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Convicts in and Out of Prison.

The Minister of Justice has introduced into the Senate a bill for the extension of the ticket-of-leave system to jails and reformatories, as well as penitentiaries. Last year, following the example of Great Britain, the United States and Germany, Parliament introduced the parole system for convicts sent to penitentiaries, and the Minister of Justice having found that it works well so far as tried, now proposes that it shall be extended so as to permit the liberation of convicts on parole from other places of punishment.

At first, there was some little objection to the adoption of this system, but it arose from a misapprehension, and now only one Senator—Hon. Mr. Clemow, of Ottawa—has raised his voice against the second reading of the measure for the extension of the system. As we have shown, it has worked exceedingly well in the old country, where, according to last year's report of the commissioners of prisons, the overwhelming majority of convicts are liberated on parole, and put on their honor to start a new and honorable life, under the knowledge of the fact that if they do not do so, they will be rearrested, and not only punished for the new offense, which they have committed, but be made to serve out the sentence which was suspended while they were on parole. We can be assured that if the system had not worked well—if it had not proved for the best interests of society—it would have been long since repealed in England.

It is many years since it was first established, and though there was a little friction, a little harshness towards ticket-of-leave men by middle-class officials, no one would now think of repealing the provisions of the law which have just been copied in the Dominion. We live in a humanitarian age, too, and the British people look with more kindness on the erring than in the past, and the persecution of ticket-of-leave men would not be tolerated by the authorities. The fact that it is now easier for a man who has been liberated from a place of punishment to get a new start than it was formerly, has probably something to do with the decrease in crime in Great Britain. For we all know that few things have a greater tendency to drive men to reckless wrongdoing than the belief that nobody cares for them, that they are outcasts, and that their punishment does not end when they leave the place of their confinement.

The dissenting Senator at Ottawa argued that prisoners are too well taken care of while in jail, and it may be in some cases, as in county jails, where they are allowed to lie in idleness, to be supported by the industry of their fellows, that they are made more comfortable than is desirable in the public interest, and come to regard the jail as a pleasant place of abode. That is an error that can be corrected where it exists. But to our mind there is not in this country, as yet, any too much sympathy displayed towards ex-convicts, who are anxious to get a new start. Indeed, the experience that comes to many of these men, and to some women, after their liberation, is that it is only after their liberation from prison that their punishment for wrongdoing really begins, and often becomes so severe as to lead them to the verge of despair.

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Anniversary Sale

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OUR Second Anniversary Sale is now in full swing and you may depend upon it there has never been a sale equal to it in London. The following list (though good enough as far as it goes) don't begin to give an idea of what we are doing. You must visit the store and see for yourself. This sale will be conducted on strictly business principles, and the bargains are genuine. You'll say so when you see the goods and prices.

EVERYTHING EXACTLY AS ADVERTISED.

Clothing Department.

Boys' Two-Piece Suits, heavy Canadian all-wool tweed and serge, in navy, Oxford gray and brown shades, best trimmings, sizes 22 to 28; regular price \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.90

Boys' Three-Piece Suits, single-breasted coat, neat vests and knickerbockers, well lined and trimmed, neat check patterns, in brown and gray and navy serge; regular price \$3.50 to \$4. Anniversary sale price.....\$2.35

Men's Suits—Fine all-wool tweed suits, neat patterns, Scotch effects; fit and patterns just right; best Italian linings; all sizes, 36 to 42; our regular price was \$9.50, \$10.00 and \$11. Anniversary sale price.....\$6.49

Men's Trousers—Men's heavy all-wool black worsted and gray hair line stripe pants, newest patterns; cut, fit and finish in keeping with our up-to-date methods; regular price \$3 to \$3.50. Anniversary sale price.....\$2.50

Extra Heavy All-Wool Tweed Pants, neat style and check patterns. Special value.....\$1.25

Men's Furnishings.

Men's White Dress Shirts, heavy cotton, 4-ply linen bosoms, all sizes, 14 to 17½; regular 65c and 75c. Anniversary sale price.....50c

Men's Cambric Shirts, detachable cuffs, neat blue and white stripes and neat checks, Easter styles. Special value.....\$1.00

Men's All-Wool Underwear, medium weight, Scotch finish, ribbed skirt. Just the kind for spring wear; regular price, 75c. The lot of 70 odd garments to clear at, each.....57c

Men's Fine Ringwood Gloves; regular 25c and 35c, for, per pair.....19c

Kid Gloves for 39c.

