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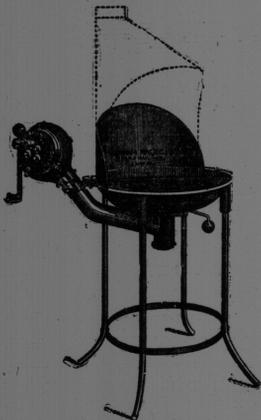
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FEBRUARY SUIT SALE NOW ON AT HARVEY'S

Prices of Men's, Youths and Boys Suits Almost Cut in Two for This Sale

Men's Suit Sale Prices \$4.95, 5.85, 6.98, 9.85, 11.45 to \$15.00

Former prices of these suits were \$7.50 to \$22.00.
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COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' TAX TO BE ABOLISHED

P. E. Island Legislature Assembles—Speech from the Throne Foreshadows Interesting Measures—Old Lady Perished in the Cold.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 2.—The Provincial Legislature opened this afternoon, being the first session since the general election seven months ago. The government was returned. The governor's speech states that none of the outstanding claims against the Dominion were satisfactorily adjusted. Reference was made to the success of the government's agricultural policy and to the benefits from the short course at the Agricultural College, to the completion of the new Provincial Infirmary and to the proposed extension of the rural telephone system.

Among the proposed legislation is the repeal of the commercial travellers tax, improvement in the revenue rendering the abolition of this measure possible. During the session reports on the educational commission and on the commission to prepare a statement of claims against the Dominion will be submitted. Owing to the closeness of the parties the session promises to be lively. This is the earliest opening of the Legislature held for some years.

Yesterday the remains of Mrs. Anne Wilson, widow, aged 83, were found near the door of her house in Vernon River. She lived alone in a little house in the village and when going to the barn to feed the hens, slipped and fell, became unconscious, and perished. Her face was badly frozen when she was discovered.

SIXTEEN MILLIONS FOR ITALY'S RELIEF

How the World Has Helped Earthquake Sufferers

Steamer Almost Overwhelmed by Tidal Wave—Many Lives Endangered in Pittsburgh Fire.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A special dispatch from Naples says: The captain of the steamer Galileo, which arrived today from Palermo, reports that his ship was nearly overwhelmed by a tidal wave off Cape Gallo, Sicily, at 11 o'clock last night. The passengers were thrown into a panic in which many of them were injured. The ship narrowly escaped disaster.

THE DISEASE AND THE CURE.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 2.—Twenty Sisseton Indians will leave for the Keeley Institute today to return to their reservation in South Dakota.

RELIEF FUND IS \$16,000,000.
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A special to the Times says that the earthquake relief fund is now figured at Rome as having reached a total of \$16,000,000.

TIFT AND PANAMA.
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—A cablegram received here from President-elect Tift from Panama states that he will arrive here on the afternoon of February 11 and that he must leave here on the morning of February 12. It had been expected that he would not reach here until February 12 or 13.

PITTSBURGH HOTEL BURNED.
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 2.—Fifty lives were imperiled early this morning by fire which partially destroyed the Old Homestead Hotel, at Homestead, a suburb of Pittsburgh. The sleeping guests aroused by firemen escaped in night attire, and three children were carried out of burning rooms by firemen and was carried out unconscious. Upon being revived he went back for his overcoat and was again overcome, but was carried out a second time and revived. The loss is about \$5,000.

JUDGE HANINGTON'S CONDITION CRITICAL.
A message to the Star this afternoon from Dorchester states that at one o'clock Judge Hanington, who has been ill for some time, was in a critical condition. He is reported as gradually sinking and there is little hope of his recovery. Mr. M. G. Todd passed through the city today on his way from Fredericton to Dorchester being summoned on account of Judge Hanington's illness.

SUSSEX HOCKEYISTS MAY START PROSECUTION
Against Moncton Players for Assault in Friday Night's Game—Moncton Fireman Hurt.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 2.—As a result of Friday night's intermediate hockey game here between the Moncton Mohawks and Sussex in which several Sussex players emerged with serious injuries, police action may be taken by the Sussex management.

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Tennessee Clergyman Predicts a Dry South in Five Years—Liquor Losing Its Influence.

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Disastrous Fire in Western Town
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Blizzard Prevailed at the Time—Many Stores Were Burned Out in Less Than Two Hours.

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SAYS ONLY A KISS CAN BREAK THE SPELL
Strange Man's Face Indelibly Printed on Her Memory, Says Miss Gerber
She's on Her Way to Boston to Get Married, but Loves Somebody Else, Nobody Knows Who.

