manner that will move them out, and quickly. The reductions in this year are very large and the garments exceptionally good, in fact these bargains are the kind that come but seldom.

Model Costumes, were \$55.00 to \$85.00, Now \$25.00	\$22.50 and \$25.00 Tailored Suits for \$7.50
OUR HIGHEST GRADE GARMENTS, most of them models, of which we have only one to sell, limited in quantity, but of the very highest quality. New York and Paris models or copies of models, our very best garments, every one possessing the merit of exclusiveness and individuality. Regular \$55.00 to \$85.00 Costumes. January Sale Price \$25.00	PLAIN TAILORED SUITS, most of these are made with long semi-fitted coats and skirts, finished with bias fold, made up in good cloths, nearly all plain colors. Well made and good fitting, the cloth alone would cost this much, regular \$22.50 and \$25.00. January Sale Price \$7.50
\$37.50 to \$50.00 Costumes for \$18.50	\$27.50 to \$35.00 Costumes for \$13.50
These are the next lower grades garments that sold as high as \$50.00. They are beautiful examples of artistic tailoring, possessing all the merits of the higher priced lines, but not being quite so elaborate in finish. They are made up in handsome Fancy Tweeds and Rich Plain Venetians and Broadcloths in all the best colorings. Regular \$37.50 to \$50.00 costumes. January Sale Price \$18.50	A BEAUTIFUL HAND-TAILORED COSTUME for this price, it hardly seems possible, yet it is true. No tailor or dressmaker can make costumes any better than these are made, and very few will make them for anywhere near this figure, which is for the suit complete. A good assortment of styles and cloths, regular sale prices \$27.50 to \$35.00. January Sale Price \$13.50

\$2.50 Men's and Women's Footwear \$2.50

The first day's selling of our last sale created a new record in the Shoe Department. If values will do it Monday should certainly break that record. We mention a few of the lines just to give you an idea of what we are offering, but don't make the mistake of thinking that these few lines are the complete offering—such an assortment of strictly high-grade footwear has never before been offered in this city at this price.

MEN'S VICI KID LACED BOOTS, plain toes, Goodyear welt soles, American manufacture, broken sizes, regular \$5.50. January Sale Price \$2.50	WOMEN'S PATENT COLT FOX BOOTS, dull tops, with or without tips, Edwin C. Bart's make, broken sizes, regular \$6.00. January Sale Price \$2.50
MEN'S GUN METAL CALF BLUCHER CUT BOOTS, smart toes, medium weight soles, 5 to 8½ only, regular \$5.00. January Sale Price \$2.50	WOMEN'S GUN METAL CALF BUTTON BOOTS, plain toes, broken sizes, regular \$5.50, Edwin C. Bart's make. January Sale Price \$2.50
MEN'S VELOUR CALF BLUCHERS, Goodyear welt or McKay sewn soles, regular \$5.00. January Sale Price \$2.50	WOMEN'S VICI KID LACED OR BUTTON BOOTS, hand turned soles, Grover's or Armstrong's American manufacture, 2½ to 4 only, regular \$5.00. January Sale Price \$2.50

Wonderful Savings on Dress Goods

The Dress Goods Bargains are unusually good this time, probably the best we have ever offered. Just think of buying \$1.25 goods for 25¢, \$2.00 goods for 50¢, and \$3.00 goods for 75¢, yet these are some of the bargains that this sale offers you. Space does not permit us mentioning these lines in detail—we just give you a rough idea of what we have:

Values Up to \$1.25 for 25¢	Values Up to \$2.00 for 50¢	Values Up to \$3.00, for 75¢
TWEEDS, in dark and light mixtures, black and white checked material, black and white striped goods, panamas in navys and browns, suiting in navys, browns, grey, in all these are fifty-one pieces of colored goods, ranging in value from 50¢ to \$1.25. January Sale Price 25¢	PANAMAS in navys and browns, diagonal serge in various colors, chevron stripes different colors, plain cloth, voiles in browns, navys and greys, also some cloakings full, fifty-four inches wide, forty-eight pieces in all, regular 75¢ to \$2.00. January Sale Price 50¢	HERRINGBONE SERGE different colors, diagonal serge navy and browns, costume cloths in plain colors and fancy patterns, chevron stripes in the best shades, striped cloakings, and some coating serges, seventy-two pieces in all, worth from \$1.25 to \$3.00. Sale Price 75¢
BLACK DRESS GOODS, worth 40¢ to 75¢, for 25¢	BLACK DRESS GOODS, worth 75¢ to \$1.25, for 50¢	BLACK DRESS GOODS, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, for 75¢

Fine Values in Staples for This Sale

Space does not permit us to mention all the bargains we have in this section, but these three can be taken as samples of what you can expect. You can save a lot of money on necessities in this department during this sale.

