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THE MOST IMPORTANT

## Style Show OF THE Season

Occurs Here This Week,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY

The name "Thomas Stone & Son" is known all over Western Ontario and connected with it is the reputation for always placing before the people the finest and most elegant fabrics. You have undoubtedly watched the steady growth of this firm and have asked yourself the reason why. It is obvious; our opening this week will suggest the reason why more forcibly than we can tell them.

Dress Goods and Silks from Paris.  
Dress Trimmings, Suits and Jackets from Berlin.

Tweeds, Cheviots and Fine Black Dress Goods of all Kinds from Bradford, Eng.

Ladies' Waterproof, Dainty Wool Waistings, and Silks from London, Eng.

Millinery Novelties from Paris and New York

These were selected by our buyer direct from the manufacturers, and we know that the assortment and values cannot be equalled in Chatham.

## Thos. Stone & Son, IMPORTERS,

Members Canadian Dry Goods Purchasing Syndicate | We Can Save You Dollars

IT'S GOING TO BE A GOOD SUGAR YEAR.

## Sap Buckets

Handmade, Largest Size,

8c.

These are not cheap factory made stuff. We have some beautiful heavy handmade tinware . . . . .

## GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

Leaders in quality and price.

## THE ARK

Just Received Direct from One of the Best English Potteries Two Crates of Very Choice

## Dinner Sets.

97 Pieces, Tinted in Green and Gold.  
97 " " " Blue and Gold.  
97 " " " Maroon and Gold.

YOUR CHOICE OF DECORATIONS FOR \$13.00

The same decorations in 102 pieces only \$14.00.

If you are looking for something choice in Dinner Ware, come early and make your selection. See Samples in THE ARK WINDOW THIS WEEK.

We have very GOOD SETS at LOWER PRICES. We can suit your purse and taste.

Bargain Store H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

## SHELLED PORT ARTHUR AGAIN

Japanese Fleet Makes Another Midnight Attack on the Besieged Fort

Russians Lost Five men Killed and Nine Wounded—Entrance Blocked by Japs

St. Petersburg, March 22.—The emperor has received the following telegram from Viceroy Alexieff:

"Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel reports that at midnight of March 21 Japanese torpedo boats were discovered by our searchlights. Our guard ships and fort batteries opened fire upon them, the firing lasting for 20 minutes. At four o'clock in the morning the attack was renewed.

"At 6.30 o'clock in the morning four of the enemy's ships appeared from the south, followed by the whole squadron of eleven ships and eight torpedo boats. Our squadron left the roadstead to meet the enemy.

"At nine o'clock the enemy's battleships opened fire on Liaotshin, after which they took up a position behind the rocky eminence of Liaotshin and bombarded Port Arthur.

Viceroy Alexieff adds that he is waiting for details.

"A later despatch from the Viceroy to the Emperor says:

"According to a supplementary report from Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel the enemy's fleet consisted of six battleships and twelve cruisers. About nine o'clock in the morning the fleet divided, the battleships and torpedo boats taking up a position between Liaotshin and Goubinai bay (Pigeon bay), while the cruisers formed up in two divisions to the south and southeast of Port Arthur.

"At 9.30 the battleship Retzian opened fire over the crest of Liaotshin against the enemy's battleships, which replied by firing on the town. Meanwhile our fleet formed up in line in the outer roadstead.

"About eleven o'clock in the morning the Japanese fleet, consisting of the battleships, cruisers, and torpedo boats, slowly to the southeast and at 12.30 had disappeared.

"During the bombardment five soldiers were killed and nine were wounded. One soldier on the shore was burned.

MAKAROFF'S VERSION.

Another telegram from Viceroy Alexieff to the Emperor gives Vice-Admiral Makaroff's report as follows:

"At midnight of March 21 two of the enemy's torpedo boats approached the outer roadstead, but were discovered by the searchlights of the battleships, which upon being alerted and by the gunboats Bobr and Orvazu. They were obliged to retire.

"A second attack was made at four o'clock in the morning by three torpedo boats which were also repulsed.

"At daybreak three detachments of the enemy's fleet, consisting of six battleships, six armored cruisers, six second and third-class cruisers and eight torpedo boats approached from all sides. At seven o'clock our squadron commenced to leave the inner harbor, the cruisers leading with the Askold flying my flag at their head, and the battleships following.

"The enemy's battleships approached Liaotshin and fired 100 shells from their 12-inch guns at Port Arthur and 108 shells at the environs of the town.

"Our shells, fired at a range of 80 cables, were well placed. About ten o'clock a Japanese battleship was struck by a shell and retired.

"We lost no men during the bombardment, which ceased at eleven o'clock, when the enemy's ships retreated and after passing along the outer roadstead drew off without attacking our fleet."

Vice-Admiral Togo's activity at Port Arthur is being emulated by the commander of the Japanese forces in Korea. The report of Gen. Mishchenkov shows that the Japanese have taken the precaution to erect earthworks near Anju, which are being held by a Japanese division until the remainder of the first army corps comes up from Ping Yang, about 40 miles away.