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There was little improvement in the young woman's condition, and while she is at times rational she soon relapses into a state of hysteria, resembling a trance. During these periods her body is rigid as if in death, and the administration of powerful restoratives is necessary to revive her. "That man's face is so indelibly imprinted upon my memory," declared Miss Gerber today, "that it is simply impossible to escape it. He accompanied me all the way from Chicago to Allentown, and when I left the train he told me he would return and remove the spell with a kiss."

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Fireman Carson received a bad blow on the neck, also on the chin but nothing serious. When the engine left the track he was thrown over the boiler and fell headlong in the snow, while Clark was the most fortunate of all, he only received a slight scratch on the leg.

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SCOTT ACT CASES WITHDRAWN; PERJURY CHARGE ENTERED

KOMURA ON JAPAN'S FOREIGN POLICY
Peace, and Development of Natural Resources

Strong Friendship With Russia—Relations Satisfactory With All the European Countries—Trouble With China

TOKIO, Feb. 2.—Speaking before the lower house of the Diet today, Foreign Minister Komura outlined the foreign policy of Japan in a carefully worded speech delivered before a full and attentive house. The opening sentence gave note of the tone of the entire speech when Count Komura commenced emphatically as follows: "The foreign policy of this empire should have as an object the maintenance of peace and the development of natural resources."

With reference to Great Britain he said that events of far-reaching importance in the relations of the two countries with other powers, happily and uniformly contributed to the consolidation of the general peace of Eastern Asia, which was one of the principal objects of the agreement. The alliance, he continued, had steadily gained strength and solidity and today stands as an enduring foundation.

The relations of Japan with Russia, he went on, were constantly increasing in intimacy and both nations were scrupulously observing the spirit and letter of the compact governing their attitude in the Pacific, while the policies of both governments were yielding momentous resources.

Thus, in his opinion, there is every reason to expect an increasing growth of the friendly sentiments between them.

Touching upon the relations of Japan with France and Germany he said that they were on an equally satisfactory footing and that the declaration of Chancellor Von Bulow in the Reichstag clearly manifested the frank and friendly attitude and complete accord of Germany and Japan in the Far East. He expressed the sincere hope that the good relations with Germany would continue.

Concerning China, Count Komura said: "It is evident that in view of our present and close relations the nations should draw ties of sincere friendship and mutual consideration. It is gratifying to note that some long pending questions have been satisfactorily adjusted and that the solutions of other problems is not altogether impossible if they are treated in a spirit of conciliation and accommodation."

Japan is watching naturally with keen interest and sympathy the progress of reforms in China. And it is earnestly hoped that the attainment of China will preserve domestic order and tranquility. We have invariably made it a guiding rule to observe the open door principle with equal opportunity to China and we are firmly determined to adhere to that principle with unwavering loyalty."

The foreign minister dwelt at length upon the relations between Japan and America. He said: "The friendship of Japan and the United States and it is absolutely essential that both maintain unimpaired those sentiments of amity and extend and strengthen them by every means."

Notwithstanding the perfect accord which has always existed regarding the aims of the two countries in the Far East and in the Pacific, it appears that doubts have been entertained in some quarters concerning the sincerity of the intentions.

"In order to remove this misunderstanding," he continued, "the two governments have deemed it advisable to exchange diplomatic notes officially announcing a common policy, which I am convinced will be largely instrumental in preserving the repose of the orient."

"With regard to the question of legislation unfavorable to the Japanese now pending in California the necessary government is relying on the sense of justice of the American people together with the friendly disposition of the federal government and is confident that the question will not lead to international complications."

"Japan," he went on, "believes based on cordial terms with all the powers, including those who have not been mentioned, it must be admitted that the maintenance of peace, which is the most principal object of our foreign policy, is now practically assured, and we are enabled to devote our endeavors to the development of our national resources. The first point of our attention, is the problem of emigration."

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The Toronto city treasurer has received a check from the Toronto Railway Company for \$20,274 mileage for the last quarter year. The mileage paid by the company to the city in the past six years has been as follows: 1903, \$1,158; 1904, \$3,994.83; 1905, \$7,446.06; 1906, \$13,892; 1907, \$7,873; 1908, \$71,966.33. The percentage paid by the company to the city in the past six years has been as follows: 1903, 1904, \$41,527.67; 1907, \$42,695.91; 1905, \$248,983.48; 1906, \$292,708.72; 1907, \$249,611.52; 1908, \$200,894.56.