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SPECIAL NOTICE!
This Store Until Further Notice will be Closed at Nine O'clock Every Saturday Night.

For The Last Two January Days !!

For the last two days in January, to wind up our year business with a rush, and just prior to our entering stock, we offer you great shopping inducements. You cannot afford to miss these—you'll be sorry if you do.

Ladies' Coats, Half Price

For Wednesday and Thursday we offer our entire stock of Ladies' Tweed Coats at half price. Stop and think what this means to you:—

\$10.00 Coats \$5.00.
\$12.00 Coats \$6.00.
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Cashmere Gloves 18c

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18 cents

Bleached Sheet 22c

Bleached Sheet, 2 yards wide, good round, strong, even weave, regular value 30c a yd. on sale Wednesday and Thursday at a yard

22 cents

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50 in. long, 7 and 8 in. wide, trimmed with 6 tails, made of splendid quality Columbia Sable and Isabella Coon, an excellent bargain at \$8.00, on sale Wednesday and Thursday at

\$4.95

Dress Goods 25c

For Wednesday and Thursday we place on sale 20 pieces of Dress Goods including twill suitings and tweeds, in good colors and good weights, worth up to 75c a yd., (none were under 50c) on sale for a yard

25 cents

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White Honey Comb Bed Spreads the nice soft kind that wash easy, full double bed size and woven in very neat designs, regular value \$1.25, on sale Wednesday and Thursday at

98 cents

Shaker Flannel 8c

33 inch Plain Shaker, in white, pink and sky, regularly sold at 10c and more, on sale special at

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Blankets at \$2.69

White Wool Blankets, fine soft fluffy finish, pink and blue borders, size 60x80 inches, a good blanket for \$3.50, on sale Wednesday and Thursday at

\$2.69

Curtain Ends 25c

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EQUIPMENT OF RURAL SCHOOLS

It Is Supremely Necessary That Schools Should Be Thoroughly Fitted Up

CONDITIONS OF GRANTS

One of the important things which the Conservative leaders promised the people of Ontario at election time was that they would improve the rural schools, and this they are certainly going to carry out to the letter. Last summer the \$120,000,000 which the rural schools had been receiving was increased by an additional \$70,000, and now it is a practically assured fact that the Government will hand over to the school boards, yearly, a round half million of dollars.

But the Government intends that the rural schools must be equipped up to the standard set by the Education Department, in order to be entitled to share in these liberal money grants year by year. The equipment is minutely defined by law, and a printed copy sent to each school board through the inspectors, and the Department has made it the duty of the inspectors to point out to each school board every particular in which the equipment of their school comes short of the printed requirements, so that they may have time to bring them up to the standard and thus have a right to their full allotment of the grants, which will now be distributed largely in accordance with the complete equipment of the school. The distribution of the large grants will be apportioned next July.

The minimum equipment now required by law embraces one acre of land, neatly fenced, planted with shade trees, and otherwise improved, good buildings with better convenience and walks, a flag pole and school flag, a well of good water, a proper ventilating system, and a full equipment of maps and other apparatus.

The future large yearly grants will soon overtake any equipment called for, and meantime trustees are allowed to draw as required, the moneys which the township councils are required to pay each section towards the teachers' salaries, so that the trustees can use the balances on hand to put their premises in the condition specified by law, without being obliged to borrow to pay the teachers.

In some quarters misunderstandings have arisen, the trustees supposing that these requirements were made by the inspectors, whereas these instructions are placed in the hands of the trustees by the Department, and the inspectors required to point out to each school board what may be lacking; and it was to protect the inspectors against the consequences of any such error that the Act now secures them against dismissal, except for good cause, such as crime or neglect of duty, and only by consent of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The inspectors in this county, while making clear the requirements for the minimum equipment, will allow trustee boards any reasonable time required to bring their schools up to the standard, up to the limit of their discretionary power.

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GRAY'S CHINA HALL

DEATH OF MR. MARX

F. Marx, one of Chatham's best known brokers and citizens, passed away last night about six o'clock, after a very short illness with pneumonia. A few days ago he was up town attending to his business duties, and seemed to be in the very best of health. He was suddenly seized with a serious attack of pneumonia, and his aged constitution was not strong enough to withstand the severity of the disease. His death has come as a great surprise, and a sudden blow to his many friends.



