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## For Early Buyers

This season we were exceptionally fortunate in getting very early delivery from the manufacturer a large shipment of Brussels Carpets. This shipment of ten different designs in Brussels Carpets is just opened up and the colorings are remarkably pretty. The yarns seem brighter and the general appearance much richer than last season. Owing to improved machinery the carpets are more perfectly woven, no streaks or bare spots on the surface.

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## TENNIS CLUB BALL

It was a Bright and Brilliant Social Function.

Guests from Many Western Ontario Towns and Cities Present—Everything Passed off Without a Hitch.

Assembly of the Chatham Lawn Tennis Club, Monday evening, Feb. 12, 1900.

Officers of the Club:  
President—Philip S. Cote,  
Vice-President—George Massey,  
Hon. Secretary—Frank D. Laurie.  
Patronesses—Messdames: R. V. Bray, Wm. Ball, P. S. Cote, Geo. Douglas, Robt. Gray, Jas. S. Gray, Jas. Innes, H. Malcolmson, G. W. Massey, Geo. T. McKee, John Northwood, Robert O'Hara, D. S. Paterson, W. E. Rispin, C. H. Rose, Sydney Stephenson, S. J. Sutherland, J. E. Thomas.  
Stewards—Dr. R. V. Bray, R. R. Creighton, Jas. Fleming, C. H. Gunn, Jas. S. Gray, R. A. Jones, A. W. Larmour, W. F. Malcolmson, Geo. Musson, W. E. Rispin, J. S. Turner, H. A. Winkoughby.

The handsome new Oddfellows' building was veritably on fire last night. Of the fashionable company who thronged the spacious parlors, broad corridors and splendid ball room, were none who sought refined, heartsome, and wholly sociable and pleasurable enjoyment in vain. The scene during the progress of the assembly was brilliant and pleasing, viewed from the standpoint of an observer. To the participants it certainly could not have been less strikingly beautiful and inspiring. The ball room was draped and decorated with exquisite taste, the profusion of

flowers and foliage adding much to the pretty effect. The lighting was admirable. The lovely costumes of the fair dancers made a picture which a masculine mind might be impressed with, but only the feminine brain could fully receive and adequately describe. It might, indeed, be said that

Bright the lights shone  
On fair women and brave men,

for the youth and beauty of the Maple City, with their gallant escorts, were there gathered, and their number was augmented by the youth and beauty of other places, duly accompanied. Votaries of Terpsichore, nearly every one, they had all opportunity to indulge in the mazes of the dance to the strains of Zieffels celebrated Detroit orchestra.

Among the fair devotees at the shrine of the tripping goddess were noticed several debutantes, whose entrance into society was signified by a universal manifestation of ardent admiration on the part of the gentlemen, and who received the homage paid them with admirable ease, grace and dignity. The supper was a triumph of the caterer's art and a credit to the establishment whose chef devised and had it prepared.

With last evening's delightful social assemblage the handsome new Oddfellows' building was first formally en fete in its entirety and enthusiastic eulogies were passed by patrons on every side. The Tennis Club committee were also congratulated on their unceasing and able efforts, successful in the extreme, by which the elaborate equipment of the building itself was perfected in the ideal for the convenience and pleasure of their patrons. The ball room was becomingly beautified by handsome palms and foliage, and gracefully draped with loyal folds of bunting. The elevated platform was utilized by the orchestra, while to the right a tastefully furnished corner was allotted to the gentlemen. Four sitting-rooms, exquisitely arranged, were provided for the guests, adjoining the ball room, and three ladies' dressing rooms were fitted up in a most attractive and perfect manner. Above the gentlemen's coat-rooms were situated, and the large and brilliant auditorium

fitted with three long tables, whereon some two hundred guests were provided with a sumptuous and elegant repast, under the presidency of the accomplished chef of W. S. Richards. The Tennis Club committee who had charge of these arrangements were: F. D. Laurie, J. S. Turner, R. A. Jones, Jas. Fleming, H. A. Winkoughby, B. R. Creighton, Dr. R. V. Bray, C. H. Gunn, Geo. Massey and W. E. Rispin.

