

LETTERS

RIVER THAMES FISHERMEN.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—They say London and Chatham men make false statements but they do not give any particulars. Inspector Peltier says only 25 bass were caught in a season by the river nets. No wonder the bass are nearly exterminated by the deadly hoop or trap nets before they get to the river. The complaint against the river fishermen is that they catch the pickerel while on the way to the spawning grounds in the upper Thames. By so doing they are committing an unpardonable sin, as every person knows fish caught at such a time means destruction to thousands of their young. Pike, bass, muscalonge and other good fish are caught the same way and their young destroyed. This is why it was a shame for the late Government, for a few

votes, to allow this wilful destruction to come about, and why the present Minister of Fisheries, Hon. Dr. Reame, will get the praise of every right minded and unprejudiced voter in Ontario for putting a stop to the disgraceful business. In a very short time all nets will be stopped fishing for export. Licenses will be issued for fishing to our own native fishermen to sell fish to our own people. Then we will all have plenty of good fish at reasonable prices, and our people who may wish to enjoy a breath of fresh air on our own beautiful river or lake will be able, as we could a few years ago, to catch some bass and other fish. This is what the people are working for and what they will get before long. Surely such men as Ben Taylor, John and Sam. Bagnall, N. Peltier, Jim Hamilton, Sam. Joyce, Geo. Kime, the Urquharts and many others, must know the people of this part of Ontario will not stand for the fish which belong to all of us, being caught and sold to Yankees, while hundreds and thousands of families, who live close to our beautiful river and lake, have not a fish to eat. Why do men like

Bagnall, Taylor, etc., say they offer fish for sale in Chatham? It is a wicked falsehood. The proof that it is, is in the possession of Dr. Reame, and has been for months. Why do not our fishermen meet the situation like men and help the people to have and enjoy what belongs to them. The fishermen would make plenty of money, the people would be satisfied, and all would be well.

Who but a fool would say that bass spawn between Chatham and Lake St. Clair in the River Thames. No person ever said so. This statement is on a par with nineteen out of twenty of the statements made by Lake St. Clair and River Thames fishermen.

Now about carp. Three years ago the Ontario Government stopped net fishing in Long Point Bay, Lake Erie. Last season bass were there in thousands, carp were there, too, in countless numbers, proving beyond a doubt that carp and bass do well together. Take the nets off the bass grounds on Lake St. Clair and there will be plenty of bass. So another of our wise fishermen statements fail to

the ground. Not a statement that they make is reliable.

Yours respectfully,
CALEB WHEELER.

BELONG TO KENT

A unique case has come under the notice of Magistrate Bartlett. He has been informed by the agent of the Orphans' Home in Detroit that there are two girls, aged 12 and 14 years, who are living in a house of questionable repute with their father's sister. The mother of the girls is dead, and the father, whose name is Frolich, cannot be located, but it is thought that he is somewhere in Detroit. The agent for the Orphans' Home wants to send the children to Windsor, but Magistrate Bartlett says that Kent county should deal with the matter, as the father and children are from Tapperville. Mr. Bartlett has received a letter from Dr. Bray, of Chatham, and the case will probably be thoroughly investigated.

HEAD BLOWN OFF

Nitro-Glycerine On Hammer Explodes By Friction.

Leamington, Feb. 1.—Yesterday morning Elmer Townsend, in the employ of the Leamington Torpedo Co., was instantly killed. He with Mr. Copus, the manager, went to work in the factory. Townsend took a monkey wrench and went outside to fix some pipes. Shortly afterwards Copus heard a slight explosion and went outside and found Townsend dead.

One side of his head was blown away and one foot and knee shattered. The cause of the explosion is unknown, but it is supposed that there was some nitro-glycerine on the wrench, and that it was exploded by the friction.

The deceased was a young man, and was married about a year ago.

Fell From French Window.
Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Margaret Cavan, aged 24, a nurse in Water street Hospital, fell from a window of that hospital at 5.30 last evening and was taken from the sidewalk dead. It was a French window through which she descended. She had been ill with grip a day or two, but doctors had not attended her. The coroner has decided not to hold an inquest. Miss Cavan was a native of Thurso, Que.

Broke Every Bone In Body.
Kingston, Feb. 1.—While Gordon King of Plevna was busy with a big load of logs from the woods, a jolt caused the logs to move. He jumped aside, fell, and his legs went under the runners. The huge timbers rolled over him, completely crushing out his life, breaking every bone in his body.

