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## GOOD CHANCES FOR Men, To-Night AND Monday.

For To-night and Monday we offer a last chance on our stock of Men's Shirts, Collars, Ties and Gloves. The reductions are equal to One-Half and more, and the qualities are the best.

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Men's fine white shirts, open front and open back, short and long bosoms, best standard makes, sizes 14, 14½, 15, 16, 16½ and 17, regular price \$1.00, on sale to-night and Monday for 63c.

### Men's Gloves.

Men's fine unlined kid gloves, "Fowne's make," in excellent Spring Tan Shades, some pairs very slightly damaged, guaranteed, regular price \$1.00 a pair, on sale for 48c.

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Men's four-in-hand silk and satin ties, wide and narrow styles, dark, medium and light colors, new effects, regular price 25c, each, on sale at 2 for 25c.

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DR. J.M. MACDONALD, 2362 St. Catherine St., Montreal, Que.

### TRIBUTE TO CHATHAM

There is a man walking the streets of Chatham to-day, who a few months ago could not move a limb, so great a sufferer was he from inflammatory rheumatism. This man's name is Richard Maloney, of Bothwell. Mr. Maloney attributes his marvelous cure to the Chatham Mineral Baths, and rightly so. He firmly believes that had it not been for the Chatham Mineral Water he would not be alive to-day. This seems reasonable when it is considered that a short time ago, before he came to Chatham he was almost at the point of death and gradually growing weaker.

Mr. Maloney had without doubt the most severe case that has ever been treated at the Sanitarium. The doctors gave him up, and the trying of the mineral baths was the last resort. When he first came to Chatham, he could not sleep and could not move a limb without the greatest of pain. He has now had sixteen of these mineral baths, and to-day he is taking a walk out doors. It was said by those that if the mineral baths could cure this case they could cure any case of rheumatism and it is now quite evident that he is getting better. It is hoped that before he completes this, his first course of baths that he will be perfectly well again. This is only one of the many marvellous cures effected through the local mineral baths. Chatham people do not realize what they have right at their very doors.

### EDUCATION BOARD

Important Changes Proposed in the New Government Bill Respecting School and Library Boards

Toronto, March 25. — Accumulative voting is not favored by the Minister of Education in his bill respecting boards of education. Mr. Harcourt's new bill gives cities of more than 15,000 and less than 10,000 twelve members, to be elected by general vote, and two to be appointed by the separate school board. Places having less than 15,000 are entitled to nine members and appoint one to the separate school board. In towns seven members are to be elected, and one member appointed. Each qualified voter is entitled to as many votes as there are members to be elected, but may not give more than one vote to any one candidate. This act extends from Toronto to all places who wish to adopt the principle of combining the several school boards and the library board.

### COAL CONTRACT

City Water Commissioners Close with the Pere Marquette for the Year's Supply of Fuel

A special meeting of the water commissioners was held last evening with all the members of the board present. Chairman Dr. Bray was in the chair. Commissioner W. D. Sheldon, Mayor McKenough, Supt. E. B. Jones, and Secretary-Treas. J. C. Weir, surrounded him.

The business of the evening—the opening of the coal tenders—was begun at once and resulted as follows: H. T. Wilson, Detroit, \$2.95 and \$3.05 in bond.

W. C. Clark, Detroit, \$2.95 and \$3.05 in bond.

W. J. Hamilton Co., Toledo, \$2.85 in bond.

Ohio and Michigan Coal Co., Detroit, in bond, \$2.95.

Weaver Coal Co., Toledo, \$2.90 in bond.

Commercial Coal Co., Detroit, \$2.90 in bond.

New Pittsburgh Coal Co., Columbus, Ohio, \$2.95 in bond.

Lake Erie Coal Co., \$3.58, duty paid.

Fremont Co., Cincinnati, \$3.63 duty paid.

Mr. Chambers of the Fremont Coal Co. was present, and stated that Youghioughany coal, supplied by the Lake Erie Coal Co. was the best tendered. He also said that the Board would do best by accepting the Lake Erie Co.'s tender on account of the railroad facilities.

Dr. Bray—American companies cannot be depended on because you can get a griped them in case they fail to carry out contracts.

Commissioner Sheldon—Which is better, Mr. Jones, the Pittsburgh or Youghioughany coals?

Supt. Jones—I have made a 48 hour test and find the latter 13 1-2 per cent superior.

Mayor McKenough—Have the Lake Erie people always treated us fairly? Chairman Bray—The best possible. Mr. Leslie, of the Company, was in town yesterday and said the supply rushed in recently would go on at the new contract price if his tender was accepted. They supplied the coal last year at \$4.15, duty paid. The duty on coal is 63c. per ton.

Mr. Sheldon moved that the Lake Erie Coal Co.'s tender at \$3.58 be accepted. The Mayor seconded the motion, which carried.

