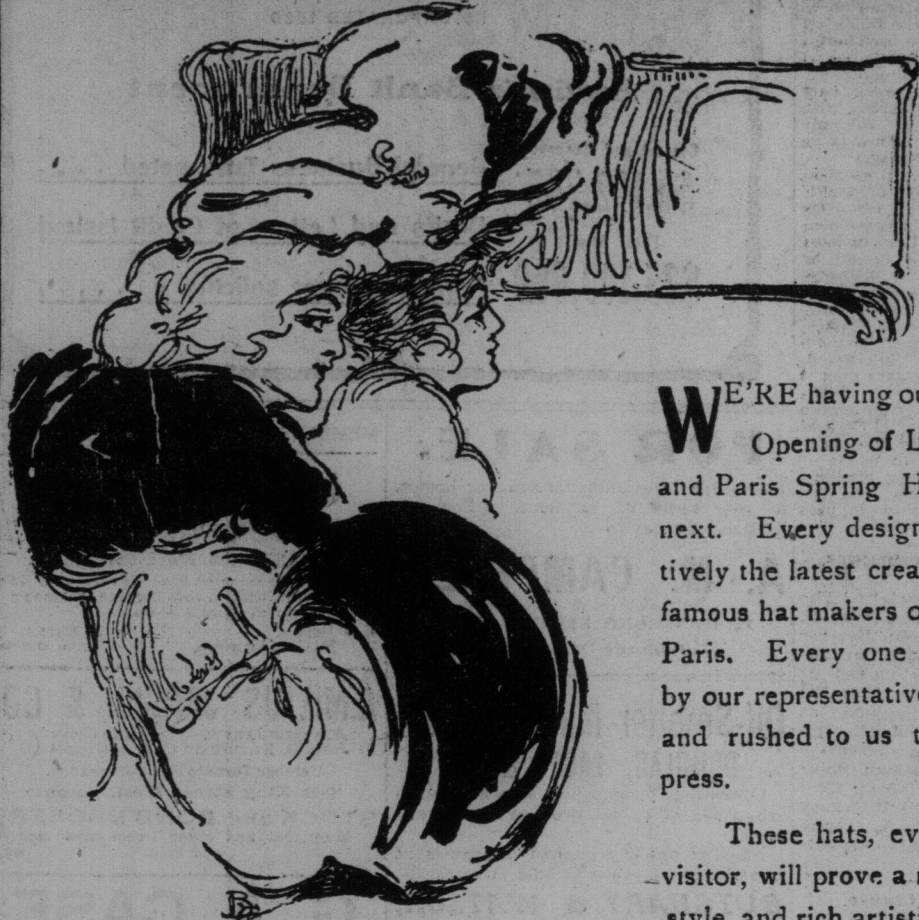


ADVANCE SPRING OPENING



On Monday we will have our advance Spring Opening of Ladies' New York and Paris Hats, Rain-coats and Feather Boas. The most exclusive stock of its kind ever seen in Canada.

WE'RE having our advance Spring Opening of Ladies' New York and Paris Spring Hats on Monday next. Every design shown is positively the latest creation of the world-famous hat makers of New York and Paris. Every one specially selected by our representatives in these centres and rushed to us this week by express.

These hats, even to the casual visitor, will prove a revelation of tasty style and rich artistic coloring. They present a variety of remarkable effects, mostly in la militaire designs of broad crowns, with the brims shaped sharply upward off the forehead—moire braid and web straw are used extensively with heavy gold buckles and ornaments. Fuchsia and bright greens are popular tints and gold braid is noticeable in many Paris effects.

Even if you don't buy, it will at least be a paying bit of trouble for you to call. It would, however, pay you to make a selection because these are pattern hats—only one of each design.

Ladies' Feather Boas and New Rain-coats will also be on exhibition in our big showrooms:

The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited
Cor. Yonge and Temperance Sts., Toronto.