Sol. White Badly Hurt.
Windsor, Feb. 1.—Report reached the city yesterday that Sol. White, the former well-known Windsor lawyer and ex-M. P., had met with painful, and possibly serious, injuries in a collision by his horse running away and throwing him out of the rig. Mrs. White was also hurt.

Sir,—I have used your MINARD'S LINIMENT for the past 25 years, and whilst I have occasionally used other liniments, I can safely say that I have never used any equal to yours.

If rubbed between the hands and inhaled frequently, it will never fail to cure cold in the head in twenty-four hours.

It is also the best for bruises, sprains, etc.

Yours truly,
J. G. LESLIE.

Dartmouth

NOT SO SLOW.

Farmer—So you've had some experience, have you?

Youth—Yes, sir.

Farmer—Well, what side of a cow do you sit on to milk?

Youth—The outside.

Never Before Have We Had

Such prompt and continued response to a sale as we have had this season. Hundreds of Suits and Overcoats have gone out at the bargain prices we are offering—and almost every article sold seems to bring back a new buyer who has seen the great bargain procured by his friend. There are still stacks of

\$10.00 Overcoats at \$6.95
\$12.00 Overcoats at \$8.50
\$15.00 Overcoats at \$9.50
\$4.00 Boys' Suits at \$2.95

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FOR WEDDING... GIFTS

There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$1.00.

Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$3.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50
Men's Women's and Children's Felt House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

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THE GREAT END OF SEASON
CLEARANCE SALE

Started with a rush, and we will make interesting buying as long as we have any Winter Goods. Everything must be sold in it's season.

The Reduction Is Sweeping!

THE REASON we want to convert the remainder of Our Winter Stock into Cash it's good level-headed business to do so, even though it means a loss to us. Not a garment will be spared. The mark down price on the price tags tell its own story.

THE PROOF.—Seeing is believing, therefore the only thing to do is to come and see. If we cannot make good our claims say "Good Day" and walk out. We mean business. Put us to the test. You know our methods of doing business—"We mean what we say and say what we mean."

Men's and Young Men's Suits

We divide our Men's Suits into three prices.

\$12.00 to \$15.00, Now \$10.00
10.00 to 12.00, Now 7.89
7.50 to 8.00, Now 5.98

Men's Overcoats \$12 to \$16 for \$10

We have 12 Men's Overcoats, 3 different lines, quick sellers at \$12, \$15, \$16, odd sizes, for quick selling, \$7.89—just about Half Price.
\$9.00 to \$10.00 for \$6.98
\$7.50 to \$8.00 for \$5.98

Men's Odd Coats \$2.49

Left from Suits, all kinds, your choice for \$2.49. The price of smocks.

Boys' Odd Pants, Sale Price 29c

Regular 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

Boys' 2 Pc. Suits

31 Suits, ages 4 to 10 yrs. \$2.50 for \$1.98
50 " " 6 to 11 " 4.00 for 2.49
65 Suits, ages 7 to 12 " 4.50 for 2.99
28 " " 9 to 15 " 5.50 for 3.98

Boys' 3 Pc. Suits

45 Suits, ages 9 to 15, \$4.50 for \$2.99
65 " " 9 to 15, 5.75 for 3.98
30 " " 11 to 15, 7.00 for 5.00

Reefers

8 Reefers, ages 4 to 10, \$2.75 for \$2.29
4 " " 11 yrs. \$3.50 for 2.79
9 " " 13 to 16 yrs. \$4.25 for 3.59
Children's Fancy Coats below cost.

Gloves

Wool Gloves 50c, for 39c. All our Kid and Mocha Wool and Fur-lined at big reductions. They must be sold.

4 Gents' House Coats, sizes 36 and 38, \$5.00 and \$6.50, for \$2.39.

Boys' Odd Knickers, tweeds, and serges 108 pairs, ages 8 to 15, 85c to \$1.25 for 75c.
40 pairs for 30c per pair, lined.

