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THE GREATEST

## Dress Goods Bargains

Ever Shown in This City

Mr. Stone when in London, Eng., made the greatest purchase of dress goods ever attempted by any dealer in a city the size of Chatham. These dress goods were bought direct from the manufacturers through the syndicate, and immense price reductions were obtained owing to the great quantity ordered.

Four special lines just taken out of bond will be on sale to-morrow. You must see them to appreciate the value. Here is a partial description of them:—

41 in. wide flaked Tweed, all wool, elegant effects, in shades of Navy, Brown, Black, Cardinal and Grey, Flaked with white, correct weight for dresses and shirt waist suits, regular value 60c. a yard, on sale very special at 37c.

41 in. wide new Bourette, a flaked Knop Tweed effect in handsome shades of Brown, Navy, Reseda, Grey, Champagne and Blue, one of the most correct styles of the season, regular value 75c. a yard, on sale very special at 59c.

54 in. wide Flaked Tweed Suiting, dark effects, correct weight for suits and skirts, in Navy, Brown, Oxford and Black, the greatest Tweed bargain ever on our counters, regular value 75c. a yard, on sale very special at 60c.

44 in. wide, all wool Tweeds in light color mixed effects in Grey, Green, Blue and Brown—the kind of goods you can scarcely wear out—splendid for suits and skirts, and exceptionally suitable for girls and young ladies, regular value 90c. a yard, on sale very special at 75c.

Thos. Stone & Son.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS  
WENT OFF IN A RUSH....

## Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.  
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.  
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.  
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.  
White Soap Dishes, 15c.  
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.  
No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

## THE ARK

Among the many modern conveniences, to get the best results, both in labor and economy, is the

### TIN SAP PAIL AND EUREKA SPILE

Suspending the pail on the spile there is no waste, no time lost blocking up buckets under the trees.

As the season is hand for syrup making, call and see our supplies at The Ark.

BARGAIN SALE OF GLASSWARE NOW ON.  
See Samples in Window.

SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 35 KING ST

## JACK FROST IN EARNEST

Chathamites have had More Than Usual of him During February

The Coldest Month on Record—Statistical Figures from Mr. Turner are Interesting

The few spring days which we are having this month are greatly enjoyed and appreciated, especially after the cold and severe weather experienced during the month of February.

It may be interesting to know that the residents of Chatham to-day cannot remember a time when the weather during one whole month was as severe as during the month just closed. For 11 days out of the 29 the thermometer registered below the zero mark, and the coldest of these was on the 16th, when the mercury descended 10 degrees below zero. Even the old residents of the city fail to remember any winter when the weather was so uniformly cold for a month at a time.

On the first day of February [the thermometer registered five degrees below zero, and on the second and third it was down seven below. On the fourth it came up two degrees to five below again. And then came a sudden change for which the climate of Chatham is noted. The official figures at Turner's drug store show that after 45 days of such severe cold weather, and the fifth day registering 13 degrees above, the mercury took a jump to 39 and 45 degrees above zero, and stayed there for two days, making a change in temperature of 26 degrees in 24 hours. Then came greater change, the thermometer dropping from 45 degrees above down to the zero mark again in the next 24 hours.

From the 8th to the 10th inclusive the weather stayed at the zero mark and then began gradually to ascend, going as high as 32 degrees above the 14th and then dropping to zero once more on the 15th. When the 16th day came 10 degrees below zero was recorded; on the 17th, 8 below; the 18th, 12 above; 19th, 17 above, and on the 20th, 5 below. Once more after the 20th the mercury went below the zero mark—on the 21st, when it stood one degree below. For the balance of the month the temperature was high, never going below 20 above and never higher than 41 above.

During all of these sudden and severe changes in the thermometer it is noticed that the barometer was quite uniform, varying between 29.86 to 30.00 in its readings throughout the month.

The only people, seemingly, who have benefited by this weather, are the doctors, who were kept busy all month with cases of colds and coughs. The reason for so many colds is no doubt found in the sudden changes from warm to cold. A sudden change in temperature of 45 degrees in one night, as was experienced during February, is not at all welcomed by people who are addicted to colds or catarrhs.

At present Chatham is being boomed by the Mineral Water Company as a desirable health resort, but if such an end is to be accomplished, and the residents of Chatham are to have a sample of our beautiful Canadian winters, we will have to drop the talk about "The Land of the Snows" and praise the Good Old Summer Time.

