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## January Sale Prices

FOR TO-NIGHT AND MONDAY

EXTRAORDINARY VALUE  
IN SERGE DRESS GOODS.

40 in. wide, all pure wool, extra heavy weight and fine bright finish in shades of light and dark navy, marine, cardinal, crimson and black, regular value 35c. a yard, January Sale price is **25c**

### LADIES' JACKETS

You will find prices cut away down in our Jacket section. Every coat must be sold this month. No consideration is paid to actual value or to cost.

42 in. long, Ladies' Jackets, made of fine Kersey Cloth, lined throughout, semi-fitting, in colors black and fawn, regular price \$15.00, on sale to-night and Monday for **\$10.50**

34 in. long, Ladies' Black Astrachan Jackets, elegantly lined with satin, fine, even curl, glossy finish, regular price \$45.00, on sale for **\$40.00**

### HANDKERCHIEFS

You will find in our stock many reduced lines of fine embroidered handkerchiefs, choice designs and good qualities.

Ladies' very fine cambric handkerchiefs, hemstitched, various widths, regular price 5c. each, on sale to-night and Monday at 7 for **25c.**

Children's colored picture handkerchiefs, good quality and attractive designs, special sale to-night and Monday at each **2c.**

### SALE OF MUFFS AT HALF PRICE

Ladies' Fur Muffs made of Coney, Greenland seal and imitation stone martin, on sale to-night and Monday at half-price.

\$1.00 muffs for 50c.  
\$2.50 muffs for \$1.25.  
\$5.00 muffs for \$2.50.

### LADIES' UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Winter weight merino undervests, two thirds wool, one third cotton, unshrinkable, fine, soft finish, regular price 85c. each, on sale to-night and Monday for **50c.**

### MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's winter weight fleece lined shirts and drawers, special value at regular price 50c. on sale to-night and Monday for **46c.**

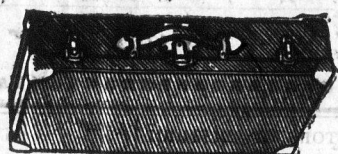
### Children's NIGHT GOWN

Children's night gowns made of good weight five striped shaker flannel, sizes, 10, 12, and 14 years, regular price \$1.00 each, on sale for **50c.**

## Thomas Stone & Son.

## A Chat..

About Trunks and Valises is the correct thing in a holiday conversation for a Xmas present. Speak of Trunks and Valises anywhere, and you are pretty sure to hear something about us—The Boston Shoe Store.



## We Have No Use

For "Great" sales and rainbow reductions. Good trunks and valises are like good dollars or gold; they are not like good-looking but worthless things. We show a number of distinct styles of Valises at rock bottom prices. Don't you think you could save money by coming here? We try to make every transaction of benefit to our customers. That's the way to make our trade grow.

SOLE RIGHT OF SALE..... **J. L. CAMPBELL** THE BOSTON SHOE STORE

## THE MOST SENSIBLE HOLIDAY PRESENTS

can be bought at HUGH McDONALD & Co's.  
We keep full lines of all Furniture for use and adornment in a house.

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| —Parlor Cabinets | —Hall Chairs       |
| —China Cabinets  | —Morris Chairs     |
| —Music Cabinets  | —Fancy Chairs      |
| —Book Cases      | —Rockers           |
| —Secretaries     | —Couches           |
| —Library Tables  | —Sofas             |
| —Centre Tables   | —Jardiniere Stands |
- and all Staple Goods.

Our Prices Themselves sell the Goods

**Hugh McDonald & Co.**  
FURNITURE AND CARPETS

## RAILWAY EARNINGS.

ALL THE ROADS MADE MONEY DURING LAST YEAR.

WHAT THE GENERAL MANAGERS SAY ABOUT IT.

LABOR SITUATION THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM.

New York, Jan. 3.—The New York Post contains interviews with General Manager Hays of the G.T.R. and President Van Horn of the C.P.R. as to the railway outlook in Canada. Mr. Hays says: "The continued increase in our passenger earnings was the most encouraging result of the past year from a railroad point of view, for the reason that it reflects better than anything else, the continued prosperity of the community. We have been particularly pleased in this respect because of the fact that last year we had large increases during the summer and early fall months from the traffic produced by the Buffalo Exposition, and we were apprehensive this year would show a large decrease arising from the absence of such an attraction, but, on the contrary, our passenger earnings show an increase of \$332,256 from January 1 to November 30. There is no apparent reason for our not expecting that the movement of high-class traffic in the interior will continue as large the following year as has been the case in the year just closing. So long as this is the case, and the scarcity of equipment of all kinds continues, there certainly does not seem to be any reason why there should not be a maintenance of rates.