## RIISING WATERS DO DAMAGE THROUGHOUT WHOLE DISTRICT

Serious Flood Threatens Residents of Low Lying Lands—Bridges Swept Away in Harwich—St. Mary's Dam Reported Gone

The water in the river started to rise last night and has been rising ever since. A telephone message was received from London, last night, that the river there was higher than it had been in years. The King St. merchants at once got busy removing their goods from their cellars. The Canada Flour Mills Co. ran till 12.30 o'clock last night, when the rising water forced them to shut down. They could have run a little longer, but they had to shut down in order to get the belts off and put away before the water got too high. This morning there was about a foot of water in the engine room. John Walker, master miller, was examining the mark on the wall, which shows where the high water in 1898 reached. The river has to rise about four feet yet before it touches that mark. This was the year when Dover St. was under water and N. H. Stevens had a row boat fastened to the top of his front of his residence.

This morning the water was over Thames St. at Mr. Lafferty's residence and also at the corner of Thames and St. Clair streets. At this corner the sidewalk was floating and six lads were having a great time. They had about 40 feet of walk and were using it for a raft.

The river at 10 o'clock was 15-1/2 feet above low water mark, according to the gauge put in by City Engineer Jones at the Fifth St. bridge at the time of the exceedingly low water in 1902. This low water was caused by an ice jam in the River St. Clair.

It was reported in the city last night that the water was in danger of rising near the old McCrae farm and that the water was nine feet higher above than below it. There was six inches of water in the cellar of the Police Station this morning, but the water had not reached the furnace. There wasn't much to spare.

William Tucker saved 1,000 feet of lumber, supposed to belong to J. L. Scott's lumber yard.

Ex-Ald. William Potter, the Queen St. grocer, says that the highest flood known in this vicinity in years occurred in 1898, March 15th and 16th. In that year the water was higher than it had been in 30 years. The city was in darkness, the water causing the Chatham Gas Co. to shut down their electric light and gas plant, and the city electric plant was also forced to shut down. Coal oil lamps and candles were in use.

### SEEN FROM THE TRAIN.

Trainmen coming into the city from the west stated this morning that the Raleigh plains seem to be one sheet of water with houses dotted here and there and people moving round on rafts. The water is over the Grand Trunk rails and is rushing for the River Thames.

G. F. Crow's store at Prairie Siding is flooded out and the people all through this neighborhood are in a great state of excitement.

The trains have to go at a very slow rate over the tracks through this part of the county, as a wash-out is almost momentarily expected.

The water in Indian Creek is alarmingly high, having backed up and is overflowing its banks all along the line. Farmers from out in Balgach and Harwich come as far as the creek and then turn and go back home or go away around by the river road.

The milk wagons of Cameron and Huff were about the only rigs to do so had to stand on the seats.

There is a boat there which carries foot passengers across.

On the commons, back of Mahler's overprinting factory, there is one great big lake, in some places five and six feet deep.

### ST. MARY'S DAM GONE.

(Special to The Planet.) London, March 26, 12.10 p. m.—The St. Mary's dam has broken, causing a great rush of water. The river here has risen to within three feet of the top of the bridges and is still rising rapidly. The water has overflowed the breakwaters and great damage is resulting.

The water is now within a little over a foot of the flood of 1885.

### SITUATION IN DRESDEN.

(From The Planet Correspondent.) Dresden, March 26.—The river at Dresden is higher than ever before in the history of the town. McVean's hub and spoke factory, the flour mill and Laid's mill are all flooded, and the water is up to the sugar stored in the warehouse at the sugar factory. Laird Bros. have lost hundreds of dollars worth of

lumber and cedar posts, O. & W. McVean have had large quantities of spokes and great timber swept away, about 30 houses are flooded, and also Wicks, Waddell's, Chas. Greco's and Miss A. Whitehead's stores near the bridge. The water has risen three feet in the last 24 hours, but appears to have reached the limit this morning.

The flats to the east and southwest of the town are under water, and all the low-lying part of South Dresden, St. George street, the Main street of the town, is under water, 300 yards from the bridge, basswood bolts, logs and other timber lying along the bank has been swept away and hundreds of cords are strung along the edge of the flood both in the town and outside.

Rubber boots and boats are at a premium. Residents of North Dresden are shut off from the South side unless they come over by boat, and business in most places is at a standstill except in rubber footwear.

From 6 a. m. to 1 p. m. the water rose 14 inches and the river is still rising.

At 2.20 this afternoon the water gauge on Fifth St. bridge registered 17 feet above low water mark.

### HAVOC IN HARWICH.

James McCormick, of Harwich, was in the city to-day. He reports that the ravages of the flood in Harwich have been great and that bridges and culverts have been swept away. The Creek Road is impassable to-day and nearly all the bridges are under water. The wooden bridge over Indian Creek, just back of the cemetery has been carried away. The wooden bridge over McGregor's Creek, at Snobelin's farm is gone. The current and ice did the deed. There is a very heavy current. The two steel bridges at McGavin's were lifted by the ice eight inches and elevated above the cylinders. They have, however, settled back and it is possible to cross them. Five bridges and culverts are washed out on the Creek Road, and that road is impassable to-day. Two

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## MAN DROWNED

Flood Situation in London is Growing Very Alarming

Police and Firemen are Working with Boats From House to House

(Special to The Planet.)

