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In all Departments

Touch a point of completion

FROM MILLINERY TO GLOVES
FROM SILKS TO WASH GOODS
FROM LACES TO DAINTIEST RIBBON
FROM DRESS PATTERN TO TAILOR SUIT
FROM FOREIGN FABRICS TO DOMESTIC WEAVES

Every fancy the heart can wish for Easter trading.

Jaunty Costumes

For immediate selling—nobby Home-spuns made up in the most fashionable styles, linings and workmanship, the very finest.

Eaton Jacket and box pleated Skirts, they fit like a glove, special \$13.50 and \$14.00

Ready-to-wear Skirts, not only correct in style, but correct in make, the hang is right and the finish is all that you could desire, \$2.75, \$3, \$4, \$5 and..... \$6.50

Easter Hats

For months the management of our Millinery department has been investigating every acceptable authority on the all absorbing subject—the Easter Bonnet. Millinery skill and complete interest in our customers have accomplished a most satisfactory showing—far ahead of any previous season.

At the Glove Counter

The new Glove stock will undoubtedly prove to be of interest—the colors of the season are exquisite—the quality never better and the prices, well we know they're right.

Real Kid, 2 domes, embroidered backs, guaranteed, special..... \$1.00

Undressed Kid all colorings..... \$1.00

Finest qualities, dressed and undressed, at per pair..... \$1.50

ALL GUARANTEED.

Thomas Stone & Son

Direct Importers
78 and 80 King Street

What the Boy Wants— Clothing that'll wear



That's the sort of Clothing we sell. The beauty of our garments for Boys is not confined to handsomeness in fitting and appearance, they are most thoroughly made of reliable materials—service and beauty combined at a fair price—that's Tiger Brand Clothing for Boys

The selections cover more variety than is possible elsewhere. To illustrate this, take the line at \$5.00 for boys 1 to 17 years—neat new checks and stripes in grays and browns, dark blue, black, Scotch, Casimere, Worsted, Serge, Cheviots—Jaunty double-breasted Coats—strong, Knee Trousers, made double at knee and seat, sewed with linen and silk—not a weak spot anywhere—\$5

\$5.00

It is always as wise as it is satisfactory to buy at that store where positive value is never in doubt—that's here.

Handsome Colored Shirts for Boys, laundered ready to wear, one separate collar, right up in the latest style, 50c.

The 2 T's = Trudell & Tobey

Sole Agents for Water Shoes.

FOR SPRING TRADE

Ex-Ald. Geo. W. Cowan has Made Ample Preparations.

One of the Most Complete Stocks of Boots and Shoes in Western Ontario.

An exceedingly attractive and handsomely fitted store in the large King St. show establishment of ex-Ald. Geo. W. Cowan. It has been recently enlarged and many valuable improvements to the equipment of the interior made. On the second storey an admirable workshop and repairing department has been fitted up, while the main sales department is finished with the latest and most becoming accoutrements of a large establishment of the kind.

Mr. Cowan has but recently completed these extensive improvements and to-day his store is one of the finest in the district. He is possessed of a large and increasing patronage and his stock will always be found of a superior character.

A large consignment of Ball ladies' shoes arrived yesterday morning, practically completing the receipt of the whole spring stock which is on exhibition.

In men's shoes a specialty is made of fine new lines of American foot wear, which include all the latest makes, and are a very swagging shoe. In the ladies' department the new-est creations in all sizes and widths. It may be said, however, the stock in all lines cannot be improved.

Mr. Cowan is making special preparations for the spring trade, and samples of his excellent goods are now on exhibition in the handsome windows of the establishment.

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

"THE BUSY STORE"

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.



Saturday Specials

The steady increase in our business this season over that of a year ago—each department showing a substantial gain, is proof that our goods and prices are right and that we carry out what we advertise. Our list of Saturday Specials will eclipse anything ever given by this store in the past and will forcibly appeal to shrewd cash buyers ON SALE SATURDAY MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK

Wonderful Clothing Bargain—Saturday morning we will place on sale 18 only, Men's Solid Tweed Suits, good wearing quality, in medium shades, thoroughly well tailored, cut-away sack style, good Italian linings, in sizes 35 to 42 in., really good value at \$6, yours Saturday at..... \$3.19

15 pos. English Oxford Shirts, good heavy quality neat checks and stripes, warranted fast colors reg. 10c kind, Saturday..... 7c

