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Sale

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The difference between a Grafton sale and other sales you see advertised is, briefly, just this: The clothing we offer is the same kind as we sell at all other times (our own peerless high-grade) but with the prices emphatically reduced. We do not handle clothing that is especially made to sell cheap.

In our advertising we shall not offer brag in place of bargains, or frenzied claims instead of sober facts. We know of no better way to impress you with the importance of this movement than by making simple, but honest, comparisons of our sale prices with our regular prices, the goods we offer being in all cases identical with those we carry in stock at all times. These comparisons are easy and indisputable.

Fashionable Overcoats

Every one of them is a brilliant example of the cutter's art—every seam and every curve just as it should be, the very latest styles are exemplified by the neat, semi-fitting backs, the long vent at the back or the ever-popular full box back, and the prevailing colors, black or gray.

OVERCOATS—\$6.50 to \$7.00 values go at.....**\$4.98**
OVERCOATS—\$7.50 to \$8.00 values go at.....**\$5.98**
OVERCOATS—\$8.50 to \$9.00 values go at.....**\$6.98**
OVERCOATS—\$10.00 to \$11.00 values go at.....**\$7.98**
OVERCOATS—\$12.00 to \$13.00 values go at.....**\$8.98**

OVERCOATS—\$14.00 to \$15.00 values go at.....**\$9.98** OVERCOATS—\$16.00, \$17.00 and \$18.00 at.....**\$12.98**

The entire balance of our highest-grade Overcoats, every garment made for this season, the very latest styles, the newest fabrics, perfect in fit, elegant in style, garments that rank with the product of best custom tailors.

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MEN'S SUITS

"For each man according to his fancy," that's the policy in vogue here—the liberal, broad gauged business principle that has won so wide a popularity for the Grafton chain of stores. In these pre-eminent establishments one meets with only the very best clothes that brains and money can produce. Note the great reductions on these elegant Suits, all our own peerless make, made in our own splendidly-equipped factories and sold direct to the wearer, and bear in mind that the reductions shown below are based on our already unapproachable prices:

Men's Tweed Suits, worth \$5, \$5.50 to \$6.50. Sale price.....**\$3.98**
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Men's Tweed Suits, worth \$8.50 to \$9.50. Sale price.....**\$6.48**
Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits, worth \$10 to \$12. Sale price.....**\$7.98**
Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits, worth \$12 to \$14. Sale price.....**\$8.98**
Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits, worth \$14 to \$15. Sale price.....**\$9.98**
Tweed and Fancy Worsteds Suits, worth \$16, \$18, \$20 and \$22. Sale price.....**\$11.98, \$12.98, \$13.98, \$14.98**

YOUTHS' OVERCOATS

\$6.00 values. Sale price.....**\$3.98**
\$7.50 values. Sale price.....**\$4.98**
\$8.50 values. Sale price.....**\$5.98**
\$9.50 values. Sale price.....**\$6.98**

YOUTHS' SUITS, Long Pants

Bargains in this great section that defend the record held by us for years as Canada's greatest value-givers. Note these reductions on the very cream of our productions:

Youths' Suits, worth \$5.00. Sale price.....**\$2.98**
Youths' Suits, worth \$5.50. Sale price.....**\$3.98**
Youths' Suits, worth \$6.50. Sale price.....**\$4.98**
Youths' Suits, worth \$7.50. Sale price.....**\$5.98**
Youths' Suits, worth \$8.50. Sale price.....**\$6.98**

MEN'S TROUSERS

Over 2,500 pairs for you to select from, made in our own tailor shops, from the best trouser-fabrics obtainable at home or abroad. Everybody should wear Grafton Pants at such fractional prices as these:

\$1.25 Trousers now.....**79¢** \$3.00 Trousers now.....**\$1.98**
\$1.50 Trousers now.....**95¢** \$3.50 Trousers now.....**\$2.48**
\$1.75 Trousers now.....**\$1.25** \$4.00 Trousers now.....**\$2.98**
\$2.00 Trousers now.....**\$1.48** \$4.50 Trousers now.....**\$3.48**
\$2.50 Trousers now.....**\$1.69** \$5.00 Trousers now.....**\$3.48**
\$2.50 Trousers now.....**\$1.69** \$5.50 Trousers now.....**\$3.98**

TRADE EPIGRAM—"As the blacksmith strikes when the iron is hot, so the wise clothing buyer will make his selection early in this sale while assortments are good."

Nothing that isn't a credit to the store and a satisfactory purchase to the customer ever finds a place on our counters. Styles always correct, materials always of good quality, and the general appearance of the Clothing uplifting and manly. Mothers, fall in line and note these tremendous price-concessions.

