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= Estate Administration = Sale

Like the flowing of a mighty river this great sale gathers strength as it goes along. Only ten days since it commenced and even now it is a rushing torrent of bargains from morning until night, never has there been such a sale in Chatham, just think of it.

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40c Tapestry Carpet at 25c
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At about ONE-HALF PRICE

OPAQUE WINDOW SHADES:

Plain and Fancy, all sizes, at SALE PRICES

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Are on the run this sharp weather and the wonderfully low prices account for it. If you need Furs better come and get them while the choice ones are here.

DRESS GOODS

Dress Patterns of 7 yards, choicest goods:
\$12.00 Dress for 4.25
\$10.00 Dress for 3.95
\$14.00 Dress for 4.95
\$7.00 Dress for 2.50

BLACK DRESS GOODS:
\$1.50 Black Dress Goods for 70c
75c Black Dress Goods for 40c
\$1.00 Black Dress Goods for 62c

These are plain goods, Cashmeres, Serges, Whipcords, Russel Cords, etc., they're going quickly, better buy yours at once

MILLINERY

For little or nothing—Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, at about 1/3 regular cost.

DAINTY LINENS

Cheap! Yes! One-Third of the price has been chopped off. Pretty! See the designs, floral and otherwise, Tray Cloths, Table Covers, Doylies, Squares, and you will vote them as pretty as you ever saw, 12c to 25c.

CONCERNING LACES

We gathered largely of these laces, and in gathering largely we gathered well. Quantity is an important factor in pounding down prices, all of which explains these low prices:

50c Laces 25c
25c Laces 12c
12c Laces 6c
6c Laces 3c

A BATTLE AT BELMONT

British Gallantly Carry the Boer Position but With Great Loss.

London, Friday, Nov. 24, 5 a. m.—Before anxiety as to the situation in Natal had been relieved, there comes news of a great battle at Belmont. This has happened sooner than was expected. Only the official account is yet to hand, but so far as can be gathered the fighting appears to have been almost a repetition of the battle of Elandsbaag. A despatch of the previous day estimated that the Boers in that vicinity numbered 2,000, and that they had five guns, and judging from the absence of any statement to the contrary in the official despatch, it is believed that the British were slightly superior in numbers to the enemy. The Boers had chosen a position with their customary skill, and were strongly entrenched. The British were obliged to carry three ridges in succession. Apparently the Guards bore the brunt in carrying the last ridge by a bayonet charge after its defenders had been shaken with shrapnel. Nothing is said as to whether the positions thus gained were held, and the destruction of ammunition seems to indicate that the contrary was the case. While Gen. Methuen can be congratulated upon a brilliant victory, it is again with a cost of a heavy loss of officers and men.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

London, Nov. 23.—The Secretary of War has received the following despatch, through Gen. Foster-Walker, from Gen. Methuen, dated Belmont, Nov. 23:—

"Attacked the enemy at drybreak this morning. He was in a strong position. Three ridges were carried in succession, the last attack being prepared by shrapnel. The infantry behaved splendidly, and received support from the naval brigade and artillery. The enemy fought with courage and skill. Had I attacked later I should have had far heavier losses."

"Our victory was complete. Have taken forty prisoners. Am burying a good number of the Boers, but the greater part of the enemy's killed and wounded were removed by their comrades. Have captured a large number of horses and cows, and destroyed a large quantity of ammunition."

BRITISH LOSSES HEAVY.

"Brig. Gen. Fetherstonhaugh was severely wounded in the shoulder and Lieut. Col. Crabbe, of the Grenadier Guards, is reported wounded. Our other casualties are:—

GRENADIER GUARDS.

Third Battalion.
Killed—Lieut. Fryer.
Wounded—Lieut. Blundell, dangerously.

Second Battalion.
Wounded—Lieut. Leslie, Lieut. Vaughan, Lieut. Gordon-Rebow and Lieut. Russell.

"Reported wounded—Lieut. Lyon and Lieut. Cameron.
Grenadier Guards, rank and file—Killed, 26; wounded, 36; missing, 13.

COLDSTREAM GUARDS.
First Battalion.
Wounded—Lieut. Grant.

