

NEW GOODS FOR SPRING ARE NOW HERE

The joyous season when nature takes on her new garb is almost here, and The Big Store is also taking on a spring-like appearance as the new goods pour in. Every day sees additional novelties opened up. Our buyers in the markets now, are forwarding goods by express and mail as fast as they can secure the newest things. There is no time like the present in which to look through the assortment and make your early selection.

New Costumes for Spring—A Good Selection Now on Display



HANDSOME COSTUME, as illustrated. This suit is made of a pretty shade of electric blue serge. The coat is thirty-six inches long, the back being slightly shaped, two rows of silk braid run down each side of the back. Flat collar of heavy black silk edged with Persian trimming, two rows of black silk braid over shoulders, down front and around bottom, plain sleeves with roll cuff to match collar. Plain skirt with short straps of silk braid finished with buttons to match coat. Price \$50.00

STYLISH SUIT, made of bronze green serge. Coat semi-fitted style, the back trimmed with buttons and braid, flat collar made of rich design, of Persian trimming, front has row of black braid and button and narrow braid trimming, sleeve trimmed with silk braid and cuff edged with Persian trimming, lined throughout with green silk. Plain gored skirt with front and side gores finished with braid and buttons. Price \$45.00

HANDSOME SUIT, made of electric blue serge. Coat made on the long, straight lines now so popular, flat collar of black silk edged with Persian trimming, two rows of black silk braid over shoulder and down front, with four short straps of silk with buttons, plain sleeve with cuff finished to match collar, lined throughout with white satin. Skirt made plain with rows of buttons on front. Price \$50.00

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Reasons Why Our Costumes Always Lead

- Because they are exclusive
- They possess individuality
- They are absolutely correct
- They are perfect fitting
- They are splendidly made
- They will please you
- The styles are smart
- The colors the newest
- The prices most moderate

STYLISH COSTUME, as illustrated, made of fine hard twisted cream serge, with black hair line stripe. Coat 36 inches long, semi-fitted, with flat collar made of black satin duchesse finished with buttons, plain coat sleeve trimmed with buttons. Front fastened with three buttons, large Directoire pockets trimmed with buttons, lined throughout with white satin. Plain gored skirt with panel front trimmed with buttons. Price \$40.00

STRIKING SUIT, made of grey and black striped worsted. Coat made with semi-fitted back, finished with buttons, flat collar edged with fancy braid, roll cuffs trimmed with braid to match collar, cutaway front fastened with five buttons close together, lined throughout with black and white striped silk. Skirt plain gored in the newest cut. Price \$40.00

COAT AND JUMPER SUIT, made of striped cloth in peacock blue. The coat is 36 inches long, semi-fitted back with row of black satin piping down back, over shoulders and down front, roll collar finished with buttons and black silk, sleeves with rows of black piping and buttons, lined throughout with grey taffeta silk. Skirt made Princess style with jumper. Plain gored skirt with row of black satin down front. Price . . . \$42.50



New Wash Dress Goods

Striking examples of the wonderful advancement in the art of printing are the Wash Dress Goods shown this season. Such beautiful creations have to be seen to be appreciated, and we invite every woman in Victoria to inspect our fine of washing novelties.

- LINEN FINISHED SUITINGS**—Pink, light blue, tan and mauve, herring-bone stripes, white striped border. Special value 25¢
- HOLLY BATISTE**—White ground, fancy dots of blue, green, tan, sky and pink, also sky, Copenhagen, tan ground, with white and green dots. Very sheer, dainty muslin 25¢
- COTTON FOULARD**—In fancy dots and checks, splendid variety of light, med. and dark shades, with and without border. Very fine, soft material, looks like foulard silk. Very special value 25¢
- FRENCH CHAMBRAYS**—Plain ground of mauve, green, tan and grey, with white striped border, absolutely fast in color, 48 inches wide. Special value 50¢
- NEW WHITE GOODS**—Very fine muslin, with single and double thread checks of various sizes. Special value 25¢
- NEW WHITE GOODS**—Light weight vestings with mercerized dots and stripes, large variety of patterns. Special value 35¢

Umbrellas to Match Your New Suit

According to the dictates of Dame Fashion, colored silk umbrellas to match the color of your new costume are necessary to be perfectly in harmony with the prevailing style. In all the large fashion centres this idea is exceedingly popular. Already there is a good demand here, showing that in this city the women dress correctly.

- COLORED SILK UMBRELLAS**, in greens, navys and browns, the very newest handles. Price \$2.50
- COLORED SILK UMBRELLAS**, in navys, greens and browns, very handsome handles. Price \$3.00
- COLORED SILK UMBRELLAS**, in browns, navys and greens, very smart and attractive handles. Price \$3.50



"Quite Right" Boots are Smart Styles

Novelties in Lace Goods for Spring Wear

A number of high grade novelties in Lace Goods have come to us in the course of the last few days. They comprise Coats, Boleros, Scarfs and other articles. The lines mentioned are only a few of the many that we have to offer.

