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## JANUARY SALE

# VERY LOW PRICES ON Ladies Cloth Jackets

You who have put off your purchase of a Jacket now get the benefit of our January Clearing Sale Prices. Every Jacket will be sold this month at prices reduced to clear, regardless of cost or profit. This short list will give you an idea of how prices are going.

Ladies' 42 in. long coats, semi-fitting, made of heavy fine Black Zibelines, lined throughout, regular price \$18.00, reduced to..... \$9.00	Ladies' 40 in. long semi-fitting Jacket, made of Grey Frieze, seams banded with narrow black braid, regular price \$8.00, reduced to..... \$5.50
Ladies' Monte Carlo Coats, 36 in. long, pleat back, lined throughout with fine Black Mercerized Satin, made of heavy Grey Twilled Frieze, regular price \$11.00, reduced to..... \$7.00	Ladies' tight fitting tailor-made skirt, coat very neat, is stylish, made of fine Fawn Kersey Cloth, lined, regular price \$16.00, reduced to..... \$8.50

## January Sale of Cottons, Sheetings and Flannelettes

Thousands of Yards of Mill Ends of Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, Sheetings and Shaker Flannels on sale during the balance of this month at 25 per cent. under regular prices. Last Saturday we sold hundreds of yards of these goods, and they have been selling freely all week—we still have great quantities from which you can select. The lengths run from 5 to 10 yards, and you can effect a great saving in securing now your Cotton and Shaker Flannel needs for the coming season.

<b>FUR LINED CAPES.</b> Handsome Fur Lined Capes in Plain Cloth and elegant Brocades, at prices \$22.50 up to \$40.00, on Saturday we offer you choice at <b>QUARTER OFF.</b>	<b>LADIES' UNDERWEAR.</b> A clearing purchase of Mill Seconds enables us to offer slightly imperfect goods at very low prices. Ladies' Vests on sale at <b>25 Per Cent. Under Reg. Price</b>
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Thomas Stone & Son.

# OVERSHOES

For men and women and for children, nowhere on earth can you find a more comfortable place for your feet during the cold weather than can be found inside our Arctic and Button Overshoes. All sizes.



<b>FOR MEN</b>	6 to 13
<b>FOR WOMEN</b>	212 to 8
<b>FOR MISSES</b>	11 to 2
<b>FOR CHILDREN</b>	7 to 10

TURRILL The Shoe Man

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Monday, January 12th,  
AND ALL WEEK.

**MARKSBROS.**  
NO. 1 COMPANY.

Bigger and better than  
ever. More Specialties  
than any other repertoire  
company on the road.

POPULAR PRICES:  
10c., 15c. and 25 Cents.

## MASONS' SUPPLIES.

We have a complete stock of Lime,  
Cement, Plaster, Sewer Pipe, Fire  
Brick, Cut Stone, Sand, Hair, Etc.,  
of the best quality and at the  
lowest possible prices—give us a  
call.

**J. & J. OLDERSHAW,**  
King St. West,  
Opp. Piggott's Lumber Yard

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

At the last regular meeting of Chatham Encampment No. 10, I. O. O. F., held last Thursday evening in the Oddfellows Temple, the following patriarchs were installed into their respective offices for the ensuing term by D. D. G. P. J. B. Couzens, Wallaceburg, assisted by A. Heath, P. C. P.; Grand Junior Warden John Jack, P. C. P.; Wallaceburg; Grand Recording Scribe, H. Garrett, P. C. P.; Grand Financial Scribe, C. H. Chapman, P. C. P.; Petrolia, Grand Senior Warden, and Alex. McDougall, P. C. P., Grand High Priest.

Past Chief Patriarch—Burt Jones, Chatham.  
S. Warden—B. K. Harper.  
Fin. Scribe—A. M. Lafferty, P. C. P.  
Rec. Scribe—Ed. Wing, P. C. P.  
Treasurer—John Turner.  
J. Warden—J. E. Oldershaw.  
Inside Sentinel—A. Heath, P. C. P.  
Guide—Wm. Terrell.

1st Watch—H. Garrett.  
2nd Watch—Wm. Mellish.  
3rd Watch—Henry Smith.  
4th Watch—Thompson.

