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HAMILTON BOAT SERVICE.

Both the Companies Planning Already
for Next Season's Business.

There will be no competition between the Hamilton Steamboat Co. and the Toronto Steamship Co. during the coming season.

This was decided upon at a meeting of representatives of both companies yesterday. J. C. Goodenough will be general manager of the Hamilton Co., and Mr. Bishop will manage the Toronto Co. Passenger and freight tariff will be agreed upon and an interchange of tickets will be made public to take advantage of choice of steamers.

Capt. B. W. Bonnyard will have charge of the Hamilton line, and Mr. Bishop as chief engineer, who will bring two expert assistants out of Parsons' turbine works at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In all probability the Mackinac will take the north shore route east of Toronto.

L. P. McConnell has been appointed passenger agent in Toronto.

NOT KAISER'S TELEGRAM.

The Message to Kruger Sent Against
His Advice and Desires.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The Fursten Correspondenz, which is read by the emperor, crown prince, Chancellor von Bülow and other august personages, announces conspicuously the coming publication of a book entitled "William the Second," which is a strong defence of the emperor and exonerates him from the authorship of the famous "Kruger telegram."

The author of the book, Adolf Stein, states that the telegram did not originate with the emperor, but that it was a well-considered answer by the foreign office to an enquiry from the Transvaal and was, in fact, a roundabout way of refusing German intervention in the South African war. The writer goes on to say that the emperor objected to the telegram, but allowed himself to be overruled by his officials, and for 12 years remained silent and bore the blame, while working incessantly to prevent the worst consequences of his advisors' blunder.

The book also represents the emperor as the scapegoat of an incompetent bureaucracy in the crisis of June, 1905, and in recent months, and is full of special pleading for the "misunderstanding and misrepresentation."

The telegram referred to was one sent by the German Emperor to President Kruger on Jan. 8, 1906, in which the emperor expressed his sincere congratulations on the suppression of the Jameson raid.

200 BURNED TO DEATH.

Fleet of Flower Boats at Canton, China,
Is Destroyed.

CANTON, China, Feb. 1.—At least 200 lives were lost in a fire which broke out today in a fleet of flower boats. The charred bodies of 170 victims have already been recovered, but many persons are still missing.

MAY BE BURGLAR-FIRE BUG.

Young Man Arrested at Kingston For
Gammage Affair.

KINGSTON, Feb. 1.—(Special).—The police to-day arrested Reginald Lewis, aged 20, on suspicion of being implicated in the burglary of a jewelry store and the big fire in Gananoque on Saturday night. He is a former member of the Army Service Corps and had a loaded revolver in his possession. In the cells a couple of hours after he confessed he was implicated in the affair and local robbery also, but later claimed his story was a fake.

ONE MAN'S DOWNFALL.

BROOKVILLE, Feb. 1.—(Special).—Richard C. Grindlay, a tramp, locked up here on suspicion of being a murderer, wanted in Rochester, N. Y., was to-day discharged. Grindlay is a very well connected in Glasgow, his father being president of a large manufacturing concern, while a brother is an eminent lawyer. His wife and family live in Plainfield, N. J., but he is a confirmed inebriate and they would sooner live without him.

From Cells to Brother's Sick Bed.
Joseph Newell, a prisoner in the police cells, has a brother. He is dying and calls continually, "Can't you let him come home, even for an hour?"

This message was phoned to Crown Attorney Corley Sunday night by a prominent doctor. Word was sent by him to police headquarters to grant the request and Newell, who is himself, but a lad, was allowed to go to his home at 17 Wickson-avenue, and spent the night at the bedside of his brother.

In police court yesterday Joseph was allowed to go with Thomas and Alexander Robinson, charged with him with breaking into a candy store.

Not Guilty.
BROOKVILLE, Feb. 1.—(Special).—William Scott, an Ottawa man, charged with stabbing Clifford Hollingsworth in Prescott during an altercation in a barroom, was to-day found not guilty.

BUY A PIPE TO-DAY

We want you to own one of these Meerschaum Pipes because every time you smoke you'll thank Queen West Wilson for one of the biggest pipe bargains of your life.

Genuine Hand-Cut Black Meerschaum—best of all pipe shapes—solid amber stem, leather case. Worth from \$5.00 to \$50.00 each. White or ivory, leather case, each, 2.75

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MONDAY
FEBRUARY 1

To-Morrow is Stocktaking Day

All goods cleared up to 5.30 count as reductions in this year's stock—5.30 marks the division between Old and New.

The Economical Time to Buy Furniture



GENERALLY speaking there are just two times when it is economical to buy furniture—when you have money to spare or when you need Furniture and MUST buy. February, however, is a time when you can afford to buy whether it would otherwise be wise or not. February is the month when Furniture in this store costs you 25 per cent. less. Perfect goods. New and standard designs. Come and see yourself. Here are cases in point for to-morrow:

30 Sets Dining Chairs, quartered oak frames, golden polished, slat and panel backs, padded seats, upholstered in genuine leather, in sets of one arm and five small chairs.

February Furniture Sale \$14.00

27 Sets Dining Chairs (one arm and five small chairs), quartered oak frames, beautifully polished, golden finish, well braced legs, shaped panel backs, seats upholstered in dark green leather.

Wednesday, February Furniture Sale, \$22.75

18 Parlor Divans, birch mahogany frames, richly polished, neat designs, spring seats, upholstered in dainty silks.

Wednesday, February Sale, \$9.75

10 Only, Parlor Suites, three pieces, consisting of sofa, arm chair and reception chair, elegantly carved birch mahogany frames, spring seat and edges, padded backs, covered in red silk brocades.

