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"WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR."

January Stock-taking and Clearance Sale.

On FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, we inaugurate a great stock-taking and Clearance Sale to continue throughout the month of January. Every item printed below represents values that have been greatly reduced in price for this sale, and values which it would be impossible to equal in the ordinary channels of trade. Every day you are in this store during January you will find many money-saving chances offered—not on shop worn or undesirable merchandise, but on new seasonable goods—goods that you want for immediate and early spring wear—goods with which to furnish your house that are most desirable at all seasons—these are the goods on which we give you money-saving chances. The earlier in the month you come in, the larger selection you will find, but come when you will, you will not be disappointed. Read these over carefully and when you come in you will find the goods correspond exactly with prices and descriptions here quoted.

Dress Goods

Our dress goods stock is twice as good as it ought to be. This means that every correct style of goods and every correct shade is fully represented; it also means that deep price-cutting must be done in order to reduce the stock to normal size, when our entering up day comes round. These items will give you an idea of ruling prices in January on Dress Goods:—

44 in. wide, all wool black poplin dress goods, one of the most serviceable and noblest weaves in starch goods; regular price \$1.00 a yard, January sale price

72c

42 to 44 in. wide fancy black dress goods, including small and medium figures, matchless in wear, etc., all wool goods, regular price \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 a yard, on sale for

58c

56 in. wide all wool homespun dress goods in good shades of light, medium and dark gray, correct weight for unlined suits and skirts, regular price 75c a yard, sale price

56c

48 in. wide union serge suiting, good weight and very serviceable, in shades of fawn, brown, navy, green and grey, extra value at regular price 85c a yard, on sale for

72c

120 pieces of plain dress goods in pretty color combinations, suitable for skirts or suits, also for ladies' or children's jackets, in good shades of grey, brown, green, regular price 85c a yard, on sale for

25c

56 in. wide, all wool Frieze dress goods in correct weight for unlined skirts or suits, also for ladies' or children's jackets, in good shades of grey, brown, green, regular price 85c a yard, sale price

69c

44 in. and 52 in. wide suitings, canvas weaves, and fine covert finish, in splendid shades of fawn, brown and green mixtures, regular price 75c a yard, sale price

48c

54 in. wide all wool black canvas cloth, the newest and most stylish weave for black skirts and suits in black only, regular price \$1.00 a yard, sale price

72c

48 in. and 52 in. all wool black basket weave and tufted weaves, very new and correct dress goods, regular price \$1.25 a yard, sale price

93c

40 in. wide, twilled union suitings, in good shades of grey, fawn, brown, blue, grey, excellent for ladies' and children's dresses or skirts, extra value at regular price 25c a yard, Special January sale price

19c

48 in. wide navy and black lustrous with fine overcheck of white, nobbly for waists, very fine bright finish, regular price \$1.35, sale price

75c

25 pieces all wool French flannels, in silk embroidered and brocade patterns, correct for waists and house wraps, in every desirable shade of old rose, cardinal, green, navy, grey, etc., regular prices 60c, 65c, and 75c a yard, very special January sale price is

36c

SILKS

This January Sale of ours gives unusual opportunities for securing silks under price. Black and colored silks for waists, skirts and dresses are very fashionable and it is the fashionable silks we have on sale.

English Pongee Silks in very pretty stripes in dark, medium and light effects, excellent for wear and rich in appearance, regular price 50c a yard, January sale price

33c

French — Peau-de-Sole — Bonnet's Black Silk, warranted to give satisfaction; rich color and elegant finish, regular \$1.25 a yard, for

\$1.00

DEEP PRICE CUTTING IN LADIES CLOTH JACKETS

January is essentially the cleaning up month in Ladies' Cloth Jackets. We have been leaders in style and price throughout this entire season, and have done a jacket business 25 per cent. larger than any in our history. This makes us the more willing to throw profits out of the question in reducing the prices on our Cloth Jackets. You buy them away less than we did.

42 in. long, Ladies' Fine Kersey Cloth Coats, lined with fine merino, satin, in black and fawn, semi-fitting, strapped seams, regular price \$16.00; Special January Sale price

\$10.50

36 in. long, made of Fine Fawn Kersey Cloth, semi-fitting, cloth strapped seams, lined, regular price \$13.00; Sale price

\$7.50

42 in. long, ladies' semi-fitting Jacket, made of fine, heavy, black Zibeline cloth, elegant, bright finish, lined, regular price \$18.00; Sale price is

\$12.50

42 in. long, made of Fine Fawn Kersey Cloth, tight fitting skirt back, very stylish appearance, lined throughout, regular price \$16.00; January Sale price is

\$9.25

36 in. long, box back and pleat back Monte Carlo Jackets, made of heavy plain and twilled fringe, lined throughout, very special at

\$10.00

FUR JACKETS

Every one of our Ladies' Black Astrachan Jackets carries with it our guarantee of satisfaction. There is not a finer stock in Canada from which to make your selection. Every coat is personally selected and made by the most skilled workmen in Montreal, and every coat has that rich glossy finish so desirable in Astrachan Jackets.