TORONTO HIT BY TAX BILL BUT OTHER PLACES GAIN

Special Provision for Toronto and Phone Co. Assessment in Rural Municipalities Reduced.

Before the special committee on assessment yesterday morning, the fight raged on the assessment of telephone and telegraph companies. Toronto put up a strong case against the proposed basis of assessing the Bell Telephone Company on its gross receipts. While this city stands to lose heavily by this method, the smaller municipalities will gain. However, the basis was raised from 50 to 75 per cent to apply to cities of over 100,000, which means Toronto.

G. Lynch Staunton of Hamilton was present for the Bell Company and claimed that the proposal to assess the small branch lines in the country \$200 a mile was a gross injustice. These lines were constructed for the personal use of doctors, farmers, etc., and were used for the general business of the company. Branch lines up to 25 miles should be exempt.

As to the tax on gross receipts, he said the company was willing to allow the amount actually collected in Ontario to stand as gross receipts. He pointed out that there was not a town that would not benefit. He read a statement showing the gross receipts of the company in thirteen cities and towns:

City	Gross Receipts
Barrie	8,375
Bellefleur	3,419
Berlin	3,969
Brantford	6,794
Hamilton	19,824
Kingston	5,559
London	15,451
Stratford	5,077
St. Catharines	5,293
St. Thomas	4,117
Toronto	68,705
Windsor	5,179
Brockville	2,979

The company, Mr. Staunton said, was assessed for \$600,000 in Toronto, but if this city suffered a little that should not prevent the bill going through, so long as the company did not escape taxation. He proposed that in the case of Toronto the company should be assessed on a basis of 75 per cent, instead of 50 per cent, as in other places, and that its real estate be placed at \$100,000.

Corporation Counsel Fullerton proposed:

Got Instant Relief From Piles.—This most irritating disease relieved in ten minutes by using Dr. Agnew's Ointment, and a cure in from three to six nights. Thousands testify of its goodness. Good for Eczema, Salt Rheum and all skin diseases. If you are without faith, one application will convince. 25 cents—127.

Rare Values for Business Men

Our new shipment of Spring Suitings will stand the very closest scrutiny—our special prices for these splendid English and Scotch Tweeds made up in the very latest style—\$22.50 and \$24 are values that prove an argument for quick orders.

R. SCORE & SON

Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King St. W.

King's Counsel Gowns, made by Ede of London, Eng., in stock.

tested against the proposed bill as it applied to the Bell Company in Toronto. He said the city was not asking for special concessions, such as Mr. Staunton suggested. Under the bill the company's assessment would be reduced \$150,000.

The chairman remarked that Toronto was willing to accept the bill where it received any benefit therefrom, but when it was hit a little it squeaked. It was agreed that the assessment in rural municipalities should be \$125 a mile, instead of \$200. Further consideration was then postponed.

JAPAN'S GREAT ADVANTAGE.

New York Post: Apart from their inherited pluck and warlike spirit, the greatest military advantage Japan has over most, if not all, other nations is the genuine patriotism just referred to. After teaching in Japan for some years Mr. Lafcadio Hearn wrote:

"Ask a class of Japanese students—young students of fourteen to sixteen—to tell their dearest wishes; and if they have confidence in the questioner, perhaps nine out of ten will answer: 'To die for his majesty, our emperor; and the wish soars from the heart pure as any wish for martyrdom ever born.' A Hobson's choice would not attract much attention in Japan; nor is there much room in its army for mere soldiers, or for adventure, honors or pensions. To have such an army means half battles won before the fighting."

Opening Spring Sales.

