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THOMAS STONE & SON

FASHION SHEETS FREE

There is Only.....One Best Place

In every town to buy Dry Goods and Carpets. Naturally, we say this store is the place. When you come to think of it we are an exceptional store. Not five retail establishments in Canada have been established as long as we. An unbroken record of gradual upbuilding and success is behind us, and to-day our name stands for "best quality" in every Kent county household. We aim to please—we are not infallible. If goods purchased are not satisfactory we do our best to make matters right with you.

Thursday For Black Dress Goods

We have 10 pos. of Black Dress Goods to offer you to-morrow at away down prices. May be they have outstayed their time here; may be the patterns did not sell quite so fast as some others, but whatever the reason is they must go and the price will probably astonish you.

10 pos. Fancy Black Dress Goods, including matalassa weaves, figured poplins, crepons, etc., mostly small designs, reg. prices 75c, 85c and \$1.00, a yd., on sale Thursday at per yd. 43c

Mercedized Moreen Skirtings

The newest material for Underskirts yet provided. It comes in colors black, purple, cardinal, gray and olive, the material is 38 in. wide and per yd. 75c

Carpets

We place on sale to-morrow twenty-five Art Squares in union, wool filled and all wool. You are not interested in the reason of this price cutting. What you want to know is that the goods are perfect and carry with them our commend. These are the prices:

WOOL FILLED QUALITY—3x3 for \$6.30, was \$7.75
3x4 for \$7.10, was \$8.50
3x5 for \$8.00, was \$9.50
STANDARD WOOL—3x3 for \$3.60, was \$4.75
3x4 for \$4.40, was \$5.50
3x5 for \$5.20, was \$6.50
SUPER WOOL—3x3 for \$7.85, was \$9.00
3x4 for \$8.75, was \$10.50
3x5 for \$10.25, was \$12.00

Ends of Tapestry Carpet, from 4 to 14 yards in the piece, reg. price 60c, 65c, 75c and 85c a yard, on sale to-morrow to clear the entire piece at per yd. 35c and 45c

THOMAS STONE & SON

Direct Importers,
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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND ONE

The Spring Style Barrington Special Derby

has been received and is now on sale. The new style will no doubt be one of the most popular of all the new shapes for Spring. The



The Barrington Special
\$2.50

"Barrington Special" is a distinctly high grade hat—of finest material, fashioned by the most skillful hat makers, and is graceful in outline. It has a medium taper crown. The brim has a slight pitch in front and rear and a round curl. Three heights of crown. Comes in black. A better Derby you cannot buy at any price.

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Chatham Agents for the
Barrington Hat and Slater Shoes

The House Furnishers

IN A PARLOR

There's nothing that adds more to the appearance of the room than a suitable

Parlor Suite

We have a lot of New Suites, Couches and Carpets, and they're the prettiest we've ever seen for the money.

Call and see our stock before buying.

Hugh McDonald

The House Furnisher and Upholster Opp. Garner House

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"THE ARK"

Is Headquarters for Every-
thing in

House Furnishing

Cook Stoves \$12 to \$25, Dinner Sets
\$8.50 to \$50, Toilet Sets \$1.25 to \$10, com-
mon Glass Lamps, complete, 20c to 50c.

A full stock of crockery in open stock,
assorted colors and patterns.

Knives and Forks, \$1.20 to \$5.00 a doz.,
Silver Tea Spoons 75c to \$4.00 a doz., Sil-
ver Dessert Spoons \$2.50 to \$7.00 a doz.

Our stock of Fancy Chinaware is not
excelled in the West. Window Shades 25c,
35c and 45c, all mounted on the best rollers,
Curtain Poles 25c each, complete, brass or
wood trimmings.

Everything for the kitchen that is use-
ful and handy. Full line of tin and enamel
goods.

H. Macaulay, "The Ark"

The great amount of design work
done at the Victoria Avenue Green
House is sufficient proof of the ex-
cellence of the work. Nothing but the
best at the lowest prices. Telephone
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OPENING OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO-MORROW.

Will be a Very Brilliant Affair—The Program Sanctioned by the
King—He Will be Present in Person—Duke of York's Illness.

