

# Music! Music! CHRISTMAS SALE OF Music! Music!



## JOHN R. HEWER, SON & CO.

are in the lead again this Christmas with the largest and best assorted stocks of music and musical instruments that has ever been offered in this city, and at the best value. Read carefully this list and come in as soon as possible to get the better choice. We purpose using one of our floors for another line of goods, and we are compelled to make these special low prices to make the room. We will give terms to suit you. We are not agents, we own our stock, hence we buy right and have the advantage in this way; we fix our own prices. These prices will last until December 24, 1908.



### PIANOS

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| 1 Newcombe Piano, walnut; was \$425, now                                     | \$350 |
| 2 Newcombe Pianos, walnut; was \$400, now                                    | \$325 |
| 2 Newcombe Pianos, mahogany; was \$400, now                                  | \$325 |
| 2 Newcombe Pianos, mahogany; was \$375, now                                  | \$300 |
| 2 Newcombe Pianos, walnut; was \$375, now                                    | \$300 |
| 1 Player Piano; was \$550, now   | \$475 |
| 1 Player Piano; was \$350, now   | \$275 |
| 1 Bessemer Piano; was \$325, now   | \$250 |
| 2 Palmer Pianos; was \$325, now  | \$250 |
| 1 Doherty Piano; was \$325, now  | \$250 |
| 1 Nordheimer Piano; was \$325, now   | \$250 |
| 1 Mason & Risch Piano, walnut; largest size; was \$425, now                  | \$325 |
| 1 Mason & Risch Piano, walnut; was \$400, now                                | \$300 |
| 1 Mason & Risch Piano, mahogany; was \$400, now                              | \$300 |
| A few slightly-used Pianos in good shape and fully guaranteed as good as new |       |
| 1 Newcombe Piano, walnut; was \$425, now                                     | \$325 |
| 1 Newcombe Piano, walnut; was \$400, now                                     | \$300 |
| 1 Newcombe Piano, walnut; was \$375, now                                     | \$275 |
| 1 Doherty Piano; was \$325, now  | \$225 |
| 1 Palmer Piano, mahogany; was \$325, now                                     | \$225 |
| 1 Bessemer Piano; was \$325, now   | \$225 |
| 1 Electric Piano in good shape, golden oak case; was \$650, now              | \$400 |
| 1 Rosewood Piano; was \$450, now   | \$75  |
- TERMS are from \$5 a month upwards, or a discount off for cash, as we must have the room.

### NEW ORGANS

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| 1 Sherlock-Manning Organ, 7 octaves; was \$150, now              | \$100 |
| 1 Sherlock-Manning Organ, 6 octaves; was \$125, now              | \$80  |
| 1 Sherlock-Manning Organ, 6 octaves; was \$115, now              | \$75  |
| 1 Doherty Organ, walnut; was \$125, now                          | \$80  |
| 1 Doherty Organ, oak; was \$125, now                             | \$80  |
| SLIGHTLY USED AND OLD ORGANS, GUARANTEED IN GOOD SHAPE.          |       |
| 1 Karn Organ, 7 octaves, good as new; was \$140, now             | \$90  |
| 1 Karn Organ, 6 octaves; was \$125, now                          | \$60  |
| 1 Doherty Organ, good as new; was \$125, now                     | \$70  |
| 1 Doherty Organ; was \$125, now                                  | \$65  |
| 1 Doherty Organ; was \$125, now                                  | \$40  |
| 1 Sherlock-Manning Organ, good as new, 6 octaves; was \$125, now | \$70  |
| 1 Thomas Organ, good as new, 6 octaves; was \$125, now           | \$65  |
| 1 Thomas Organ, 6 octaves; was \$125, now                        | \$50  |
| 1 Bell Organ, good as new, 6 octaves; was \$125, now             | \$60  |
| 1 Bell Organ, 6 octaves; was \$100, now                          | \$35  |
| 1 Karn Organ, 5 octaves, good as new; was \$100, now             | \$40  |
| 1 Karn Organ, 5 octaves, good as new; was \$100, now             | \$30  |
| 1 Bell Organ, 5 octaves, good as new; was \$100, now             | \$35  |
| 2 Bell Organs, 5 octaves, good as new; was \$100, now            | \$25  |
| 3 Karn Organs, 5 octaves, good as new; was \$100, now            | \$25  |
| 2 Doherty Organs, 5 octaves, good as new; was \$100, now         | \$30  |
| 2 Dominion Organs; was \$100, now                                | \$20  |

These can be bought by paying from one to three dollars each month, and will do for years. We will allow same price in exchange on a Piano when you want one, as these prices are the lowest we have ever made, because WE MUST HAVE THE ROOM.

