## The Month of February A RECORD BREAKER

We want the month of February to be a record breaker. So far this year business has been good, better than ever before. Our White Goods Sale exceeds all previous records-in fact goods all over the store moved off rapidly-bigger sales, larger business is on record. And we feel that we can deal liberally with our customers during February and we're going to do it.

We Start the Ball Rolling with These Special Bargains for Thursday

Box of ends of Ribbons all widths, all colors and prices, for ONE-HALF REGULAR PRICE.

Box of ends of Laces, torobon and val-enciences, various lengths and prices, for ONE HALF REGULAR PRICE.

A table of remnants of Dress Goods from one yard to four and one-haf yards, black and colors, at ONE-HALF REGULAR PRICE.

7 only, colored figured Dress Lengths of 7 yards, worth \$7.50 and \$10.00, your choice on Thursday at \$2.50.

Boys' fleecy Undershirts, sizes 26, 30, 32, 34, regular price 25c and 35c, special Thursday at 14c.

15 ends of Dress Goods, worth reg-ular 25c to 40c, on Taursday at 15c-per yard.

price 3c cach, special on Thursday at 5c dozen. 10 doz metal Hair Ourlers, regular

Black headed Hat Pins, 1 doz. on a paper, regular price 5c a paper, special Thursday 3c.

23 pair of fadies' and Children's Wool and Cloth Gaiters, worth regular 35c to 50c a pair, special on Thursday

5 doz. Men's Linen Collars, sizes 14½, 15, 16, 16½, stand-up collars, and 14 and 15 turn-down collars, special on Thursday at 5c each or 6 for 25c.

Feather Trimming in light gray, sky, fawn and black, regular price 50c a yard, special on Thursday at 10c.

2 pieces Bleached Tabling, 64 inches wide, regular price 35c a yard, special on Thursday at 22c a yard.

6 pieces Plaid Ginghams, good colors special on Thursday at 4c a yard.

Bleached Twilled Cotton Toweling, regular 5c, special on Thursday 3c a yard.

4 dozen Men's Knot Ties, light colors regular price 20c and 25c, special on Thursday at 5c each or 6 for 25c.

# .. Thomas Stone & Son

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# Now For February

We have just finished stock taking and find many lines which must be cleared out immediately in order to make room for large shipments of spring greds which are now on their way from European manufacturers. Prices will be

cut to less than cost and in many cases to less than half in order to make a quick clearance If you need any of these goods now is the time to bug, the prices being all in your favor.

### For Thursday and Friday

L 15 dez. Huck Linen Towels, sizes 24x13 in., fair quality, fringed

only, Ladies' Wrappers, good heavy quality wrapperette, choice patterns, fast colors, nicely trimmed, made with fitted lining, reg. \$1.50, special....\$1.00

9 only, Child's Eider Coats, fine heavy quality sateen lining, in range of plain and fancy colors, nextly made and trimmed, reg. \$2.25, \$2,50 and \$2.75, special \$1.89

Ladies' Jackets, finest quality material, silk and satin lined. very latest styles, worth \$10 and

NEW PRINTS AT SPECIAL PRICES-400 yds. New Prints, fast colors, special at .....

400 y.ls. New Prints, fast colors, choice patterns, special at .....

1000 yds. New Prints, very hand-some patterns and colorings, fast dyes, special.....

1200 yds. New Prints, latest American patterns, and colorings, special. . . . . . . . 10c

2 pcs. Heavy Canton Flannel, un-7c, special. ......

Heavy Vests, with lonsleeves, worth 17c, special .... 12120 ladies' Vests, long sleeves, soft eiastic rib weave, very specia

FURS-Sable Ruffs, with head and tail trimmings, reg. \$3.50,

Muffs, reg. \$1 50, for..... \$2.89 reg \$3.25, for .... \$2.19

only, Caperine, fine bright Bok-haran lamb curl, full cape and deep collar, worth \$10 50, speci-

Importers and

### NORTHWAY & The Busy Cash and JOHN

Geo. Stephens & Co. have just received direct from Birmingham the largest shipment of

# Spades Shovels

ever brought to Chatham. These goods were bought before the advance in steel goods, as they were ordered nearly a year ago, and will be sold less than present wholesale prices. So when you want Spades, Shovels or Scoops of any kind go to

Geo. Stephens & Co.

