

City's Schools Called Unsafe, Also Crowded

Public Education Association Declares Buildings Are Insanitary and Unfit for Rearing of Children

Are Lacking in Facilities Report Rooms Are Dark, Ventilation Bad, Roofs Leaking, Walls Crumbling

The Public Education Association of the City of New York, in a communication issued by its director, Howard W. Nudd, calls attention to the alarming conditions which are declared to exist in the public schools of Greater New York.

According to the association, the school buildings of the city are unsafe and insanitary, classes are overcrowded, teachers are underpaid and facilities are inadequate. Because of the problem offered by the public schools of New York, the association, after a thorough investigation, asks this question:

Would you send your children to a public school in New York City if you could afford to send them to a private school?

"Many of the public school buildings in the city," the association's report of conditions says, "are unsafe and totally unfit for the rearing of children. The rooms are dark and badly ventilated, the walls are crumbling and the roofs are leaky, and the heating apparatus more or less continually out of repair."

Result of False Economy "These conditions are not of sudden occurrence," they are the result of years of neglect, the outcome of false principles of economy. In order to make the annual budget appear small and tickle the fancy of irritable taxpayers, the sums appropriated in the past to keep the school plant in efficient working order have been woefully inadequate.

"Instead of spending two or three millions a year to keep the \$150,000,000 school plant in proper condition, a sum which any apartment house owner would regard as extremely conservative a view of the wear and tear, the few very thousands which have been annually appropriated for this purpose have been almost wasted in hopelessly patching things up.

"Repairs that could have been completely made at slight cost have been either neglected or only partly effected and have thus been allowed to become, eventually, replacements. As a result, the total sum now needed to put the school plant in shape is almost appalling. It is estimated by the building department of the Board of Education that at least \$5,000,000 is needed to make conditions even reasonably tolerable."

Classes Overcrowded "Nearly 500,000 children in the public schools are in badly over-sized classes—classes having more than forty children. A quarter of a million of these are in classes having more than forty-five children. Nearly 50,000 are in classes of fifty or over. At least 5,000 are in classes of more than fifty-five."

"What private school could exist under such congested conditions? Would you pay to send your child to such a school, particularly if it were also a made and insanitary as the foregoing statement would indicate?"

"What is New York doing to remedy this condition? Practically nothing. The school building program, which would require \$10,000,000 to meet this condition alone, is concerned primarily with the problem of reducing part-time and not with the problem of reducing the size of classes."

"Evidently for several years to come, the children in the public schools of New York City will not only be housed in unsafe and insanitary buildings that are a menace to life and health, but will be crowded into grossly over-sized classes. How long will the public permit this to continue?"

Lack of Teachers Demoralizing "The lack of regular teachers and substitute teachers is daily demoralizing the class work and administration in practically every school in the city. When teachers are absent and where there are vacancies, and there are always some in every school, it is usually necessary either to dismiss children for the day or distribute the children among other classes which are already overcrowded. In many instances this means that the teachers have the care of upward of ninety children. It is doubtful whether any real instruction can be given under such circumstances."

"The seriousness of this situation is further evident when it is realized that the classes without teachers vary from day to day, so that in actual practice the school program is kept in a continual state of demoralization. Nothing short of adequate pay for teachers and better working conditions will remedy this evil. This will cost many millions more. Would you subject your child to such conditions if you could help it? We doubt it!"

"Wherever in the public schools of New York City are there adequate opportunities for work and play? It is true that there are some of such facilities here and there, but they are so meagre that few children have use of them and those who do, use them so little that they are of relatively little lasting value. To provide such facilities in all the schools for all the children on a scale commensurate with the practice in the better private schools of the city, would cost many more millions than those enumerated above. If the reserved seat hobby is to be perpetuated in New York City, it will be many years, if indeed ever, to the present rate, when the children of the city schools will be given the rounded education resulting from a balanced program of work, study and play that will make them the healthy, adaptable and intelligent men and women of the coming democracy."

School for Deaf Seeks Aid New Building Is Urged to Supplant Dingy Quarters

The Parents' Association of the School for the Deaf is endeavoring to persuade Comptroller Craig to approve the Board of Education's recommendation for a new building for the students who now attend classes in a dingy, unlighted building in 225 East Twenty-third Street.

The building, constructed in 1895, was closed at one time as unfit for use. The pupils come from all over the city, because there is only one such school in New York. They cannot go home for luncheon, and their only chance for exercise or fresh air is two inadequate yards. The deaf children are forced to eat their luncheon in a room in which there is no window.