We will allow 25% off on this list and you can have terms if you wish, or we will hold them for you by making a small deposit on them.

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| 2 Concert Guitars | 3 \$15 Violins |
| 3 Medium Guitars  | 5 \$10 Violins |
| 1 Bass Violin     | 4 \$8 Violins  |
| 5 Snare Drums     | 2 \$6 Violins  |
| 4 Banjos          | 3 \$5 Violins  |
| 4 Mandolins       | 25 Bows        |
| 2 \$40 Violins    | 10 Autoharps   |
| 3 \$25 Violins    | 12 Accordeons  |
| 3 \$20 Violins    | 3 Cornets      |

Flutes, Piccolos, Xylophones, Zonophones, Fifes, Fifty Music Rolls of the latest styles. Bugles. Cases for all kinds of small instruments.

### The Celebrated Edison Phonograph

At the different prices; parts and hundreds of Records, Cases and Cabinets.

### Also We Wish to Announce That We Still Have a Few Dates Left For CONCERT ENGAGEMENTS

Our company being so large, we can furnish talent for three in the one evening. Call on us. We will be pleased to see you at any time, whether you wish to engage us or not. If you have heard us at any time, come in and let us get acquainted with you.

### Christmas Cards FREE

We have a Christmas Card to give to each family, to any boy or girl between the ages of 4 and 12 years, by calling in after one right away. We are giving this to find out how many have read this ad.

# JOHN R. HEWER, SON & CO.

211 Dundas St., London

or 342 Dundas St., Woodstock

## PANAMA SCANDL TORN TO SHREDS

### Cromwell Declares No American in Public Life Ever Got a Penny of Big Fund.

New York, Dec. 13.—William Nelson Cromwell today issued a typewritten statement in which he replied to an insinuation recently made by the Indianapolis News that he could, if he felt disposed, shed some light upon the charge that the United States Government had bought from American citizens for \$40,000,000, Panama Canal property that cost those citizens only \$12,000,000.

"The whole story is a fiction," said Mr. Cromwell. "They money of the United States went to France, and was distributed to hundreds of thousands of foreign owners, none of whom, so far as I know, were Americans."

Mr. Cromwell further said that neither Charles P. Taft nor Douglas Robinson ever had the least pecuniary interest in the business, while the president-elect never had any official connection with the canal bill until months after it had been acquired by this Government.

"I do not know," said Mr. Cromwell, "and never have known any American citizen who ever dealt in any shares of the new Panama Canal Company, or the shares or bonds of the old company."

First Sees Charges Made.

"My attention," continued Mr. Cromwell, "had been called to a statement issued by the editor of the Indianapolis News in which he attempts to reply to the charge made by President Roosevelt that certain statements made in the Indianapolis News, both before and since the recent election, relating to the purchase of the Panama Canal by the United States, were false and untrue. The President said: 'The News gives currency to the charge that the United States bought

### Perney Hirschman Tells His Part of Story

THE CASE FULLY REPORTED, PROVES THE WORK WAS DONE BY DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 31.—A well-known resident at 93 Sackville street, Mr. Perney Hirschman, who has been in a somewhat serious condition lately, has recovered, and says: "Six months ago my appetite fell off and my health became very poor. I had terrible attacks of indigestion and often was unable to sleep at night. My poor color showed what an ill man I was, I tried numerous remedies but the only cure was Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butterbur. Two boxes cured my indigestion. My appetite increased and my strength came back quickly. Today I have a fine zest for my meals. I feel as strong and healthy as a young boy. Because they are so cleansing and so tonic in their effect I think Dr. Hamilton's Pills should be used by every person. My wife used them regularly with grand results."

it from American citizens for \$40,000,000 property that cost these citizens only \$12,000,000. The statement is false. The United States did not pay a cent of the \$40,000,000 to any American citizen, etc."

