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A Crisp Newness

Is-becoming felt all over the store. We have already passed into stock pieces upon pieces of new goods in the staple department and in the dress goods department. A choice selection is here for early buyers and to those who are not yet prepared to buy we are ready to show the new goods.

Colored Cottons

New Scotch Ginghams in very neat and pretty stripes, fast colors, very special at..... 10c

New Scotch Zephyr Ginghams, in small checks and fancy stripes, in the new shades of sky, pink, mauve, gray, very special at..... 12½c

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16 in. wide, extra heavy pure Linen Crash Toweling, Scotch make, very special at..... 8c

16 in. wide, heavy Roller Toweling, natural color, honey comb effect, long wear guaranteed, special at 10c

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10 pcs. fancy Japan Silks, in corded and plain, stripes and checks, worth regular 50c and 60c a yard for..... 45c

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Colored Cottons

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Shirting Ginghams, in blue and brown checks, for..... 6c

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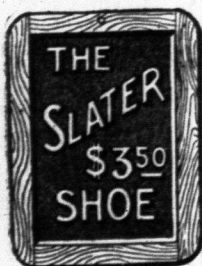
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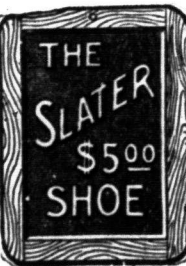
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Sole Local Agents



The Opening Year finds us Well Equipped in Every Department. Our assortment of Sterling Silver will in a few days be filled up. Late arrivals of Watches give us a finer stock than is usual at this time of the year. In anticipation of the advance in Precious Stones our purchases were unusually large. To all of which we invite your attention!

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Woodward Avenue, DETROIT.

The Ladies of Knox Church, Kent Bridge, intend having a Valentine Tea on Feb. 14th at the residence of Mr. John Shaw, River Road.

PRIVATE BURRELL

Writes Home About Things at Belmont, South Africa.

He Does not Like That Country—Expects Shortly to go to the Front.

Private Henry Burrell, of the first Canadian contingent, writes to his friend David Martin, of this city, from Belmont, South Africa, under date of Jan. 4 as follows:

Dear Friend David—
I sit down to write you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope this will find you in the same way. I will tell you some things about the war but don't want you to think I know all. I suppose you have seen in the papers all about the war. However, we are at a standstill yet doing garrison duty, but we expect to make an advance on or about the 9th of January, when I think a general clean up will begin. After that is over we expect to return home again and, you bet, I will never leave Chatham again on such a trip as this. The country is nearly twice as hot as Canada and dust flies, which makes me Khaki color instead of white. But it is a good thing we wear Khaki for it makes a poor mark for the Boers to shoot at.

I have no doubt it will be reported that Kimberly has been relieved, but it isn't so. We are not far from Kimberly or Ladysmith or Pretoria. The latter place will be the hardest to take because the Boers have been preparing for this war ever since the Jameson

Raid, and so by this time they must have things pretty well in shape. Well, we all expect a great loss of our men. We have one company out fighting now. They have captured a small place called Douglas, shot and killed 23 Boers and have taken 43 prisoners. But just wait till we all get at them. There are now in Africa 105,000 troops and when we make the general advance we will extend clean across the country and take everything as it goes. Yours truly,

HENRY BURRELL.
Address: Henry Burrell, Canadian contingent, B. Company, South Africa.

There is no joy in this world equal to the happiness of motherhood. A woman's health is her dearest possession. Good looks, good times, happiness, love and its continuance, depend on her health. Almost all of the sickness of women is traceable directly or indirectly to some derangement of the organs distinctly feminine. Troubles of this kind are often neglected because a very natural and proper modesty keeps women away from physicians, whose insistence upon examination and local treatment is generally as useful as it is common. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will do more for them than 99 doctors in 100. It will do more than the hundredth doctor can unless he prescribes it. It is a prescription of Dr. R. V. Pierce, who for 30 years has been chief consulting physician of the World's Dispensary and Invalids' Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y.