Among those present from a distance were guests from Woodstock, London, St. Thomas, Detroit, Sirna, Windsor, Bothwell, Dresden, Thamesville and other places.

The stewards were highly complimented on their efficient conduct of the duties assigned to them. They kept their programs clear and saw that all strangers were most pleasantly entertained.

A most enjoyable feature of the program was the rendition by the orchestra of many patriotic selections, notably the Maple Leaf and the National Anthem, the latter of which all joined most heartily in singing. The Stewards desire to express the thanks of the club to Austin & Co., Stone & Son, Scott & Plater, William Gordon, C. H. Gunn & Co., Collett & Wilson and other merchants for generous assistance extended.

### FATAL FALL.

W. Hunter, brakeman on No. 73, G. T. R. freight, west bound, fell off the train at Louisville last evening at 6 o'clock, and received injuries which may prove fatal. No one saw how the accident happened, but the engineer, while looking back, saw Hunter in the aid. The train was stopped and Hunter picked up. It was found that the wheels had run over one leg, amputating it. The injured man was brought to Chatham. G. T. R. Surgeon Bray was summoned and the unfortunate brakeman was removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where his leg was dressed. Beside the amputation of the leg, Mr. Hunter received internal injuries and the chances of his recovery are slight.

Hunter died of his injuries this morning at St. Joseph's hospital. The remains were taken to St. Thomas at noon to-day for interment. Deceased was in his 28th year. He leaves a widow in St. Thomas but no children.

## ROBERTS ABOUT READY

### To Strike a Crushing Blow.

WILL RELIEVE KIMBERLEY AND PUSH ON INTO THE FREE STATE IMMEDIATELY—THE TOWN IN GREAT STRAITS.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 a. m.—Spencer Wilkinson, discussing the situation in the Morning Post to-day, refers to a Cape Town letter, written Jan. 23, which asserts that Lord Roberts will allow no movement until the transport organization is complete, and says:—It is probable that the transport is now ready and that the arrival of Lord Roberts at Modder River is the signal for action. It is possible that before the beginning of such movement he wishes to ascertain from Lord Methuen how matters stand in his part of the theatre of war, and this would account for a pause of a few days. Mr. Wilkinson then discusses the question of tents or no tents, basing his opinion upon a letter from Winston Churchill, in the course of which the writer explains that the immobility of the British army in Natal is due to the fact that it drags after it a huge train, mainly for test. The question, says Mr. Wilkinson, is mainly one of climate, and the choice lay, perhaps, between slow movement and enteric fevers. But a protest against too much comfort, coming from an experienced campaigner like Winston Churchill, deserves consideration.

### LORD ROBERTS' PLANS.

Lord Roberts has gathered 35,000 men with whom, according to the best military opinion in London, he possesses turning the left of Magersfontein lines near Jacobsdal, entering the Free State, compelling Kimberley, and thus making his first step toward Bloemfontein. Yesterday Lord Roberts announced the appointment of Gen. Sir Henry Colville, hitherto commander of the Guards brigade, to the command of the ninth division, which is being formed, and will consist, probably, of a great extent of colonial troops. Gen. Colville will be succeeded by Gen. Reginald Polo Carew.

Lord Roberts tells the correspondents when he gets down to business that they shall have ample opportunity to send news. His chief press censor yesterday issued new rules, and in future all written communications are to go unchecked. Only telegrams will be censored. For the present, however, the news will be more freedom. Thus says the censor, and the last clause may be interpreted to mean something about to happen.