"From the statement issued in reply by the editor of the News, I quote the following: 'The only man who paid any attention to them (that is the criticisms referred to, etc.) was Mr. Charles P. Taft, who did deny that he was in any way related to the affair. We had no word from the President or Mr. Taft. The other men such as Cromwell and Morgan, who were believed to have full information in regard to the business, said nothing.'

Puts Blame on World.

"And he attempted to justify the publication of the false statements appearing in his paper by saying that they were based largely on statements of the New York World, criticisms which were made over and over again during the campaign, and were utterly ignored until today."

reply of the editor of the News furnishes another proof of the justice of the President's characterizations, for in the journal under whose sheets it now takes refuge—namely, in the New York World of Oct. 3, 1908—appears an explicit and unqualified denial by means of the story referred to and in which I used the following language: 'We may expect during a heated political contest all kinds of stories which are not worthy of notice, but this one I wish to denounce in the strongest terms as a lying fabrication without a shadow of truth in it. Neither I nor any one allied with me, either directly or indirectly, at any time or in any place in America or abroad, ever bought, sold, dealt in, or ever made a penny of profit out of any stocks, bonds, or other securities of either the old Panama Canal Company or the new Panama Canal Company, or ever received for the same a single dollar of the \$40,000,000 paid by the United States. I make this the most sweeping statement that language can convey.'

Never Touched the Millions.

"As everybody connected with the affair knows, I abstained from receiving the \$40,000,000 in my own hands at Washington or New York as the general counsel of the company, and myself arranged for the payment of the entire \$40,000,000 direct from the treasury of the United States through the bankers of the Government into the Bank of France at Paris to the credit of the liquidators of the two companies."

"There it remained, subject to the order of the liquidators, until distributed by them to the hundreds of thousands of beneficiaries, and not one dollar of it ever came to me or any one in any way connected with me. Of course I do not refer to our regular compensation as counsel."

Showed Where Money Went.

"I wish to call attention to the fact that upon the first day of the hearings before the committee on interoceania in the Senate of the United States in February, 1906, I voluntarily made an explicit and detailed statement showing how the \$40,000,000 was paid by the United States through Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co. as their agents, to the Bank of France at Paris

for account of the New Panama Canal Company, and also explaining the subsequent payment of the full amount to the liquidators of the New Panama Canal Company, and to the liquidation of the old Panama Canal Company, who in turn distributed the same to their respective stock and bond holders, numbering hundreds of thousands of persons."

"I further submitted to the senate committee, with the permission of the Panama Government, a detailed statement of the disposition by the republic of Panama of the \$10,000,000 paid by the United States to Panama in 1904, accounting for the payment of the whole amount and showing the investments and disposition by the Panama Government of every dollar."

MAY FOLLOW ELIOT

Ex-Athlete May Be Made President of Harvard University.

Boston, Dec. 13.—If James J. Storrow, who according to report, has been selected to succeed President Eliot of Harvard, has been decided upon by the overseers of the university, it is taken to mean that a radical change will follow in Harvard athletics.

Mr. Storrow, at college, was an enthusiastic athlete, and sports have no firmer supporter among the alumni than the banker and lawyer who was the captain of a varsity crew.

From 1879 until graduated, in 1883, Mr. Storrow held the record as Harvard's strongest man. He is a member of an old Boston family. For several years he has been a member of the banking firm of Lee Higginson & Co. and has made a specialty of patent law. He is an overseer of the university, and his selection would be neither a disappointment nor a surprise.

For the past three years Mr. Storrow has been and still is president of the Boston School Board. He was re-elected by the Legislature. He has shown marked executive ability in the administration of this educational trust. His city home is in Beacon street, and his country place at Lincoln.

PANAMA CANAL BLUNDER.

