

NUMBER OF FIRMS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY BOARD OF COMMERCE

Supreme Court To Decide the
Powers of Special Body.

TORONTO, Feb. 3.—A. W. Roebuck, counsel for the attorney-general of Ontario, in the investigation into alleged Hamilton grocers' combine, has drawn up a petition to the board of commerce, asking for investigation and naming certain firms, according to an affidavit by Charles Alfred Pritch. The names given are:

Balfour, Dye & Co., Bristol Somerset & Co., W. G. Gillard & Co., McPherson, Glasco & Co., James Turner & Co., and Lumsden Brothers, wholesalers, organized as a local committee of the Wholesale Grocers of Ontario, and the following also connected with the combine: W. C. MacDonald & Co. of Montreal; St. Lawrence, Starch Co., Fort Credit; Surprise Soap Co., Toronto; Shredded Wheat Co., Niagara Falls; Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flakes, London; W. K. Kellogg Corn Flakes Co., Toronto; Borden Condensed Milk Co., Montreal; Canada Starch Co., Montreal; Proctor & Gamble, Hamilton; Quaker Oats Co., Peterboro; C. H. Catell Co., Montreal; E. E. Gillett Co., Toronto; all of whom are manufacturers in Ontario.

Wm. S. Hunter, F. W. Parkhurst, Frank Smith, A. E. Collins, S. L. Sutton, S. T. Bailey, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Adams, Mr. Digman, Mr. Saul, F. W. Dobson, J. Hutchinson, C. B. Horning, F. W. Robinson, R. J. Thomas and F. W. Seely, all merchants of Hamilton and said to be members of the executive of a price-fixing association in the city of Hamilton, "and others at present unknown" are named.

The petition prays that the board direct an investigation into such alleged combine and all other matters connected with it as may be contrary to law, public interest and sound public policy.

Mr. Roebuck expects to commence investigation in Hamilton on February 15.

NEW ZEALAND THANKS NAVIES OF ALLIES

LONDON, Feb. 3.—(By Canadian Press)—The last session of the New Zealand Parliament passed a resolution of profound gratitude to the imperial and allied navies and merchant marine who by their ceaseless vigil in the face of unparalleled and unknown dangers, kept open the long lines of sea communication.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years

Always bears
the
Signature of *Chas. H. Hutchison*

"END YOUR RHEUMATISM

Like I Did Mine"—Says
Pastor Reed—Wife Also
Rid of Neuritis.

Shared Tortures For Years—Now Telling Good News to Others.



"Don't Believe That Old Humbug About
"Uric Acid" Being the Cause of Rheumatism—It's Not So!"

Emphatically asserting that thousands of unfortunate sufferers have been led into taking wrong treatments under the old and false belief that "Uric Acid" causes rheumatism, Pastor H. W. Reed says:

As do some of our highest medical authorities, I now know that "Uric Acid" never did and never will cause rheumatism! But it took me many years to find out this truth. I learned how to get rid of my rheumatism and recover my health and strength, through reading "The Inner Mysteries of Rheumatism," a work written by an authority who has scientifically studied the cause and treatment of rheumatism for over twenty years. It was indeed a veritable revelation!

"I had suffered agony for years from rheumatism and associated disorders, and Mrs. Reed was tortured with the demon neuritis almost beyond endurance. We had read and talked so much about "Uric Acid" that our minds seemed poisoned. But the "Inner Mysteries of Rheumatism" made it all clear to us, and now we are both free from suffering and misery, we endured so many years. I believe I was the hardest man in the world to convert! For me to discard the old "Uric Acid" theory, and what I now know to be absolutely false, for the new, scientific understanding of the cause and cure of rheumatism, was like asking me to change my religious beliefs! But I did change, and it was a fortunate day for me and mine when I did so."

NOTE: The "Inner Mysteries of Rheumatism" referred to above, by Pastor Reed lays bare facts about rheumatism and its associated disorders overlooked by doctors and scientists for centuries past. It is a work that should be in the hands of every man who has in his the slightest symptoms of rheumatism, neuritis, lumbago or gout. Anyone for whom nature and address to H. P. Chappwater, Twenty-first street, Hallowell, Maine, will receive it by mail, free of cost, and absolutely free. Send now, lest you forget the address! If not a sufferer, cut out this explanation and send it to some afflicted friend.

