

ATTO

For this week we present a grand summation of our high-class selections for Christmas shoppers.

SHIRT WAIST LENGTHS

Hundreds of these in neat boxes to select from. Silk from \$1.50 up. French printed flannel and delaines at \$1.25.

SHIRT WAISTS

In flannel, \$2 up. Plain and Fancy Cashmere, \$2.75. Black and Colored Silks, \$3.75 to \$12. Ladies' Handkerchiefs, real lace trimmed, \$1.25 to \$12 each. Embroidered lawn and linen, 12-1/2 to \$1.75 each. Hemstitched, \$1.25 to \$4 dozen. Box of one-half dozen hemstitched, initiated, for \$1.75. Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs—Hemstitched, \$2.25 to \$6 dozen. Box of one-half dozen, initiated, hemstitched, for \$2.50.

Special view of a few sample Opera Wraps, shown for the holidays.

Suit and Gown Lengths

Black and Colored Complete Suit Lengths, \$4.50 to \$20. Complete Gown Lengths, \$2.50 to \$22. Handmade Uncrushable Black Silk Gownlengths, exclusive styles, \$12 to \$22.50 per length.

Lace Neckwear

Lace Stocks, \$1.50 to \$2. Yoke Lace Collars, \$2.50 to \$5. Spanish Scarves and Fichus, \$1.75 to \$2.50. Real Lace Collars, \$1.75 to \$3.50. Lace Bertha, \$2.50 to \$15. Lace Ties, \$1 to \$5. Hemstitched Barbers, \$1.25. Clifton Stoles and Jabots, \$1 to \$3.

Wraps and Shawls

Heavy Wrap Shawls, \$2.50 to \$20. Real Shetland Shawls, \$1.50 to \$11. Orebrown (imitation Shetland) Shawls, \$1 to \$5. Fancy Knit Honeycomb Shawls, \$10 to \$25. Chudra and Cashmere Shawls, \$1.75 to \$8. Knit Silk Shawls, \$3 to \$4. Shetland Wool Spencers, \$1.50. Pashas, wool, 50c up. Silk, \$1. Head and Shoulder Umbrella Wraps, \$2 and \$5.

Ostrich Feather and Marabout Ruffs

Very special Christmas display at \$3. \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$10.

See our special holiday values in rich black Beau de Sole Silks at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 yard.

Ladies' Silk Hose, in black and white, black from 90c up; white from \$1.90 up. Italian Rugs, in handsome striped colored designs, from 75c up.

Household Napery Packet

Containing one fine Table Cloth, with dozen Table Napkins to match, at \$5 to \$10 per packet. The "Towel," "Rug," and other handsome art embroidered linens in Tray Covers, Centerpieces, Table Cloths, Tea Cloths, etc. Blankets and Eiderdown Quilts. Travelling Rugs—Umbrellas. Mail Orders Carefully Filled.

JOHN CATTO & SON

King Street—opposite the Post-Office. TORONTO. ESTABLISHED 1864.

Ring Talk

Our stock of Rings of moderate price was never before so large or so excellently assorted. In Rings at prices ranging from \$2 upward to \$25 we are offering wonderfully attractive values.

No. 589—Price \$10.00.

This one is a beautiful Three-Tone Opal Ring, "Solitaire." "Twins" (Clasped) and every other popular style of Ring are shown in our display.

No. 590—Price \$10.00.

Our collection of Bronzes and Marbles will interest you, even though you do not contemplate a purchase.

THERE IS A constantly increasing demand for jewelry.

We are quick to appreciate the wishes of our patrons, and as prompt in producing the articles desired.

No. 597—Price \$95.

This is from our new assortment. It is a Pendant or "Lavaliers," in which Diamonds and Pearls mounted in Platinum surround an Amethyst of beautiful color.

Our "Special" \$75.00 "Solitaire" Diamond Rings are sold with our personal guarantee of quality.

No. 582—Price \$5.00.

This "Expansion" Bracelet made of sterling silver—will fit equally well to any wrist.

Ryrie Bros.,

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Opera Glasses

This very choice pair of Pearl Inlaid Opera Glasses in a fine Monogram Case, we sell for \$25.00.

No. 588.

Ask for a copy of our handsome Illustrated Catalogue. One of these will be of great assistance in your Xmas shopping.

