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## Our Annual Carpet Sale..

During the past few years we have held our Great Annual Sale of Carpets in February. This year owing to the great severity of the weather we postponed it until this month and now we will make it more interesting for you than ever. Bring in the measurements, especially of your halls and small rooms and you will be surprised to see at how little cost you can cover them. Bring in also the measurements of large rooms and the cost will be proportionately low. Come in and see us this week—the earlier you come the better chance you have of getting just what you want.

### VELVET CARPETS—

English Velvet Carpets in elegant designs and rich colorings, regular price \$1.15 a yard; on sale, special, made and laid, at a yard (borders to match) 98c.

### WILTON CARPETS—

One pattern of Wilton Carpet in very handsome design, with border to match, regular price \$1.25 a yard; on sale, very special, made and laid at a yard 98c.

### TAPESTRY CARPETS—

Crossley's Balmoral Tapestry Carpets, positively recognized as the best value in the trade, in excellent designs and colorings, borders to match, regular price 85c. a yard; on sale, special, made and laid at a yard 75c.

8-wide English Tapestry Carpets in good designs and colors, regular price 75c. a yard; made and laid for 65c.

3 good designs in heavy Eng. Tapestry Carpets in excellent designs and colorings, regular 68c. a yard; on sale, made and laid, for 58c.

### CARPET ENDS—

Ends of Velvet, Brussels and Tapestry carpets, up to 10 yards long, regular price 50c to \$1.25 a yard, on sale at exactly half price, 25c to 65c.

Small room lengths of velvet, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets, up to 25 yards, at these great reductions: \$1.25 Velvets for 98c. \$1.00 Brussels for 68c. 85c Tapestry for 58c. 65c Tapestry for 49c.

### TAPESTRY CARPETS—

Three good designs and colorings, good well covered Eng. Tapestry carpets, regular price 58c yard, on sale made and laid at a yard 49c.

Two nice light designs in Eng. Tapestry carpets, regular price 40c a yard, on sale very special at a yard 29c.

### NEW MATTINGS—

Choice new designs in Japan matting, are just arrived and marked at special prices for this sale at 12 1-2, 18c, 20c and 25c.

## Thos. Stone & Son.

### GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS  
WENT OFF IN A RUSH....

## Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.  
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.  
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.  
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.  
White Soap Dishes, 15c.  
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.  
No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

### GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

### RADLEY'S

### GOLDEN OIL

CURES

Chilblains, Sore Throat, Earache, &c. 25c. a bottle

### RADLEY'S DRUG STORE

### CHATHAM FARMERS' HOUSE

Opposite the market.  
25 well ventilated rooms. Weekly or table borders. Special rates. \$1 per day

J. W. MILES, Proprietor.

Invitation Cards, Programmes, Pencils, etc., can always be obtained at THE PLANET OFFICE.

## FREIGHT TRAFFIC AT A STANDSTILL

Storm Has Placed Railways in a Worse Position—Cars Stalled Everywhere.

Embargo on Perishable Freight Will Now Remain in Force For Some Time.

Montreal, March 1.—The snowstorm which started in yesterday has upset all the railway men's calculations, and the result is that the railways were in a worse position to-day than they have been any time this winter. Every snow plow is in active service, and the companies are devoting all their efforts to move their passengers. Freight for the present goes by the board, and the result is an alarming increase in the number of cars stalled along the main lines and on the branches. A shortage of freight cars may be reasonably expected to follow.

At the Grand Trunk offices officials were anxious and reports were made for the reason that many of the railway wires and telephone wires are down, and communication is interrupted in consequence. The only report received was that storms were very bad yesterday afternoon on the middle division of the road. Freight trains are stalled on all branches of the middle division. Auxiliaries have also been tied up and in some places it has been necessary to take men from the ships to run the extra trains. Freight is absolutely at a standstill, and the embargo on perishable freight, which it was thought might be removed shortly, will now remain in force for some time.

At the C. P. R. office the following statement was made by Mr. G. W. Spencer, Superintendent of Transportation:

"The storm, centred at Toronto, is the most severe of the year. Snow and sleet alternated all day yesterday, and last night, accompanied by heavy winds. On the line east of Toronto drifts are reported from four to twelve feet high. The train due to leave Toronto for Montreal at 10 o'clock, last night was cancelled. Through traffic is expected to be resumed to-day, and the company is making effort to move passenger trains only. The storm covers the line as far west as the 'Soo' and east to Sherbrooke."

