THOMAS STONE & SON

## We Are All Busy...

### With the Christmas Work

Getting things around so that we can satisfy everybody. We've bought the right goods, and marked them at the lowest prices, we've got them in the largest quantities and most elegant qualities, and all we want is you to come and look at them.

Your Christmas Gift is Here - Let us Tell You About it

### Dress Patterns

You get five smiles for a dress pattern gift where you get one for any other—therefore let there be an abundance of Dress Pattern

### Cashmeres and Henriettas

Nothing more stylish. We have them in the finest black Priestley's make—as well as all colors at \$3.00, \$4.50, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$9.00 and \$9.90 for the dress length.

### Brocade Cloths and Camel's Hair Mixtures

Every shade represented in the stock and the values are extraordinary. A dress length off one of these will please any lady in the land -\$4.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$9.00 and

Yes this is just what you want—a Fur Jacket, Cape, Caperine or Collarette—the coold days are here—better make your selection at once

### Fur Jackets

Astrachan, made of the finest selected skins, with the best lining—every one of them guaranteed at \$25, \$35, \$40 and \$45.

### Electric Seal Jackets Nothing more dressey than these—they are are almost as rich as a South Sea Seal and the prices are low considering the quality—extra special at \$35, \$40 and \$45.

Fur Collars Every kind and every price from the finest Sable at \$75 to the neat little storm

### Present Your Wife With a Rug

There's nothing she will appreciate mor the kind we have are "home beautifiers." We have them in all colors at prices that will fit your pocket-book. Special at 75e, \$1, \$3, \$5, \$7.50, \$10.00 up to \$27 and all the prices in between.

### You're a Man Say

And want to present a lady with some thing really nice-well what is the matter with a pair of gloves-we have them in every fashionable shade, lined or unlined, fur-trimmed or plain. All you have to do is to come here, we'll tell you what she wants. Special at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and

## Thomas Stone & Son.

Direct Importers-78 and 80 King Street

# Buy Now!

Don't wait for the rush just before Christmas. tendancy in holiday shopping is to leave the most of it till the week before Christmas. The best plan is to buy before the stocks are broken. Our stock is very complete with all the latest novelties suitable for Christmas presents. few suggestions:-

Silk Umbrellas, Reindeer Gloves, Kid Gloves, New NeckWear, Silk Mufflers, Silk Braces, New Pyjamas, Socks, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Etc.

The 2 T's SLATER SLIPPERS \$2.50 SLATER SHOES \$3

SLATER SHOES \$3.50 and \$5.00

# Christmas Shop

Is Now in Full Blast At "The Ark"

Every attention given to holiday shoppers. Comfort and ease now, before the great rush

We ask our city friends to do their selecting as soon as possible.

Our Lamps and Dinner Sets are on second floor, and comprise the finest stock in Western

Our Stoves and Ranges are in room at rear of store. Ask to see them, and get the holiday re-

Fancy Goods, Chinaware, Dolls, Toys, Games, Books, Purses, etc., are now exposed to the view of the public. We have three silent Salesmen---the 5c, 10c and 25c Counters. You can buy a lot for a little money.

89 King Street,

## STICKS TO ROSS.

Welland Loes Lbe at in the Bye-Election,

But the Ministerial Majority is Greatly Reduced-The Returns.

Welland, Ont., Dec. 14.—The election of a successor to the former seat of W. M. German (Liberal), in the Local Legislature for this county, took place yesterday. The returns received gives Mr. Gross (Liberal) a majority of 288, which will likely be reduced to about 260 when final returns are

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## News.

CHINESE EMPRESS WILL ACCEPT THE

PEACE CONDITIONS IN THE HOPE THAT THEY CAN BE EVADED LATER ON.

LATER ON.

London, Dec. 14.—"Information has reached the Wu Chung viceroy," says the Shanghai correspondent of the Standard, "that the empress dowager has agreed to accept the following peace conditions:

"The early return of Emperor Kwang Su to Pekin; indemnity to the amount of \$200,000,000; the right of each legation to maintain a guard of 2,000 troops; and the appointment of a foreign adviser to each province of the empire."

"Director General Sheng has received a telegram from Sian Fu, asserting that the empress dowager is about to start for Cheng Ti Fu in the province of Sze Chuen. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching have received the empress dowager's permission to take the imperial seal from the Forbidden Palace and to use it in the negotiations."

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"The general opinion is that China will willingly accede to the terms of a collective note, and, trusting to dissensions among the powers, will hope that they will give her an opportunity to evade its conditions.

"The question regarding the credentials of Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching is being adjusted.

The policies of France and Russia are by no means identical. France and Germany seem to be moving more nearly on the same lines, although entirely independently. The United States are also acting alone. Russia, United States are also acting alone. Russia, France and the United States, while united generally, will in fact, act separately on certain points."

