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Take notice of some of the handsome bargains we are handing out while our supply in these lines last. Possibly some of them may interest you.

	Reg. Price.	Sale Price.
Lance Tooth Cross-cut Saws, 5 1/2 ft., fully guaranteed and handles	\$4.38	\$3.60
Celebrated Carbo-Magnetic Razors (fully guaranteed)	2.00	1.50
Swing Razor Straps	0.30	0.15
Bishop Black Robes	18.00	14.00
Bishop Black Robes	13.00	10.00
Cold Weather Mitts	0.50	0.40
Ready-mixed Paints (Prism brand)	1.50	1.25
No. 44 Art-Garland Base Burner	28.00	23.00
No. 33 Art-Garland Base Burner	25.00	21.00

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Where to Buy With Confidence

WE are gratified with the very large response to the announcement of our **January White Goods Sale**. We have done a very large business, and the oft-repeated phrase, "What Lovely Underwear," and so very reasonable in price, was often heard. This pleases us, especially as we consider it a public vote of confidence in our reputation for Fair Prices, High Quality, Superiority in Style, and for Reliability. The public believe what we say—they believe our advertisements, and their trade goes with their confidence. In spite of fast selling we are able to show complete assortments in all of the wanted lines. **Buy Your White Wear Now is Good Advice.** Over 4,000 Pieces of Muslin Underwear to choose from at prices we cannot guarantee in the future.

Read this list—it may show you why we are selling so much Underwear—

Drawers—Fine cotton, umbrella frill finished with hem-stitched tucks, 23, 25 and 27, closed and open.
January sale price. **.23c**

Corset Covers—Fine cotton, made in the Dorothy style, trimmed with lace on neck and sleeve.
January sale price. **.24c**

Night Gowns—Six distinct styles for your choosing, high neck, low neck and slip-over styles, trimmed with lace embroidery and tucking, 56, 58 and 60 in long.
January sale price. **.75c**

Underskirts—Fine Nainsook, deep umbrella flounce of 6 rows of lace insertion finished with wide lace frill, lawn dust ruffles, lengths 38, 40 and 42.
January sale price. **\$.135**

Beside the above Special Lines the green price tickets sell off many other equally small priced. Also better garments. Corset Covers up to \$1.50. Gowns up to \$4.50. Skirts up to \$6.50. Drawers up to \$2.75.

White Lawn Waists—Just what has been wanted. We have not been slow in getting just the thing—the price is right, too.

50 (Only) Fine Lawn Waists, trimmed with tucks and fine Val. insertion, also embroidery. All sizes.
January sale price. **\$.125**

Specials for Our January Sale from other Departments in the Store—

Embroideries and Insertions—2,000 yards of Embroidery and Insertion Ends, direct from Switzerland, different widths.
January sale price. **.5c yard**

Laces of Baby Irish—Baby Irish Lace with Insertion to match. Much under price. 6 in wide 50c yd, 5 in wide 40c yd. Insertion to match at 25c yd.
January sale price. **.33c**

Marguerite Embroidery—19 in wide with deep embroidery work and beading.
January sale price. **.51-2c**

A Silk Sale Worth Your While—Several hundred yards of Silk of all the popular kinds in plain and fancy, wide and narrow. These silks have been selling from 50c to \$1.25 per yard. To-morrow they go on sale at **33c** per yard. See window.

A Staple Bargain—A clean up of our Shaker Flannel Stock. We promise you some big snaps. Stripes of all kinds. Also plain pinks and blues, 32 to 36 in wide, reg. 8c, 10c and 12 1/2c.

Wool Blankets—\$5, 5.50 and 6.00 Blankets for **\$.98**. Pure wool, best make, 10-4 size.
\$4 and 4.50 Blankets for **\$.98**. Pure wool, best make, 10-4 size.

\$3.50 Blankets for \$2.65.
\$2.50 and 2.75 Comforters for **\$.98**.

COX RESIGNS PRESIDENCY

Byron E. Walker Succeeds Him As Head Of Bank Of Commerce

GAVE WAY TO YOUNG MEN

Toronto, Jan. 9.—"Having completed my 51st year of active business, I think the time has come when I owe it to myself to carry out the promises made to my family and friends, that I would to a large extent discontinue what has been perhaps the too strenuous life I have been living for a good many years past. I owe it to myself to carry out those promises and consult my own inclination by retiring during the next



SENATOR COX.

few months from a number of positions which I feel can now be better filled by younger and more energetic men. I do this not only out of regard to my family and myself, but also in justice to those who are so much entitled and so well qualified to succeed me in the several positions which I propose to vacate in the different corporations with which I have been identified for so many years."

