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THOMAS STONE & SON

### BARGAINS FOR SATURDAY-

### Prints and Ginghams

Many of our customers like to buy early, partly to get the sewing over with and partly to get early and first choice. We are ready for early buyers, with a very choice assortment of English and Canadian Prints, Scotch and Canadian Ginghams.

Extra heavy English Prints, in indigo blues, reds, etc., at 

### New Silks

New Japan wash silks for shirt waists, in the new and sty-lish crystal cord effects, in prettg shades of sky, mauve, cardinal, blue, etc., and the prices are just as attractive as the silks, at per yd. 50c and......

#### Window Shades

Soon be time to be thinking about blinding your house. Dod't pass this store in looking or buying. Remember we are just as pleased to wait on you whether you buy or not. At any rate come in and get our figures. We keep all desirable shade colors in stock and can make up your orders on the shortest pos-

Fur Jackets Not too late yet to buy an Astrachan Jacket, many days of cold weather are still before us, and besides next winter is com-

ing and you save money by buying now. \$37.50 Astrachan Jackets for......\$30.00 \$45.00 Astrachan Jackets for......\$35.00

### Ready to wear Suits and Skirts

Tweed skirts, black and navy serge skirts, black lustre skirts and homespun skirts, all well made and well tail-ored, reg. prices \$3.50 to \$6.50 each, on Saturday next we offer them at....

### Men's Underwear

Next Saturday we want to see the finish of our men's winter underwear and we make the prices so low that it will pay you to buy now for next winter.

Men's extra fine and heavy fleece lined shirts and drawer reg. price 50c a garment, next Saturday very special at 

### Tweeds for Boys

A new lot of Halifax tweeds, in good shades of gray, fawn, navy, brown and green, best possible wearing materials for boys' or men's wear, very special values at 25c, 37½c and

### **New Print Wrappers**

We have just passed into stock a case of New Print Wrappers, in all sorts of light and dark colors, made up of new designs and in the new styles for the present season.

The prices are low considering style and quality, \$1.00,

## Has Claimed Another Popular and Pro- gation of inland 'waters, besides a number of general and local improveminent Citizen.

Rufus Stephenson, Collector of Customs, Carried off by Pneumonia - Only III a Few Days-General Regret Over His Demise -

His Successful Career.

the family not at home were at once notified of his illness, but the hopeful anticipations did not apparently warphenson's condition was favorable, but ing of the descendants of Deacon Sam-

At 9.45 this morning, at his home on | son, his mother being a descendant of Victoria avenue, Rufus Stephenson Deacon Samuel Chapin, a Puritan passed away. Mir. Stephenson enjoy-ed his wonted good health until Sat-Mass., prior to 1640, and settled at urday, when he was stricken down Springfield, same state, in 1642. His with a serious attack of pneumonia. descendants form one of the most nu-Afthough the illness was at once merous families in the United States, recognized as severe, the marvellous embracing many names of a national, physique and constitutional strength reputation. Among them are Hon. Frederick, of Winnipeg; Mrs. Wm. of the deceased gentleman gave his Henry Chapin, Judge, Worchester, physicians every hope that he would Mass.; Edwin Chapin, D. D. New York; Superior, Wis.; Andrew C., of the Massurvive the attack. The members of A. L. Chapin, D. D., President Baloit College, Wis.; Hon. Moses Chapin, Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Hon. Solomon Foot, Henry Ward Beecher, J. G. Holland, rant their travelling to the father's Russell D. Hitchcock, D. D., and many bedside. Yesterday morning Mr. Ste- others. In September, 1862, a meet-

servatives for the first Dominion parwas re-elected at the general elections beld in 1872, 1874, and 1878. Am the legislative measures initiated by him were the action of the government in regard to the status of naturalized foreigners in the British Colonial possions and the coasting relations with the United States and the naviments of substantial value to Western Ontario.

In 1882 Mr. Stephenson retired from parliament and accepted an appointment as Inspector of the Colonization country, which he held until April 25, 1892, when he was appointed collector of customs here, which position he held until his death.

On October 11, 1854, Mr. Stephi was united in marriage with Georgiana Emma, eldest daughter of Thomas Andrew, barrister, formerly of London, England, and at one time a director of the East India Company. On May 23, 1899, the wife and mother preceded him to the Unseen.

The deceased leaves nine children to mourn his loss. They are, Sydney, proprietor of The Planet, city; E. Goodeve, of Ottawa; Rufus, of West sey-Harris Co., Toronto; Mrs. J. M. Mc-Whinney, of London; John A., of Duluth, Minn.: Miss Georgiana E., and Miss Clara, of this city.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and for many years was secretary of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C. He was the oldest member of the craft in the city. For many years John E. Brooke held that distinction, which upon his theath passed to Robert O'Hara, and, following the demise of the latter, to Mr. Stephenson.

Mr. Stephenson was the pioneer cottager at Rond Eun, the now popular summer resolrt of so many citizens. Heis also the first of the cottagers to pass away.

