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Do YOUR.... SHOPPING on Thursday and Friday

You will be better served on Thursday or Friday than you will on Saturday. Christmas shopping this year is made easy by our Sale prices. Just the things you want to buy for useful and acceptable gifts at much smaller prices than you have been accustomed to pay.

Carpet Sweepers

Not a lady in the world who would not appreciate the gift of a Carpet Sweeper. We are agents for the best sweeper in the world.

Bissell's "Gold Medal"

Sweeper, at our sale price of \$3.00.

Silks for Gifts

4 yards of silk for a waist—12 yards of silk for a dress. The cost for a waist or a dress is very considerably less this year with us than ever, and nothing is nicer.

Pure Silk Black Meris, regular \$1.25 for 90c.

27 in. wide pure Japan Silk—best quality in cream, white, black and all colors for 48c.

Extra quality black gros-grain Silk, wear and dye guaranteed for per yard \$1.10.

Pure French Taffetas in stripes, checks and other sweet color combinations, reg. \$1.50 for \$1.20.

Special fine finish black Taffeta reg. 90c quality for 77c.

20 pieces fancy Japan Silks in stripes and checks, reg. 90c a yard, special for 55c.

Ladies' Skirts

Black Moreens, black Satens, and a combination of both, made up into the very swiftest of petticoats. One is yours for your little money—our sale price on these goods are:

\$2.50 and \$3.50

52 Pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods at 25c a Yard

On Thursday morning we will place on sale 52 pieces of Black and Colored Dress Goods, worth from 50c to \$1 a yard. This lot includes plain Cashmeres, Serges, Canvas Cloth, dark and light Fancies, all double width goods, none worth less than 50c a yard. This is the greatest offering since our sale began, and affords you an exceptional opportunity of securing a dress length for immediate or for next season's wear.

Gifts for Men

Men's all-wool Black Cashmere Socks, very special, at 25c per pair. Men's extra fine White and Colored Suspenders, for per pair, special. Men's Silk Neck Scarfs, in Scotch Plaids, Black and Polka Dots, special. Men's pure Linen Hemstitched Pocket Handkerchiefs, extra fine, for per doz. \$2.25 and. Men's good, durable, warm lined Kid Gloves, in black and brown, for per pair. Men's Black, all-wool, fine Midas per pair. Men's fine White Shirts, Laundered or Unlaundered, open front or back, exceptional values at our sale prices, 40c, 60c, 80c and. \$1.12

Less than 50c a yard, for goods worth \$2.00.

15 Dress Lengths of 7 yards each, worth from \$7.50 to \$15 the dress will be placed on sale Thursday morning for

\$3.00 each

This is without doubt the greatest dress opportunity we ever offered. These dresses are all good colors and very suitable at the present time for house dresses. There is nothing you could get for the price that would make a richer or more desirable gift.

Floor Pictures

Nothing is more acceptable than a good, useful, pretty rug. We have all sorts and sizes, and the prices are the most surprising feature about them:

80c, \$1.12, \$1.56, \$2.20, \$3, \$4.26, \$6.87,

All representing our out sale prices.

Sale of Boys' Underwear

We have about 10 dozen Boys' Heavy Shirts and Drawers, nearly every size, worth from 22c to 30c a garment, these will all be placed on sale Thursday morning for

14c each.

Sale of Ribbons

12 pieces of heavy Gros-grains and double faced Satin Ribbons, in only cream color, widths No. 16 x 22, (2 and 2 1/2 in.) worth 18c, 20c and 25c a yard, will be placed on sale Thursday morning for

8c a yard.

Ladies' Furs

An exceptionally fine range in neck ruffs and capelines, in

Coney, Sable, Electric Seal, Coon, Opposum,

Commencing as low as 50c each and ending at \$37.50, all prices being our sale prices and very far below the regular values of the articles.

BRITAIN IN A FRENZY.

Men Jostling Each Other in the Rush to go to the Front.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1.30 a.m.—The Government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely, 10,000 mounted infantry. This morning the War Office issued an order to the effect that the Government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry corps to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age, and of physique equal to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint close uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen. The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled force of the yeomanry force, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 19,433. Their services have never been called for in war.

