

# BIG CLEARING SALE

As we are leaving town, in order to clear our big general stock we have smashed the prices on our goods without mercy. The prices mentioned below will prove to you that it is no put-up affair. We have a full range still on hand in everything mentioned. Hurry and get your sizes and selections before the goods are gone. Be wise and make fifty per cent. of your buying here, instead of elsewhere. It means a big saving for you. Space prevents mentioning all the bargains we have for you, but call and see for yourself.

### Men's Sweater Coats

Men's sweater coats, grey, trimmed with green and with red. Splendid coat for working men. Only..... **69**

Men's sweater coats, nicely trimmed. Good weight, Regular \$2.00 for..... **98**

Men's all-wool sweaters, double neck and cuff..... **59**

Men's blk. worsted coats regular \$2.25, for..... **1.49**

Children's sweater coats, grey and blue trimmed with red only..... **79**

Boys' sweaters, navy, trimmed with red good value at 75c. for..... **49**

### Men's Underwear, Etc.

Men's fleece lined underwear. Sale price..... **39**

Men's wool fleece-lined underwear, regular 75c. for..... **48**

Men's Penman's and St. George's all-wool unshrinkable underwear, regular selling price \$1.25 for **79**

Men's wool unshrinkable underwear, regular 90c. for..... **59**

Boys' fleece-lined underwear, all sizes. Sale price..... **29**

Men's flannels, all-wool top shirts, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 **79**

Men's working shirts, durable and in full sizes, for..... **39 and 49**

Men's fine top shirts, extra special values, from..... **29c up**

Men's red and blue handkerchiefs. Sale price..... **5**

Men's all-wool heavy socks. Sale prices 13c., 17c., and 19c. a pair.

Men's ties, all colors and styles. Regular 50c., to clear at..... **13**

Men's heavy and light braces. Sale price per pair..... **19**

Men's Excelda handkerchiefs, sale price..... **3 for 25**

Men's linen collars, all sizes, to clear at..... **5**

Men's collars, sale price..... **17**

### Big Inducements in Men's and Bops' Suits

Boys' 2-piece suits, in navy and dark patterns, pleated coats, with belt. Some bloomer and some plain pants. Sale price..... **1.98**

Boys' 3-piece Scotch all-wool suits. Regular prices up \$5. to clear at..... **1.98**

Boys' 3-piece suits, tweed and worsted. Sale price..... **2.98**

Men's heavy tweed suits. Sale price..... **3.98**

Men's fancy tweed suits, new and \$10.00, for..... **5.98**

up-to-date, good value at **5.98**

Men's tailor-made fancy worsted and tweed suits, regular price \$15.00, for..... **7.98**

Slaughter prices in men's worsted and tweed pants.

Men's fancy tweed overcoats, some college collars, and some Prussian collars to button up to the neck, or to throw open, tailor made and nicely finished. **7.98** Regular \$15, for.....

Men's tweed coats, well tailored with velvet collar, up-to-date patterns. Sale price..... **5.98**

Men's beaver shell coats, with German otter collar, lined with imitation Persian lamb, interlined with rubber, well tailored and trimmed. Sale price **13.98**

Men's natural Canadian dark coon coats, full size **39.98** skins, regular \$65, for.....

Men's black China dog coats, with Persian lamb collar, regular \$30, for..... **19.98**

### Staples

Linen towellings, reg 9c for **5**

Linen towellings, reg. 12 1/2c for **6**

Prints and ginghams regular 12c. for..... **8**

Prints and ginghams, regular 15c. for..... **10**

Sateen.—Black, red, pink, and white. Sale price..... **12**

Flannelettes, heavy striped, light and dark, regular 12c., for..... **8**

Flannelette blankets, white and grey, sale price..... **98**

Table linen, regular 40c. for **25**

Table linen, regular 55c. for **39**

Best Irish linen, reg. 90c., for **59**

### Dress Goods

Checked and striped dress goods, reg. up to 35c., for..... **18**

Diagonal and plain dress goods, in dark shades and patterns. Regular 50c. and 60c., for..... **29**