Byron E. Walker Succeeds. Such was the announcement made by Hon. George A. Cox in retiring yesterday from the presidency of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. He is succeeded by Byron E. Walker, the general manager, since 1886, who, in turn, is succeeded by Alex. Laird, for four years assistant general manager. Mr. Laird's successor is not yet determined.

The Senator Cox is now taking is after half a century of active business, for 21 years of which he has been a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, occupying the vice-presidency's chair for two years and the president's for 17 years. At the time of his becoming a director, in 1881, the total assets were but slightly more than the increase in assets reported for the year just closed.

Continues With Canada Life. Senator Cox will still continue as president of the Canada Life and of the Central Canada Loan & Savings Co. For the former company he has labored for 47 years. The Central Canada he organized 23 years ago. He will also continue, perhaps in deference to his Peterboro' friends, as president of the Toronto Loan & Savings Co., the head office of which is in that city.

"In these three companies I will find scope enough in the future I am sure, for any ability and all the strength I possess. Toward these companies there is, in my mind, something of a sentimental attachment by reason of the nature of my relations to them, and to their interests I expect to be able to give increased attention," declared the Senator yesterday.

His Career In Brief.

Senator Cox began business life as a telegraph operator, at the age of 16. In 1858 he was sent to Peterboro' and lived there for 30 years, during which period he was seven times mayor. In 1889 he became local agent at Peterboro' for the Canada Life; in 1900 he was President. He contested for Parliament in 1871 and 1896. In 1896 he was appointed to the Senate.

His retirement from the presidency of the Western and British America Fire Insurance companies will be announced at the annual meetings of these companies.

Inspector's Report. Senator Cox will, however, continue on the various directorates. At present he is on the directorate of 23 companies, leading all Canadians in the number of boards on which he is represented.

Mr. Walker's Career. Then Byron E. Walker there is no better known Canadian banker. Since he was 13 years of age has he engaged in the banking business. Born Oct. 14, 1849, in Seneca Township, Haldimand County. Just entering on his teens he became associated with his uncle's private bank at Hamilton. This was 1861. In July, 1868, Mr. Walker entered the Bank of Commerce as discount clerk, at Hamilton. Two years later he became accountant. In 1872 he was made accountant at the head office. When only 25 years of age he became third agent at New York. In 1876 he went to Windsor as manager, was manager at London three years later, and inspector in 1879. In 1880 he had the satisfaction of going back to Hamilton as manager. After spending some time as New York agent, he assumed the general managership in 1886. He is a fellow of the Geological Society of London, Eng., and has held various offices in the Banking Association.

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The percentage in the kindergartens is the highest on record. I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
ROBERT PARK,
Inspector,
Chatham, Dec. 28, 1905.

A superfluity of ambition is almost as useless as a total want of it.

You can't get the best of some men for the reason that they haven't any.

OVER OCEAN IN FOUR DAYS

Important Scheme For Development Of All British Route

NEWS FROM OLD LAND

London, Jan. 9.—(C. A. P.)—An important scheme for the development of all-British routes to the far east is likely to be produced at the coming parliamentary session.

Its object, says The Tribune, is to accelerate the carriage of mail by establishing a packet station at a point in the British Isles nearest Canada, viz., Blackhead Bay, Mayo, where there are a deep and spacious harbor, a railway ferry and steamers to carry mails and passengers across to Ireland. It is stated that 25-knot steamers are used, Halifax can be reached over the route in four days. The capital required is £1,250,000.

Queries About Canada. London, Jan. 9.—(C. A. P.)—The Canadian emigration office is kept busy answering enquiries about Canada. There were 220 visitors to the office since Monday morning, most of whom received a package of emigration literature.

Dundonald Promoted. London, Jan. 9.—(C. A. P.)—Lord Dundonald has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general.

C.M.A. Labor Bureau. London, Jan. 9.—(C. A. P.)—The C. M. A. skilled labor bureau will shortly be opened in London.

Imperial Service Medals. London, Jan. 9.—The imperial service medal has been conferred on George Bonner, lightkeeper at Point Aconi; George Currie, lightkeeper at Isle of Coves; Narcisse Cusson, letter carrier, of Montreal; Joseph Roy, messenger of the Attorney-General's department, Quebec; William Stephen Short, letter carrier, of London, Ont., and Dorcas Tremblay, lightkeeper at Quebec.

CHAMBERLAIN'S MESSAGE.

