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## The Urban Store.

### WELCOMED BY FARMERS

Heavy Rainfall Has Filled the Cistern and They Are Glad.

Frozen Ground Will Prevent the Soil, However, From Getting As Much Benefit As It Should—Rejoicing Over the Rainfall Are the Fruit-Farmers of the Niagara Peninsula—Gladness in the West.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The rain that fell yesterday will be of considerable benefit to the farming community. In many localities cisterns were dry and the farmers had to haul water a considerable distance for their stock. The fall of yesterday will replenish the cisterns to some extent and fill up the creeks.

The drought was, however, so long drawn out that the farmers were greatly retarded in their fall work. No rain had fallen for some months previous to yesterday, and the soil the plow could scarcely go through it. The ground is now frozen up so hard that whatever water falls at this time will run off and the soil will not get the benefit it should.

In the Niagara Peninsula, St. Catharines, Dec. 28.—The benefit from the heavy rainfall, Monday night is widespread in the Niagara Peninsula and the suffering farmers could not have received a more welcome Christmas box. Every creek and pond in this district had been dried up because there had been no rain for months.

Monday night's heavy downfall was the first rain which has fallen here since October. People in Thorold, where there is no water-works system, were very thankful for the rain, for it filled up cisterns which had been dry for months. Many farmers were compelled to draw water for miles for their cattle, and many had sold their stock in consequence.

It was greatly feared that the winter would set in without rain, which would have been a calamity hard to estimate the consequences of. Never before in the history of the country has the Niagara Peninsula been so dry. As an example, it might be mentioned that the Twenty-mile Creek, which never before gave out, has been dried up for some time.

The rain is a particular boon to the fruit farmers, as in many cases it is feared that it comes too late to save the fruit trees. Though there is not yet enough water, even if no more comes, the situation is immensely improved.

West to Keep On.

Glen's Falls, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The long continued drought which has seriously threatened the water supply in this section of the state was broken by the heavy rain which began yesterday. If the rainfall continues thirty-six hours, all danger of a water famine in this and nearby towns will be averted as sufficient water will be stored in reservoirs to last until spring.

Ice Causes Many Accidents.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The freezing rain was responsible for several accidents yesterday. Robert McNaughton, a caretaker at the Armouries, had his ankle sprained and went to the Emergency.

Allan Sutherland, 706 Dundas street, fell on Victoria street and broke his right leg. He was taken to the General Hospital.

Mrs. Baker, 55 Nelson street, fell on Cumberland street, broke her right thigh and was taken to Grace.

John Johnston, G.T.R. brakeman, slipped from the icy roof of a freight car and was badly shaken up. He was taken to the Emergency.

On Sunday morning, Rev. Charles Duff, pastor of Brock avenue Congregational Church, fell and broke his left arm.

Arm Breaking in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—The damage to fruit trees in this vicinity, although considerable, was not as great as had been looked for as a result of the storm. Farmers were up in the early hours, but to their great satisfaction found that in most cases the ice had dropped off the trees, leaving them practically unharmed. But the farmers are seriously handicapped by the vile condition of the roads. Telephone and telegraph wires were down in different parts of the country, interrupting communication during the greater part of the day, and a few lines are still closed. The slippery condition of roads and walks in towns make traveling dangerous, both for vehicles and pedestrians. Several instances of persons breaking arms by falls have been reported.

Electric Wires Clogged.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The railway dispatchers have been bothered considerably during the past 24 hours by the ice-bound state of the wires which created considerable confusion in the transmission of messages. The passenger train service was not hampered apparently, but movement of freight cars was held somewhat in check. Some local trouble was caused the G.P.R. lines at Galt, an electric wire breaking and falling across them during the morning. It was not until well on in the forenoon that working order was restored.

Worst Storm in Years.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—One of the most severe storms of recent years has raged between the Rocky Mountains and the great lakes yesterday, causing much trouble to street car, railroad and telegraph companies. The latter were the greatest sufferers, as the blizzard was preceded by a heavy fog and drizzling rain. The intense cold and terrific gale coated the wires with ice, and later the poles to the ground. Railroad trains were badly delayed, some being 24 hours late. Street car traffic practically was at a standstill.

Western Cities in Blizzard.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 28.—This portion of the southwest was in the grasp of a genuine blizzard, which extended through Missouri into Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Snow fell to a depth of nearly a foot and,

driven by a high wind, drifted badly. Railway trains in every direction were delayed. At some points, particularly north of Kansas City, in Iowa and Nebraska, telephone and telegraph wires were rendered useless by sleet for many hours. The thermometer was close to the zero mark; a fall of 35 degrees within 24 hours.

Fell 20 Degrees in Two Hours.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 28.—The blizzard that has been raging in the west struck St. Louis and vicinity yesterday and there was a fall of 20 degrees in temperature in less than two hours.

Traffic Tied Up.