Venetians and serges, all colors, reg. up to \$1, for **49 & 58**

Men's tweed suitings and overcoatings, suitable for men's and boys' suits and overcoats. Regular \$2, sale price..... **68**

All-wool flannel, sale price **19**

Ladies' wrapperettes, wrappers, colors blue and red, nicely made and well trimmed. Regular up to \$1.50, for..... **98**

Ladies' skirts, black and blue, panamas and serges, finest material and latest make. Regular up to \$7 for..... **3.48**

Ladies' and girls' cloth colors, latest make, to clear at half price.

Ladies' fur and fur lined coats also ruffs and muffs at a big reduction.

### Shoes and Rubbers

Men's overshoes, first quality, storm and plain, sale price..... **65**

Men's one buckle heavy rubbers. Sale price..... **1.39**

Big reduction in men's heavy and fine shoes.

Boys' heavy rubbers, sale price from 90c. to..... **\$1.15**

Boys' shoes, light and heavy, shoes, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 for **98**

Girls' shoes, sale price..... **98**

Ladies' medium weight Reliable shoes, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 for **1.19**

Ladies' patent buttoned and laced shoes, McPherson make. Regular up to \$4, for..... **1.68**

Ladies' fine kid and dongola shoes, regular \$2.50, for..... **2.48**

Big reductions in Children's Full supply of fresh groceries shoes.

### Ladies' Underwear

Wool underwear, natural wool, regular \$1.25 for..... **79**

Unions, heavy weight, worsted underwear, regular 75c., for..... **49**

Ladies' long sleeved winter weight underwear, sale price **2.29**

Ladies' sweater coats, black, blue and red, buttoned up to **1.48** the neck. Sale price.....

Ladies' all-wool worsted stockings. Sale price..... **19**

## Highest Prices Paid for all Kinds of Farm Produce and Raw Furs.

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### WHAT THE CENSUS SHOWS Durham Prosperous Under Local Option

One of the stock-in-trade arguments used by those who are opposed to Local Option is that the licensed bar is essential to a town's prosperity. We have heard that statement reiterated times without number, until, by its very frequency, some might be led to believe there was some truth in it.

That this statement is not true, but in fact the very opposite to the truth is amply shown by comparing the census reports of towns under license and those under local option.

Take for example some towns that have been under license for years. Surely if liquor selling makes a town prosperous these towns should be at the height of prosperity, but what do we find? A steady decrease in population from what they were ten years ago. Note the fact that one and all have the same story to relate: declining population.

Here is the list.

Town	Pop'n 10 yrs. ago.	Present De-yrs. ago.	Pop'n crease.
Mt. Forest	2019	1837	182
Warkenton	2971	2601	370
Harriston	1637	1491	146
Kincardine	2077	1956	121
Palmerston	1850	1665	185
Chatsworth	404	357	47

A great many more licensed towns might be taken which would show a similar decline in population, but space forbids. While we do not state or claim all licensed towns to be similarly declining, as here and there we find one that has increased, but these are exceptions which in no wise disprove the rule, but rather tend to show that their increase has been in spite of the paralyzing effect of the liquor traffic, rather than due to it.

Turn now to Local Option towns. In this connection it is only fair to take those places that have been at least a couple of years free from the deadening influence of the bar. It takes any town that length of time to shake off the moral and material lethargy into which they have sunk as a result of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We have only three in our immediate neighbor-

hood which have been under local option for that length of time. It is a striking fact, and one well worth noting, that the longer these towns have been "dry" the larger the increase in population.