All trains coming into Montreal to-day were unusually late, owing to the snowstorm, and the Rutland express was cancelled. The C. P. R. from Toronto due at 7 this evening, is reported eight hours late. The New York Central came in at 6 this evening nine hours late. The G. T. R. flyer that left Toronto last night arrived here to-night at 9:05, about fourteen hours late, and the day express, due at 6 p. m., came in at 11:30. The Delaware and Hudson was nine hours late.

**SNOW PLOW STRUCK FREIGHT.**  
Woodstock, March 1.—Three members of the C. P. R. snow plow gang were brought to the city to-day and taken to a doctor for medical attendance. One of them, Angus Cameron, had his leg broken, and another was severely injured. The men were in a snow plow which ran into a freight at Streetsville junction, and blocked the road for several hours.

**TRAINS CANCELED.**  
Barrie, March 1.—The great blizzard did not reach Barrie until shortly after noon yesterday. The trains were canceled on all the branch lines, and every effort was made to keep the main line open.  
This morning the railway yards in the west end of the town were six feet deep in snow, and all trains were again canceled to-day. Telegraph and telephone communication has not been affected to any extent. The country roads will be blocked for some time, as in many cases the drifts run between fifteen and thirty feet in height.

**BLIZZARD IN THE CAPITAL.**  
Ottawa, March 1.—Ottawa has had its share of the March blizzard. To the accompaniment of a strong east wind which blew yesterday, snow began to fall at midnight, and it fell until 10 o'clock this morning, when it changed to rain, which lasted for an hour. The deep cuttings on the railways filled up rapidly. So quickly and so completely did the drifts block the lines that practically all the lines but the C. P. R. line to Smith's Falls and the C. A. R. were blocked inside of a few hours. In the city the street railway and the city street cleaning forces a deal of hard work, did not interfere with traffic.

**SITUATION IMPROVED.**  
London, Ont., Mar. 1.—Improvement is reported in the railway situation to-night. The G. T. R. main line and all branches except the L. H. & B., which has been closed since Sunday, are now open. The St. Mary's branch on which the train from Toronto, via Stratford, was stalled since yesterday afternoon, was opened to-day, that train being reported at Kelley's at 11 o'clock, the united efforts of five engines with snow plows being required. The private car "Canada," with the wife and family of General Manager Hays on board, formed part of the train.

Any girl who marries to please her folks usually gets the worst of it.

## LEE SCORES ROSS ET AL

Member for East Kent Condemns Government's Unjust Methods.

A Vain Attempt to Overcome San Jose Scale—A Vigorous Attack by the Big Representative From Kent.

Toronto, March 2.—At to-day's session of the Legislature, Mr. John Lee (East Kent's Liberal member) made a vigorous attack on the Government for its policy in regard to the San Jose scale. He urged that reasonable compensation should be granted to orchard owners whose trees had been destroyed by the method first adopted, without proper consideration, by the government, which on the advice of a commission, had since been abandoned. The orchards had been destroyed ostensibly for the good of the people at large. Therefore, seeing that the destruction had been found entirely unnecessary, the public at large should recoup the losers. Mr. Dryden replied, but gave the disappointed government supporter no encouragement that his demand would be acceded to.

### PIANOLA MUSICAL

TO-NIGHT AT 8.30 O'CLOCK.  
(Mason & Risch Studio.)

1. Burgomaster Opera ... Spencer Pianola.
  2. Selected ... Pianola.
  3. "Oh Promise Me" ... deKoven Mrs. John Cooper.
  4. Babes in Toyland ... Herbert Pianola.
  5. Armourer's Song ... deKoven Samuel I. Slade.
  6. Overture opera "Robin Hood" ... deKoven Pianola.
  7. Violets ... Ellen Wright Mrs. John Cooper.
  8. Beduin Love Song ... Hawley.
  9. Country Dance Robin Hood ... deKoven.
- A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this musical. Doors open at eight o'clock. Present visiting card at door.

### WATCH AWARDED

A very pleasant and delightful function was held yesterday afternoon in the assembly hall of McKee's school, when Little Maggie Braddon, the winner of The Planet Junior Christmas Story essay competition, was presented with the beautiful gold VonGuten watch, on behalf of the paper, by Crown Attorney H. D. Smith.

The school were assembled en masse and several visitors were present. An excellent program was prepared by the principal, Miss Abram, assisted by Miss Aylesworth, who ably directed the musical numbers. Chairman John McCorvie, of the Public School Board, presided.