## THE FREE COAL BILL.

### SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT NOW ATTACHED.

Mr. Roosevelt Expressed His Pleasure  
at the Prompt Action Taken by  
Congress.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday Representative Wachter of Maryland, Chairman of the House Committee on Enrolled Bills, accompanied by Representative Allen of Maine, reached the executive offices with the engrossed and enrolled copy of the free coal bill passed by Congress yesterday. President Roosevelt received the committee at once and signed the measure immediately, expressing at the same time his pleasure that Congress had acted so promptly.

## ST. LOUIS STILL MISSING.

Various Reasons For the Delay Are  
Advanced.

New York, Jan. 16.—There is no sign of the American liner St. Louis. Friends of those on board besieged the company's office all day and far into the night making anxious inquiries. The agents of the company do not think there is any need for alarm. There are 275 passengers on board.

Montreal, January 16.—Montrealers are much interested in the safety of the American liner St. Louis, which is now several days overdue at New York. Among the passengers is Mrs. J. M. Orkin, wife of Mr. J. M. Orkin of the firm of Chaley & Orkin, wholesale milliners, 1,831 Notre Dame street, whose residence is 239 Clarke avenue, Westmount. Mr. Orkin has gone to New York to await the arrival of the steamer. The Mr. and Mrs. M. Vinberg mentioned in the list are the father and mother of Mr. Moses Vinberg of M. Vinberg & Co., wholesale hatters and furriers, 532 St. Paul street. Mr. Vinberg lives at 255 Bishop street, and left by tonight's train for New York.

London, Jan. 16.—The American liner St. Louis left Southampton twelve hours behind time and made a bad run to Cherbourg, losing several hours there. The agents here asserted yesterday that this detention, with the bad weather which has prevailed of late, helped to explain the protracted voyage. They reported the number of first-class passengers on the St. Louis as 63, and expressed the confident expectation that they would land safely in New York. The steamships of this line, according to English ideas, are overworked and are not allowed to remain long enough in port between voyages, the machinery being overstrained and the officers and crews rendered discontented.

Down to this hour no news of the St. Louis had been received. It is now considered probable that one of her engines has broken down or that she has lost her propeller, in which event her experienced commander, Captain Bassow, would only be able to proceed at considerably less speed than the twenty knots of which the vessel is capable.

## CHARGES RESERVED.

The Sault Ste. Marie Election Trial  
Continued.

Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 16.—There were no very startling developments at yesterday's sitting of the election court. Judgment was reserved on thirteen charges of bribery. Evidence was then gone into on charge 40, that of treating at a committee meeting in the west end committee-room, of which Ed. Morreault was in charge. The charge was dismissed because, while treating had been proven, it was not shown that the committee was so constituted as to bring it within the act.

The next charge taken up was that against Wm. Turpin, who was charged with giving whiskey to Honore Tourangeau on election day for the purpose of securing his vote. Tourangeau swore that Turpin had given him a dollar bottle of whiskey on the morning of election day, and asked him to come to the polls to vote. Tourangeau took the bottle and stayed with it until he had drained it. He was not sure whether or not he had voted after getting the liquor. Turpin denied the story, and the charge was dismissed.

## EXPERT AUDIT FOR THE CITY DECIDED UPON BY COUNCIL

Appoint F. H. Macpherson to Ascertain the Financial Position  
of the City—Other Officers Appointed—Col. Rankin Chosen  
for C. C. I. Board—Football Club Secures Concession—  
Resolution of Condolence Passed to Ald. Taylor.

The financial condition of this city will be investigated by an expert official audit. The City Council so decreed it last night when they appointed F. H. Macpherson, Government auditor, to do the work. The audit will extend ten years back to 1893, when the debenture debt of this city was consolidated.

When Ald. Marshall introduced his by-law for the appointment of city officials at last Monday's meeting, the council docketed on the appointment of auditors and adjourned. The meeting resumed last night, Ald. McKeough being asked to the chair in committee, and, in the meantime, Ald. Martin had come in touch with public opinion and in commendable presence of mind and business tact, joined Mayor McKeough, Ald. Scullard, Piggott and Edmondson in their efforts to secure a thorough audit.