## NEW SCHEME

Ross Now Figuring on his Shuffle With the Liquor and License Question

Toronto, March 10.—There is a rumor emanating from Liberal sources at the Parliament Buildings to the effect that Premier Ross has formulated a third alternative for dealing with the prohibition question, which he will put to his followers in caucus. The new plan has two features.

1.—High Licenses.—That is, reduction of the number of licenses in a municipality, and raising the price of licenses so that the amount of revenue to be derived will be the same.

2.—License inspectors not to be allowed to remain longer than a limited period in one place.

It is claimed that such a proposal would receive the support of some of the more extreme opponents of the first two schemes already mentioned.

The Symphony Orchestra of Detroit, held a concert in the Light Guard Armory last night. In speaking of the concert the Detroit Free Press says of Samuel I. Slade, who was the basso soloist of the evening: "Mr. Slade sang his aria of the 'Queen of Sheba,' and sang it well. His presence was admirable, his voice resonant and strong, his enunciation clear and his phrasing good. The low note with which the aria closes was well worth hearing. Mr. Slade is deservedly popular in Detroit and his solo was encored. He responded, singing this time to the piano, when Miss Grace O. Wilson played his accompaniment."

## THE JUDGESHIP

It is announced that an effort is being made in some quarters to bring influence to bear upon the Government to retain Mr. G. B. Douglas in this district as junior judge for Kent county.

Such a suggestion should be emphatically frowned down—not only because it emanates from peculiarly interested parties, but rather because it is essential, by reason of the comment and feeling which have accompanied the appointments, that, as The Planet previously stated, the new judges shall be effectually removed from all local personal and political influences.

If Kent were to secure a local man for such a position—and no reasonable objection is taken to the appointment of Mr. Macbeth, of London, in Middlesex—it must be because, as in that case, he has a strong and just public sentiment behind him; it must be because his fitness and worth and right to the position are generally esteemed and recognized throughout the community.

It is always a mistake for any man, no matter if he has had the good fortune to be elected to parliament—to ignore and heap contempt upon the expressed solicitations of the stalwart, working friends who won his honors for him; and it is not the sign of a strong mind or a right spirit when self-sufficiency and self-importance away and characterize conduct. A manly, more modest man—even supposing his judgment conscientiously led him to advance and press the claims of a worthy social and business kinsman—would, at least, have met the overtures of his friends and supporters with the courtesy that the past merited. Mr. Stephens has only himself to blame for the present embroilment, which seriously threatens to destroy his usefulness to the Liberal party. It is a poor compliment to him that even his local party organ took three days' breathing spell ere it even attempted to extend its congratulations to his successful nominee.

## MEN ADVANCE UPON MERITS

Important Suggestion for 24th Regiment by Lieut. Smith—Promotions Follow Exams

Series of Class Lectures to be Introduced for Advancement—Grants to Sergeants' Mess and Bands

A very important suggestion—fraught with exceptional interest to every member of the 24th Regiment—was made at the officers' meeting last evening. The suggestion was submitted by Lieut. H. D. Smith, county crown attorney, and received the instant endorsement of the commanding officer, major and other officers as an excellent proposal.

"Several regiments, I see, have adopted the plan of making promotions and appointments in their companies on the grounds of military merit," said Lieut. Smith. "The plan appeals to me as the right one and I would urge the consideration of it upon the officers of our own regiment. The applicants for non-com. positions are called upon to undergo an examination and the men who meet the test successfully gain the promotion. In this way a man rises upon his merits, a greater interest would be developed in the work and the regiment would benefit by having qualified and efficient non-commissioned officers."

The suggestion met with marked favor. Colonel Rankin said it was the intention of Major Schofield and himself to interest the officers in a series of illustrated lectures on military work to be held in the new mess rooms, at which all non-coms. and men anxious to test and improve their efficiency will be welcomed.

Serjts. Plumridge and Smith, a delegation from the Sergeants' Mess, addressed the meeting relative to new mess rooms, owing to the renovations soon to take place in the Merchants' Bank building now occupied by them.

On motion, \$100 was granted the Mess and a committee, consisting of the Colonel, Major and Adjutant, appointed to secure new quarters.

On motion, \$150 was granted to the Bugle Band and the appropriation laid aside for the Regimental Band.

Lieuts. Coltart and Harper were appointed to fill in the requisitions for the new uniforms for the bands and regiment, which will be forwarded for military headquarters at once. There were present at the meeting: Lieut.-Col. Rankin, who presided, Maj. Schofield, Adj. Coltart, Capt. Dr. Hall, Capt. Black, Lieut. Smith, Harper, Turner, Fraser and Anderson.

