

**DRESS GOODS.**

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**Black Crepons, 55c, 65c, 90c, \$1.20 per yard.**

**Black Lustre (Plain or Figured), 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 75c per yard.**

**Black Serges, 28c, 35c, 40c, 55c, 60c, 70c, per yard.**

**Black Cashmere, 35c, 45c, 55c, 75c, 90c.**

**Colored Dress Goods, 15c, 22c, 27c, 35c, 40c, 55c, 60c, per yard.**

**Costume Lengths (No Two Alike), \$5.00 to \$5.50 a costume.**

**Wool Plaids, 45 and 50c per yard.**

**JACKET CLOTHS**

**Beaver in Blacks, Browns, Blues and Fawn, 75c, \$1.10, \$1.40, \$1.65, per yard.**

**Ulster Cloths (Smooth or Rough Finish), \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.40, per yard.**

**Golf Cloth in Black and White and Colors \$2.25 per yard.**

**Sider Down for Children's Coats, Plain or Fancy Colors, 40 to 50c, per yard.**

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**Spiel News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents**

**Mill Settlement.**

Dec. 11.—The very unexpected death of Mrs. Samuel Crawford occurred at her home Sunday evening, Dec. 10. She was 29 years of age and leaves a husband and eight small children, two of them being but a few hours old. Her remains were interred in the Blissville burying ground. The bereaved husband and family have the entire sympathy of all in their great sorrow.

G. T. Mersereau has a crew of men in the woods at Shim Creek.

Mrs. Louise Gages and family, of Fairville, are spending the winter at her father's, Mr. Frank Shanks.

Mrs. John Chagton has returned from Rhode Island, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert DeWitt.

Mr. Alex. Wooden is busily engaged in repairing his barns.

Jan. W. Coy has engaged Wm. Murphy to yard the remainder of his saw timber.

Robert Smith is building a fine house and store at Central Blissville.

Miss Addis Byers, who intended spending the winter in St. John was called home on account of the death of her sister.

Mrs. Uriah Fowler, who has been laid up for some time on account of lameness, is able to be out again.

**Young's Cove.**

Dec. 9, 1899.—The weather for the past week has been fine. Quite a number enjoyed themselves on the Mill Pond on Wednesday eve, the skating being the best of the season.

Our new Post master, Levi A. Smith, is liked by the people of this place.

Mr. Edward Snodgrass left for the woods on Monday.

Miss Janet McDonald, teacher at this place, is well liked and is engaged for the ensuing term.

Mrs. E. C. Lockett has been spending a few days with friends in St. John.

Mr. George Elliott spent Sunday at "The Willows", Young's Cove Corner.

Mr. John Babington is slowly improving in health, also Mr. John McNamara.

Miss Effie Wiggins has been visiting friends at Coal Creek and Chipman.

The people of this place are looking forward to the horse race on the 29th of this month.

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**Dunn's Corner.**

Dec. 15.—Mr. James P. Kerr was home on Sunday last from the woods to see his parents and he is looking fine.

Mr. Willard Wilson of this place is at Welsford surveying and is going on to Westfield, many of the young people wish he was back again for he is a jolly good fellow.

Some of the people are wondering who the young man was that drove a grey horse up this road on Sunday last.

Mr. Leonard Dunn was the guest of Miss Miss Corbett on Sunday last. He says that James Corbett of Armstrong's Corner while lumbering found a very beautiful horn. It is believed that it is a moose's horn.

Mrs. James Russell is now in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kerr are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

A Thousand Tongues

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal Cure—"It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep quietly, almost as if I never remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praise throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 at any Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

**Chipman.**

Dec. 15.—The closing examination, for the summer term, of the school at Briggs' Corner was held last Wednesday in the presence of a goodly number of the parents and other visitors interested in the education and advancement of the district.

This school has an enrolment of about 30 scholars; but with a compulsory law in force, several more children of a wayward turn of mind would be deriving lasting benefits from our free school system not only in this district but in all the surrounding districts not in the parish of Chipman alone but throughout the whole province. It is a lamentable fact that there are whole families growing up to manhood and womanhood living within a mile or so where schools are maintained the year round and yet these children have never been within the walls of a school room and do not know the letter B from an ox yoke. The only remedy for such gross neglect, is compulsory education, with penalties for violation of school laws. Of course, there are no children in this district who cannot read and write and all have a fair knowledge of the rudiments of the English language. The school at present is under the charge of Miss Mary Keith who examined the pupils in all the various branches taught during the term. The school is under good discipline and the ready answers of the children produced a favorable impression upon the trustees and visitors present.