Reduced prices will rule for our great January Sale, and you can buy them at this rate:—

\$37.50 coats for \$35.00.

\$40.00 coats for \$37.50.

\$45.00 coats for \$40.00.

\$50.00 coats for \$45.00.

Table Linens

60 inch wide tabling, unbleached, guaranteed pure linen, Irish manufacture, fine glossy finish, special value at our regular price 50c. a yard, January sale price is

44c

This is a most unusual chance to try high quality table linen at a reduced price. The patterns are exceptionally good, and plenty to select from. Excellent value at every other price in bleached and unbleached tabling from 25c. a yard up to

\$2.00

MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's winter weight all wool shirts and drawers, well finished, regular price \$1.00 a garment, January sale price

83c

Men's heavy flannel lined shirts and drawers, winter weight, splendid value at regular price, 50c. a garment, January sale price is

46c

CARPETS

4 frame English Brussels carpets in an excellent variety of colorings and designs, affording you an excellent opportunity to furnish your bed room, library, parlor or hall, regular price \$1.00 a yard, on sale during January, made and laid for

75c yd.

Great reductions in tapestry, wool and union carpets; the stock must be reduced this month, and prices are made so low that the goods must move out.

LACE CURTAINS

Our fall order of lace curtains was very late arriving this season, in fact we only passed them through the customs a few days ago. This has made the stock unusually large for this season of the year, so to clear them out quickly we have marked the prices away down and offer you exceptional values at per pair

75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3

MILLINERY AT HALF PRICE

Ladies' ready to wear trimmed walking hats reduced to exactly one-half price

\$1.25 Hats for 62c

\$2.00 Hats for \$1.00

\$2.75 Hats for \$1.37

Trimmed millinery in the very latest New York styles at remarkably reduced prices.

COTTONS

For your January sewing we offer you the best values to be found in the trade in bleached and unbleached cottons.

Bleached cotton, in nice even weaves, suitable for family use of any description, extra values at 8c. and

10c

Unbleached cotton, in good clean even weaves, light and heavy weights, fine and coarse weaves, extra values at 5c., 6c., 7c. and

8c

WANSTEAD INQUEST.

THE JURY UNABLE TO FIX THE RESPONSIBILITY.

BETWEEN DESPATCHER KERR AND AGENT CARSON.

EMPLOYMENT OF MORE EXPERIENCED OPERATORS.

Wyoming, Dec. 31.—One of the reasons for the inexplicable chain of circumstances which prevented express No. 5 being stopped before it reached the Wanstead siding was explained yesterday by the evidence of James Troyer, the operator at Kingscourt Junction. He had been only three days an operator, and from his own admission did not know the call of his own office, "KC." The night of the accident was his first night of service in the little station at the Junction, and his previous experience had been two nights' service at Strathroy, during which time he had received four train orders. Troyer, whom Train Despatcher Kerr at London and Agent Carson at Watford looked to as the man stopping the express, is barely seventeen years of age. Kingscourt Junction of course was important only one night, and that night the operator stationed at it failed. Ordinarily the orders received at it are few and unimportant, and the wages paid by the company for a night man at such a post could scarcely be considered meagre, being \$40 per month. The company appears to have pressed into service, however, a number of very young men as operators to meet the demands of the tremendous freight and passenger traffic of the past month, one of them being Troyer and another Hicks, the assistant of Agent Carson at Watford.

The jury returned its verdict to-night, and, so far as placing the direct responsibility upon one man, the finding was abortive. The verdict handed to Coroner Harvey after hours of deliberation was as follows:—

"We find that Arthur W. Ricketts was killed in the collision at Wanstead on the evening of Friday, December 26th, 1902. That said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford, responsibility for the issuance of

Wrong orders we are not asked upon as between operator Carson and despatcher Kerr. That after No. 5 had left Watford by the issuance of wrong orders, we consider that the accident could have been averted by the operator at Kingscourt Junction, had the railway company had more experienced operators at these points, and being but a boy of sixteen, at each of which the despatcher, having ample time to do it, endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped."

The coroner followed the unusual course of allowing addresses by counsel to the jury, and, after the evidence had been delivered, Mr. Hanna stated that he had no personal feelings in the matter, but, as the representative of the railway company, he felt that he ought to be allowed to speak. He had no doubt that the jury would deal perfectly fairly.