Town	Pop'n 10 yrs. ago.	Present In-yrs. ago.	Pop'n crease.
Owen Sound	8776	12555	3779
Durham	1424	1579	155
Chesley	1734	1736	2

Does the above look as if Local Option hurts a town? Does it look as if the grass was beginning to grow on the streets? Far from it. The census reports clearly prove that Local Option is a town builder. Durham is forging ahead under Local Option. Our population is increasing. Our industries are prosperous. The Furniture Factory more than doubled its capacity and expects to employ 100 more hands. The Cement Mill has also had a prosperous year. In fact one of the best since it started.

The fine Oatmeal Mill, owned by the McGowans, and which, by the way, was erected since Local Option was introduced, is a credit to the town, and a means of bringing trade from a great distance to Durham. The same with our other industries. Well might the Mount Forest Confederate of November 23rd last, referring to the splendid new Library which is being erected here, state that "Durham has got ahead of this town in one or two particulars." Four years ago Mount Forest defeated Local Option, while Durham carried it. To-day there are practically no vacant houses in Durham, while we have been informed there are plenty in Mount Forest. A disinterested party had occasion to spend a recent Saturday in that town, coming up on the night train to Durham. He stated that he had seen more people on the streets of Durham after nine o'clock at night, than he had seen in Mount Forest all day. Does that look as if the farmers would not trade in a Local Option town.

No one now believes the fairy tale "that farmers will not trade in a local option town." Facts have abundantly disproved that theory. Shortly after local option was introduced one of the business men of the town approached a prosperous farmer and shaking him by the hand said, "Well, I guess

we will not see you in town so often now that Local Option has been introduced." "Well, no," was the answer, "I may not be in quite as often myself, for since the temptation of the bar has been removed, I'll not be afraid to send the boys in."

Electors of Durham. Vote for Local Option and a prosperous town.

Wasn't that a funny political dialogue the Mt. Forest Confederate handed out in its last issue? The Confed. can, without any exception, grind out more dyspeptic political trash than any other local paper that comes to our sanctum. The Review comes in as a good second.

### Sheep for Sale

15 EWES BRED TO LAMB AFTER April 15th. In good shape. Time if required.—W.E. McAlister.

### BORN.

TRAYNOR.—In Durham, on Thursday December 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. H Traynor, a daughter.

### Birds and Fishes and Glass.

A correspondent recently reported what he described as the "curious freak" of a blackbird flying against a parlor window many times at the same spot continuously. Such an incident is not uncommon. Birds have been known to fight for hours at a time, day after day, with their own image reflected in a pane of glass, pecking and fluttering against the pane and quite exhausting themselves in their fury to demolish the supposed rival. It is another instance of how the arts of our civilization corrupt and confuse the birds. It is the same with fishes. Darwin tells a story of a pike in an aquarium separated by plate glass from fish which were its proper food. In trying to get at the fish the pike would often dash with such violence against the glass as to be completely stunned. It did this for more than three months before it learned caution. Then when the glass was removed the pike would not attack those particular fish, but would devour others freshly introduced. It did not at all understand the situation, but associated the punishment it had received not with the glass, but with a particular kind of fish.

### Boiled Down.

When Samuel G. Blythe, the writer, was editing a newspaper in New York

state a green reporter one night turned in a long and thrilling story regarding the rough treatment handed out to John Smith, a visitor to the town. The story related that Mr. Smith, wearing a high silk hat, had ventured down to the docks after nightfall and a silk hat being unusual and provocative of antagonisms in that section Mr. Smith had emerged from among the dock hands without the hat. Nevertheless he carried out of the melee so many wounds, cuts and bruises that he had to be sent to the hospital. The article in its original form was too long and not in keeping with the style of the paper. Accordingly Blythe started to rewrite it. This is the form in which it appeared in the paper the next morning: "John Smith, wearing a high silk hat, went down to the docks last night—Emergency hospital."—Popular Magazine.