A HEARTY RESPONSE.

The papers are full of stories, showing the unanimity with which the volunteers and yeomanry are responding to the call to arms. Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, is to command the force of 3,000 yeomanry which he has been authorized to organize for service in South Africa. Earl Dudley and other titled officers will accompany him. Some of the papers express considerable misgivings at the troops going from India to South Africa. They think the risk too great and that it may lead to two contingents being abased instead of one. Ninety per cent. of the members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London have volunteered for service in South Africa. Two-thirds of the Inns of Court volunteers, composed of barristers and solicitors, have likewise tendered their services. The government of New South Wales has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of artillery to South Africa in addition to the mounted contingent.

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of a thousand volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses. Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commandant of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of 1,000 picked marksmen. The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistment continues, and promises to give the Government ample material. Mr. Richard Kipling addressed a gathering at Rottingdean last evening, called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

CANADIANS IN A SCRAP

According to This Message.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT WILL BE MOBILIZED AT HALIFAX AND MAY BE ALL MOUNTED.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Col. MacLean, commander 62nd Fusiliers, last evening received a cablegram from his son, Lieut. Weldon MacLean, of the Canadian contingent. The message was dated Belmont, Dec. 19th, and contains the words: "All Well." Read from a code arranged between father and son before the regiment sailed, the cablegram indicates that the Canadian regiments have had a brush with the Boers and that none of the New Brunswickers have been injured.

THE NEW CONTINGENT

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The cabinet was in session all yesterday afternoon. The meeting was for the purpose of arranging the details of the second contingent. When the time for adjournment was reached, Dr. Borden told the members of the cabinet that the arrangements were not completed. Some matters of detail had to be arranged, and until that was done no official announcement would be made. "One thing is certain," said Mr. Borden, after refusing to say anything respecting the composition of the

contingent, "that merit and special fitness for the services will be the only passports to be appointed members of the contingent."

It is believed that the composition of the contingent will be three field batteries, and the balance mounted infantry, making in all about 1,000. Among the mounted infantry will be mounted police and ex-police-men.

Capt. Hudson, of Chicago, formerly a scout in the Northwest rebellion, offers his services, as does also Joseph Brant, a descendant of Chief Brant, from Brantford. Indeed, from all over Canada comes offers of services with Canadian forces. Battery men here have made up their minds that one of the batteries will be mobilized in Ottawa, another in Kingston, and the third in Quebec.

The troops will mobilize at Halifax, from where they will embark. The minister of militia states that nothing had been done as to the commander, although the name of Lieut.-Col. Evans, who is returning from the Yukon, where he was in command of the military forces there, has been mentioned. He is regarded as a very capable officer.

Offers are pouring in from every city in Canada. Whole batteries, troops of cavalry and other corps are tendering their services. There will evidently be no trouble in securing a full contingent of men already drilled.

Buy the Tiger Brand clothing for boys. The 2 P's, sole agents. tf

LOCAL BRIEFS

A Turkish bath will dispel that tired feeling. \$7.50, \$10, \$12, and \$15 are the prices at The 2 P's for the New Method Suits and overcoats. tf

A. I. McCall & Co. are advertising Gold-rimmed Spectacles and Eyeglasses for Xmas presents. These certainly make fine gifts. tf

The rush for Christmas gifts is on at "The Ark." All wishing to be served quickly should come early in the forenoon.

A useful present is always appreciated. The Central Drug Store has a magnificent stock of ebony goods, comprising mirrors, hair brushes and manicure sets, at low prices. td

A special meeting of the ladies of the Home of the Friendless will be held in Harrison Hall on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Holly Wreaths, Holly, Evergreen Wreaths, Rosettes, Pampas Plumes, Smilax, and everything for Christmas decorations at Victoria Avenue Greenhouses. Phone 181. tf

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork, and then, because they were tired, we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

Ladies love good perfume. The Central Drug Store has the best assortment in the city. td

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Our seeded raisins are so much superior to what is sold here that the quantity we had last year are all gone and we have had to send for more. We expect them to arrive. They are raisins not skins. For some years we prepared a special coffee for Christmas; this will be no exception although we always sell a coffee infinitely superior to anything sold in town. Still we can produce a superior to that, and no Christmas dinner is complete without this or our fine tea, as we are alone in the high grade teas in Chatham all acknowledged. We have a fine assortment of sweet oranges from 20c to 50c per doz. Nuts of all kinds, mixed, 10c or 2 lb 25c. Candies in full supply. Layer raisins, dates and figs and Malaga grapes. G. E. Young.

