

## JOHN CATTO & SON January Clean Up

During the heavy selling season many odds and ends of broken lines are left over, and it is January's duty to dispose of these before stock-taking at the end of the month.

These goods, which are found in every department, are perfectly good, desirable goods, being in many cases fast-selling lines. There is nothing poor or inferior offered amongst these, at seemingly marvelous reductions to cause a sensation. Our January sale goods are the same as always sell—each line obtainable in its own particular class.

### Ladies' Jackets, Suits, Cloaks, and Coats

The balance of these goods are being cleared without consideration of market price or profit-making. COME EARLY.

### Dress Fabrics

Colored and Black Dress Goods. Dress fabrics have been thoroughly run through with the result that really wonderful bargains are being shown. COME EARLY.

### Household Linens, etc.

In the Linen and House Furnishing departments, comprising DAMASKS, BED LENS, TOWELINGS, TOWELS, COMFORTERS, BED SPREADS, BLANKETS, CURTAINS, etc., many a dollar can be saved this month. COME EARLY.

### Silks

Of all kinds are being laid out at special prices for stock. So that when we offer special inducements, they are really worth while. Call and examine. COME EARLY.

### New Prints

Just received a fine showing of Handsome Cambric Prints. Fine, clear, bright-colored, good wearing quality, reliable colors. COME EARLY.

### MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY AND CAREFULLY FILLED.

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## IN ADMITS KILLING OF SISTER'S HUSBAND

Mrs. Beisel Tells Jury She Shot  
Capt. Erb After Desperate  
Struggle

MEDIA, Pa., Jan. 5.—The story of the tragedy as related by Mrs. Catherine Beisel was the dramatic feature of the proceedings in the trial of Mrs. Catherine Beisel and Mrs. Florence Erb, charged with the murder of the latter's husband, Capt. Clayton Erb.

Subbing violently the witness stood upright in the witness box and in a voice choked with emotion exclaimed:

"I shot him; I pulled the trigger. I know how many times—then all dark."

Describing the struggle with the captain when, it is alleged, he chased Mrs. Erb, revolver in hand, on the fatal night, Mrs. Beisel said:

"He came towards me and as he came I sprang at him. I don't know exactly how it happened. We tumbled over the hall for the revolver. He pushed me against the door. He had me up against the wall beside the bathroom door. I was braced against the door. He caught me again. I had the pistol fired. I was afraid he'd kill my sister."

The district attorney bitterly arraigned Mrs. Beisel and Mrs. Erb, charging the latter with a husband's lying hypocrite, who came into court with her widow's weeds to blacken this husband's memory. He declared the murder to have been wilful and premeditated and demanded a first degree verdict.

The case will probably go to the jury tomorrow afternoon.

## HE CHURCH AND STATE

First-Elect Taft Speaks to Protestant Ministers.

WASH., Ga., Jan. 5.—To the Protestant ministers of Augusta, President Taft expressed his views to the influence of church upon the government and its usefulness in aid of governmental development.

Mr. Taft said, in carrying on the government, which is a duty of increasing usefulness, needs—such as greater assistance, which who are charged with its execution need every assistance and sympathy.

Mr. Taft referred to the "moral awakening" during the past four years as an indication of the healthful state of our civilization. The people had demanded a moral reform, and in this, he said, the clergy must take an important part.

"It is difficult sometimes to explain to one who has been used to the close union of church and state, such as was preserved in Spain, and other countries, the real attitude of American government toward the church. He assumes if we separate the church from the state it means that the state does not favor the church."

"It comes over me, every once in a while, when I am charged with accomplishing something among a people, how absolutely essential it is that we should have the influence of the church behind everything that we do."

## PIZZING, INDEED.

Kritick (at the play)—Exceedingly strange thing about this play—I can't account for it.

Penley—What's the matter with it? Kritick—I don't exactly know; but it has been running nearly two weeks and hasn't been novelized.

## Pianos to Rent.

Heintzman & Co., Ltd., 115-117 West King-street, Toronto, make a feature of renting pianos at a small sum per month and what is paid in this way will, when desired, be allowed on the purchase of a piano. If interested apply to—

Harper, Customs Broker, McKinnon Building, Toronto.

## THE WEATHER

OBSERVATORY, TORONTO, Jan. 5.—(8 p.m.)—An important disturbance has developed during the day over the South Atlantic States, and promises to give very stormy conditions in the maritime provinces. The severe cold wave continues in the western provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 4 below—3 below; Atlin, 30 below—20 below; Vancouver, 10—25; Edmonton, 25 below—18 below; Calgary, 25 below—10 below; Moose Jaw, 25 below—17 below; Winnipeg, 32 below—25 below; Parry Sound, 25—31; London, 28—46; Toronto, 22—42; Ottawa, 26—40; Montreal, 26—42; Quebec, 22—32; St. John, 38—48; Halifax, 32—48.

## Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Northwesterly gales, with light snow-falls and becoming decidedly colder.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—North-easterly to northwesterly gales, with snow, becoming decidedly cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales from east and north, becoming much colder, with snow.

Maritime—Easterly gales; unsettled, with sleet and rain.

Superior—Fine and very cold.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Fine and very cold.

Alberta—Fair, not quite so cold.

## THE BAROMETER.

Time. Ther. Bar. Wind.

8 a.m. 32.34 30.24 41 W.

Noon 32.34 30.24 41 W.

2 p.m. 32.34 30.24 41 W.

