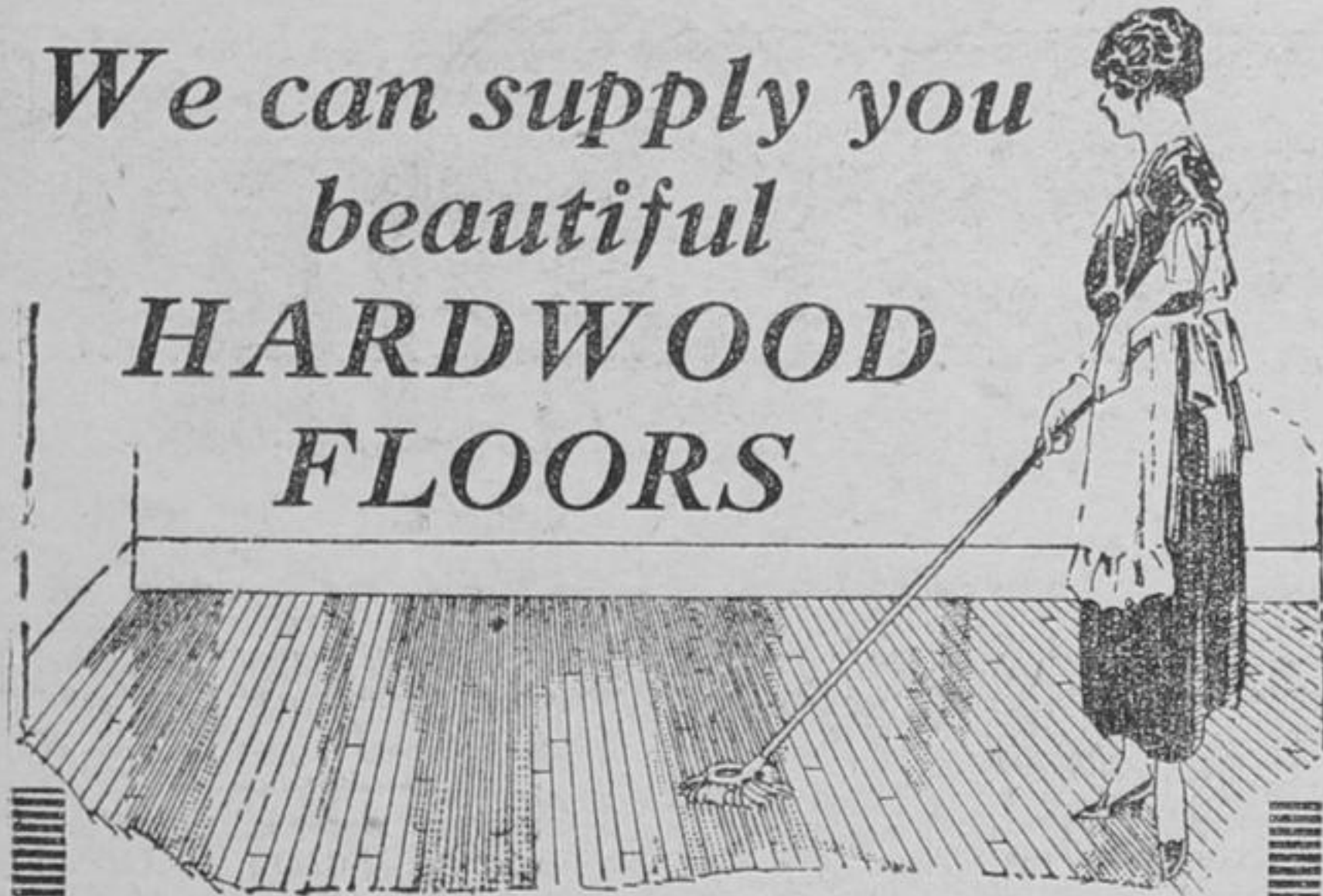


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**BLIZZARD ON COAST  
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**Five Inches of Snow at Halifax—St. John, N.B., Also Storm-swept.**

Halifax, N.S., April 20.—Halifax had a white Easter, the surface being covered with four or five inches of snow to-day, following a blizzard that raged Saturday afternoon and night, which, while not causing any known destruction of property, curtailed pre-Easter shopping and made street traffic very difficult. The vigor of the storm was especially felt on the waterfront, several ocean liners being delayed for hours on account of the blinding snow and high seas. The Swedish-American liner Kungsholm remained at quarantine from Saturday afternoon till Sunday morning, while the Cunard liner Scythia was held off the harbor for over twenty-four hours.

St. John, N.B., April 20.—A snow storm of unusual proportions for April swept New Brunswick from the Bay of Fundy to the borders of Quebec, Saturday and Sunday. The fall varied in depth from a few inches to a foot. In St. John the wind reached 35 miles an hour and at Lepreau, a few miles from here, fifty miles.

