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## JOHN CATTO &amp; SON

## Great Chance for Snaps

During our January sale very tempting inducements are daily offered to reduce stock. Many are not advertised, but here are a few. Call and take a look round and you will find lots of others.

**FOULARD SILKS**  
Splendid layout of handsome French Printed Foulard Silks—regularly 75c and 80c.

To Clear at 40 cents.

**DRESS GOODS**  
(BLACK AND COLORED)  
Many specials in these too numerous to give in detail. Very special value round 50c, 75c and \$1.00 per yard.

**TABLE NAPKINS**  
22-inch (Tea size) Pure Linen Table Napkins, best British makes, attractive new, assorted patterns.

Very Special Value at \$2.50 Dozen.

**TABLE CLOTHS**  
2 x 2 1/2 yards Table Cloths, pure linen, assorted, fine patterns, splendid wearing—regularly \$2.50.

Clearing at \$2.50.

**BEDROOM TOWELS**  
See our table of Bedroom Towels, hemmed huck, assorted odds and ends, very special, at \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

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ASSORTED TABLEFUL at 25c each. Regularly up to 45c.

**COLD WEATHER SHEETS**  
Or Flannelized Blankets—best make only—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 per pair.

**LADIES' SUITS (Lot 1)**  
Ladies' Latest New York Designed Plain Tailored Suits—Coats 40 to 45 inches, all heavy satin lined—pleated skirts—all nice, seasonable, stylish and latest designs—all colors, navy, greens, grey, taupe, wisteria and good range of black—all sizes, misses' and ladies'—brooches, serges, Venetians, wide wales, fancy mixtures, etc., etc., regularly \$27.00, \$28.00, \$30.00.

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Ladies' exceptionally select lot of manufacturers' sample garments, which, owing to the advanced season, we have secured AT WUNDERFUL ADVANTAGE. WE HAVE THIS ON TO YOU. Newest style, strictly tailored ladies' suits—coats, skimmer suits—suits, fancy pleated—great range of colors and all popular materials.

Value for \$40 to \$45.

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**LADIES' COATS**  
The remainder of our splendid stock of Ladies' Coats, in all materials black and colored, must be cleared out at once before stocktaking. We have no great bulk of any one style, but a splendid assortment of sundries from all our good selling lines, pattern garments, etc., etc.

It will pay you to look this collection over at once, AS WE HAVE NO CONCERNING MARKED PRICES IN THIS CLEARING SALE.

Mail Orders Carefully Filled.

**JOHN CATTO & SON**

55 to 61 KING STREET EAST, TORONTO.

FOR EARL GREY TROPHIES

Important Changes Are Made in the Musical Competition.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Changes are announced for the Early Grey Musical and Dramatic Trophy competition, which will be held this year in the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto, the week of April 4.

As far as the dramatic competition is concerned, the conditions are practically the same as last year, and Miss Margaret Anglin has again donated a bracelet for the best actress. Entries must be made to Major J. Fraser MacDonald, Government House, Toronto, by March 15, and companies are to be ready for preliminary judging by March 20.

In addition to the trophy competition, prizes will be offered for the best original two-act plays written by a British subject resident in Canada or Newfoundland. Manuscripts should be sent to the honorary secretary, Toronto, not later than March 15, and should be signed by a notary public. Two prizes will be given of \$100 and \$50.

The most marked changes are in the musical competitions. Hitherto vocal and instrumental music were judged together. This year the contests will be divided into three classes, vocal, instrumental, and additional individual contests in vocal and instrumental.

Special prizes will be presented for the best original musical composition of any kind under conditions the same as for the original play.

**WHOLE FAMILY POISONED.**

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Jan. 4.—Mrs. George McDowell and five children, are dangerously ill from poisoning after eating chocolate eclairs purchased at a bakery, and canned beans. The children range in age from eight to 31 years.

**WHERE IS JOHN WARD'S SISTER?**

Miss Gunning's Day Off.  
Miss Gunning will not appear at the Thursday matinee at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. Miss Florence Rose will sing the role of Marcello. Miss Gunning will sing the remaining performances during the engagement, including the Saturday matinee.

**Three Killed in Wreck.**

ABERDEEN, S.I., Jan. 4.—In a wreck between a Milwaukee and St. Paul work train and an extra freight, between Grist and Rocco, early today, three workmen were killed outright and three, who were injured, died later. Two others were hurt.