BROOKLYN ADVERTISEMENT

Mme. Irene Corsets Values to \$10—Reduced to \$6.95

Frederick Loeser & Co. BROOKLYN - NEW YORK

Women's Wash Fabric Gloves 69c. Pair : Good \$1 Value

Men's Soft Cuff Shirts, \$1.85

A Record Value for the Price Of 68x72 and 80x80 Percales and Other Shirtings

THIS NEWS tells of Shirts that will give service and satisfaction and which may be purchased at just about today's wholesale cost, because one of our manufacturers received the order many months ago.

The shirtings are excellent percales and other good weaves in a splendid assortment of stripe patterns, all on white grounds.

\$2 Blouses of Voile and Net, Reduced to 69c

Assortments of sizes and styles are broken, and there are a number of models from which to select; flat collar effects in the voiles, and those of net are round neck styles, trimmed with ruffles and lace.

Wonderful Sale of Real Laces

REAL LACES are scarce, and have been scarce for a long time. So when an importer came to us with a proposition to take over his surplus at a low price almost unheard of, we naturally accepted the opportunity.

These Laces will be here tomorrow, beautiful Real Filet, Real Cluny and Real Crochet Laces, in various good widths, and women may buy them at prices less than it would cost us to land such Laces in America today.

Real Filet Laces, 39c. to \$5.50 per Yard. In handsome patterns from 1/2 inch to 8 inches wide.

Real Crochet Laces, 49c. to \$5.50 per Yard. In various widths.

Real Cluny Laces, 25c. to \$1.49 per Yard. The prettiest of Cluny Laces and Insertions, 1/2 inch to 5 inches wide.

Imitation Filet, Crochet and Cluny Laces, Insertions and Bands, 15c. to 49c. per Yard. An exceptionally fine lot of Laces, 2 to 5 inches wide.

\$3 to \$3.50 Georgette Crepe at \$2.49 and \$2.95 per Yard. Fine quality Crepes in black, white, ivory and colors.

\$7.50 to \$13.50 Novelty Georgette Crepe at \$5.50 per Yard. Flouncings and Allovers in tremendous variety of pretty patterns and colorings.

Georgette Crepe Bands, \$2.98 per Yard : Values up to \$6 Here, too, women will find good variety.

\$3.98 and \$4.50 Navy Blue Serges, \$2.98

AN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE has brought us a limited quantity of fine and fashionable Navy Blue Serges to sell at this unusually low price.

Navy Blue Serges are in greatest favor for spring wear and these are all wool, including:

54-Inch French Twill Navy Blue Serges \$3.98 Black Dress Serge, \$2.98

54-Inch Navy Blue Suiting Serge \$4.50 all wool black fine French twill Dress Serge.

54-Inch Navy Blue Storm Serge \$2.50 Black Suiting Serge, \$1.98 per Yard

42-inch all wool black Suiting Serge. Odd Lengths of Navy Blue Serges \$1.75 to \$2.98 per Yard : Values Up to \$4.50

Lengths of from 2 1/2 to 5 yards of fine navy blue Serges, suitable for skirts, suits or dresses. A mill's surplus, including Serges regularly up to \$4.50 a yard.

3,500 Pairs Lace and Scrim Curtains

10 to 40 Per Cent. Under Value

A SERIES of offerings that will make the Upholstery Store a center of interest among those who have made up their minds to purchase new Curtains.

Scrim and Marquisette Curtains Over one hundred styles in white and ecru. Lace edge, drawn-work, lace insertion, hemstitched, motifs in French effects, etc., on scrim, marquisette, filet marquisette, fine voile:

\$1.85 pair, values to \$3 \$2.85 pair, values to \$3.75 \$3.45 pair, values to \$6 \$4.45 pair, values to \$7.50 \$5.85 pair, values to \$9 \$6.95 pair, values to \$10 \$7.45 pair, values to \$10

Nottingham Lace Curtains Fifty designs, including Brussels and Filet patterns:

\$1.50 pair, values to \$3 \$2.45 pair, values to \$3.75 \$2.95 pair, values to \$4 \$3.45 pair, values to \$4.50 \$4.50 pair, values to \$6.50 \$5.65 pair, values to \$8

Imported Irish Point Curtains \$9.75, \$13.95, \$19.75 and \$22.95 per Pair

Seven hundred and fifty pairs, including some of the most beautiful designs we have ever shown.

Beautiful French styles, mostly in white.

10,000 Yards Cretonnes at 29c., 49c. and 69c. per Yard. Values to \$1.15.