Sentiments Should Go Straight to the Heart of Every Briton.

London, Jan. 9.—The Glasgow Herald, referring to Mr. Chamberlain's message to Canada in connection with the year's trade returns, says that consideration of the latter leads Mr. Chamberlain once more to emphasize the preference to pass lightly over protection. "When trade is good, talk imperialism; when bad, talk protective duties," is the ingenious political version of "Heads I win; tails you lose."

The Scotsman says the sentiments embodied in the message should go straight home to the heart of every patriotic Briton, and the paper asks: "If we continue to show no inclination to meet the approaches of Canada, can we depend upon the people of Canada maintaining their present attitude. The issue has never yet been fully raised in this country."

BIG ICE BREAK-UP

Grand River at Galt Overflows Earliest In 49 Years.

Galt, Jan. 9.—The first installment of ice on the dam came down yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, and a small-sized flood is now in progress. When the ice first broke up the water reached a level to within 18 inches of the top of the retaining wall at the Knox and Central Church manes. About 8 o'clock the flood began to diminish. The breaking up of the ice is the earliest in 49 years. The cellars of the merchants and residents on South, and a few of those on North Water streets, were flooded.

Electric Storm.

St. Thomas, Jan. 9.—An electrical storm broke over this city yesterday morning. A bolt struck the flagpole on the Young Men's Christian Association building, going through the roof.

Strathcona Horse for West.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The militia estimates for the present session of Parliament will make provision for the establishment of detachments of Canada's permanent corps at Brandon, Medicine Hat and Edmonton, whose services will be used for instructional purposes, and to assist in the training of the volunteer mounted troops that are being organized in considerable numbers on the Canadian plains.

The three posts together will have about 300 officers and men all-told, with Major Cameron, formerly of Montreal, in all probability at their head. They will be known as Strathcona's Horse.

Tribe May Surrender.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Foreign Minister Pichon yesterday received a telegram from M. Regnault, the French Minister at Tangier, saying that the sheik of the Wadras tribe, with which Kail, the fugitive bandit chief, sought refuge in negotiating with the Moroccan War Minister with the view of surrendering to the Government with his whole tribe.

Big Fire In Saskatoon.

Saskatoon, Sask., Jan. 9.—One of the largest fires experienced in Saskatoon occurred yesterday afternoon, when the entire plant of the Capital Publishing Co. and Garner and Jamieson's tailoring establishment were completely destroyed. The adjoining building, known as the Dakota Restaurant, was partly ruined.

To Murder Every White Officer.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 9.—A message from Fort Reno last night says that during the examination of Corp. Knowles, colored, charged with shooting Capt. Macklin on the night of Dec. 21, it was developed that there was a plot to murder every white officer at the post.

All Furs Reduced

25 per cent. off all Fur Caps and Gauntlets. Fur-lined Coats also reduced. We want to make a clean up of all Furs in stock, so here is your chance to save money. Come while your size is here as stocks are not large.

\$10 Fur Caps \$7.50
\$8 Fur Caps
\$4 Fur Caps \$3
\$85 Fur-lined Overcoats \$65
\$65 Fur-lined Overcoats \$50

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Chatham Branch Temporary Office Scane Block.

CONSCIENCE MONEY

Dominion Pays Ontario \$8.44 Owed the Province For 40 Years.

Toronto, June 9.—The Provincial Treasurer has received an addition to the revenue, in the shape of a remittance from the Dominion Government. Whether it should be considered conscience money or not, Hon. Mr. Matheson would not state, but it will be credited to the same account, to which amounts under that head are usually placed. The amount is \$8.44, being, according to the letter of remittance, "Ontario's proportion of the amount, at credit of the late province of Canada, received on account of marriage licenses served in 1861."

The total amount to the credit of the Province of Canada was \$16, but it is not stated whether the balance is to go, nor why 40 odd years were permitted to elapse before a new deputy minister disbursed the liability. The question of interest is not raised. At 5 per cent. the amount would have doubled itself three times over since 1861, and in 1903 would have amounted to \$67.52.

It is impossible to say whether the Dominion conscience is sufficiently tender to acknowledge this.

The Markets

The market this morning was a very poor one, in fact there were only two sellers in the building, and not a sign of any description on the outside. It seems a shame to have such a fine building with nobody using it. The markets are, however, always good on Saturdays.

