

Easter Three Weeks From Today

And so much of the finery not bought yet. If you intend having your suit made, to give the dressmaker a chance, you should buy your materials now. If your intention is to buy your suit ready-to-wear, it would be well to select now rather than wait until the last rush—assortments are better now, too, and you have more time to select than in the rush later on. So the wise thing to do would be to make your Easter selections without any further delay

Showing of Costumes for Women and Misses

Costumes for Women and Misses.—Our assortment is just now at its greatest, and now is the best time for you to choose. Of course, you'll want a new suit for Easter, and to choose now will give you a large range to select from. Our costumes are sure to please you. They are the kind that bring you back for more. They are satisfactory to everybody, the wearer, and the seller. The styles we offer are exclusive, any line that we carry being confined to us. We don't handle any costumes except subject to those conditions. The makes we show are from the best Canadian and American tailors, and have the marks of individuality and distinctiveness that distinguish them from the ordinary kind. All these features coupled with the Spencer price makes our costumes particularly attractive. These are some nice models:



STYLISH COSTUME, made of fine, hard twisted cream serge, with black hair line stripe. Coat 36 inches long, semi-fitted, with flat collar, made of black satin duchesse, finished with buttons, plain coat sleeve trimmed with buttons. Front fastened with three buttons, large Directoire pockets trimmed with buttons, lined throughout with white satin. Plain gored skirt with panel front trimmed with buttons. Price**\$40.00**

STRIKING SUIT, made of grey and black striped worsted. Coat made with semi-fitted back, finished with buttons, flat collar edged with fancy braid, roll cuffs trimmed with braid to match collar, cut-away front fastened with five buttons close together, lined throughout with black and white striped silk. Skirt plain gored in the newest cut. Price**\$40.00**

Smart Little Suits for Misses

During the last week we have opened a lot of Misses' Suits, that are unusually smart and attractive, and are well worth a careful inspection.

MISSSES' SUIT made of taupe worsted in a self stripe. Coat is semi-fitted with saddle effect over shoulders and the back trimmed with covered buttons, roll collar and cuffs finished with buttons. Skirt Princess style with three-inch fold around bottom, finished with buttons. Price**\$30.00**

MISSSES' SUIT, made of striped navy worsted. Coat semi-fitted, with rows of buttons down back, roll collar of corded silk, finished with braid and buttons, plain sleeve with braid and buttons. Plain skirt with rows of buttons on front panel. Price**\$25.00**

MISSSES' SUITS, made of pretty light striped tweed. Coat semi-fitted, trimmed with buttons, roll collar, strapped with self, plain sleeve. Skirt Directoire style, with row of buttons down front and four inch fold around the bottom. Price**\$25.00**

COAT AND JUMPER SUIT, made of striped cloth in peacock blue. The coat is 36 inches long, semi-fitted back with row of black satin piping down back, over shoulders and down front, roll collar finished with buttons and black silk, sleeves with rows of black piping and buttons, lined throughout with grey taffeta silk. Skirt made Princess style with jumper. Plain gored skirt with row of black satin down front. Price**\$42.50**

HANDSOME SUIT, made of electric blue serge. Coat made on the long, straight lines now so popular, flat collar of black silk edged with Persian trimming, two rows of black silk braid over shoulder and down front, with four short straps of silk with buttons, plain sleeve with cuff finished to match collar, lined throughout with white satin. Skirt made plain with rows of buttons on front. Price**\$50.00**



New Oilcloths Just Opened

No floor covering has so much to recommend it as oilcloth or linoleum. It is sanitary, it is easy to keep clean, it wears well and looks well, and nothing can be procured that will give you the same service for the money invested.

We have just received three carloads of new designs in Oilcloths and Printed and Inlaid Linoleums.

OILCLOTHS—Per square yard**25¢**
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PRINTED LINOLEUMS—Per square yard**40¢**
PRINTED LINOLEUMS—Per square yard**50¢**
PRINTED LINOLEUMS—Per square yard**65¢**
INLAID LINOLEUMS (Nairn's C quality)**85¢**
INLAID LINOLEUMS (Nairn's B quality)**\$1.10**
INLAID LINOLEUMS (Nairn's A quality)**\$1.25**

Dainty Whitewear Priced Low

One thing to remember about the Whitewear this season, and that is that it is lower in price than it has been for several years. Cottons, cambrics and trimmings were down in price when the manufacturers bought their stocks, and the result is that the Whitewear values are exceptionally attractive. A few lines these:

