

## TORONTO MAYOR IS "BAKER HEIR"

W. W. Hiltz Had Dreams of Sharing Philadelphia Fortune.

LONG PUBLIC CAREER

Has Held Municipal Position For Last 13 Years.

Special To The London Free Press.  
TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Toronto's mayor-elect was among those anticipatory persons known as "Baker heirs," who for years dreamed that process of the law was about to confer on them and distribute amongst them the Philadelphia estate of Jacob Baker, said to be worth \$800,000,000 and including the site upon part of which the Philadelphia city hall is built. Waterbury William Wesley Hiltz dreams of a share in a fabulous estate may have been, at 52 years of age he realizes another dream in being elected to the mayor's office in Toronto's city hall. Four votes, in 1914, alone deprived him of the post that he has never met defeat in a civic election. William Wesley Hiltz was born in Erin Township, Wellington County, on November 2, 1872. The local public school with farm chores and work about his father's farm shared his boyhood years. These were followed by training in the Georgetown and Milton high schools and Hamilton Normal College. He began teaching at 18 and after taking a school in Hutton County he was for two years principal of Weston public school, thus gravitating to Toronto. In the schools of this city he spent six years before giving up teaching in 1909 to go into the building business.

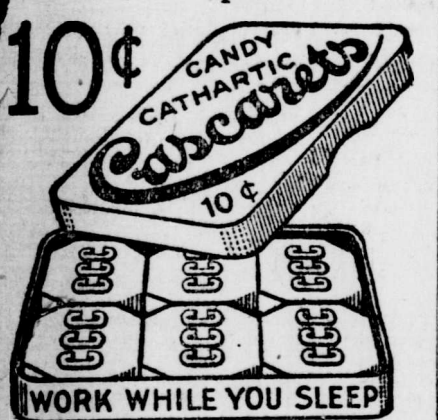
ON BOARD OF EDUCATION.  
In 1911 he made his first appearance in public office being in that year elected to the Board of Education for Ward One. He became chairman of the board in 1913. He was elected alderman in ward one in 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920. He was elected controller in 1921, 1922 and 1923.

For the past 13 years with the exception of one, 1916, he has occupied an elective office in Toronto. In 1914, flushed with his first election to Council, he ran in the provincial election as a Rowell candidate in Riverdale, but was defeated. Next January he presented himself again to the electors of ward one and though first returns showed him elected he was defeated on a recount by R. M. Teomina, who secured a majority of four votes.

He married Miss Annie E. Laidlaw of Barrie, in 1909. He has three sons and four daughters. He is a Methodist and a Conservative.

QUAKE SHAKES ITALY  
ANCONA, Italy, Jan. 2.—Earthquake tremors lasting 10 seconds were felt here at 10 o'clock this morning. The disturbance extended in a northerly direction along the Adriatic as far as Rimini and inland as far as Macerata. No damage was reported.

BEST LIVER AND BOWEL LAXATIVE  
Headachy, Bilious, Sick, Constipated



WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP  
No grating or inconvenience follows a gentle liver and bowel cleansing with "Cascarets." Sick Headache, Biliousness, Gases, Indigestion, distress gone by morning. Most harmless laxative for Men, Women and Children—10c boxes, also 50c and 10c sizes, any drug store.—Adv.

## Drug Bargains Thursday, Friday, Saturday

10c Dutch Drops	6c	25c Tr. Iodine	19c
35c Beecham's Pills	22c	50c Tr. Iodine	39c
35c Seidlitz	24c	25c Bay Rum	19c
2 dozen Bayer's Aspirin	34c	50c Bay Rum	39c
50 English Aspirin	39c	1.00 Russian Oil	69c
100 English Aspirin	69c	40c Shell Brand Castile	24c
25c Peroxide	2 for 25c	20c Pear's Unscented	16c
40c Peroxide	2 for 40c	25c Pear's Scented	18c
30c Peroxide	2 for 60c	75c Djer-Kiss Face Powder	48c
60c Shiloh Cough Syrup	24c	75c Djer-Kiss Rouge	48c
60c English Milk of Magnesia	49c	30c Djer-Kiss Talcum	21c
60c Howard's Cough Syrup	49c	50c Madam Winter's Almond Cream	39c
50c Olive Oil	29c		
75c Olive Oil	59c		
\$1.25 Olive Oil	79c		
\$1.00 Syrup of Hypophosphites	79c		

