

# "The Proof of The Pudding"

is in the eating thereof." The proof of a good shoe is in its wearing qualities and the comfort it gives the wearer. A shoe that gives ease to the foot, and at the same time retains its original style and shape is a joy forever. These are the identical qualities which have made Cowan's Shoe Store famous. Our reputation for high-class, up-to-date goods was not made in a day, but by years of close contact with the shoe-buying public, and our long experience in buying from the manufacturers.



Shoe Price Slaughter

Your Chance To Save

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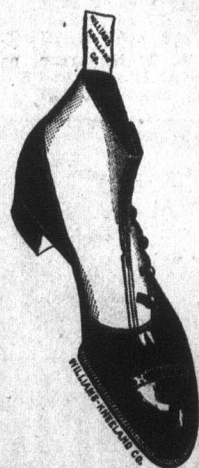
## COWAN'S GOING-OUT-OF-BUSINESS SALE

We have not the time or space to sermonize on the why or wherefor of this **Monster, Money-Saving, Going-Out-of-Business-Sale**. Suffice it to say that Mr. Geo. W. Cowan has business interests which will take him out of Chatham shortly. He cannot leave his stock behind, and therein lies the cause of this ruthless slaughter of prices. **The Stock must be sold—and sold quickly.** Take opportunity by the forelock, and be with the crowd who will reap a bountiful harvest of big bargains at Cowan's during the coming weeks. If you need a pair of Shoes here's your chance to get the very best in town at the Going-Out-of-Business prices. Buy an extra pair anyway. The quality you get at low prices will make your heart rejoice. Here are some of the exceptional opportunities which are awaiting you at Cowan's Store.

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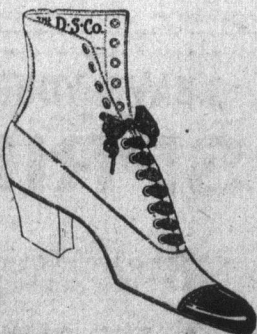
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650 pairs of Men's \$5 high grade, American made fine shoes, the very best lines we've ever carried are in this lot. In Button, Lace, or Blucher, all widths and sizes, Sale price, **\$3.75**



48 pairs of Men's \$3, \$4 and \$5 Shoes, splendid shoes, these are ends of lines, mostly in sizes 5½, 6, 7, 9 and 10, choice of any of this bunch for **\$1.98**

180 pairs Women's \$2 Dongola laced boots, medium heavy soles, Patent toe caps, solid leather inner soles, a good looking, up-to-date shoe, Sale price **\$1.35**



65 pairs of Girls' Lace and Button Boots, this is a lot in which there are a number of kinds, but all splendid goods ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$2.50, in sizes from 11 to 2, Sale price **95c**

Everything in the store reduced—even the small things.

Good Bottle of Polish, the 10c kind, sale price, **5c.**

# GEO. W. COWAN

## LOCAL

J. R. Watson, of Muji, was a city visitor yesterday.

W. C. Crawford, of Tilbury, spent yesterday in the city.

A. B. McCoig, M. P. P., returned from Toronto last evening.

Alex. Raach, of London, is spending the week end with friends in this city.

J. W. Humphrey was able to be out to-day for the first time since his recent attack of la grippe.

General Manager G. P. Schellfield, of the head offices of the Standard Bank, Toronto, was in this city yesterday on business.

The firemen wish to thank Peter Cowan for a fine edition of Webster's dictionary which he recently donated them.

Turner's thermometer registered 1 degree as the lowest during the night. At seven this morning the mercury stood at 3 degrees above.

Dressed hogs were commanding \$3.50 on the local market this morning, and live hogs \$6.50. Buyers reported the market to be dull.

His many friends are glad to see Claims Agent Archie Skirving, of the Pere Marquette, around again, after his recent illness. Mr. Skirving has been confined to his home for the past few weeks with a severe attack of the grip.

While at work near a steam box at the wheel works this morning, Ed. Connor, who lives in St. Clair street, had the misfortune to have his left leg and ankle severely scalded by escaping steam. He will be confined to his home for a few weeks as a result.

## LETTERS

ANSWERS DR. CHARTERIS.

To the Editor of The Planet:

I wish to say in reply to the statements of Dr. Charteris that they are entirely incorrect and misleading, and an unwarrantable attack upon the members of the council of Dover. An inspector was appointed at the first meeting of the council and everything was promptly done that we were asked to do to stamp out the disease. In connection with officials of the Provincial Board of Health in Toronto a few days ago I was informed that the Department was perfectly satisfied with the way matters were being conducted in the township, and very much better than in many other localities where a similar condition existed. It comes with exceeding bad taste from Dr. Charteris to make the statements he has seen fit to give to the press, but he is probably looking for a little cheap notoriety at the expense of the ratepayers of the township.

Yours truly,  
FRANCIS RANKIN,  
Reeve.