Messrs. Suckling and Co. announce their opening spring sale to the trade on Wednesday next, when they will offer a large and varied assortment of goods comprising not only staple goods, but many novelties made especially for this season's trade. Ladies' Waists and Blouses, in white lawn tucked, lace insertion, white cords, blue striped ginghams, organdies, Japanese silk waists, in a variety of colors; also necked blouses, assorted widths; hose; rep. cretonnes, shower proof cloths, tablings, ladies' white cotton underwear, ladies' cloth skirts, ladies' black mercedized saten skirts, ready made clothing, felt hats, etc. They also call attention to the sale of a large quantity of crockery, glassware, lamps, etc., salvaged from the steamer Advance. The stock of the Avenue Tailoring Co., Toronto, will be sold en bloc, amounting to \$1500. The following week they will continue the sale of the balance of the Finley, Smith & Co. stocks, in Montreal, amounting to \$175,000.

Cave in 40 Acres.—Scranton, Pa., Feb. 26.—One of the most extensive cave-ins that the northern anthracite coal region has ever experienced occurred in West Scranton early to-day. It affected an area of about forty acres. There are about 200 houses in the district affected. Some are completely wrecked, others are out of plumb.

Capt. Chambers the Man.—Ottawa, Feb. 26.—It is practically settled that Capt. E. J. Chambers of the Montreal Witness is to get the appointment of usher of the black rod. N. A. Belcourt, M.P., will be speaker of the commons.

NOT ALL FOR THE RUSS.

New York Post: Some of the comments in the Parisian press upon the Russian naval disaster at Port Arthur are suggestive of anything but an enthusiastic faith in the advantage of the Russian alliance. The more serious journals, of course, are conservative in their utterances, and others give free vent to their feelings. The Oil Blas, for instance, says that a more serious journal, of course, and conservative in their utterances, and others give free vent to their feelings. The Oil Blas, for instance, says that a more serious journal, of course, and conservative in their utterances, and others give free vent to their feelings.

Liquor License Boards.

The following license boards have been appointed: Rainy River—William Lyman, Kewatin; Huntingdon—Rat Portage, Carleton—William Bell, Kars; James D. Lindsay, Kars; John McKellar, Ottawa; Muskoka—John Harvey, Gravenhurst; William Kirk, Hinchelbidge; P. V. Clearwater, Huntsville; South Huron—David Hallan, Sault Ste. Marie; William Worth, Ewing; Sault Ste. Marie—William John DeWitt, Sault Ste. Marie; North Perth—George St-Lazare, Stratford; John Way, Stratford; William Pipes, Fort William; Fort William—James Murphy, Fort William; H. M. Piper, South Huron—David Hallan, Sault Ste. Marie; Peter Douglas, Blake; John Madden, Crediton; East Nipissing—Daniel Bolan, Deaux; Deaux, David Melville, North Bay; Patrick Recheffort.

Principal Manley invites the Old Boys of the Jarvis-street Collegiate Institute to join the present boys at Mr. Gray's funeral to-day. They will assemble at the residence of Mrs. Gray, 372 Markham-street, at 2:30 o'clock.

MONEY TO LOAN

THE TORONTO SECURITY CO.
"LOANS."
Room 10, Lawler Building, 6 King St. W.

The war raised bread, so the baker said, But our bakers they are clever, And a dainty slice will eat so nice If the war goes on forever.

PHONE PARK 810
ON OUR BREAD

COLEMAN'S BREAD
AT ALL GROCERS

IS SECOND TO NONE
If You Have Indigestion Eat Coleman's Pappo.
Table Use, a Dainty Slice, Try Coleman's Vienna Rolls.

The Geo. Coleman Baking Co., 134 to 142 Euclid Ave.



