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THOS. STONE & SON.

**Whitewear,
Embroidery and
Cotton Sale. . .**

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Saturday Morning

We invite your inspection of our magnificent display of Ladies' Whitewear, commenced **SATURDAY**. We are confident that for elegance of material and workmanship these cannot be equalled—they surpass all our former showing.

Embroidery Sale.

We place on sale 300 pieces fine Embroideries brought by us direct from St. Gall, Switzerland—these we sell at the prices many merchants have to pay for them—the saving will be apparent to you.

Cotton Sale.

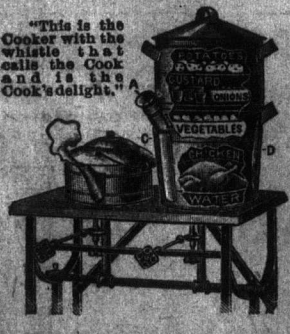
We place on sale fifty pieces Bleached Cottons and Lonsdale Cambrics at extra special prices—and if you need cottons we would urge you to buy at once as you will not have a chance of buying as cheap again for many months.

THOS. STONE & SON
IMPORTERS

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

Axes, 50c.
Fur Coats, \$12.00
Horse Blankets, Lined, 85c
Copper and Nickle Plate Coffee Pot, 40c.
Milk Pans 6c.
Mrs. Potts Sad Irons, 75c
Granite Wash Dish 12c.

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THE ARK

Just what's wanted
A Fuel and Space Saver

This Steam Cooker will cook a dinner for 8 or 12 persons, all done on ONE gas jet or ONE lid of your range.

We have two sizes in stock at present. Price \$5.00 reduced to **\$4.50**, and \$6.00 reduced to **\$5.50**. See samples in "The Ark" window. No trouble to show goods.

H. MACAULAY, 30 King Street.

BIG VICTORY AT ST. JOHN

Hon. Mr. Blair's Successor in Parliament Will be Follower of Mr. Borden.

Conservatives Also Retain East Lambton and East Bruce by Splendid Majorities.

By-elections for the House of Commons were held in eight constituencies yesterday distributed over the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Six of the seats contested were held by Liberal representatives and two by Conservatives. These latter two both in Ontario, East Grey, and East Lambton, again returned supporters of Mr. Borden, and by increased majorities. In addition to these the Conservatives redeemed St. John, N. B., until recently represented by Hon. A. G. Blair. The other constituencies went Liberal, as before, the net result of the day's polling being a gain of one seat by the Conservatives.

EAST LAMBTON.

Watford, Ont., Feb. 16.—The by-election in East Lambton to-day has gone Conservative by about 500 majority. The Liberals are surprised by the large majority. Returns so far, give Armstrong, Con., about 500 with 14 polls to hear from. Owing to the cold weather and condition of the roads the total vote was somewhat smaller than at the last election. Outside returns are hard to obtain; some will not be heard from until tomorrow. Following are the returns wired.

Jenkins, 1,508; Armstrong, 1,955.

EAST BRUCE.

Walkerton, Ont., Feb. 16.—With two polls in Outross to hear from Mr. Donnelly, the Conservative nominee, is elected for East Bruce by a majority of 179. Both candidates worked very hard, and unusually good vote was polled considering the bad roads and severe weather. Heavy changes in favour of the Conservative candidate are shown in the townships of Carleton and Greenock. They have also slightly gained in Outross. The other parts of the riding are about normal. The returns by majorities—

Robb, 90; Donnelly, 269.

ST. JOHN REDEEMED.

St. John's, N. B., Feb. 16.—Thirty-eight polling places out of forty-two give Daniels, Con., 3,449; McKeown, Lib., 3,275. Daniels elected by about 285 majority.

ST. JAMES, MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—In the by-election held to-day in St. James' division of Montreal, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the unseating of Mr. Brunet, Lib., H. Gervais, the Liberal candidate, was elected by a majority of 636 over J. G. H. Bergeron, Con. The vote stood: Gervais, 3,211; Bergeron, 2,575—majority for Gervais, 636. At the last by-election, Mr. Brunet, Liberal, defeated Mr. Bergeron by 647.

HOCHELAGA.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—The by-election in Hochelaga, for the House of Commons left vacant by the appointment of Mr. Madore, the sitting Liberal member, to the bench, took place to-day, and resulted in the election of L. A. Rivet, the Liberal candidate, by a majority of 901 over Dr. Bernard, Con. The vote was L. A. Rivet, Lib., 4,105; Dr. Bernard, Con., 3,804—majority for Rivet, 301.

ST. HYACINTHE.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., Feb. 16.—Complete returns gives J. B. Blanchet, Liberal, 195 majority.