8 p.m. 32.34 30.24 41 W.

Mean of day, 32.34; difference from average, 15 above; highest, 2; lowest, 32.

## TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Jan. 6. City council, 3 p.m.

Board of education, 8 p.m.

Daily Club, Unitarian Church—W. E. Macpherson, on "Current Events: A Review of 1908," 8 p.m.

Harry Lander at Massey Hall, 2 and 8 p.m.

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Jan. 5. At From

Lucania.....Queenstown.....New York

Minneapolis.....London.....New York

Algeria.....Marseilles.....New York

## DEATHS.

CULLEN—On Jan. 4, Walter Cullen, in his 75th year.

Funeral Thursday, 8:30 a.m., from the residence of Mrs. F. J. Macwell, 302 Huron-street, to St. Basil's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

CAMERON—At his late residence, Maple, on Tuesday, Jan. 5th, Alexander Cameron, in his 81st year.

Funeral Thursday, at 1 p.m., to King's Chapel, Friends please accept this intimation.

GRANGE—At his father's residence, 201 Don Mills-road, Toronto, Arthur Albert, only son of A. W. and Agnes Grange, in his 10th year.

Funeral (private) Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., to Norway Cemetery.

MIGHT—On Jan. 5th, at 123 Concord-avenue, John M. Might, in the 75th year of his age.

Funeral Thursday, Jan. 7th, at 2:30 p.m., from above address Wednesday, Jan. 6th, at 2:30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Schenck, N.Y., and Montreal papers please copy.

SCANLON—On Jan. 5th, 1909, at her late residence, 10 St. Patrick-street, Ellen, widow of the late James Scanlon, in the 75th year of her age.

Funeral Thursday, Jan. 7th, 1909, at 10 St. Patrick-street, at 2:30 p.m., to C.P.R. train leaving Toronto at 5:40 a.m.

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## RANDMINES GOLD

IN PARIS VAULTS

## Economists Wondering Why Bank of France is Hoarding so Much Yellow Metal.

Every week a ship sails northward from Cape Colony with a cargo of gold which is the output of the Rand mines. No fleet of Spanish galleons in the golden times, says The Philadelphia Press, during the conquest of Peru and Mexico.

There is a never laden with richer prizes than are those work-a-day steamers that ply between South Africa and London.

But just as regularly as this endless chain of vessels comes and goes, the yellow cargo, after being dumped down in the British capital, is carried away to France, where it remains.

The questions that instantly arise to the minds of economists everywhere outside of France are these: How can Paris stow this immense stream of gold into its own vaults; and why does it wish to do so? Bankers have become bewildered by the enormous flow of gold to Paris. A good deal more than one-fourth of all the gold which was mined in the past year has found its way into the Bank of France.

In the twelve months 312,500,000 of gold has been added to the French reserve.

And the amazing part of it is that during the same time there has been a huge decrease of exactly \$125,000,000 in the amount of money loaned by the Bank of France, while the addition to notes in circulation was only \$10,000,000. The gold, therefore, is not being used as a basis for paper money. The hoards are intended, apparently, for other purposes.

It is a well-known fact that gold is the handmaiden of prosperity. It would be difficult to exaggerate the influence for good produced upon the world by abundance of gold since the grains of yellow were first found in that California mill race a century ago.

The fact that France is disposed to look up such a large proportion of the annual production of the life-blood of interest in this strange phenomenon.

## Drunkennes a Disease

that can be effectively treated at Lakeside Sanatorium, Oakville, Ont.

Harper, Customs Broker, McKinnon Building, Toronto.

## PROMOTION OF FLEMING PLANNED BY POWER RING

Electrical Interests Preparing for Impending Struggle With the City

It is once more stated that Robert J. Fleming, manager of the Toronto Railway, and municipal expert, is about to experience a change of life, and take one more step up the ladder of promotion.

Mr. Fleming absolutely declines to be interviewed on the subject, or to discuss it pro or con. Nor are the authoritative heads of the railway company more accessible or less reticent upon the matter.

The facts are that Mr. Fleming has proved himself a very valuable—practically invaluable—man to the Mackenzie and Mann interests in Toronto.

These interests, which are the Toronto Railway, the Electrical Development Co., the Toronto Light Co., the Radial Railways, which encircle Toronto like a spider's web, and reach to Niagara, and the Canadian Northern Railway.

Mr. Fleming was in charge of the city for four years and served in the city council until he knows all about aldermen and their management. Co other tried servants of the Mackenzie and Mann interests has so much of the kind of knowledge that they need as Mr. Fleming.

It was stated some weeks ago that Mr. Fleming was to be appointed to a chief position in the Canadian Northern Railway. It is now stated that what may be regarded with something like authority, that Mr. Fleming is to undertake the management of the Electric Development Co.

The coming struggle with the city over the franchise, and in connection with the inauguration of the hydro-electric power system in the city, Mr. Fleming's knowledge of all sides of the situation will be of the greatest strategic importance to the Mackenzie and Mann interests.

The city having trained a diplomatic and executive head with unusual natural shrewdness, hands him over to her opponents, and hopes to meet him on equal terms.

Receiving a fourth of his salary, and a bunch of aldermen whose slightest desire is probably their ignorance of the conditions of the city's warfare.

The appointment of Mr. Fleming to the management of the Electric Development Co. should be a signal to the city authorities to make sure that her forces, her electric engineers, her lawyers, her civic statisticians, know their business and the objects of the campaign, as the citizens see it.

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