YOUTHS' OVERCOATS

\$10.00 values. Sale price.....**\$7.98**
\$12.00 values. Sale price.....**\$9.98**
\$14.00 values. Sale price.....**\$9.98**

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WITTE LAYS BLAME ON MURAVIEFF SCIENTIST FAVORS LEAP YEAR POPPING

Says Former Foreign Minister
Was Responsible for Port
Arthur Occupation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 5.—The controversy between Count Witte and Gen. Kurapatkin, over Kurapatkin's testimony at the trial of Gen. Stoesel, which has been conducted at length for several days in The Novoye Vremya, has developed into a discussion of Count Witte's role of so-called eastern adventure and the extent of his responsibility for the war. This the enemies of Count Witte have persistently endeavored to saddle on him.

Gen. Kurapatkin, in a series of letters, has sought to prove that Witte was responsible for the foundation of Port Dalny, which the general declares gave the Japanese an invaluable base during the siege of Port Arthur and also interfered with the prompt dispatch of heavy artillery to the fortress.

Replying to these letters today Count Witte explicitly declared he was opposed to the establishment either of a military or a commercial port in Chinese territory and says that the policy of leasing the Kwantung peninsula and extending the railroad line thither was adopted over his head.

He ascribes the occupation of Port Arthur by the Russians to the initiative of Count Muraviev, who then was foreign minister, and declares he was so indignant at the move that he immediately broke off all relations with Muraviev.

Count Witte challenged Gen. Kurapatkin to prove that he ever called attention to Port Dalny as a strategic menace to Port Arthur before the war and says that Kurapatkin in 1903 stated that Port Arthur was able to resist the whole Japanese army, and defend the Kwantung peninsula and Manchuria.

The controversy has greatly restored Count Witte's diminished prestige and brought him prominently into the public eye. Among his partisans in Premier Stolypin, who, in a recent conversation, said he was a great admirer of Witte's talents and would be glad to have him in the cabinet were it not for the opposition to him in the highest quarters.

MORE MILLIONS FROM ROCKEFELLER

The Oil King Gives University
of Chicago a New Year's
Gift of \$2,191,000.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—John D. Rockefeller yesterday poured more millions into the coffers of the University of Chicago as a New Year's gift. The oil king's latest present to the Midway school includes three separate sums amounting to \$2,191,000, and raises the figure of his total benefactions to the university to \$28,809,681.98.

The gift was announced the university officials in a letter from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to Martin A. Ryerson, president of the board of trustees. The chief item is \$2,000,000 in securities for endowment purposes, and another is \$155,000, the amount of the deficit in the school budget for the next fiscal year. The remaining \$3,600,000 is for special expenses asked by the university authorities.

The gift follows closely on the visit of President Judson and members of the board of trustees to New York. Dr. Judson, in company with Martin A. Ryerson, A. C. Bartlett, Wallace Heckman and Trevor Arnett of the board met Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., and Fred T. Gates, the New York trustees, in the East last week and stated the needs of the university. They asked for \$191,000 and received the extra \$2,000,000 for good measure.

\$50,000 Annual Income.
Instead of naming the amount of the endowment fund in the precise figures of \$2,000,000 in his letter to Mr. Ryerson, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., stated that the gift consisted of "securities that will produce an annual income of \$50,000 to the university." Dr. T. W. Goodspeed, registrar of the university, said that the capitalized figure would be \$2,000,000, however.

The present gift is next to the largest amount the university has ever received from its founder, the largest being that in December, 1905, when the amount was \$2,317,000. With the \$500,000 recently given for the Harper memorial library fund, the gifts for the last year total \$2,791,000.

The sum of \$155,000 which will go to the deficit is the least the university ever asked for. The deficit at one time reached \$275,000. The university authorities believe that the school will become self-supporting in the near future. Less than three millions are now required in order to do away with the annual deficit altogether, according to Dr. Goodspeed.

Consul F. W. Mahlin, of Nottingham, reports that the value of refrigerated produce annually imported into Great Britain is now close to \$200,000,000, about half of which comes from the British colonies. The United States and South America each contribute some \$30,000,000 worth, Russia about \$13,000,000 worth, the remainder being distributed among several countries. The greatest value is of butter and cheese, about \$75,000,000. Beef is next, nearly \$50,000,000; mutton, \$30,000,000; eggs, over \$10,000,000.

Padozewski frequently sits at his instrument until well into the small hours, and he seldom rises until 9 or 10 a.m., and immediately he is dressed he gets to work, generally practicing on the piano, but often composing. He keeps to his task until 1 o'clock, and not a minute earlier does he break his fast.