**MITCHELL'S DRUG STORE**  
114 DUNDAS ST., NEAR TALBOT.

## FIND "DIPLOMA MILL" IN CHICAGO ATTIC

Police Say Advertisements Offered To Turn Out Doctors For \$75.  
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—An attic room of an imposing building was found yesterday to house a "university," according to inspectors of the Illinois department of registration and education, engaged in a campaign here against alleged "diploma mills." Advertisements of the institution offered to make clients "doctors" for \$75 and \$100, according to John W. Folmer, an inspector. Federal indictments involving more than 40 alleged operators of "diploma mills" will be asked within the next two weeks, he said.

## HOME BANK TRIAL MAY BE DELAYED

Doubtful If Charges Will Be Heard This Month

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—(By Canadian Press).—Eight criminal cases have been set down for trial at the winter assizes which open before Mr. Justice Riddell and a jury on January 14. Whether the charges of conspiracy and violation of the Bank Act, on which the directors and officials of the Home Bank were indicted by the grand jury at the last assizes, will be tried at this sitting of the court is doubtful. The appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Middleton, finding the accused were entitled to proceed under the "speedy trials" section of the criminal code and the decision of Mr. Justice Ferguson in granting a stay until the court of appeal passes on Justice Middleton's judgment may compel the traversing of the trial of the charges if it is found that the accused must be tried by a jury until the spring assizes, which open in April.

It is expected that G. T. Clarkson, the auditor appointed by the Government to go over the books of the bank, may not complete his report before next month and if, following his inquiries, the crown decided to prefer additional indictments, it would be almost impossible to bring the cases to trial at this session, which will sit six weeks.

## FATAL ACCIDENTS FEWER IN 1923

Only 139 Reported To Workmen's Compensation Board.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—There were 61,109 accidents reported to the Ontario workmen's compensation board during the last year, 139 of them being fatal, as against a total of 60,411 during 1922, of which 418 were fatal. While there were over 10,000 more accidents reported during 1923 than in 1922, the increase was in those of a more minor nature. The largest previous yearly record of accidents was in 1920, when the total was 64,551.

The total benefits awarded during 1923 amounted to \$6,173,761.74, as against \$5,692,896.61 in 1922, and \$6,189,262.40 in 1921.

The compensation amounted to \$5,384,855.84, and the medical aid to \$788,905.90, being an increase of \$384,779.17 in compensation, and \$96,883.96 in medical aid over the previous year. The daily average during the year was 204 accidents reported, 222 checks issued, \$28,580 benefits awarded, and about 4,000 pieces of mail handled each day.

T. L. MAY NOT RESUME POST AS HYDRO COUNSEL

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Much speculation exists as to whether T. L. Church will be permitted to resume his post of counsel to the Hydro Commission, which he resigned in order to contest the mayoralty. In addition to being member of Parliament from North Toronto, Mr. Church is also a member of the Toronto Harbor Commission. Undoubtedly the defeat of Mr. Church can be ascribed partly to the fact that the citizens considered that he had enough to attend to in these posts.

The successful candidate for mayor, when his election was conceded last night, said in regard to Mr. Church: "Toronto has shown that even a favorite son can ask for too much."

## RUMORS OF WAR EXCITE ATHENS

Possible Invasion of Macedonia By Bulgars Feared.

PLASTIRAS RESIGNS

New Greek Assembly Convenes At Critical Time.

Special Cable to London Free Press.  
ATHENS, Jan. 2.—Rumors of impending armed conflict in the Balkans were renewed to-day. Authoritative quarters learned that 7,000 members of the Bulgarian committee were concentrated in the Bulgarian districts of Radomir, Cusandall and Petritz, threatening an invasion of Greece-Serbian Macedonia. The report added that excitement here caused by the strained relations between Greece and Roumania, following expulsion of the Greek king and queen. The Goumas Government resigned to-day, as did Col. Plastiras, head of the military directorate, which has virtually controlled Greek affairs for some time. The resignations took place simultaneously with the convening of the new Assembly.