## HOCKEY

### TWO GOOD GAMES

Two more games of the City Hockey League series were played off at the rink last night. The first game, Stars vs. Tammany Healers, resulted in a score of 2 to 0 in favor of the Stars. Manager Perrot, of the Stars, was quite fast in the play and showed that he was able to handle the hockey stick. The following was the line-up of the teams:

Stars—Campbell, g., Anderson, p., Brundage, c. p., Perrot, r., Morgan, c., Bailey, l. w., LaBelle, r. w.

Tammany Healers—Hardaker, g., Roberts, p., Kayner, c. p., Waller, r. w., Referee, Post Taylor, time keeper, Scott.

After allowing the crowd to enjoy skating for nearly two hours, Manager Shillington cleared the ice in order to let the Bankers vs. Defiance play off their match. The Defiance team, however, failed to show up at all, so in order not to disappoint the crowd of spectators a picked team was put up against the speedy Bankers.

This game proved to be very exciting. Dupuy at cover point for the Bankers shone conspicuously in being put off the ice twice for rough playing. The first time he went off for three minutes, and had just got nicely started in, when he was put on the ice again.

On the picked team Harrington played excellent hockey, and scored the two goals made by this team. At the end of the game the score stood 3 to 2 in favor of the Bankers. The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Bankers—Glenn, g., Gilles, p., Dupuy, c. p., Lawson, r., Johnson, c., Williamson, r. w., Merkel, l. w.

Picked Team—Campbell, g., Vakenburg, p., Morgan, c. p., Hood, r., Harrington, c., Leguille, l. w., Anderson, r. w.

Referee, Tommy O'Brien, time keepers, Scott and Warburton.

### STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Woman Killed and Husband May Die While Returning From Wake.

Lindsay, Feb. 23.—While returning from a wake yesterday evening Mr. and Mrs. Primeau of this town were caught at Pottery Corners crossing by the C. P. R. train, due here at 7.30.

Mrs. Primeau was instantly killed, and Primeau was so seriously injured that he is not expected to live. The horse was also killed.

The train stopped and carried the bodies to Lindsay station. Mr. Primeau is a highly respected merchant.

### GETS NEW TRIAL.

Condemned for Murder, But Judge Did Not Charge Jury Fairly.

Frederickton, N. B., Feb. 23.—The Supreme Court yesterday afternoon gave judgment unanimously in favor of granting a new trial to Thomas Collins, sentenced to be hanged on the 26th for the murder of Mary Ann McAulay, on the ground that Judge Gregory, the trial judge, in his charge to the jury, did not lay the facts fully and plainly before them.

Ask for Minard's and take no other

## HUDSON BAY-ROAD

General Demand For a New Line—Premier Says Matter Is Being Carefully Considered.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—On a motion to go into supply yesterday afternoon, Mr. Knowles called the attention of the Government to the urgent necessity for the construction of a railway to Hudson Bay.

The west was suffering from the lack of transportation. Neither wheat nor coal could be moved as required. He claimed that the C. P. R. is withholding its motive power and rolling stock from the west, although the traffic is increasing.

### Should Assist the West.

The Government should assist the West by constructing a national road. The western people were heavily taxed by a tariff that did them no earthly good, and from this revenue were built wharves in Nova Scotia and canals in Ontario. Had not the West some right to relief from the national treasury? He claimed that ships could enter and leave the ports of Hudson Bay from June to December.

Mr. Laik considered this matter of the highest importance. The present railways were unable to meet the demands of western traffic.

### Feasible and Necessary.

Mr. Greenway thought the Hudson Bay route was entirely feasible. It was the original route, the one used for hundreds of years by the Hudson Bay Co. The congestion of freight in the Northwest was a serious problem. The G. T. P. and other new roads running east and west only accentuated the trouble by opening additional areas and increasing the quantity of grain to be carried.

Mr. Cash said that the entire West was anxious for this road to be built. The railways had utterly broken down in their efforts to get out the grain. Had the Government no way of enforcing the law and compelling the companies to serve the people? He submitted that a railway to Hudson Bay might bring relief.

### Shortage of Cars.

Mr. McRaney corroborated the preceding speakers as to car shortage. The trouble was so chronic that people had largely been talking about it.

Mr. Foster defended the C. P. R. It seemed only commonsense that the company would carry all the freight that it possibly could. But he favored a railroad to Hudson Bay.

### Premier Promises Something.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the Hudson Bay Railroad had been discussed for many years. A statute was passed years ago appropriating a subsidy of 12,000 acres of land per mile. No company had ever applied for it. But some other method would be found. At this very moment, the matter was engaging the attention of the Government.

He could not promise any announcement next week or the week after, but he hoped to make an important announcement, foreshadowing the building of this important system before the close of the session.

### Lack of Motive Power.

Every western member who spoke referred to the car famine, but Mr. Greenway, who made a strong, sensible speech, described the breakdown of the C. P. R. to lack of motive power. He instanced the fact that cars loaded with grain stood for weeks and months on a siding, thus indicating that so far from more cars being in demand that there were a surplus of cars as compared to locomotives.