**Large Shade Trees Moved.**

We supply large Elm and Maple trees to 40 feet high, also big evergreens and shrubs, guaranteeing them to grow. Brown Bros. Co., Brown's Nurseries, Ont.

## THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, TORONTO, Jan. 4. (S. P.)—The disturbance which was last night over the St. Lawrence Valley has since developed and moved quickly eastward to Newfoundland, causing heavy gales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The pronounced cold wave is centered over Eastern Ontario, and very low temperatures have been general from Saskatchewan to the Maritime Provinces. Another disturbance, which is situated in the Mississippi Valley, promises a considerable snow-fall in Ontario and Quebec.

**Probabilities.**

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds and gales, easterly to northerly with snow.

Ontario and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong winds and gales; easterly, with snow.

Lower St. Lawrence—Fair and very cold at first, followed by strong easterly winds and gales, with snow.

Superior—Strong winds and gales, easterly to northerly, with snow.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Some light snowfalls, but mostly fair; a little higher temperature.

Alberta—Fair; not much change in temperature.

**THE BAROMETER.**

Time	Therm.	Bar.	Wind
8 a.m.	below 20.2	30.2	N
10 a.m.	below 20.2	30.2	N
2 p.m.	below 20.2	30.2	N
8 p.m.	below 20.2	30.2	N
Mean of day	below 20.2	30.2	N
Mean of week	below 20.2	30.2	N
Mean of month	below 20.2	30.2	N

**STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.**

Jan. 4	At	From
Nunnen	Glasgow	Boston
Lustiana	Liverpool	New York
Minneapolis	London	New York
Lake Umbagog	St. John	St. John
Oceanic	Palermo	New York

**TODAY IN TORONTO.**

Empire Club Luncheon—McConkey's—1.

Opening Ontario Liberal Club by Sir John A. Macdonald.

Toronto Archaeological Society, Dr. Edgar L. Hewitt—Physics Building, 3.15.

Royal Alexandra—Marcelle, 8 p.m.

Princess—Detective Spikes, 8 p.m.

Grand—The Old Homestead, 2 and 8.

Shea—Vaudeville, 2 and 8.

Majestic Music Hall—Vaudeville, 2 and 8.

Burlesque, 2 and 8.

Gaiety—Burlesque, 2 and 8.

**BIRTHS.**

VARCOE—On Jan. 4, 1910, at 34 Howard-st., to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Varcoe, a daughter.

**DEATHS.**

BAFF—On Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, 1910, at his residence, 122 River-st., Bridget Connors, widow of the late Edgar George Baff.

BAND—On Monday, Jan. 3, at 512 Jarvis-st., Jessie Campbell Shaw, in her 44th year.

Funeral on Thursday, private. St. Catharines press please copy.

EDWARDS—On Monday, Jan. 3, 1910, at the residence, West York, William, dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth Robb Edwards, aged 58 years.

Funeral on Wednesday, at 1 p.m., from above address. Interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends please accept this notice.

EDWARDS—On Jan. 4, 1910, at her residence, 111 St. Andrew-st., Sarah, widow of the late Edward W. Edwards, in her 73rd year.

Funeral on Thursday, at 2 p.m., from the residence, 111 St. Andrew-st., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

LOWERY—On Jan. 3, at 89 Merton-st., Davisville, Alexander "Sandy" Lowery.

Funeral Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m., to Thornhill Cemetery.

WORKMAN—On Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, 1910, at his late residence, 166 Waverley-st., Toronto, Florence Workman, youngest daughter of the late Joseph Workman, M.D.

Funeral notice later.

**EXPLOSION AT BUFFALO**

Three Men Missing and Nine Badly Injured Are in Hospital.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 4.—An explosion wrecked a large section of the plant of the Buffalo Cereal Co. at Abbott-road, and the Erie railroad to-night.

Three men are missing and nine terribly injured have been taken to the hospitals.

The explosion occurred in the yellow corn mill. A concrete and brick elevator, 140 feet high, adjoining it was shattered by the explosion, and fell through the roof of the mill. Of the twelve men employed in the mill and elevator, not one escaped injury.

The dead are: J. O. Landes, 32 years old, a miller, a bagger, a bagger, a sweeper, name unknown.