Sore Throat, Colds

Quickly Relieved By Hamlin's
Wizard Oil

Hamlin's Wizard Oil is a simple and effective treatment for sore throat and chest colds. Used as a gargle for sore throat it brings quick relief. Rubbed on the chest it will often loosen up a hard, deep-seated cold in one night.

How often sprains, bruises, cuts and burns occur in every family, as well as little troubles like earache, toothache, cold sores, canker sores, stiff neck, and tired, aching feet. Soothing, healing Wizard Oil will always bring quick relief.

Get it from druggists for 30 cents. If not satisfied return the bottle and get your money back.

Ever constipated or have sick headache? Just try Wizard Liver Whisk, pleasant little pink pills, 30 cents. Guaranteed.

SEE NO PANACEA FOR FINANCIAL ILLS OF WORLD

Chamberlain's Conference
Says Recovery Certain
To Be Slow.

SENSATIONAL SLUMP

Most Severe Reaction On New
York Market—Canadian
Dollar Drops.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, discussed with leading bankers, political leaders and others this afternoon the situation that has arisen from the adverse rate of exchange. The greatest secrecy was maintained in connection with the proceedings, a report of which is being prepared for presentation to the cabinet.

Great crowds witnessed the arrival of the conferees, who included Lord Robert Cecil, Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer; Robert Kindersley, chairman of the war-savings commission; J. H. Thomas, the labor leader; Walter Leaf, chairman of the London County, Westminster and Parks Bank; Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service and reconstruction; G. H. Stewart Ewing, secretary of the Postmen's Federation; Richard Vassar Smith, president and chairman of the council of the Institute of Bankers, and Sir Donald Maclean, member of Parliament.

Official Report.
An official report issued tonight shows that Mr. Chamberlain convened the conference for the purpose of discussing the recent memorial of bankers and others to the premier in favor of calling an international finance conference.

The memorial is explained on the ground that it was not prepared with reference to the exchange situation, but was the outcome of a series of conferences held a month ago with a view to finding a remedy for the economic collapse in many parts of Europe. In further explanation of their views they urged the imperative need of European countries bringing their expenditure within the compass of their revenue as the first condition of obtaining assistance through public or private channels, and pointed out that once this was accomplished private credit would immediately become available.

Exchange of Views.
A general exchange of views followed and it was unanimously recognized that there was no panacea for the existing financial and economic disorders, and that recovery was certain to be slow and only could be achieved by hard work, increased production and private and public retrenchment.

Mr. Chamberlain promised to report on the matter to the cabinet tomorrow. He also discussed the subject tonight with Premier Lloyd George, who did not attend the conference.

The fact that this is the first occasion the labor leaders have been called in to consultation with the Government on questions of high finance has attracted considerable comment. It is supposed that the ministers are seeking their aid in the project of stimulating the workers to increased production, the belief being that the United States is clamoring for British goods, especially textiles, which if they can be produced in sufficient quantity, would provide a surplus after satisfying home demands, and this surplus could be exported to offset the adverse trade balance.

CANADIAN DOLLAR WORTH ONLY 86 1-2 ON NEW YORK MARKET

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Another sensational slump in the foreign exchange today inserted prices on the stock exchange, and the various commodity markets, especially those trading in foodstuffs and cotton. The decline was the most severe in the long continued reaction of international credits, and was attended by many disquieting rumors, especially as to the probable effect on this country's foreign trade.

There is no way by which the extent of today's reaction in the exchange market can be computed, but the aggregate of sales probably ran into hundreds of millions of dollars, British and French bills providing the bulk of the offerings.

Some dealers in exchange, probably as a measure of precaution, declined to accept bills on any European centre except subject to collection rates. This policy was not adopted by the larger dealers and banking institutions, however, where outright purchases continued to rule.

Canadian Dollar Down.
Today's reversal, which established new low records for London, Paris, Rome, Antwerp and many less important centres, also took in Canada. As an instance of the movement, the Canadian dollar, which had been quoted at 87 1/2 cents, fell to 86 1/2 cents, a drop of 1 cent over the previous high rate.

The reverse side of the exchange situation was presented by withdrawal of about \$17,000,000 gold from the sub-treasury for shipment to South America, which continues to be favored by trade conditions.

