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Furs of Any Kind
at Wholesale Cost

Ladies' Jackets

UNPRECEDENTED
SLASHING OF
PRICES.

We have just Ninety-Eight Stylish Ladies' Jackets left in stock and these must be cleared out quickly, and in order to do this we have cut the prices more than has ever been done before, many of these are advance styles and will be quite correct for next winter, and then you will have the pleasure of wearing a strictly up-to-date garment for balance of this winter. These go on sale

WEDNESDAY

Regular \$8.00 Ladies' Jackets on Wednesday at	\$3.00
" 10.00 "	4.00
" 12.00 "	5.00
" 15.00 "	6.00

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Thos. Stone & Son
Importers.

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CUTLERY,
CARVER SETS,
HEATING STOVES,
OIL HEATERS,
HORSE BLANKETS,
ROBES,
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Boast of the quality of our goods. We have been in business a long time, and the large amount of business done is proof to us that the people understand the quality.

Our Prices Are

Six pounds broken Sodas, 25c.
Four pounds Ginger Snaps, 25c.
Four pounds Prunes 25c.
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My!

We have a large stock of crockery still at the old prices. Dinner, Tea and Lamps, and as if you make the

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Suitable Holiday Presents.

A nice line of Perfume in Boxes and Bulk. Nasmith's High Grade Chocolates in boxes. Rowntree's Jubilee.

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Cigars in boxes of 10 and 25 from 50c. up to \$1.00.

Radley's Drug Store.

Glenn & Co.,

WILLIAM ST.,

import direct the finest Ceylon, Assam and China Tea, Black Gunpowder and Young Hyson, Best English Breakfast Tea, 35c. 40c. and

Station Cards, Pro-
mises, Pencils, etc.,
always be obtained
at THE PLANET Office.

RUSSIA READY

Mobilization of the Manchurian Reserves Announced—Six Daily Military Specials.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—In spite of the expressed hope of the Russian authorities that the present crisis will be passed and that a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese negotiations will be reached, it is no longer concealed that Russia is practically prepared for eventualities. To-day the mobilization of the Manchurian reserves was announced.

It has been well-known for months that Russia has been steadily strengthening her army and navy in the far east to meet the preparations which Japan was openly making. The available warships were despatched to the far east and the last division, which left the Mediterranean a month ago, is now nearing its destination.

Quietly, but surely, it was necessary that Russia's preparations should keep pace with those of her diplomatic adversary. The feverish activity of Japan during the last few weeks naturally increased the distrust of her ultimate intentions, and the Russian authorities have been pushing their precautionary measures with more vigor.

It is understood that six or seven military trains daily have been going east over the Siberian road, and the charters of some ships' cargoes have been canceled because the water route was considered too slow.

There has been some difficulty at Irkutsk, capital of eastern Siberia, on account of the stoppage of the ice breakers, and the excessive cold impeding the sledges from crossing the Baikal lake, but this will be obviated when the line around the lake is completed which will be soon. Chinese

INAUGURAL OF 24TH OFFICERS

Annual Meeting of the Officers
Last Evening—Committees
Appointed for Year.

Preparations for Robin Hood—
Dundonald Likely to be Pre-
sent—Mr. Wilson Endorsed.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 24th Regiment was held in the offices of Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Rankin last evening. The proceedings were of a most encouraging and satisfactory character and the prospects are that the Regiment will enjoy the most prosperous year in its history.

There were present: Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, Major G. P. Schofield, Capt. Fred. Stone, Capt. J. W. McLaren, Capt. J. S. Black, Chaplain Rev. R. McCosh, Adjutant W. A. Coltart, Lieut. J. S. Turner, Lieut. D. Fraser, Lieut. H. W. Anderson, Lieut.-Surgeon Dr. W. H. Tye, Musical Director J. W. Wilson and Bugle Major Plummeridge.

After routine business the following committees were duly appointed: Regiment Fund Committee—Major Schofield, Capt. McLaren, Capt. Black, Capt. Stone and Capt. Massey. Band Committee—Lieut. Jewett, Lieut. Fraser, Lieut. Turner and Lieut. Smith.

Rifle Committee—Capt. McLaren, Lieut.-Surgeon Tye and Lieut. Lewis. Auditors—Lieut. Jewett and Lieut. Turner.

Lieuts Coltart and Turner were added to the "Robin Hood" committee. Special Committee on Arrange-

THE REVIVAL

A Very Successful and Interest-
ing Meeting Held in Park St.
S. S. Hall Last Evening.

The revival meeting at Parkstreet church last night was well attended for such zero weather. There were some empty seats and those who should have filled them missed a good time. Beside Mr. Moorehouse, the evangelist, Miss Morton, going west to fill an engagement for special services, snowbound, was present, and Dr. Woodworth, the corresponding secretary for Methodist missions in Manitoba, the N. W. Territories and British Columbia, passing east, stayed over here on business. Rev. Mr. McIntosh, of the Presbyterian church, was also present. All this cheered and encouraged the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobbledick. Mr. Moorehouse, after a short song service, addressed the meeting from Mark x. 24: "Have faith in God," and described the meaning of faith in God in contrast to all other kinds of faith, illustrating the subject with graphic descriptions of faith and unbelief, closing with a testing of those present, when some were found who desired the prayers of Christians. Miss Morton followed at the pastor's request, with her usual impression and appropriate promises and precepts, when Dr. Woodworth took the stand and greeted us from our western wild with Gospel cheer. He is looking for young men to fill the ranks of ministry for that great field, and will get some, we believe, from our own town. Taken altogether last night's providential gathering was a happy and unexpected reunion, and all through the service the spirit of sympathy, helpfulness and hopefulness prevailed, speaking well for the future success of these meetings.

