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4 Day Stupendous Timely Sale Fall Topcoats,

\$25 Regular Prices:
\$30, \$35, \$38

Our Clothing Buyer when placing orders for Fall clothing more than six months ago, anticipated this great topcoat sale by contracting for more than 450 coats. Because of the drastic price concessions received and because of our policy of figuring the very lowest possible margin of profit, estimating a quick turnover, we now offer these fine topcoats at

\$25 **Friday--Saturday**
For 4 Days **Monday--Tuesday**

Without doubt this is the greatest topcoat value we have ever offered the people of St. John. It is simply a concrete example of the great buying power of this institution; its wonderful resourcefulness in planning far ahead to the direct benefit of its customers.

Materials	Styles	Colorings
All Wool Fancy Tweeds and Cheviots, both Domestic and Imperial Fabrics.	Young Men's Knee-length 1-4 Silk Lined, Form-fitters, Slip-ons, Chesterfields, Belters and others.	Greys, Blacks, Browns, Greens, Fancy Heather Mixtures.

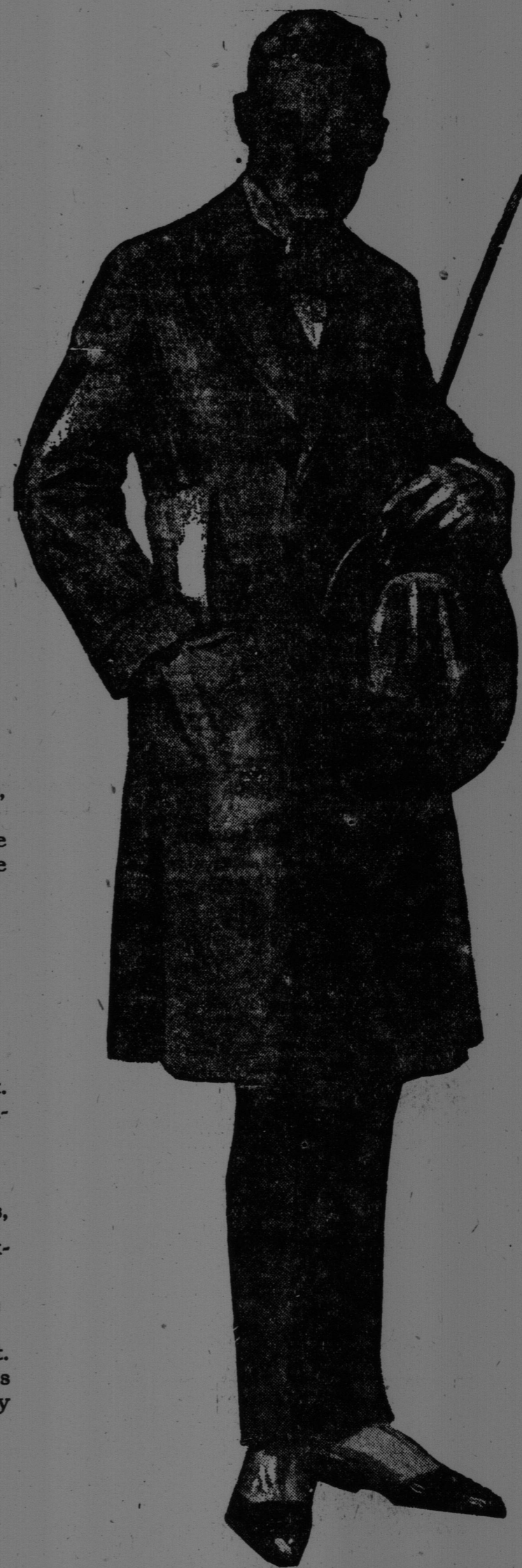
Every Size is Here from 34 to 46

We have now done a little toward assisting the lowering of the Cost of Living movement. We have accumulated quality merchandise at lower prices. We have told you about it. It is now up to you to profit by it by being on hand early tomorrow morning. And when we say early—well, Oak Hall opens at 8 a.m.

Sale Starts Tomorrow Morning

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE IN OUR WINDOWS

OAK HALL--SCOVIL BROS., LIMITED
King St.--Germain St.