### BLENHEIM

Jan. 31 .- Learoyd Bros. have closed Jan. 31.—Learoyd Bros. have closed down there business here and are mov-ing their stock to Galt. John Staces, Toronto, is buying live stock in the surrounding country. George E. Fisher and assistants, of San Jose Scale fame and who created such an excitement in Guilds last sumsuch an excitement in Guilds last sum

mer, are in town.

Rev. J. C. Farthing will lecture Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, in Trinity Church, on "What the Nation Owes the Church." All should be on hand to hear him as his lecture is sure to

be entertaining.
A meeting was held Saturday night in Mayor Haggart's office for a con-cert in connection with the Red Cross

cert in connection with the Red Cross Society. Committees were appointed and a good entertainment will be put on in the Opera House at an early date.

Miss Tretherway, of Sarnia, who has been visiting Mrs. Smeaton, returned home yesterday.

James Crookshanks returned from Barrie vesterday. Miss Nita Crook-Barrie yesterday. Miss Nita Crook-shanks, who has been visiting for some time there, returned with her father.

town.
Miss Dora Sheldon, Miss Heyward
and Miss C. Merritt, Chatham, came
our yesterday for the hop last night. The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N Babcock's Drug Store, where subscrip-tions will be taken, and the paper de-livered to any part of the town.

Leslie Arnold is visiting friends in

Cook's Cotton Koot Compound

### Buller Claims to Hold it--Will be There Within a Week.

London, Jan. 31.-The Cape Town orrespondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday (Tuesday), says General Buller yesterday (Monday) read the following message from the Queen to Sir Charles Warren's force: -"I must express my admiration of the troops during the past trying week, especially of the regiments you specify and of the accomplishment of

your arduous march." Gen. Buller told the men that they ought not to think, because they had retired from their position, that all their work was of no avail. On the contrary, in his opinion they had gained the key of the road to Ladysmith, in which he hoped to be within

ADVANCE ON BLOEMFONTEIN. London, Jan. 31.-A despatch has een received from Lord Roberts, saying there was no change in the situa-tion in South Africa. Up to this hour the only reliable despatch of any im-portance is a confirmation of the

manding the sixth division, has occupied Thebus, about midway between Gen. French at Rensburg and General Gatacre, at Sterkstroom. From this it is deduced that a juncture of the three forces is being made, preparatory to the beginning of the plan of advance on Bloemfontein.

Such scraps of information as can be gahtered regarding the movements of the armies in the field seem to indicate that the relief of Ladysmith has been abandoned for the present, and that a concentration of the Britisch for an invasion of the Free State is in progress. In addition to Gen. Kellyskenny's movements, Gen. Brabant, chief of the Cape Colonials, has arrived at Sterkstroom. HOT WORK AT KIMBERLEY.

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Kimberley, Friday, Jan. 26.—The wholesale bombardment, which lasted all day long yesterday, was resumed this morning. The Boers sent 380 shells into all parts of Kimberley. There were several casualties, including a woman and a child. The favorite target appears to have been the hospital. A shrapnel shell exploded close to a hearse which was proceeding to the cemetery, and a shell burst in the cemetery during the funeral. in the cemetery during the funeral.

## May Mobilize Her Whole Fleet as a Precaution Against Interference.

London, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 44. m.-It is now known that the Cabinet devoted mush of its discussion on Saturday to the mobilization of the fleet. Nothing was settled except that until further security to the home coasts has been obtained by naval preparations, the eighth division shall not be sent to South Africa. On Monday the Admiralty issued orders that the channel squadron, instead of leaving Portland this week for Gibraltar, as pre viously directed, shall assemble or Feb. 5th off Eddystone and proceed to Bantry for a fortnight's exercise, off the Irish coast, thus keeping in home waters for a time. This deci-sion to delay the eighth division at a time when reinforcements are so urgently required may only mean that transports are not yet available, and that the division will embark when the shipping is ready. The mobilization of reserve warships, if such a course shall be determined upon, would be of the nimest importance. would be of the utmost importance There is nothing in the intelligence possessed by the public to cause the Cabinet's prolonged discussion of this matter, and the inference is that the fleet may be mobilized as a general warning to other countries to keep their hands off the Transvaal ques-tion, or the Ministry may have definite knowledge that the neutral powers purpose to take some advantage else-

