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## Your Spring Buying

Is the seasonable topic just now. Where to buy is the next important point to settle. Our fifty years business connection with your friend and neighbors and most likely with your own family is a guarantee of good value in buying at this store. Our store is full of new bright merchandise and we can make it interesting for you to spend a good portion of your shopping time here.



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16 in. wide good heavy linen crash toweling, very special value at ..... 6c  
18 in. wide, pure linen glass hygienic crash toweling, huck toweling and our famous oatmeal rollings, all very special value at ..... 10c  
Full size, pure crepe linen towels, bordered and fringed, 20x40 in., very special value at ..... 12 1/2c  
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In bleached cottons we show excellent yard wide values at 6c, 7c and 8c, but what we particularly boast of is our five round thread pure bleached cotton full yard wide, at a yard ..... 10c

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44 in. wide French voiles, mistral, crepe de chine, all very light thin materials, the most correct effects for spring wear, in such shades as rose, old rose, sky, pink, turquoise, brown, French blue, mode, castor, fawn, black, biscuit, etc., very special values at a yd. .... \$1.25 and ..... \$1.00  
NOTE—In writing for samples please state style and color of goods wanted so that we can fill your order more intelligently.

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We want to convince you that money spent here will bring you greater returns than to carry it away. We are showing some special lines in

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These goods cannot be excelled for style and quality. Call and see them.

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Kalsomine 25c a package  
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Furniture Varnish, 15c a tin or bring a bottle and get what you want.

All colors of Hard Enamels for Art Work. Gold Paint 25c, 20c, 15c bottle. Brushes for Paint, Varnish, Kalsomine or Whitewash at prices 5c to \$3.00.

Ask for Color Paint Card.

H. Macaulay, "THE ARK"



## ENEMY AT BAY FOR TWO HOURS

Canadians had no Covering Except Short Grass but Fired Continually.

Drove Boers to the Shelter of the Trees—Lieut. Carruthers was "Too Brave to Die."

London, April 8.—The correspondent of the Standard at Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, has cabled a graphic account of the battle at Durrusdorp farm, March 31, in which the British lost three officers and twenty-four men killed, and had 16 officers and 131 men wounded, while the Boers had 137 men killed or wounded.

A small force of Canadians and mounted infantry, the correspondent says, were opposed by sevenfold their number. Six hundred Boers charged, confidently calling upon them to surrender. Lieut. Carruthers, of the Canadians, sprang to his feet, and exclaiming that he would not surrender, shot the foremost Boer with his revolver at a distance of 15 paces. The Canadians had no cover except the short grass. Lying prone upon the ground, they fired steadily, and forced the Boers to seek the shelter of a screen of trees. Many of the Boers climbed these trees and fired down on the Canadians. The latter kept the enemy at bay for two hours but fifteen of the British troops were killed or wounded. The Boers vented another rush, and captured the handful of survivors. Lieut. Carruthers was the only British officer who was not seriously wounded. He had several flesh wounds, but refused to go to a hospital. Some of the Boers wanted to shoot him when he was taken prisoner but they ultimately thought better of this, saying "He is too brave a man to die that way."

All of the dead men and most of the wounded had several wounds.

## SAD DEATH

Demise of William Cruickshank From an Overdose of Laudanum.

A very sad death occurred in this city last evening at half past eight o'clock when William Cruickshank, one of Chatham's oldest and best known citizens, passed suddenly away. The circumstances surrounding the death are very peculiar and many are led to believe that it was a case of suicide. Deceased has been in depressed spirits ever since his wife's death, which occurred about a year ago, and upon several occasions he has, in conversation with his friends, said that he felt that he had nothing to live for.

Joseph Northwood, who was one of his nearest friends, and who was with him when he died, relates the circumstances of the death as follows: "I saw Mr. Cruickshank up town Monday afternoon about four o'clock but was not speaking to him. I learned afterward that he was at home about half past six o'clock that night. He has often complained to me lately about sleeplessness at night and has been taking laudanum before he went to bed. He also told me that I called at his house to see him and I found the doors all locked. I rapped once or twice but received no answer. I looked in one of the windows and saw his clothes on the sofa so I knew that he was still in bed. I went for Officer Dodson and when he came I got in the house through one of the windows and I saw Mr. Cruickshank still in bed, and breathing heavily. I thought then that he was dying so I went immediately for Dr. Rutherford and the ambulance. When the doctor arrived he said that the man was beyond all human aid and that he had taken an overdose of laudanum. Before the ambulance arrived, however, he seemed to revive somewhat, although he remained unconscious, and didn't utter a single word after we found him. We removed him to St. Joseph's Hospital, but he died shortly after he arrived at the hospital. The doctor could do nothing as the laudanum had got all through his system before his condition was discovered."

