

SETTLING DOWN TO A BIG 1904 BUSINESS.

All grievances and rumors are now adjusted. We have signed the lease again. Now that all other dealers are through with their cheap sales, we have a few things to dispose of. This week we will clear them out, as we must have the room to accomodate our heavy purchases now arriving for spring 1904

Useful Seasonable Goods

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Fur Coats and Fur Collars.

Ladies' \$22 50 Fur Coats to clear at \$14.
Ladies' \$35 Fur Coats to clear at \$25
Ladies' \$50 Grey Lamb Jackets, 3 only left, 1 size 34, 36, 38, to clear at \$30
4 only Fur Lined Capes, to clear at \$7.50
16 pairs Ladies' Grey Lamb Gauntlets sold at \$4.50 to \$6, to clear at \$2.50 pair
8 pairs Ladies' Black Coony Gauntlets, sold \$3 and 3.50, to clear at \$2 pair.
A lot of Astrachan Mitts for Misses and Children, to clear at 50 cents a pair.
Men's \$18 Russian Wolf Fur Coats to clear at \$10.50
Men's \$18 Wallaby Wolf Fur Coats, to clear at \$12.50

Men's \$22 Black Bear Fur Coats to clear at \$16
Men's \$40 Raccoon Coats \$27.50
Men's \$55 Raccoon Coats \$32.50
Men's \$65 Raccoon Coats \$47.00
Men's \$80 Raccoon Coats, the best Coats to be found in the city, 2 left, to clear at \$2.50 pair
Men's Fur Caps, 6 styles of Furs, all sizes, worth \$3 to \$4.50, this week \$1.50 and \$2.25.
Boys' and Girls' Astrachan Caps, grey or black, 3 styles, to clear at 38c. and 45c.
All Winter Goods in our 6 stores are marked down to clear. Come in and see what a dollar will do. Watch this space.

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A LAND OF FLOWERS.

Lady Minto's Account of Her Recent Visit to Japan—Her Ladyship Was Greatly Impressed.

Lady Minto, who has but recently returned from a visit to Japan, which country she visited in company with her daughters, Lady Eileen Elliot and Lady Ruby, was wonderfully impressed during her trip with the progressive spirit displayed by the whole Japanese nation. The country and its clever inhabitants Her Excellency considers quite marvelous in many respects. Its unusual beauty, its sunshine and flowers, its striking cleanliness, of its people, who are imbued with poetical and artistic inspirations, combined with an energy and a spirit of progress worthy of the most up-to-date Americans, requires actual contact with, declares Her Excellency, to thoroughly appreciate.

It is the land of flower fetes and of fascinating Geisha girls. At the flower festivals masses of flowers are arranged everywhere, through thousands of lanterns twinkle behind softly colored shades. It is a land where people of mature years ascribe qualities to flowers, much in the same manner as a child of poetic imagination would do with us.

Yet this same Japan declares Her Excellency, has an army and navy "wonderfully organized." The Government has established a Kindergarten and a school system based upon ours, and they have also adopted our railways, and our business methods even so far as our telephone girls. The marvel of the land is, however, that while they have taken the best of our modern inventions, that they have the good sense and native appreciation of art to retain the former thoroughness and distinctive qualities of their art and handicrafts. Her Excellency, who is herself an artist, particularly admires this feature of Japan's industrial life. Ordinary weavers will work for months upon one piece of work, frequently originating their own designs.

Several trunks of interesting souvenirs, quaint bits of lacquer and inlaid work, and copies of peculiar gods, which cause one to wonder at the religious instincts of such a people, are interesting mementoes of Her Excellency's visit. The collection also contains a few of the large exquisitely carved bronze lanterns, which are hung before the Shinto temples, and a number of the remarkable dwarf cedars of Japan. An autograph portrait of the Empress of Japan is a valued souvenir.

HERBERT SPENCER IN CANADA.

Some Interesting Reminiscences of His Visit to the Dominion.

The late Herbert Spencer was in Canada in 1882. He did not come as far west as Toronto, although a Montreal gentleman, who entertained him there, gives a local journal this account of his visit:

"On Sunday evening, September 2, 1882, Mr. Spencer, accompanied by his old friend, Mr. Edwin Lott, a banker from his native Derby, came to Montreal. When I entered their car at St. Lambert Mr. Spencer was dozing, but quickly aroused himself and stood up, a somewhat tall, slender man, his fair sunburnt face giving little token of the ill-health from which he had so long suffered. The next morning we walked to Mount Royal. A heavy shower soon obliged us to take refuge in a stone-breaker's shed on the Park road near the head of Peel street. Seated on the limestone, Mr. Spencer chatted of his early days as a railway engineer, and of Robert Stephenson, who had designed the Victoria Bridge. He distinctly remembered Mr. F. P. MacKellan, an engineer who long resided in Montreal, and who, in 1879, removed to Chicago. As young men they had met at Durham. He spoke of the shameful way in which landowners 'held up' the first English railway companies, sometimes demanding four times as much as their property was worth, and claiming damages from lines not so near as a mile to their estates. One of these plunders, whom he named, gave a large sum for a public purpose, endeavoring to compensate for robbing Paul by giving Peter what he did not owe him. He was greatly impressed by the magnificence of New York; he thought the Capitol at Albany in bad taste."

"Mr. Spencer," continues the Montreal narrator, "was much interested in hearing from Dr. Sterry Hunt details concerning the earliest known organic remains, those of Eozoon Canadense, studied by Sir William Dawson and Dr. Hunt. Mr. Spencer said that he expected much new light to be shed on the evolution of life by deep-sea dredging. His talk was marvelously pointed and clear. A universal interest and a flawless memory were in plain and unobtrusive evidence every moment of that memorable hour. From his habit of dictating to an amanuensis he had acquired a precision of statement that made every sentence fit to print as it left his lips."

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The Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held in their Banking House on **Wednesday, the 24th February next at 3 p.m.**, for the election of five directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it.

A. H. F. RANDOLPH,
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Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 22, 1904—dtf

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