New York, Dec. 28.—Rain and sleet, with rising temperature, following the recent heavy snowstorms, have greatly impeded traffic in and about New York. Telegraphic communication has been considerably handicapped, and nearly all through trains from the west and north are delayed owing to slippery rails. In the city the rain and sleet, which froze as soon as it struck the ground, made walking hazardous and inconvenient, and wherever there was a grade on the surface roads there was great trouble. On the elevated lines brilliant electric displays marked the passing of trains over the ice-coated third rail.

Up through New York State many wires were down and those which were from this city to the Delaware break-water and intermediate stations in trouble. It is believed, however, that many vessels are in the harbor at the breakwater awaiting better weather. No vessels had arrived at this port up to 10 o'clock yesterday.

Snowstorm at the Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Ottawa is in the grip of a severe snowstorm, which has been raging since an early hour yesterday morning.

HAMILTON MAN'S TRIALS.

James Mills, Jr., Ejected From N.Y.C. Trains and Arrested.

Utica, Dec. 28.—James M. Mills, Jr., of Hamilton, Ont., son of J. J. Mills, lawyer, of 2424 Seventh avenue, New York City, was ejected from a New York Central train in this city Monday night and locked up in police headquarters. As a result the railroad will be made defendant in a suit for damages.

Young Mills was en route from Hamilton, Ont., to New York, to spend the holidays with his relatives. He had a through ticket to the metropolis and occupied an apartment in a Pullman car. West of this city he had an epileptic fit, from which he quickly recovered. When the train reached Utica he was taken into custody on complaint, it is alleged, of the railroad authorities, who charged disorderly conduct.

Young Mills spent Monday night in the lock-up, but, however, getting into communication with his father in New York over the long distance telephone. He explained his predicament and the elder Mills started at once for this city. Yesterday he secured his son's release from custody and the two went on to New York. The young man's father declares that he will institute an action for damages against the Central-Hudson Company.

Against Paper Combine.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 28.—Attorney-General Moody late yesterday began a suit by petition in the United States District Court here on behalf of the United States against the paper and pulp companies, comprising what is known as the "paper trust," under an act of Congress, approved July 2, 1890, entitled, "an act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies."

Burglars at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Dec. 28.—Two robberies were reported to the police as having occurred Monday night. One of them was at the grocery store of B. C. Turville, Turville received five turkeys and seven chickens are missing. The other robbery was at the store of James Kane. Some tools and other goods were taken from the store and about \$4 in cash from the till.

Locked Up Spirit Wrestlers.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The last bunch of spirit-wrestling Doukhobors, four in number, who have been hovering around the immigration station, were locked up Monday evening to prevent a chance of mishap to them in the severe weather. They were charged with vagrancy and will be given long sentences to remove them from being a nuisance.

Admiralty Blamed.

London, Dec. 28.—(C. A. P.)—The Melbourne press comments on the failure of the Admiralty to fulfill its agreement with the Commonwealth. Of the two new second-class cruisers promised more than a year ago, only the Challenger has arrived, though the subsidy was promptly paid.

Death of Lady Boswell.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Sir H. Montagu Allan is in receipt of a cablegram announcing the death of Lady Allan. Lady Boswell's end came suddenly on Saturday. Blackader, her country place, near Edinburgh. Particulars have not yet been received.

Escapes From Jail Guards.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—John Edmonds, aged 20, a convict, slipped away from among two score fellow-prisoners at Toronto jail yesterday morning and half an hour later the guards found that Edmonds had not been retaken, but guards found the convict's clothes in a freight car,

### ENGINE FLUE BLEW OUT

Fireman Harry Chambers of Lindsay Lost His Life.

Tremendous Violence of the Blow-Out Killed Chambers Back on the Tender and Killed Him in Ditch—When Picked Up He Was Found to Be Dead—An Unknown, Stealing a Ride, Was Badly Scalded.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—By an accident which, while not enormous in itself, has seldom been known to have a fatal termination in the history of railroading, Harry Chambers, fireman, of Lindsay, last night lost his life.

The mishap occurred about four miles out of Bobcaygeon on the Lindsay branch of the C.P.R., about 8.30 p.m. yesterday. The train was a passenger one of three cars, which is employed on a short run between Burketon and Bobcaygeon, the line put into operation by the road the beginning of last August. The train makes connections with the Montreal express, which arrives at 7.30 p.m., and with the local, which leaves the Union Station at 5 p.m.

Leaving Burketon at about 6.45 p.m., it was approaching Bobcaygeon, when the engine flue blew out with such tremendous violence as to demolish a section of the cab. Chambers was hurled back on the tender and killed in the ditch. When picked up he was found to be dead.

An unknown young man, aged about 24, who had been, stealing a ride in front of the engine, was badly scalded from the knees down when Henry of Bobcaygeon escaped unhurt.

Chambers' home was in Lindsay. He was 26 years of age and a married man.

The train was delayed about four hours, an engine arriving from Burketon after midnight.

Five Men Badly Injured.

Keewatin, Dec. 28.—A serious accident occurred yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock at Poley Bros. & Co.'s construction camp, three miles west of Keewatin, when the men at work struck an old unexploded charge causing a terrific explosion, which fatally injured one man and seriously injured five others about the eyes, hands, arms and legs. The injured men were taken to Fort Portage on the work train, which was hauling rock from where they were at work. They were all foreigners.