London, Feb. 13.—King Edward has sanctioned the official program of the ceremonial to be observed in the House of Lords on Thursday. The great officers of state and others will assemble at the entrance of the House of Lords. The King will alight from the state carriage and the procession will move to the robing room, as follows:—Pursuivants, heralds, the King's equerries, gentlemen ushers, grooms in waiting and officers of the household, flanked by the sergeant-at-arms, the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord High Chancellor, the Black Rod, the Garter King of Arms, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Great Chamberlain, the sword of state, carried by the Marquis of Londonderry, the King and Queen respectively, attended by the Master of the Horse, the Lord Steward and the lords and ladies-in-waiting, followed by the pages of honor, the captain of the Guard, Gold Stick, the captain of the Gentlemen at Arms, Silver Stick-in-Waiting, with officers, Gentlemen at arms, and

Yeoman of the Guard closing the procession. After the King is robed, with the Duke of Devonshire (Lord President of the Council) carrying the Imperial crown, the procession will advance into the House of Peers, the cap of maintenance being borne before the King, on the right hand of the sword of state. When the King is seated on the throne, the Duke of Devonshire, bearing the cap of maintenance, will stand on the steps of the throne. On the right of the King will be the Marquis of Londonderry, with the sword of state on the left will be the Lord Steward. The other officers of the household will arrange themselves on each side of the throne. The Luncheon concludes its narrative of the illness of the Duke of Cornwall and York (his temperature for six days being 102, with vomitings and delirium), by saying it was a very severe attack of German measles.

MR. WHITNEY ASKS SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Ontario Legislature Passes an Address to the King—Mr. McNeill
Loses His Seat in North Bruce.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—After an address of sympathy and loyalty had been passed by the legislature yesterday to King Edward, Mr. Whitney gave notice of the following questions:—Is it the intention of the Government to introduce at this session legislation to increase the representation in the House of East Algoma, West Algoma and Nipissing, or either of said districts? If not, is it the intention of the Government to do so before the next general election? Have any steps been taken by the Government to prosecute or toward the prosecution of any of the persons reported by the judges as having acted illegally as deputy returning officers in the elections in West Elgin on the 5th and 12th days of January, 1899, or any of the persons, who, by the report of the said judges, were found to have introduced to the returning officer any of the above-named persons, being the persons or persons illegally appointed deputy returning officer or officers? Of either of the persons Wildfang and Cummings, who were reported by the judges to have respectively fraudulently defaced and injured ballots and fraudulently miscounted ballots at the election in North Waterloo on the 16th and 23rd days of May, 1899.

Of John G. Pritchett, for fraudulent practices at the said election in West Elgin and elsewhere? If so, what steps have been taken in each case? If not, is it the intention of the Government to undertake these prosecutions or any of them? Is Hon. J. T. Garpy still a member of the Government? If not, when was his resignation accepted? NORTH BRUCE VACANT. Southampton, Feb. 13.—The North Bruce election trial was concluded yesterday, Mr. McNeill, Conservative, losing the seat, which he narrowly won by three votes in the general election contest.

The matter was summarily dealt with. After a few questions by Chancellor Boyd, and answers by the legal lights regarding the ballots in dispute, Mr. McNeill was placed in the

witness box. He swore he had done all in his power to have the election conducted in a clean and pure manner. Chancellor Boyd then gave the following decision:—The legal result of the transaction is this—We declare that Mr. McNeill was not duly elected, and that the election is ineffective and void, because of the inequality of votes ascertained on scrutiny and the various irregularities which have been proved. No corrupt practices were found and each to stand his own case.

Chancellor Boyd then announced:—“This ends the proceedings so far as this court is concerned.” NOT ON THE INJURED LIST. A merry sleigh load of Chathamites drove last evening to the residence of Hector Johnson, River road, Raleigh. Chief Pritchard, of the fire department, was the driver and he said this morning that although there were 13 in the sleigh there were no railroads to cross and hence no accidents. There were about 50 present at the party and a most enjoyable time was spent. Pritchard Bros. orchestra furnished the music.

CHASE GOES MERRILY ON.

General French Captures a Boer
Convoy of 50 Wagons.

The Enemy Also Take Some Prisoners
—Great Mortality at Lorenzo
Marqu z.

London, Feb. 13. — A special despatch from Pretoria says Gen. Dewet crossed the Orange River north of Norval's post Sunday night, going in the direction of Philippstown. The British are following.

Gen. Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated February 12, says:—“French has captured a convoy of fifty wagons and fifteen carts and has made forty-three prisoners. We had one man wounded.”

Large bodies of Republicans have been seen near Donkerpoort station, north of Norval's post. Shots were exchanged. The British have occupied Ficksburg, with little opposition and have released the prisoners who were in the jail. The Boers were moving in the direction of Fouriesburg, where they have most of their supplies.

Twenty-seven Australians, Cape police and dragoons were captured by Krutinger's commando, eight miles from Blykspruit, Feb. 6, after a fight in which three British and five Boers were killed. The British were afterwards released.

