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A Chance to Change Your Mind About an Overcoat

Many a man has thought to be firm and finally decisive, and succeeded only in being obstinate. There is little if any virtue in "pig-headedness"—as our best friends will tell us readily enough. Let us apply the maxim to the overcoat which you thought to get through another winter with. Is there any virtue in that decision in the face of the following offer from the Clothing Department.

Automobile coats are quoted below also. Fifteen dollars will buy one in this store.

See Men's Heavy Winter Overcoats, consisting of fine soft cheviot finished friezes and browns, in dark Oxford grey and black, also handsome dark brown and black mixed tweed coating, made up in the correct single-breasted Chesterfield style, with neat velvet collar, fine linings and splendid fitting, sizes 35-42, reg. 8.50, 9.00, 10.00 and 12.00, on sale Saturday... **6.95**

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26.50 to 34.00 Overcoats to Measure for 22.75

We take stock Feb. 1, we never carry overcoatings over, we are going to start in now and make up all the cloth on hand at reduced prices while it is yet early in the winter. Consequently we make the following offer in custom-tailored made-to-measure overcoats.

All Our Winter Overcoatings, consisting of fine imported English meltons and chevies, in plain black and Oxford grey, also Thibets and vicunas in fancy weaves, and some fancy tweeds, handsome patterns, in grey, fawn and brown effects, thick soft materials, specially suitable for the new college ulster style, being warm and comfortable and light in weight; these goods were imported specially for our custom trade and we sold them in the regular way all season at 26.50, 28.00, 30.00, 32.00 and some 34.00. We will make your choice of these to order from measurements taken on Saturday, in any style you may select, single or double-breasted, excepting the Faletot or Newmarket, fit and workmanship guaranteed satisfactory or money refunded, for... **22.75**

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Better fur values here in the men's store now than ever. The rush is over. Fur stocks must be cleared up.

22 Men's Extra Fine Alaska Seal and Canadian Otter Wedge Shape Fur Caps, made from No 1 skins, reg. 20.00 caps, Saturday... **14.75**

25 Men's Persian Lamb Adjustable Fur Collars, made from No 1 selected skins, glossy and even curls, satin lined, Saturday special... **13.50**

30 Men's Fur-Lined Coats, black beaver cloth shells, best tailor work, and lined with No 1 grade mink marmot including sleeves, fine grade German otter collars, reg. 37.50 coats, Saturday... **29.00**

Shirts, Ties, Underwear

What does the approach of the New Year seem like to you? Christmas expenses are over, suppose you buy a few things for yourself now.

80s Men's Fine Colored Negligee and Stiff Bosom Shirts, separate cuffs and cuffs attached, in neat stripes, spots and checks, broken lines from our regular stock, sizes 14 to 17, regular value up to 1.50, Saturday... **79c**

Men's Natural Wool Combination Underwear, in elastic ribbed wool, form fitting, unshrinkable, sizes 34 to 44 in the lat, regular value 4.75 suit, Saturday per suit... **1.98**

20c Boys' White Ribbed Wool Sweaters, with colored collars, cuffs and skirts, full fashioned, perfect fitting, sizes for boys 6 years to 16 years, regular value 1.50, Saturday... **1.00**

Men's Fine Silk Neckwear, four-in-hands, flowing ends and puffs, in a great variety of patterns and colorings, regular value 50c and 75c, Saturday... **39c**

A winter boot for a many foot. We have sold hundreds of pairs of style H in the Victor series. Put a pair on once just to try.

Style H, best box calf leather, blucher cut, leather lined, heavy sole, good stitching, popular styles, sizes and widths—5.00 Value for 3.50.

VICTOR TRADE MARK

T. G. Counts, delegates to the Federated Council of Building Trades, F. G. Hayward, J. Bilton, I. Scott, and E. Robertson.

John E. Virtue, business agent of the Piano and Organ Workers' Union, thinks that the most immediate relief would be for the city to go into the erection of downtown tenement houses.

Delegate James Wilson of the Woodworkers' craft, has an idea that if every man of the 15,000 laborers would put \$1 a week into a co-operative treasury—

which would mean \$15,000 per week—labor itself could relieve the situation.

OBITUARY

Miss Urquhart, sister of ex-Mayor Urquhart, died on Wednesday night after a few hours' illness.

The final meeting of the police commissioners for this year will be held today at 2 o'clock.

Owing to the absence of three of the

"THE MESSIAH" WELL DONE

Dr. Torrington's Chorus and Orchestra Give Annual Performance.