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"Ryrie" Diamonds

You could not purchase for Christmas gift an article more beautiful than a "Ryrie" Diamond Brooch.

To the recipient the very knowledge that it is from our store will be a valuable assurance of its high quality.

No. 546—Price \$175.00.

Of the nine Diamonds in the Brooch shown here each perfectly cut stone of beautiful color.

No. 550. Price \$65.00.

We have at least twenty different styles of Fine Leather Writing Cases. These range in price from \$1 to \$40 each.

A Pair of Silver-Plated Enamel Buttons with a removable lining of porcelain.

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FINANCES OF THE VATICAN IN BAD STATE, SAYS POPE

Pius Tenth Wishes Report of New-Found Wealth True, as He Needs the Money.

Rome, Dec. 20.—Some of the persons who were received in audience yesterday congratulated the Pope upon his receipt of the unexpected millions alleged to have been taken to him by Cardinal Gotti at the time of the late Pope's jubilee. The ring, the paper says, cost \$240,000.

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LAURELS ADORN HIS BROW IN FISCAL REFORM FIGHT

Mr. Chamberlain Has Spread Defeat and Dismay in Opponents' Ranks.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Herald's London correspondent says:

In the past of this fiscal campaign which is coming to a close with the end of 1903 honors rest with Mr. Chamberlain. He has been the aggressor's portion, and he has carried many of the defenses of his opponents and on several occasions forced them to abandon old and take up new positions. No decisive battle, however, has yet been fought.

Partisans of the former Colonial Secretary point with pride to the fact that not a single opponent of fiscal reform has been returned at a by-election to parliament since their leader left the cabinet to undertake the duties of a missionary of empire. The question before all electors who have been called to record their votes since September was this: "Are you in favor of fiscal reform or are you not?" The Duke of Devonshire bade all who believed in him to give a negative vote. In every case constituencies selected a conservative. There have been found in favor of Mr. Chamberlain and against the Duke of Devonshire.

An observer who is outside the realm of party politics tells me that Mr. Chamberlain has two-thirds of the population of the country behind him. This is the general opinion in London, it is worth noting, however, that the largest number and most important provincial papers are still opposed to fiscal reform, and London never yet has been the tail that wagged the dog in English politics.

Rate Cry of Treason.

In a speech at Leeds last week Mr. Chamberlain announced to an attack upon the vital point. When he announced the appointment of a commission upon tariff reform in the enemy's camp there were cries of "Treason!" This was the usurpation of prerogatives, some said, of the executive; others declared that a commission of inquiry there must be, why should it not be a royal commission? Mr. Chamberlain was going too fast, "No," he was letting the grass grow under his feet," was the response of partisans.

It is not a committee of inquiry he has formed. The nation must be divided once for all between those who believe that the information is a strong and demerits of isolated free imports which has been laid before the country justifies and demands a change, and those who still maintain that Cobdenism is as unalterably true as the law of gravitation. The party which believes that the information is a strong and demerits of isolated free imports which has been laid before the country justifies and demands a change, and those who still maintain that Cobdenism is as unalterably true as the law of gravitation. The party which believes that the information is a strong and demerits of isolated free imports which has been laid before the country justifies and demands a change, and those who still maintain that Cobdenism is as unalterably true as the law of gravitation.

The names of the members which have been announced make strong showing and the list is compared to that of the American captains of industry who gathered together at luncheon to meet Prince Henry of Prussia during his visit in New York. Charles Booth is regarded as perhaps the most remarkable member. His life and labors in behalf of the London poor, his colossal task, and it is claimed that this magnus opus of social investigation places his author as the head of the living economists in the knowledge of the actual bearing of fiscal conditions upon the life of the people.

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Alfred Mosely, who is well known in America, is accounted another strong personality on the committee. Then there are Sir Andrew Noble, practical by the head of the Elswick shipbuilding yards, and C. A. Parsons, the inventor of the steam turbine. Sir Charles Tennant is the head of the world's chemical industry. Henry Caillard is one of the most authoritative representatives of England's oldest industry, agriculture, and the other hand, it is asserted that while Mr. Booth's acquaintance with the conditions of the poor, command of the respect everywhere, a study of the evils of poverty does not necessarily reveal an infallible means of filling empty purses.

There was found in the apartment of Pope Leo after his death the sum of \$100,000, which is being kept for emergencies.