Paris, Dec. 13.—Philippe Bunau-Varilla, former Panama minister to the United States, and once an engineer engaged in the construction of the Panama Canal, cast the gloomiest views concerning the prospects of the canal. He says the cost will be \$280,000,000, double the estimate made by the United States. He says "that the plan that is now being carried out will result almost surely in the greatest disaster in the history of public undertaking. The existence of the canal depends upon the Gatun dam. I and all the French engineers who studied the question, are absolutely convinced that the nature of the ground makes certain the destruction of the dam, that is being erected. The only remedy is to remove the Gatun fifteen kilometres to Miraflores."

## COMING SESSION WILL BE SHORT

### The Government's Legislative Programme To Be a Light One.

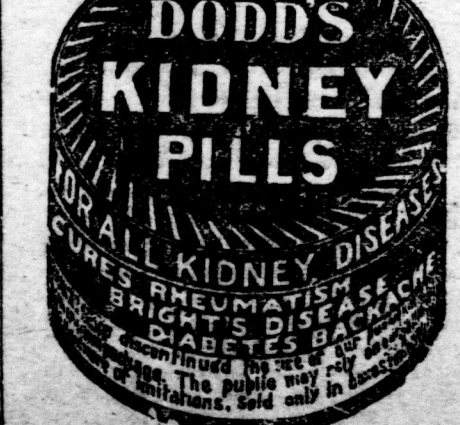
Ottawa, Dec. 12.—At yesterday's meeting of the cabinet the date of the opening of the session of Parliament was definitely fixed for Wednesday, Jan. 20. It had been hoped that the new wing of the Commons building would be sufficiently completed to insure its being in readiness for the opening of the session on Wednesday, Jan. 20. It had been hoped that the agenda at present being the new insurance act, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's bill to prevent corrupt payment of secret commissions, either in private or governmental business; a bill to establish a separate portfolio of labor, a bill to extend the boundaries of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, and a bill to amend the present rules of parliamentary procedure with a view to expediting the transaction of public business and preventing waste of time in useless debate.

It is expected that the session will be a comparatively short one. The Government's legislative programme, as now contemplated, will not be a heavy one, the principal items on the agenda at present being the new insurance act, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth's bill to prevent corrupt payment of secret commissions, either in private or governmental business; a bill to establish a separate portfolio of labor, a bill to extend the boundaries of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, and a bill to amend the present rules of parliamentary procedure with a view to expediting the transaction of public business and preventing waste of time in useless debate.

The estimates for the year will be cut down, as far as possible, commensurate with the actual needs of the public service, and every effort is now being made to meet the temporary falling off in public revenues by a corresponding reduction in expenditure.

SAMMY WAS A WOMAN.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.—The sudden death yesterday at Manhattan of "Sammy" Jones, aged 80, disclosed the fact that instead of being a man as everyone in the vicinity of Manhattan



## DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE ... 25c.

Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blower. Heals the ulcer, clears the air passages, stops droppings in the throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever, Blower free. All dealers or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

## MICHIGAN CENTRAL

"The Niagara Falls Route."

CITY OFFICE, 418 RICHMOND STREET, Phone 255.

## REDUCED RATES FOR CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S

Return tickets between all stations in Canada, Detroit and Buffalo.

SINGLE FARE	SINGLE FARE AND ONE-THIRD
Good going Dec. 24 and 25; return limit Dec. 28, 1908. Also good going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1; return limit Jan. 4, 1909.	Good going Dec. 21 and 22; return limit Dec. 24, 1908. Also good going Dec. 28 and Jan. 1; return limit Jan. 4, 1909.

THOMAS EVANS, C. P. A.  
S. H. PALMER, D. P. A., St. Thomas.  
O. W. RUGGLES, G. P. A., Chicago.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

## Christmas and New Year's Excursions

Between All Stations in Canada.

AT SINGLE FARE  
Good going Dec. 24 and 25, 1908. Returning until Dec. 28, 1908. Also good going Dec. 31, 1908, and Jan. 1, 1909. Returning until Jan. 4, 1909.

AT FARE AND ONE-THIRD  
Good going Dec. 21 to Dec. 25, 1908; also Dec. 28, 1908, to Jan. 1st, 1909. Returning until Jan. 5, 1909.