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The Opening Year

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Jewelers and Importers of Gems and Art Wares, 140 and 142

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to the service of

Africa,
There is talk of 47 militia battalions There is talk of 47 militia battalions being embodied. These are all of the militia not previously warned. A sharp lookout is being kept on volunteers for the various South African regiments. The Daily Chronicle says: "Three suspicious characters were rejected by officers in one regiment Monday. Two were unmistakably of Roer origin. The third whose Eng-Monday. Two were unmistakably of Boer origin. The third, whose Engish is faulty, had been a German of RNEW ALL ABOUT IT.

London, Jan. 31.—A blue book was issued to-day, relating to South Africa, covering the period from March last to the present. Its most interestlast to the present. Its most interest-ing feature is a letter from Sir Alfred Milner to Mr. Chamberlain, dated Nov. 30, in which he says: "I have always regarded a war with the republics as a very formidable war, indeed, owing to the colossal armaments of the Transvaal. In view of these I could not but anticipate a terrible struggle not but anticipate a terrible struggle

the last thing in the world to which

I or any man could look forward
otherwise than with the gravest solicitude." In the course of the same
letter Six Afred describes the Transvanl as a huge arsenal. It is also worthy of note that on Aug. 27 he wrpte Mr. Schriener, the Cape Colony Premier:—"Like yourself, I do not ex-pect war."

### ONE WAS KILLED.

Private Jones, of the First Canadian Contingent

Lost His Life in the Fight at Sunny. side-the Belonged to Victoria, B. C.

It is now known here for the first time that a member of the Canadian contingent was killed in action in the fight at Sunnyside, on Jan. 1, when a colonial force, under Lieut. Col. Pilcher, defeated a Boer commando at Sunnyside, capturing their laager and 40 prisoners. The name of the volunteer was J. W. Jones, of Victoria, B. C., and he was a private in Assessment of the he was a private in A company of the contingent, the company made up from Manitoba and British Columbia. A report of his death came recently from Victoria, and was published, but was noted as a probable error at the time, as the Canadians had not been in any further battle, while the list of casualties at Sunnyside was not thought to include any Canadians.

The mistake is easily explained. The list of killed at Sunnyside as cabled the war office was as follows: Privates McLeod and A. Rost, Queensland Mounted Infantry; Private Jones, Vic Mounted infantry; Private Jones, Victoria. It was at once concluded that "Private Jones, Victoria," Teferred to another member of the Australian force, and that all the Canadians were safe. It now turns out that Private Jones was of Victoria, B. C., and was, as above that one of the Canadian

Jones was or victoria, B. C., and was, as above stated, one of the Canadian force engaged in the attack, under Capt. Barker, of Toronto.

His death marks the first sacrifice made by the Canadian volunteers on the field of battle.

# Shoes Sacrifice

The way out shoes are going will surprise you. And the prices that are making them go will surprise you still more. It will be profitable for you to be surprised. Drop in and try it. See windows, goods ticket with the profit of the control where

adies' Kid Laced and Buttoned
Boots is either hand turn or
heavy gole, narrow toes, regular price \$3 00.

adies' Wool Lined Storm

Slater \$5.00 Shoes

Geo. W. Cowan

Chatham

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Thursday Evening, 1st Feb'y

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**Tickets 25 Cents** 

We Have too Many China Plates

In order to reduce the quantity quick. We have put them in the window this week until Wednesday evening at

### 10c each

Cut Sale of China Cups and Saucers

As these goods are used in every household we offer every one the opportunity of secur-ing choice necessaries at small cost. If you don't get first choice do not blame us.

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