REPUBLIC IS BORN.  
ATHENS, Jan. 2.—Amid shouts from the deputies and the galleries of "Long live the republic; down with the king!" Greece's revolutionary Government was inaugurated by the newly-elected National Assembly to-day by Col. Plastiras, head of the revolutionary committee.

Col. Plastiras opened the session with a speech in which he enumerated the achievements of the revolutionary government, which took power with the deposition of King Constantine in the fall of 1922.

Premier Gonatas followed, with announcement of the resignation of his Government, which held office under the revolutionary regime. The Cabinet withdrew from the session after its resignation. The Republicans and the Liberal Democrats remained in the House and endeavored to form a quorum to elect a Speaker.

After a heated debate the House adjourned until Saturday. Col. Plastiras spoke for an hour in reviewing the work of the revolution. An outburst occurred when Col. Plastiras said he favored a republic because he was convinced that the nation's troubles were due to the dynasty. He said he was happy because Greece's most son, Venizelos, would soon again be in the midst of his countrymen.

The British and United States diplomats did not attend the proceedings. The Serbian and Swedish representatives were the only ones noticed in the diplomatic box, which was crowded with women.

The Assembly forestalled an attempt by the Republicans to introduce a resolution denouncing the dynasty abolished by adjourning to await the arrival of M. Venizelos, who is due tomorrow morning.

BEACONS WILL BE AUTOMATIC

Oil Lights On Great Lakes Are Being Replaced.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—(By Canadian Press).—Wherever possible the Federal Government is replacing the old-fashioned oil lights on the Great Lakes by automatic beacons. This means that modern invention has ended the lonely vigil of many a lighthouse keeper who formerly spent the season of navigation on some forlorn island or cape tending the flare which told of hidden rocks. A case in point is the Griffiths Island Light on Georgian Bay, near Owen Sound. It was established in 1859 and is, therefore, one of the oldest danger signals on Lake Huron. Attention was called to it last year when its keeper was drowned as he attempted to reach the mainland when his work was over. Government officials recommended an automatic light for the island. They said that since the ancient beam first shot across the waves more powerful lights had been installed along the coast, reducing its importance. So in the spring the old oil burner disappears and a new automatic takes its place.

Another mariners' landmark upon Lake Superior will receive similar attention from the marine department next season. For many years sailors approaching Thunder Cape have seen the twinkling eye of the lighthouse there and have listened to the bellowing of its foghorn auxiliary. Both light and horn are due for removal to Trowbridge Island, not far away, and will leave in their place an acetylene twinkler.

Automatic lights require little attention. In the spring the Government tender supplies them with a tank of gas and, barring accident, they burn until the end of the season. When that time comes, if the weather is stormy and the station dangerous of approach, the jet of flame is allowed to burn itself out. But foghorns still require constant attention, and where they are in use a keeper must be on hand to adjust the machinery which produces the noise.