NIGHTDRESS, as illustrated, slipover style, made of fine, soft cambric, low neck, finished with Swiss embroidered yoke, edged with filet lace, with ribbon inserted. Price **\$1.15**

NIGHTDRESSES, slipovers, made of long cloth, square neck with yoke of filet insertion, neck and sleeves edged with filet lace with ribbon inserted. Price**\$1.25**

NIGHTDRESSES, made of long cloth, square neck, with yoke of tucks and insertion, neck front and sleeves trimmed with embroidery.**\$1.50**

UNDERSKIRTS, made of fine cambric, with fourteen inch muslin flounce, with row of heavy torchon insertion, three inches wide and edged with four inch torchon lace.**\$1.75**

UNDERSKIRTS, made of cambric, with fifteen inch flounce of muslin, has rows of fine tucks and two rows of heavy insertion, edged with Swiss embroidery. Price**\$1.25**

UNDERSKIRTS, made of fine cambric, with thirteen inch flounce of muslin, with fine tucks, edged with seven inch embroidery**\$2.00**

CORSET COVERS, made of fine cambric, has yoke of Swiss allover edged with filet insertion, trimmed with torchon lace with silk ribbon insertion**75¢**

CORSET COVERS, made of fine muslin, fine tucks and four rows of embroidery down front, trimmed with filet lace inserted with silk ribbon**\$1.00**



Millinery Novelties in Profusion



The Millinery Showroom is the Mecca of women now-a-days. The variety of styles and shapes shown this season make the millinery even more attractive than usual, and in addition it is possible for you to get just the style of hat that you like as the shapes are so different, the range of styles being so large this season. During the last few days novelties have been pouring in. Late styles designed for Eastern wear are here in profusion. They may be classed as fashion's last word. Hats to suit all tastes and all purses.

Will New Carpets Interest You?

This is the time of year for new things; Nature takes on her new garb, and we all want new clothes to feel in harmony with the Spring spirit. How about the house? Don't you want new carpets or floor coverings? Rooms that looked all right during the dull weather may not look so now, and a new carpet does wonders toward improving the appearance of a room. Our new ones are here. Your inspection is solicited. To show them would be a pleasure.

Window display, Broad Street Windows.

Our stock of these goods has never been so complete or up-to-date as it is this season. Almost every day adds NEW ATTRACTIONS for the housefurnisher to our already large collection.

We are now showing a full range of colorings and designs in the new "Crompton" Axminster Carpets. This is the finest grade English Axminster Carpet, and our designs in this line are absolutely exclusive.

Our new stock of Wilton and Brussel Carpets have just been opened up. The selection of designs and colorings in these lines are very extensive. We now feel that we are in a position to furnish a carpet that will blend with any color scheme that the purchaser may have in mind, no matter how modest or how fastidious the taste may be.

New Carpet Squares

We have a very extensive assortment of Carpet Squares, in Axminsters, Wiltons, Brussels, Tapestry and Wool Squares, in all sizes, varying from 6 ft. 9 x 7 ft. 6 to 11 ft. 3 x 13 ft. 6.

Furniture That Is New and Correct

New Furniture has a fascination for most people. This has always been true, but never more so than now. The art of furniture making has shown such improvement that the productions of furniture makers of the present day are so novel that they are always welcome and interesting. In the many new lines that we have received lately you will find furniture of the different kind, furniture that will appeal to you on account of its beauty and novelty, and most attractive of all are the prices, which were never so low. We mention some dining-room lines:

Carloads of Dining-room Chairs
 New Patterns, Handsome Designs in the Early English and Modern Types

SUITES, comprising 5 side chairs and 1 arm chair, box framed leather seats. Our price for the complete Suite**\$22.50**
 See Display on Third Floor.

Have the Right Corsets

Be sure of that, you can't expect your new costume to look right unless you do have the right corset. Next to having the proper shape is to have them properly fitted. We have an expert corsetiere that will attend to that part of the transaction. These are new models.

BON BON CORSET, as illustrated, a fashionable design for the average figure. Has high bust, long, flat hips, and very long back. Price**\$6.00**

BON TON CORSET, new Directoire model, has high bust and extreme length of front, hips and back, and is the proper style for wearing with the new gowns. Price**\$8.00**

ROYAL WORCESTER CORSET, a new model, has high bust, very long front, hips and back, with pliable skirt. This corset will comfortably create the modish lines. Price**\$1.75**

ROYAL WORCESTER CORSET, an up-to-the-minute style, has high bust, very long front, flat hips and long back, with pliable skirt below the boning. An excellent moderate priced Directoire model. Price**\$2.50**

These Corsets are made expressly for us by the D. & A. Corset Company. No better corsets can be offered at moderate prices than these, and the numbers we carry will be found to be the best corset values that you have ever seen. We opened a lot of new models during the last few days.

