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THOMAS STONE & SON

Fashion Sheets Free

...From January to February...

And so it goes month after month, and on this store goes, progressing with the times. Years ago we were a little store, now we are a big one. Years ago we did business as it ought to be done then, now we do business as it ought to be done, keeping strictly up to the advanced conditions of the twentieth century and ever ready to provide our customers with materials by fickle fashion. In January this year we did more business than in any January in the long history of this store and we mean to keep up the pace for the balance of the year 1901. If you are interested in saving money on dry goods purchases read this list carefully.

Dress Goods

4 pieces camel's hair English wale serge, in colors, slate, Oxford grey, fawn and brown, 44 inches wide, excellent for wear and durability, worth regular 75c and 11 a yard, February Sale price on Saturday next is..... 48c
5 pieces Canadian Homespuns, in every desirable shade, 56 inches wide, all pure wool, regular price \$1.25 and \$1.35 a yard, February Sale price on Saturday is..... 88c
7 pieces new Lanark tweed dress goods, the very newest effects for ladies' costumes in the newest colorings just arrived from the mills, 56 inches wide, pure double twisted wool thread, on sale this month for... \$1.50
New Black Dress Goods, in plain and figured lustrous, plain serges, new satin figured effects, all new, now placed on sale at per yard..... 25c
New Plaid Dress Goods, in pretty, bright cardinal, brown and blue combinations, very special value, on sale this month at..... 25c

Ladies' Underwear

Heavy Scotch Wool Vests, pure wool, useful in cold February and March weather, regular price 75c, very special on Saturday for..... 50c
Ladies' fine natural wool, Scotch wool and German Merino Vests, worth regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 each, on sale Saturday for..... 75c
Ladies' fine union ribbed drawers, open or closed, worth regular 75c a pair, on sale Saturday for..... 50c

Cottons

All our customers for the past two months have told us that we have the cheapest cottons in Chatham by long odds. The reason is that we were wise enough to buy ahead, and we still have a very large stock of old values in cottons. We tell you frankly that we cannot now sell you as good a cotton for 5c a yard as formerly, but for 6c a yard we can sell you a splendid cotton that cannot be purchased to-day wholesale for less than 6 1/2c per yard.

Our factory Cottons at 7c, 8c and 10c a yard, are all old values and cannot be equalled. In bleached cottons we still have a quantity of those mill ends, containing 2 1/2 to 10 yards to the piece and for next Saturday we will continue to sell them at per yard 4c, 5c and..... 6c
Extra heavy real indigo dye, old value shirtings, best in the trade for..... 12 1/2c
Best quality Cottonades to be had in Canada for 20c and 25c

Fur Jackets

If you want a Fur Jacket it won't cost you much to own one, we are clearing out our entire stock at such reduction as this:—
\$45.00 Astrachan Jackets for..... \$35.00
\$37.50 Astrachan Jackets for..... \$30.00

Thomas Stone & Son

Men's Underwear Chances

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

Saturday Morning, at 8 O'clock

Every man who wears Underwear should be interested in these matchless values.

35c and 40c quality Shirts or Drawers, Sale Price..... 25c
50c and 60c Wool and Fleece Lined Shirts or Drawers, Sale Price..... 38c
75c and 60c Wool and Fleece Lined Shirts or Drawers, Sale Price..... 50c
\$1.00 and \$1.25 Wool and Fleece Lined Shirts or Drawers, Sale Price 75c
\$1.50 and \$1.75 Lama Wool Shirts or Drawers, Sale Price..... 98c
\$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.

SOLE LOCAL AGENTS FOR 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

Now is the time to Subscribe

Cut prices in

Fancy Japanese Vases

"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..... \$0.90
3 only, 75c Vase for..... \$0.90

See Window!

H. Macaulay, "The Ark"

MR. BORDEN TAKES HIS SEAT AS CONSERVATIVE CHIEF.

Warmly Welcomed in the House—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Expresses His Congratulations—Mr. Borden's Good-natured Reply.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8.—When Mr. Borden took his seat for the first time yesterday afternoon as leader of the Opposition, vigorous applause from both sides of the house attested to the popularity of the party's choice.