### Wagner's Last Words.

There have been so many and conflicting stories published as to the last hours of Richard Wagner that the chapter devoted to this point in Glafennap's biography of the composer will be read with interest. The master was not really sick at the time, but tired out from the work and worry over the "Parsifal" rehearsals. On the morning of Feb. 13 he said to his valet, "I must be careful today." After breakfast he went to his study as usual and worked on an essay on "The Feminine in the Human." He asked to be excused at the noon meal, and the family and an intimate friend were enjoying it when a woman servant rushed in and said that the great man was ill. He was placed on a cot in his study, and while removing some of his clothes a watch which his wife had given to him fell to the floor. He gasped, "My watch!" And these were the last words he uttered.

### A Race of Tenors.

Generally speaking, races living at high altitudes have weaker and more highly pitched voices than those living in regions where the supply of oxygen is more plentiful. Thus, in South America, among the Indians living on the plateaus between the ranges of the Andes, at an elevation of from 10,000 to 14,000 feet, the men have voices like women and the women like children their singing being a shrill monotone. The Australian native has a weak voice, but a knack of sending it a long distance, and the lowest tribes of African bushmen would come into the same category; but it is said, of all human beings the pygmies of Central Africa have, in point of volume and compass, the weakest of human voices.—Harper's Weekly.

### Wellington an Simplicity.

When Sir Edwin Landseer was painting the duke's portrait, hoping to save

him the trouble of much sitting, he wrote and asked if he could let him have the trousers belonging to the uniform. The duke wrote back in all solemnity:

"Field Marshal the Duke of Wellington presents his compliments to Sir Edwin Landseer and regrets that he cannot send him the trousers as he has but one pair."—London Nation.

### Wanted an Even Start.

"Pa, you know you told me to count twenty before I punched another boy?"

"Yes."

"Well, in order to make it work out right you have got to go around the neighborhood and make the other boys promise to count twenty before they take a punch at me."—Houston Post.

### Force of Habit.

"It's curious how habits fasten themselves on people. You know Wappley?"

"Yes."

"He's an enthusiastic fisherman and always has a story to tell about some gigantic monster of the deep that he almost caught."

"I've heard him tell a lot of lies of that kind."

"Well, it seems that burglars broke into his house the other night and he got up and captured one of them—a little fellow—but you ought to hear him tell about the size of the one that got away."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Dana's Ten Books.

Charles A. Dana once made a list of ten "indispensable books." They are the Bible, Shakespeare, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, Bancroft's "History of the United States," Irving's "Life of Washington," Franklin's "Autobiography," Channing's "Essay on Napoleon Bonaparte," Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" and Tarbell's "Early Life of Lincoln."

### Repudiated the Spelling.

Once while in Pittsburg Andrew Carnegie had a telegram sent and stood waiting until it reached the operator. He listened attentively to the clicking of the key, then immediately wrote a new telegram, as follows: "The other message mine; spelling the operator's."

### Her Secret.

Bessie—Did you tell the girls at the tea that great secret I confided to you and Elsie? Eva—No; isn't it a shame! That horrid Elsie got there first and told them before I arrived!

### Not the Cook's Fault.

Mistress—Really, Marie, whenever I come into the kitchen I see you doing nothing. Cook—You're right, mum; you never have any luck, do you?—Fliegende Blätter.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. Will Lavelle was up from St. Marys over Sunday and Monday. Mrs. J. Kress spent a few days in Toronto this week.

Mrs. Fred Buckingham visited friends in Mt. Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Connor are visiting friends in Guelph, and attending the Winter Fair.

Mr. Thos. Fluker, of Palmerston, spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. T. Fluker here.

Mrs. E. D. McClocklin, sr., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nicholls, in Toronto.

Mr. Colgan, of the Dundalk Herald, gave us a brief call on Tuesday.

Mr. Samuel Wright, of Kincardine, and his son, Sam, of Chesley, were in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Webber and child, of Swift Current, Sask., are spending a few weeks with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Webber, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. Langford, formerly a clerk with Alex. Russell here, was in town last week to buy a load of turkeys to ship to the west. Mr. Langford is now engaged in Orangeville.

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