CHRISTMAS SPECIALS
—AT—
179 Dundas St **THOMSON'S** Next Boomer's

400 Ladies' Fancy Christmas Collars at About Half-Price

We secured a complete set of travellers' samples Fancy Collars, ranging from 25c to $4.00 each.

25c Collar for.....**15¢**
50c Collar for.....**29¢**
75c Collar for.....**40¢**
$1.00 Collar for.....**69¢**
$2.00 Collar for.....**$1.25**
$3.00 Collar for.....**$1.75**

All Collars over 15c put up in a nice Christmas box. Get in early for full choice.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at ..... **15¢**

Ladies' and Gents' extra fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched ....**25¢**

Lissue Handkerchiefs.

The latest in Handkerchiefs, pure linen, very sheer colored hairline and checks. Special at ..... **20¢**

A splendid showing of Fancy Aprons, very dainty styles in white and colors, 25c to **$1.50**

KIMONOS — A Kimono makes a nice Christmas gift. We are selling our $1.35 and $1.50 Kimonos at **$1.25** this week. Good patterns, sateen trimming.

PERFUME.

High-grade Perfume in attractive boxes, at 25c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and up to **$2.75**

Perfume by the ounce, to clear:
Regular 50c ounce, for..**35¢**
Regular 75c ounce, for..**50¢**
Bottles supplied.

A LIST OF USEFUL PRESENTS.

Music Rolls, Handbags, Back Combs and Barrettes. See our fancy Back Comb and Barrette Set in plush-lined box at **$2.00**

Kid Gloves, guaranteed, at **$1.00** and **$1.25**, in a Christmas box. Umbrellas and Parasols in a fancy box.

Ladies' and Children's Coats at about half price.

Children's Bonnets in several lines, from **25¢** to **$2.50.**

A full line of Ladies' Silk, Net and Lingerie Waists at special prices for Christmas.

10 dozen Ladies' Fine Plain Cashmere Hose, regular 50c, for .....**39¢**

Ladies' Knit Vests—"Our Leader for Friday and Saturday. Regular 40c, for..**29¢**

SUITS, COATS, DRESSES AND CORSETS MADE TO ORDER

We wish to remind our customers and friends that we are selling agents for "The Robinson Corset and Costume Company." If you have difficulty in fitting your girls with Underskirts, try one of our Made-to-Measure Skirts—it will pay. We invite you to call and inspect our samples of work. Several Sample Suits, Coats, Skirts, on sale at reduced prices.

J. M. THOMSON
179 DUNDAS STREET. NEXT TO BOOMER'S.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM, LIMITED — WEATHER PROBS: COLD. — SMALLMAN & INGRAM, LIMITED

Get An Early Start Saturday Morning

The importance and advantage of shopping in the forenoon has been strongly demonstrated every day this week. Every morning shoppers receive the full benefit of our complete store service, and enjoy the conveniences and accommodations of this modernly equipped and beautifully furnished and appointed building. Saturday will be one of the biggest days for out-of-town shoppers, and we are prepared to render the best, quickest and most accurate service in the history of this store, with a largely increased staff of salespeople and every modern equipment. Yet in the face of all, at this season, we ask you: Is it not timely, the advice to do as much shopping as possible in the forenoon?

CARRY SMALL PARCELS—We again repeat this request, and ask our customers as far as convenient to carry small parcels, particularly on Saturday.

GREAT CLEARING OF TRIMMED MILLINERY

Nothing to be reserved now in this section, and together with another big assortment of Trimmed Hats at half price, many fresh trimmed Hats right from our workrooms are being offered at great reductions in price. It is our intention to clear every winter Hat and to clear them quickly, too, and all will be found priced accordingly. If you are at all interested, we would ask you to look over the beautiful trimmed Hats we are offering at from, each..**$2.50** to **$6.50**

AND THE WINGS—If you need a fresh wing for your winter hat, visit this sale table and see the great, large beauties which are being offered, the price of many of which we will not say, but all are sorted into two lots, and the values we will leave for you to judge and pick. The prices are, pair **19¢** and ..... **39¢**

Millinery—Second Floor.

Ladies' Plain Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs

If you are in doubt as to what some of your friends would appreciate, the ever-popular and most useful gift—a dozen or half-dozen good quality Linen Handkerchiefs—are always acceptable. (Nicely boxed.)

¼ or ½ inch hem....**10¢** each or **$1.10** dozen
½ inch hem.....**12½¢** each or **$1.35** dozen
¼ or ½ inch hem....**15¢** each or **$1.65** dozen
¼ inch hem.....**18¢** each or **$2.00** dozen
¼ or ½ inch hem....**20¢** each or **$2.25** dozen
¼ inch hem.....**25¢** each or **$2.75** dozen
¼ inch hem .....**40¢** each or **$4.50** dozen

Centre Aisle—Main Floor.