The injured: Chas. Schultz, cooper boss, head and face burned, condition serious; Fred Tryon, head and arms burned, condition serious; John Wills, head and body burned, inhaled flames, arm crushed, condition serious; Joseph Bartek, foreman of night crew, burned and crushed, probably died; John Shea, burned, both arms crushed, condition critical; Geo. Seligmann, face burned, will recover.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in grain dust. Loss, \$5,000.

**Escort Votes for Repeal.**

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—In the adjoining townships of the front of Brock, where legal complications and criminal prosecutions followed the adoption of the local option bylaw one year ago, a strenuous fight took place in the municipal contest just closed.

The bylaw was brought on owing to the measure of 1909, which was carried by four majorities, being quashed by the voters on account of irregularities, in one of the polling booths. The vote just taken stood 165 for to 125 against, taking nine of the required three-fifths majority.

The township has two hotels which will go into the wet column again.

Five tavern licenses will be abolished as the result of the option bylaw carried in townships of the united counties.

**Presbyterian Meets.**

Whether organic union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches should be consummated was discussed at a meeting of the Presbytery yesterday. The meeting was held in the Temple Building and was well attended.

No resolution bearing on the subject was adopted.

**Harper, Customs Broker, McKinnon Building, Toronto.**

## RAILWAYS PLANNING NEW DEPOT FOR LARGER YARDS

Movement on Foot to Secure Acreage West of Present Union Station—Options Obtained.

Either the Grand Trunk or the C. P. R., or both, are up to their eyes in a movement to secure enough land south of King-street, between Simcoe and Spadina, for a new Union Depot, or enlarged freight yards.

The issue has been brought to a focus by the refusal of Jake Saunders to sell the old John-street School site to A. R. Frankland for \$30,000 cash. Mr. Frankland represents the H. H. Williams Real Estate Co., and the H. H. Williams people are the chief real estate negotiators for the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Otherwise it would be strictly a Grand Trunk affair.

**Securing Options.**

For some time Mr. Frankland has been picking up property within the district described, representing that it was not the Grand Trunk that had the power of expropriation. He secured an option at \$25,000 from Jake Saunders and others who recently bought the John-street School for garage purposes. The terms were \$25,000 cash, \$20,000 cash, by some kind of a manoeuvre on Mr. Saunders' part, the option was allowed to expire at 12 o'clock noon Sunday. The following day the real estate agent was back with a stronger offer—\$30,000 time, or \$30,000 cash. But there was nothing doing. The promoters of the garage had been looking around for a place to move to, and could get suitable property, even as far north as Agnes-street, for less than \$300 a foot. At that price, they figured their John-street holding worth \$40,000, and they will stick for that price.

**Prices Boosted.**

The property is 80 x 100 feet, on the corner of John and Mercer-streets. It is said that a lady owning the three roughcast houses on Mercer has sold them to the same agent for \$40,000. The James Robertson Brass Co., on the corner of Dorset and King-streets, have been approached with an offer of \$250 a foot. They are holding out for \$300. The James Aton Printing Co., on John-street south of King, have given an option on the plot of this, and are reported yesterday that it is an extension of the freight yards for both Grand Trunk and C. P. R. use that is contemplated.

**Covet Government House.**

That the Grand Trunk have had eyes on the Government House, on the southwest corner of King and Simcoe-streets, is not new, and it is believed there will be little difficulty in the way of their getting it, as it has long been considered an unsuitable locality for the particular functions held there. The C. P. R. already own a good-sized piece of land on the west side of the angle where the Grand Trunk switches begin to run up on the bank to the freight sheds.

There is hardly a property owner on Dorset-street, between the corner of King and Mercer, who does not have a letter from the Grand Trunk, asking for the price of the property. The Grand Trunk is believed to be practically in possession of everything north of the tracks up to Peter-street, and the C. P. R. is reported yesterday that it is an extension of the freight yards for both Grand Trunk and C. P. R. use that is contemplated.

## NAVY'S WEAKNESS A THEME FOR BALFOUR

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carried out, will greatly increase the employment for the working class, while the principles underlying the budget will greatly decrease the welfare of those same classes," he asserted.

**Their Last Chance.**

If the people neglected the chance which the courage and patriotism of the house of lords had given them, they would be on themselves deservedly misfortune.

"I believe in tariff reform from the viewpoint of the inhabitants of Great Britain, as the best way of raising revenue. It will give needed security to our producers. I also look to its effect beyond the seas. Our fellow-citizens overseas are suffering from the effects of the value thereof is unquestioned. They have given us the lead. Are you going to refuse to follow?"