The "D.S." Corsets, three different models. Extra value at **\$1.00**

The "D. S." Corsets, seven models, for all kinds of figures. Extra value at**\$1.50**

The "D. S." Corsets, four models, all new styles. Extra value at**\$2.00**



Afternoon Tea at Our Tea Rooms

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Lord Strathcona Donates Sum of \$250,000 to Provide for Military Drill.

COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER

Mr. Foster's Empire Defence Resolution to Come up Monday.

Ottawa, March 24.—The feeling of the House of Commons in regard to Canada's share of the burden of war defence will be tested on Monday next. Mr. Foster gave the government notice that he will then move the resolution which has been standing in his name for some time. This resolution does not define the position the government should take in regard to the defence, but merely declares that assuming a portion of the burden, it is expected that the debate will bring forth a declaration of the government policy in this regard.

Today's session of the house was entirely spent in supply. The notable feature was Sir Frederick Borden's announcement that Lord Strathcona had contributed \$250,000, which would provide a year, for improving the physical training, drill and in the case of the older ones, the rifle shooting of school children.

The fund is to be administered by a board, with the minister of militia as chairman, the various provincial ministers of education as vice-presidents and an executive committee composed of the members of the militia council and representatives named by the minister of education and officers commanding the various military districts. Lord Grey is to be patron and Sir Wilfrid Laurier vice-patron. The fund is to be known as the Strathcona Trust. The premier expressed the appreciation of parliament and the country and moved a vote of thanks to Lord Strathcona, which was seconded by Mr. Borden.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that he would set forth the action the government intended taking in regard to the report of Mr. Justice Cassels tomorrow.

E. M. Lewis passed the government bill to make his daylight-saving bill government measure, but the premier replied that the government had not yet enough daylight to see just what should be done with the bill.

The senate today gave the months' hold to the bill of Senator Choquette, which sought to amend law relating to the protest of bills exchange, etc., by removing the need to protest in order to hold the sender liable when not paid at maturity. The bill only affected the province of Quebec.

TWELVE KILLED

Tornado in Texas Causes Loss of Life and Destroys Large Amount of Property.

Dallas, Tex., March 24.—Twelve persons were killed and a score injured by a tornado that swept over northeastern part of Wise county last night. Several small towns suffered serious damage. The greatest loss of life occurred on a farm. The destruction of Ira Rice's farm house caused the death of eight persons near Sild Near Sanger, Ben Wilson and Clagow Clark, farmers, and two negro children were killed. Several negroes were injured. Buildings were destroyed at Crafton, Greenwood, Dan, Brumlow.

Laredo, Texas, March 24.—One person was killed, four others were injured and property damage estimated at \$75,000 was caused by a tornado which swept through Laredo and vicinity last night. The roundhouse of the Mexican National railway demolished and the orphanage of Sisters of St. Ann's was destroyed. All but one of the occupants escaped the falling walls.

Germany's Navy Budget Berlin, March 24.—The Reichstag day accepted the second reading of naval budget without discussion, it being a general agreement among the leaders of the parliamentary group, excepting the Socialists, not to debate the proposition. Herr Ringer, Socialist, allowed the question of the proposed naval expenditure to pass without vote.

A Diminution of Crime. Dublin, March 24.—Mr. Justice O'Connell, in his address to the grand jury of the county of Meath, at the assizes at Trim, said that with reference to the general condition of the county there appeared to be a diminution especially reported crime, principally made up by a diminution in the number of threatening notices. He was informed that there was a reduction in the number of cattle-drives. He thought the improvement would be continued.

Emperor William's Plans Berlin, March 24.—There is no likelihood of Emperor William and President Roosevelt meeting on the Mediterranean in April, as Mr. Roosevelt, on board the steamer Adriatic, will be in the neighborhood of the southern end of the Red Sea when Emperor William goes on the imperial yacht at Venice. Negotiations have been made by Emperor William to meet Mr. Roosevelt before 1910. If the political situation in southeastern Europe in the time shall have cleared up, Emperor William and the Empress will go to Venice on April 15 and will proceed to Corfu where they will remain until May 4. From the 4th to the 14th of May his Majesty will cruise the Mediterranean. The imperial party will return to Wiesbaden May 16.