Pretty Belts to Freshen Up Your Outfit for Christmas

An endless variety of charming effects are shown in our Christmas display of Belts. The newest paisley and floral designs, with beautiful buckles to match, in which assortment you'll find color combinations to blend and smarten the appearance of every sombre winter suit, and when neatly boxed suggest a useful Christmas gift. Prices .....**65¢** to **$1.85**

Centre Aisle—Main Floor.

Refreshments in the Restaurant to the Sweet Strains of Music

CORTESE ORCHESTRA.
From 3:30 to 5 Saturday:

The following programme will be rendered Saturday afternoon in the restaurant, where you may rest and refresh yourself when you have finished your shopping. Lunches and afternoon teas served continuously.

PROGRAMME.

1. March, "The Echo".....Taylor
2. Selection, "Amina".....La Farge
3. Waltz, from "The Dollar Princess".....Leo Fall
4. Song, "Magnolia Serenade".....Missud
5. Novelette, "Every Little Movement"....Hoschora (Madame Sherry).
6. A Suite, "Dawn, Sleepy Baby, For Thee"..Vannah
7. Airs from "The Arcadians".....Monckton
8. Pot Pourri, "The Merry Widow".....Lehar
9. Intermezzo, from the Cavaliera Rusticana..Mascagni
10. March, "On the Field of Glory".....Brooks

Fourth Floor.
TAKE WEST SIDE ELEVATORS.

Saturday Special---Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose

EMBROIDERED IN COLORS.

These are extra quality Fine Black Cashmere, prettily embroidered in colored silks, spliced heel and toe, extra good value. A splendid gift. One, two or three pairs nicely boxed, only, pair .....**50¢**

Main Floor.

Great Saturday List For Men

With a progressive clothing store, each day and each week must provide for its own. It would not do to sit down and think how and where we are going to get for tomorrow something to beat the offerings of today. With us the quality standard, if possible, must be higher at the same price, or the price lower for equal quality, each week marking new records that would seem impossible ever again to equal. In Men's Overcoats, Underwear and Winter Caps, startling values have been given, but these three great items for tomorrow are better than anything we have yet offered, and we think beyond anything you have or ever expect to see. But, remember, these are on sale at 8 o'clock Saturday morning, and early buyers will get them.

Startling Sale of Men's High-Class $18 to $24 Overcoats at $13.75

No need to wait longer; may as well have your new Overcoat for Christmas, as not one of these will be here after, as we have decided to clear up our stock of Men's Overcoats before, and this stroke at the prices tomorrow will have a telling effect. Smart Winter Overcoats, in the new Chesterfield, Military and Motor styles. Coats for every occasion and for men in every walk in life—such good and fashionable materials as diagonals, Scotch and English tweeds, meltons and vicunas, in blacks, browns and light and dark greys; single or double breasted styles, stationary or convertible collars, all sizes; $18.00, $20.00, $22.00 and $24.00 Overcoats to go Saturday all at one price.....**$13.75**

Also Men's $12.00 and $14.00 Overcoats for - - - - $8.25

Boys' Overcoats, 8 to 15 Years, Clearing at Each $5.00

We have had a wonderful season in Overcoats, far beyond our greatest hopes or expectations. Our Coats are right, that's why; right in style, right in quality, and right in price; but like every other line of merchandise, when broken stocks are cut, they are cut to go, and not held until the season is over. Come early tomorrow for your new Overcoat.

Boys' $1.25 Jersey Sweaters 89c

These are for ages 4 to 14 years, all-wool Sweaters which have given the best of satisfaction, in plain navy, grey, garnet and cardinal, also in two colors: navy and cardinal, grey and cardinal, and grey and white. Beautiful quality and perfect goods, warm and very elastic, fine knitted goods. Worth $1.25 each, to clear at .....**89¢**

Richmond Street Entrance.