MONTMAGNY.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—In Montmagny, Lavange, Liberal, was elected by 300 majority.

WEST QUEENS.

Halifax, Feb. 16.—West Queens, Prince Edward Island, Hasard, Lib., elected by 200 majority.

MITE BOX SOCIAL

Christ Church Annual Mite Box and Congregational Social was held in the S. S. Hall last night. There was a fair attendance notwithstanding the intensely cold weather. A very pleasant evening was spent and all present were in a very sociable mood.

Twenty mite boxes were handed in, the proceeds of which amounted to \$54.21. The box containing the largest amount was that of Mrs. Davies, Victoria avenue, \$6.28. Mr. George Wilson, Charing Cross, was next with \$5.01. Mrs. Chas. Keller was a close third with \$5.00; Mr. H. W. Smith \$4.01, Mrs. McKinnon \$4.00 and Mrs. Waddell \$4.00. There are still fifty boxes out; they will be returned in a few days.

The ladies of the Guild served refreshments and a short musical program was rendered.

Those having boxes are kindly asked to leave them at the rectory or Mr. Hayward's store, not later than Saturday first.

An expression of opinion was taken as to whether or no the mite box system should be continued. Two of three favored the formation of a Mite Society with monthly collectors for different sections of the parish. It was, however, decided to distribute boxes again this year and all the families represented took boxes.

TO BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT

Officers of 24th Regiment will Give Patrons and Friends One Fine Production Each Year.

Handsome Recognition Provided for Oast and Ochorus—Tributes to Miss Gordon and Others—Success of Robin Hood.

Last evening the officers of the 24th Regiment met in the offices of Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Rankin and officially passed upon the business reports in connection with the recent successful production of the magnificent opera "Robin Hood." The officers were much pleased with the success of the splendid production, and many warm words of praise and congratulation were passed out.

There were present, Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Rankin, who presided, Major G. P. Schofield, Quartermaster G. W. Cornell, Paymaster Dr. W. R. Hall, Captain Geo. Massey, Captain J. S. Black, Lieut. H. D. Smith, Lieut. O. L. Lewis, Lieut. A. E. Jewett, Adjutant W. A. Collett, Lieut. J. S. Turner, Lieut. H. W. Anderson and Bandmaster W. H. Walker.

Lieut. J. S. Turner, who so capably acted as business manager for the production, tendered his report in detail. The report showed that, while the expenditures had been exceptionally heavy, no expense being spared to make the production the memorable success it proved, a tidy balance remained on the right side of the ledger.

A motion was passed ordering the payment of all certified accounts.

It was decided to prepare an enjoyable evening of entertainment for all the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly contributed their services to the production, after the Lenten season. A committee was appointed to make arrangements with Messrs. Slade and Depew for the presentation of an evening musicale, after which a banquet will be served and the evening conclude with a delightful dance. It was decided to engage the full orchestra to furnish the music for the evening.

Heartly votes of thanks were passed to all members of the cast and chorus. Regret was expressed at the disposition of Mr. Slade and the officers were keenly appreciative of his services.

To Miss Ruby Gordon, the talented Wallaceburg contralto, the thanks of the meeting were particularly expressed. The appreciation of the regiment will be evidenced to this accomplished young lady in a special letter from the Commanding Officer. The splendid work and capabilities of Musical Director Wilson were also highly eulogized and commented upon, and the suggestion of Crown Attorney Smith that his services should be specially recognized met with universal endorsement.

The Planet was also the recipient of many kind and complimentary comments from the officers, and a liberal share of the credit for the two magnificent houses was generously accorded this journal. "No production was ever better advertised than The Planet advertised Robin Hood," was the kind comment of Capt. Black. The handsome souvenir programs issued by this journal were also eulogistically commented upon.

The officers expressed their intention of making an annual regimental affair of some large production of the kind, with a view to perpetuating the prestige of the Regiment, not alone in military matters, but in the praiseworthy and delightful arts of peace.

A FINE TRIP

Spencer Stone Returns From his European Business Trip—Splendid Outing

Spencer Stone, of the firm of Thos. Stone & Son, has returned from his semi-annual purchasing trip to the European markets. Mr. Stone left for the Old Country the day after Christmas, and he returned last Monday. He reports a very successful and pleasant trip.

"It was the most successful trip I have ever had," said Mr. Stone, in a brief interview with a Planet reporter. "I went first to Berlin, where I purchased some very choice lines in ladies' jackets, trimmings and suits. I spent a very profitable and pleasant two weeks in London, buying all sorts of dry goods. I think I have now purchased the greatest stock ever shown in Chatham, without any exceptions. I have been better satisfied with my purchases this time than I ever have been before. I saw Mrs. MacIntyre in Berlin and I was very pleased to meet some one I knew from Chatham. The trip across was very fine, but the sea was rough on the return. There was a party of 34 Canadians on board when I went over and we had a jolly time." Mr. Stone sailed from New York on the Cedric and returned on the Celtic, White Star liners.