Two hundred Boers are raiding the Prince Albert district, looting stores and destroying orchards and gardens. Several were killed and wounded. Seven British yeomanry while skirmishing were captured by a commando near Vryburg, which was forced to retire. Piet Dewet has arrived in Cape Town to engage the Afrikaners in the peace movement.

The fever season at Lorenzo Marqu z is exceptionally disastrous. Many deaths of prominent British subjects have occurred. The majority belonged to the imperial railroad administrative staff and had to be removed to a hospital ship in batches. Patients from Komatipoort are arriving daily. The hospital ship is now filled to its capacity. The mortality among the Boer refugees is heavy.

Minard's Linctum Cures Diphtheria.
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HE IS A QUALIFIED ENGINEER.

In the campaign that has been waged against the present city engineer it has been frequently asserted that he is not a duly qualified engineer. This statement is not consistent with the truth. Mr. Shackleton was one of the original members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. This society was formed in 1887 and incorporated the same year. A reference to the society's printed record shows Mr. Shackleton's name among the list of qualified civil engineers. In reply to a question asking for his standing last year, C. H. McLeod, the present secretary, wrote that he was classified as a member. This should put an end to the misstatements that have been circulated in the matter.

ASPHALT LAKE SAID TO EXIST

In the Wild of Northern Ontario
or Perhaps

This Story May be Only a Piece of Fiction—What an Explorer Says.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Feb. 13.—Thomas F. Drew, a well-known prospector and mining man who is prospecting in the wilds of Canada, in that portion known as the upper country, in an interview in Sault Daily News, tells of an asphalt lake which lies over the divide towards James Bay. This lake is said to be an exceedingly rich deposit. Mr. Drew tells the following entertaining story regarding the discovery of the lake: It seems that one day a party of prospectors and an Indian guide were in a section of country beyond the great divide. The party had camped for a rest and the Indian started out in quest of game. He started up a fox and at the same moment he was on the rocky rim of a good sized lake. The fox ran across the top of the lake, splashing the water as he went. The Indian rubbed his eyes and sat down to ponder on things in general. He then went down to the lake himself, and what Raymond could do he could do. It was an asphalt lake, and being in the spring, had about an inch of water on it. He took out his handaxe and chopped a hole, then took a birch pole and pushed it down as far as he could. When it came up the pole was all covered with black paint, as he expressed it. He told no one anything about it except his benefactor some two years afterward. Efforts are now being made to definitely locate the lake.

CONDEMNED MEN GIVEN A CHOICE

Of How to Commit Suicide by the
Chinese Emperor.

Peking, Feb. 13.—Prince Ching, and Li Hung Chang have received a long despatch from the court which they have not disclosed to the foreign envoys. It is understood to contain, in addition to the recent celebrated reform decree, an account of how Emperor Wwan-Shi has sent a charge of methods of suicide to all those named for punishment by the envoys, closing with the enquiry whether Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang think the envoys will be satisfied. It is understood that the Chinese plenipotentiaries, in reply to the court, said the foreign envoys could not object strongly to an accomplished fact, but that they would probably insist upon the sentence of execution being published throughout the Empire, and possibly upon the heads of those condemned being exhibited at various points. It is very seriously doubted in Chinese circles here that General Tung-Fu-Hsiang will agree to commit suicide. The army worship him. He has absolute control of the Mohammedans, and is believed to be one himself. He refused to allow the disbandment of five thousand men, and the Emperor ordered him far from the court. To attempt his execution, it is thought in Chinese circles, might mean civil war.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

George T. St. Cyr has been sentenced at Dawson City to be hanged for the murder of H. Davis. Counsel for the prisoner will appeal.

A smallpox patient arrived in Ottawa by train from Sudbury, and most of the passengers in the same car have been quarantined.

Hon. J. Israel Tarte, minister of public works, has stated that he intends having the St. Lawrence river channel at Montreal dredged to 450 feet wide and to a depth of thirty feet within the next two years.

BEATEN AT THAMESVILLE.

Two rinks of the Chatham curling club went to Thamesville yesterday afternoon to play in competition for the Ferguson cup. The Maple City rinks met with another crushing defeat. The Thamesville club was victorious by 18 shots. The rink skipped by W. T. Bray was tied with their opponents on the score of 20 to 20. G. G. Taylor's rink, however, was down 18 shots, the score being 30 to 12. The personnel of the two rinks was as follows: Rink No. 1—Thos. Tennant, John Waddell, W. D. Sheldon and W. T. Bray (skip). Rink No. 2—J. C. Pritchard, Will Hadley, James Fleming, G. G. Taylor, (skip).