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1909. Many notable events in all departments of human activity marked the year that closed yesterday. Opening under the influence of the wave of depression that swept over the financial, commercial and industrial worlds, the leading countries were confronted by large deficits, necessitating considerable readjustments of taxation.

tariff reform movement in Britain have probably led to the greater willingness displayed by the German Government to consider proposals for a friendly understanding between the two powers and for a limitation of naval armaments. While the present mutual distrust and suspicion lasts the European outlook will remain disturbed, since the causes of friction are numerous and always more or less imminent.

progress is in evidence right across the continent and the lead given by the hydro-electric policy of the Ontario Government has been popular in the province and attracted attention throughout the Dominion. Fortunately for themselves, the new western provinces have adopted progressive principles and the cause of public ownership has made great advances. The fight in Ontario for a square deal for the people from franchise-holding companies still rages, but no setback of importance to the movement has occurred and the right of the province to control all matters within its jurisdiction has been firmly maintained by Sir James Whitney and his government.

Confronted by the prospect of an excess of expenditure over income for the current year, estimated at close on \$80,000,000, and recognizing that it was requisite to show that provision for the deficit could be made without affecting free trade conditions, the British ministry committed themselves to the now famous budget measure of the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Lloyd-George. It greatly increased the scale of liquor duties, and the income tax, property tax and death and stamp duties, especially on large incomes and estates, directed a re-valuation of the land of the country and provided that the state should receive a share of the increased values created by the growth of urban communities.

Imperial affairs were distinguished by the federation of the four South African States, the direct consequence of the grant of full self-government to the Transvaal and Orange River Colony. The latter will always be associated with the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and the strongly opposed at the time by the Conservative party in Great Britain, is now generally conceded to have been a courageous but at the same time highly politic course. It has already gone much to allay the bitter memories of the war and united South Africa will enter upon its career with the warmest congratulations and God-speeds from her sister states. The first federal parliament will be opened by the Prince of Wales in the summer of this year.

Outside political doings in 1909 saw two explorers return, each claiming to have reached the north pole. The melancholy controversy that ensued is too recent to require detailed notice. Lieutenant Peary has had his records sustained—Dr. Cook's have been denied acceptance by judges of his own selection, and it will ever be matter of regret that an achievement so spectacular should have been marred by charges involving personal honor. Last year will also go down to history for the extraordinary advances made in the art of aviation, particularly by means of heavier than air machines. The successes already obtained warrant the belief that aerial navigation, particularly for war purposes, will soon be under absolute control.

Budget deficits also troubled Germany and the opposition to Chancellor von Buelow's scheme for additional taxation was so severe and protracted that, although it became law, his resignation was not long delayed. The recrudescence of German Socialism disclosed in recent city and state elections and the growing discontent among the Conservative element in the empire will not assist the war party's efforts to increase naval and military expenditure. This and the uneasiness in Germany regarding the growth of the

WHERE CONTROLLER GEARY FAILS. Controller Geary has charged The World in a general way with being "vicious and venomous," against him. Controller Geary has failed to cite any specific instance either of venom or viciousness. It is true that The World thinks Controller Hocken is a better man than Controller Geary, to be mayor, but this is not viciousness. It is true that The World has said so, but that is not venom.

Mr. Geary's weakness is of his own manifestation. The facts are against him. The people want a champion against the Street Railway and the electric corporation forces. Mr. Hocken came out with a definite policy in the people's interests. Mr. Geary opposed both Mr. Hocken and his policy. Finding that the policy was a popular one, Mr. Geary trimmed on the question of tubes, and, while declaring Mr. Hocken's plan to be absurd, recommended the people to vote for it. As an opponent of Mr. Hocken, the Street Railway and the electric corporations naturally allied themselves with Mr. Geary. The Evening Star, the Street Railway organ, is his chief supporter.

EATON'S JANUARY SALE NEWS

The Best Reasons We've Ever Offered for Buying January Sale Linens and Cottons



A Month of Buying Privileges of an Extraordinary Kind. Here are some facts of an astounding nature that every thoughtful woman will appreciate and see that it's to her advantage to make an investment of at least a year's supply of cottons during this sale. We could keep on repeating: "It's the greatest sale of linens and cottons ever attempted by us," but here are the facts to prove it.