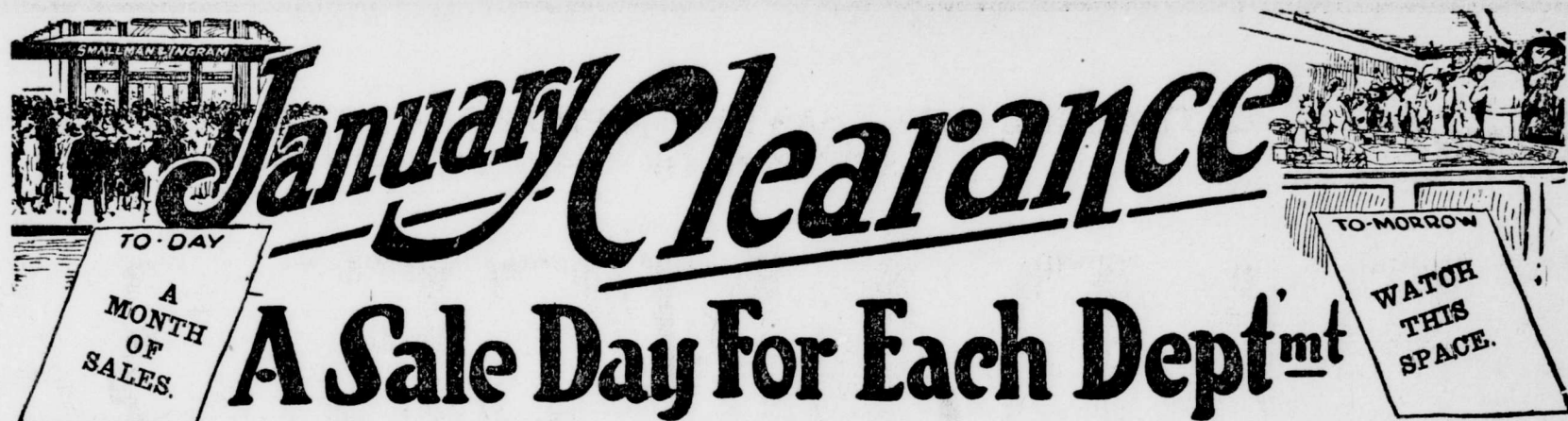
OPIMUM WORTH \$100,000 STOLEN BY THUGS AFTER DARING HOLD-UP

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Nine men held up five guards on a pier at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn, at day-break to-day and escaped with 10 cases of opium. Three of the guards were on duty in the pier house, the others in a shanty near the opium cases on the pier head. All were bound and gagged. The thieves, believed to be members of the biggest drug ring in New York, procured trucks and wheeled the cases to waiting automobiles.

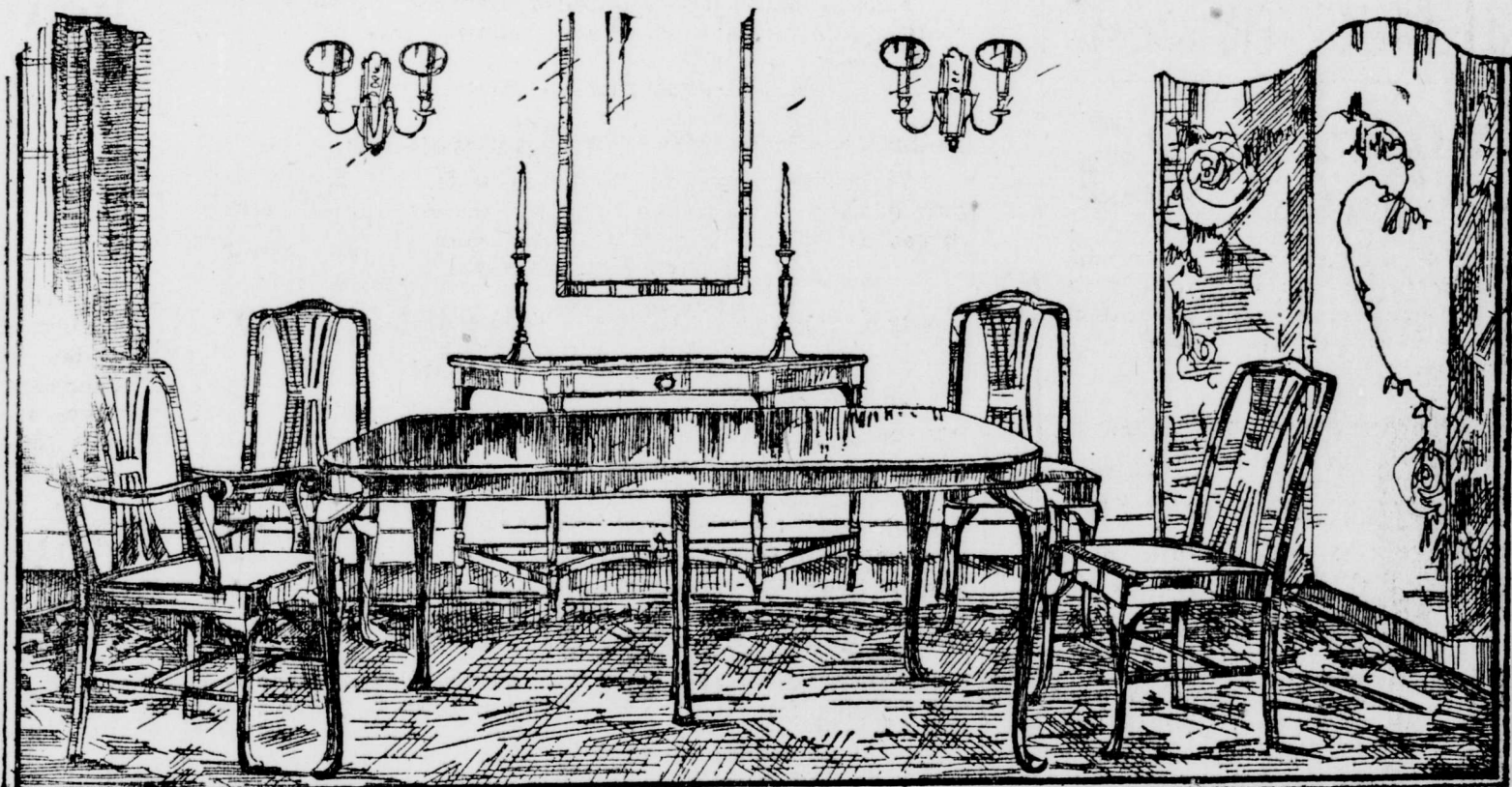
The opium, sent from Turkey to a Brooklyn wholesale druggist, was valued at \$100,000.