Following is the price list:

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter, per pound, 25c.
Cream, per quart, 30c.
Cheese, per cask, 25c.
Cheese, 25c. to 40c.
Ducks, 40c. to 60c.
Eggs, per dozen, 28c. to 30c.
Geese, 50c. to \$1.50.
Geese wings, per pair, 5c.
Honey, in rack, 12c; in pail, 55c.
Hedgehog, per lb., 10c.
Turkeys, 75c. to \$3.50.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Apples, per peck, 15c.
Beans, per quart, 6c.
Carrots, per peck, 15c.
Cauliflowers, in brace, 25c. to 35c. 100.
Celery, per bunch, 10c.
Cauliflowers, each 5c. to 10c.
Cabbage, 5c.
Hickory nuts, per quart, 10c.
Honey, per quart, 5c.
Lettuce, three heads for 5c.
Lard, per pound, 12c. and 13c.
Marjoram, per bunch, 5c.
Mixed pickles, per bottle, 15c.
Onions, per peck, 20c. to 25c.
Pop corn, per dozen, 10c.
Potatoes, per 20c. bag, \$1.
Peas, per peck, 15c.
Peppers, per doz., 8c. to 10c.
Pears, per peck, 15c. to 20c.
Pork, per pound, 9c. and 10c.
Popcorn, popped, per quart, 5c.
Squash, each, 10c. to 25c.
Sweet cider, per gallon, 20c.
Sauerkraut, per gallon, 20c.
Sage, two bunches for 5c.
Savory, per bunch, 5c.
Thyme, per bunch, 5c.
Tobacco, per ball, \$2.
Tobacco, per bunch, 5c.
Turnips, per peck, 10c.
Vegetable oysters, per bunch, 5c.
Vegetable marrow, two for 5c.
Walnuts, per quart, 5c.

He who loves his home is never an absentee in spirit.

Pity is the virtue of the law, and none but tyrants use it cruelly.

Don't Miss It!

It betwixt and between seasons. It's the time when the Progressive Clothing House cuts down prices in order to reduce stock. When we cut prices we do it radically—no half-way measures here.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing of all sorts, Underwear, Toques, Caps all come under the axe—prices almost cut in two. The investment will be better than putting your money in a savings bank. No "make believes" or "tricks"—just a plain, fair and square reduction.

Men's Suits

\$7.50 for \$5.98. \$10 for \$7.89. \$12 to \$15 for \$10.

Men's Overcoats

\$7.50 to \$8 for \$5.98. \$9 and \$10 for \$6.98. \$12 to \$16 for \$9.99.

Men's Ulsters

Storm Collars, \$7.50 for \$5.98.

Boys' Overcoats

\$5.50 for \$4.49. \$6.50 for \$5.49. \$7 to \$8.50 for \$6.49. (Sizes 26 to 33.)

Underwear

75c for 59c. \$1 and \$1.25 for 99c. Table of Underwear \$1.40 and \$1.50 for \$1.00.

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115-5, NO. 11, DOVER.

The following is a report of the December examinations in S. S. No. 11, Dover. Those whose names are followed by a p were promoted from the class in which their names occur in the next above; the names are in order of merit:

Class V.—M. Jackson, G. Jackson, Albert H. Brown.

Class IV.—L. Jackson, J. Martin, F. Asher, B. McKnight, O. Dunlop.

Class III.—J. Porter, P. W. Brown, W. Stokes.

Class III, Jr.—I. Heath.

Class II.—R. Stevens, P. B. Fewster, P. B. Asher, P. E. Tiffin, P. E. Jackson, P. O. Brown, P. P. Mills, C. Jackson.

Class II, Jr.—A. Fox, P. G. Stokes, P. W. Piggott, P. J. Jackson, P. E. Stokes, P. I. Heath.

Class I.—M. Neilly, P. A. Martin, P. A. Winter, P. L. Stevens, E. Brown.

Class I, Jr.—B. Kennedy, P. E. Montgomery, P. S. Stevens, P. E. Highgate, B. Montgomery, C. Heath, F. Dunlop.

School Board Has Surplus

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INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Public School Board of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—The following is a statement of the attendance at the Public Schools of the City of Chatham, for the month of December, 1905:

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Before Opening An Account

examine the growth of The Sovereign Bank. In 4 1/2 years, ending 31st October, 1906.

Assets have increased to \$25,343,401
Excess of assets over Liabilities to the Public has increased to 5,278,557
Deposits have increased to 15,578,920

\$1.00 opens an account in the Savings Department. Interest paid 4 times a year.

The Sovereign Bank of Canada.

EDWIN BELL, Solicitor. W. D. WILLIAMS, Manager. CHATHAM and ESSEX.