4 pos. Axminster Carpets, extra heavy close pile, in new patterns and colors, warranted fast colors, reg. \$1.10 quality, Saturday..... 83c

5 doz. Ladies' Undershirts, fine quality Roman satin, in handsome metallic stripes in shades of gold, silver, blue, rose and green, full width, with double or single bias ruffles,

reg. \$1.25 and \$1.50 quality, Saturday..... 98c

Bleached-Cotton Bargain, 1000 yds. English long cloth cotton, fine cambrie finish, full yd. wide, free from dressing, good value at 10c yd., special 8c

Indigo Duck Suiting, in stripes, polka dots, figures and plain, good weight and quality, guaranteed fast colors, reg. 12 1/2c yd., Saturday..... 10c

Ribbon Remnants, pure silk ribbon, 1 in. wide, large assortment of shades, in lengths of 1 yd., special each..... 5c

Dog Collar Belts, patent leather, with fancy nickel trimmings, nickel chain and padlock fastening, very special at..... 45c

5 Pos. Velling, fine net, in plain and dots, colors brown and blue, reg. 15c and 20c yd., Saturday..... 5c

Kid Gloves, extra quality French kid, in all the latest shades, equal to most any glove in the market at \$1, in all sizes, special at..... 75c

Dress Goods Specials—10 Pos. Suiting French, mohair and fancy weaves, in black and new spring shades, reg. 35c and 50c yd., Saturday..... 25c

Blouse waists at 50c—15 doz. to select from, fine prints and muslins, in new fancy stripes and checks, guaranteed fast colors, made in latest New York styles, special at..... 50c

Ladies' Wrappers—Saturday we will offer the biggest bargain of the season, extra quality print wrappers, in handsome patterns and colorings, beautifully trimmed with lace or embroidery, fitted linings, very wide skirt, special at..... \$1.00

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE

ROBERTSON ON THE ALERT

He is Taking Precautions Against a Possible Attack on Bloemfontein.

London, Friday April 6, 5 a. m.—The war office issued no news yesterday, and little was allowed to come through from the correspondents at Bloemfontein. According to the Standard's representative, there is no sign that the Boers intend taking the offensive, and Gen. Clement is disposing of his forces as to guard against any surprise attack, which, although improbable, is evidently regarded as not impossible, judging from the preparations of the Boers.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Mail says:—Gen. Clement's division, 6,000 strong, has arrived from the southward and has encamped five miles north of the city, after a continuous march for a fortnight. There is no danger of a water famine.

Some Skirmishing.

Bloemfontein, April 5.—The Boers are across the Middel in some force east of Bloemfontein. Our mounted infantry has been in touch with them all day at Buchman's kop, 12 miles distant. This forward movement took place as soon as the force sent to cover Col. Broadwood's retreat withdrew. Boer refugees from Thaba Nohu who have arrived here state that our forces were driven toward Bloemfontein on Saturday with heavy loss, and that the Boers are cruelly ill-treating and in some cases shooting men who have surrendered their arms to our forces. Unless speedy measures of retaliation are taken their action will adversely affect the continuance of the disarmament. For the present civil administration will be worked upon the lines that were existing before the occupation, so far as minor appointments are concerned. The higher appointments are remaining in abeyance. It is the intention of the governor to raise a local police force for outlying districts. This is to be open to volunteers from all the colonial contingents, South African as well as others, though the proportion able to speak Dutch will be retained from the South African volunteers. The force will be raised as a tentative measure, but doubtless will eventually be merged with the military police, which it will be necessary to form when martial law ceases.

STEYN STILL HOPEFUL.

Pretoria, Monday, April 4.—At the opening of the Free State Road, President Steyn declared that he had not lost hope of the triumph of the Republic. He said success of the Boers had caused the greatest wonder throughout the world. A deputation had been despatched to Europe, and America, and he hoped it would succeed in gaining the influence of the neutral powers in securing a cessation of bloodshed. After paying a tribute to the memory of Gen. Joubert, President Steyn said that the British were violating the flag of truce and the Red Cross, and he had been compelled to report the matter to the neutral

powers. The president said that the attempt to create dissensions among the burghers by the issuing of proclamations had failed. After saying that the government had raised a temporary loan with the Transvaal, President Steyn concluded with a prayer that the Free State be preserved from being forced to give up its dearly loved independence.