Men's Trousers

\$2.25 kind for \$1.35 \$3.00 kind for \$1.79
\$4.00 and \$4.25 kind for \$3.25

Boys' & Youths' Overcoats

6 Coats, ages 6, 8 & 9, \$4.00 & 4.25 for \$2.99
6 Coats, " 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 5.00 to 5.50 for 3.99
9 Coats, " 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 6.50 for 4.79
9 Coats, " 11 to 15, 8.00 for 5.49

Toques 25c and 35c kind, for 19c
Children's Gauntlets 50c, for 39c
Fancy Cashmere Hose 25c, for 10c
Men's Stiff Bosom Shirts \$1.00, for 79c
Mufflers 50c for 40c, 75c for 50c
Knitted Top Shirts 50c for 40c, 75c for 55c
Working Shirts 50c for 40c, 75c for 60c
Underwear 75c for 59c

Table of Underwear \$1.40 and 1.50 for \$1

Children's Sweaters, ages 2 to 5, 50c, for 29c

TEN DAYS ONLY H. W. BALL & CO. BEST SALE YET

MAKING ROOM FOR NEW GOODS

THIS BUSINESS is growing so rapidly we were compelled to take in the first floor, giving about 1,200 square feet extra selling space. That extra space will not be sufficient room for New Spring Goods unless we crowd out all Winter Stocks. This we will do in the next 10 Days if price is any inducement—without much fuss or noise. We have altered the price so much that it will pay to buy—let your neighbors know about it.

Men's Suit Lengths

50 Suit lengths in length of 34 and 32 yds., these are all pure wool tweeds in nice patterns, the suit lengths would cost you \$9.50, \$9.75 and \$10.00 any other time, 10 days Sale Price...\$5.00

Fine Worsteds Suitings

Black and Navy Worsteds Suitings, double width, extra good quality, regular \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 yd., 10 days Sale Price per yd.\$2.00
All double width.

Worsteds Trouserings

21 yd. lengths in fine stripe trouserings, dark and mid stripes, best quality, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 yd., 10 days Sale Price per yd.\$1.75

Men's Underwear

Fleece-lined and Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, good qualities of 50c and 75c kinds, 10 days Sale Price...\$3.30

Mantle Cloths

Tweeds, Beavers, Curis, etc., good qualities, during the 10 days sale the price is just...Half Price

Wool Blankets

Fine Wool Blankets, the best made, no better anywhere, but far too many in stock—1/4 off.

On a \$3.00 Blanket you save 75c.
" \$4.00 " " 1.00
" 6.00 " " 1.50

Dress Goods and Silk

Our Dress Goods and Silk Remnants are on one table at one price, goods from 50c to \$1.00 per yd., 10 days Sale Price per yd.25c

Tweed Dress Goods

20 pieces of Tweed Suitings, 54 in. wide, just the thing for your new suit, regular \$1.00, 1.25 and 1.50, 10 days Sale Price...75c

Dress Goods To Go

50c and 65c Dress Goods for 35c 75c and \$1.00 " " 47c
A big variety to choose from.

Splendid Bargains in Women's Wear

Flannelette Waists, neat patterns, colors, also black and white, regular \$1.00 10 days Sale Price...68c

White Lawn Waists

Fine Lawn Waists, all over embroidered fronts, regular \$1.50 and 2.00, 10 days Sale Price...98c

Ladies' and Misses' Coats

Ladies' Tweed Coats, good styles, \$10.00 and 12.00 coats for...\$5.00
Misses' Tweed and Beaver Cloth Coats \$7.50 and 8.50 coats for...\$2.98

Children's Underwaists

Canton Flannel Waists, strapped and taped, for ages 2 to 10 years, regular 25c and 45c, 10 days Sale Price...25c

Black Silk Waists

Guaranteed not to cut, fine quality of Louisiana Silk, black only, made with pleats, regular \$4.50, Sale Price...\$2.98

Wrapperettes

Fine quality Wrapperette with velvet finish, good patterns for Kimonos regular 20c for...10c

January Prices on Whitewear, Cottons, Sheetings, Towellings and Towels during the 10 Days Sale.

Children's Underwear

We have grouped our Children's Vests and Drawers at one price, the 30c, 35c and 45c kinds all at one price, each...15c

Other lines of women's and children's underwear also reduced.

Furs

We admit it is rather late to talk Furs, but we have marked them so low that you can easily get your money's worth.

\$5.00 and 6.50 Fur Scarfs...\$3.00
\$7.50 and 10.00 Fur Scarfs...\$5.00

Women's Skirts

55 only Skirts made of Tweeds, Amazons, Venetian, Panama, and other cloths, stylish make and good finish, regular \$5.00 Skirts, 10 days Sale Price...\$3.50

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