200 Men's Fur Band Caps, 75c and $1.00 Caps for 39c Each

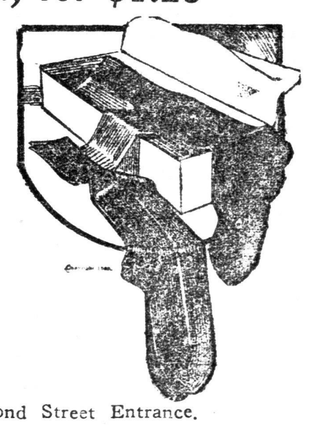
These are the finest lot of Caps we have ever offered at this price; a new lot cleared this week from the maker, silk-lined and well-finished in every detail, with warm drop inside fur bands. Warm Cloth Caps for winter wear, not made of ordinary cap materials, but from manufacturers' ends of overcoating, in grey, navy and brown beaver and mixed tweeds; sizes 6⅞ to 7¾. Two hundred for quick sale Saturday at 8 o'clock. Regular 75c and $1.00 Caps, your choice, each.....**39¢**

See Richmond Street Window.

100 Pieces Men's and Boys' Underwear, Worth Up to $1.25 Saturday 33c Garment

The odds and ends of all sizes in All-Wool Ribbed and Fleece-Lined Underwear. We want all the big men Saturday, as there are plenty of large sizes. The greatest snap ever offered in this department to those who are early enough for the first picking. One hundred garments, each .....**33¢**

40 Dozen Men's Socks, 3 Pairs in a Box, for $1.25



Here is a splendid gift suggestion for men, a most acceptable gift. Plain or Ribbed Fine Cashmere Socks, nicely put up, three pairs in a box, making a popular-priced gift. Box **$1.00**

Also 30 doz. Pen-Angle, ever last heel and toe, in fancy colors; a very pleasing gift, 3 pairs in a box, for **$1.25**

Richmond Street Entrance.

IN THE RESTAURANT
Special Afternoon Teas 15c, two for 25c.
—Fourth Floor.—

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

IN THE RESTAURANT
Oysters served in every style.
—Fourth Floor—

PRESIDENT TAFT CLAPS ON THE LID

Blocks Progress of Report On Country's Defenses.

FEARS A WAR SCARE

But Hopes That Nation Will Soon Be in Condition to Repel Invasion.

Washington, Dec. 15—President Taft today directed Secretary of War Dickinson to withhold from Congress entirely his report on the national defence made in answer to a resolution passed by the House of Representatives. The House yesterday declined to receive the report in confidence. Hence it will not be sent at all.

President Taft would deprecate a war scare or hasty action at this time in any one direction. In his message to Congress he has called attention to some of the needs of the army, and he is hopeful that favorable action may be taken. The President is anxious that more officers for the army should be provided by law, and that these officers should co-operate with the militia of the various states and thus keep in reserve at all times an effective fighting force which could be called into the field at a moment's notice.

Wants New Volunteer Act.

President Taft has urged the passage of a bill now pending in Congress repealing the old volunteer act and making provision for the organization of volunteer forces in time of war. This bill was framed by Senator Root when secretary of war, and was passed by the House, but defeated in the Senate by a threatened filibuster, led by Senator Bacon, of Georgia. The President says that the passage of the bill would not entail a dollar's expense upon the Government until war actually comes. But when war does come, the methods of organizing the volunteer force set out in the bill are in accordance with the best modern military judgment.

The President has laid great stress upon the necessity of providing additional officers to co-operate with the militia of the states and in this connection points out that at best it requires six months to train an infantry force, and from a year and a half to two years to train cavalry and field artillery.

Believes in Confidence.

The President took the ground today that all the facts as to the army and the fortifications along the coasts of the United States upon which Congress could base any proposed action, were contained in the regular annual reports of the secretary of war, the chief of staff and other subordinate officers of the war department. These reports already are in the hands of Congress.

President Taft agrees with some of the Congress leaders that these conclusions and opinions should be held in strict confidence. As the House cannot receive reports in confidence, the President decided it was best to withhold the original report in its entirety. He directed Secretary Dickinson to prepare a letter to the House giving the reasons for withholding the special report and inviting attention to the regular annual reports which will be found to contain all of the actual information that helped to make up the reply to the McLachlan resolution.

Supplies Are Lacking.

Major-General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, was again before the House military committee today to explain his views as to the military unpreparedness of the country. He said that it was impossible to obtain a large stock of war supplies on short notice. He believed the time to act was now, and that the Government should be enabled at once to purchase all the supplies necessary so that any emergency might be met promptly and effectively.

General Wood favored the national council of defence plan, as outlined in the administration measure yesterday by Representative Hobson, of Alabama and contended for legislation providing a permanent policy such as was worked out successfully in European governments. He said the United States should not be behind any other government in preparing for war.

No Hospital Equipment.

General Wood has issued a circular, prepared by Colonel Weaver, chief of the militia division, calling the attention of the United States National Guard to the totally inadequate provisions in their various organizations for the care of the sick and wounded, in case the militia is called into active service. The circular states that recent investigation by the militia division demonstrates that with rare exceptions, no ambulance companies or field hospitals have been provided for in the organized militia. In case of mobilization, therefore, in military divisions, there would be almost a complete deficiency of the sanitary units which normally should be provided therefor.