"Let Women Woo Their Mates
and There'll Be Fewer
Divorces."

Chicago, Jan. 4.—"If every year were leap year and women could be brought to avail themselves of the time-honored privilege of proposing to the men of their choice, instead of waiting for men to propose to them, we should be far along the road toward a regenerate society."

Dr. Denslow Lewis, president of the Medical-Legal Society of America, chairman of the hygienic section of the American Medical Association, author and sociologist, made the above statement for publication.

"There is no doubt that the selection of a husband should really rest with the woman," said Dr. Lewis. "In the animal world it is invariably the female that chooses her mate."

"Only in the human race is the right of selection arbitrarily given to the male. Taking the divorce records of this country for the last twelve months as a guide, we can hardly believe that he has made a brilliant success of it."

"Left to herself and with no hampering conventions to interfere, woman would be a most discriminating chooser. With all sorts of men to select from, she would be in no sort of hurry to mate with the first little man that popped the question."

"Women love physical perfection. With her right to select unquestioned, the American woman would pick out a man of her own physical ideal, who with all the varied arts and fascinations at her disposal, and nine times out of ten, get him."

"Physically the race would be greatly benefited. There are many thousands of women in this country who have married men just because they were asked, and who now live the lives of housekeeping drudges, bound to the so-called home only by the stern dictates of duty."

"Sometimes Mr. Right comes along, years after, when the loveless marriage has produced complications in the way of children. Then the housekeeper drudge is suddenly transformed into a woman with a heart to love and suffer once more. If she be a very strong woman she continues in the narrow path of duty to the end. If she be weak and the man in the case unscrupulous, there is another case for the divorce court to wrestle with and for sociologists to ponder over."

BLOW UP WARSHIP AS TORPEDO TEST

In View of the French Disaster
Admiralty Orders Expensive
Experiment.

Southampton, Jan. 5.—The old battleship Colossus has been doomed to the fate of the Hero in a series of tests of magazine conditions in modern warships.

This is a result of the terrible accident in the French battleship Jena, at Toulon, early in the year, caused by the explosion of powder in the magazines. A committee was appointed by the admiralty after the disaster to examine the system of storing explosives in British warships. One outcome of this committee's work has been the fitting of a cooling apparatus in the ship's magazines, but the committee is not yet satisfied that absolute safety has been insured.

In order to assist it in its researches the admiralty has placed the Colossus at its disposal. The Colossus is to be fitted with magazines similar to those in modern battleships, and these are to be stored with cordite, lyddite and other explosives used in the navy.

A series of temperature tests will then be made, and after as much information as possible has been gained on this head the charges will be exploded to find out what would be the effect of an accident on a British battleship similar to that which overtook the Jena.

The Colossus was built at Portsmouth in 1886, at a cost of \$3,233,920. She is much larger than the Hero, having a displacement of 9,459 tons, against the other ship's 7,250 tons.

Previous experiments with obsolete warships are as follows:
In 1872, the Glatton (coast defense armor-clad); shells fired to test turrets.
In 1900, the Belleisle (battleship), target for channel squadron.

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Carthagenian.....From Boston, Jan. 11
Numidian.....From Boston, Jan. 25
Corinthian.....From Boston, Feb. 1

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.
SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION
BRIDGE AND TORONTO.

Arrive from the east—*3:50 a.m., 10:56 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:23 a.m., *6:25 p.m., *7:48 p.m., 10 p.m.
Arrive from the west—*12:09 a.m., *8:15 a.m., 8:50 a.m., *11:13 a.m., 1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., *6:25 p.m.
Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *8:20 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:23 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.
Depart for the west—*3:25 a.m., *3:55 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., *8:05 p.m.
The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—10:40 a.m., *4 p.m., *6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.
Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:27 a.m., 2:30 p.m., *7:55 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—*3:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., *3:35 p.m., 11:10 p.m.
Depart—6:10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2:50 p.m., 5 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive—From the east *11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., *11 p.m. From the west—*4:30 a.m., *8:20 a.m., *5:20 p.m.
Depart—For the east—*4:40 a.m., *8:43 a.m., *5:28 p.m. For the west—*11:38 a.m., *11:10 p.m., *11:10 p.m.
Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday. **From Chatham only. ***Runs only to Chatham.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—5:40 a.m., *6:50 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m., 7:35 p.m.
Arrive—*5:45 a.m., *12:15 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
*To and from Walkerville, without change. Trains not "starred" to Port Stanley. †Between London and St. Thomas only.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.
Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 6:35 p.m., *10:25 p.m.
*Runs through to Waterford.

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