Away back in the early spring, we placed orders for great quantities of cottons at the low prices such huge orders and cash would naturally bring—prices started to jump, and they've been going up ever since, till TO-DAY COTTON PRICES ARE HIGHER THAN THEY'VE BEEN SINCE THE AMERICAN WAR. Nevertheless, our shipments arrived safe and sound, and we've tons of cottons to-day that the manufacturer would be glad to buy back at a handsome profit to us. But that's not our object. In the face of a veritable panic in cotton prices, we've cottons for our customers as low in price as they've been in years—cottons that were we obliged to order now, we'd pay away more than we're asking YOU—cottons that could still add big profits to our prices and still be under market prices.

- IRISH LINEN TABLE DAMASK, full bleached, even weave, choice designs in neat floral patterns, 68 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 39c.
ALL PURE IRISH DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS, snowy white, various designs in small, neat patterns; size 19 x 19 inches. Monday, \$1.19.
RED OR BLUE CHECKED GLASS OR TEA TOWELING, good drying quality, 17 inches wide. January sale price, yard, 4c.
GREY ALL-WOOL FLANNEL, pure Canadian wool, thoroughly scoured, no grease, fine shirting finish, in shades of dark, plain or light and dark twill. January sale price, yard, 10c.
CANADIAN STRIPED FLANNELETTE, even weave, well assorted, in neat striped patterns, light or dark colorings, 27 inches wide. January sale price, 5c.

The Footwear Section's Good Offerings for January Sale

- WOMEN'S FINE BOX-CALF WALKING BOOTS, excellent style for this time of year. Blucher tops, neat shape, extension soles and fitted with our special diamond (E) rubber heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 7. January sale price, \$2.00.
WOMEN'S FINE DONGOLA KID GENUINE GOATSKIN BLUCHER BOOTS, best workmanship all through, decidedly smart style for street wear, extension soles and fitted with our special rubber heels, sizes 2 1/2 to 7. January sale price, \$2.50.
MEN'S SPECIAL WINTER BOOT, extra weight of box-calf leather, heavy extension soles, Blucher tops, well made, a comfortable shape, fitted with our special rubber heels, sizes 6 to 11. January sale, \$2.00.
MEN'S BOOTS, in select quality of box-calf leather, made in one of the most popular styles, heavy-welted sewn soles, Blucher tops. This boot is one of the greatest values ever offered; sizes 6 to 11. January sale, \$3.00.

Annual Collar Sale

60,000 Men's, Boys' and Children's Collars, each 5c. This year the Collars for our January Sale represent the over-makes and seconds of two of the leading factories. The over-makes are perfect. The chief fault in the seconds is imperfect laundry work, though any other hurt that might be found is not serious enough to affect the wear of the collar. In the lot are all shapes and styles, including the popular fold, turn-point, straight band and low turn-down; also children's Elton. Two big counters have been made ready for this great event, and you'll find the sizes lined up in a way that will make choosing very easy and speedy. See the display in Yonge Street window. January Sale price, each, 5c. —Main Floor—Queen Street.

Big Shower of Collar Buttons Monday

The occasion when the thrifty housewife gets a supply of collar buttons to do the household. And the man, no matter how particular he may be, realizes that in this annual Collar Button selling are qualities good enough to suit him, and that's why it's looked forward to by so many. This year includes better grades than heretofore, and more of every kind. We've devoted to this occasion the entire souvenir section at Yonge Street doorway—plenty of space for everyone—plenty of salespeople—and a man may drop in to get his buttons and be off again, and no time waster. Card containing two Back Lever Buttons, two Front Lever Buttons, two Back Solid, two Front Solid Buttons—all with bone back, card complete 8c. Three cards of the well-known Twentieth Century Buttons for 10c. Card containing better grade buttons, with pearl back, one Lever Back Button, one Solid Front Button, two Lever Cuff Buttons, per card, complete, 9c. And other Button values equally good. —Main Floor.