## 200,000 TROOPS IN THE FIELD

Japanese Have That Number Ready for Action at Once.

Russians are at Present Moving Rapidly Northward—Will Make Wiju Their Base.

London, Friday, Feb. 11.—Speculation regarding the military situation on the Yalu river is most keen, but no news of a reliable character has been received. The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Express asserts that 200,000 troops have been shipped from Japan and that a portion of second army corps is now on its way to Korea. The correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Tokio, evidently referring to the same movement, cables that transportation to Northern Korea of three divisions of Japanese troops has been completed, and that these men are beginning to advance, while ten divisions of second army corps have already been mobilized.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.  
As an illustration of the curiously contradictory character of reports from the far east, a correspondent of the Daily Chronicle at Kin-Chau mentions Fung-Wang-Chang (which is about 45 miles north-west of An-Tung in Manchuria) as one of several points of Russian concentration, while other correspondents have reported that the Japanese have captured Fung-Wang-Chang. Other correspondents report that the Russians have mined all points where it is possible to cross the Yalu River.

SENSATIONAL, BUT NOT CONFIRMED.

Among the unconfirmed reports is one from Rome, saying:—"A newspaper here has a telegram from Tokio saying the Japanese fleet has destroyed the Vladivostok squadron, but sustained fearful damage."

CHINESE SUFFER.

A Kin Kow despatch says:—"The concentration of troops at the Russian strategic base has resulted in much suffering among the Chinese inhabitants, especially at Liao-Yang, where even private buildings have been appropriated to accommodate the soldiers, but thousands of Chinese are consequently without homes. Russian troops are encamped at all the essential points along the railroad."

JAPANESE PLANS.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Japanese after Port Arthur is neutralized, probably will move two armies to the north simultaneously—one from the southern part of the Liao-Tung peninsula, and the other from the Yalu River. The Russians are now moving northward in Korea, the correspondent continues, with the intention of making Wiju their defensive base.

JAP LAND MOVEMENTS.

A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who was in Japan recently, wires from Seoul that the Japanese are making steady progress with their land movements. The roads are occupied by Japanese troops.

WITHDRAWING FROM PORT ARTHUR.

According to a Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Standard, the Russians are withdrawing all their superfluous troops from Port Arthur to Harbin and Kirin, because of the shortage of provisions and because it is doubtful whether or not they would be able to hold either Port Arthur or New Chwang against a resolute attack. The spirit of Russian troops who are largely recruits, has been broken by starvation, cold, and harsh treatment from their officers.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES.

The Russian losses on the Yalu

We don't make shoes, nor do we confine ourselves to any one factory. We use...

## SPECIALISTS



That means going to this man for ladies' styles, to another for men's, still another for children's. Some makers know their business well enough to excel in all three. It makes little difference who they are, so long as qualities and money's worth are the best obtainable.

The most important parts of a shoe are what you can't see. That's why we follow our shoes from the tanning of the leather to the final polishing. It's our business to see what you can't see—our responsibility.

TURRILL  
The Shoe Man

Repairing done at store.

River are reported to reach a total of 2,000 men.

ALLEGED PROTEST.

Cabling from Tokio a correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says the U-Ji Shimo has received a communication from Pekin, declaring that Great Britain and the United States have protested against Russia sinking junks in the channel of the Liao River at New Chwang on the ground that this prevents the access of the warships of these powers from the river.

AMUR RIVER DEFENCELESS.

The Standard this morning publishes an article in which the writer points out the defenseless condition of the Amur river. Russia never profited from the experience of the Boxer outbreak, he says, and she has no forts or gunboats on the river. It is probable that when the ice disappears, the Japanese will send a fleet of armed gunboats into the river and make themselves felt along its entire length.

COSSACKS' NEAR WJU.

The Times publishes a despatch from Tokio saying the ice on the Yalu River has begun to melt. Japanese scouts have discovered forty Cossacks, the correspondent continues, at Kazan, 58 miles north of Fung-Yang, on the road to Wiju.

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## Beehive Novelty Supply Company

PROGRAM.

WEEK OF MONDAY, MARCH 7th, 1904.

Continuous Performance, 8 a. m. to 6.50 p. m.

SYNOPSIS

PROLOGUE—

Special Sale of Tooth  
Brushes and Combs

ACT I.—Prompt attention to orders.

ACT II.—Competent clerks to show goods.

ACT III.—Prices lower than any other dealer.

Action Takes Place at Sulman's Beehive  
King and 6th Sts.