When the council were in committee, with Ald. McKeough in the chair, Ald. Marshall again moved that the names of Wilson Taylor and W. H. Robinson be filled in the by-law. Speaking in his motion, Ald. Marshall said:

"I was requested to call up Mr. Macpherson, Government auditor, I found him at St. Mary's and he said he would be here to-day. I saw him at the Hotel Garner to-night. Mr. Macpherson wouldn't give me any definite salary for the work. The only sum he would offer to do the work was \$8 per day of seven hours, and the payment of one or two assistants at from \$2 to \$5 per day. He couldn't just state what the assistants would cost. It would be necessary for the audit to extend back beyond 1892 and as far as the year 1893, when the debenture debt was consolidated."

"I have a statement for the City Treasurer," continued Ald. Marshall. "It shows an overdraft of \$18,000 in ten years. The late Ald. E. W. Scane, when chairman of Finance, said that there was an overdraft of \$25,000. I don't know where this discrepancy of \$7,000 arises."

"Some of the debenture bonds were sold to a man named McGill. He has since disappeared and no interest has been paid on them."

Ald. G. G. Martin—While on Monday night I was opposed to the official audit, still I have always been amenable to either fence rail or good sound argument. I am closely in touch with public opinion. Several of the leading men of the city called on me since Monday night. I am satisfied that nothing but an audit by chartered accountants will satisfy the public. I believe in giving the citizens what they want. I also believe in keeping down expense, but if the ratepayers want an official audit and are willing to pay for it, they should have it. Of course, I would prefer giving the work to local men. Why should we go to Toronto for chartered accountants? I claim that we have the best in Ontario in Chatham. Have I reason to say so? Yes I have. There is Mr. MacKeand. Mr. Laing, the Government auditor, has employed Mr. MacKeand to do this work. Mr. Laing wanted to make a yearly contract with Mr. MacKeand. Why not give Messrs. Taylor and Robinson the work of auditing the books. Then if the citizens want an official audit let them request it.

Mayor McKeough—If we are going to have a special audit we should have it at once. There is a feeling among business men that we should have the audit. I am informed that, unless the council appoints Government auditors, the citizens themselves will take the matter up. The county audit has cost less than \$1,000, and I do not think that the city audit will cost nearly as much, as the county audit goes back until the time of Mr. Arnold's trusteeship. I would like to see a thorough audit of the books so that a financial statement of the city's affairs can be secured. I don't wish to cast any reflections, however, on the local men. I would move in amendment that F. H. Macpherson be appointed auditor at \$8 per day and expenses.

Ald. Piggott—Public sentiment is desirous of an official audit.

Mayor McKeough's amendment carried, His Worship and Ald. Scullard, Piggott, Edmondson and Martin voting for it.

Ald. Marshall moved that W. H. Gonne be assessor.

Mayor McKeough moved that W. H. Gonne and Thomas French be assessors at a salary of \$200 each. The amendment carried.

William Rennie was re-appointed tax collector at \$600 per annum.

L. L. Davis was re-appointed the Library Board and Fred Stone was named to take the place of Thos. Scullard, resigned.

J. E. Thomas and S. B. Arnold were re-appointed to the C. C. I. Board and J. B. Rankin was appointed in place of Thomas Scullard, resigned.

Charles Morrell was re-appointed pound-keeper in North Chatham.

Dr. R. V. Bray and Dr. G. W. Cornell were re-appointed to the Board of Health.

The old constables were all re-appointed. When the list was read over, Ald. Martin remarked that there were more constables in the city than there were people to arrest.

"Never mind," retorted Ald. McKeough, "they might get something to do. We

may bring them up here after a while."

J. B. Johnson was re-appointed impounder at \$2 per week.

John Holmes was re-appointed high bailiff.

Mayor McKeough was appointed city auditor to act in conjunction with the county auditors in auditing the administration of justice accounts.

Ald. McKeough said that the matter of the Medical Health Officer's salary should be attended to. All recognized his ability, but the salary had only been raised to \$800 on account of the extra work entailed by the small-pox last year.

Ald. Marshall gave notice of a by-law which he intended to introduce at the next meeting of the Council, dealing with the Medical Health Officer's salary, the electric light men's, the caretaker's of the bridges, the weigh master's, etc.

John Stevens, Spencer Stone and John Milner asked permission to trim trees. Referred to the Chief of Police.

Ald. Piggott said that he had a letter from a firm down here, who desired to locate here. They would employ 25 hands. Referred to the Industrial committee.

The City Engineer wrote that the construction of the hot air registers in the City Hall were unsafe and there was danger of their setting fire to the building. Referred to the Property committee.

The account of J. L. Scott, \$32.87, was ordered paid.