Mr. Smith made a splendid address in presenting the watch, which the little winner acknowledged by the public reading of her essay.  
Dr. McKeough, on behalf of the school, presented Pauline Stringer and Clara Wright—both of whom won special mention in the competition—with handsome book prizes, which were suitably acknowledged.  
Inspector Park for W. J. Kenny, the enterprising King street bookseller, presented Jack Morrison with a handsome volume on account of his essay being based on Mr. Kenny's store.  
Short appropriate addresses were also delivered by Trustees G. S. Heyward and W. N. Morley.  
A full account of the proceedings will appear in Saturday's issue of The Planet Junior.

### CONTINUE BOUNTY

Representative Delegation Wait Upon Premier Ross to Urge Fostering of Sugar Beet Industry.

Toronto, March 2.—Messrs. Hugh Blain, Toronto; J. W. Garvin, T. E. Bradburn, Peterboro; D. A. Gordon, Wallaceburg, and C. A. Haggerton, Berlin, were a deputation that waited on Premier Ross to-day in the interest of the beet sugar industry. They pointed out that as this is a comparatively new industry, it is destined to become a most profitable one, and that the bounty of a half-cent per pound should be continued for the next three years and not be withdrawn this year. They pointed out that the industry was very much hampered by the discrimination in freight rates, and was also hindered to some extent in procuring the latest machinery.

## BRITISH WARSHIP GOES TO COREA

To Care for Canadian Missionaries There—Prompt Action Taken

By the Imperial Authorities in Response to a Message from Ottawa Government

Ottawa, March 2.—There is something more than mere sentiment in British connection. Immediately hostilities broke out in the Orient, alarm was felt for the safety of the Canadian missionaries of the Presbyterian church stationed in Korea, the battleground of the struggle between Japan and Russia. At the request of Rev. Mr. McCurdy, of Halifax, Hon. R. W. Scott communicated with the British minister in Seoul, the capital of Korea, soliciting his good offices in procuring the safety of the missionaries and their families. The British minister promised to do so, and accordingly had word sent to the missionaries in the interior to proceed to Long-Chin, on the eastern coast, whence they would be transported in a British man-of-war, probably to the British port of Hong-Kong.

So solicitous were the Imperial authorities for the safety of these Canadian subjects of His Majesty that they declined the proposal to have the missionaries and their wives and little ones put to sea in one of the regular merchant liner steamers calling at Wonsan, owing to the risk of the vessel being fired upon by the Russians, and so a British warship has been ordered for the duty. The cablegram received by the Secretary of State yesterday is as follows:—"London, March 2, 1904.—To Hon. R. W. Scott, Ottawa.—In reference to your cable of the 17th ult., the Foreign Office advises me that in view of the reported sinking of a Japanese merchant vessel His Majesty's minister in Seoul telegraphed the missionaries on the 23rd ult., to await a British man-of-war rather than send the women and children by a Japanese vessel. They replied that they would await further instructions. The admiral has been instructed the commander in chief of the China station to send a ship to Long-Chin for the missionaries and their wives and children there calling at Wonsan on the way."—Signed—Strathcona.

### BOARD OF WORKS

The Board of Works held a meeting in the City Clerk's office, Harrison Hall, last evening to consider tenders for supplies. There were present Chairman A. B. McCoig and Alds. Mounter and Piggett.

The Hadley Lumber Company were given the tender for lumber. James Cornhill was given the tender for bricks at \$5.70.

John H. Oldershaw was given the tender for tile and John J. Oldershaw for sand and cement. Before the tenders will be accepted both gentlemen will be asked to put in a stock which will keep the city in good supply.

The only doubtful question was that in reference to the tenders for castings. McKeough & Trotter, and also Park Bros., handed in tenders. Some of these tenders were figured by the pound and the others in bulk, so that the Board was unable to decide which was the lower tender. It was decided to leave this tender open.

It was also decided by the Board to put men at work draining the water off the streets in the city. In some places the water is so high that the men are unable to locate the intakes, but Engineer Jones has promised to do his best under the circumstances.