Second Battalion.
Wounded—Lieut. John Willoughby and Lieut. Burton, the latter severely. Rank and file—Killed, 8; wounded, 23; missing, 5.

SCOTS GUARDS.
First Battalion.
Wounded—Maj. Hon. North Dalrymple-Hamilton, severely; Lieut. Bulkeley and Lieut. Alexander.

Rank and file—Killed, 9; wounded, 34.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.
First Battalion.
Killed—Capt. Eagar and Lieut. Brine. Wounded—Maj. Rushwood and Lieut. Festing, dangerously; Capt. Sapte and Lieut. Fishbourne, severely.

Rank and file—Killed, 12; wounded, 32.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT.
Second Battalion.
Wounded—Capt. Freeland and Lieut. Barton, severely.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE REGIMENT.
Second Battalion.
Rank and file—Wounded, 3.

PRISONERS IN PRETORIA.
Men Are Well Fed and Not Suffering From Scoury.

Cape Town, November 24.—United States Consul-General Stowe has received information that the British prisoners in Pretoria are well fed and that there is no truth in the statement that they are suffering from scurvy.

Sir Alfred Milner has issued a proclamation to the people of the colony, in the course of which he says:—

"It is my duty to dispel false reports regarding the policy and intentions of the imperial government. Misleading manifestos from beyond the border represent the imperial authorities as desiring to oppress the Dutch, and the idea has spread abroad that the Dutch will be deprived of their constitutional rights. There is absolutely no truth in such allegations."

"The imperial government desires the greatest freedom of self-government for both Dutch and British, and the extension, not the curtailment, of the constitutional rights that are solely en-

dangered by the rebellion. The imperial government adheres firmly to the principle of equal freedom for all loyal colonists."

Van Rensburg, the ringleader of the rebels at Colesburg, was arrested just as he was joining a Boer commando. Under orders from Gen. Gatacre he will be tried for treason.

The military authorities have given permission to the Canadian contingent, on its arrival, to march through the city, which will be beautifully decorated and the day will be observed as a holiday.

The Boers occupied Steynsburg, south-west of Burgersdorp on Monday. Making was safe as late as November 15th.

SITUATION IN NATAL.
The Boers hold 17,000 British in Check and Still Have Men to Spare.

The situation in Natal remains obscure. Fighting is reported at both Estcourt and Ladysmith. It was at first reported that heavy firing had

been heard in the direction of Willow Grange, leading to a belief that Gen. Hillyard had made a sortie. Later despatches announce that Gen. White sorted from Ladysmith and inflicted a demoralizing defeat upon the Boers.

It would be premature to give full credence to either report. What is quite certain is that Ladysmith, Estcourt and Mooi River station are all isolated, and the Boers seem able, after detaching enough troops to hold three British forces, aggregating 17,000 men, to push on toward Pietermaritzburg with some 7,000 men.

A disquieting feature of the whole campaign is the fact that the advancing British generals report meeting the Boers in force. In view of the brilliant success of Gen. Joubert in partially paralyzing the relieving columns, the question is being asked, what would have happened had he at the outset of the war, instead of setting down before Ladysmith, pushed on to Pietermaritzburg?

THE DUTCH ARE RISING.
Gen. Gatacre's report that the Dutch are rising increases public anxiety, as it tends to confirm rumors that have been current. A special despatch from Durban announces that more big guns were landed Wednesday and hurried to the front. Prince Christian Victor left Mooi river camp before it was invested, bearing despatches to Pietermaritzburg. Late last evening it was asserted at Aldershot that the sixth division, now in process of mobilization, will be required for active service. Some of the yeomanry regiments have been warned for the mobilization owing to the scarcity of cavalry in Africa. It is also reported that another brigade of horse artillery will be mobilized.

The Daily Chronicle says:—"We learn that the cabinet has decided that the basis of settlement in South Africa will be a united South Africa, modelled upon the Canadian plan. The details have not yet been settled, but

it is practically certain that no terms of peace will be accepted by the British government short of the British occupation of Pretoria and Bloemfontein. The Natal Times says: "During the night attack on Sunday Gen. White captured several Boer positions with guns and much material."

KIMBERLEY ALL SAFE.

Summary of Events From November 12 to 17.