5½, 6, 6½ only; were \$1.75, 59c; black and colors.....89c

Four only Flannellette Wrappers, \$2.40; finest Wrapperette, lace trimmed.....\$1.75

Full Sweep Skirts \$2.40, for.....\$1.75

Four Wrapperette Wrappers, \$1.75, for.....\$1.25

Seven Black and White Braid trimmed Wrapperette Wrappers, \$1.75, for.....\$1.25

Five only Wrapperette Wrappers, fancy patterns, gray, blue and pink, \$1.50, for.....\$1.00

Seven only Print Wrappers, navy blue and fancy prints, dark colors; regular \$1.75 and \$2; anniversary sale price.....\$1.00

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Anniversary Dress Goods Specials

Twenty-five pieces Colored Dress Goods — Checks, plain and fancy figured, price 50c and 65c. Anniversary sale price.....25c

Twenty-nine pieces Colored Dress Goods — Checks, plain and fancy figured goods, also fancy checked, price 50c and 75c. Anniversary sale price.....35c

Thirty-six pieces Colored Dress Goods — Checks, plain and fancy figured goods, also black and white; all wool goods; price 75c and 90c. Anniversary sale price.....50c

Twenty-five pieces Black Dress Goods, all wool, Priestley's small figured cloth, satin finish, 44-inch, prices 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.25. Anniversary sale price.....59c

Twenty pieces Black Figured Mohairs and Black Crepons, beautiful mixed designs for skirts and dresses, prices \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Anniversary sale price.....85c

Fifteen pieces Black Figured Mohairs, large and small raised designs, special for skirts, silk and mohair, prices \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.00

Ten pieces Black and Navy Serge, all wool, 42-inch, heavy twill, special for skirts and suits. Special anniversary sale prices.....35c and 50c

Black Homespun Suiting, 64-inch, special weight for skirt and jacket. Extra special anniversary sale price.....75c

Plain Homespun Suitings, 54-inch, fawn, gray and brown, Special anniversary sale price 75c

Silks! Silks!

Three hundred yards Blouse Silk in stripes and checks, prices 35c and 50c. Anniversary sale price.....25c

Four hundred and fifty yards Blouse Silk in taffeta checks, plain stripes, and foulard stripes, prices 60c, 65c and 75c. Anniversary sale price.....35c

Five hundred yards Blouse Silk, in taffeta stripes and checks, also foulard stripes, prices 75c and 85c. Anniversary sale price.....60c

Black Peau de Soie, plain, reversible, guaranteed dress silk. Prices for anniversary

sale as follows:
Special 85c Peau de Soie for 75c
Special \$1 Peau de Soie for 85c
Special \$1.25 Peau de Soie for \$1.10

Special Black Surah Silk—Anniversary sale prices:
Surah Twills, 50c for.....44c
Surah Twills, 75c, for.....63c
Surah Twills, 65c, for.....55c

Staple Department

Plain Pink and Blue Flannellette, regular price 10c and 12c a yard, anniversary sale price 7c

Art Denims and Muslins; regular price 10c and 12½c a yard, anniversary sale price.....5c

Cretonnes and Sateens, 10c, 12½c, and 15c a yard, anniversary sale price, per yard.....8c

Best Standard Shirtings; regular price 12½c a yard; sale price.....10c

Ten-cent Shirtings for.....8c

Cottonade Moleskin; regular price, 15c, for.....12½c

Twenty-five-cent Cottonade for 19c

Best Feather Ticking; regular 22c and 25c a yard. Anniversary sale price.....15c

Gray Flannels; regular 12½c a yard, for.....8c

Four pieces Fancy Shirting Flannel; regular price 25c and 30c a yard. Anniversary sale price.....15c

In the Linens.