BLEACHED SHEETING, two yards wide, a splendid quality that sells regularly at 30¢. January Sale Price 19½¢	FANCY FLANNELETTES, the kind for dresses and waists, fine widths and good colorings in a nice assortment of patterns, including floral and conventional designs. These flannelettes are indeed a wonderful bargain at this price, which is exactly half what they are worth. Regular price 25¢. January sale price 12½¢
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, all pure wool, a beautiful quality and weight, size 60 in. x 80 in. Regular price \$5.50. January Sale Price \$3.50	

75c Fancy Blouses **50c**
\$1.00 for Women **50c**
\$1.50

Just think of it, a Blouse for 50c and a good one at that. In this lot are blouses of all kinds and colors, blouses for summer, blouses for winter, silks, cambrics, flannelettes, ginghams, flannels, in fact anything that you want you will find in this lot.

SILK BLOUSES, worth \$1.50. January Sale Price. 50¢	GINGHAM BLOUSES, fine quality of gingham in checks and plaids, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. January Sale Price 50¢
MUSLIN BLOUSES, in white, some very nice waists, daintily trimmed with lace and embroidery, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. January Sale Price 50¢	FLANNELETTE BLOUSES, good weight flannelettes in nice patterns, regular 75¢ and \$1.00. January Sale Price 50¢
MUSLIN BLOUSES, in colored pretty designs, in white and colored grounds, regular 75¢ to \$1.25. January Sale Price. 50¢	DELAINE BLOUSES, in fancy patterns, a variety of colorings and designs, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. January Sale Price. 50¢

\$1.75 Fancy Blouses **75c**
\$2.00 for Women **75c**
\$2.25

A rare assortment this—some of the best waists that we ever offered at this price are in this lot. Handsome lustre waists in white and colored, pretty flannelettes in choice designs, fancy delaines and challies, also a few plain ones and white muslins.

CREAM LUSTRE BLOUSES, with embroidered fronts and trimmed with silk braid, regular \$2.00 and \$2.25. January Sale Price 75¢	DELAINE BLOUSES, fancy delaines in pretty designs, also plain colors, regular \$2.00 and \$2.25. January Sale Price. 75¢
MUSLIN BLOUSES, dainty muslins trimmed with fine laces and embroideries, regular \$1.75 to \$2.25. January Sale Price. 75¢	MUSLIN BLOUSES, dainty muslins in pretty patterns, also plain lustres in all colors, regular \$1.75 to \$2.25. January Sale Price 75¢
FLANNELETTE BLOUSES, nice designs in the best flannelette, regular \$1.75 and \$2.00. January Sale Price 75¢	

\$2.50 Fancy Waists **\$1.00**
\$2.75 for Women **\$1.00**
\$3.00

Some of our best grades are included in this offering, the fine delaine and challie waists, lustres in plain and fancy, fancy spot panamas, some pretty white muslins, in fact plenty of all kinds to choose from for all seasons of the year.

CHALLIE WAISTS, light, medium and dark colors in choice designs, regular prices \$2.50 and \$3.00. January Sale Price. \$1.00	COLORED LUSTRE WAISTS, in browns and navys, some tailor made styles, regular \$2.50 and \$3. January Sale Price. \$1.00
MUSLIN WAISTS, some very dainty waists, prettily trimmed, worth \$2.50 to \$3.00. January Sale Price \$1.00	FANCY LUSTRE WAISTS, fancy figured lustres, nice patterns and all colors, regular \$2.50 to \$3.00. Sale Price. \$1.00
CREAM LUSTRE WAISTS, trimmed with silk embroidery and fancy braids, worth \$2.75 and \$3. January Sale Price, \$1.00	FANCY FLANNEL WAISTS, good weights in fancy and plain designs, regular \$2.75 and \$3.00. January Sale Price \$1.00

