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BUTTERICK PATTERNS THOMAS STONE & SON FASHION SHEETS FREE

This is a Store Of Real Economies

Always working to save something for our customers, but never at the expense of quality. The price cannot be a true guide to value when quality is ignored, we seek to save you in value by offering no unreliable merchandise. We save you the price by going to the manufacturers direct for our goods.

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THOMAS STONE & SON Direct Importers, 78 and 80 King St.

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The 2 T's Annual Clearing Sale of Gents' Winter Underwear commences

Saturday Morning, at 8 O'clock

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35c and 40c quality Shirts or Drawers, Sale Price..... 25c
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\$2.00 and \$2.50 Cashmere, Wool and Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, Sale Price..... \$1.00

This Underwear is all of this season's buying and is perfect and clean. We never carry Underwear from one season to another, hence the cut in price. SEE WEST WINDOW.

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The 2 T's "The Slater Shoe"

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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Cut prices in Fancy Japanese Vases

—At—

"THE ARK"

2 only, \$6.00 Vase for..... \$4.98
2 only, \$5.00 Vase for..... \$3.98
2 only, \$4.50 Vase for..... \$3.49
2 only, \$4.00 Vase for..... \$3.00
2 only, \$3.00 Vase for..... \$2.00
2 only, \$2.50 Vase for..... \$1.98
2 only, \$1.00 Vase for..... 60c
3 only, 75c Vase for..... 50c

See Window!

H. Macaulay, "The Ark"

BOERS BADLY BEATEN IN SEVERAL DISTRICTS.

The British Make Hauls of Cattle and Horses—The Plague in Capetown—Murder of a Peace Envoy.

London, Feb. 8.—A Cape Town despatch of yesterday's date says:—"A Boer force pressing southward has been repulsed at Reddersburg. The losses were insignificant."

Lord Kitchener reports to the War Office as follows:—"The British column destroyed supplies at Petrusburg, and brought in 3,500 horses and cattle. De Wet is reported still north of Smithfield, moving east. A detached force, which crossed the line at Pompei Siding, is moving on Philippolis. Methuen reports from Lillfontein, east of Vryburg, that he scattered the enemy there, and captured twelve wagons and cattle."

From Delagoa Bay it is reported that the British have occupied E-mulo and Carolina, which until recently were Boer depots. The Boers held up a Natal mail train near Vlakfontein. The few soldiers on board exhausted their cartridges, and the Boers then robbed the passengers, afterward allowing the train to proceed.

The plague has appeared in Cape Town.

A MURDERED ENVOY.

A Bloemfontein despatch, dated Saturday, Feb. 2, says:—"An influential burgher gives some details regarding the treatment of the peace envoys who went to Gen. De Wet's laager. It seems that they were ordered to remain with a cart until the miles arrived, as the Boers were breaking ladders in the expectation of a British attack. One morning Commandant Erommen came up and asked them why they had not insinuated. Morgendael replied that they had been ordered to wait for miles, whereupon the Boer commandant immediately jammed Morgendael on the face, and said he felt inclined to shoot him. General De Wet, coming up at the moment, said:—"Why don't you shoot him?" At this Erommen fired at the envoy who died of the wound. Morgendael's another envoy, was jammed also."

RECOMMEND DISMISSAL OF FIRE CHIEF JACQUES.

The Investigating Committee not Long in Making up Their Minds—The Chief Heard in His Own Defence.

The action of Chief Jacques in connection with the drowning of Patrick Kennedy was investigated last evening by the special committee appointed by the city council.

All the members of the Property Committee together with Ald. Scane, Cowan and Mounteer, formed the board of enquiry. The reporters were allowed to remain until all the evidence had been taken, and then they were banished.

The chairman produced the evidence taken at the coroner's inquest. He asked if the committee desired to hear it read.

Ald. Cowan—We know enough about it without hearing it.

Ald. Taylor—We might refresh our memories.

Ald. Edmondson—Read the Chief's evidence.

Ald. Taylor read it.

Ald. Scane suggested that the Chief be called.

THE CHIEF'S EVIDENCE.

Chief Jacques, on being summoned said: "When the alarm was turned in there were only three men at the fire hall, Coyle, Crump and myself. We hitched the hook and ladder truck and went down to Riverside Terrace. There were only two men on the trucks. I left Crump in charge of the horses and, lighting a torch, went down to the river. No one asked for ladders. My object in getting back was my duty as a fireman. It is a rule at the house that no less than two permanent men shall be at the hall at any time. There was only one man at the hall, and had an alarm been turned in there would have been trouble. I have always tried to do my duty as a fireman and until this time I never had been called in question. It is hard on me to find myself in this position after serving as a fireman since 1865. If this trouble had arisen over a fire I wouldn't plead."

To Ald. Fleming—Since then I see ways in which the man might have been saved. One mistake made was that an alarm was not rung.

To Ald. Taylor—Crump was driving and he had to stay with the horses. I didn't see anybody whom I could get to hold the horses. All was confusion and everybody was down on the river bank. No one felt any worse about the accident than I did myself.

To Ald. Scane—I have been Chief for seven years. I was also Chief in the volunteer brigade.

To Ald. Edmondson—I only heard the man call once, and that was just after my arrival. No one suggested taking off the ladders. It was one of the darkest of nights.

To Ald. Taylor—I stood some time with the truck after Robert Potter arrived.

To Ald. Scane—I have never had any charges against me before.

To Ald. Fleming—It is quite true that truck team ran away on the night the Cameron barn was burned. It is the same team that threw Foreman Pritchard.

To Ald. Cowan—There are only three men in the hall at meal time.