### KIMBERLEY HARD PRESSED.

Kimberley, twenty miles away from the Modder River position, is in sore straits. Details of the December death rate show that in a population of 14,000 whites and 19,000 blacks, the mortality was sixty whites and 120 blacks per thousand. The infantile death rate was 671 per thousand among the whites and 912 per thousand among the blacks. Enteric fever was prevalent. The frightful state of things in Kimberley cannot have improved much, at all, since, and the fighting power of the garrison must have been greatly diminished. Meanwhile the bombardment by the Boers has increased, and there is imminent danger of the town falling.

It is believed in circles close to the

War Office that Lord Roberts will move at once. Scouts have approached within a thousand yards of the Boer entrenchments at Magersfontein. They have found these strong, and ascertained that they are used as dwelling places. Naval gunners are constantly watching the enemy's lines with strong glasses, and they declare that there is an appreciable diminution in the Boer forces.

### MORE TROOPS GOING.

The War Office is making preparations to continue the stream of troops for South Africa. Four large steamers have been chartered. Japan agrees to let the Armstrongs transfer to England four naval quick-firers that were built for her, consenting to wait for the execution of her own order until the hostilities in South Africa are over. Several European powers, by similar consent as to guns being constructed by Vickers Sons and Maxim, enable England to secure 100 Maxims. Two thousand men are constantly employed at Woolwich arsenal, and all the gun and ammunition factories are working night and day to execute Government orders. The weekly output of four firms is four million rounds. Outside of the requirements for South Africa, Great Britain is accumulating immense stores of war material. Considerable divergence of opinion exists as to the adequacy of the Government's military proposals even now.

### A BOER MOVE.

London, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 a. m.—In Natal, the Boer commandos south of the Tugela occupy Bold's farm and several mines west of Chieveley. Two thousand Boers, with three guns, are advancing through Zululand towards Natal. The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday (Monday), says:—A despatch from Eshowe asserts that a large commando of Boers is encamped near Ngulu, with eighty wagons and nine guns. It is rumored that this force intends to besiege Eshowe, the intention probably being to fortify the Insusel hills in order to prevent the British traversing Zululand to relieve Ladysmith.

The War Office has received the following despatch from Field Marshal Lord Roberts, dated from the Modder River, Sunday, Feb. 12:—I have received a telegram from Buller as follows, dated Friday, Feb. 9:—It was necessary after seizing Vaal Krantz to entrench it, as the pivot of further operations. But I found after trying two days, owing to the nature of the ground, that this was impracticable. It was also exposed to the fire of heavy guns in positions from which our artillery was dominated. It is essential to troops advancing on Ladysmith by Harding or Monger's Drift to hold Vaal Krantz securely, and, accordingly, we are not pressing the advance on those roads, and find we cannot make it secure.

### WAR NOTES.

General Roberts has promised the press correspondents here that they will be allowed complete freedom of action in sending their reports.

A Modder River despatch of yesterday's date says that twelve hundred whites who are loyal to the British have left Kimberley, and are returning to the desolation of their property by the colonial dutch residents. The Boers had made no attack on them.

### FREDERICK AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

While a certain dramatic license has been taken in formulating the characters introduced in "Frederick the Great," Lewis Morrison's new spectacular comedy, the historical atmosphere remains almost intact. Voltaire is presented as the clever, brassy and sarcastic wit and he makes an excellent foil to Frederick the King, who was a most valued associate to Frederick during the seven years' war, is also presented as the happy disposition of this diminutive man, comes always like a ray of sunshine into a dungeon. Dr. Maupertuis, the acute professor, is prominently in evidence. Princess Amelia, the King's favorite sister, is presented as the lovely woman who with dignity and grace presided over the household of His Majesty. La Barbantine, the Italian dancer, who came so near overthrowing the Court of Italy, and who afterwards gave the gossips of Prussia so much food for scandal, is introduced with the prominence commensurate with her career at the Court of Frederick. These and all the characters are clothed in historically correct costumes, made from designs from the original plates in the Museum of Art, Berlin, thus affording an excellent opportunity for the elaborate toilettes and strikingly handsome uniforms. This play will be put on at the Grand here Wednesday night.

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