Full information from E. DE LA HOOKE, city passenger and ticket agent; E. RUSSE, depot agent.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP TICKETS

WHITE STAR LINE.  
New York—Queensdown—Liverpool.  
N. Y.—Plymouth—Cherbourg—Shamilton.  
New York and Boston—Mediterranean.

AMERICAN LINE.  
N. Y.—Plymouth—Cherbourg—Shamilton.  
Philadelphia—Queensdown—Liverpool.

ATLANTIC TRANSPORT LINE.  
New York—London Direct.

RED STAR LINE.  
New York—Antwerp—Paris.

WHITE STAR-DOMINION LINE.  
Royal Mail Steamers.  
Montreal—Quebec—Liverpool (Summer).  
Portland—Liverpool Direct (Winter).  
E. DE LA HOOKE or W. FULTON, Agents.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC

### Reduced Rates for Christmas and NEW YEAR'S

Return tickets between all stations east of Port Arthur, on sale at SINGLE FARE  
Good going Dec. 24 and 25; return limit Dec. 28, 1908. Also good going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1; return limit Jan. 4, 1909.

Apply at C. P. R. Ticket Office, 161 Dundas street, corner Richmond.

## INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY

### For Copy of "Notes By the Way" With Timetable of

## Maritime Express

Canada's Train, noted for excellence of sleeping and dining-car service, between Montreal and Atlantic Ports, Apply to Toronto Ticket Office, 51 King Street East, or General Passenger Department, Moncton, N. B.

## ALLAN LINE

### Winter Sailings TO LIVERPOOL

St. John. Halifax.  
Corsican sails Dec. 18 Dec. 19  
Tunisian sails Jan. 1 Jan. 2  
Hesperian sails Jan. 15 Jan. 16

TO GLASGOW  
Laurentian, from Boston Dec. 24  
Cartagenian, from Boston Jan. 9  
First cabin, \$70 upwards; second class, \$50 upwards; third class, \$38.50 and \$27.50.

Additional sailings and rates on application to E. DE LA HOOKE, G. T. R., W. FULTON, C.P.R., or F. B. CLARKE, local agents, London, Ont.

## TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

### GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.  
Arrive from the east—3:40 a.m., 10:56 a.m., \*11:12 a.m., \*11:23 a.m., \*6:30 p.m., \*8:00 p.m., 10:10 p.m.  
Arrive from the west—12:09 a.m., \*3:35 a.m., \*11:23 a.m., 1:10 p.m., \*4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.  
Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., \*3:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., \*11:38 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—\*2:50 a.m., 7:40 a.m., \*11:18 a.m., \*11:25 a.m., 1:40 p.m., \*6:18 p.m.  
The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.  
Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., \*6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.  
Depart—6:35 a.m., \*11:27 a.m., 2:20 p.m., \*8:10 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.  
Arrive—\*3:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 6:45 a.m., 11:25 p.m.  
Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.  
Arrive—10:10 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.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.  
Depart—5:40 a.m., \*7:10 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:30 p.m., \*3:40 p.m.  
Arrive—\*4:45 a.m., \*12:30 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., \*9:20 p.m.  
\*To and from Walkerville without change. Trains not \*starred to Port Stanley.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.  
Arrive—From the east \*11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., \*10:52 p.m. From the west—\*4:30 a.m., \*8:35 a.m., \*6:20 p.m.  
Depart—For the east—\*4:40 a.m., 8:45 a.m., \*5:28 p.m. For the west—\*11:38 a.m., \*8:10 p.m., \*11:00 p.m.  
Trains marked thus \* run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday. \*\*From Chatham only. \*\*\*Runs only to Chatham.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.  
Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 6:10 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.

## WABASH

The Wabash has now on sale round trip winter-tourist tickets at very low rates, from all stations, to points in the south and southwest, including Texas, Old Mexico and California. Tickets are good going and returning via all direct routes, with stopover privileges. See your nearest ticket agent for tickets, time tables and other information, or address J. A. RICHARDSON, district passenger agent, No. 63 Yonge street (Travelers' Bank building), Toronto, and St. Thomas, Ont.