To Ald. Fleming—It had been customary to take out the two team with only three men in the hall. But the order now is not to do so unless there are enough men to handle the truck team. As soon as the team is hitched they rear and plunge, and it is as much as a man's life is worth to open the doors.

W. E. Rispin's evidence at the inquest was then read.

CROSS-QUESTIONED.

Chief Jacques was then questioned by members of the committee.

To Ald. Edmondson—I was there probably 15 minutes.

To Ald. Scane—John Piggott, Sr., spoke to me in addition to Mr. Rispin.

To Ald. Edmondson—I thought the use of the ladders would be a good move, but I hadn't enough men to handle them.

To Ald. Fleming—It is all six men can do to handle the extension ladders.

To Ald. Mounteer—That is to put the ladder up against a building. Two men might manage to carry it.

To Ald. Scane—Mr. Piggott never came to me and suggested that the ladders be taken off the river. I think you should have made an effort. You had 165 feet of ladders; nearly enough to cross the river. Even one man could have taken two of the small ladders and gone out to the drowning man. It is the general impression that an effort should have been made. If you didn't feel like doing it yourself, you should have sent your men. We all understand it was dark, but there was no chance of getting the man without trying.

CRUMP'S RESIGNATION.

To Ald. Edmondson—Crump gave me a verbal resignation about the 28th of December.

To Ald. Taylor—He resigned over a little difficulty he had with some of the other men. The drowning of Kennedy had nothing to do with it.

To Ald. Taylor—I didn't say anything about Crump's resignation because he had promised to stay till George Pritchard's head got better and I thought that by then he would have settled his little difference at the hall and be willing to stay.

To Ald. Mounteer—I have had men say they were going to resign and then stay on.

CRUMP CALLED.

Frank Crump was then called. He said: "I was at the drowning. I went down with the chief. I never heard the man call. I held the horses while the chief lit a torch and went down to the river. I tendered my resignation about the first of January. I don't care to tell why I resigned but it had nothing to do with the drowning. When the chief sent me down the bank I found a very excitable crowd. One started to tell me where the man was, another contradicted and a third said the man in the water was in a different place altogether. I went out on the ice about 20 ft. with a pike pole."

To Ald. Taylor—Had I a ladder I don't think I could have been afraid to go out on the ice. The crowd were 50 or 60 ft. east of where the man really was. I asked some of the people to hold the horses for me when I was on the truck but they seemed anxious to go down and stand on the bank. Two men couldn't handle the extension ladder. My resignation was no fault of the chief's."

Ald. Taylor—The property committee should have known of the resignation.

MR. SIDES EVIDENCE.

Matthew Sides—I didn't hear anybody ask the chief to use the ladders. I heard the man call after I arrived. I was on the ice five or six feet from the shore at the time.

I am not prepared to say whether the man's life might have been saved or not. Everybody thought the man was on the other side of the river. I would not have cared to have gone out on the ice with the ladders but had the chief ordered me to go I would have obeyed. I believe any man there would have done all in his power to have saved the man's life. The man called, "Here I am" three times in quick succession that is all I heard him call.

HEARD THREE CALLS.

Robert Potter was then called. I heard the man call three times. I don't think two men could handle the extension ladders, but they could lift them off the truck. I think the man could have been located within 20 or 30 feet. The people were all putting dependence on the boat. Three good men could take the heavy ladder down in five or ten minutes. One man could carry any of the light ladders.

Mr. Potter said that on returning with the truck the Chief had told him to return with the other men and see if they could help the man in the water. He went back and saw Mr. Piggott and his son and Fireman Crump and Sides. They were trusting to the boat to save the man and he did not see anyone belonging to the department assisting.

The chairman asked what witness

would have done in the place of the Chief.

Ald. Scane said he thought further questioning was really unnecessary.

INVESTIGATION CLOSED.

The chairman quite agreed, but, at the request of the council, was anxious to have the investigation just as full as possible.

Ald. Scane said the council had not objected to the fullness of the investigation. The objection had been to a man being tried behind his back.

This closed the investigation and the chairman asked the press to retire. "I don't wish to be unfair or cause any hard feeling," he said.

"The press have had full access to the evidence as taken, but I think that the summing up and report

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TO EXHIBIT AT GLASGOW.

Commissioner Scott Anxious to
Secure a Large Display

Of Canadian Manufactures and Products—He Writes Mr. Scullard on the Subject.

The following letter, addressed to President Thomas Scullard, of the Board of Trade, explains itself:

Dear Sir,—At the present time I am arranging for an exhibit of the natural products and manufactures of Canada, for the Glasgow International Exhibition, which opens on the 1st of May next and continues until the end of October. My idea is that in showing the manufactured goods of Canada, we should only show such goods as can be profitably exported from Canada. We have altogether some 20,000 square feet, which is the largest space of any country exhibiting there, within which to show our Canadian Exhibits, and my endeavor is to make this exhibit as complete as possible.

Through the manufacturers Association of Toronto I have been enabled to come in contact with quite a number of manufacturers who are desirous of exhibiting.

Would you be kind enough to let me know if there are any manufacturers belonging to your board, who would care to make an exhibit.

I enclose you herewith a form of application, which gives you the terms upon which exhibits are accepted.

You will notice that the government is granting free transportation from the seaboard to Glasgow and return, as well as free space.

I would be very pleased indeed to hear from you and have any suggestions your board might wish to offer.

Yours truly,
W. D. SCOTT,
Commissioner.

THE GREAT QUESTION

That Will
Soon
Confront
You...

Will be where to buy
your spring goods—
You will consult your
interests by visiting
our store.

In the meantime
we are cutting our
winter goods to the
bone.
See our snaps in

Blankets
And
Underwear

Thibodeau
& Jacques.