Men's, Women's and Boys' Hosiery Low Priced

- And for warmth, service and comfort they're all you could desire for every-day wear. January Sale has never offered you better Hosiery values, and the economic buyer will be quick to appreciate the opportunity. Better grades here, of course, but did you ever see lower pricing for these qualities?
BOYS' Heavy Ribbed Wool Stockings, with 2-ply heel and toe, seamless finish, extra heavy for winter wear. Sizes 6 to 10. January sale, .17.
MEN'S Plain Black Cashmere Hose, spliced heel and toe, seamless finish. January sale, .12.
WOMEN'S PLAIN ALL-WOOL CASHMERE HOSE, made from extra fine yarn, double sole, heel and toe, seamless finish. All sizes. January sale, .29. —Main Floor—Yonge St.

Annuals, Monday, at About Half Price

To clear out the surplus stock of favorites, such as "Boys' Own," "Girls' Own," "Chatterbox" and "Young Canada." The quantity of each is limited, so early buying is wise. Boys' Own, reduced to 98c. Chatterbox for 1909, board and cloth binding, 50c. Girls' Own, reduced to 98c. Young Canada, reduced to 68c.

Our January Sale Pencil Special. A very suitable School or Office Pencil, containing fine quality lead, smooth easy writing, and entirely free from grit, fitted with a good rubber tip and sharpened ready for use. January Sale price, per dozen, 15c.

Get Your Stationery at Reduced Prices

The remainder of one of our biggest selling Christmas lines is now reduced to away below the regular price, to make sure of speedy clearance. The box has a very pretty design on the lid, and the paper is of excellent quality, a beautiful linen finish; quire of paper with envelopes to match; envelopes tied with silk ribbon. Monday's clearing price, 23c. Main Floor—James Street.

THE JANUARY WHITEWEAR SALE STARTS MONDAY. THE T. EATON CO LIMITED CANADA. THE JANUARY SALE OF WAISTS AND CHILDREN'S DRESSES STARTS MONDAY.

OLD GOLD CIGARETTES. 'I'd give my last quarter if I could only get a light'. Illustration of a man's face and a cigarette.

ESTABLISHED JOHN CATTO We W One and A Ve Happy Prosper New Y JOHN CATTO 55 to 61 KING STREET TORONTO "CON" ARTISTS Continued From news in relieving an im after banking hours. The two were taken to and their rooms separa son's place was found, e says she is his wife. Th clothes was found muc show that his path a straight. In his pocket when t cheque drawn upon a D form at Windsor, Ont., able to S. B. Anderson, charged to the account o son. It was signed Ada cheque found at the Buffalo Savings Ban favor of Frank Miller o signed Mather & Co., a American National Bank for \$200, signed Adams Merchants Bank, Wind \$500, to John B. Smith, See & Co., another Mont District Savings Bank, \$ Dec. 8, for \$250. In favo gan, signed O. S. Roofe. Also there were clipp that he had been arre burg, Pa., under the name Smith, Detroit, for tryi innocent out of \$5000. A fact he and his wife d Cass-street, Detroit, showed where \$300 had b Lincoln, Neb., to get him when he was serving a name of J. P. Martin. All are held without b woman was searched a don at headquarters abo of jewelry was discov after her. New Year Res Many people are apt of the New Year to mak for improvement in thei the year. No resolve can be safe drink radnor water, a sure of avoiding poison may lurk in ordinary mineral waters. Radnor is no cure-all; the heat of mixtur and pure and invigorating. Drink radnor if you vel and happiness. Whig Workmen A. By law an employer a der certain liability for occur to workmen. We response in our "E- bility Bonds." In case render first aid to the meet any litigation in the matter. London o Accident Company of land. Head office for Yon and Richmond-st Main 1642. Fruit Tree We have the largest e peach, pear and plum trees and gooseberry found in Canada. Write Brown Brothers Co., E les, Ont. Queen Quality Illustration of a woman's face and a high-heeled shoe. Tight boots— Better cha "Queen Qua Very stylish, comfortable. THE ROBERT SIMPSON