ELUDE 'EM

Contraband Chinks Enter the
United States easily—Opera-
tors are Well Organized.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 1.—The ever increasing demand for Chinese laborers in the United States, in spite of the rigid efforts of the American authorities to enforce the stringent laws against the immigration of the Mongolians, has been the cause of the inauguration of an illicit and highly punishable traffic in the Canadian border towns and cities from which the Chinese are continually smuggled by well organized gangs into the domains of Uncle Sam.

There is possibly no more suitable place for this unlawful trade than in the city and surrounding districts of Windsor, and from the frequent arrests and interception of the Chinese in attempts to evade the vigilance of the United States customs, it is evident that a well organized gang is in operation in the city of Windsor. A well-known Windsor hotel is said to be the headquarters for the band and the Chinks are taken across from the marshes of the Canadian shore below Sandwich and landed below Delray, from where they are conveyed far into the interior by means of carriages in waiting for that purpose. This suitable field which it is impossible to completely patrol is the base of the most extensive operations, but at times bold attempts are made to land the living contrabands at the more obscure wharves right in the heart of the city.

The trade is a profitable one owing to the unscrupulous sums paid for the safe deliverance of the sons of Cathay to the cities of the interior of the republic. "I have been told by a friend of mine, who is in the business," said a well known citizen of Windsor, "that as high as \$500 per head is paid for smuggling Chinese. The three recently picked up at Port Huron were under contract to be delivered at a certain time in Chicago and the price paid by the contractors was to be \$5,000 apiece. I know several of this city that are in the business and all are apparently making a good living at it."

Of course, since the United States authorities learned that Windsor has been made the base of these operations, a strict watch is being kept to intercept the law breakers at every possible turn. Every suspicious looking boat leaving the Canadian shores is spotted and shadowed until it lands on the American side. But in the recent weather of the past few weeks at times the channel below Sandwich has been completely frozen over, and a rich harvest reaped by taking the foreigners across on foot on the ice. It is rumored that Friday night, during the fog the gang was rather busy with small row boats.

United States Immigrant Inspector Mennessing, who roomed at one of the Windsor hotels, it is understood, will possibly be removed to some other port. It is further stated that the removal of Mennessing is the outcome of a cleverly constructed plot on the part of members of the gang who in fear that the inspector would make it uncomfortable for them as he was about to discover their secrets floated rumors as to his insanity and stirred up such contentions that Mennessing was withdrawn.

THIS IS THE NINTH DAY

Before the Pre-
sentation of....

'Robin Hood'

THE GREATEST CLASSIC OPERA COMIQUE.

Don't Miss Dun-
donald Night :-

THURSDAY, FEB. 11

col exclusively has been purchased for the Russian fleet.

The authorities now feel that the situation is secure should Japan reject Russian's proposition.

The draft of Russia's reply probably will be submitted to the Czar tomorrow. The Associated Press is assured that it will be pacific and should lead to a settlement. The Associated Press informant reiterated what he said a few days ago: "We have conceded much already, and we are ready to concede more, but some things we cannot grant. From our standpoint the Manchurian question was settled by Russia's circular note to the powers recognizing all the Japanese treaties. Why should Japan demand more than the other powers?"

The Russian papers to-day agree that treaty guarantees covering Manchuria and permission for Japan to fortify Southern Korea, making a closed sea of the sea of Japan, are impossible. Viceroy Alexeeff is shortly to leave a colleague in the administration of Russia's eastern affairs, Minister of the Interior Von Plehwe, having elaborated a proposal to instruct the government of western Siberia to a viceroy residing at Omsk, in Yakontsk province. The population of this province is made up almost entirely of time expired convicts.

Prices on the bourse declined further to-day.

BAD FIRE

One of the worst fires which have occurred in this city for some time happened yesterday at four o'clock, when the residence of Walter Strick, King St. East, was partially destroyed.

The fire started from the kitchen stove and spread to the roof. The firemen arrived promptly and it was not long before two lines of hose were laid. The firemen worked well and succeeded in saving the house, with the exception of the kitchen part, which was destroyed. All of the furniture was removed, so that the loss will be chiefly on the house. The front part of the building was damaged only by water.

Mr. Strick is the owner of the house. A short time ago he had his place insured, which was a fortunate thing for Mr. Strick.

The firemen worked well, considering the severe cold weather. They are to-day engaged in thawing out their hose.

LOVE'S MISSION

Rome, Feb. 1.—The journey of the Duke of Aosta, heir to the throne of Italy, to Paris and Brussels is surrounded with ever-growing mystery, but the report that he will ask the hand of his sister-in-law, Princess Louise of Orleans, for his brother, the Count of Turin, is gaining credence. That the entrance of another French princess into the Italian royal family would be received with satisfaction by the Italians was evidenced by the great cordiality displayed by the people this morning when the Duchess of Aosta went fox-hunting. The Duchess went to the meet in the automobile of United States Ambassador Meyer, who provided her with a splendid saddle horse, upon which she followed the hounds.

To Rent—Nicely furnished House, corner Adelaide and Murray Sts. Apply to Mrs. O. S. Sheldon or to T. M. French, Box 309, Chatham. 1w.

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few lines to buy at

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Violin strings
Wools that wear
Xent values
Yarns that can't be beat
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supplies

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black, sizes 4
and 5, regular 50c
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