Send 31 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing and customs, and get his great book, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, absolutely free. Gen. MacDonald has had a skirmish with a thousand Boers at Kodogor. This was on Monday. The Boers have been taking the offensive against Gen. French, near Banskburg, as well as against Ge. Gatacre in the Stormberg hills.

SINCE TUESDAY LAST

There has Been no News of General Buller's Operations.

IT IS BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THE ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED ON WEDNESDAY

AND IS STILL PROCEEDING—THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH NOW REGARDED AS CERTAIN—THE GARRISON READY FOR A NIGHT ATTACK.

London, Friday, Feb. 9, 4 p. m.—All the messages from the observers with Gen. Buller throw in a phrase or two about the "strength of the Boer positions," and the "difficulties of Gen. Buller's work," but they do not carry events beyond Tuesday evening. Their last slender narratives leave the British advance on Vaal Krantz, in the centre of a semi-circle, where the troops are exposed to the Boer artillery on both sides and in the centre. The fighting continued until nine Tuesday evening, and almost without doubt continued Wednesday, as the Boers certainly would not leave this wedge into their lines unmolested. It is also inferred that Gen. Buller must either continue his advance or retire. The heaviest fighting appears to have been on Tuesday. Gen. Buller's 233 casualties are mentioned as having occurred before Tuesday noon. Large lists are consequently expected for the rest of the day. The casualties already reported bring the total British losses to 10,214 killed, wounded and captured. The disposition here is rather to minimize the importance of the fighting in Natal, and to suggest that this is only an incident, anyway, placing hope upon expected decisive engagement in Northern Cape Colony and upon the invasion of the Free State by Lord Roberts. At all events, this is the official view. The public does not like these new waits and there is sharp anxiety for further news.

TUESDAY'S FIGHTING.
London, Feb. 9.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following despatch, dated Tuesday, Feb. 6, from Sparrman's Camp:—This is the second day of the battle and the fighting has been fiercer than it was yesterday. At dawn the Boers began the action by shelling our bivouac with their long Tom and "pom-pom" guns from Doorn Kloof. Their six-inch shells fell near the spot where Gen. Buller and his staff were watching the movement. One shell burst amid a squadron of the Thirteenth Hussars, but not a soul was touched. Our guns from Zwart's Kop and on the plain soon silenced the enemy's artillery. Repeatedly the Boers brought back their guns, popped them into the positions, fired a few rounds and then changed their position. During the morning our gunners succeeded in blowing up the enemy's ammunition wagon up on Doorn Kloof. Gen. Buller's brigade was shot at from three sides and had a warm time up on Vaal Krantz. Desperate efforts were made by the Boers to cover the smoking hill. The Durham Light Infantry, King's Royal Rifles and the Scottish Rifles gallantly charged and cleared the position. Gen. Buller's brigade relieved Gen. Lytton's brigade toward sunset. Fighting continued until nine. Several prisoners have been taken. They say that the Boers yesterday lost heavily. The enemy suffered severely today. It is reported that among their dead in the trenches armed Kafirs were found.

VOTED WITH THEM

Hon. Edward Blake One of the Traitorous Redmond Gang

Who Wanted to Discontinue the War—Imperial House of Commons.

London, Feb. 9.—In the house of commons yesterday, Mr. Geo. Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of the war office, answering a question, said that 2,285 officers and men of the British army were missing, but it was uncertain how many of them were at Pretoria. As to their protection in case the British besieged Pretoria, Mr. Wyndham said the government left that to the discretion of Lord Roberts.

Answering another question, Mr. Wyndham said that in addition to the 180,000 troops in South Africa, recently mentioned in his speech, the government had decided to send 17 more battalions of militia and 4,000 yeomanry, making the total for the militia of over 20,000 men and for the yeomanry, 8,000. The total in South Africa, with the aid of the world, would be 194,000 effectives, exclusive of sick and wounded.

Replying to a series of questions on the subject of the Delagoa Bay railroad, Mr. St. John Broderick, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, said the government had not been vociferous any reason or explanation for the delay in the delivery of the railway nor was the government aware of the causes of the delay, which it considers regrettable. The government, however, could not interfere with the view of hastening the proceedings of the tribunal.

