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## Window Shade Extra

We are changing and adding to our color range of Window Shades, and have about ten dozen (to dozen) blinds in colors which we are not including in our new list; these we will sell on Thursday for less than one half price, for example:

3 x 6 Plain Color Shades for 15c to 30c each

3 x 6 Lace trim'd Shades for 20c to 40c each

and some narrower widths at even lower prices. These lots will be opened out in our Carpet Department on Wednesday morning. If you are interested in shades come early.

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Made of heavy, fine wool, in Tartan Plaids, dark colors, grand for use in long drives or as lounge rugs, special

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### Ladies' Muffs

A few very choice ones still left in stock. Nothing is more useful at almost any season of the year. Astrachan, Coney, Goat, Seal, Beaver and Sable, say one of them at prices to tickle your purse.

### Violets

An early shipment of violets is opened up. The bunches are full and natural. Prices are 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c a bunch.

### New Silks

We have just to-day opened a large shipment of plain and fancy silks direct from Japan. Silks have advanced at least 15 per cent since we placed this order away back in September.

27 in. wide, plain black, cream and white, extra fine quality Japan Silks, very special at 50c

27 in. wide, extra heavy and durable Japan Silks, in black, cream and white, very special at 75c

A beautiful lot of Fancy Silks, stripes, crystal cords, plaids and figured, very special values at

50c and 75c a yd.

### Ladies' Jackets

On Thursday we intend to clear out the balance of our stock of Ladies' Jackets. We have:

Size 32 in. black, blue, fawn and grays, in knee y cloth, frize and curl cloths, worth from \$5 to \$15

Size 34 in. black and blue in beaver cloth and rough cloth, worth \$5 to \$12

Size 36 in. black, blue and fawn, in kersey cloth, rough cloth and frize, worth from \$6 to \$15

Size 38, 40, 42 are in black kersey cloth and rough cloth, worth from \$5 to \$12

On Thursday this entire stock of Jackets goes on sale your choice for \$3.25

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## POLICE COMMISSION.

### Judge Houston Elected Chairman for the Ensuing Year.

### Chief Young Tendered His Annual Report—Other Business Transacted.

The inaugural meeting of the City Police Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, there being present, Judge Bell, Judge Houston and Mayor Smith.

On motion Judge Houston was unanimously re-elected chairman.

Chief of Police Young then presented his annual report as follows:

To the Chairman and members of the Police Commission:

Gentlemen—I beg to submit, for your consideration, a report of the general work of the Police Department for 1899. The number of cases entered on the Police Court blotter for the year was 372, and the disposition as follows:—Convictions 189, dismissals 94, withdrawn 73, unfinished 9, committed for trial 7. Costs were paid in all of the withdrawn cases, except two, while in the dismissed ones only five paid costs.

Sexes—Males 344, females 28. Nationalities—Canadian 204, United States 30, English 25, Irish 8, Scotch 3, Austrian 1, German 1.

Religions—Methodists 147, Episcopals 67, Catholics 63, Presbyterians 42, Baptists 83, Salvation Army 3, Plymouth Brethren 2, Latter Day St. 1, Jew 1, Unclaimed 21.

Occupations—Under the head of occupation the term "Laborer" seems to head the list with the number of 127, while under the head of "No Occupation" we have 94, the clerks come next with 18, farmers following with 12, while in some fifty other occupations the numbers run from one to six. The number of occupations given amount to 58.

Nature of cases—The statutory ones or those cases laid under the Dominion or Ontario statutes, number 226, and

of these common assaults number 48. The cases laid under the by-laws of the city numbered 146, and of these being drunk on the street numbered 34. No very heinous crimes have been dealt with during the year. Stealings of various kinds and boys breaking into shops comprise the worst we have had to deal with, and under this head I may mention that 51 charges have been laid against persons under sixteen years of age, six of whom were females.

Warrants—The number of warrants issued during the year were 59, and the number executed was 55.

Arrests—The number of arrests made by the different officers during the year was 153, and the number of summonses issued and served was 504, while notices for poll tax were issued and served to the number of 233, that amount having been collected in dollars.

Doors—Number of doors found open on beats 139.

Goods found—Number of articles of value left out of stores and found on beats was 80 and their value \$228.75.

Tramps—The number of tramps registered at the Police Station for one night's lodging was 291. Last year the number was 370.

Truants—The number looked up and notified 79.