In the stock market there were heavy dealings at variable declines in American securities, presumably of foreign ownership. It was assumed that these stocks were being sold here because the market offered almost the only medium for their conversion into money at anything like reasonable prices.

More Ominous Aspects.
Bankers in close touch with conditions in London and Paris acknowledged that the exchange situation had taken on more ominous aspects, but in no quarter was immediate adjustment deemed probable.

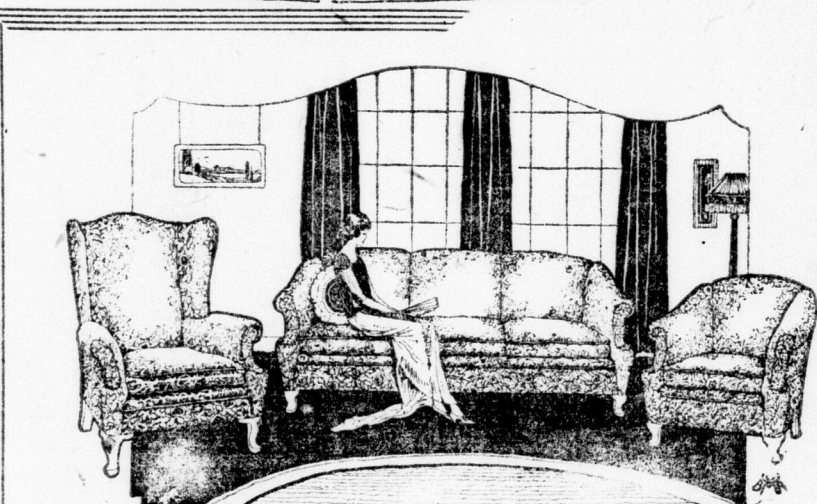
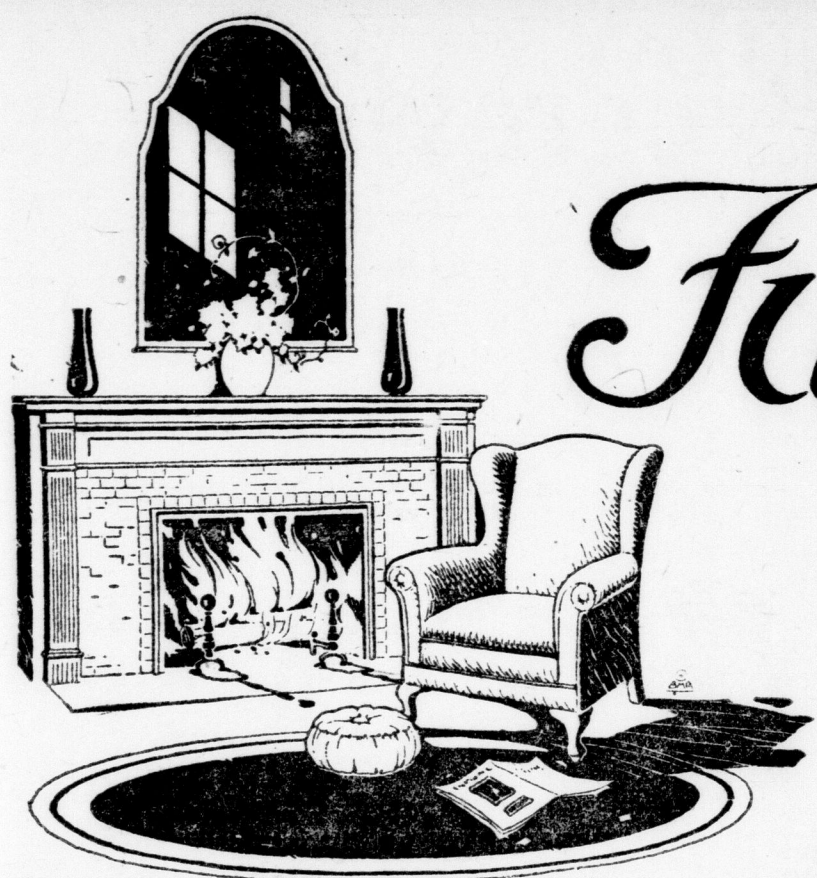
There were many conferences during the day between financial interests and exporters. Shippers also were vitally concerned in the situation, which is believed to have caused many cancellations of outbound tonnage.