JUST DROP IN ANY TIME

WE ask for nothing better than that you drop in and verify what we say about the advantage of buying furs now. Next week is March and March means spring. Our selling season will soon be over, but there are many weeks of good cold weather ahead yet—besides you are saving from a third to a half by buying now for next winter—and that is the best paying investment we know of. These prices for Saturday:

- 2 Grey Lamb Jackets, sizes 34 and 38, high storm collars and bell cuffs, regular \$45.00, for **32.50**
- 1 Grey Squirrel Automobile Garment, size bust 36, length 40, one wolf collar and revers, regular price \$115.00, for **85.00**
- 1 Mair's Lamb Jacket, loose back, Hudson Bay sable trimmings, reg. \$300, for **225.00**
- 1 Natural Minkrat Blouse, size 34 bust, 22-length, regular price \$100.00, for **75.00**
- 1 Blue-Black Seal Driving Cloak, Canadian beaver collar, worth \$85.00, for **50.00**
- 2 Persian Lamb Blouse Jackets, Alaska sable trimmings, regular \$150.00, special value **107.50**
- 2 German Mink Capes, 33 in. long, reg. \$50.00, for **30.00**
- 10 Mink Muffs, imperial or round style, regular \$35.00, for **25.00**
- 2 Fiat Mink Stoles, 55 inches long 8 natural mink tails, regular \$27.50 and \$30.00, for **18.00**
- 2 Cub Bear Muffs, regular \$12.00, for **7.50**
- 2 Dred Alaska Sable Muffs, regular \$10.00, for **6.75**
- 3 Natural Alaska Sable stoles, imperial style, extra large, regular \$25.00, for **18.00**
- 1 only Electric Seal Fiton Jacket, Persian lamb collar and facings, reg. \$35.00, for **18.00**
- 15 Natural Alaska Sable Two Skin Scarfs, six tails, regular \$15.00, for **9.00**
- 3 Siberian Bear and Electric Seal Caparines, stole front, six tails, regular \$13.50, for **10.00**
- 5 Western Sable Stoles, satin-lined, reg. \$22.50, for **16.50**
- 2 Red Fox Sets, single skin, scarf and muff, regular \$20.00, special for set **13.50**

J. W. T. FAIRWEATHER & CO.
84-86 YONGE-STREET

Spectacles

A broken glass, a bent spring, a lost screw, a twisted frame, no difference what is the matter, we can quickly remedy it. We are headquarters for anything pertaining to eye requisites or spectacles. Phone Main 2568.

F. E. LUKE, Refracting Optician, 11 King St. W. TORONTO.

MONEY

Absolutely the cheapest place in town to borrow money on furniture or piano. Security not removed from your possession. Easy payments. Strictly private, no inquiries of neighbors or employer. If you want to centralize your bills so as to pay all in one place, come and see us.

MUTUAL SECURITY CO., 144 Yonge St. (First Floor)

SIMPSON STORE CLOSES AT 5.30.

Youths' Suits Underselling.

Values run from \$6.50 to \$8 and \$9. Sizes from 32 to 35. It's one of two clearing items in the Clothing Store on Monday. Here are particulars of both—youths' and boys'.

- 75 Youths' All-wool English and Canadian Tweed Long-Pant Suits, also small men's sizes, the colors are dark grey, olive, brown and medium fawn shades, neat checks and stripe effects, made up in the latest single and double-breasted style, first-class linings and trimmings and well tailored, sizes 32-35 chest, regular 6.50, 7.50, 8.00 and 9.00, Monday **4.95**
- 65 Boys' Fine Imported Wreasted and Serge Blouse Suits, very nicely made up in regulation style with full blouse and large sailor collar, handsomely trimmed with silk scoutash braid, some make double-breasted with gilt buttons, also a few novelties in plaited style, sizes 21-37, regular 4.00, 4.50, 5.00 and 5.50, to clear Monday **2.98**

\$35.00 Fur-Lined Coats \$21.00.

Only 14 of them though. Good investment for those that get them. We'd sooner give you the discount than carry them past the season.

14 only Men's Fur-lined Coats, up-to-date cut and thoroughly tailored, shells in navy blue beaver cloth lined throughout, including sleeves, with dark Russian marmos, collars of German otter, shawl or lapel style, our regular prices 28.50, 30.00 and 35.00, Monday, to clear **21.00**

VICTOR The Great \$3.50 Shoe for Men.