The Late Mr. F. Marx

Mr. Marx was a good man and a good citizen. He was highly cultured and perfectly educated, was able to converse in both Hebrew and German, and was considered one of the city's most competent musical critics.

He has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the city, and served on the Municipal Board as alderman. He will be greatly missed in the community.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at three o'clock, to Holy Trinity Church, thence to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

THE WIRES ARE CENSORED

Acceptance of Swettenham's Resignation Is Not Announced

FOREIGN OFFICE DUMB

London, Jan. 31.—There is reason to believe that the resignation of Sir Alexander Swettenham as Governor of Jamaica has been accepted, though officials of the Foreign Office are mysteriously silent and refuse all information on the subject.

This official reticence is attributed to a desire to complete the arrangements for a successor before announcing Swettenham's retirement. It is expected that the latter will leave the island as soon as details can be completed for handing over the affairs of the office.

Jamaicans Discuss Rebuilding. Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 31.—A large meeting of representative citizens was held in the Victoria market Tuesday to discuss plans for rebuilding the city.

A resolution was adopted by acclamation deploring the enormous loss caused to the entire community, and more particularly the mercantile community, by the wholesale pillaging of shops and stores. "Such pillaging being entirely due to lack of organization on the part of the Government, the Government not calling citizens to its aid, and its refusal of valuable succor offered by the navy of the United States, which would have prevented much of the loss that has occurred."

The meeting also with deep regret desired to place upon record its conviction that the chief executive officers of the Government have been and are still out of touch with the community generally, and that this attitude on the part of the officers would appear to render them incapable of coping with the situation in the only way practical, namely, that of concerted action on the part of all the persons concerned."

TRAIN WRECK AT RENFREW.

Miraculous Escape of Imperial Limited Passengers—Two of Crew Hurt.

Renfrew, Jan. 31.—The west-bound imperial limited on the C.P.R. crashed into a standing train at the depot here at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, and that many lives were not lost seems almost miraculous. As it was the casualty engineer of the standing train, badly scalded, and Fireman McKnight, of the west bound train, broken leg.

The east-bound train had taken the siding and was waiting for the west-bound train to pass. A brakeman is blamed for leaving the switch open, and when the train for Winnipeg arrived under a good head of steam it was locked with the standing train before it could be stopped.

Both engines are badly wrecked. The mail coaches on both trains were splintered to kindling wood. The express car on the standing train was also wrecked.

The fireman on the standing train jumped in time to get clear of the wreck.

Engineer Wilson of the west-bound train whose leg was broken, stuck to their posts and applied the emergency brakes, which probably accounts for the fact that no lives were lost. None of the passengers were injured, and were able to continue their journey by 8 o'clock.

BORDEN WANTS TWO CENT RATE

Energetic Leader Of The Opposition Seeks Popular Legislation

SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—In the House yesterday a resolution was offered by R. L. Borden to the effect that the railroad board should at once investigate and report upon the advisability of reducing railroad passenger fares to two cents a mile.

W. F. Maclean (South York) said that as a matter of principle and universal practice it must be conceded that the fixing of a maximum passenger rate for the country was a legislative matter—a question of policy—to be determined by Parliament.

Mr. Emmerson, on behalf of the Government, refused to accept Mr. Borden's resolution.

Mr. Borden summed up for and against the Maclean two-cent bill. Personally he would not attempt to decide. His resolution was one of enquiry.

Mr. Emmerson, on behalf of the Government, claimed that the railway commission were considering the question of railway fares, and read a very lengthy letter from Judge Killam chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners, to the Premier, as follows:

"Judge Killam On Railway Rates. "It has always been my idea, since I joined the board and became conversant with the system and circumstances, that as soon as possible the board should make full enquiry for the purpose of enabling it to judge whether the maximum rates thus arrived at are too high. The subject is a very difficult one. No principle has yet been established for the determination of such a question. In parts of the United States it has been attempted to be solved by a valuation of the railway property, based upon an estimate of the cost of reproduction, and by an estimate of the reasonable returns to be allowed, over and above the cost of operation and maintenance and other necessary expenses. The board of railway commissioners for Kentucky have recently established a set of rates for traffic within the state upon this basis. In the State of Washington they now have a valuation made of the railway property for a similar purpose, and an eminent engineer has been employed on high salary to do the work."