Deceased had evidently gone home Monday evening, and finding that he could not sleep, had taken an extra amount of laudanum in some liquor. It remains a question whether or not he did it intentionally. Four empty laudanum bottles were found in his room, the last one, as far as can be ascertained, was purchased from Radley's drug store Monday afternoon. This one was empty. The others were from McCall's and the Central Drug Store.

Deceased was born in Scotland and has been a resident of Chatham for about twenty years. For some time he has resided alone on St. Clair street. He lived as an independent gentleman, having amassed a considerable fortune in South African mining stock. Mrs. A. J. Wilson, William street, is a sister-in-law of deceased. Two sons survive him. They are, William, attending the Medical Department of the Toronto University, and Ernest, of Chicago. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, pending the arrival of William from Toronto.

## CRUEL TREATMENT

London, April 8.—A despatch from Moscow to the Times says the United States Consul in that city has received a communication from the mothers and sisters of the students imprisoned on account of the recent riots, asking him as representative of a free and enlightened people to protest against the cruel treatment to which the prisoners are subjected. It is said the students are refusing food until assured that they will be brought to trial.

## WON HONORS ON THE PLATFORM

Students of Chatham Collegiate Institute Engage in Splendid Competition.

Names of Those Who Took Part and of the Winners—Creditable Contest.

A series of excellent elocutionary efforts by the young men and maidens of the Collegiate Institute, engaged in laudable competition for handsome prizes, drew many citizens to the assembly hall of the institution yesterday. The students were all present themselves, and the large assembly hall was well filled with a decidedly enthusiastic audience.

The Principal, D. S. Paterson, M. A. presided, while the judges comprised C. C. I. Trustees Rev. Dr. Battisby, Edwin Bell, and J. W. White and A. E. Jewett, Wilson Taylor, J. S. Lane and Wm. Mowbray, of the teaching staff. The entries for the recitation competition, showed a large preponderance of the young ladies, while for the address young men alone had entered the lists.

The competitors spoke from the form, and every one of them made a most creditable showing. There seemed to be no machine work, if such it may be called about their efforts. They had grasped the conception of their respective selections and entered into the spirit of them.

The universal efficiency demonstrated must have come as a delightful surprise to those unacquainted with the prowess of the school, and proved very puzzling to the judges, who confessed much difficulty in allotting the awards.

At the close the gathering was briefly addressed by Rev. Dr. Battisby and Edwin Bell, both of whom said high tribute to the work done, and Principal Paterson, who said an effort would be made to promote annual contests of this kind. The program and results were as follows:—

ELOCUTION.  
Mabel Sandison—"Jack."  
Florence Dunlop—"Bernardo del Caspio," Felicia Hemans.  
Laura Dean—"For the Lips that touch liquor will never touch mine!"  
Lulu Edmondson—"Horatius" (in part) Lord Macaulay.  
Bertha Burton—"The Kankakee and the Kokomo."  
Mary Shackleton—"The Death of Little Nell," Chas. Dickens.  
Irene Paterson—"The Light on Deadman's Bar."  
R. M. Campbell—"The funeral of Gen. Wauchop."  
Jessie Paterson—"Old ace," Fred Emerson Brooks.  
W. G. Rogers—"Bernardo del Caspio," Mrs. Hemans.  
C. M. Heath—"The Polish Boy."

SPEECHES.  
Roy Benson—"Canadian Art."  
R. M. Campbell—"Canada."  
W. G. Rogers—"Love of Country."  
ESSAYISTS.  
Thirty-four essays were sent in. For these the awards will be made later.  
W. G. Rogers was awarded the J. W. White silver medal for public speaking.  
The prizes for elocution were awarded as follows:  
1. R. M. Campbell.  
2. Jessie Paterson.  
3. Bertha Burton.  
4. W. G. Rogers.

## VOTES VS VOTERS

Windsor, Ont., April 8.—Judge Horne this morning decided that there had been sufficient proof to show that Wm. Irwin had been elected to the Council of Leamington by fraudulent means, and declared the seat vacant. The quo warranto proceedings were brought by Henry W. Iveson, of the same town. In his bill of complaint the relator alleged that Irwin had received more votes than the number of bona-fide voters warranted. This contention, the judge says, was supported by the evidence. Irwin has to pay the court costs.

L'Enseignement of Quebec, has been purchased by a syndicate, including Senator Landry and Hon. L. P. Pelletier.

## PEACE NEWS NOT AUTHENTIC

British Government has no Important Information Concerning Negotiations.

Boers Hope Their Cause will be Helped by Britain's Foreign Complications.

London, April 8.—After the cabinet meeting to-day A. J. Balfour, the government leader, informed the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in the House of Commons, that the government had no important information regarding the peace negotiations in South Africa.