The advance of the Japanese shows that they are losing no time and that they are more rapid than the Russians expected.

The authorities here believe that it will be only a matter of a short time now when active large operations begin, but at first there will take the form of skirmishes, as the main Russian force remains in occupation of strategic points on the Yalu River.

Four lads from the Collegiate Institute crossed the river on the ice yesterday about five o'clock. They made the crossing back of the park. They tried the ice with their hockey sticks and where the ice was thin they made a detour. The quartet had just got across when they heard cries for help. Jack Northwood had been fooling on the ice back of this father's residence and got in. The boys went over and pulled him out and then returned. They had to go away down to Drader's mill before they could find a safe place to land.

## FINE MILLINERY

The C. Austin & Co. Make a Magnificent Display at Their Spring Opening

A veritable paradise for the ladies these days is C. Austin & Co.'s millinery show room. The capacious room, the largest of its kind in the city, has been transformed into a bower of beauty by the lavish use of beautiful palms and drapery decorations. Walking through the long aisles and observing the beautiful millinery creations with which the tables and cases are filled, one cannot wonder that women covet these objects of personal adornment. How dainty are the shapes, how delicate the colors, how resplendent of the gentle spring, the beautiful flowers scattered everywhere in such profusion! What clever brains must have conceived the designs of these head-dresses. Truly, a successful milliner this season must have an artist's eye, so contrasting yet so harmonious are the shadings in color demanded.

In the arrangement of its stock this firm has realized the dream of the display artist. The goods have been so attractively set out that people are eager to visit the exhibit and loath to leave. As a consequence, the large rooms are constantly filled with ladies feasting their eyes on the beautiful headgear shown. Happy she who becomes possessed of one of these creations. The display eclipses all former efforts of the Austin Store. Nowhere in the city is there a more magnificent exhibit.

Daintiness and beauty characterize all the hats shown. The shapes are for the most part small, though here and there an occasional large one stands out in bold relief. The hats are generally flat, though an occasional embryonic crown is seen—a hint of what may be expected to come. All are bedecked with the smallest of flowers—forget-me-nots, lilies of the valley, cowslips, lilacs, geraniums, wisteria, diminutive poppies and baby roses in wreath effect. Tuscan straw, Tulle lace and horsehair are the leading materials. Fringes and trimmings are in high vogue, and gold gleams on almost every hat.

Among the new shapes are the Torpedo, the Louis XV, and the Marquis. The Tricorn or Continental and the Cavalier are also much in vogue.

One of the new shades is "pale blue" (burnt), and another is "Chambord," a deep wine color.

Novelties in ornaments are made of "Empire Gold," a dull pink shade, and "Or Rest," a greenish tint. Especially attractive are some of the flower toques and turbans, for the flowers now pervade the millinery world have copied nature very closely, some of them almost defying detection as imitations.

A decided novelty is a large hat covered plainly with champagne tulle, with fancy satin braid edge, veiled with Point Marquis lace. The crown is the envelope, and with a wreath of roses encircling the top.

The effect of the under brim is very original, with a slight touch of coral ribbon and a brown velvet entwining a straw rosette.

Another pretty hat is of white folded chiffon, with Irish crocheted insertion. The crown is surrounded by white duchess satin ribbon, finished with luscious blossoms drooping gracefully over the back.

One charming hat is made of brown chiffon and Paris braid, trimmed with shirred ribbon and rose buds. The under brim is very effective, with cart wheel facing; each wheel is edged with gold, ornaments in the centre.

Adjoining the millinery display is ladies' ready to wear and underwear department, and even casual passer-by cannot help but be impressed with the distinctness of the garments here displayed.

Every garment is the product of Canadian manufacturers and it is at once apparent that in respect to this line that Canadians have attained a degree of proficiency second to no other country in the world to-day.

A walk through the other departments of this mammoth store convinces one that Austin & Co. have made ample preparations for a big spring trade. Extra displays are being made in the wash goods section of fancy waistings, a specially large range of linen effects being shown.

In the dress goods department clerks are busy selling the famous Lanark and Harris suitings, and a very extensive range of black and navy dress goods in voles, ottomans, cordens, etc., all of which are shown in short lengths, which gives the customer exclusive control of the particular dress selected. To-day a wide range of the ivory latest effects in dress trimmings were opened up and were finding ready sale. Austin & Co. are looking forward with confidence to the largest trade in their history in this department.

PROBABLY MURDERED.

Vancouver, B. C., March 22.—John Spittal, a famous hunter and trapper, was found dead in his shack near Terra Nova cannery, on the Fraser river, with a bullet hole in the skull and other indications of foul play being in evidence. The door of the shack was secured from the outside with a padlock. Spittal's two guns are missing, and there was a coat in the room that did not belong to the dead man. Spittal had been missing for the past five weeks but, strangely enough, no one had in view of the cabin being looked on the outside, thought until yesterday of searching it.