The obsequies will be held on Monday afternoon. The service at the home will commence at 3.30 and the funeral will take place at four o'clock. Rev. Dr. Battisby will conduct the obsequies. The deceased will also be interred with Masonic honors.

THE LATE RUFUS STEPHENSON

# Thomas Stone & Son

On Saturday

But Positively for Saturday Only



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See East Window

\$1.00 Pant Sale The 2 T's Trudell & Tobey

\$1.00 Pant Sale

#### last night his physicians made the painful announcement that the final ummons would soon come. The absent children were at once notified, but could not reach home ere the end

came, and the sick man passed peace-

fully away attended at the bedside by

his eldest son and three daughters. The sad news rapidly spread through the community and citizens hastened to pay last tributes of es-teem to their deceased townsman. On the custom house and other public buildings flags were holsted at halfmast and universal sympathy was

expressed for the bereaved family. During his brief illness Mr. Stephenson was constantly attended by Rev. Dr. Battisby, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, for whom he possessed a profound admiration and on several occasions spoke of the reverend gentleman's thoughtful and kindly sympathy and attention. Last evening he also enquired most earnestly for Rev. Dr. McColl, who is now lying at the portals of the Great Beyond, and asked the conveyance of sympathetic messages. It is a unique and interesting incident that almost the first marriage ceremony performed by the aged minister was that of the deceased

and his late esteemed wife. MR. STEPHENSON'S CAREER.

Mr. Stephenson has had a remarkable career. He has held almost every office within the gift of the people of this district and enjoyed the unique distinction of never having suffered defeat upon any occasion. He was universally esteemed and might be said to have been a man without an

Rufus Stephenson was born in Springfield, Mass., on January 13, 1835, consequently at the present time he was in his 67th year. His parents were Eli and Chloe (Chapin) Stephen-

ue! Chapin was held at Springfield, Mass., and between 2,000 and 3,000 of them were present.

Mr. Stephenson's grandfather was from Lancashire, England, and was of that branch of the Stephenson family from which sprung George and Robert Stephenson, so famous as railway engineers. His grandmother was of the Murphy family, Londonderry, north of Ireland. (She died in St. Catherines in 1854, at the advanced age of 100 years. In the infancy of Rufus, the family moved to St. Catherines, Ontario, where he was educated in the Grantham Academy. He then mastered the trade of printer in the offices of the St. Catherines Journal, the Long Point Advocate, Simcoe, and

the British American, Woodstock. In 1850 Mr. Stephenson came to Chatham as manager of the office of the Kent Advertiser and associate editor of the same, and in a short time took charge of The Planet, of which he became proprietor in 1857. He conducted this journal until November 1878, when he disposed of it to his eldest son, Sydney, the present proprietor, and E. Frederick, now comn er of Crown Lands, Winnipeg.

Since becoming a resident of the Maple City, Mr. Stephenson has held numerous municipal and other offices has been chairman of the Public School Board, Chief and Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, member of the County Board of Public Instruc tion, member of the City Council for over a dozen years, member of the County Council, and Mayor three terms in succession, being electe twice by acclamation. He was com sioned as Captain of No. 2 Company 24th Kent Battalion Volunteer Infan-

In 1867 Mr. Stephenson was the ssful candidate of the Liberal-Con-

### MASKED ROBBERS VISIT CROTON.

James Clark Loses \$200 in Oash Ten Watches and 'I wo Revolvers

Special to The Planet. Croton, Feb. 15.-A daring burglary was committed here Wednesday night. The victim was James Clark, a well known resident, who conducts a money lending business near here. Mr. Clark was surprised about 8 o'clock at night when two masked men walked into his house and demanded his mon-ey, He refused to give it up, and they then proceeded to bind and gag him, This done, they ransacked the house, securing ton watches, twe revolvers and \$200 in cash. They then left. Mr Clark managed to work himself loose after a time, and gave the alarm, but so far there is no trace of the robbers.

### TILBURY.

Feb. 15.-Miss Maggie McNerney left here Tuesday on a visit to Cleveland. Geo. Powell has severed his connection with the B.g Store and will seek

tion with the B.g Store and will seek a position in Detroit.

Ex-Reeve King, of Dover, was in town Wednesday.

Dr. McDonald, formerly of this place, is about disposing of his dental practice in Detroit and expects to accompany C. C. Kippen, to Tennessee.

Mr. Primeru, of Windsor, has taken a position in J. S. Richardson's store. He had years of experience in Smith & Duck's, the leading grocery in that city, and will move his family here as soon as a house can be secured. soon as a house can be secured. Editor Clark, of Comber, spent yes-

terday in town. W. A. Johnson and John McEachren left yesterday on a business trip to

The old Ti'bury Separate school his been finally placed on the 7th con-cession of Tilbury North, and makes a most suitable building. School was most sustable building." School was expected to start there this week. An oyster supper and sleighing party will be given at the home of Hampton Cowan, Tilbury East, under the austices of the Epworth League on Friday night, Feb. 22nd. Sleighs will start from the Methodist Church at 730.

The Daily Planet is on sale at John-ston's drug store.

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