Introductory Sale

Trunks,
Club Bags,
Suitcases

Simply to introduce to our patrons our new Leather Goods Shop on Germain street, and our new Trunk Department that now occupies part of our main street floor and the entire mezzanine floor.

Box Trunks

\$ 9.25 Trunks now \$ 7.86
12.00 Trunks now 10.20
14.00 Trunks now 11.90
And many others, too.

Fibre Trunks

\$17.25 Trunks now \$14.66
27.25 Trunks now 23.26
36.00 Trunks now 30.60
And prices in between these.

Steamer Trunks

\$10.25 Trunks now \$ 8.71
17.50 Trunks now 14.88
30.25 Trunks now 25.71
And these are not the only prices.

Wardrobe Trunks

\$ 45 Trunks now \$ 38.25
82 Trunks now 69.70
130 Trunks now 106.25
Others, too.

The Finest Leather Goods Shop in Eastern Canada offers many opportunities.

Club Bags

From \$9.75 to \$71.00
All drastically reduced to range from \$8.29 to \$60.35

Suit Cases

From \$3.50 to \$41.00
Now marked from \$2.98 to \$34.85

This Introductory Sale will come to an end Saturday noon—so don't delay.

OAK HALL
SCOVIL BROS., LTD.
King St. - - Germain St.

FINDS CRIME LESS IN 1920.
State Probation Secretary Credits Decrease to Prohibition.
There was a 34 per cent. decrease in the number of offenders brought before the courts in seventeen of the larger cities in New York state during the first three months of the year, from the same period last year, according to Charles I. Chute, secretary of the State Probation Commission, who attributes the decrease in crime to prohibition. His figures show that 45,148 offenders of all

ages were arraigned in these courts during January, February and March, 1920, whereas 68,538 offenders were brought before the same courts during the first three months last year. The decrease is 23,392, or 34 per cent.
"In the opinion of practically all the judges and probation officers consulted this remarkable decrease in court work is attributed largely to the effects of prohibition," Mr. Chute says. "In practically all of the courts by far the greatest decrease has been in cases of public intoxication, disorderly conduct and

other offenses growing out of drink, although there has been a decrease in other offenses as well.
"Every court covered by the investigation showed a reduction in court cases due to prohibition. There were no exceptions. For instance, in all the magistrates' courts of New York City there was a decrease of 52 per cent in cases of public intoxication. Only 914 persons were brought before all the magistrates' courts for the first three months of this year for intoxication, as compared with 1,914 for the same period last year.

"One police justice writing to the commission expressed the view of many when he said, 'Prohibition has made the police business dull compared with the old regime.' A probation officer states that he finds prohibition is instrumental in bringing about better home conditions.
"A woman probation officer who deals with delinquent boys and girls says: 'Prohibition has turned the tide for the women and children. Despite the cost of living, men, who formerly neglected their families have been able in many

cases to start bank accounts, make payments on homes, clothe their families well, put coal in the cellar and get food in the larder, things unknown in some of these homes before the saloons were closed. The best of it is that the majority of these men tell me they don't want the former conditions to return because they have learned what enjoyment can be gotten out of home life not disturbed by drink.
"The commission finds that whereas the decrease in court arraignments in the courts studied was 34 per cent, the

decrease in the number placed on probation was only 26 per cent. This indicates that the probation system is being used in a larger percentage of large cases. Reports also show that with the elimination of habitual drunkards and other intoxication cases coming before the court, which nearly always failed when placed on probation, more effective results are being obtained by probation officers. The opinion was almost unanimous among the probation officers that the effects of prohibition are beneficial to their work."

The Laxy S ranch in Texas includes 250,000 acres in a solid tract, and its owner, Bob Slaughter, owns four other large ranches in West Texas and New Mexico. He and his son, who was in the air service during the war, use an airplane constantly in visiting his various properties, frequently making the trip of 500 miles from the nearest ranch to Dallas. In finding scattered herds to be rounded up for branding or vaccination, the airplane beats the old cow pony. The other day the two men flew from the ranch to Lubbock, 57 miles, for breakfast.

MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF'S A GOOD HAMMER THROWER BUT MUTT'S THERE WITH THE SPRINT STUFF

By "BUD" FISHER