Answering a question regarding the purchase of hay in the United States, it was said, in behalf of the government, that the ministry had no knowledge that bad hay was being consigned from the United States to South Africa. It was added that home-grown hay was much costlier, and was not so successful in the present campaign as American hay. In the house of commons yesterday, Hon. Edward Blake, member for South Longford, voted for the motion introduced by John Redmond, M. P., representing that the time had arrived to bring the war in South Africa to a conclusion on the basis of recognizing the independence of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. A supplementary army estimate to March 31, was laid pro forma before the house of commons yesterday, but was not made public. It is reported that the call is for £20,000,000, which would make the cost of the war up to that date £30,000,000. The maintenance of 200,000 men at the front, it is estimated, costs between £8,000,000 and £10,000,000 per month.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Toney. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. Dr. W. G. Grove's signature in each box.

Minaud's Liniment is used by Physicians.

DIFFICULT MOVE.

An Expert Says Gen. Buller Has Undertaken One.

But if he Succeeds he Will Cut the Boer Army in Two and Crush it in Detail.

London, Feb. 9.—Spencer Wilkinson, discussing Gen. Buller's latest movement in the Morning Post to-day (Friday), says: "The advantage of this line of action is that it offers the shortest road to Ladysmith. The disadvantage is that with modern weapons the operation of piercing the enemy's front is one of the utmost difficulty. At the beginning each side can concentrate on one point of the enemy's line, the fire of the long potter on its own front, of all the riflemen along a front of a mile and a half, and of all the guns along a front of three or four miles. As the assailant chooses his point of attack he can at the outset gain a superiority of fire against that point; but as he advances and pushes back part of the enemy's line, the enemy can pour on his troops the converging fire of a great semi-circle, while the assailant's fire from his convex front is divergent rather than convergent. If, however, the assailant can find cover for his leading party he has a converging fire against the two ends of the defending semi-circle, and he may therefore hope to drive his opponent back, to widen the gap he has made, and then, as he pushes fresh troops into it and holds the enemy with the rest of his front, to roll up either wing of the enemy. This task, hard in any case, is harder when a river must first be crossed and a river between two armies prevents the assailant from engaging the defender along his whole front, except with artillery, and therefore, a defender, as soon as he recognizes the real point of attack, can hurry troops from both wings, to his centre. A river also limits the number of troops that an assault can bring to bear, for they must all cross a bridge or bridge by delfie. Gen. Buller has made a good start.

In order to be able to advance, he will probably have to drive the Boers from Doorn Kloof to separate two Boer wings, and then while holding one of them, attack and crush the other. That cannot be an easy matter, for they can move troops faster than we, and will probably pour a converging fire from the north and west, if not from the north-west and east on Vaal Krantz. We hear from Ladysmith that Boer heavy baggage has gone toward the passage. The Boers are well aware that defeat means for them the raising of the siege of Ladysmith and their retreat from the district. It is to be hoped that Gen. Buller will press the attack, and will not tire even if the engagement lasts several days. The case resembles that of Gen. Grant's battle at Fort Donelson, when he first realized that it was a question of which of the two armies, both tired of fighting, would first renew the attack. But Gen.

Buller cannot relieve Ladysmith except by defeating and driving away the Boer army, and thus raising the siege. He cannot cut his way through the Boers and march on Ladysmith, leaving the Boers undisturbed on his flank. That would only lead to the loss of his army. Short of breaking the Boer resistance, no night, however, by sufficiently vigorous and prolonged attack, compel them to call up reinforcements from the investing lines, and thus make it possible for Sir George White to break through these lines and march on Skiet's Drift. That movement would be costly. It would begin with the sacrifice of the heavy guns and with a heavy loss in the sortie. There would be a great pressure on the rear guard, heavy loss in the 10 mile march, and further loss in the attack on the rear of the Boers at Brakfontein, or Doorn Kloof. But it would be an honorable way out of what has been called the Ladysmith entanglement.

February 8th, 1900.

These are the days

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