It is a great misfortune not to have enough wit to speak well or not enough judgment to keep silent.

BEAR BLUFFS AT BRITAIN

Russia Makes Preparations For a Dash at India to Get at England.

In Case Great Britain Shows More Open Hostility—Wei-Hai-Wei Incident Being Looked Into.

Special to The Planet.

New York, Feb. 17.—A despatch to the Herald from Tien Tsin dated Monday, Feb. 15, asserts that Russia has seized the Chinese treaty port of New Chwang. Fifteen hundred infantry, the correspondent asserts, entered the native city with bands playing and banners flying. Panic and confusion prevails among the native population.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 16.—It is evident that Russia is giving serious attention to the attitude of Great Britain towards the war in the far east, and that the possibility of war with that country is being gravely considered.

Lieut.-General Ivanoff, governor-general and commander of the troops in Turkestan, has gone to Tashkent, in Turkestan, with Gen. Sakharoff, chief of the staff of the military district of Turkestan.

It is said in high military circles that Gen. Ivanoff has been instructed to prepare for the contingency of military action in the direction of India, in the event of Great Britain adopting an attitude more openly hostile to Russia, or attempting to prejudice Russian interests in Persia or Tibet.

Furthermore, the charge that the Japanese fleet, which attacked Port Arthur was allowed to use as a base of operations the British-Chinese port of Wei-Hai-Wei, is not to be left without more attention. The first step has been taken in the form of an inquiry at Peking, and a dispatch has been received here from the Russian minister at Peking, Paul Lessar, saying that upon his official inquiry the Chinese government informed him that Wei-Hai-Wei remains leased to Great Britain.

London, Feb. 16.—It is said that Great Britain is about to appoint consuls at Mukden and Antung.

SHOT BURGLAR TO THE DEATH

London Detectives Desperate Encounter with Pair of Armed Thieves.

Duel With Revolvers—One Man Found Dead With Weapon in Each Hand.

London, Ont., Feb. 17.—"Shorty Billy," one of the worst desperadoes who has ever come this way, was shot and almost instantly killed in this city yesterday afternoon. His companion in crime, a man who goes by the appellation of "Texas," and who is known to the police by no other name, is under arrest, charged with burglary.

The shooting was done by Detectives Thomas Nickle and Robert Egleston. Which of the officers actually fired the fatal shot will probably never be known, since both fired at the same moment. There are two bullet wounds in the body, but there is quite a possibility that both were made by the same bullet. A post-mortem will reveal the fact.

It was quite by chance that the detectives came across such a big and dangerous quarry. They were engaged in looking after a matter that gave them a good deal of concern, but never before had they so much as heard of "Shorty Billy" and "Texas" was a fugitive from crime not supposed to be in these parts. But as luck would have it the detectives were prepared for trouble, else the story to be told here would probably be that of the death of two more of London's faithful officers at the hands of roving thugs.

As it is one of the unfortunate wrecks lies a corpse at Smith's undertaking warehouses on Dundas street, and the other sits a lone prisoner in the steel cage at the police station, nursing wounds on his face and head that must be painful physically, and that no doubt convey even more painful memories. The prospect before him is one of long imprisonment.

STORY OF THE SHOOTING.

On Sunday Cole's wood-turning shop on Bathurst street was entered and a quantity of tools were stolen. Fred. Moseley was one of the young men arrested on the charge, and he confessed his guilt at the police court yesterday morning. The stolen tools were recovered, but not all. Had they been handed over by Moseley, the terrible occurrence of yesterday would have been avoided.

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Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Window, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. each straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.
King and Sixth Sts.
The Finest Retail
Store in Ontario.

Shoes



We're constantly widening out of stock all slow sellers and odd sizes, so as to keep assortments in good shape. Nothing wrong with the shoes in any way—simply a clearance of styles we don't intend to duplicate. No more at the prices when these are gone—

Woman's Empress Kid Bais, leather lined, in new up-to-date lasts, sizes 1-4 1/2, 3-5, 1-5 1/2, 2-6, 1-6 1/2, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoe for **\$2.50**

Woman's Empress Box Bais, this season's goods, sizes 1-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-5 1/2, 1-6, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoes for **\$2.50**

Wish everybody knew how good a store we have here. That's why we make it worth your while to come.

TURRILL
The Shoe Man