"For the second time Russia has officially notified Count Von Waldersee of her intention to withdraw all her troops from the

province of Chi Li and to restore the rail-way to the allied forces before the Russian new year"
The Mouning Post publishes a dispatch from Pekin, dated Dec. 12, which seems to show that there is still a considerable divergency of views among the representative of the powers. The correspondent

Cable lirish parliamentary party unanimously re-elect John Redmond for the present and coming session. Mr. Redmond was warmly applauded. Messrs. Esmonde, Donelan, Patrick O'Brien and Burke were appointed BOERS TAKE A TRAIN.

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Pretoria, Dec. 14.—A train proceeding from Natal to Johannesshurg was held up early Saturday morning by 150 Boers near V lakeagle. The Boers used oxen to pull up two lengths of rails, and the train, which contained remounts for the troops, was necessarily compelled to stop. The burghers made the horses jump out of the trucks and captured 130 of them. A second train conveying provisions, was fired on and the engineer, was wounded. The locomotive was slightly damaged. The men in charge of the train were compelled to slight and watch the Boers getting the horses off the truin ahead. While this was being done, a third train, with a few soldiers aboard, came up. As soon as the soldiers saw what was going on, having secured the horses, galloped away on them. They left two trucks untouched. Later the rails were relaid and the trains proceeded.

London, Dec. 14.—A train proceeding to this report the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the local process of the confort the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the later of

disaster to the British arms. According to this report the Boers attacked the camp of General Clements, in the Barberton district, capturing the camp, killing a number of British officers, and taking prisoners all the British troops, including four companies of the Northumberland Fusieers. The story is not confirmed in leers. The story is not confirmed in any quarter, and is not generally be-lieved.

## WEARY OF LIFE.

Philadelphia Girl Swallowed Carbolic Acid.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.-Ida Claus aged 16 committed suicide yesterday by swallowing carbolic acid. Recent by swallowing carbone acid. Recent loss of her position in a departmental store is said to have made her despondent. The girl resided with a married sister and an intimacy with another girl about her own age, is said to have been unpleasant to the married sister and a greating time of it, was forbeen unpleasant to the married sis-ter, and a continuation of it was for-bidden. Last night Ida went to her friend's home and spent the night there. 'About midnight Ida's friend heard her grouning, and an exam-ination showed she had taken the poison. She was taken to a hospital. poison. She was taken to a hospital, "M. Pichon (French minister) is most strenuous in demanding the punis ment of the guilty officials."

William Pleibel, aged 40 years, read in the paper of the suicide yesterday of a man by hanging. After laying down the paper Pleibel hung himself

FOR HIM - Every man enjoys the comfort there is in a Slipper. You are likely thinking of a Christmas gift for a

husband, a son, a father, a brother or someone else's brother. We have all the late ideas—handsome Slippers in seal, kid and calf, at \$1.00 to \$2.00 pair. We certainly have the Slippers that will

please him. Come to the Slipper Store for Christmas Slippers.



Geo. W. Cowan

.. Chatham...

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

THE BUSY CASH STORE

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## Saturday For Holiday Buyers

This store is rapidly filling up with Holiday Goods of every description-the thousand and one articles suggestive of the holiday season. There isn't a boy or girl in Chatham or vicinity who should miss this big Christmas display-and fathers and mothers should come too. We're going to make it an object for you to begin Christmas buying right now. Christmas money will go an extraordinarly long way in providing useful gifts for young and old at the Busy Cash store. Here is a list of some special bargains to be found here Saturday.

40c, and..... Handkerchiefs, hemstitched borders, fine pure quality, special value

DOLLS-HUNDREDS OF THEM-SEE THESE !-

ADIES' JACKETS-WE ARE CLEAR-

Fine Kerseys, Beavers and Curls, worth up to \$10, new ......\$5.90

Rich Astrachan Curls, 36 in, lon5, new 29.00 Best Bokharan Lamb Jackets, 25 in. to 36 in long at \$35, \$37.50 and ..... \$40.00

No. 1 Electric Seal Jacket, 1 only size 34, worth \$45, new .....\$39.50 

3 dos. Fine Felt Walking Hats, assort-ed trims and shades, regular \$1.25

on Polish in Black and Tan, The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Ltd. GASH ONE PRICE AND

## **BOTHA'S WARNING**

Tels His Burghers to Fight on or Take a Trip to St He'en .

oer Lead'r I effantly Declares His Cause is Not Hopeless, and Still Trusts God.

New York, Dec. 14 -A aspatch to the

"Whereas, I have been informed that the enemy circulates all sorts of wrong and lying reports among the burghers about the government and myself, our officers and officials are charged to communicate the

public:

"The executive council, after consulting the president of the Orange Free State, has decided, in the interests of our cause, to give leave of absence of our state president with orders to go immediately to Europe to assist our deputation there in the work they have before them. Vice-president Schalkburger has been sworn in, according to law, and is now acting as state president. He was assisted by the state secretary, two members of the executive council, Lucas Meyer and myself, and other officials;



F. Chaplin PHONE SAG