David Holmes made application for the position of weigh master. Received.

Chief of Police Holmes presented his report of poll tax collected. It showed \$173.75 collected this year as against \$169.75 in 1901. Received.

Mrs. Harriet Thorn wrote in reference to a mistake made in her front-end tax assessment. Referred to the Finance committee.

A. Dale, of the Business College, made application for the position of auditor. Received.

On suggestion of Mayor McKeough the football boys were granted the use of a town hall to practise in, for their coming year's football show, they supply heat and light.

Ald. McKeough moved, seconded by Ald. Mounteer, a resolution of condolence to Ald. Taylor for the sad bereavement he had suffered in the death of his wife. The resolution placed on record the sincere sorrow and sympathy which the Council felt for their confrere. A copy of the resolution will be sent to Ald. Taylor.

## HONORED HIM

E. Harold Rankin left yesterday afternoon for Kingston, Ont., where he will take up a course in matriculation in the Rosedale College.

Harold was a member of the Regiment and non-com's mess. On Wednesday evening a number of his comrades presented him with a very handsome travelling suit case.

Harold was taken entirely by surprise and was so overcome that he could not reply. Harold was a very popular and much thought of boy and will be much missed.

## COAL COMING

The coal famine was somewhat alleviated yesterday by the arrival of a few cars of the precious stuff. J. G. Steen and J. J. Couzens received a car each yesterday and J. L. Scott received a car to-day.

Hundreds are being turned away almost daily from the gas house, asking for coke. Yesterday the company put up a sign no coke for sale.

The members of the Church of England at Mitchell's Bay will begin the erection of a church early in the spring. Quite a large sum has already been subscribed towards the cost.

# THE ARK

THE PUBLIC HAVE appreciated our stock-taking discount sale in this store during the past week. As proof of this we have been busy selling Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps, Stoves, Fancy China, and in fact everything comprising our immense stock. We know that you will see what you want in THE ARK.

10 Per Cent. Discount is Given During  
Friday and Saturday.

No goods exchanged during this special sale.

**H. Macaulay**

"THE ARK" will close at 6.30 evenings  
excepting Saturdays and evenings before  
holidays.

## DIDN'T PAY HER WAY

Mrs. Mary Thomas appeared in the Police Court this morning to answer to a charge of riding on the G. T. R. without a ticket. She pleaded not guilty and was remanded till next Friday for trial. Crown Attorney Smith is prosecuting and Ald. G. G. Martin is solicitor for the defendant. The charge against the woman dates from December 22. On that day it is alleged that she boarded the train at Glenora with a man. It is alleged she gave the name of Ellison and said that her male companion was sick with typhoid fever. She promised the conductor, it is said, if he would let her and her sick partner ride to Chatham, that she would send the money for her fare. This she never did. Yesterday G. T. R. Detectives Bradley and Day arrived in this city and, in company with P. C. Dezella, hunted the woman up. They found her last night talking to a man on King St., and arrested her.

## ONLY NEWS BULLETINS.

Daily Newspapers on Steamships  
Yet in the Future.

London, Jan. 16.—The announcement that arrangements had been made to publish daily papers on Atlantic steamers supplied with the wireless telegraph system seems to be founded on a plan, which goes into effect within a fortnight, to send news bulletins to certain steamers approaching the coast. The messages will be sent from a wireless station now nearly completed at Brown Head. The Marconi Company will only undertake to send messages distances of forty miles seaward, and for the present at least there will be no daily newspapers published on board ships. News bulletins will simply be displayed in various parts of the steamers.

## DELHI FACTORY DESTROYED.

Fruit and Vegetable Canning Establishment in Ruins—The Loss  
About \$60,000, With Only \$30,000 Insurance.

Delhi, Jan. 16.—The Delhi Fruit and Canning Association's fruit factory and plant are a mass of ruins. Fire was discovered about five o'clock yesterday in the bath-room, and owing to the high wind prevailing it spread rapidly, and was soon beyond control. Two large sheds adjoining were saved by the efforts of the citizens. Loss on building, plant and stock, about \$60,000; insurance, \$30,000. The following insurance companies are interested: Gore Mutual, Waterloo Mutual, Perth Mutual, North British and Mercantile Royal, British America, London Mutual.

# Rubbers AND

# Overshoes

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.  
CHEAPEST IN  
CHATHAM...

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