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## GOOD CHANCES FOR

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# Tuesday

For To-night and Monday we offer a last chance on our stock of Men's Shirts, Collars, Ties and Gloves. The reductions are equal to One-Half and more, and the qualities are the best.

## Men's Shirts.

Men's fine white shirts, open front and open back, short and long bosoms, best standard makes, sizes 14, 14½, 15,16, 16½ and 17, regular price \$1.00, on sale to-night and Monday for 63c

### Men's Gloves.

fine unlined kid gloves Tan Shades, some pairs very damaged, guaranteed values, regalar price \$1.00 a pair, on sale for 48c.

### Men's Ties.

Men's four-in-hand silk and satin ties, wide and narrow styles, dark, medium and light colors, new effects, regular price 25c. and 5oc. each, on sale at - 2 for 25c

### Men's Collars.

Men's pure linen collars, best makes, variety of styles, but not every style in every size, all sizes, 14 in. to 17 inclusive, regular price 15c. and 20c. each, on sale at 4 for 25c

## Sale of Cotton Laces for 5c. Yard

25 pieces Cotton Torchon Laces, 3 in , 4 in., 5 in. and in. wide, in good designs and lacy effects, suitable for trimming pillow shams, ladies' white skirts, etc., worth up to 15c. a yd, on sale for 5c.

## New Wash Goods.

Just cleared through the customs another two cases swell wash goods personally selected by our buyer from the manufacturers in Manchester and Glasgow. It will be a pleasure for you to look at them and a pleasure for

## Thos. Stone & Son,

IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD SUGAR YEAR.

## Sap Buckets

Handmade, Largest Size,

These are not cheap factory made We have some beautiful heavy handmade tinware.

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JUNIOR,

SATURDAY

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The same decorations in 102 pieces only \$14.00. If you are looking for something choice in Dinner Ware, come early and make your selection. See Samples in THE ARK WINDOW THIS WEEK.

We have very GOOD SETS at LOWER PRICES. We can suit your purse and taste.

Bargain Store H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

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## RIVER ON THE RAMPAGE RUNNING RUINOUS RIOT Wall

Open Floodgates Cause Serious Situation-Remarkable Rise o Water Does Much Damage Everywhere-Railroads Experience Wash-Outs.

Details of the Record-Breaking Deluge and the Damage Wrought—The Whole Country Affected-Many Homes Immersed and Business Suspended.

-River Still Reported Rising.

The flood has been felt more in this and in the 36 hours since the water NEARLY TWENTY FEET ABOVE LOW WATER MARK. city than ever before. This is the re- has fallen fully five feet. At prescord, the limit and everything else. Many city sanctuaries were without heat yesterday and hotels and private houses were similarly affected Cellars are full all over the city. The river has continued to rise steadily since it started Friday. All day yestwrday it kept rising at the rate of 7-8 of an inch an hour. The water is higher than it has been in 30 years. The high water record of 1898 has been beaten and the river is still rising. This was the condition of affairs this morning.

Brooklyn valley is flooded and the water is up on Dover St. in front of N. H. Stevens' residence. It was amusing to see the residents of the South side of this street going to church yesterday or going out for a walk. The residents would come out on the step and hail a passing boat. John Toulouse was one of the busiest and he was having a great time. "Hi, John, Lena wants you to come for her!" called a lad from a near by house. "I'm busy," remarked John, "and I guess Lena will have to do without seeing her beau tonight." This was a little suggestive

The water is almost up to the park and the creek in places is overflowing its banks. The Blonde Co., McKeough & Trotter and the Canada Flour Mills Co. are shut down. The horses had to be taken out of the Canada Flour Mills Co.'s barn this morning.

At the Waterworks Station there is lots of water in the place, but they are still able to operate.

The Gas Works and John Piggott & Sons' factory have been shut down. The water is up to the first floor in their factory.

St. Joseph's Church had no heat vesterday, but services were continued just the same. At Holy Trinity Church they had fire in one furnace The Victoria Ave. Methodist Church was closed, as the church is being repaired. Services at Christ Church were held in the Sunday school hall, The First Presbyterian Uhurch was not bothered by the water.

The furnaces in the city hotels and the people, in consequence, suffered

The Raleigh Plains are flooded and a lake extends all around Prairie Siding as far as the eye can reach. The Grand Trunk tracks are flooded and a regular stream is rushing across them like a mill-race. 'A couple of oil barrels from 'Crowe's store got afloat and the force of the current drove them through a piece of Page wire fence. It is believed that nearly two miles of track are washed out. The last train to get through was the Eastern Flyer. It came along at 6.30 Saturday night. The International Limited on Saturday night went as far as Prairie Siding and then came back and went around by the tunnel The only G. T. R. train to reach Chatham yesterday was the 12.42. It arrived at 3.15 and at once returned to London. The C. P. R. trains were run on schedule time. The water yesterday was within six inches of their tracks. To-day the C. P. R. west on these two roads is suspended. The G. T. R. train due here at 8.15 morning and run back to London.

SITUATION AT DRESDEN.

(Special to The Planet.) Dresden, March 28.—The flood in Dresden has gone down as rapidly as it came up, thanks to the sudden cold, snap, and the breaking of the jam near Wallaceburg. The turning point was reached at 6 p. m. Saturday,

ent it is just about ordinary high water height, so an idea of the magnitude of the flood can be formed.