"The labor situation is, perhaps, as serious a feature as exists in connection with the railway business. Although nearly all roads have made two or three increases in the payment of the various classes of employees since business commenced to improve in 1897, there is still an inclination in some directions among the employees to make demands on us for even higher rates of pay, and this is in the face of the fact that the railway companies, while paying very much higher prices for fuel, and from 20 to 30 per cent. more for nearly all classes of material entering into the maintenance and operation of their properties, have been unable to secure proportionate advances in their rates, and have, therefore, reached the limit of their ability to increase wages without decreasing returns to the holders of their securities. The serious nature of these advances in wages is that while an increase in pay is promptly demanded upon the appearance of better earnings on the part of the companies, there is always great unwillingness on the part of the employees to consent to reductions in these rates of pay when the earnings show a lower scale, as it is not unlikely will be the case again in the future, and an attempt to make a proportionate reduction in rates of pay generally involves strikes and contentions with the employees.

"As near as can be ascertained, I think the deliveries of new equipment will be sufficient to keep pace with the increase in tonnage. Considering the fact that during the several years of depression the majority of roads made but little, if any, additions to their equipment, barely maintaining their original stock, and in some cases not even that, and that, therefore, the necessities for new equipment have been extraordinary, I do not think the increase in the total equipment of the railroads has been larger than will be permanent, except possibly in periods of severe depression.

"It is difficult to see in what directions additional economies in operation can be devised, for the reasons heretofore given.

"If the present ratio of net earnings is maintained, we shall feel that we have but little cause for complaint. Prosperous times always have a tendency to bring to the front new railway projects, but I think there is less and less disposition to encourage the paralleling of existing lines. Regarding the physical condition of the railways, I think that 1903 will see a continuation of what has been done, so far in the way of re-vamping grades, elimination of curves, etc.

Sir William C. Van Horne says: "In Canada everything points to a large increase both in outward and inward traffic next year up to midsummer; after that time, the crops will affect the question one way or the other to some extent, but the railways of Canada are becoming more and more independent of special crops, because of the large development of mining and other traffic. I do not anticipate any lower rates either in the United States or Canada for some time to come, for the cost of nearly everything affecting railway working has been largely increased within the past year or two, and it requires the utmost care and the exercise of every possible economy to maintain satisfactory net earnings with the present rates."

## SOLD WIFE FOR \$2.

Windsor, Jan. 2.—Constable Patrick Delmore, of Anderson, tells the story Maurice Covillon, it is charged, sold his wife to his friend, William McQueen, for \$2. Covillon and McQueen are young men who work in the stone quarry near Amherstburg. Mrs. Covillon was perfectly satisfied, and went to McQueen's home. She is the daughter of a half-breed. In proof of his charge, the constable produces a document of which this is a copy: "This is to certify that M. Covillon has sold all right and title to his wife to William McQueen for the sum of \$2, and the said Covillon agrees to never molest McQueen in regard to possession of his wife in future, and to leave the couple to enjoy a peaceful life. (Signed) M. Covillon and W. McQueen." On the reverse are the names of two witnesses.

## PROPOSE GIFT

Paris, Jan. 2.—A proposal has been made to present a piece of sculpture to President Roosevelt in recognition of his services to the cause of international arbitration. The idea to make this gift to the American president is an outgrowth of the Venezuelan affair and his attitude on that question.

The funds for the purpose probably will be raised by private subscription among European advocates of peace. It is proposed that the work be executed by a prominent French sculptor, or the committee possibly may invite designs from the sculptors of all nations party to The Hague peace court.

## THE MAYORALTY

Two years ago Mr. William E. McKeough, with a legitimate ambition, endorsed by an experience and service in the aldermanic ranks, contested the mayoralty and suffered defeat by a small majority, after conducting a clean and gentlemanly campaign. Mr. McKeough took his defeat in the proper spirit, bowed to the will of the electors and busied himself just as heartily as a private citizen in the city's welfare.

On the day following the election The Planet voiced the verdict of the electors when it stated that the people of Chatham could not afford to lose the services of public men of his calibre, and requested Mr. McKeough to read the result, not as a mandate from the citizens to definitely step aside, but merely as a petition to wait.