At the close of the lesson exercises a number of interesting recitations were given by the children as follows: Helen Leckey—Sitting by the stile Mary, Goldwin Nugent—The old school house, Carrie Fleming—A sad story, Greta Henderson—Our Boys, Martha Henderson—Dolly's wedding, Wallace Bishop—The Raggedy man, Mary Chase—In the country, Alfred Stilwell—The country school, Robert Dunn—Bo Polite, John Leckey—The happiest land, John Leckey—The country school, Frank Day—Bills across the snow.

Before dismissing the teacher and scholars were highly complimented on the general proficiency of the school by the trustees present.

The new Baptist church at the station has purchased a new organ for the use of the choir and the instrument which cost \$600 is handsome in appearance and tone. At the obsequies of the late Charles Hughton, who was buried under the order of the I. O. F., of which he was a worthy member, the following program was carried out, Sunday Dec. 3rd, 1899.

In memory of  
Chas. A. Hughton, who died Nov. 30.

Opening Doxology by the choir  
Introductory prayer  
Music: When the voyage of life is ended.  
Reading of Psalms 39 and 23  
Music: Gathering Home.  
Sermon from Heb. 13, 14, by Rev. W. E. McIntyre.  
Solo, by M. B. King—'I'm a pilgrim and I'm a stranger.'  
Music: Shall we gather at the river?  
The masses have finished the flue of the new hall at Briggs' Corner and the carpenters have put in a double hand wood floor and fixed up a new stove and pipe and to-day the ladies are at work decorating the hall with evergreens so that everything will be in apple pie order for the mammoth box social to take place the evening after Xmas. Tea will be liberally furnished in the hall by the committee and the ladies are all requested to bring their own cups and saucers so that everybody may be delightfully refreshed while engaged in giving a helping

**hand in a good cause.**

Geo. Allen, Sr., met with an ugly accident in the coal mines near Chipman. As he was coming up the shafts on the ladder a coal box descended and struck him on the face and inflicted a deep cut below the eye. The wound necessitated four stitches and was dressed by Drs. Hay and Nugent.

The late rains raised the Salmon River a foot or two and the ice ran above McLean's bridge.

**Cody's.**

Dec. 14.—Miss Maggie Cody is quite ill.

Miss Jennie DeWare of Cambridge is visiting friends here.

Mr. Charlie Roberts arrived home yesterday.

Fred McLeod arrived from the United States where he has spent the summer, on the 12th inst.

The Misses Kate and Laura Starkey left for Boston yesterday.

Wilmet McLeod is very ill, he has not been well for several months.

The Washademoak river at this point is all open again.

H. B. Hetherington passed through here yesterday.

A meeting in the interest of the Liberal party was held in the public hall on the evening of the 12th inst. Mr. Milligan, of St. John addressed the meeting.

Posters are up for a rally of the Liberal-Conservative party to be held on the 27th inst. and to be addressed by Dr. A. A. Stockton and Dr. Silas Alward.

Wesley Sherwood and John Armstrong are busily engaged cutting firewood.

It is rumored that a wedding will take place in an adjoining locality about Christmas.

Owing to some irregularity in the mails the GAZETTE has not reached this place very regularly lately. They are always anxiously looked for by the people in this locality.

**Maugerville.**

Dec. 14.—The warm weather of the past few days has made the ice very unsafe for crossing.

We regret to record that Mr. Charles Burns is suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. Howard Rogers, our traveler for silverware has made his usual trip and done quite a successful business.

Mr. L. C. MacLaren, representing Peniston's Panacea, spent Sunday at Bent's hotel.

Mr. Geo. Thompson, of Davis, Lawrence Co., registered at Bent's Hotel last week.

Mr. A. H. Barker has resigned his charge in Dia. No. 2. Miss Sorrell continues in Dia. No. 1.

**WAR NEWS.**

(Continued from last page)

LORETO MARQUEZ, Dec. 14.—Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent and former officer of the Fourth Hussars, who was captured at the time of the armored train disaster near Estcourt in November, has escaped from Pretoria.

LORETO, Dec. 14.—While the outwardly calm attitude of the press and people here during the present crisis commands admiration, there is an undercurrent of intense indignation against the war office and the government, which threatens to have a serious addition in the blunders of the generals and the further evidence of the breakdown of the transport and intelligence departments, which are daily coming to light. It was freely predicted this morning, even in high military circles, that the campaign would last until June. It was also expected that General Methuen would have to retire south of the Orange River, and it was claimed that he could not hold out longer at Moller river, where his food supply and ammunition were not expected to last over a week. In fact, it was said that his line of communication had probably been already cut and it was claimed that General Gatacre had been similarly weakened by his reverse and the revolt of the colonists and he might have to choose between a siege and a retreat.

