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THREE BUSY STORES,

228, 230, 232 Dundas St.

A GROUP OF SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY NIGHT.

FROM 7:30 TO 10 O'CLOCK.

Goods and Prices That Make Quick Selling a Certainty.

Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Handkerchiefs , embroidered initial in corner, worth 12½¢ each. Saturday night only 5c Each.	Men's Woolen Socks , regular 20c quality. Saturday night only 2 Pairs for 25c.	Ladies' Flannelette Gowns , lace trimmed; white only. Regular 90c. Saturday night sale 59c Each.
Ladies' Tan Cashmere Hose , regular 25c and 35c. Saturday night to clear 10c Pair.	Children's Camelhair Tams , worth 50c. To clear Saturday night 39c Each.	Table Linens , two pieces only. Regular 25c line. Saturday night 20c Yard.
Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose , sizes 4½, 5, 5½, 6, 6½; regular 15c and 19c. Saturday night 10c Pair.	Black Mercerized Sateen Skirts , regular \$1.25 lines. Saturday night 75c Each.	35c Velveteens at great reduction, colors, cardinal, brown, navy and gray. To clear at 20c Yard.
Ladies' Fleeced-Lined Cashmerette Hose , sizes 8½, 9, 9½, worth 25c. Sale price 17c Pair.	Ladies' Flannelette Gowns in pink, blue and white. Splendid value; worth \$1.25. 75c Each.	Black Silk Velvet , one piece only, worth 40c yard. Saturday night 15c Yard.

NEW "SOO" COMPANY

Different Views of the Outlook for Reorganization.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—A dispatch today from Thomas Drummond, Canadian representative of the reorganization of the Lake Superior Consolidated Company, states that the special meeting had been further adjourned till tomorrow afternoon, and that everything indicated a favorable arrangement with the Philadelphia interests in the Speyer syndicate to participate in the plan. Its success is now almost assured.

New York, Dec. 10.—The success of the proposed consolidated Superior reorganization scheme is becoming more dubious as the date for the sale of pledged securities, Dec. 15, approaches. Meantime stockholders have put up a good deal of money and are still depositing funds with the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia, to save their property. It is conceded there will be insufficient money to carry out the plan, but that in view of the action of the shareholders in putting up the money, should make some material concessions. An officer of the company, Mr. Superior Company confirms the report that Speyer & Co. have declared their unwillingness to participate in reorganization underwriting, but states that reorganization has not yet been abandoned. Clergue and Dandurand are expected to return from Europe daily, and it is hoped they may be able to drag the company out of the mire.

WAR IN THE SPRING

An Austrian General Predicts More Trouble in the Balkans.

Vienna, Dec. 11.—General Tzontcheff has gone to Paris. He will go later to London, and it is possible that he will visit the United States. In an interview, General Tzontcheff considered that a war between Turkey and Bulgaria next spring was inevitable, and he expressed the belief that Serbia would co-operate with Bulgaria. He said that the scheme of reforms in Macedonia formulated by the Austrian and Russian governments and formally consented to by the Porte, was doomed to failure.

General Tzontcheff said the belief prevailed in Serbia that Austria would outfit Russia, and that Austria was now secretly preparing to occupy Macedonia. Meanwhile, Bulgaria, the Macedonian leader said, was steadily preparing for war, and had recently received 50,000 Mannlicher rifles and large quantities of ammunition and military stores.

ALL HANDS LOST

By Wreck of Schooner on the North Carolina Coast.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 11.—Reports from Cape Fear River-saving station, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, give particulars of the loss of the schooner *Clarence H.*, a small coasting vessel, bound from Shallotte, N. C., to Wilmington, and the drowning of the captain and crew and two passengers. The body of one of the passengers, a local fisherman, drifted ashore, with the schooner bottom up. The presumption is that the schooner encountered a heavy gale as she was attempting to get over the bar on Wednesday night.

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BRIDGE IS WANTED OVER THE THAMES

Deputations Wait On the Middlesex County Council.

COST OF STRUCTURE IS \$15,000

Action Deferred for a Day—Councilor McLeod Reappointed Hospital Trustee.

Strong representations were made to the county council at its session yesterday afternoon for the building of a bridge at the Willey bridge site over the River Thames. This is a short distance north of the village of Dutton, and is between the Township of Dunwich, in Elgin county, and the township of Ekfrid in Middlesex County.

The deputation representing the County of Elgin appeared before the council yesterday to ask co-operation in building the bridge which would be of a 200 foot span and would cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000. This deputation was headed by Warden McKellar, the others being Councilors Morris, Jackson, Rockey, Thompson, and Letich and Engineer Bell. They showed how much both townships needed the bridge and that the County of Elgin was ready to go ahead with the County of Middlesex.