Wednesday, February Sale, \$27.00

A Sale of Shantung and Pongee Silks

A LARGE purchase of Shantung and Pongee Silks direct from Honan, China, offered Wednesday at sale prices. These fashionable Silks come in ecru and champagne shades, bright lustrous weaves, unexcelled for their wearing and washing qualities, make stylish dresses, waists, etc., 34 inches wide.

Usual Price \$1.25 Yard, Sale Price 85c.

Usual Price \$1.00 Yard, Sale Price 75c.

Usual Price 75c Yard, Sale Price 55c.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear

Ladies' Vests, fine ribbed wool with thread of cotton, color white. Health unshrinkable make, high neck, long sleeves, buttoned front, finished with lace and ribbon. Sizes 32 to 38 bust measure. Regular value \$1.00. Wednesday, each, 75c.

Ladies' Combinations, finest ribbed, all wool, colors white or natural. Watson unshrinkable make, high neck, long sleeves, buttoned front, ankle length. Sizes 34, 36, 38 only. Regular value \$2.00. Wednesday, \$1.50 a suit.

Infants' and Children's Vests, fine ribbed, natural color wool and cotton mixture, high neck, long sleeves, open or closed front. Sizes 3 months to 8 years. Regular value from 20c to 55c. Wednesday, to clear at 12 1/2c.

Children's Knitted Overalls, fine heavy wool, covers body, from waist to feet, girdle at waist, in colors white and black for ages 1 and 2 years and color red for 3, 4, 5 years. Wednesday, \$1.00.

For the Housekeeper's Reading



STOCKTAKING items from the Staples Department. We've got more room now by four times than we used to have. You will be wise to keep in close touch with this department.

250 yards, Pure Linen Bleached Plain Linen, finest weave and finish, good medium weight, and note the width, 72 inches wide, for white dresses, coats, nurses' uniforms, etc. Regular 75c to 90c per yard. Wednesday, 50c.

300 pairs, Extra Heavy Hemmed Pillow Cases, torn sizes, 2-inch hem, made from pure finished 42x33 and 45x33 inches. Regular value 34c per pair. Wednesday, 25c.

300 pairs, All Pure Linen Bleached Huck Bed-room Towels, frilled or hemmed ends, fine weave, good heavy Scotch make, white or red borders, 19x28 and 20x10 inches. Wednesday, to clear, 3 pairs for \$1.00.

250 yards, All Pure Linen Semi-Bleached Irish Damask Table Linen, fine weave and finish, good weight, qualities which will bleach perfectly and give unexcelled wear, 72 inches wide. Regular 60c and 70c per yard. Wednesday, 39c.

48 pairs, finest White Unshrinkable Wool Blankets, thoroughly scoured and cleansed, fine lofty full napping, dainty borders, one of the most perfect washing blankets made, 64x34 inches. Per pair, Wednesday, \$2.89.

Sheepskin Lined Coats

NOW'S the very best time in the winter to pick up a coat like this cheap. The January thaw is a thing of the past, two cold, blustery months are ahead. Stocktaking prices rule.

Men's Warm Working Coats, made from a heavy blue duck, lined with a close firm soft finished Mackinaw cloth, storm corduroy collar, knitted wrist protectors in sleeves, patent clasp fasteners. Our special price, Wednesday, \$2.75.

Men's Heavy Brown and Khaki Duck Coats, lined with prime sheepskin, made with double stitched seams, fly front with patent clasp fasteners, finished with six-inch corduroy collar, reinforced flap pockets, double knitted elastic wool cuffs in sleeves. Regular price \$5.00. Wednesday, \$3.95.

Men's High Grade Sheepskin Lined Coats, made from fawn corduroy, fly front, clasp fasteners set on in leather, three flap pockets reinforced with leather, deep 6-inch wombat fur collar with tab for throat, double elastic woolen cuff in sleeves, leather protectors in arm scye. Special price, \$9.00.

Fur Coats and Caps Reduced

GET ready for a cold February. Wednesday—Stocktaking Prices. Come while the chance lasts.

8 Men's Canadian Raccoon Fur Coats, extra fine full fur and dark skins, best linings. Regular \$55.00. Wednesday, \$45.00.

25 Men's Black China Dogskin Fur Coats, No. 1 full fur and dark skins, best linings. Regular \$15.00. Wednesday, \$12.00.

19 Men's Persian Lamb Driving Caps, glossy even curls, best finish. Regular \$10.00. Wednesday, \$6.95.

Jewelry Dept. Clearances

WE take advantage of the last day to clear out the following lines in the Jewelry Department before the stock sheets are completed.

Do you want a good watch for 98c—one that will do its duty and keep time?

Locket, Necklets, Brooches, Rings—all reduced.

A Watch and Chain for 98c.

An Ideal workman's watch, genuine American lever movement, in strong nickel case, stem winding and stem set. A guarantee given with each watch. To each watch we will fit an Arcadian silver vest chain with pendant complete. Regular price \$2.00. On Wednesday, 98c.

100 Gold Filled Brooches and Waist Buckles. Regular up to 75c. On Wednesday, 25c.

4 Row Pearl Necklets. Regular 50c. On Wednesday, 25c.

Hand Painted Brooches. Regular \$1.00. On Wednesday, 60c.

Gold Filled Scarf Pins, large variety of settings. Regular up to 50c. On Wednesday, 19c.

Solid Gold Rings, set with selected stones, choice variety. Regular \$1.75. On Wednesday, 79c.

Gold Filled Locket, holds 2 photos, with neck chain. Regular \$2.50. On Wednesday, 98c.

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