It is difficult to appraise a performance of the "Messiah" in any very critical spirit with the memories of dozens of past renderings echoing down the years. Were the voices and instruments but poor and slight, the music would be enriched in thought by the enchanting suggestions that rise out of old silences, and the enduring devotion that surrounds this most Christian expression of the arts. No finer initiation into the spirit of the religious faith of the western world has ever been conceived. From the first plaintive cry—"Comfort ye my people," to the lost choruses, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive," the glory of universal love pervades Handel's great work.

Anyone who heard the Toronto Festival Chorus and Orchestra give the "Messiah" in Massey Hall last night, and for the first time, would obtain a fairly adequate conception of the oratorio that has no rival, and whose grandest chorus brought the devout king to his feet when first he heard it, long ago in London.

Ruthven Macdonald bore off the honors of the occasion. His magnificent voice, covered with perhaps the clearest enunciation of any singer on the concert stage, won him an instant encore in "Why do the nations rage" and he was equally fine in "But who can abide" and "The people that walketh in darkness." E. P. Johnson, the New York tenor, was not immediately successful in winning the audience, the recalled "Every valley," but Mr. Macdonald's spirit seemed to animate him in "Thou shalt break them," which he sang with force and was heartily encored.

Miss Eileen Milliet was at her finest in "How beautiful are the feet," tho it was in "I know that my Redeemer liveth" that her efforts were most ennobled. Mrs. Grace Carter Merry sang the recitative "Then shall the eyes" very tenderly and with rich feeling. She seemed slightly hoarse in "He is despised," but secured a recall. Her rendering of "Behold, a Virgin," was noble and sympathetic and the accompanying air was gratefully given.

Dr. Torrington believes in the tradition of haste and little objection to the return of the chorus. The orchestra, "And the glory" displayed splendid spirit and volume, and the massive and solemn effect of "Surely He hath redeemed Israel" was very fine. The great choruses towards the close of the oratorio were very satisfactory.

The orchestra played with much smoothness, but needed the organ reinforcement in tone. "The Pastoral Symphony" was encored. The hall was crowded.

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AMONG LABOR MEN.

John Flett Back from the West—Officers Elected.

J. A. Flett of Hamilton, Canadian organizer for the A. F. of L., was in the city last night and told of his recent organizing tour of the west. He says that the places he visited organized labor is unanimously opposed to the Lemieux compulsory arbitration scheme, on the ground that it has not worked out well in New Zealand. Mr. Flett also condemns Ralph Smith for his defence of Earl Grey in advocating cheap coal for Western Canada.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at the annual meeting of the Malvern Local Union, No. 317, held last night, as follows: President, John Seymour; vice-president, James Down; corresponding secretary, J. McBeath; treasurer, Alf Cheesman; recording secretary, Alf Cheesman; financial secretary, A. Gordon; inside tier, Arthur Yarus; outside tier, Tom Miller; delegates to the District Trades and Labor Council, J. Blackburn, P. Shea and John Broomehead.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS COUNTY COUNCIL PROSPECT

ETOBICOKE STORM-CENTRE

J. D. Evans to Oppose Reeve Shafer—Some May Be Left at Home.

Gossip around the county buildings respecting the return of the members of the York county council of last year is decidedly pessimistic. It is said that a feeling has arisen among the rate-payers generally averse to allowing the county fathers to dip again into the township matters, and that in every case a strong stand is being made for the retention of the present members of all the municipalities in York County. The members of the county council who will probably retire are Warden Johnston and Councillors Boggs, Lundy, Rogers, Hartman, Quantz, Kirby, Ley, Michell, Turner and Baird. In Newmarket, Councillor Woodcock will re-enter the lists. In Richmond Hill Councillor W. H. Pugsley will contest the reeve-ship against all comers, while in Markham, Township C. G. Klinge will run for first deputy reeve, with the chances that Reeve Slater will meet with no opposition for reeve. In Scarborough Township it is expected that Andrew Young, the present reeve, will be largely unopposed, but in the event of his retirement, ex-Warden Baird will contest the reeve-ship. James Ley, the other member, is known to have ambitious along legislative channels and will "bide his time." In Etobicoke the hottest fight of the whole campaign in municipal matters will take place. Reeve Shafer will be opposed by J. D. Evans, the Nestor of York County municipal life, and ex-Reeve Bryans. Public meetings are being held and a house to house canvass instituted. John Gardhouse, the other member of the county council, will seek re-election as first deputy. In Vaughan Township, which for county purposes is incorporated with Richmond Hill, George Kirby retires. Reeve Boyle may be returned by acclamation. George Powell, who for a number of years has represented Whitechurch in the county will seek re-election as reeve of Whitechurch. In King Township Archie McCullain is having the fight of his life against Reeve Legge. In York Township Reeve George Syme and George Henry are candidates for the reeve-ship, and where formerly only two members were sent under the new regulations there will be four.