Sir W. Laurier also made graceful reference to the new leader. He said:—I will avail myself of this opportunity to tender my congratulations as well as the congratulations of this side of the house, to my honored friend, the senior member for Halifax, upon his election to the high office of leader of His Majesty's loyal Opposition. (Cheers.) Of course, it would not be fitting for me to offer any suggestions whatever or any observations as to what should be the internal policy of the Conservative party, but speaking as a citizen of Canada, I am quite sure that the elevation of my hon. friend to the position must be most gratifying to them. Speaking personally, as leader of the house, it affords me much pleasure to think in advance that the relations between my hon. friend and myself will be always pleasant and cordial. I am well aware that it will be my painful duty on many occasions to dissent from the views of my hon. friend. Because it is his misfortune to be wrong on main questions, I do not anticipate that he cannot be right on minor ones. But we will agree to disagree as we have done in the past, and I am quite sure that my hon. friend will believe in my absolute sincerity when I tell him that I hope with all my heart he may continue to exercise for a long, long period the functions of leader of the Opposition. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Borden's reply was in the same vein of good nature. "I thank my right hon. friend," he said, "for the kindness and courtesy which he has just seen fit to make with regard to myself. He will permit me, however, to say, in passing, that the Opposition for as long a period as that joke is old, it will be wholly beyond the expectations of hon. members on this side of the house. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) It will, he continued, "be our painful duty I expect on some occasions to differ from the right hon. gentleman and those who support him, as to what will be in the best interests of the country, but I can only say that I shall add my efforts in this direction so far as they can be adjusted in this house, in a kindly and courteous manner. In saying that I am sure that I voice the sentiments of every hon. gentleman on this side of the house. It is needless for me to say that I have accepted the trust which has been reposed in me by hon. gentlemen on this side with a great deal of diffidence and hesitation. This diffidence and hesitation have not been inspired by any fear for the loyalty of fidelity of hon. gentlemen on this side of the House, in which I have most perfect confidence. (Hear, hear.) They have rather been inspired by my own comparative inexperience in public life and by the fact that I doubted that my own capacity to follow in the footsteps of those great men who in times past have filled the position of leader on one side or other of the house of the party which I have the honor to lead here. And I remember also that the traditions of this house have been sustained by the great men who are now on the other side of the house, but who for many years have been the pillars of their party with more or less varying fortune from the side we now occupy. (Cheers.)

QUEEN WILHELMINA'S ELABORATE WEDDING.

Her Subjects Wildly Demonstrate Their Loyalty—Description of the Ceremony.

The Hague, Feb. 8.—Queen Wilhelmina's marriage to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who became Prince Heinrich of The Netherlands, was a huge family affair. All Holland that could come to The Hague to participate. Those who stayed at their homes in other cities and villages of the kingdom celebrated with parades, decorations and banquets. Never was seen a more beautiful and happy wedding. The popular belief that it is a love match, like that of Victoria and Albert, and this gives a romantic coloring to the event, which is generally lacking in royal marriages. The ceremonies were the same simple and unimpeccable rites of the Reformed Church, by which the humblest of Queen Wilhelmina's subjects are married. The whole spirit of the affair was plain and democratic, although the costly gowns and jewels and the showy uniforms of distinguished personages, high officials of the kingdom, the army and the navy, and representatives of the people in parliament and the municipalities, furnished a regal stage setting. The venerable pastor administered to the bride and groom a caution that their high positions would not shield them from the common sufferings and sorrows of humanity.

BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM.
Queen Wilhelmina made a very winning and human bride. She blushed and became confused over the ceremonial with the ring, as all brides are supposed to do, while her happiness and pride over the enthusiasm of her people were plainly deeper than a mere matter of form. Prince Heinrich was an awkward but stalwart and manly figure. Either he was forgetful or badly trained in the part for the pastor had to give him two or three hints as to how to carry himself. Those sitting near enough to hear the responses described him as saying, "Jah, mein herr," when he should simply have said "Jah."