**THREE LIVES LOST  
IN FARMHOUSE FIRE**

**Farmer, With Wife and Elder Son, Perishes, While Others Escape.**

Quebec, April 18.—Good Friday brought death and suffering to a family at Breakeyville, near Levis, when three lives were snuffed out and seven others menaced by a disastrous fire which utterly destroyed the modest home of William Ramsay, a farmer, who seven short years ago came from Glasgow, Scotland, to make his home here.

The dead are William Ramsay, aged 48 years; his wife, aged 50 years, and their elder son, Willie, aged 18 years. They failed to effect their escape from the burning building, though it is asserted by several of the inmates who

escaped that they were heard moving about.

Three boys, Jack and Charlie Maule, who were guests of the Ramsay family for the Easter recess, and Charlie Ramsay, younger brother of Willie, who was killed, jumped to safety in the nick of time.

Even so, Charlie Maule was badly burned about the hands and feet and had to be taken to the Jeffrey Hales Hospital for treatment.

**What of Subtraction?**

Wife (reading newspaper)—"Scientists can multiply the sound of the human voice 12,000 times."

Husband (thoughtlessly)—"What have they done in the way of subtraction?"

**Nationalities in 1921 Canadian Census.**

English	2,545,496
French	2,452,782
Scotch	1,173,824
Irish	1,107,817
German	294,636
Hebrew	126,196
Dutch	117,509
Austrian	107,671
Ukranian	106,721
Russian	100,064

Apple shipments from British Columbia during 1923 to the United Kingdom and Scandinavian ports amounted to 781 cars. Only a small proportion of B.C. apples went via the Panama Canal.

**HOUSE WRECKED  
BY SEWER EXPLOSION**

**Woman Injured When Front of Her Home is Blown Out by Blast.**

Welland, April 18.—Sewer gas exploded with disastrous results on Ross Street at noon to-day. One house was wrecked, three set on fire and several persons injured. Mrs. D. L. Weaver, who was standing on the rear porch of her home, was thrown several feet by the impact and sustained a fractured arm and other injuries. The Weaver house was badly damaged.

The entire south side of the home of William Walsh was blown out and the rest of the building wrecked. Mrs. Walsh and three children were at dinner, and though the dining-room was almost demolished, neither Mrs. Walsh nor the children were seriously injured.

A sheet of flame shooting through the basement drain set fire to the house of Maurice Barnes, Fisher St., and before the blaze was extinguished, \$800 damage was caused. A small fire was also started in Edward Blake's house on Ross Street.

At the junction of the Ross and Welland Street sewers, flames spouted 20 feet in the air and considerable damage was done in this section.

It was the first sewer gas explosion experienced in Welland, and is thought to have been caused by the sewer becoming overcharged by the heavy rainstorm.

**CRASHING WALL  
BURIES AERIAL TRUCK**

**Fire Fighters Are Carried to Death Among Falling Bricks.**

Chicago, April 18.—Nine firemen and one policeman are known to be dead, and sixteen firemen were badly injured in a spectacular fire and the crash of a four-storey building. Others are missing, and the total may exceed 20, as some of the injured will not recover.

A huge brick wall, four storeys high, bulged outward by a terrific explosion, crashed down, burying men

and apparatus beneath tons of debris, on Blue Island Avenue, near Fourteenth Street.

The entire front of old Curran Hall, a landmark on the Southwest Side for many years, collapsed without warning, and before any one of the firemen fighting the flames was given a chance to leap to safety.

More than twenty firemen were mounted upon the city's new steel water tower, erected in the centre of the burning structure, when it crumpled up like so much paper beneath the tons of brick that rained down upon it.

Work of rescue parties was hampered when the entire neighborhood was plunged into darkness, and by the fear that two huge side walls of the structure that tottered inward might fall any moment, burying the rescuers beneath them.

**AMBULANCE ORDERLY  
KILLED IN COLLISION**

**His Throat is Cut by Glass From Broken Windshield.**

Montreal, April 18.—Ovila Chateauvert, aged 58, orderly of the St. Joseph Hospital, was instantly killed, the chauffeur suffered severe scalp wounds, and a motorist and two boys were injured when the ambulance of that hospital, speeding to a sick case in Montreal West, collided with a heavy touring car in Lachine this afternoon.

Chateauvert met death when a piece of glass from the windshield of the ambulance was driven inches deep into his neck, cutting the jugular vein. He also suffered a fractured skull when thrown from the ambulance by the shock of the collision.

Giovanni Guzzi, the motorist, was badly bruised, and Philip Cote, aged 6, was cut about the face, while his companion, Paul Baudet, aged 7, sustained a broken leg, when the ambulance swerved across the sidewalk on which they were at the time of the accident.

The ambulance was passing a corner when Guzzi's car drove down on it at right angles. Neither could avoid the other, and the ambulance was struck sideways, pitched on the sidewalk, and capsized.

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