Financial—I have collected and paid over to the Police Court clerk \$763.86, besides some witness fees and other costs paid in court. The cost of running the Police Department for the year, \$4,571.25, is not greater than it was twenty-two years ago, that is the second year after it was organized in its present shape. The cost then was \$4,445.59, but taking the new brick floor and drainage repairs into consideration, nearly the same.

In drawing up this report I notice two favorable points—first, the abatement of the tramp nuisance (and they are still on the slide). This I attribute entirely to the prosperity which is general throughout the American continent.

The other point is the falling off in arrests for drunkenness. Ten years ago the arrests were 227, which was the maximum, last year they were 34.

I have only further to add that I have no complaints to make about the force or equipment. Both are satisfactory. There has been very little sickness among the members of the force during the past year and they are all working amicably.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. YOUNG,  
Chief Constable

Chatham, Feb. 12, 1900.

In adapting the report his honor, Judge Bell took occasion to eulogistically congratulate Mr. Young upon the fullness and character of his report. He said that the favorable points emphasized were worthy of the chief and officers of the force.

The Mayor endorsed Judge Bell's remarks and heartily concurred in them. In adjourning the meeting the chairman, Judge Houston, also utilized the opportunity to give vent to similar expressions, which were all the more forcible from his close and continuous association with the Police Department.

### MONEY FOR CHARITIES.

The will of the late Mrs. Eccles, of London, has been entered for probate, and the bequests are as follows:—To her daughter, Mrs. W. E. B. Atkins, of Toronto, the sum of \$100,000; to the Young Woman's Christian Association of London, \$1,000; to the Children's Aid Society, of London, the sum of \$1,000; to the Women's Missionary Society, of the First Methodist Church in London, the sum of \$1,000; to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, the sum of \$1,000; to the Superannuation Fund of the Methodist Church of Canada, the sum of \$1,000; to the Residential Fund of Victoria College, the sum of \$1,000, and various other legacies to friends and relatives amounting to \$15,000.

and personal, goes to her husband, Dr. F. R. Eccles, of London.

A despatch from Cape Town says that the entire Australian infantry has been mounted. This was done because most of the men were fine horsemen. Only 15 per cent. of the command needed coaching, the remaining 85 per cent. were thoroughly at home on a horse.

## CRONE IN THE TOILS.

### Lord Roberts Strikes an Effective Blow at the Boers.

### A LARGE BRITISH ARMY MOVE INTO THE FREE STATE.

### STEYN'S CAPITAL IS THREATENED—THE ENEMY AT KIMBERLEY CUT OFF FROM THEIR PRINCIPAL BASE OF SUPPLIES—GENERAL FRENCH'S DASHING WORK.

London, Thursday, Feb. 15, 4.20 a. m.

—The British army, for the first time since the war began, is inside the Boer frontier. Lord Roberts, with at least 40,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150 guns, has turned the Magerfontein lines, before which the British forces have been encamped for six weeks; and with half of his corps he is already operating on Free State territory. A battle has not yet been fought, but large tactical advantages have been obtained. The relief of Kimberley is within measurable reach; and the way to Bloemfontein is appreciably easier. The despatches of Lord Roberts sketch three days' work. The forward movement began on Sunday, when Col. Hanney set out with a brigade of mounted infantry for Ramah, on the Riet, eight miles from Jacobsdale, one of the Boer supply bases. On Monday Gen. French, with the cavalry division, seized the crossing of the Riet River at Diekel's Drift, south of Jacobsdale, and 18 miles east of Honey Nest Kloof. He skirmished with the Boers and closed the way for 20,000 infantry, who followed across. On Tuesday, with his three cavalry brigades and the Horse Artillery, Gen. French rode to the Modder River, a distance of 25 miles, and

took three fords with high ground beyond the river, and five Boer camps. He had a few casualties in brushes with the Boer horse. Gen. French has now fixed himself on Gen. Cronje's main line of communication with Bloemfontein, and 20,000 infantry, with 72 guns, are being pushed up to support him there. Lord Roberts' despatches, which were wired from inside the Free State, and on the Riet River, left him Wednesday morning. His advance has not been opposed by the Boers in force. Their patrols melted away as the British moved forward. The British army is likely to be felt in a day or two, and a battle is consequently imminent. As to what forces Gen. Cronje has now at his disposal, and as to where he purposes making a stand against the invaders, no one here connected with the War Office knows anything. The data for conceptions are wholly wanting. The forces immediately at the disposal of Lord Roberts are placed at 50,000 in a general way. These figures are included in the command mentioned in the despatches as being added to the divisions known to be with Lord Methuen. Probably Lord Roberts has 10,000 or 20,000 more. It is now realized that the incidents at Renburg have been out of all proportions. Merely skeleton lines were there, while troops were rapidly concentrating on the Modder River. The facility with which 30,000 men have already been sent beyond the rail terminus shows that Lord Kitchener has