### WORK OF A HIRED MAN

Rochester, N. Y., March 2.—Desmond Snyder, 65 years of age, living five miles northwest of Lyons, was fatally stabbed in the head this afternoon by his farm laborer, Jerome Dornody. Miss M'innie McLaughlin, who owned the farm where the tragedy occurred, was also stabbed. When found, the weapon, a jack-knife, was sticking out of her shoulder. She will recover. She was too hysterical to-night to tell the story of the crime. Dornody was tracked to Lyons, but has not been captured. He is 30 years old, unmarried, and a native of Newark. The motive for the crime is unknown.

Promptness is the soul of business.

## DISGUISED JAP TAKES REVENGE

Disguised Japanese Spy Kills Russian Officer in Barber Shop

Captain on General Staff Has Long Been Investigating Military Secrets.

DISGUISED JAP SPY KILLS RUSSIAN OFFICER.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Disguised as a Chinaman, with false queue and the quaint flowing robes of the celestial kingdom, and posing as a barber come to earn an honest living from "the honorable Russian devil," a Japanese captain on the general staff has been long investigating the military secrets of Vladivostok and communicating them to his government.

His disguise would probably never have been penetrated had he not deemed himself insulted by a Russian officer and shot him on the spot. The Russian, who was one of the pseudo barber's most regular customers, entered the shop and, being hilarious, commenced to twist the supposed Chinaman on being between the upper and nether millstones, declaring that when Russia had driven Japan from land and sea the little father would supplant the Manchus as ruler of China.

He accompanied his intended badinage with personal allusions little to the liking of the high-born Sumara who was waiting to shave him. Finally some particular stinging remark proved too much even for Oriental patience, and drawing a revolver, he shot his tormentor on the spot.

The news of the tragedy in a barber shop has fallen like a thunderbolt on an already dispirited St. Petersburg, for it serves to prove the oft-whispered tale of Japanese spies crowded through all Siberia and covering Manchuria as the secret service agents cover Russia.

Neither was this all, for hard on its heels came a report that two other disguised subjects of the mikado had attempted to blow up one of the Vladivostok docks, and that, although they failed, they are still at large, and believed likely to renew the attempt.

### DIVIO ASSESSMENTS

City Clerk Merritt, in response to a request from the Assessment Committee, of the Ontario Legislature, to-day telegraphed the following information:

"W. B. Wilkinson, Clerk of Assessment Committee, Toronto:  
"The assessment of premises occupied by retail merchants is \$445,910 and personal \$105,400. The assessed value of premises occupied by manufacturers is \$341,395 and personal \$18,400. We have no separate wholesale houses. The tax rate for 1903 was 25 1-2 mills on the dollars."

### FAMOUS BOXER

Chatham is famous for many things but the latest wonder discovered is a champion boxer. The gentleman in question is one of the most popular young men of the town and is a keen enthusiast in athletic sport, especially lacrosse. This is the way he was discovered.

A few days ago a number of travellers were waiting for a train at the C. P. R. station when the subject of boxing came up. One of the travellers in the crowd, a Hamilton man, began to tell his experience with the "white" in several of his amateur bouts. After listening awhile and being sized up by a well known young traveller he inquired how the train was. It would still be an hour yet before it would leave. The Hamilton man wished for some place to go where he could have a few friendly rounds.

The Hamilton man soon got his wish and was invited about a block away where he could be accommodated with one to a finish, if he wished. They at once started to spend the hour in the art of self defence. The room was reached, each traveller had a man to look after him. The gloves were put on and the fun started. It was agreed to have five two-minute rounds.

The Hamilton man was 5 feet 11 in. tall, weight, 185 lbs.  
The Chatham man five feet 9 in. weight, 162.  
Round one—Both sparred for an opening; the Hamilton made some vicious swings, but the fast foot-work of the Chatham man kept him guessing. The round ended with honors slightly in favor of the eastern traveller.

Round 2—Hamilton man gets in a good stiff punch. Then the Chatham man cuts loose; he sends in some savage uppercuts and jabs his opponent in the nose. This brings the claret. When the Hamilton man sees this he is wild; makes a rush; the Chatham man side steps him, and with a terrific left-hook on the jaw the Hamilton commercial man is sent fully ten feet in the air, his head striking a gas meter in the corner of the room, and in an hour he is able to return to the station to learn that he is just 20 minutes late and misses his train.

## Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

## Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

## Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Window, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. each straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

### Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.  
King and Sixth Sts.  
The Finest Retail Store in Ontario.

Shoe stores are of two sorts in regard to their

## Shoes.



Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by nothing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts:—

Perfect Service  
Reliable Makes  
Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted. Trade says as much.

## Turrill,

THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store.