## COURTED DEATH IN POISON CUP

Maple City Woman Took Family Quarrels to Heart and Sought End

Drank Large Dose of Laudanum but Fortunately Fact was Discovered in Time

Mrs. Fralick, who lives with a man named Prentice, had a very narrow escape from death last night from attempted suicide.

Mrs. Fralick holds out on Wellington street, near Henry Weaver's grocery. According to the residents of that vicinity, Mrs. Fralick and her man, Mr. Prentice, do not get along very well and they have frequent family quarrels. Their home life has not been of the most peaceful nature during the past few days, and Monday night things came to a focus and a fracas ensued. It is alleged that Mrs. Fralick came out of the row sadly damaged and shaken up. According to current reports Prentice is not apprehensive in the art of "scrapping" and succeeded in dislocating a few of his woman's teeth, which were found by Mrs. Lewis' children who were playing on the sidewalk yesterday.

Mrs. Fralick took Prentice's abuse to heart, and her feelings were badly wounded and her love shaken.

As is sometimes the case when lovers part in anger, she concluded that life was not worth living and decided to end it all. Prentice had vowed that he would kill her, and no doubt would have done so had not Constable Henry Weaver interfered and pacified the man.

By last night Prentice had shown no signs of making up the family difference, so Mrs. Fralick dosed herself with laudanum. The dose was a good one and sufficient to have ended her life.

She was discovered before the laudanum had taken its full effect, and Dr. J. P. Rutherford was called and attended to her. She is better to-day and was able to be out on the street. Mrs. Fralick is about 40 years old and when found her condition was very serious. It is a wonder that the doctors were able to pull her through.

## MODEL HOSTS

The gentlemen, old and young, of Park street Methodist church, proved themselves first class entertainers of the ladies last evening when a very pleasant social evening was spent.

The gentlemen had charge of everything. There was a reception committee about 30 strong lined up on each side of the entrance, whose sole purpose it was to shake the hand of each new comers until Ed was nearly off in the meantime whispering in her ear that she was welcome.

The gentlemen were most courteous, not one could be seen sitting; all were hustling around doing the gallant.

The ladies appreciated the affair, too, as usually they have to look after the eatables at least, but not this time. The gentlemen did everything.

The program was controlled by the gentlemen, who were the sole artists. The program was as follows:

Solo—Harry Flowers.  
Duet—Messrs. Wilson and McCull.  
Solo—S. Noble Gardiner.  
Intermission and lunch.  
Solo—John E. Wilson.  
Solo—Harry Flowers.  
Quartet—Messrs. Wilson, Sheldrick, McCull and Gardiner.  
God Save the King.

## CONGRATULATIONS

On the occasion of the meeting of the Chatham Gas Company Directors, the following congratulatory resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas George B. Douglas, B. A., barrister, who has resided in this city for the past twenty-eight years, and has been a director and joint solicitor of this company for a number of years, has been appointed by the Dominion Government to be a county judge, therefore be it resolved, that this board tender Mr. Douglas their hearty congratulations on his elevation to the bench, also of their appreciation of the many valuable services rendered to this company. They hope he will be long spared to enjoy the honorable position to which he has been appointed, and order that a copy of this resolution be engrossed and sent to Mr. Douglas expressing their kind regard for himself and family.

Wm. Ball, president.  
M. Campbell, vice-president.  
D. Kerr.  
J. A. Morton.  
N. H. Stevens.  
F. S. Coate, secretary-treas.

The Kent University of Toronto Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting in the office of J. B. Rankin, K. C., on Monday evening, March 28th, at 8 o'clock. All graduates and undergraduates in the faculties of arts, medicine, law, pharmacy, dentistry, engineering, etc., resident in city or county, are eligible for membership and are cordially invited to attend.

## DIRTY WALLS

Will now appear after this long winter, and the thrifty housewife will want to cover them up with a new decoration of some kind. We suggest there is nothing like Wallpaper, and there is no time like the present, and no place like our store in which you can secure the choice of hundreds of ideas gathered here from all parts of the world.

We have

- Beautiful Glits
- Embossed Glits
- Two Tones
- Tiles
- Ingrains
- Tapestries
- Stripes
- Burlaps.

In fact, anything required for mural decoration is now on hand. Come and see the new things.

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REASONABLE

PRICES . . . .

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The Wall Paper Emporium of Canada

## Women's Shoes.

Spring, 1904.



## The New Styles

Are assembling and each arrival is a thing of beauty. We are well within the bounds of truth when we say these New Spring of 1904 styles have reached a point in beauty, of construction and shape combined with the highest degree of excellence beyond which it seems impossible to go.

We Want Every

Woman in Town

to Call and See

the New Spring

Shoe Beauties.

We'll talk about some of the different styles and prices later. This is simply an invitation extended to the ladies, asking them to come to see our Spring Shoe Show.

## TURRILL,

The Shoe Man.