He refused to associate himself with the party which, when invited by those who were their children to take this plain step for closer unity, had repudiated with scorn the invitation.

**LEVEL CROSSINGS**

Railway Board Defer Consideration Until February Session.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—The railway commission to-day heard a score of applications regarding railway crossings, some on the level, others by bridge. After discussion of several, Judge Mabey, finding that the rest involved the same principles, ordered that they be deferred until the February session, when the whole question of railway crossings will likely be dealt with.

The chief point to be considered is that of dangerous crossings, for the elimination of which an appropriation was made by parliament last session, and the task was referred to the board of railway commissioners.

Dr. Uziel Ogden died yesterday morning, at the age of 82. He was stricken with paralysis about five years ago and did not recover.

Dr. Ogden started his medical career about 35 years ago at Aymer, Ont. After two or three years' practice there he moved to Toronto, and was appointed lecturer on physiology at the school of medicine.

Deceased was three times married. His last wife survives him, as well as a daughter of his second wife.

The World is in receipt of the following telegram from Vancouver:

"The sister of John Ward, C. P. R. conductor, lives in Toronto, will she telegraph her address to Mrs. John Ward, 782 Richards-street, Vancouver, B.C. Urgent."

## SIDE LIGHTS ON THE BATTLE OF THE BUDGET

7,705,717 LISTED VOTERS FOR BRITISH ELECTIONS

New Register Shows Addition of 90,000 Names—Facts About Constituencies.

The new register of voters—that on which the British general elections will be fought—shows that the total number of electors is 7,705,717, being an increase of 90,278. The totals for the countries are as follows:

England and Wales.....6,221,722

Scotland.....688,787

Ireland.....688,787

Of the grand total, 6,490,115 are occupiers; 608,270 are owners; 503,116 lodgers; 52,082 freemen, freeholders, &c.; and 48,154 university electors.

Among notable increases in London are Wandsworth, which shows an increase of 1523, and South Hackney 522. The constituencies having decreased are Kingston (111), and North Camberwell, 2632; Peckham, 2,602; Dulwich, 1234; Bow and Bromley, 2402; and Poplar, 2318.

The Register shows that of 688,787 electors in Scotland, 263,354 are in the largest single member constituency in the kingdom; the smallest is Kilkenny with 1742 electors, which has 390 electors.

In London Wandsworth is by far the largest constituency. It has an electorate of 38,523. The smallest is St. George's, the figures for which are 3132.

The English borough constituencies with more than 20,000 electors are fifteen in number and are Newcastle, 38,584; Oldham, 35,515; Portsmouth, 33,984; Sunderland, 27,610; Crofton, 27,350; Leicester, 25,334; Leeds, W., 22,940; Kingston (Richmond), 22,939; Blackburn, 22,572; Norwich, 21,607; Brighton, 21,427; Middlebro, 21,380; Bolton, 21,341; Derby, 20,113; Southampton, 20,235.

In the Aggregation division there are only two lodgers on the register, Rosendale boasts four, and Darwen eight. The last named has 1774 electors, but it is no worse off for lodger voters than the City of London, which with an electorate of 30,100 can also only lay claim to eight.

J. B. Seely, under-secretary for the colonies, replying to Hamar Greenwood's query for information concerning the number of Chinese in the colonies in 1904 that he was prepared to stake his reputation on the estimate, that for every 10,000 colored laborers, there are 10,000 whites in the colonies, says:

The total number of Chinese imported into the colonies was 54,825, the maximum number in the Colony at any one time was 53,568. On the 30th of last month the number had been 54,825. The number of Chinese in China was due to take place in the earlier part of the present month, which was expected to reduce the number of Chinese in the colonies to not more than 48,154. The whole of these are due for repatriation to China on or about the 1st March next.

You will see from the accompanying figures that the repatriation of Chinese has been accompanied by an increase both in native labor and in the number of white men employed on the land mines.

## WOMEN M.D.'S IN CONVENTION

Leigh Ride and Banquet for Delegates to Convention.

At the session yesterday morning of the Zeta Phi Fraternity, a woman's medical society, which is in convention at the King Edward Hotel, papers were read by Dr. Johnnie Gray of Toronto, Dr. Martine of Ufa, Dr. Reddie of Philadelphia, Dr. Musson of Philadelphia, and Miss Bask of India.