Sixty-inch Half-Bleached Table Linen, good value for 32c. Sale price.....22c

Sixty-inch Best Unbleached Pure Linen Damask; regular 50c for.....35c

Seventy-two-inch Half-Bleached Table Damask; regular 60c, for.....40c

Sixty-six-inch Bleached Satin Finish Pure Linen Damask, worth 90c a yard, selling at.....75c

Sixty-eight-inch Fine Heavy Satin Finish Bleached Damask, all pure linen; worth 95c a yard, for.....79c

Seventy-two-inch Extra Fine bleached, pure flax; worth \$1.25 a yard, for.....98c

Damask Lunch Cloths, one row of drawn work and fringed; regular 50c, for.....25c

Linen Huck Towels, large size, and fast borders; worth 35c a pair, for.....25c

Hamstilled Towels; worth 35c each, for.....25c

Ends of White Cotton, from 6 to 10 yards; regular price 10c and 12½c a yard. Anniversary sale price.....8c

One thousand six hundred and seventy yards fine even thread, factory or unbleached cotton, 36 inches wide; regular price, 5c. Anniversary sale price.....4½c

One bale Extra Fine Gray Cotton.....4½c

Two thousand six hundred yards Crum's best English Prints, 32 inches wide, light, dark and medium patterns, navy, blue, etc., 12½c, for, yard.....8c

Seven hundred and sixty yards Simpson's Sateens, black grounds, with white figure and plaids, 22 inches wide; regular 10c, for, yard.....8c

One thousand six hundred yards, Light Prints and Percalines, light blues, grays, 42 and 36 inches wide; regular 10c and 12½c. Anniversary sale price.....6½c

Forty-inch Apron Muslins, drawn edges, fancy patterns; regular 15c. Anniversary sale price.....10c

Check Muslins and Satin Stripes; regular 8c, 10c and 12½c a yard. Anniversary price, to clear, yard.....5c

Wrapperettes at 7½c.

Worth 12½c and 15c a yard; good designs and colors for.....7½c

Shoe Department.

Three special assorted lots, Women's and Misses' Button and Laced Boots, not all sizes of each line, but assortment of sizes in the lot. Special Lot No. 1—75 pairs Women's and Misses' Button Boots and Women's Laced Boots, fine Dongola, patent toe cap, medium pointed toes, hand-turn and sewed, flexible soles; sizes from 11 in misses' to No. 7 in Women's. Our regular price was \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.85. Anniversary sale price.....95c

Special Lot No. 2—38 pairs Women's Fine Dongola Kid, Sewed, Flexible and Turn Soles, medium pointed toes, patent tips; regular \$2.25 and \$2.60. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.50

Special Lot No. 3—30 pairs Men's Buff Whole-Foxed Laced Boots and Dongola Laced Boots, sewed soles; regular price \$1.95 and \$2. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.19

Hats and Caps.

Children's Tams, navy cloth, neat new shapes. Special value at.....25c, 35c, and 50c

Men's and Boys' Caps, new spring shapes, neat plaids, and plain colors.....10c, 15c, 18c and 25c

Special Lot 60c Caps, anniversary sale price.....25c

Men's Fine Fur Felt Hats, new spring shapes, stiff or soft, new styles. Special at.....\$1.50

Tapestry Carpets.

Moving and altering our Carpet Department makes it twice the size. Means dust and dirt. The following special prices during our anniversary sale:

Tapestry Carpets, special.....20c yard

Tapestry Carpets, special.....30c yard

Tapestry Carpets, special.....40c yard

Tapestry Carpets, special.....50c yard

ALL REDUCED.

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose.

Double heels and toes, spliced ankles, 8½c, 9c, 9½c, special 35c, or 3 pairs for.....\$1.00

Kid Gloves, \$1, for 50c.

Gray and white, 3 clasps, 5½c 6½c.

White and Cream Laces for 10c Yard.

30 pieces Fine White and Cream Lace, 4 to 8 inches wide, choice patterns; were 12½c, 15c and 25c per yard. Anniversary sale price per yard.....10c

37 pieces Fine White and Cream Lace, 2 to 5 inches wide, Valenciennes, Torchon, Dentelle and Nantais Laces; were 8c to 15c. Anniversary sale price per yard.....5c

Ribbons, 10c to 18c, for 5c

37 ends Plain Satin, Heavy Gros Grain and Fancy Silk Ribbons; shades of blue, ecru, brown, pink, coral. Anniversary sale price per yard.....5c

Children's Taped Waists

7½ dozen only Children's Taped Waists, buttons for suspenders; were 25c. To clear at.....17c

High Grade Umbrellas and Parasols at \$2.50.

Fifty-seven only Ladies' and Gentlemen's Parasols and Umbrellas, finest goods, fancy handles, no two alike; were \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 each; anniversary sale price, each.....\$2.50

Parasols, 50c.

Ten dozen only Ladies' 22-inch Parasols, strong steel frames, twilled tops, celluloid and fancy wood handles; anniversary sale price.....50c

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