The township council of Ekfrid had a strong deputation present consisting of Reeve McTaggart, Councilors Lethbridge and G. C. Elliott and Clerk McDougall. They all agreed that the site mentioned was the proper one and held that all who knew of the situation should be given the opportunity to be heard. The necessity of the bridge. They asked the council to co-operate with the Elgin council in giving them a 80-much-needed bridge.

County Councilor McLeod said Middlesex spent a lot of money last year in building bridges, and a breathing space should be given. The people living in that section seemed very urgent about building the bridge, and would like one at every concession. He advised a few years' delay.

To Councilor Neely, Elgin County Councilor Leitch explained that the bridge would be the chief road of the township of Dunwich. Councilor Neely thought that the deputations showed plainly that the people of the County of Elgin were very anxious to have the bridge. He awaited the report, however, of the special committee.

Chairman Robertson said the report would be presented today. Councilor Simon McLeod was unanimously re-appointed county trustee on the Victoria Hospital Board.

The board of road directors presented their first report which was as follows:

"In the matter of bylaw No. 106, of the township of Adelaide, referred to us, we beg to recommend that a bylaw confirming said bylaw No. 106, be passed at this session.

"(2) In regard to extras on concrete of that conference with the County of Pearson, we recommend no action.

"(3) In matter of the claim of one Mrs. Cushman, we recommend a payment of \$25.

The first two clauses were adopted, but the third clause was amended by changing to "no action" be taken.

The council adjourned until 1:30 to-day and the board of road directors met at 1:30 to meet with the councilors from the County of Elgin.

DESERTED THE BRITISH

Small Levies Go Over to the Mad Mullah's Forces.

Aden, Arabia, Dec. 11.—It is reported here that the small levies raised by the British in East Africa have mutinied and joined the forces of the so-called Mad Mullah.

ACETYLENE GAS AGAIN

One Man Killed by Explosion in Nanitoba.

Deloraine, Man., Dec. 11.—The acetylene gas machine in the Revere Hotel here exploded about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Robert McKibbon, the porter, was killed and the building badly wrecked. Luckily the fire was got under control and not much damage done by that element.

CAUGHT AT OMAHA

May Be the Man Who Killed Rudden, of Windsor.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—An Omaha dispatch says: On the advice of Detectives Campana and Mahoney, of the Ontario province, police, a colored man giving the name of A. A. Smith, has been arrested by Detectives Davis and Mitchell, of the local police force. He is said by the chief of police to be the suspect in the Rudden murder, which occurred in Windsor, Oct. 26.

MR. FOSTER AND MONTREAL

May Be Offered Nomination of St. Antoine Division.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The French-Canadian Conservatives of St. Antoine division announced yesterday that they would favor the nomination of Hon. George E. Foster in that division, and together with the English committee, would offer it to him at the meeting Monday next. The English claim that as it had been decided to offer Mr. Foster one of the Montreal divisions, St. Antoine should be chosen by preference.

Mr. D. A. McCaskill, president of the Conservative Association, has gone to New York to meet Mr. Foster today.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The latest gossip in local Conservative circles is that if Mr. E. F. Clarke can be induced to leave his post in the Ontario House of Commons, Mr. W. E. McPherson will be the Conservative candidate in West Toronto.

A "Flyer" Wrecked.

Steuenville, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Fifteen injured and one dead is the result of the wrecking of east-bound Panhandle flyer No. 14 at New Cumberland Junction, Steuenville, last evening. The wreck was caused by an open defective wheel.

THE WEATHER TODAY—Cold, with snow flurries.

See display of Handsome Evening Dress Materials in west window. Pretty as a picture, and priced moderately.

This Is Toy Time

CHRISTMAS wouldn't be Christmas for the children without Toys—they instruct as well as please. Permit us to introduce to you the contents of our large Toy Department. Other years you've been delighted with our showing—this year you'll be more delighted. It is impossible to give in this space a detailed list of our stock, for we're brimful of all the latest and best mechanical and other interesting Toys. To give you some idea we have:

Mechanical Toys, in all the latest novelties, at from..... **20c to \$2.50**
 Handsome, Durable and Pretty Dolls, all kinds and all sizes, at from..... **18c to \$2.50**
 Wooden Horses and Carts, almost unbreakable, good value from..... **25c to \$2.25**
 Rocking Horses, in three sizes, unbreakable rockers. Special at..... **\$2.25 to \$3.50**
 Beds, Cradles and Rockers, the regular 50c and 25c kinds selling special. See these for the little motherly girls. Wonderful value at..... **15c and 25c**

\$1.25 Tapestry Clearing at 75c.