When Mayor Sulman offered himself for re-election last January, Mr. McKeough did not seek the honor. Mr. Sulman had proved a good mayor, and, although the opportunity offered, Mr. McKeough preferred to enter the arena at the bottom of the lists again and work his way up.

The people heartily endorse his stand and elected him as an alderman with a magnificent majority at the head of the polls.

It was a clean, manly record, supplemented by zealous and upright endeavor while serving as public representative.

The endorsement of Mr. McKeough's course given at the polls last January was followed by a large and influential requisition from our citizens, asking him to become a candidate for the mayoralty this year, and pledging him their support.

Mr. McKeough acquiesced. He has conducted a clean, manly and honorable campaign.

The decision now rests with the people themselves.

## SCHOOL BOARD VOTE

Ratepayer writes The Planet asking how the Public School Board vote stood on the sale of the Queen St. property. The Planet finds that Trustees Morley, Benson and Cornish voted against and Dr. Bray and Mr. Paxton were out of town.

## SOUTH OXFORD APPEAL

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Judges Street and Britton this morning gave judgment on the application to settle the appeal book in the South Oxford election case. The appeal is taken by the petitioners (Liberals) on two charges on which the court disagree. The respondents seek to include evidence of the methods of collecting evidence employed by the petitioners. These judges hold that, having given their judgments, they have nothing further to do in the matter, and that the Court of Appeal must decide what evidence they wish to hear.

## PEDRO SOCIAL

A good crowd attended the pedro social held in St. Joseph's Hall, last night. About 25 tables were kept in constant usage. Miss Eva Bass secured the ladies first prize and Ralph Ingalls the gentlemen's first. These prizes were quite costly, the ladies' being a large vase and the gentlemen's a silver mounted brush. Miss Violet Goodreau and Ed Woods got the booby prize, a tin horn and a rag doll.

The program was a good one. The farce "The cool heaver's revenge," was decidedly funny.

Joseph Robert sang two songs and Emma Crump sang a solo. Miss Nellie Robby was the accompanist of the evening.

Mrs. and Miss LeFavour and Miss Kline, of Wallaceburg, were Chatham guests yesterday.

## ONTARIO'S MEMBERS

A REDUCTION OF SIX IN THE REPRESENTATION.

REDISTRIBUTION UNDER THE NEW CENSUS.

HOW THE OTHER PROVINCES ARE AFFECTED.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—In an official memorandum the Minister of Justice places on record his opinion as to the number of members to which each Province is entitled under the provisions of the B. N. A. act. Sections 51 and 52 of the act in question provide that after each decennial census the representation of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is to be carried out in accordance with the following rules: Quebec is to have the fixed number of 65 members. To each of the other Provinces is to be assigned such a number of members as will bear the same proportion to the number of its population as the number 65 bears to the number of the population of Quebec. In the computation of the number of members for a Province a fractional part not exceeding one-half of the whole number required for entitling the Province to a member is to be disregarded; but a fractional part exceeding one-half of that number is to be equivalent to the whole number. Paragraph 4 reads: "On any such readjustment the number of mem-

## FATAL SHOOTING

Alexandria, La., Jan. 2.—About half of the town of Olla, La., on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway, 40 miles north of this place, were destroyed by fire yesterday. During the excitement that followed Town Marshal Everett Smith was killed by unknown persons. About 6 o'clock, when the excitement over the fire was subsiding, Marshal Smith went to a saloon to order it closed, as the license had expired at midnight. Shortly after he entered shots were heard, and when outsiders rushed in they found Smith lying dead on the floor. He had been shot six times in the heart. Seven business houses were destroyed.

## THE DEFENCE OF FEZ

PREPARATIONS TO REPEL ATTACKS OF REBELS.

Sultan May Renounce European Loans and Proclaim Holy War—Powers Send Warships.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 3.—Advice from Fez, under yesterday's date, have been received here. Guns were then being mounted on the walls for the defence of the city, but the rebels remained inactive. They have not sufficient supplies for expeditions at their headquarters. If the situation becomes more grave the Sultan will abandon the capital, return to Rabat and summon the border tribes to a holy war. The Sultan will then proclaim himself shereef and defender of Islam, renounce all European loans, and then at the head of new forces attempt to retake Fez.