New Printed Voiles 49c., Values to 75c

EARLY SHOWING of new dress cottons for spring to-morrow; also this exceptional array of desirable weaves at much lower than usual prices.

There are forty pretty styles of these Voiles. Light and dark color grounds in floral, geometrical, dots, checks and other attractive patterns.

Half-Silk Poplins, \$1.50 per Yard. Printed Voiles, \$1 per Yard

Finely woven, lustrous Poplins, 36 inches wide. In a wide range of desirable light and dark colors; also ivory and black.

Also a splendid assortment of imported Dimities, Organdies, Swisses and Voiles at 59c. to \$2.50 a yard.

New Wool Tricotine Frocks

An Unusual Sale \$29.75

Three Smart Models

A Price That Scarcely Covers the Cost of Material and Making

A SALE PLANNED to meet the mid-season's demand for Dresses of this particular type, presenting advance spring models made to Loeser's special order for the occasion.

New silhouettes, as pictured, elaborate with braiding and embroideries that accentuate the distinction of their lines.

Tailored Dresses, straight and pannier effects, with rows of buttons or heavy stitching, with narrow string belts, long, snug-fitting sleeves.

In the correct wanted colors of taupe, navy blue and in black. Sizes 34 to 44, and one model to 46 bust.

120 Sample and Model SKIRTS

Made to Sell at \$16.50 to \$30 : Now \$12.75 and \$15.75

Sport Shirts—Street Shirts—Dress Shirts

Box plaited and side plaited models in the new plaids, stripes, checks and novelty materials, in colours, worsteds, poplins, jersey, tweeds, velveteens, satins and taffetas. Only one or two of a style and a remarkably choice assortment from which to make a selection.

Beautiful Embroidered Ribbons, \$4.95

\$8 Values, for Bags, Girdles, Vestees

IN GORGEOUS combinations of color, with gleaming threads of gold that emphasize the effectiveness of the heavy silk embroideries, these handsome Ribbons are phenomenal values at the price.

The design, a striking Oriental rose and leaf, is very decorative, against the soft, rich taffeta ground, and is to be had in Navy and Sage Blue, Black and Sage Blue, Wistaria and Plum, Black and Henna

To demonstrate how effectively these Ribbons may be made into Bags several smart styles are displayed in the Ribbon department.

Women's Shoes, Clearance at \$5.85

Our Own Fine Values Up to \$12

WHEN SHOES of Loeser standard in some of the season's best styles are to be bought at such a reduction it is surely time to invest.

This is a clearance of about 500 pairs of high class Shoes in sizes from 2 1/2 to 8 and in widths AA, A and B; but not every size and width in each style.

Black Kidskin Lace Boots, Brown Kidskin Lace Boots, Black Kidskin Boots with Cloth Tops, Brown Kidskin Boots with Suede Tops, Black Kidskin Boots with Gray Suede Tops

Some with high heels; others with low heels.

The Regular and Expected Winter Furniture Sale

Will Begin February Second (One Week From Tomorrow)

Preceded by Three Days Of Inspection—Jan. 29, 30, 31 (Days to look over the Furniture and make reserves for the Opening Day)

WE need only say in addition, that despite all current talk about Furniture scarcity and high prices, an advancing market, etc.,

Loeser's Has the Furniture At 10% to a Third Less

There will be delight and enduring satisfaction for those who do this year as they have done for many years gone by and get their Furniture at Loeser's.

56 Sealskin Fur-Plush Coats

A Maker's Overstock—\$100 to \$125 Models

On Sale Tomorrow : \$69.50

FULL LENGTH GARMENTS, as rich in appearance, as smart in style, as the fur coats from which they were faithfully copied.

Half a dozen models on graceful lines, roomy and belted; large convertible collars that flare smartly and deep cuffs add to their desirability. Many sample Coats among them.

Lined with Skinner's guaranteed satin or peau de cygne, and in all sizes 34 to 46, these are Coats that the woman who demands distinction and dignified elegance in apparel will want.

\$55 Seal Plush Coats : Special, \$35

Two models with dolman sleeves, convertible collars and deep cuffs; one tailored and belted, the other on soft full lines. In sizes 34 to 44 inch bust.

200 Suits for Men and Young Men \$39.50; Were Up to \$55

JUDGE the importance of this offering by the fact that every one of these Suits is from our own regular lines. Designed, cut, made and tailored according to our ideas.

All are Suits that business men will like. Smart sack styles of fine cashmeres and worsteds. In brown, heather, green and gray mixtures.