Now that the water has gone down

the havor wrought by it can be more

accurately estimated. The heaviest osers are the Sugar Co., Laird Bros., Sandy McVean, J. Wright and O. & W. McVean. The Sugar Co. had about 1,100 barrels of sugar spoiled and the greater part of the machinery under water most of the time. Laird Bros. lost 5,000 cedar posts and large quantity of pine lumber. Wright lost about \$1,000 worth of wood, lime and cement, and the loss of Sandy McVean's mill and the hub and spoke factory cannot be estimated, as most of the machinery was under water for two days. Six stores at the bridge end of St. George street were flooded; the flax mill, Thos King's foundry, J. W. Grece's evaporating factory, Hazlet Woods' barber hop and about eighty dwelling house at least half of the dwelling house had fron six to 24 inches of water in all the first story rooms. The water is out of all of them this morn ing, so they will soon be made inhab

About two miles of sidewalk in the flooded section is in a wrecked condition and will make considerable expense for the town in repairs.

GREAT LOSS AT BURG.

The telegraph cable across the Sydenham at Wallaceburg was carried away Saturday and Bob. Hanna went up and put a wire across. He says that the railroad has placed three cars of coal on their bridge to keep it from being carried away. The land west of Wallaceburg is lmost entirely flooded. Michael O'Ne'l has lost 40 hogs and his stock and Lawyer John S. Fraser all his stock. These are only two instances, and there are many others of a like nature. John Cooper, of this city, has lost a 'great' many logs and bolts on the Sydenham.

## NO LIGHT TO-NIGHT. 6

P. S. Coate, 'of the Gas Company,, the Victoria apartments were out, and interviewed this morning by a Plane interviewed this morning by a Planet reporter, said that no gas had been made since three follock this morning, but that the supply on hand would last until about six o'clock to-night. Water encircles all the machines of the blant and there will be no private electric lighting to-night. Water getting in the pipes is the cause of the low pressure.

## INDIAN CREEK.

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Will Ross, Gravel Road, was in the city to-day. He says that in 25 years he has not known the water at the Oreck to be so high. The current was up stream quite strong this morning and the water was rising. Mr. Huff has a scow to ferry his milk across. A wire was run from one telegraph pole to the other and in this way the ferry was easily handled. No rigs have crossed at this point since Saturday morning. There is two feet of water on the bridge and over five feet at some places on the road.

AT THE POLICE STATION.

The water was up over the hot furnace at the pose station and was coming up through the intake in front of the Idlewild on Thames street. P. C. Tom Groves posted a sign on the door of the police station this morning asking all to attend court in Harrison Hall by order of the Magistrate.

There is over five feet of water in the cellar of the Malcolmson store. Ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson says that this Is the greatest depth of water that there has ever been on the cellar of this store since the has been in business.

The water is also under the gratings on Ring street.

This morning the water was 19 1-2 feet above low water mark. This is over six inches higher than jit was in 1898. The residents of the south side of Dover street had ito move out of their houses this morning. This is the first time this has happened, as these houses are built up high. The Courtney Hotel is sur-rounded by water.

BOATING PARTY.

Mrs. N. H. Stevens had a boating party on Dover street this morning. The party was composed of Mrs. Burk, Mrs. N. H. Stevens, Mrs. Strickett, Miss Margaret Walker, Miss Flossie Butler, Miss Mary Rankin, Will Stevens, Douglas Stevens, Starr Stevens, Robert Pobey, Geo. Winterstein and a number of lads. During the flood of 1898 boating was engaged in on Thames street,

WORKING NIGHT AND DAY.

Scott Bros. Co.'s factory is shut down and a gang of men are work-ing night and day watching the lumber to see that it doesn't get

"Two seine, two pike pole, shanty gone, my Eshing ground 500 feet of rope," lameinted Calixte Bechard this morning after a trip up to the waterworks bridge. The flood had carried off his shanty and its contents at his fishing ground just above the waterworks station.

PERE MARQUETTE TIED UP BE-TWEEN HERE AND SARNIA.

Conductor Sam. Pierce, of the Pere Conductor Sam. Pierce, or the reso-Marquette, has not been home to Sarnia since Saturday morning on ac-count of the flood at Walkaceburg. He made Chatham Saturday morning but on the return trip he found it impossible to get past Walkaceburg on account of a washout just north of that town.

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"The water there," said he to The Planet is four feet high over the tracks. For almost three miles the tracks are washed away and I think it will be fully a week before a single train will run from Chatham to Sarnia. The bridge is all right. The marsh plains are covered with water. People there are suffering great loss. Michael O'Neill has lost all of his farm stock and J. S. Fraser, barrister, has lost 100 head of hogs."

Percy Morley, of this city, was out as far as the Frederick road in Raleigh, on the Grand Trunk yesterday. He says the country around there looks like a huge lake. The water is over the farm and railroad fences and in Barr's bush, the favorite picnic grounds, the water is half-way up the trees.

## FURNACES OUT.

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The furnaces are all out to-day in the King St. stores. Austin's cellar is filled with water and he is now taking the old-fashioned way of heating his store with stores. He had seven stores going this morning.

Thibodeau & Jacques are in a like position, and Mr. Jacques and his clerks were seen paddling around in his cellar in a row boat trying to save what stock he had stored there. The Merrill House is heated to-day by one small store in the waiting room and the grate fire in the waiting room of the Garner House is supposed to supply the heat for the whole building. The Mineral Reth Houe is free from heat also, and have to close up their baths, except the cold fresh water ones.

WORST IN THIRTY YEARS. WORST IN THIRTY YEARS.
"I do not remember as great a spring freshet since 30 years ago," said G. K. Atkinson to The Planet.
"During that flood the writer in the creek came up over the C. P. R. tracks on King Street East and also over King Street East and also over King Street East and also over King St. at that point, and people wishing to go to the east end had to go around by Park St. The present flood is positively the greatest since then."

GOING UP STREAM.

"I have got four foot in my celler now," said J. A. Thompson. This is a foot more than I ever had be-Continued on Eighth Rage.

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Spring,1904



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