You may easily prove the claims made for the Victor. Try a pair. They won't fail to satisfy your idea of a \$5 boot. If they do you will be the first man to say so, and we'll be second only to yourself in admitting it.

But they won't fail. Just try a pair and see. All sizes, widths and styles.

\$3.50

Choicest Assortment of Oriental Rugs.

Persia, Turkey and the Land of the Mystic East Recalled.

The merit of an Oriental Rug stock lies in the discrimination exercised in choosing the Rugs. We've been fortunate in securing not a large lot, but an exceptionally well selected assortment, eighty or ninety specimens of these "old Asiatic hand paintings," as they are called, for such fine examples of the loom deserve to be signed with the artist's name. Besides they are marvelous value, several submitted to a careful comparison and valuation, by an expert, show that some of those we shall sell Monday at \$75 are same quality and size we usually sell at \$135. \$35 and \$40 Rugs are marked \$20. The range is from six dollars to two hundred dollars each. Some of the choicest pieces suitable for smoking room, library, balcony or sitting-room are the following:

- Silky Monsoon, 9-4 x 4-9, \$35.00
- Antique Gendje, 9-2 x 4-0, 50.00
- Antique Iran, 11-8 x 4-6, 90.00
- Fine Persian Strip, 13-11 x 3-6, 50.00
- Fine Cashmere Carpet, 12-0 x 9-0, \$80.00
- Mizapoor, 9-5 x 6-7, 26.00
- Mizapoor, 10-4 x 9-7, 50.00
- Kazetjia, 4-10 x 3-0, 15.00

Last Day in the Furniture Sale.

Twenty-nine days in February this year. Monday we'll celebrate leap year day in the Furniture Store as a day of general economy. First of March will bring in the new scale of prices. Last of February draws a distinct line. It remains for you to decide whether you care to cross that line. During the last week delayed shipments have reached us which should have been here at the beginning of the Sale. They have not as yet been advertised. Here's a list of the Sale items particularly attractive:

- 60 Parlor Tables, in solid quarter-cut oak and mahogany finish, polished, upholstered top, regular price \$25.00, 1.98
- Parlor Bookcase, in solid oak and mahogany finish, solid leather cover, shaped wood, regular price \$32.50, February sale price **2.47**
- Italian Rocking Chairs, large sizes, with roll edge, saddle shaped, woven or clear cane seats, regular price \$4.50, February sale price **3.25**
- Morris Rocking Chairs, solid oak frames, golden oak finish, reversible self cover, regular cushions, regular price \$7.50, February sale price **5.75**
- Couches, in solid oak frames, upholstered in best quality Wilton rugs, silk plush backs, regular price \$18.50, February sale price **16.90**
- Couches, in solid oak frames, upholstered in solid leather, spring edge, seats, plush top, regular price \$25.00, February sale price **21.50**
- Parlor Suites, mahogany finished frames, 5 pieces, upholstered in velvet plush covering, self colorized, heavy embossed, patterned, regular price \$32.50, February sale price **26.50**
- 12 only American Simple Parlor Suits, in 3 and 5 piece frames, upholstered in best quality Wilton rug, regular price \$35.00, February sale price **35.00**
- 4 Dressers and stands, in solid quarter-cut golden oak, extra large size, full oval shaped drawers, four-draw drawers, regular price \$35.00, February sale price **35.00**
- Large oval plate mirror, plain wood cut, heavy carved columns, 36 inch diameter, regular price \$36.75, February sale price **36.75**

The Marshall Sanitary Mattress.

No better tribute to the comfort and wholesomeness of the Marshall Sanitary Mattress could be asked for than that supplied by the fact that physicians endorse it and it has given unequalled satisfaction in every hospital where it has been tried. Ask to see the Mattress at the Furniture Department. We'll be very pleased to point out its advantages, which are convincing on sight.

"Get the Habit."
Lunch at Simpson's and you'll be an optimist.