G.T.R. Fireman Hurt.

Hamilton, Dec. 28.—David McShee, G.T.R. fireman, whose home is at Shelburne, but who has been boarding at 14 Clarence square, Toronto, had his leg severely injured at the ankle yesterday morning at Hartburg in a head-on collision between the accommodation train due here at 11 o'clock and a freight. The engines were both badly wrecked, and the passengers shaken up.

Caused Into Wire Fence.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—D. B. Picken was probably fatally injured by running into a barb wire while tobogganing on the park slide Monday. His throat and face were terribly lacerated by the barbs, and the shock of the collision knocked out several teeth. He is not expected to survive the accident.

Killed By a Fall.

Barrie, Dec. 28.—Fred Partridge, a laborer employed by the G.T.R., stumbled and fell into the big cement tank at the new shops, Allendale, on Sunday night. He fractured his skull and died an hour later. He was an Englishman and had been with the G.T.R. only a month. A wife and two small children survive him.

Thirty Sees in Danger.

New York, Dec. 28.—Efforts to learn whether Capt. Nicholson and the crew of the British tramp steamer, Drumseller, still aboard the vessel, which is aground on the bar at Fire Island, have been unsuccessful, and last night the life-savers were still watching from the beach in the hope of communicating with the ship. The captain would not let the life-savers take off his crew Monday when the seas were running so high, and yesterday it was too late to help them. The Drumseller's crew consists of 32 men, with Capt. Nicholson, First Mate Hutchinson, Second Mate Smith, Third Mate Richardson and Chief Engineer Wood.

Woman Drinks Poison.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Esbister, a married woman, with a family, of 10 children, committed suicide by poisoning here at midnight yesterday. No cause is assigned.

One Man Killed.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 28.—The Christmas celebration here wound up with a fight in the foreign quarter, in which one man was killed and three badly wounded. Four men are not yet arrested. The fatality was the result of a clash between Greeks and Hungarians.

Hunter Gets Bail.

London, Dec. 28.—(C. A. P.)—Graeme Hunter, known as the "boss" union smasher, and Gavin Cooper were yesterday charged at the High Court, Glasgow, with defrauding emigrants to Canada by representing that they would get suitable work on arrival. It was stated on behalf of Hunter that it was necessary to obtain "pre-cognition" in Canada, if not in Britain, to get work, and the case was adjourned. Bail was allowed.

A. W. Donly Appointed.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A. W. Donly has been appointed Canadian commercial agent in Mexico. He is a brother of Hal B. Donly, the liberal candidate in Norfolk in the late election.

New Whaler For British Columbia.

Dartmouth, Eng. Dec. 28.—The Orion, a new steam whaler, from Christiania, left this port yesterday for Victoria, B.C., as a new venture in North Pacific whale fishery.

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## Overcoat Sale

is still in full swing, although Christmas is past

We would remind you that we still have some of those Overcoats left that we advertised a week ago at greatly reduced prices.

\$15 gray Montecat and fancy Cheviot Overcoats, selling at \$10  
\$10 plain gray and fancy striped Cheviot Overcoats, all sizes, selling at \$8.00  
\$8 fancy Cheviot Overcoats selling at \$4.95  
\$5 black and blue Beaver Overcoats selling at \$3.95  
Such reductions are not usual at this season, come in and see what they mean.

## THORNTON & DOUGLAS, Ltd.

### LETTER BOX

To the Editor of The Planet:

Sir—As chairman of the Property committee and representing the other members, I concluded it was nothing but justice to the citizens of this good city, that I should fully inform them of the result of the committee's visit to Woodstock to examine the model building there and enquire into its costs and value produced by it. The committee accompanied by Architect Wilson, went to Woodstock last month, and needless to say that we were right royally received by the Mayor and Aldermen of that enterprising city. We made a full and thorough examination of its market building, and took sketches home with us, and the courteous clerk of the city showed us the records as to the cost and revenue in every detail. I may say that we were delighted to find that this up-to-date market building has not only met its own indebtedness for construction and running expenses, but is actually a valuable asset to the city. The income derived from the building is not only sufficient to pay the interest on the debentures issued for its construction, a sinking fund to fully meet the debentures and all running expenses, but last year showed a clear surplus of over \$200.

Now, what can be done in this line in Woodstock can be doubly done in the Capital city of this rich country. The other market building of a building has outlived its usefulness beyond doubt, the new proposed building will not only bring in double the revenue of that at Woodstock, but will with the pavement of the market square make Chatham boast of one of the finest and most up-to-date market buildings in Ontario. Situated in the centre of the city and on the main street, it will give dignity, and grandeur to the whole city, not speaking of the blessings it will bring to hundreds of women who are now exposed to all weathers attending the present market.

It is simply for the Citizens to vote whether they want such a magnificent building practically as a gift, or whether they wish to jog along in the half century ago style. I have the honor to be Your obt servant,  
JOHN EDMONDSON,  
Chatham, 22nd Dec, 1904.

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