## DO NOT LOOK FOR PEACE.

The Hague, April 8.—There is little faith among the Boer sympathizers here that peace is imminent in South Africa. Hearts are hardened in consequence of the conference held here and at Utrecht, and the Boer envoys and refugees are asserting in a louder key than ever that the war will last four years longer, and that there can be no peace without independence. The credulity of the burghers in South Africa is matched by the assumption of their agents here that their deliverance is coming from England's foreign complications, when there is not a cloud in the sky. When the three Boer commissioners were sent to Ampere it was assumed that a good case would be made out for an investigation of the military conduct of the war, and the shipment of supplies of horses and mules from the United States would be prohibited. These illusions were dispelled when the delegates returned, but a new delusion has been supplied. The Boer advocates are asserting that England is fatally embarrassed by her alliance with Japan and certainly will be drawn into a war of tremendous magnitude in the far east. The Boer sympathizers are consequently justifying an indefinite continuance of the guerilla warfare, and forecasting the ultimate triumph of the cause of independence when British troops cannot be spared from the larger theatre of European operations.

## KIMBERLEY DEAD

The Well Known Liberal Statesman Succumbs to Disease—Eventful Life.

London, April 8.—Lord Kimberley, the Liberal statesman, who had been ill for some time past, died this afternoon.

Lord Kimberley was the last surviving member of Gladstone's cabinet. He was born in 1827, and succeeded his grandfather in the barony of Wodehouse in 1846. He took office under a Liberal Government at an early age, becoming under secretary for foreign affairs in 1852; he was envoy extraordinary to Russia from 1856 to 1858, and upon his return again filled the office of under secretary for foreign affairs. In 1864 he accepted the office of under secretary for India, and from 1864 to 1866 he was viceroy of Ireland. From 1868 to 1870 he was lord privy seal, and was secretary of state for the colonies from the last-mentioned date till February, 1874, and again from 1880 to 1882. In 1882 Mr. Gladstone appointed him secretary of state for India, and again in 1892, when he held the post until 1894. In Mr. Gladstone's last Government Lord Kimberley was lord president of the council, as well as secretary for India, and until Lord Rosebery's succession to the premiership, he held the post of leader of the Liberal peers. The death of Lord Kimberley will give the Liberal leadership in the House of Lords to Earl Spencer, and the many hopes expressed that Lord Rosebery would take this leadership are certain to be disappointed.

## BOER CASUALTIES

London, April 8.—Lord Kitchener's despatch to the War Office states that the British columns report 47 Boers killed, six wounded, 307 prisoners and 21 surrenders since March 31. The Boer casualties in the engagement of March 31 and April 1, at Kleinhardt's River, and Boschman's Kop, are not included in these figures.

## HONOR HIRAM WALKER

Windsor, Ont., April 8.—At the adjourned meeting of the vestry of St. Mary's Church, Walkerville, last evening, a communication was read from Messrs. Walker, stating that a new church will be erected by them as a memorial to the late Hiram Walker, and that the congregation would not be asked to contribute anything towards the expense. Action was deferred in the matter for the present, as it was thought best to submit it to a meeting of the whole congregation. The matter would then be placed before Bishop Baldwin for his sanction.

## THREE MEN DROWNED

Halifax, April 9.—News was received here yesterday of the drowning of three lobster fishermen at Keshore, 45 miles from this city, on the eastern shore. The names of the unfortunate men are Stanley Baker, aged 28, leaving a widow and two children; Fred. Baker, aged 21, unmarried, both sons of Enos Baker, and Edward Mitchell, about 16 years old, son of Martin Mitchell. They started out to haul lobster traps and their boat was found bottom upward on the beach.

## FOUR REGIMENTS OF 500 EACH

Preparations for Recruiting and Equipping the Fourth Canadian Contingent.

No Difficulty Anticipated in Securing the Officers and men—Embark in Three Weeks.

Ottawa, April 8.—Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, when seen this morning, confirmed the statement that the fourth contingent is to consist of four regiments. They are to be each 500 strong, and the total strength, accordingly, will be 2,000, as originally intended. This is in accordance with the cable from the War Office last night. The department to-day is in the thick of preparations for equipping, recruiting and despatching the force.

If the British troopship arrives at Halifax on time the fourth contingent will start for the front in three weeks. At any rate, the department of militia will have the contingent outfitted and equipped and ready to go on board the steamer in three weeks. The next troopship will leave a week later. All the contracts for clothing and equipment have been given out.

Now that it has been decided to increase the fourth contingent to four regiments, four colonels will be required. The Minister of Militia says there will be no difficulty in getting all the officers and men that are required. There are any number of applications.

One-half of the Canadian teachers who go to teach in the Boer concentration camps will leave by the Corinthian at Halifax on the 14th instant, and the other half by the Lake Ontario, from St. John, on the 18th instant. There are forty teachers in all.

## A Word About

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