The lowest rate, issued after the close of the stock market, the British pound was quoted at 83.25, against a parity of 84.86 5-8, or a discount of almost 33 per cent.

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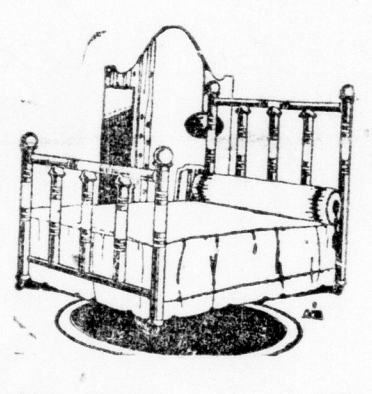
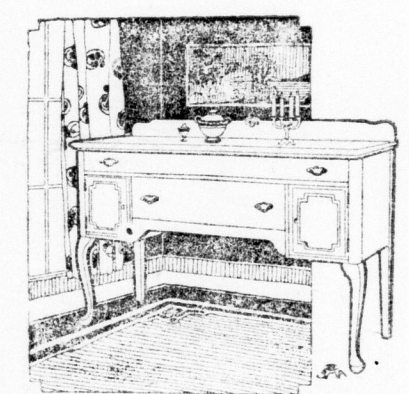
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All Tapestry Suites Included

Think of being able to come in and select any of the many beautiful Tapestry Suites on our floors at February Sale prices! Many different designs to select from, upholstered in the most beautiful tapestries.

And if you haven't enough funds on hand to pay for your suite complete, just let us know and we will make convenient credit arrangements with you, enabling you to profit by the February Sale prices and pay when you can!

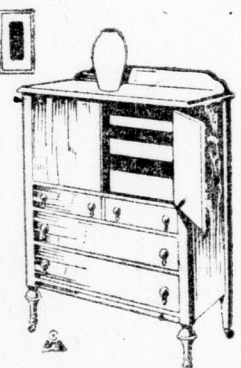


In all woods and finishes to match your present dining-room furniture or to start you on the way to a complete new dining-room outfit.

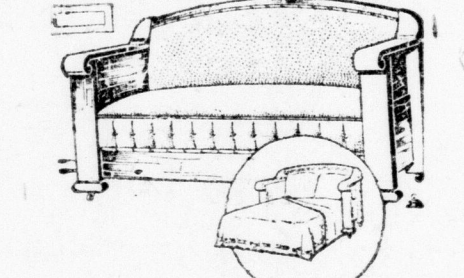
Now for a newer and more comfortable bed at February Sale prices that make it "easy" for your pocket-book. Every bed in the house included.

All Chifforobes

One of the handiest articles of furniture you could possibly buy. Get yours in our February Sale and pocket a nice saving. Charge it if you wish.

