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W. McDard, night operator, will be removed from here, as it will not be necessary for a night man since the double track has been put in. He takes a position at Stevensville. P. C. Murphy was in Windsor the other day and purchased a fast horse. The station yard is much improved by being filled in with plenty of gravel, so that teams are able to get in the yard again. T. La Marsh, Tibbury, has been appointed section foreman here. We are sorry to learn that P. T. Barry, who was a resident of this

We want everybody who has a hard cold in the chest to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Our long experience with it, over sixty years, tells us that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds in the chest, bronchitis, hoarseness, weak throats, and weak lungs. Doctors tell us the same our doctor about it. We have no secret. We publish the formulas of all our medicines. Lowell, Mass.

place for many years, but who had removed to Wallaceburg, died suddenly on Friday evening. There will be a box social in St. Patrick's Hall, Raleigh, on Thursday evening, Dec. 27th, gotten up by the Sunnyside Club. Philip Murphy, of Windsor, was visiting friends here this week. David Halliday, who has been ranching in the West, has returned home to spend the winter. We learn he will not return alone to the West. S. Marshall, who went West a year or so ago, has returned to look after the interests of his brother, the late Howard Marshall.

Ladies' and Children's Accounts

—and accounts of Treasurers, Houskeepers and others are welcomed and accorded careful attention.

\$1.00 opens an account in our Savings Department, upon which highest current rate of interest is paid 4 times a year.

The Sovereign Bank Of Canada.

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**Campbell's
Removal Shoe Sale**

75 Pair Men's Patent Colts in Button, B'cher and Bal Cuts, all sizes, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes now on sale for **\$2.98**

Bring your feet with you and get fitted. This is a snap for high grade foot wear buyers.

J. L. CAMPBELL

THE BOSTON SHOE STORE

The Closing Out Dissolution Sale

OF THE ENTIRE MAMMOTH STOCK OF

Shelf And Heavy Hardware, Farm Implements,

—AT—

Geo. Stephens & Co.'s

Affords without doubt the best opportunity for **GREAT BARGAINS** and **BIG VALUES** in any and all of the many lines of goods we handle, to be had anywhere. Our stock is still complete in most of the staple lines, but we are making determined efforts to clear out this stock as quickly as possible.

See Our Splendid Window Display of Flat and Hollow Silver-plated Ware, on which we are offering a **25 %** Sale Discount off our regular prices. Our stock of Cut Glass is going at actual cost. We are selling our immense stock of Hockey and Club Skates at a very slight advance on cost. We are anxious to clear out our entire stock of Horse Blankets, Fur Coats and Robes by the end of the year. We have a very large stock of Stay-on and All-wool Blankets at greatly reduced prices.

We find we have left on hand twenty first-class Fur Coats of all kinds—Coon, black and brown Russian calf, Galloway, wild cat, and dog skin. We are bound to clear them all out at a big reduction in prices of from 20 % to 30 %.

Here are big values in Souvenir Base Burners:—

REGULAR PRICE.	SALE PRICE.
No. 46 Base Burner, with oven.....	\$49.00
No. 46 Base Burner without oven.....	45.00
No. 36 Base Burner without oven.....	40.00
No. 30 Base Burner without oven.....	34.00
No. 20 Base Burner without oven.....	31.00

These stoves are all guaranteed to be perfect and highly satisfactory in every way or no sale. On Saturday, at Eight o'clock, we will offer for Sale by Auction that beautiful Oak Cabinet of Keen Kutter Carpenter Tools, on display in our window, regular price of which is \$40.00. It is the nicest and best of its kind.

Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, D. Crombie**YIELDS TO JAPAN**

In Matter of Fishing Privileges On the Siberian Coast.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Russo-Japanese negotiations, the status of which last week were highly unsatisfactory, have entered upon a favorable stage, and a rupture is no longer anticipated.

The Russians realize that a failure of the negotiations would open the door for Japanese fishermen to raid the Siberian fishing grounds at will, and as the littoral is most sparsely settled and only a few vessels are available for patrolling it, this is the strongest argument in favor of Russia granting concessions.

Czar Approves.—St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Emperor Nicholas has approved the bill of the Council of Ministers, removing the disabilities of Jews.