### C. P. R. Starves West.

"In the east," said Mr. Knowles, in substance, "the C. P. R. has competition, hence you people in Ontario and Quebec get service that is prompt, careful and efficient. In the West the C. P. R. at most points has no competition, and we have to take any old kind of service they see fit to give us."

### VENTING HIS SPLEEN

The Wallaceburg Herald-Record, which paper since its change in proprietorship has lived up to a reputation which should make it worthy of a memorial in Knockers' Hall, this week contains the following bilious outburst:

"The druggists of Chatham made arrangements with the senior hockey team of this place to play on the rink here last Monday evening and even telephoned the boys here that they would be on hand without fail. Dodgers were circulated to that effect, and a large crowd assembled at the rink to witness the game. This is only one instance of many in which the sports of Chatham have been doing business and a mighty poor way it is too, to be sportsman-like. If our boys have an engagement with Chatham or any other team they carried out their agreement to the letter. But, alas, what can you expect from a bunch of Chathamites."

### A NEW MILL

The citizens of Wallaceburg have decided to have a new grist mill, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. A meeting of citizens was held when it was decided to raise the necessary funds right in the town.

The capital of the new concern will be \$40,000, consisting of 800 shares of \$50 each. The mill will have a capacity of 100 barrels per day, with elevator capacity of 10,000 bushels. The buildings will be erected on the south side of the river, in the immediate vicinity of the Pere Marquette and Electric railways. The dimensions of the plant will be 10 x 68 feet, and it will very likely be four or five storeys high.

The mill is now an assured industry of Wallaceburg, and is one of the town's most pressing needs. Mr. Hawkins informed those present that everything would be in running order by July 1. The snug sum of \$17,500 in stock was signed before the meeting closed. A committee, composed of Warden S. Somers, T. F. Hinnegan and A. O'Flynn, was appointed to secure more stockholders. Besides Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Wm. Drader, of Chatham, is also interested in the proposition.

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Right now is the time to examine them.

\$5 and \$12 Eton's.—Made of soft lustrous taffeta, richly trimmed with silk braid and pleats, lined with good quality white satin and Surah twill.

\$8.50.—A very stylish box coat of fancy mixture cloth, straps down front and back and set off with touches of black velvet, sleeves trimmed to match, velvet collar.

\$10.—This, undoubtedly greatest value of a fitted jacket, is made of the new novelty stripe covert cloth, lap seams, fly front and notch tailor-made collar, lined throughout with a good quality French sateen.

\$10.—A most attractive design of English box coat of novelty covert cloth. The straps form a very nobby Gibson effect, fly front and notched men's collars.

## NEWEST CREATIONS FROM PARIS FOR THE WOMAN OF FASHION



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We would be pleased to show you these new models, which are now in stock from all the best manufacturers:—

D. & A., B. & C., C. B. C., B. & I. and E. & T.,  
Sizes 18 to 36.

Model No. 1, Slight Figure.—Long hip, short top, straight front, 2 pair supporters, in white or drab, \$1 a pair.

Our Leader at 75c.—We have a good corset in heavy cotton, in drab or white, with long hip, straight front, 2 pair heavy supporters, all sizes, 75c pair.

Model No. 2, Medium Figure.—Long hip, long back, straight front, 2 pair heavy supporters, in white or drab, all steel filled, \$1 a pair.

Austin Special.—We make a special of a very fine corset, from one of the newest cuts, in white or drab, with two hose supporters, straight front, long hip, 50c pair.

Model No. 3, Full Figure.—A very extra long corset, with two pair heavy supporters. In this line we have several different styles to choose from at prices ranging from \$1 to \$3.50 a pair.

The B. & I. Corset.—This is a bias filled corset, the material being cut on the straight, the steels are put in on the bias. This line we have in all styles to fit any figure.

Tape Girdles, all sizes, 35c pair.

Children's Corset Wai ts all sizes.

Prices from \$1 to \$2.50 a pair.

## Presented for Your Selection.



A matchless variety of Dainty New Undermuslins, embracing a great range of exclusive novelties and introducing many new and distinctive features in designs and trimmings.

It needs but to be seen to be appreciated by every woman who delights in beautiful underwear.

### GOWNS.

Misses Gowns of English Cottons, yoke tucked, and trimmed with embroidery and insertion. Sizes range from 4 to 14 years. Price range from 64c to \$1.

\$1 Ladies' Gowns in a variety of styles of Nainsook or English cotton, high, square or V neck, also low round neck and short sleeves, finished with beading and ribbon.

\$1.50.—Of Nainsook with round tucked yoke or yoke of insertion, high or low neck, long or short sleeves, with lace or embroidery trimmings.

### SKIRTS.

\$1 Ladies' Knee Skirts of muslin, finished with flounce of blind stitch embroidery.

\$1.25.—Full length skirt with deep lawn flounce, trimmed with 2 rows of lace insertion and lace frill. Dust ruffle.

\$2.75.—Fine white skirt with deep flounce of eyelet embroidery, finished above flounce with cluster of tucks.

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