London, Nov. 24.—The War Office has issued a despatch from Cape Town which is a brief official diary of events at Kimberley from Nov. 12 to Nov. 17. It shows that no serious engagement occurred between those dates, that the British losses have been infinitesimal and that the Boer losses were probably very small. The final entry indicates that the Boers, anticipating the advance of the relief column under Gen. Methuen, have taken up defensive positions to the south of the town. The despatch follows:

Nov. 12.—The Boers fired 400 shells yesterday. Our expenditure up to date is about 200 shells.

Nov. 13.—There was a desultory bombardment to-day, the Boer practice being indifferent.

Nov. 14.—The bombardment continued to-day.

Nov. 15.—At daybreak our mounted troops made a sortie. The morning was misty and our scouts came suddenly upon the Boers, who fired wildly. An artillery engagement ensued. We had two men wounded.

Nov. 17.—There was another sortie at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon from Bulpreit, which drove the enemy to the edge of Alexandersfontein. Our only casualty was a captain wounded. It is reported that the Boers are concentrating south of Kimberley and now occupy laagers at Stagfontein station and Scholtz Nek. Their camp is practically surrounded by copies and the country is suitable to their tactics.

WAR NOTES.

For strategical reasons and to reassure the British population, Gen. Gatacre has decided on a partial forward movement after the reinforcement of the town.

The Hon. Mr. Logan, a member of the Cape Colony Executive Council, who has just returned here from Belmont, says the British troops engaged the Boers this side of Belmont, their artillery practice being splendid. The British infantry carried the kopjes at the point of the bayonet and drove the Boers from their positions.

THE BLUFF FAILED.

A Brandon Lawyer Threatened to get After Sir Charles Tupper

For Saying He Peddled Government Whiskey Permits for the Yukon.

Brandon, Nov. 24.—A writ has been prepared at the instance of E. A. Phillip, of this city, against Sir Chas. Tupper, in which the leader of the Dominion Opposition is charged with slander and defamation of character, as the result of statements made in his speech here Monday night. Mr. Phillip wrote Sir Charles while in Brandon stating that what he had said about him was false, and asking him as an honorable man to call at his office to learn the truth of the matter. This Sir Charles declined to do. The statements objected to were to the effect that Mr. Phillip had taken whiskey into the Yukon in violation of existing regulation, and had peddled the authority from the Government to do this, offering it for \$10,000. Mr. Phillip, asked about it, would neither deny nor confirm the report, but admitted there was some thought of taking action.

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25c.

Includes a choice variety of plain and fancy materials in all the leading weaves, Silk Mixtures, Fancy Tweeds, French Serges, Fancy Checks, Plain and Figured Mohairs, etc., worth 40c to 70c per yd.—See Window Display

Lot 3
38c.

In this lot you have your choice of All Wool French Tweeds and Serges, 54 in. Suiting Tweeds, 44 in. Wool Cheviots, All Wool Ottoman Cords, Fancy All Wool Plaids, Handsome Silk and Wool Mixtures, All Wool Crepons, etc., that have been selling at 60c to 85c.—See Window Display

Lot 4
47c.

A choice collection of 44 in. Pure Wool Venetian Cloths, in new Fall shades, French Vigoreaux Suitings, French Poplins, Satin Cloths, Silk and Wool Fancies, Handsome Skirting Plaids, Cheviots, Serges, etc., worth regular 75c to \$1.00.—See Window Display

Lot 5
58c.

This lot includes many High Class Novelties in Fancy Jacquards, Silk and Wool Repps, Silk and Wool Fancies, Rich B. de Plais, Black Blister Crepons and Mattalasse, Hyde Park Suitings, Art. Fines, Fine Venetian Broad Cloths, etc., worth regular up to \$1.25 per yard.

SAMPLE LOT

TAILOR MADE SUITS, in Fine Coverts, Venetians, Whip Cords, Serges, Frieze, Tweeds, etc., handsomely made Silk and Electro Satin Linings in Coats, tailor stitched and braid trimming, full skirt, A 1 linings, velvet facings, perfect fitting, clearing as follows:

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Suits worth \$10.00 for \$6.99
Suits worth \$12.50 for \$8.50

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