London, Ont., March 26, 2.35 p. m.—The River Thames rose during this morning to a point eleven feet above normal height and, as a result, all the low lying districts of the city are under water. Two medical students, Duncan McMartin and Fred Adams, ventured out in a canoe on the north branch this morning and were upset near Black Friars Dam. McMartin, although a good swimmer, was unable to reach the shore and was swept over the dam and drowned.

The police and firemen of the city are almost all engaged in the work of taking the people of West London in boats from their flooded homes. The water has entered the gas and electric light works and the city may be in darkness to-night.

### THE QUEEN'S SIGNATURE

Mrs. Thomas Smythe, Wellington street, has in her possession an autograph signature of the Queen of England. When the Boer war broke out, "The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association" was formed by the ladies of England for the purpose of taking care of the families of the soldiers on active service. The society was warmly and generously supported and did good work. They completed their duties a short time ago and Queen Alexandra, President of the Society sent each lady who had been an active member a little note thanking them for their kind services.

Mrs. Charles Haggard, of Leeds, sister of Mrs. Smythe, was a member of the society, and she received the letter from the Queen, which Mrs. Smythe now has. The penmanship is distinctly womanly and has a pleasing style about it. The signature is brief, being only "Alexandra R. president."

### BOY USED KNIFE

Ottawa, March 25.—Clyde Morris, a waif from Scotland, placed with Henry Meredith, of North Gower, was arrested to-day on a charge of wounding his school teacher, Geo. Gibson, principal of Rideau Front school, North Gower. Mr. Gibson was inflicting corporal punishment, when Morris, who apparently had an opened pocket knife in his hand, made a lunge at the principal's throat and succeeded in scratching his neck. The teacher taught the boy by the hand and the young rascal stabbed him in the wrist, making several nasty gashes. He then escaped and was caught tramping into Ottawa.

## YALU RIVER SEPARATES 'EM

Japanese and Russians Face to Face with Latter in Larger Number

Dowager Empress Vetoes Proposal for Open Alliance Between China and Japan

London, Saturday, March 26.—The Daily Telegraph prints a despatch from Shanghai which says that the Empress Dowager has negatived a proposal made by General Yuan Shi-Kai and General Ma that China conclude an open alliance with Japan in view of Russia's repeated violation of Chinese territory.

### ARMIES FACE ONE ANOTHER.

New York, March 25.—A despatch to London from Ping Yang says returns to the Japanese intelligence department shows that 4,500 Cossacks crossed the Yalu River from An Tung during the last few days. Returns also state that 500 members of the Russian Infantry and Cossacks proceeded southward and now occupy Chun Ju. The Russians are reported to be holding the north bank and the Japanese the south bank of the Anju River, where the latter have thrown up entrenchments. The hostile forces are thus face to face, and desultory shots already have been exchanged. Hitherto there have been but few casualties.

### IN COREA.

Seoul, March 24, 1 p. m.—A Korean accused of being a Russian spy, has been executed at Ping Yang by the Japanese.

### LUNCHEON BY MR. JORDON.

Marquis Ito was the guest of honor at a luncheon given to-day by the British Minister resident, J. N. Jordan, and the British colony.

### RUSSIANS PILLAGING.

Two detachments of Russian troops, one estimated to number 500 and the other 200 men, are reported to be pillaging the country around Anju. The natives, in fear, are fleeing south. Anju is forty miles north of Ping Yang, and about sixty miles south of the Yalu River.

### FISHERIES CONCESSIONS EXTENDED.

In order to provide for the requirements of the army of occupation, the Japanese authorities have decided to extend the fishery concessions in the Korean provinces of Hwang Hai, Chugung and Ping Yang.

### SITUATION AT NEW CHWANG.

New York, March 25.—Despatches from New Chwang say heavy rain is prevailing and the ice in the river is rapidly shifting. Boats are now crossing the river. (The first mail steamer is expected to arrive Saturday.) A civilian who arrived from Liao Yang and Hai Chong, says the nervousness caused by expected looting is being increased by the constant influx of strange natives, who are supposed to be brigands. Householders are arming their servants. The local branch of the Red Cross Society is making energetic preparations to aid wounded and refugees. It is appealing for funds and Yuan Ship Kai, viceroy of Chihli, and other officials have promised financial and material support. Five hospitals are being built and medical missionaries will give their services.

### FOR CHINESE RIVERS.

New York, March 24.—A despatch from the Birmingham Post says the British Admiralty are arranging for the construction of flat-bottomed gunboats for service in Chinese rivers. The action is being taken in consequence of representations by the British minister at Peking, who states it is necessary that greater protection be given British trade.

A Paris report says it is reported that M. Bompard, French ambassador at St. Petersburg, has not given satisfaction, and that his recall is imminent.

### PRICE TOO HIGH.

Berlin, March 25.—The Russian negotiations with the Hamburg-American steamship company for the purchase of the fast steamers consisted only of inquiries by Russia as to whether certain German vessels were for sale. The Hamburg-American Co. replied that they were for sale, but named prices that the Russian navy department thought too high. The matter rests there.

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## TURRILL

The Shoe Man.