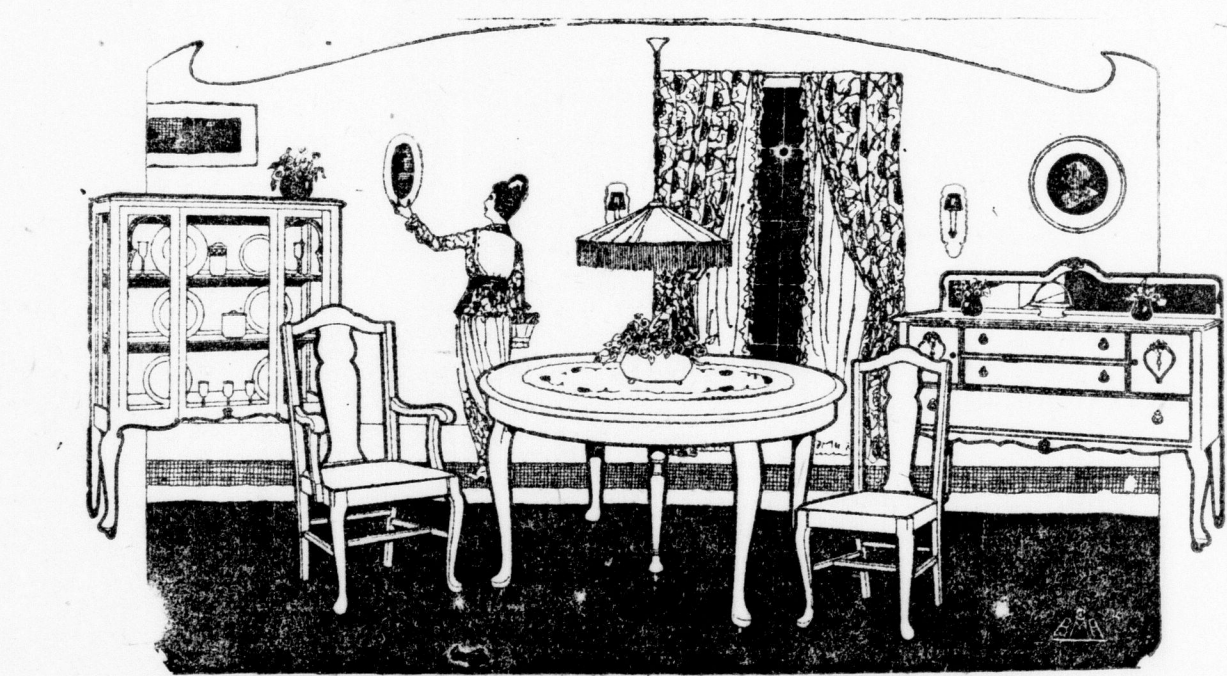


All Duofolds and Davenport



If you need extra sleeping accommodations and haven't an extra bedroom, buy a Duofold or Bed Davenport. A Davenport by day—a bed at night! All at February Sale prices now!

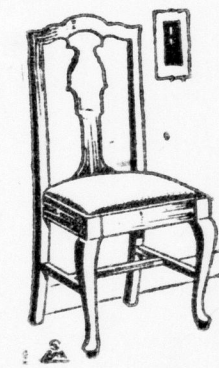
9-Piece Solid Walnut Dining Suites \$395.00



One of the most popular period styles ever designed is the Queen Anne, as illustrated. Very well made of thoroughly seasoned materials and a suite you will be proud of for years to come. Genuine solid black walnut throughout.

Complete with Six Chairs, Buffet, Table and China Cabinet, as illustrated, at our special February Sale price of but \$395.00. We will gladly open a charge account with you, enabling you to take advantage of this low price and pay the balance later on. Other suites at other prices.

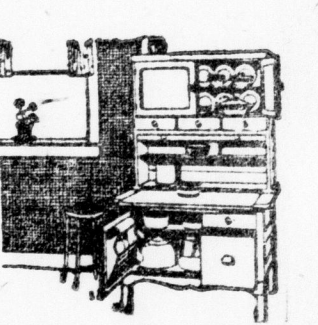
All Dining Chairs



Wouldn't a new set of dining chairs improve that dining-room of yours? Why not get them now at our low February Sale prices, ranging from \$4.50 upwards.

All Kitchen Cabinets

are also included in our February sale at reduced prices. Many different styles to choose from. Make your work easier and give you more leisure!

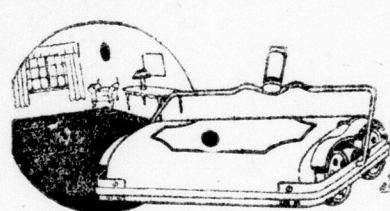


February Furniture Sale

Real Opportunities Are Too Rare These Days To Let Them Slip Through Your Fingers---

In spite of the difficulty of securing more merchandise to replace that which we will sell during this sale—and in face of the fact that we will have to pay more to duplicate our present great stocks, because of the shortage of Furniture and the resulting increase in costs—we're going right ahead with this great February sale of ours. For years this store has held a February Furniture Sale. It has become the big event on the local business calendar, looked forward to by thousands of people who know from past experience that it is a real sale in every sense of the word. Therefore, in spite of the fact that it would be much better for us to not to have a sale, we're having it, anyway.

Extra Special



Just received a special shipment of splendid Carpet Sweepers, which we secured from a prominent maker at a special price concession because the manufacturer received an unexpected cancellation of a big order. 100 Sweepers, worth \$4.50, to sell at \$2.49



Choice of All Bedroom Suites

You'll find February price tickets on our entire stock of beautiful Bedroom Suites, from the most inexpensive suites to the most elaborate. The prices tell the story of the biggest savings ever on bedroom furniture!

There are beautiful period styles suites in all the most popular woods and finishes, and we'll be glad to open a charge account with you, enabling you to buy now at February Sale prices and pay later on!

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