Mr. Hanna ruled that the Crown Attorney would make his address, and then if there were any points Mr. Hanna would refer to afterwards he could do so.

In addressing the jury Mr. J. P. Bucke, the County Attorney, told them that they were to give their verdict entirely from the evidence, and not from anything they might have read or heard of since length he reviewed the different features of the case, and the orders leading up to it. He did not think the train hands were to blame on either train. The question had been put to "Was it Carson who gave a clearance to No. 5?" That was for the jury to decide. Consideration, he also said, must be given to the fact that Carson had heard the conversation between London and Wyoming. That might be the reason he had made out the clearance. However, all railroad employees were supposed to know the company's rules. Carson had acted on his own responsibility, and it was for the jury to say if he was justified in so doing. In concluding he said: "You are here in the interest of the public, and in the interest of the public I must ask you to explain how in the accident happened. That is all I ask of you."

Mr. Hanna said he would like to say a few words regarding the cancelling of that order. He did not like the way in which Mr. Bucke had, so to speak, "pointed his finger of suspicion" at Carson. He would like to ask if it was right that a mere boy of sixteen years of age and 48 hours' experience should be trusted with the lives of hundreds of human beings? He asked that in a hurry at the moment, and was it not possible that he had slipped back into the old wording that was in use up to three years ago, and said "hust?" He admitted himself that he had used these words. Mr. Pope said there was no desire to place the blame on Carson or shield Kerr. Coroner Harvey gave the evidence to the jury at 8 o'clock, and the verdict was brought in at 11:04 o'clock as given above.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ronalds, of Brussels, are visiting in the city for a few days. Mr. Ronalds is a former resident of Chatham, having at one time managed the old Harvester Works on Adelaide street.

PERSONATION PENALTY.

A DEPUTATION CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT.

Asking Authority For a Mandamus to the Police Magistrate—A Commission to Inquire Into Irregularities.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A deputation on behalf of the temperance cause, consisting of Messrs Geo. F. Mariet, Alexander Mills, K. C., Rev. Dr. Chown, N. W. Rowell, E. C. and W. E. Raney waited upon the Attorney-General yesterday afternoon. One of the matters discussed with the Attorney-General was the action of the Police Magistrate of Kingston and Toronto in imposing fines without imprisonment on the persons who were recently convicted before them of the offence of personation. The Attorney-General was asked to authorize an application to the High Court for a mandamus requiring the Police Magistrate of Toronto to impose the severe penalty of imprisonment, as well as a fine, which, they contend, is the provision of the election act. The four men recently convicted of personation in Toronto were fined \$30, without imprisonment.

The deputation also requested that a commission should issue under chapter 19 of the revised statutes to investigate the whole matter of alleged irregularities in connection with the late referendum vote, including the charge of the manipulation of ballots. The deputation was informed that the matters presented by them would have the careful consideration of the Government.

MR. MACKENZIE'S VIEW.

PACIFIC SCHEME INDEPENDENT OF THE GRAND TRUNK.

The Canadian Northern Has No Intention of Selling—Will Extend East From Port Arthur to Quebec

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—William Mackenzie, President of the Canadian Northern, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday morning. Premier Roblin travelled with Mr. Mackenzie from Toronto.

Asked regarding the Grand Trunk's trans-continental railway project, Mr. Mackenzie said:—"The project is not being entertained by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and the statement that they are going to build did not come from them, as far as I can learn. It is a new company, and they are in the position of any other company, but have not yet obtained a charter even. The Canadian Northern is not in any way affected by the project. We are not selling out, and have not put a price on our road, and have no intention of selling." Mr. Mackenzie was asked if the Canadian Northern Railway intends building an extension eastward from Port Arthur. He said:—"We have had survey parties out locating a route since last summer; we intend to take all the centres of population—Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and Toronto."

Mr. Mackenzie, on a map of the Dominion, located Kaskashine, on the C. N. R. between Port Arthur and Port Arthur, and drew almost a straight line from there to where Quebec is marked on the map. "That will make a good straight line, will it not?" he inquired. Continuing, Mr. Mackenzie outlined the branches which will run upward in a northerly by westerly direction to connect Montreal and Ottawa with the proposed extension of the main line. "From Toronto we will build upward our James Bay line, on which we are already at work."

ATTACKS THE PREMIER.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER ON THE PACIFIC CABLE.

Says Sir Wilfrid Delayed Construction—Regrets Sir Sandford Fleming Is Not on the Board.