been fully successful in organizing the transport. He is now supposed to be down the line, sending forward more troops, and getting together more transports. About five miles of ox and mule wagon trains are estimated for each division, so that Lord Kitchener has immense labors in hand. The London morning papers take rather sober views of the situation, but are greatly pleased and hopeful of what is to come.

### WAR OFFICE DESPATCH.

London, Feb. 15.—The war office has issued the following further message from Lord Roberts, received last evening:—

Diekel's Drift, Feb. 14, 8.10 a. m.—Gen. French left this point at 11.30 yesterday morning with three brigades of cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, including several colonial contingents, in order to seize a crossing of the Modder, about 25 miles distant.

He reports by despatch, dated 5.35 p. m., that he has forced a passage at Diekel's Drift, and occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers, with their supplies, while Gen. Gordon, of the 15th Hussars, with his brigade, who had made a feat at Rondevaal Drift, four miles west, has seized it and a second drift between that and Diekel's, together with two laagers.

Gen. French's performance is brilliant, considering the excessive heat and a blinding dust-storm, which raged during the latter part of the day.

Owing to the rapidity of his movements, Gen. French met with but slight opposition, and his losses were small. Lieut. Johnson, of the Inniskilling Dragoons, is the only officer reported seriously wounded.

The sixth division was last night on the north bank of the Riet, at Waterfall Drift, and is moving to support the cavalry. The seventh division is here, and will go on this afternoon.

Four officers and 53 men had to be sent last evening in the returning ox wagons to the railway line, prostrated by heat and exhaustion.

### FRENCH'S FIRST BLOW.

London, Feb. 15, 6.20 p. m.—It is officially announced that the British cavalry division, under Gen. French, on Monday, Feb. 12, seized the crossing of the Riet River at Diekel's Drift, on the east bank of which the sixth and seventh divisions are now encamped. The casualties were two troopers killed and Captain Majendie, of the Rifle Brigade, wounded. He has since died. One trooper was wounded.

### WAR NOTES.

The Boers have occupied Butler's old camp on Spearman's farm. Floods are interfering with Colonel Plumer's advance for the relief of Mafeking.

The General Commanding at Renburg reports an attack in force by the Boers on Monday. Lieut. Coningham was killed. A Ladysmith despatch, dated Thursday, Feb. 8, says:—H. C. Foss, a resident of Ladysmith, has been court-martialed and sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor for circulating false reports calculated to discourage the troops, and for advising soldiers to desert. Foss, who is a native of Natal, and for some time in the Free State. He had been twice warned for asserting that the garrison was on the eve of starvation and capture.

### THAMESVILLE.

Feb. 15.—The posters announcing the patriotic concert to be given by the Daughters of Rebekah on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, have been issued and are quite attractive.

Quite a few of young people attended the carnival at Ridgetown and Dresden last evening.

The hockey team were defeated by a score of 4 to 0 by Tilbury at that place on Tuesday. Considering the experience our boys have had, this being their first match, they played a good game in every respect.

Owing to the illness of Miss Walker no school was held in her division yesterday.

Our hockey team expect to have a return match with Tilbury here on Friday evening.

James Logan and wife left for their home to-day, Wapella, Assn., after an extended visit with relatives, the two Misses Mooney accompanied them and make the N. W. T. their home in future.

E. Ferguson, M. P. P. left yesterday for Toronto to attend to his duties as member of the legislature.

Miss Nellie Daley and brother, niece and nephew of Mrs. George Halman, left to-day for Amherst, Wisconsin, where they will join their parents.

February 15th, 1900.

## These are the days

That try men's soles. There's a peculiar sneaking insistence about snow water that gets the best of leather every time. Two protections offer themselves—Rubbers and Water-proof Shoes. We are splendidly stocked in right footwear for this kind of weather, and at special prices.

Ladies' Rubbers, 35c

in any size.

Men's Rubbers, 75c

wool lined, at 50c and

Misses' Rubbers, 25c

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