"It is one which, up to the present time the board staff has not been able to undertake. The work involved in the proposed investigation of the affairs of telephone and express companies will be considerable; but it will be very little as compared with a similar work in regard to railway companies and their properties."

"C. P. R. and C. N. R. Modify Rates. "Recently, applications were made to the board by the C. P. R. Co. and the Canadian Northern Railway Co. for approval of standard passenger tariffs for new lines in the Province of Ontario at rates of three and one-half cents per mile, and in respect of these the board laid down the principle that it would not approve of such tariffs at higher rates than three cents per mile in the well-settled portions of Eastern Canada, and these tariffs have been modified accordingly."

"The C. P. R. Co. has also recently applied to the board for the approval of standard tariffs for some of its branch lines in the northwest provinces at rates of four cents per mile, but the board refused to approve of higher rates than three and one-half cents per mile for those lines, announcing as its opinion that the time had not yet come when it could properly insist upon the rates in the northwest being reduced to the level of those in Eastern Canada."

"The result has been that, after some conference between the traffic officer of the board and the traffic officials of the C. P. R. Co., the company has agreed to reduce all its standard passenger tariffs on the Calgary & Edmonton Railway, and lines east thereof in the Province of Alberta, to the rate of three and one-half cents per mile after Dec. 1 next, and the board has approved of the rate of four cents per mile only until that date."

"The interval has been allowed for completing the necessary details. The board has not felt that without careful enquiry it was warranted in going farther than this. It appears to me that the question of extensive reductions in passenger rates cannot well be taken up by itself."

A Difficult Task.

"If it be ascertained that railway companies are charging rates which afford them greater profits than they should reasonably be allowed to receive, it will be important to determine whether the reduction should be made upon passenger traffic or upon freight traffic, or upon both. If they are not receiving greater profits than they should have, then any reduction in their net earnings from passenger traffic should be made up by the allowance of an increase in such earnings from freight traffic."

"The members of the board have not now at their command such information as would enable them reasonably to determine whether railway earnings are greater than they should be."

A CASE OF CRUELTY

A citizen who passes the C. P. R. station every day, and who has a tender feeling in his heart for dumb animals, was a visitor at The Planet editorial rooms this morning, to enter a protest against the C. P. R. for their treatment of a carload of cattle, which treatment was, as far as this man could see, unwarranted and cruel to the extreme. "Ex-County Commissioner James Ross loaded a car of cattle at the station Saturday morning," said he, "and when I went home for supper I heard those cattle bawling. They did not get in Toronto until midnight on Sunday, and during all that time they had nothing to eat or drink. This, when you consider that it was zero weather, seems to be a severe case of cruelty. I understand that there was a carload of cattle loaded at Kent Bridge, which were treated in the same way, these trains passing to and from Chatham all the time that car was standing on the siding here."

FEBRUARY WEATHER

Next Month Will Be The Most Severe And Disagreeable of the winter

IRL R. HICK PREDICTS

Rev. Irl R. Hicks makes some weather predictions for February which need arouse no pleasurable anticipations. He says prolonged cloudiness and marked storm conditions will be the order through all the opening days of February, but these conditions will culminate in general storms of rain, sleet and snow on and touching the 3rd, 4th and 5th. High temperature, with lightning and thunder, will mark these disturbances over central to southern parts of the country at first, but sudden and severe change to blizzards, storms and sleet and snow will strike, followed between the 4th and 7th by a severe cold wave for February. Have your affairs well in hand for these storms, and for the cold wave to follow.

A regular storm period is central on the 9th. Look for a prolonged and greatly intensified storm period between the 7th and the 12th. From the 12th to the 15th northern sections will suffer from blizzards, sleet storms and snowdrifts, and a general cold wave will reach most parts of the country. The 12th is the central day of a period of five to seven days, in which many earthquake shivers will be reported in extremes of the globe. Sudden changes from high temperature and possibly electrical storms to a sweeping and severe cold wave, sleet and snow is promised around the 16th. On the whole, the predictions for February make it the most severe and disagreeable month of the winter.

New Telephone Connection

A telephone line has lately been completed by the Bell Telephone Company from Chatham to Northwood. It is worth noting that the latter point is now within reach by telephone.

A hockey match will be played this evening at 5 o'clock, on the rink, between Wallaceburg and a picked team from the city.

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