U. S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA DURING NOVEMBER HIGH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Canadian Press).—Canada sold more goods to Uncle Sam than any other nation and was the United States' second best customer during November last, according to trade figures made public to-day. The imports from Canada show an improvement for the month as compared with 1922. The figures are \$38,452,937, as compared with \$34,451,896 for November, 1922. Imports from the United Kingdom, second in the list, were \$27,768,887 for November, 1923, against \$27,665,392 for November, 1922. Exports to the Dominion for November were \$46,743,430, against \$55,983,370 for the corresponding period of 1922. Exports to the United Kingdom were \$99,731,714, against \$89,691,855.



JANUARY IS THE SHOPPERS' RED LETTER MONTH. It is replete with sale events so exceptional in point of values offered and so comprehensive in scope that they present an opportunity to meet not only immediate home and apparel needs, but also future ones with great economy. Don't miss one single announcement in this space this month. You will profit much by following our January department clearing sales.



## January Clearance In Furniture Section

The furniture listed below has been reduced for this sale. The reductions show savings of one-quarter, one-third and in some cases the cost has not been considered, but the price has been made so low that these pieces should sell very quickly. Most of the furniture listed consists of odd pieces left from regular sets and where we do not intend to fill in the suites.

THESE ODD PIECES OF BED-ROOM FURNITURE AT REDUCTIONS OF QUARTER, THIRD AND IN SOME CASES EVEN MORE

In some instances there are two pieces out of the same suite; all are real money-saving opportunities.

ODD DRESSERS  
Dresser, genuine walnut, 44 inches wide. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$59.00  
Dresser, genuine walnut, 48 inches wide. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$69.00  
Dresser, mahogany combination, 48 inches wide. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$39.00  
Three only Dressers, gray enamel. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00 to \$39.00  
One only Gumwood Dresser, natural finish. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00

9 ONLY, WOOD BEDS  
In fumed oak, walnut and mahogany. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$15.95, \$19.00 and \$29.00 each

DRESSING TABLES

One only genuine walnut, triple British plate mirrors. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$39.00  
One only Quarter-cut Oak Dressing Table, with three British mirrors. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00  
Three only Walnut-finish Dressing Tables, triple mirrors. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00  
Three only Satin Walnut (gumwood) Dressing Tables, three mirrors each. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$19.00

January Furniture Sale price

CHAIRS FOR THE LIVING-ROOM, QUARTER AND THIRD OFF

One only Chair and Rocker to match, all-over upholstered with genuine leather. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$33.75 each  
One only Oak Chair, with Rocker to match, loose cushion seat and back covered with genuine Spanish leather. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00 each  
One only Oak Chair, with cane back, similar to cut; the seats upholstered with good quality tapestry. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00 each

Chair and Rocker, mahogany-finish frames, spring seats covered with tapestry. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$23.75

Four only Walnut Chairs and Rockers, the spring seats are covered with good quality tapestry. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$29.00 each  
Three Mahogany - Finish Roll-Seat Rockers, large and comfortable. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$8.95 each  
Four only Windsor Chairs, mahogany and ivory combination. Sale price, \$9.95 each