The Tribune insists on the correctness of its story regarding the finding of the money, but says that it may have been mistaken as to the figure. The paper also says that behind the hangings in the late Leo's bedroom was found the ring given Leo by the Sultan of Turkey at the time of the late Pope's jubilee. The ring, the paper says, cost \$240,000.

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FAR OFF HILLS LOOK GREEN.

A great Shoe centre, is Boston! Canadian skilled labor has made it so! Its total population is about 650,000. Of this, 117,000 were born in Canada. The State of Massachusetts alone contains over 350,000 Canadians. A heavy percentage of these are making shoes.

Making the same kind of shoes in the United States, that their Fathers and Brothers are making here, in The Slater Shoe factory.

Why have these people emigrated? Because United States wages are 25 per cent. higher than Canadian.

Why don't their Brothers follow? Because the cost of living in Massachusetts is 50 per cent greater than in Montreal, so that workmen who have children, or non-earning parents, to support, net better results, at lower wages, here.

But—why pays the 25 per cent. difference in wages?

Figure this out before you buy United States Shoes in Canada, which must also pay 25 per cent. Customs duty, when entering this country.

"Far off hills look green" but they are rocky enough when you climb them.

"The Slater Shoe" has all the good points of the best United States shoe, and it is made in Canada—by Canadians—for Canadians.

For Women—for Men—\$3.50 and \$5.00.



The Slater Shoe Stores

117 Yonge Street. 528 Queen Street West.

niture trade, the coal and iron industry, the building trade, glass making and the great department stores are represented by C. Arthur Pearson, Sir J. Waring, Sir W. T. Lewis, Howard Collis, J. C. Canfield and Richard Burbridge. The commission will attempt what is described as nothing less than the most searching review of its whole business life and needs that a commercial nation has ever yet undertaken. It will in any case not be hampered by lack of funds. The Tariff Reform League is already one of the wealthiest political bodies ever formed in England. Its subscription list amounts to £140,000 a year. During 1904 it purposes to print and distribute not less than a hundred million leaflets and pamphlets, some of the latter big enough to be called a volume.

It is about to take a short holiday out of England. Well as he has stood the strain of his tremendous labors, he is only human, and showed signs of fatigue after his speech at Leeds last week. A note to the audience on that occasion who had not heard him for six years, was struck by the fact that Mr. Chamberlain, if less vigorous, was more human.

"When I heard him speak six years ago," this correspondent writes, "he gave me the impression of democratic force. At any rate, there was something about him that was not human. He had the audience so completely under his control that he made it impossible to feel that he was anything but a master upon an instrument, yet he himself remained to the end of his speech a completely ordinary man in his apparent inability to smile at his own jokes. At Leeds it was different. He was obviously pleased when he pleased his audience."

Then there was Mr. Chamberlain. As one sat and watched the proceedings and all its artificialities seemed to fade away and one saw in the place of a beautiful ideal being expected—the affection between the two was so obvious and so absolutely unfeigned that it was impossible to feel that Chamberlain's rosy and youthful face fairly beamed with her joy in her husband's triumph. Mr. Chamberlain, on his part, treated her with such deference and such stately courtesy as to suggest the presence of an old world knightly element in his character which one would hardly have expected to find. Once during a prolonged outburst of applause, he bent down to Mrs. Chamberlain, who whispered something in his ear which made him smile. It was a pleasant thing to see, for it was one of those touches of nature which make the whole world kin.

Mrs. Chamberlain is not the only woman interested in the fiscal campaign. The fair sex is going into the question with might and main. There is a woman's branch of the Tariff Reform League upon which the Primrose dunes are casting jealous eyes, for the new cult of the orchid threatens to become more fashionable than that modest yellow flower sacred to the memory of Lord Beaconsfield. Among the smart set it is the correct thing to be out and out a Chamberlainite. Mr. Chamberlain's personal following is indeed one of the features of the time, and not a few of his supporters are with him not because they consider his plans necessary to British well-being, but simply because he has formulated them.

Mr. Balfour is generally regarded as being under the influence of this personal magnetism. Punch depicts him last week as a small boy. Master Arthur is being taken by Papa Joseph for a protection walk.

"Come along, Master Arthur. Do step out," says Papa Joseph, who is striding along to protection at a rapid pace.

"That is all very well," says Master Arthur, "but you know I can't go as fast as you do."

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