HOW THEY DID IT.

The Boers Slick Work in the Late Ambuscade.

Say They Took 380 Prisoners and Captured Important Paper.

Brandfort, Orange Free State, April 2.—Burghers who are returning here from the scene of the Sunna's Post ambuscade furnish interesting details of the occurrence. It appears that when the first retreating British wagon entered the drift the ambuscaders shouted "Hands up," removed the officers and got the cart through. This process was repeated several times till the wagons arrived in a bunch, when the ruse was discovered, and a disorderly fight followed. In one cart were two officers, to whom Commandant Dewet shouted "Hands up." One of them obeyed, while the other refused to surrender, and was immediately shot. The burghers, who were previously short of food, now have plenty. Commandant Dewet sent the British guns, wagons and prisoners to Winburg. The burghers lost three men killed and ten men wounded, including a field cornet. Among the wounded was the Dutch military attaché Nix, who received a bullet in the chest. Altogether, the Boers captured 389 prisoners during the day. The significance of the battle must not be underrated. It was fought by a force of Free Staters on the flat plains and without shelter. The Free Staters are now desirous of marching on Bloemfontein, and the Transvaalers are anxious to emulate the late success of their allies. All the southern Boer forces have now formed junctures in a large force of veterans. Perhaps of greater importance even than the victory was the capture of British secret papers, including the maps and plans of 1897, 1898 and 1899, outlining elaborate schemes for the invasion of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, and giving a plan for reaching Johannesburg from Mafeking along Dr. Janssens' route, amended as to avoid his mistakes. Another gives a plan for a march from Bloemfontein to Kroonstad via Brandfort.

A BOER CONVERT.

Webster Davis Came Back Loaded up About Them.

He Claims That Only 7,000 Boers Opposed General Buller on the Tugela.

New York, April 5.—A Herald special from Washington quotes Webster Davis as saying that in his journey through the Transvaal he was greeted warmly at every station, although the British had told him that he would be shot as soon as the Boers learned he spoke English. He declared the defenses of Pretoria as impregnable and gave it as his belief that the British will never enter the Transvaal capital. Mr. Davis also expressed great admiration for "that grand old man Kruger." He says: "I have an unimpeachable authority that the battle of Colenso, where Buller was whipped by the Boers, was planned entirely by this old man. Joubert carried out Kruger's instructions to the letter, and won that signal victory by the directions of an old man away up there in Pretoria."

"I was present at the battle of Spion kop and saw a thin line of Boers drive an army before them. After the fight I walked over the field, and counted dead bodies of 125 Englishmen in one trench, where the Boers had placed them for burial. During my stay in the neighborhood I visited every laager in the lines surrounding the city and talked with scores of officers and men."

"I visited the lines along the Tugela, where Buller and his 40,000 men were held at bay, and I speak from the most positive knowledge when I say that all of the Boer troops in that region numbered but 7,000. With this force Joubert and Botha held Buller back and kept White corralled in the town. When Cronje was threatened 3,000 men were sent to him from Ladysmith, leaving about 4,000 to face the 55,000 men of the British."

"At the battle of the Little Tugela, when Buller was again driven back on Chiselney, I saw Gen. Louis Botha in action, and I consider him the greatest of the Dutch commanders."

"At Pretoria I met President Steyn. I also learned that there is no truth in the report coming from British sources concerning dissensions between the two presidents. They are in perfect accord."

The Latest Creations

Men's Fine Shoes

This week we have passed through the customs OUR NEW LINE of MEN'S SHOES. These goods come from the best manufacturers in New York city and Boston—They are perfect in style, stock and workmanship—They come in all the new shapes, shades, and different kinds of leather.

You can come here and be properly fitted, these AMERICAN SHOES come in all widths and sizes—and then there's something in knowing how to fit a customer's foot—that's our business—we make it a study.

See prices and goods in window.

Geo. W. Cowan

New Store
Teas, Coffees, Spices
Exclusively
Taft's Block
King Street East.
C. M. STILES

Pure Prepared aints

33 Colors

Alabastine
10 Colors
2 lb. and 5 lb. Packages

The Ark

6 Colors
5 lb. packets
Kalsomine
25 cents.

Brushes for Paint
Varnish
Alabastine & Kalsomine