Women's Raincoats for Little Money

\$13.50 to \$22.50 Raincoats, for \$8.75	\$7.50 to \$10.50 Raincoats, for \$3.75
A LOT OF RAINCOATS, made of heptonette and rubber lined satin, the colors are fawns, greys, greens, browns, navy, black and some fancy checks. Nearly all these coats are made in the loose back full cut coat, best suited for rainy weather. They are well made of the best materials and are wonderful bargains at this price. Regular \$13.50 to \$22.50. January Sale Price \$8.75	THESE COATS at this price are less than you would pay for the materials. They are made of good quality heptonette in shades of fawn and grey. They are seven-eights, and full length coats in the semi-fitted and loose back styles, some having belts and dressy styled back. Well made coats and good desirable styles, the regular values were from \$7.50 to \$10.50. January Sale Price \$3.75

January Prices on Women's Coats

This Sale provides the chance to buy Women's Coats for less than it cost the maker to produce them. We bought most of our coats away under the regular prices and now we offer them at reductions from these special prices. Such coat bargains as these are not to be had every day.

WOMEN'S COATS, regular \$18.50, \$20.00 and \$22.50. January Sale Price \$7.50	WOMEN'S COATS, regular \$25.00, \$30.00 and \$32.50. January Sale Price \$12.50	WOMEN'S COATS, regular \$35.00, \$40.00 and \$45.00. January Sale Price \$16.50
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MEN'S 50c UNDERWEAR, 35¢
HEAVY WOOL MIXTURE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, shirts double breasted, regular price, per garment 50c. January Sale Price **35¢**

DAVID SPENCER LTD.

MEN'S 50c UNDERWEAR, 35¢
HEAVY WOOL MIXTURE SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, shirts double breasted, regular price, per garment 50c. January Sale Price **35¢**

WOULD FINANCE WATER PROJECT

English Financiers' Plan to Install the Sooko System

OFFER BEFORE CITY BARRISTER EXPLAINS

City Barrister Explains of Recent Mission to Old Country

That a syndicate of English is ready on certain special to construct the pipe line to Lake to Victoria and the necessary works in connection to connect with the proposed distribution system is the report of City Barrister W. J. Taylor to the city council yesterday at a meeting called to hear of an agreement which the enter into with the Canadian Limited, should the proposal be accepted by the city. The negotiations which were carried on in the committee returned on Tuesday in the outcome of long discussions during the past few days. Mr. Taylor went to England to touch with financial men in view of securing some proposition Victoria could accept in lieu of going to Sooko Lake, large water supply sanctioned last civic election when a proposition was made to have the suit of his trip Mr. Taylor's agreement with a company Canadian Agency Limited, agreement was submitted to the council yesterday. Nothing decided upon the meeting formal, and Mr. Taylor is the only course open for the incoming council, if they proposition at this time is not approved by the council, the opportunity of saying terms proposed by the Agency Limited, shall be rejected. If the council accepted the terms as set forth agreement submitted by the application will then have to be submitted to the legislature for power.

The agreement, which has been signed by the Canadian Limited, per Mr. Taylor and Mr. Charteris, Mr. Taylor, the outcome of several which Mr. Taylor had with the of the company. The agreement is as follows:

The Proposition
An agreement made the of December, one thousand and eight, between the Corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and the Canadian Agency Limited, (hereinafter referred to as "The Corporation") and the Corporation duly incorporated in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, (hereinafter referred to as "The Agency"), which shall include its success signs) of the other parties to the agreement.

The Corporation has agreed to carry out the same upon hereinafter contained. Now by agreed with and hereto as follows, that is to

1. This agreement is of the same being duly ratified by the City Corporation submitted to and approved by the City Corporation of a referendum bylaw and upon such bylaw and ment being duly recognized and validly executed, the powers being conferred upon the Corporation and the Agency to acquire and the Agency to carry out the same upon hereinafter contained. Now by agreed with and hereto as follows, that is to

2. As soon as the said specifications are approved shall forthwith take all necessary steps to acquire any such lands and way-segments, rights, licenses, and powers, including the right to use any such lands way-leaving, rights, licenses, and powers, shall be treated as "the said works."

4. The Agency shall necessary for or provided all moneys for of such lands and way-segments, licenses, and powers, all moneys, labor, supplies, materials, articles and proper and efficient and the said works and shall reasonable despatch procur

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