Attention is called to the fact that under the new regulations the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the medical department which is assigned to field service will bear the new designation of "sanitary troops."

EXECUTIVE OF THE SYNOD OF HURON

Quarterly Meeting of the Committee Held Yesterday.

At the quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Synod of Huron, held in Cronyn Hall yesterday, reports from the Huron College jubilee committee, the financial committee, and from Archdeacon Young, were presented, and showed that affairs are in a most flourishing condition, and that the last quarter was one of the best in the history of the diocese. Ven. Archdeacon Richardson, Dr. Sage and Rev. W. T. Hill, and Messrs. H. Macklin and R. M. McElheran, were appointed the committee of the Huron College jubilee. Mr. R. Bayly presented the case of the income of St. Paul's rectory since the death of Canon Dann and it was decided to give this money to the churchwardens.

It was reported that Rev. Mr. Duthie, of Hespeler, was ill, and he was granted a year's furlough.

The sum of $250 was given to Bishop Williams to meet contingencies.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a meeting of the committee on missions was held, and plans for an aggressive year's work were laid.

A memoriam from Oxford Deanery in regard to church extension was referred to the diocesan commissioner.

The clergy present were: Bishop Williams, Dean Davis, Archdeacons Hill, Richardson and Mackenzie; Rev. J. W. G. Andrew, Berlin; Canon Hick, Simcoe; Dr. Sage, London; Rev. T. G. A. Wright, Sarnia; Canon Hague, London; Rev. C. Miles, Aylmer; Rev. T. G. Wallace, Woodstock; Rev. T. A. Wright, Brantford; Rev. L. D. Diehl, Paisley; Canon Davis, Sarnia; Rev. Arthur Carlisle, Windsor; Rev. James Ward, Waterford; Rev. W. T. Hill, London; Rev. J. H. Hodgins, Stratford; Rev. R. S. W. Howard, Chatham; Rev. W. S. Brownlee, St. Thomas.

The laymen were: Judge Holt, Goderich; Charles Jenkins, Petrolea; Judge Ermatinger, St. Thomas; John Ransford, Clinton; C. C. Hodgins, Lucan; A. H. Backus, Aylmer; E. Paull, London; Henry Macklin, London; Judge Robb, Simcoe; G. Graham, Inwood; R. M. McElheran, London; W. E. Rispin, Grant; S. Metcalfe, Blyth; Chris Hodgins, Lucan, and J. K. H. Pope, London.

BILL'S LOST BUFFALO

Old-Time Hunt Attended by Indian Warriors.

Oklahoma, Dec. 15.—Col. William F. Cody, "Buffalo Bill," who is visiting with Major Gordon Lillie, "Pawnee Bill," on the latter's buffalo ranch near this city, shot and killed the last buffalo of his historic career during an early morning hunt today.

The Lillie ranch contains five hundred acres, and at the present time 150 buffalo, the herd being recently augmented by a shipment from the Austin Corbin ranch in New Hampshire.

For some time an unruly old buffalo bull has been maltreating the other animals, and Major Lillie determined to kill him for a barbecue feast to be given in honor of Col. Cody and his party of friends from the east. "Buffalo" Bill" was given the distinction of hunting down and shooting the bull. He was accompanied by all the members of the party, together with numerous Pawnee and Osage Indians, and executed the death sentence with one shot. The dead bull was immediately skinned, cut up and barbecued by the assembled Indians, who, later in the day, held an old-time council and dance. The sight of so many buffalo aroused the old spirit of the warriors and they were with difficulty restrained from attacking the herd. A number of the Pawnee warriors were scouts with "Buffalo Bill" in the north fifty years ago. The day was set apart also for the dedication of Blue Hawk Peak, Major Lillie's ranch home. It is on the exact spot where a former Pawnee chief's lookout stood, commanding a view of the country in all directions. It is a ranch house, Indian council house, dugout and bungalow combined, with all modern equipments, seventy-five feet in diameter, and fifty feet to apex.

A parade was given, headed by Chief White Eagle, of the Pawnees. One hundred guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, including five noted artists of western scenes.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Eugene Desloges a workman in the E. B. Eddy pape mills, met a terrible death this morn ing, when he was drawn into one o the big machines and pushed throug the huge rollers. Desloges was flat tened out and killed instantly. H was about 30 feet from other em ployees, and no cause for the acci dent can be discovered.