May Remember the Maine.—Honolulu, Dec. 19.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron which will arrive in Honolulu in February, will not proceed to San Francisco, as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

500,000 Starving in China.—Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The famine in Kiangsu is growing worse. According to reliable reports received here that 500,000 destitute persons are encamped at Tsinkiansu, and many have arrived at Uanking. The rebellion in Kiangsu has been crushed.

Eminent Doctors Praise Its Ingredients.—We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Fyfe, of the Editorial Staff of THE ECLECTIC MEDICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (Helonias Dioica) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription":—"A remedy which invariably acts as a uterine invigorator... makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system. He continues: "In Helonias we have a medicinal which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug which I am acquainted with. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Fyfe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Helonias (Unicorn root). Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; chronic treatment of the reproductive organs of women, mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women, constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flowing) due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly periods), arising from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs and anemic (this blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invalid woman can do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Helonias, and the medicinal properties of which it most faithfully represents.

Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says:—"It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general enfeeblement, it is useful."

Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root:—"In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine in use about which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

Prof. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal:—"Valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flowing) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (painful menstruation)."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription faithfully represents all the above named ingredients and cures the diseases for which they are recommended.

We do too much talking and too little living.

**COAL FAMINE
IN THE WEST**

Manitoba's Capital May
Next Feel Coal Famine
Rigors

WINNIPEG'S TURN NEXT

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The latest phase of the fuel situation is that Winnipeg is likely to be up against a serious coal famine before the present season is over.

Out off from its regular source of supply, the western mines, by strikes, the west has been making inroads on the Manitoba and particularly on the Winnipeg coal supply. The stocks at Fort William have already been considerably depleted by these inroads until at present there is less coal there than at this time last year, with a far greater demand than at any time. Local dealers have already made heavy shipment to Brandon and other western points, and in their opinion the situation is now assuming most serious proportions.

Worst Over at Brandon.—At Brandon, judging from present prospects and indications, the worst of fuel famine is about over, and everyone is looking forward to an earlier relief. The weather has turned milder.

At Hartney, Man., the fuel situation is very serious, many people actually suffering for want of fuel. There is not a pound of coal or wood in the town for sale. One car of coal came in Monday, and forty teams were fighting to each get a little. People in town are running with bags to get a little. Several farmers in the country are burning barley for fuel. Four rooms in the school are closed, and some of the business places are running without a fire.

Burning Fences to Keep Warm.

Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—The second day of the Interstate Commerce Commission enquiry into Northwest transportation conditions brought out facts of first importance relative to the effects upon the country of the grain blockade.

Telegrams began to pour in as a result of Monday's enquiry into the coal shortage, and when reports were in from over 20 towns, it was clear that the commission had acted none too quickly in securing the promise of co-operation on the part of the coal companies and the railroads in relieving distress, for in some localities farmers have been burning their fences and outbuildings, and in other towns piles of valuable lumber were cut up into fuel to keep people from freezing.

J. J. Hill will appear before the commission to-day.

SUPPORT TELEPHONE BYLAW.

Nearly All Large Towns Endorse Manitoba Government's Policy.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Interest in the municipal elections throughout the province yesterday centred almost entirely on the vote on the telephone by-law. The returns are incomplete, but it is believed that the majority of the municipalities have declared in favor of the Government's policy.

In nearly all the large towns of the province the bylaw was carried by a handsome majority, and well over the 60 per cent. required by law.

Wages Still Going Up.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 19.—Notice of increases in the wages of 6,000 employees of the Pacific mills, and the 1,200 employees of the Everett mills were posted yesterday. The amount is expected to be about 7-12 per cent.

Biddeford, Me., Dec. 19.—The Pepperell Manufacturing Co. yesterday announced an advance in wages of about 50 cents. About 3,000 are employed in the mills.

Dover, N.H., Dec. 19.—Notices of a 5 per cent. increase in wages were posted yesterday at the cotton mills of the Cochecho Manufacturing Co. in this city. The increase will affect about 2,200 hands.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 19.—The United States Steel Corporation announced yesterday that the wages of its 3,000 employees in the Joliet mills will be increased Jan. 1. Common laborers will receive ten cents a day additional, and the other grades will be benefited proportionately.

Tremendous Muzzle Velocity.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The experiments carried on last summer by Sir Charles Ross with special high velocity cartridges, have resulted in the production of a cartridge giving the tremendous muzzle velocity of 3,000 feet per second. The Ross rifle has commenced use manufacture of sporting rifles to use these cartridges.