ODD BUFFETS

Polished Quarter-cut Oak Buffet, 48 inches long; has one long drawer and two short ones, and full size cupboard. The top is fitted with best quality British plate mirror. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$49.00  
One walnut finish, small size, out of breakfast suite. January Sale price \$33.95

ONE ONLY DINING-ROOM SUITE

Genuine quarter-cut oak, finished two-tone. The buffet is 66 inches long; the table is 45x60 inches and extends to 8 feet; set of slip-seat diners, upholstered in genuine leather. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$219.00  
Dining-Room Suite, solid oak, in old English finish, consisting of buffet, 64 inches long, 48x48-inch round top pedestal extension table, and set of six slip-seat diners. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$119.00

ODD CHINA CABINETS, QUARTER OFF

Two only Walnut Cabinets, fitted with drawer of full width. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$59.00  
One only China Cabinet, walnut finish. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$49.00

LARGE OVERSTUFFED CHAIRS, QUARTER OFF



Chesterfield Chairs, all made with Marshall spring cushions, covers with high grade tapestry. January Furniture Sale price, one-quarter off ..... \$45.00 and \$69.00  
Chairs, covered with finest mohair. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$39.00, \$59.00, \$69.00 and \$99.00  
Two only Walnut Armchairs, seats and backs covered with best Spanish leather. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$59.00 each  
One only Hall Clock, mahogany-finish frame, height 6 feet, has brass dial. January Furniture Sale price ..... \$39.00

## January Clearing of Paint, Varnish and Enamel

The prices quoted below are about 20 to 30 per cent. less regular values and include paints and varnishes for woodwork, walls, floors and furniture.



Scuffed Floors

Children in the house mean hard wear on the floors. Even in a family of grown-ups, floors show wear first. With the right varnish, however, a careful refinishing will banish defacements and discolorations. Dougal's Transparent Floor Varnish is the right varnish. It has a long life and always looks well.

MOORE'S HOUSE PAINT, in white and 30 colors at about 20 per cent. less reduction, every can guaranteed satisfactory as to wear and covering qualities. January Sale price, 1/2-gal. \$2.10; quart, \$1.05; pint, 59c  
MOORE'S SANI-FLAT, for interior walls or woodwork, also used as an undercoating for enamel ..... pint, 59c; quart, \$1.05  
DOUGALL'S WHITE ENAMEL, for interior walls or woodwork. Sale price ..... pints, 69c; quarts, \$1.19  
DOUGALL'S UNIFORM FINISH, in clear, light and dark oak, walnut, etc. Will not scratch or turn white ..... pint, 59c; quart, \$1.05  
DOUGALL'S TRANSPARENT FLOOR, clear in color and dries overnight ..... pint, 69c; quart, \$1.19  
DOUGALL'S LINOLEUM FINISH, will not discolor the lightest grounds; dries hard in from four to six hours. January Sale price ..... pint, 69c; quart, \$1.19  
DOUGALL'S SPECIAL INTERIOR VARNISH, for floors or woodwork; 20 gallon cans only. Special, per gallon ..... \$2.25  
LIONOL FLOOR ENAMEL, one-third less; for kitchen, bath, etc.; is waterproof and covers badly-worn floors with two coats; can also be used over old or worn linoleum; colors, gray, tan, buff, walnut, dust and mahogany ..... pint, 59c; quart, \$1.05

MIS MASTER'S VOICE  
January Records  
Now In

**SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED**



CLIMAX WAX PAPER CLEANER, for cleaning papered or tinted walls. January Sale price ..... 9c tin  
SPONGES, for washing painted walls or woodwork ..... 5c each  
Odd lines in Paint Brushes ..... 5c, 10c, 20c each

SHELLAC, orange and white ..... pint, 69c; quart, \$1.19  
LINGERWETT PAINT REMOVER, for removing old paint or varnish, pint, 50c; quart, \$1.05; 1/2-gal., \$1.08.  
200 1-lb. cans REFLEX WAX, for floors, linoleum or furniture, special ..... 29c  
C. & B. WAX, special ..... 49c lb.



COTTONS, SHEETINGS, ETC. In January White Event