A quality we bought for upholstering purposes, but it's too heavy. Just right weight for a good, serviceable bedroom carpet. Only a few yards required for so wide a width—50 inches. As we do not handle anything in regular floor coverings we have marked this line at a price to clear at once. This is a bargain. Regular \$1.25 yard, for 75c. It has large floral designs and soft rich colorings of blue and gold, brown and gold, and terracotta and green. Per yard..... **75c**

Dainty Hosiery for Xmas Gifts.

Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes; sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Per pair, 80c, 60c, 50c and 40c.
 Ladies' Extra Heavy Plain Black Cashmere Hose, full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes; special for winter wear; sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Per pair only..... **50c**
 A special line of Ladies' Cashmere Hose in red, white, tan and natural wool; full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes, sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Per pair only..... **50c**
 Ladies' Superfine Black Silk Hose, full fashioned, spliced heels, feet and toes; sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Per pair..... **\$2.50**
 Children's Heavy Rib Wool Hose, with double knee and spliced heel and toe; recommended for their elasticity and durability; sizes 6½ to 10½ inches. Per pair from 30c to..... **40c**
 Children's Heavy Rib Black Wool Overstockings, with improved wide leg; sizes 6½ to 11 inches. Per pair, 50c, 40c and 30c.
 Children's Extra Heavy Plain Black Cashmere Hose, with double knee and spliced heel, feet and toes, fashioned; sizes 4 to 8½ inches. Per pair 35c to..... **50c**
 Men's Fine Black Cashmere Hose, silk, clocked in red, white and blue, spliced heel and toe; sizes 10, 10½, and 11 inches. Per pair only..... **50c**
 A special line of Men's Heavy Black Rib Wool Hose, sizes 10 to 11 inches. Good value at only, per pair..... **25c**

SMALLMAN & INGRAM,

149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

THE ATLAS LOAN

Counsel's Argument To Be Heard at Toronto.

St. Thomas, Dec. 11.—The investigation held by the master-in-ordinary to hear the appeals of the Atlas Loan contributors, was concluded at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The master, after the evidence was all in, decided to hear argument on the different cases in Toronto at a future date. The cases of twelve contributors were heard for unpaid stock in sums ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.

Several other minor cases were disposed of, and after three days of tedious investigation, the hearing came to a close.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 10.—At New York—Graf Waldersee, from Hamburg; Ethiopia, from Glasgow. At Philadelphia—Belgian, from Antwerp. At Naples—Hesperia, from New York. At Quebec—Hesperia, from New York. At Montreal—Hesperia, from New York. At Gibraltar—Princess Irene, from New York.

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RATE AND LIMIT—Single first-class fare for the round trip, good going Dec. 21 and 25, valid returning until Dec. 28; also good going Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, valid returning until Jan. 1, 1904.

RATE AND LIMIT—Single first-class fare and one-third for the round trip, good going Dec. 23, 24 and 25, also on Dec. 29, 31 and Jan. 1, valid returning until Jan. 5, 1904.

For tickets and all information apply to E. D. LA HOOKE, C. F. and T. A., "Clock" corner, Richmond and Dundas streets, or to G. E. HORNING, G. T. R. depot ticket office.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

For Christmas and New Year's Vacation will issue return tickets.

GENERAL PUBLIC.

AT SINGLE FIRST-CLASS FARE, good going Dec. 24, 25, valid for return until Dec. 28, 1903. Good going Dec. 31, 1903, and Jan. 1, 1904, valid for return until Jan. 4, 1904.

AT FIRST-CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, good going Dec. 23, 24 and 25, and Dec. 29, 31, 1903, and Jan. 1, 1904, good returning until Jan. 5, 1904.

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Statistics show that in 50 years the average height of British men has risen an inch. The present average height for a man of 30 is 5 feet 8½ inches.

THE WABASH RAILROAD

It is the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including Texas, Old Mexico and California, the lands of sunshine and flowers. Through standard and tourist sleeping cars are now run via this great southern route. The new and elegant trains on the Wabash are hauled by the most powerful engines ever built. Every comfort is provided equal to the best hotels, or the most luxurious homes. Nothing is wanting to complete one's happiness. The days and nights pass quickly, while traveling on the great Wabash line. For information as to rates, routes, etc., address any ticket agent, or J. A. Richardson, district passenger agent, northeast corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto.

Some first editions of Dickens' works were sold for \$25 at Messrs. Sotheby's recently.

The Christmas Dinner Table

Get some new cutlery for your own or your friend's table.

English Carvers, Table Knives and Forks, Tea, Dessert and Souvenir Spoons, Table Spoons and Forks. All these in Sterling Silver.

These goods make excellent gifts.

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