25,000 Emigrants Detained.

Rome, Dec. 19.—The general strike of seamen is causing considerable anxiety. At Genoa 25,000 emigrants are prevented from leaving for their destinations because of the strike. The Government has ordered warships kept in readiness for postal service between the peninsula and the islands.

Leaves Million to Pope.

Rome, Dec. 19.—The death was announced yesterday of Mgr. Adami, one of the most wealthy Roman prelates. Mgr. Adami made valuable presents to Pope Leo XIII. and Pius X., his gift to the latter a gold cross set with brilliants, and by his will he left \$1,000,000 to the Pope.

Thaw's Trial Fixed.

New York, Dec. 19.—Harry K. Thaw will be tried on Jan. 21 on a charge of the murder of Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger yesterday. The trial will be before Justice Fitzgerald.

H. W. BALL & CO.

CHATHAM'S NICEST STORE

Holiday Selling

...at...

Flood Tide

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD FROM THE LAST DAYS OF THE MANUFACTURER'S SALE.

We have planned to make the next few days the greatest in the history of this store, there is not an item you have to take on our "say so", but you'll find a DOLLAR will do the service of TWO.

Holiday Kid Gloves

For the holidays we have selected the choicest kinds in the most wanted shades.

Long Kid Gloves, 16 button length, **\$2.00 to \$2.50.**

Two dome fastener Kid Gloves, in black, white and all colors, **\$1.00, 1.35 and 1.50.**

Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, per pair **25c and 50c.**

Dainty Holiday Fans

A specially attractive display of Fans for the holidays will be made this week at our notion counter, Lace Fans, Spangled Fans, Bolton Silk Fans, Hand-Painted Ivory Fans at exceptionally low prices—

Fans worth 75c and \$1 for 35c
Fans worth \$1 and \$1.50 for 50c

New Silk Scarfs

Plain and fancy, the latest New York novelties, at **75c to \$1.50.**

Lovely Llama Scarfs that combine comfort and elegance, **\$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.50.**

Fancy Back and Side Combs

Without doubt the finest as well as the largest collection of Combs under one roof in Chatham.

Fancy Combs 15c to 25c.
Our Special 39c Comb

Dozens of the choicest designs with gold, silver and jewels, of course they are not regular price, but they will make just as acceptable gifts if they are half price, your choice **39c.**

Holiday Handkerchiefs

These have been specially selected, some of them imported for the Holiday trade. We believe our Handkerchiefs represent the finest values offered.

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 8 for 25c.

Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c each.

Boys' Mercerized Handkerchiefs, with colored borders and initial, 3 for 25c.

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs 2 for 25c, and up to 50c, 75c and \$1.

Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs, special 50c.

Handkerchiefs for the little ones, 2c to 5c.

Fancy Aprons make a nice Gift. Some dainty ones, 35c, 50c and 75c.

Don't Forget the Collars.

Lace Collars in choicest designs and a variety of kinds specially bought from Manufacturer's at a big discount, collars that are worth 25c and 35c, your choice **15c.** Hundreds of them.

Silk and Lace Collars 25c.

An immense choice, in fact a whole table is given up to the display of Fancy and Lace Collars at this price. Many of them are less than half-price. Your choice **25c.**

Something Better.

No matter how extravagant you want to be we can serve you with the very choicest creations in Fancy Collars at **50c, 75c, \$1 and \$2.**

About Those Waists

We divided the Big Purchase in two lots so that the later shoppers might have a chance to get some of the good things.

Silk Waists, All-over Lace Waists, Embroidered Lustre Waists and Net Waists. Hundreds for your choosing at the remarkable price of **\$1.98.**

Holiday Umbrellas

If we could praise any one collection of our Holiday Gifts it would be our Umbrellas

FOR MEN OR WOMEN.

A perfect forest of new sticks in natural wood—fancy—in natural wood with gold and silver trimmings, pearl and silver, gold and silver, gun metal and silver. The handsomest line of fine silk umbrellas in the city, all boxed separately, **\$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 5.00, 6.50 and \$7.50.**

The Ribbon Section.

A Special Display of Ribbons, including all widths of Holly and Yuletide Ribbons for decorations and parcels.

The Store will be Opened Every Evening until 10 o'clock. See the colored lights and floral decorations.

BETTER GET A FUR NOW.

SPECIAL CLEARING PRICES THIS WEEK.

H. W. Ball & Co.