London, Dec. 31.—Sir Charles Tupper, in a column letter in The Times yesterday, severely attacks Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Pacific cable policy. He quotes elaborate extracts in support of his contention that Sir Wilfrid delayed the construction of the cable for three years and increased the cost by \$14,000,000. He regrets that no place has been found on the cable board for Sir Sandford Fleming.

FOUR WITHDREW

There are fifteen candidates for aldermen who will submit their names to the electors on Monday next. Nineteen men were nominated, but four have withdrawn. James N. Macay, W. G. Richards, J. G. Kerr and William Nedham have resigned. The candidates for places at the City Council from whom the people will have to choose are: Mayor—W. E. McKeough and Geo. W. Cowan. Aldermen—Samuel Bullis, John Edmondson, David Jordan, D. B. McCoig, W. S. Marshall, G. G. Martin, E. A. Mounts, W. T. Pigott, Henry Robinson, Thos. Scullard, E. R. Snook, G. G. Taylor, Andrew Thompson, John Waddell and Henry A. Westman.

LOST 2,000 MEN.

REBELS ATTACKED THE CAMP AT NIGHT.

SULTAN FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO LEAVE FEZ.

FOREIGNERS ADVISED TO FLEE TO THE COAST.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Tangier, Morocco, today announced that the rebels have cut the aqueduct which supplies Fez with water, and added that the city is now practically without water. It was further asserted that, unless the Kabyle tribesmen from the south come to the succor of Fez, the place must surrender within three days. It is reported here that the Sultan of Morocco has been foiled in an attempt to break out of Fez by the rebels who are investing that city.

The hostility against the Sultan is spreading in Fez. The Moors are exhibiting photographs of him arrayed in ridiculous garb. The Sultan yesterday assembled the notables of the besieged town at the palace and exhorted them not to despair, assuring the chiefs that the imperial troops ultimately will triumph.

Great Britain and France have notified Spain that they have no intention of taking any advantage of the situation in Morocco, and that they desire the maintenance of the status quo even in the event of the Sultan being deposed and his place taken by the pretender. These communications have reassured the Spanish Government, which thus is relieved of fears of international complications.

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch to The Times from Tangier, dated December 29, says a courier from Fez reports the Christians there to be safe. The missionary women in the British Consulate. The attack on the camp occurred at night. It is reported that 2,000 of the Sultan's troops were killed. An absurd rumor is current, continues the correspondent, that the French are supporting the rebels. As a matter of fact, the anti-Christian movement is more dangerous to the French than to anybody else, as it threatens them in Algeria.

SEPARATE SCHOOL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Separate School trustees were held to-day and resulted as follows:

Ward 1.—F. E. Gueber, nominated by Jas. Flynn and Peter Blonde. Ward 2.—Thomas Drew, nominated by James Taft and N. Pinnoneault. Ward 3.—James A. Gordon, nominated by F. Tschirhart and N. Pinnoneault. Ward 4.—N. Pinnoneault, nominated by Jas. A. Gordon and F. A. Tschirhart. Ward 5.—Peter Robert, nominated by N. Pinnoneault and F. A. Tschirhart.

There being no other nominations, the above were declared elected by acclamation.

Harold Poole, of Port Rowan, will spend New Year's day with his parents in this city.

UANAHA CRITICIZED.

SCORED FOR ATTITUDE REGARDING NAVAL DEFENCE.

London Globe Correspondent Thinks it is Due to Domination of Quebec in Councils.

London, Dec. 31.—A correspondent of The London Globe in an article entitled "Canada and naval defence" scores Canada for standing aloof from the general colonial sympathy with Imperial aims and ideals. He says that what intensifies this feeling of disappointment is that this result is due to the virtual domination of Quebec in the councils of Canada, and the truckling to the ultra-maritime elements thereof. The article says that such a conclusion is not legitimately deducible from the circumstances of her refusal to offer a sum towards the Imperial navy and the defence of the empire.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

London Financial News on Question of Third Preference Dividends.

London, Dec. 31.—Friends of the Grand Trunk here comfort the shareholders of the road, who were disappointed with the November earnings, by quoting figures showing that the net profits of the past five months have increased by \$253,500; the gross receipts have increased by \$1,035,500, the working expenses have also increased by \$882,000. The Financial News says:—"It is doubtful whether holders of third preference will get any dividend for the directors are expected to maintain the financial strength of the company in view of the Grand Trunk Pacific undertaking, costing \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000."

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See! Ten Cents

Off every dollar's worth you purchase in The Ark during these three days. Our immense stock is at your disposal. Select what you require and get your

Dollar's Worth for 90c.

Wishing to make the last days of the year days of pleasure to all. Wishing all our many friends a Joyous New Year.

N. B.—25 per cent off all Toys, Dolls, Games and Books (excepting Bibles). No goods exchanged.

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