The scene, as the royal couple stood with clasped hands before the chaplain in a circle of brilliantly arrayed personages, including their relatives and people composing the highest families of Holland and the neighboring German principalities was wonderfully gorgeous, the masses of variegated coloring rendering more effective the blue, gold and white banded up against the walls of the church. The building itself is a cathedral in size, but is as plain as a Quaker meeting house in its furnishings.

THE CIVIL CEREMONY.
At 11 o'clock the marriage party emerged from the palace to proceed to the palace of justice. Their appearance was announced by a cheer which was heard for squares away. Queen Wilhelmina passing down the steps on the arm of the uniformed duke with her great, white wedding dress sweeping behind her, and the queen mother in purple, and the Grand Duchess Maria and half a dozen ladies of the court following in groups, the

generals and admirals, fairly gleaming with gold lace and medals, standing at the salute on both sides, making a truly regal picture. The gorgeous, gilded coach presented by the people of Amsterdam was drawn by the people of Amsterdam, many of the stand owners announced that the proceeds would be given to the widows and orphans of the Boer soldiers killed in South Africa.

In the white hall of the palace of justice six high officials waited, as witnesses. They, with the minister of justice, Dr. van der Linden, who were the only persons beside the queen mother and the Grand Duchess Maria and two or three clerks, who saw the signing of the contract. The six witnesses were the speakers of the two houses of parliament, the adjutant-general, Van Bogaart, the grand chamberlain, Gen. Count Du Moncey, the aide-de-camp general and the vice-president of the council of state, Mynheer van Schorer, and the chief justice.

IN THE CHURCH.
The religious edifice in which the final ceremony was held is a great bare structure of gothic type with white vaulted arches. The body was filled with plain box pews. The scene when the wedding guests assembled, however, was most magnificent. There was an array of many colored uniforms and beautiful gowns with flashing jewels and glittering orders of the royal personages and nobility and the feathers and flowers of a thousand wonderful bouquets in the centre.

The court chaplain, Dr. Van Der Vlier, a slender, aged man with gray whiskers, rose in the regulation black gown behind the railing and offered a long prayer in earnest tones. Then the choir sang a Dutch hymn: "God bless you." "Bless be your earthly and eternal portion." The queen bowed her head low and the chaplain addressed the bridal couple for ten minutes, earnestly and solemnly. The only sound which marred the impressive scene was the sharp clinking of photograph cameras in the press gallery facing the royal altar, of whom noticed the disturbance and looked annoyed. The duke fidgetted nervously and blushed under the gaze of the congregation, hundreds of opera glasses being turned in his direction. The choir then sang another hymn, during which the congregation stood, according to Dutch custom, as those present did during all the hymns. After this the duke and queen rose and the queen removed her right glove, disclosing an immense jeweled bracelet on her wrist. The minister stretched out his arms and the couple stepped forward a few paces, directly in front of the railing, standing on the embowered arms of their families.

The queen had handed her bouquet to an aged lady in waiting, who laid it on a chair and arranged the folds of her mistress' gown, which trailed clear across the velvet carpet, with the gauzy white veil hanging over it.

JOIN HANDS.
Duke Henry took the bride's right hand in his left hand, resting on the hilt of his sword. For several minutes they stood there, the sun streaming on them from the great windows of plain glass and thousands of eyes fixed on them from the ranks of the strong, solemn-faced Dutch minister, senators and burgomasters, the deep, impressive tones of the chaplain's voice, rising through the church as he repeated the marriage service.

The queen stood very erect, blushing.

Duke Henry lifted his feet nervously and played with his sword. The response from the bride and groom could not be heard. Finally the minister held out a gold plate from which the duke took a ring and placed it on the third finger of the queen's right hand. The queen took another ring with a slight trembling, and slipped it on the same finger of the duke's right hand.

Then, as the chaplain raised his arms in the attitude of blessing, the couple sank on their knees, and there was a great rustle of relief, after the tension of long listening, throughout the church.