The pretender has issued a proclamation that he is not fighting for the throne for himself, but for the Sultan's imprisoned brother, Muley Mohammed, surnamed the "One-eyed." It is now confirmed that the Sultan has ordered his brother's release, and that the honors of his rank be paid to him. The Governor at a recent conference with the Kabyle chiefs pointed out to them that they were responsible for the safety of the roads running through their territory. The Spanish sloop of war Infanta Isabel and the Portuguese cruiser Rienna have arrived here.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Telegrams received here from Oran, Algeria, announce that detachments of Zouaves (French troops) have been ordered to the Moorish frontier.

## LA PATRIE'S REPLY.

Can Neither be Bought Nor Leased—Will Continue Present Policy.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—La Patrie to-night makes an energetic denial of the reports about the control of the paper, which, it says, is neither for sale nor to let. It will continue to demand efficient protection for our industries, our agriculture, our working classes, and insist upon developing the St. Lawrence route, so as to permit competition with American routes.

## Fire and Murder.

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## HIS WIFE A DRUNKARD.

SIR C. A. LAWSON OBTAINS SUMMONS AGAINST HER.

First Notable Case Under New English Licensing Act, Which Contains Stringent Regulations.

London, Jan. 3.—The first notable case under the new licensing act, which went into effect Thursday, came up in London Police Court yesterday, when Sir Charles Allen Lawson, the Anglo-Indian newspaper editor and writer, applied for a summons against Lady Lawson, whom he described as a habitual drunkard. The summons was granted. The new act enables either a husband or wife to secure a separation in the case of habitual drunkenness, and allows the police to arrest an inebriate anywhere, except in a private house, whether disorderly or not. After conviction drunkards are blacklisted for the space of three years. If they attempt to obtain drink during that period they are liable to a fine, while the publican supplying them is fined £50 for a first offence and £100 for a second offence. Imprisonment is provided for drunkenness while in charge of a child under seven years of age.

## A Steamer in Distress.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 2.—The Dutch steamer Dordrecht, Captain Vesser, from Panama, December 23, for Bremen, has arrived here in distress. The cargo in her fore hold is on fire.

## DAILY STEAMERS.

IMPROVED SERVICE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

PLANS OF THE MORGAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THEY SECURED CONTROL WITH THE NEW YEAR.

New York, Jan. 3.—The International Mercantile Marine Company, organized by J. Pierpont Morgan, and with Clement A. Griscom as its President and directing chief, took actual control, January 1, of the management of the various lines combined, says a press despatch from Philadelphia. One of the first moves of public importance, Mr. Griscom says, will be a re-arrangement of sailings, to give a fast passenger and mail steamship service from both sides of the Atlantic each day except Sunday. It may take a little time before this daily service can be inaugurated. When it is, it will be important to travellers and business men, as it will mean a regular foreign mail delivery with no break.

## WHAT CASTRO WANTED.

OBJECTED TO ARBITRATION BY HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

He Thinks that the Venezuelan Dispute Should be Adjudged by an American Republic.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The condition which President Castro attached to his response to the allies arbitration proposal was in the nature of an alternative proposition. Almost from the beginning showing an aversion to The Hague tribunal. Castro, while accepting the principle of arbitration, asked that the case be tried by one of the American republics. As President Roosevelt already had declined to act in the capacity of arbitrator, and as some of the reasons which inspired him in his declination would apply with equal force to the chief executive of any other American State than the United States, he was obliged to withhold any endorsement of this proposition of President Castro. Therefore, it may be dismissed from the field of possibilities, and, unless Castro is unexpectedly insistent upon his own plan, the original proposition of reference to The Hague tribunal will carry.

## FEWER FATALITIES IN 1902.

The Long Strike Saved Life in the Coal Mines.

Hazleton, Pa., Jan. 3.—The annual re-anthracite district, made public yesterday, shows that 24 fatal accidents occurred during 1902, leaving 13 widows and 36 orphans. In 1901 there were 60 fatal accidents. The long strike made the difference.

## Death of Dr. A. Y. Scott.

Toronto, January 3.—Dr. Archibald Young In Scott, professor of chemistry and botany at the College of Pharmacy, died at 1:30 this morning at his home, 2 Lamport avenue. His death was due to heart trouble, which followed an attack of typhoid fever, which he suffered two years ago. Last Saturday while engaged in conducting a lecture, he was seized with a fainting spell. He was taken home, and from the first the doctors knew that he could not recover.

## Rubbers AND Overshoes

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Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.