At Cincinnati, where the Western Potter, Rochester, Dr. Ballantine, Rochester, Dr. Martine, Ufa; Miss Alford of Johns Hopkins University; Miss Roberts of Toronto Medical; Dr. Jean Wilson, Toronto; Dr. Reddie, Philadelphia, and Dr. Staunton of Ufa, president of the Fraternity. The toastmaster was Dr. McAlpine of Toronto.

At the business session this morning the officers will be elected.

**TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.**

At Smithville, Tenn., Haskell Johnson, a merchant, was shot and killed by a crowbar, an attorney, Johnson had been sued for breach of promise by Crowley's daughter and was under indictment on a serious charge.

At Cincinnati, with a bullet in her heart and a revolver lying nearby, the dead body of Miss Tillie Schwab, 18 years old, was found in the home of her father, John Schwab, a member of the board of education.

Morris Lustig, proprietor of a night watchman service and private detective, was arrested by the police on a charge of the death of his wife, who was buried about Nov. 1 at her old home at Milroy, Pa. It is alleged she was poisoned.

Owing to the refusal of the Iron industry in the United States in 1909, the production of iron ore and pig iron will nearly reach that of 1907, the year of maximum output on record.

At Baltimore, Mr. William O. Carter, 45, shot and killed Mrs. Belle Warner, 40, at her home, and then committed suicide. Carter was a married man and was infatuated with the woman.

The department of public works of Ontario to-day sought authority to construct grade crossings and over-head crossings over the C.P.R. by the Sudbury-Soo trunk wagon road. Some notorious level crossings under consideration were those at Kingston, over the G.T.R. at Brockville and at Smith's Falls.

An important phase of the deliberations in February will be the consideration of the extension to which the government appropriation will go in the work of protecting level crossings already designated dangerous.

## SCOTLAND AROUSED BY LAND MONOPOLY

Scottish Liberalism Has Recovered From Its Temporary Depression.

In Scotland the leather is on fire with the action of the London (Eng.) Chronicle. Liberal Scotland is not given to vacillation, tho, of course, adverse circumstances are not without their effect. In the year, when several by-elections took place, the prolonged spell of unemployment told severely against the Liberal cause. Men out of work were in no mood to weigh particularly the respective merits of free trade and tariff reform. Indeed, they were in a mood to listen to the plausible promises of economic recovery. Liberal seats were held, but by reduced majorities.

But Scottish Liberalism has recovered from its temporary fit of depression. The action of the London (Eng.) Chronicle has proved a splendid tonic. For years Scottish Liberals have been waiting for a favorable opportunity to give the house of lords a lesson in fact, many of them thought that the government should have grappled with the problem when it took office. This view, to my knowledge, was expressed on the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who thought, however, that not until the peers began to wreck Liberal measures would the people rise in their wrath against their hereditary enemies.

**Cases of Greed.**

At last the people of Scotland have risen in their wrath. Thanks to their own stupidity the peers have diverted public attention from the budget to themselves, and their claim for a monopoly of political power has been given public attention to their claims to a monopoly of land. In Scotland hatred of landlordism is innate in the hearts of the people. They can never forget the Highland clearances and the deer forests, and to-day they feel keenly the effects of land monopoly in the great centres of industry.

It is a leading Liberal who fought a by-election some nine months ago that in his constituency feeling has been raised to white heat by the action of the lords. At that election he found Liberals somewhat difficult to rouse; to-day the atmosphere is positively electrical. And that is not all. The topics are two—the impertinent demand of the lords to dictate to the people, and their shameless greed in dealing with the land monopoly.

Here are a few of the examples of the recital of which simply means Liberal shams. In fact, Jim Corbett is admitted to have been a marvelous fighter. As good as Jim was, I claim that Johnson is just a little better than Jim at his best. Many will disagree with this statement, but I know a lot of inside dope regarding Johnson. If he hasn't got the punch, why did the authorities stop his fight with Burns? And don't let anyone tell you that Johnson was a real tough customer in the ring. The easy manner in which Johnson put Ketchel under the ropes, and the ease with which he defeated him, is a fair indication of his power.

I am willing to go on record that it is my opinion that Johnson allowed Ketchel to stay long enough to get the moving picture side of the business. If he did back up, the dope will show that it was by his own fault. He was not a right hand puncher, I know that he was, but he was a real tough customer in the ring.