The afternoon newspapers of all shades of politics follow the morning papers in facing the situation courageously and in demanding the immediate despatch of reinforcements. Thus the Radical Star says: "The stake the gambler Chamberlain has thrown on the table is not merely South Africa, but the Empire. It is too late to regret the game. We have no choice but to play it, even if it involves sending abroad the militia. Our armies in South Africa must be amply reinforced."

The scenes at the War office today when General Methuen's casualties were posted were highly dramatic. There was a steady incursion of anxious inquiries from the moment the door opened, and there was intense excitement when an official appeared bearing the ominously long list of names. The women present crowded eagerly forward and begged for copies of the lists. The supply was not sufficient, so the official read out the lists. Intense feeling was evident on all faces, and the pitiable anguish of the bereaved was extreme. It was a memorable scene. Some of the women were so overcome that they had to be assisted from the room.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—The National Zeitung claims to have received from a trustworthy source the following list of Boer artillery: Eight 7.5 centimetre Krupp's; sixteen 7.5 centimetre creusets; eight or

nine maxims and Nordenfeldts; twenty-four 3.8 automatic maxims; four 12.0 Krupp howitzers; four 12.0 creuset howitzers; four modern 3.7 Krupp mountain guns, and four 15.5 creusets, making a total, with odd pieces, of eighty or ninety.

The Boers have purchased in recent years twenty-five million cartridges, forty thousand Mauser rifles and a large number of Martini rifles.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 10 (delayed in transmission).—General Pole-Carew's Howitzer battery and a naval gun drew the fire of twelve guns, completely unmasking the enemy's positions and sweeping the trenches. The Boer artillery was completely outranged by the British guns.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Times has the following from Modder River, dated Dec. 10: "We have been shelling, from a distance of 7,000 yards, the Magerfontein Kopje on the eastern end of the Spietfontein range, which terminates in an abrupt saddlelock 150 feet high. The Boer entrenchments ran round the whole front of the position for two miles, due east and west. There is a plain on the north side of the kopjes, which affords an opportunity for cavalry work. Lydette projectiles threw up clouds of stone and dust to a height of 250 yards. These clouds could be seen from a distance of ten miles."

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—The fact that the Canadian contingent was known to be well to the front caused intense interest in all the news pertaining to Gen. Methuen's latest engagement. Some persons cruelly started a report that not only were the Canadians in the battle, but that they suffered severely, the casualties being placed at over one hundred. This contemptible invention caused keen distress among the friends and relatives of the contingent. Newspapers and telegraph offices were besieged with enquiries.

It is not believed in military circles that the Canadians were with Methuen's column. It is believed that, for the present at least, will be detailed to the important work of keeping open the line of communication, especially in view of Col. Otter's despatch which stated "line communication."

LONDON, Dec. 15.—It is announced here that Gen. Sir Redvers Buller commander of the British forces in South Africa, who was moving to the relief of Ladysmith, has sustained a serious reverse at the hands of the Boers. He has lost many of his guns.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Gen. Buller reports to the war office as follows: "CHELVEY CAMP, Dec. 15, 6.30 p. m.—I regret to report a serious reverse. I moved in full strength from the camp near Chelvey at 4 o'clock this morning.

"There are two favorable places on the Tugela River, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them.

"They are about two miles apart, and I intended to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Hart was to attack the left drift. Hilyard had the right of the road. Lytleton was in the centre to support either. Early in the day I saw that Hart would not be able to force a passage, and directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry. My leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear suffered a great defeat. Col. Brookes was severely wounded.

"I then ordered Hilyard to advance, which he did. His leading regiment the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge. At that moment we heard that the whole artillery I had sent back to that attack, namely the 14th and 66th field batteries and six naval 12-pounder quick rifles, the whole under Colonel Long, were out of the action. It appears that Long is his desire to be within effective range, advanced close to the river. It proved to be full of the enemy who immediately opened a galling fire at close range, killing all the horses and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns. Some wagon trains got shelter for the troops on a donga. Desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns but the fire was too severe. Only two or three were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers whose names I will furnish.

"Another most gallant attempt with three teams was made by an officer whose name I will obtain. Of eighteen horses thirteen were killed, and as several drivers were wounded, I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed there would be great loss of life in an attempt to force a passage unsupported by artillery. I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order.

"Throughout the day a considerable force of the enemy was pressing my right flank, but was kept back by the mounted men under Lord Dundonald and part of Barton's brigade. The weather was intensely hot and most trying on the troops, whose conduct was excellent.

"We have abandoned ten guns and lost by shell fire one.

"The losses of Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, though the proportion of severely wounded is not 1 hope, large. The Fourteenth and 66th batteries also sustained severe losses. We have retired to the camp at Chelvey.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The revised list of the British casualties at the battle of Magerfontein shows the total to be 963, of which number 70 were officers.