A clearance of broken lots with fairly good range of sizes to start with. Suits formerly priced up to \$55 for \$39.50.

Handkerchiefs for Men and Women

10c. to 25c. : Values Up to 50c

A LARGE COLLECTION of Handkerchiefs, including broken lines, odd initials and certain groups which are to be discontinued, will come to new and much lower prices to-morrow because we wish to dispose of them promptly.

Some Handkerchiefs show signs of handling, but the greater part are perfect.

Men's Handkerchiefs at 25c. Each All linen and part linen styles, with 1 1/2 inch hems.

Women's Handkerchiefs, 15c. and 25c. Each Plain linen and odd initial Handkerchiefs in a wide variety.

Men's Handkerchiefs at 10c. Each Of fine lawn and cambric.

Women's Handkerchiefs at 10c. Each Of lawn in plain, embroidered and odd initial styles.

Remnants of Linens, Sheets Bedcoverings and Pillowcases

New Records in the Little Prices

A MISCELLANEOUS LOT of high grade merchandise, including all odd lots, discontinued styles and patterns join in a January Clearance Sale here tomorrow.

It is one of those occasions whereby the thrifty will greatly benefit.

In the Table Linen Store

Odd Lots of Pattern Table Cloths Imported Irish mercerized pattern Table Cloths in handsome floral patterns, full bleached:

70x70 Cloth, value \$4.75, at \$3.50 70x70 Cloth, value \$5.98, at \$3.75 68x68 Cloth, value \$6, at \$4 72x90 Cloth, value \$6.75, at \$4.50 72x90 Cloth, value \$7, at \$4.98

Imported Irish mercerized scalloped Table Cloths in beautiful floral designs:

\$3.98 each, value \$5.50 \$4.50 each, value \$6.25 \$5.50 each, value \$7.50

Part linen and part cotton pattern Table Cloths:

68x86 Cloth, value \$6.50, at \$5 68x68 Cloth, value \$6.25, at \$5 68x68 Cloth, value \$7.50, at \$6

Part linen and part cotton hemstitched tablecloths:

66x66 Cloth, value \$7.50, at \$5.50 68x84 Cloth, value \$8.50, at \$6.50

Part linen and part cotton Napkins in a variety of designs:

\$4.50 dozen, value \$5.75 \$5.50 dozen, value \$6.75 \$7.50 dozen, value \$8.50

Odd Lots of Linen Table Cloths Irish linen pattern Table Cloths in a number of beautiful patterns:

68x68 Cloth, value \$8.75, at \$7.50 2x2-yard Cloth, value \$14.50, at \$9 2x2-yard Cloth, value \$13.50, at \$10

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Part linen and part cotton Crash with neat blue border, for dish or roller towels.

45c. Linen Toweling, 39c. Yard Irish Linen Crash Toweling with neat red border.

35c. Dish Towels, 29c. Part linen and part cotton Dish Towels with neat blue borders, hemmed ready for use.

56c. Turkish Towels, 45c. All white and some with red and blue borders.

39c. Huck Towels, 25c. 50c. Huck Towels, 39c. Full bleached extra large size hemmed Towels.

In the Bedcovering Store

\$5.50 to \$25 Blankets at \$4.50 to \$22.50

Winter weight Blankets, including many single pairs. Of cotton and part wool. White Blankets with pink, blue and yellow borders; also some all white and others in plaid effects and a few grays:

Blankets at \$4.50 Blankets at \$7 Blankets at \$7.50 Blankets at \$8 Blankets at \$9 Blankets at \$10 Blankets at \$11 Blankets at \$12 Blankets at \$13.50 Blankets at \$14.50

And up to \$22.50

\$6 to \$56.50 Comfortables at \$5 to \$50

Some have sanitary white cotton filling, covered with figured silkoline, and some are finished with 8-inch borders. Also high-class wool-filled

comfortables, covered with silk, satin and silk and satin brocades; some in figured designs; others plain colors both sides:

Comfortables at \$5 Comfortables at \$7 Comfortables at \$9 Comfortables at \$15

And up to \$50

\$2.75 to \$8.50 Bedspreads at \$2.25 to \$7.50

including crochet, dimity and satin finish Marseilles Bedspreads. Some hemmed; others scalloped with cut out corners:

Bedspreads at \$2.25 Bedspreads at \$2.80 Bedspreads at \$3 Bedspreads at \$3.25 Bedspreads at \$3.50 Bedspreads at \$4.50 Bedspreads at \$5 Bedspreads at \$5.50 Bedspreads at \$6 Bedspreads at \$7.50