Two per cent. will be added to all taxes up to 31st inst., after which date per cent. will be added. Wm. R. collector. td

KENT BRIDGE.

Mrs. John Riddle, who has been ailing for some time past, is slowly recovering.

Miss Blanche Campbell, Ridgeway, has taken the position as teacher of our school during 1900.

Miss Josie Trumpe, 8th con., spent a few days in Kent Bridge, last week. The Xmas school entertainment to be held here on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, no doubt will eclipse anything which has ever been held here before. Miss Mary Beattie has undertaken to train the school children for singing.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box. ly

Stamp your Books and Xmas Presents. It only costs 2c to have this done at The Planet Office. tf

Fuller Sorrow—Is this the society for the prevention of vice? Clerk—Yes, sir. What will you have? Fuller Sorrow—Well, I want to see the vice-president.

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Your Holiday Shopping until the last minute. The advantages of buying now are two fold—stocks are now at their best, you have more lines to select from in every department. You can shop with more ease and comfort. We are busy as bees these days, but will have still larger crowds later in the week. Shop now.

Dress Goods	Table Linen	Silk Seal Gauntlets, extra quality, fine kid facings, flannel lining, with full size cuffs, special at. \$1.25
4 patterns Black Crepons, 44 in. wide, in choice designs, reg. 75c, this week at. 58c	Just now we are showing exceptional values in fine table wear, extra quality double damask, pure dew bleached, satin finish, in very choice patterns, full 2 yds. wide, special at 90c, \$1.00 and. \$1.25	Gray Persian Lamb Gauntlets, kid facings, for lining, special at. \$4.00
Black Blister Crepons, in rich designs, firm repp grounds, warranted not to pull, bright silky finish, 6 choice patterns, suitable for skirts or dresses, reg. \$1.25 quality, this week. 89c	Bleached Damask, 66 in. wide, extra heavy pure linen, choice designs, special at. 50c	Electric Seal Gauntlets, choice quality satin lined cuffs, fine kid facings, extra value at. \$6.00
Gold Medal Serges, the best made, 42 and 44 in. wide, pure wool, firm weave, extra value at 40c and. 50c	Cream Table Damask, 66 in. wide, extra heavy pure linen, choice designs, special at. 50c	Nutria Beaver Gauntlets, very fine quality, lamb skin lined, velvet lined cuffs, special at. \$5.50
30 pos. Covert Venetian Sulting, 44 in. wide, pure wool, firm weave, latest colorings, worth 65c, special at. 50c	Heavy Union Damask, 58 in. wide, in neat designs, special at. 25c	Fur Capes, fine Bokharan kid capes, 30 in. long, bright fall sweep, deep silk lined throughout, with special at. \$12.80
30 pair Blankets, pure white, heavy weight, extra large size, fine soft finish, handsome borders, a bargain at \$3.00, special at. \$2.60	3 doz. Children's Wool Bows, 36 in. long, pure white, extra full and stuff, special at. 22c	Australian Goat Capes, 25 and 27 in. long, high storm collar, quilted Italian lining, clearing at \$7.95 and. \$8.48
	Children's Astrachan Gauntlet (imitation lamb) kid facings, flannel lined, in gray, red, white, seal and black, extra value at 90c and Ladies' Gauntlets, gray and black Astrachan (imitation lamb) kid palm, extra quality lining, special at. \$1.00	Cushion Covers, rich silk plush, in handsome designs, beautiful colorings, real value 75c, clearing at 48c

Mail Orders Receive Prompt Attention.

The Busy Cash Store

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO., DIRECT IMPORTERS & MANUFACTURERS

While we search all Europe and America for

Novelties for our

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Thousands of Dollars worth of Christmas Gifts to be cleared out between now and Saturday night.

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Wishing You all a Very Merry Christmas

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