The invocation was brief. The only words distinguishable were the names of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry. This ceremony had evidently not been rehearsed, because, as its conclusion, the duke started to rise and was almost standing, when the chaplain motioned him back and he dropped on his knees again, turning very red, and remaining kneeling while another hymn was sung with heads bowed low. The words of the hymn were:

"Father look upon them always in love, "Son of the Father grant them your grace, "Thy communion and the spirit of God be their portion forever."

Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry rose as the wife of the chaplain handed them a large blue bound bible in accordance with Dutch custom. They then walked back to their chairs and the audience resumed their seats with them, and the chaplain spoke again, briefly.

THE BENEDICTION.

The queen and the duke sat, glancing at one another occasionally, while the choir chanted the last verse of the 133rd psalm. Finally the royal couple rose for the benediction. After the invocation of the blessing of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, there was a moment's hesitation and the duke stepped forward, grasped the chaplain's hands and shook them cordially. The queen followed him and also shook his hand, with no air of royal condescension, but with grateful smile. The minister bowed low over the hand of the queen, who bowed lower, almost kneeling. After this, without any family greetings, the procession quietly re-formed and passed down the aisle, while the choir sang a hymn of Schiller's to God's joyful music. Before the hymn was finished the last couple of the royal family was gone from sight and, with a great chattering and hand-shaking, the congregation poured into the aisles and hurried to the doors for a sight of the procession returning to the palace.

EXPENSES OF THE WEDDING.

The entire expenses of the wedding will be borne by the royal family without any government appropriation. They amount to several hundred thousand guilders, including the entire new outfit of all the royal retinue, several state dinners and the important item of warming the church where the ceremony took place. There, as in all the churches in Holland, no heating apparatus is supplied for the regular services; and, a week ago, the air inside was even colder than the freezing air outside. Queen Wilhelmina ordered several stoves to be put in which were ordered kept fired to their full capacity for a week. The warped mechanism of the organ was discovered two days ago, and several experts summoned to The Hague were kept constantly employed in tuning the instrument, and they managed to get it into condition in time for the ceremony.

The queen and prince consort strolled a march on their friends when they arrived at the railway station at four o'clock in the afternoon and boarded a special train waiting there to take them to Loo Palace. The people waiting in the streets and about the palace in The Hague were disappointed to see the royal escort gallop back alone.

The civil ceremony in the palace of justice was very brief. The bride and groom, the queen mother, and the mother of the groom and six witnesses inscribed their names upon the official document. The ministers of justice first asked the mothers, according to the usual form, if they had any objection to the marriage, and they answered in the negative amid general smiling. In asking the bride and groom if they were willing faithfully to fulfill all the duties of the married state, the minister of justice said:

"The question is most important, not only to you but to our beloved country."

The queen and her betrothed answered in the affirmative, whereupon the minister of justice said:

PROMISED MAN AND WIFE.
"I now declare you married according to law and I wish you all possible happiness." Turning to the husband he said: "For the love of your bride you have left your land and your people. You have promised to be a true and faithful husband. The loyalty of all our people will be assured to you."

Then turning to the queen, the minister of justice said: "You have seen how all the people from the youngest child have given you their homage at your coronation, and how they rejoice with you now, praying God that all possible happiness may be your portion. Your happiness will reach further than your household. May God make your marriage a salutary one for our beloved country."

The queen and Prince Heinrich have bound themselves by the contract, in accordance with the statutes, to recognize the husband as the head of the matrimonial union and to provide for and educate the children of the union. The husband assumes the responsibility of representing the wife in all civil actions and of administering her property, except as he is restricted by the marriage contract, by the terms of which he renounces any right to sell or mortgage her landed property. The wife promises to obey the husband, but, by a special recent act of the Dutch parliament she is exempted from the usual promise to dwell with him wherever he deems it best to live. The contract also provides that the queen shall allow the husband interest on 50,000,000 guilders, and that he shall receive no income from the state except in the case of the queen's death. It is further provided that the queen shall yield obedience to the husband as wife, but not as queen, and the husband relinquishes the right to administer the wife's property.