Toronto Junction. Toronto Junction, Dec. 27.—The Suburban Railway have not had sufficient room for their cars for some time and are now erecting a new barn of large dimensions.

At the Union Mission to-night the parents and children assembled in considerable numbers for the annual Christmas tree.

Rev. Benj. H. Spence addressed a largely attended meeting of those interested in local option, in St. James' Hall, to-night. A song service was held and the address, under William Haines' leadership.

ED Wednesday last, Ethel, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McKinley of 23 Westmoreland, was married to Joseph Wallace. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. N. Spence. The bride was assisted by a sister, while W. J. McKinley was groomsmen.

Members of Stanley Lodge, A. F. and M. M. paid a fraternal visit to-night to Woodbridge Lodge.

EMPIRE HOTEL. 336 Yonge-street, most modern and up-to-date hotel in Toronto. Rates \$1.00 to \$2 per day. J. Newton, proprietor. Phone Main 2265.

Pickering. Pickering, Dec. 27.—(Special.)—John White of Brougham is candidate for the reeve-ship of the Township of Pickering, and is prepared to meet all comers. He was in the council during the past year, but did not see eye to eye with Reeve James Todd and his followers, who usurped all authority. The people of Pickering Township receive an average of \$400 per year; nine-tenths of our business men are notoriously failures; our clergy receive an average annual salary of about \$500; the average for the educators of the land is even lower, and the income of our professional men in proportion, while of our 6,000,000 farmers one-third are tenants, and the homes of one-third of the remaining farmers are mortgaged and a debt-burden is almost universal.

"Our public and private mortgage bond and general indebtedness alone reaches a probable total of \$50,000,000,000, or \$175 per capita, an amount equal to thirteen and one-half times our per capita money circulation and twenty-two times our savings deposits.

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Frank Ford, deputy attorney-general of Saskatchewan, was at the parliament buildings yesterday, making a "country" visit to his Toronto friends, and returning a thriving appearance.

PERSIAN LAMB JACKETS

We are in a mood to be extremely liberal. The business of 1906 has been exceptionally good, and the trade of this holiday time overtopped the best we have ever known. Because of that we can afford to reciprocate your good-will in making reductions, and give better end-season bargains than ever before.

Out-of-town visitors should make it a point to see the new prices on

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aggregate wealth of the nation. Sixteen years ago the combined fortunes of estimated at 66 per cent of our national wealth. Today a bare 1 per cent of our population, he said, owns practically 99 per cent of the entire wealth of the nation.

Two Classes. "As a result of this wealth concentration industrial society is practically divided into two classes, the enormously rich and the miserably poor; our 15,000,000 wage-earners receive an average of \$400 per year; nine-tenths of our business men are notoriously failures; our clergy receive an average annual salary of about \$500; the average for the educators of the land is even lower, and the income of our professional men in proportion, while of our 6,000,000 farmers one-third are tenants, and the homes of one-third of the remaining farmers are mortgaged and a debt-burden is almost universal.

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YORK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The last meeting of the York Township Council for the year was held yesterday. Officials of the Toronto and York Radial Railway Co. were present, as were also a large number of Deer Park property owners. Solicitor Moss of the company thought the agreement as to running rights over their proposed spur line on St. Clair-avenue by another company, and the prohibiting of storing cars on the siding to be rather too stringent. The franchise, too, should cover a longer period. After the discussion, the council, township solicitor, township engineer and the traffic manager, solicitor and engineer of the company sat together and considered each clause. Councillors Henry and Armstrong were firm that the railway company should give the township something in return for the privileges by waiving some rights the company enjoys already on Yonge-street.

The reeve finally said: "Well, gentlemen, we will have to postpone this discussion, as I see no agreement can be arrived at."

"Then the whole deal is called off," said Manager Wilson.

The annual rally of the South York Conservatives will take place to-morrow at 2.30 p.m., at the Labor Temple, Church-street, Toronto, for the election of officers and other business. Addresses will be delivered by W. P. Maclean, M.P., J. W. St. John, M.L.A., Alex. McEwen, M.L.A., and others. All Liberal-Conservatives of the South Riding of York are cordially invited to attend.

North Toronto. D. D. Reid of Montgomery-avenue has been elected to the position of reeve of North Toronto, and John Fisher's opponent for the majority.

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