- LACE BOLEROS**, in fancy Battenburg designs. Price at \$3.75 and \$10.00
- LACE COATS**, in Baby, Irish and Battenburg, handsome patterns in all the latest shapes. Priced from \$12.50 to \$22.50
- NEW SHOULDER SCARVES**, in fine silk lace, pretty designs, in white, sky and black. Priced at \$3.75, \$6.75 and \$8.50
- FANCY SILK HEAD SCARVES**, for evening wear, in large square of fine crepe de chene, with rich Oriental colorings. Price . . . \$8.75

"CUSTOM GRADE"

Queen Quality Shoes

Of all that a lady uses, wears, or eats, nothing is more vital to her daily comfort than properly-fitted shoes. It decides the question of how she shall finish each day—whether tired and unhappy or rested and comfortable. Not one woman in eight is properly fitted to proper shoes. If you will give us a little extra time some day, we will fit your feet scientifically and accurately to a pair of "Queen Quality" Shoes. Your discomfort will cease from that hour.

Prices \$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50

New Silks on Display

Very handsome and attractive are the new Spring Silks. Many entirely new ideas are shown in fancy effects, while in plain colors we have several new shades in addition to the more staple colors. We mention a few of the qualities and prices.

- FANCY STRIPED LOUISINE SILKS**, in pink and-white, sky and white, tan and white, brown and white. Price 75¢
- PONGEE SILKS**, in self colors, fawn, tan, mole, grey, reseda, Nile, myrtle, sky, turquoise, cardinal, grenat. Price 75¢
- FANCY LOUISINE SILK**, handsome small, medium and large checks, very smart, in shades of brown, fancy mixed checks in large designs. Price . . . 50¢
- FANCY CHECKED TAFFETA**, in small, medium and large checks. Price . . . 50¢
- NATURAL PONGEE SILK**, 25 inches wide. Price 35¢
- NEW BATAVIA SATINS**, wool back, a new material just out, comes in light and dark shades. Price, 42 inch wide \$1.50
- NEW BATAVIA SATINS**, wool back, 44 inches wide, a full range of the newest shades just to hand. Price \$2.50

New Combs and Hair Ornaments

Just in from New York, the latest novelties in Combs and Hair Ornaments. These are some of them.

- THE MANTILIA COMB**, the very latest fad, plain and fancy shell, prices, 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00
- HAIR BARRETTES**, in fancy shell, very wide. Price 50¢ and 75¢
- THE VENUS BARRETTE**, in bronze with safety lock attachment. Price 75¢
- SHELL RIBBON COMBS**, plain and fancy. Price, 50¢ and 75¢
- BACK COMBS**, plain and fancy. Price, 50¢ and 75¢
- JEWELLED BACK COMBS**. Price, 75¢, \$1.00, \$2.00 and . . . \$2.50
- CLEOPATRA HAIR PINS**, in shell. Per set of three 25¢
- NEW BELTS**, in a combination of elastic and leather, all shades. Price, 75¢ and \$1.00

New and Stylish Dress Goods for Spring

New Dress Goods opening every day. Every day sees additions to our stock of Staple and Novelty Dress Goods. We have many new lines that you would like to see, and that we would like to show you.

- FANCY TWEEDS**, in new light checked effects, also stripes. Very special value at 25¢
- NEW SPRING TWEEDS**, a nice assortment in stripes and small checks. Price 50¢
- FANCY MOHAIR**, in stripes and checks, in a good variety of shades and colors. Price 50¢
- FANCY TWEEDS**, a nice lot of light shades in fancy checks and stripes. Price 75¢
- FANCY MOHAIRS**, a good variety of fancy designs in striped effects. Price 75¢



"Quite Right" Boots Will Wear Well

New Spring Footwear for Men

The variety and excellence of our new style conceptions in Oxfords, Bluchers and Gibsons, make our range easily the leader. The conservative elegance of style and fine quality, no goods at our prices have more to recommend them. The range is the most complete and up-to-date on the Coast. The materials, the highest grade obtainable. The workmanship, perfect. The last and styles, scientifically designed to fit all feet. The price, right.

We specially mention our \$5.00 line, which is characteristic of the whole. This line comprises: BOOTS AND OXFORDS, in Black, Tan or Ox Blood, Kid and Calf and Patent Leather, narrow, medium round, full round and Broad Orthopedic lasts, genuine Goodyear Welt soles. Every pair guaranteed \$5.00

We would impress on our patrons that our staff of shoe clerks are expert feet-fitters, who will be glad to show you our goods, even though you are not at present needing shoes.

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GREAT CROWDS IN WASHINGTON

Today's Inauguration Ceremonies to Be Witnessed By Multitude

ELABORATE PREPARATION

New Head of Nation to Assume Office Shortly After Twelve O'clock

Washington, March 3.—A vast array of people tonight tramped through the streets of the national capital in downpour of rain in eager expectation of the nation's greatest of all pageants, the presidential inauguration. The spirit of celebration is supreme and everything is in complete readiness for the great quadrennial event. Congress practically has cleared its desks, both houses working under pressure.

President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft sleep under the same roof after a strenuous day spent in receiving callers. All the members of cabinet resigned, in accordance with custom and the labors of the inaugural ceremony were completed. Numerous hosts have gathered here from all parts of the country waiting for the coming of tomorrow's spectacle, Mr. Taft will be inducted into the highest office in the gift of the people. The rush of visitors from all parts of the country continued unabated today, and the city is in the usual inaugural state of congestion. It is estimated that fully two hundred thousand people are already here, and an incoming train and boat adds its quota to the visiting throng. Trains from all points are being run at intervals of a few minutes, in order to accommodate the crowds, and railroad officials estimate that upwards of sixty thousand persons arrived here today. The hotels and boarding houses have been taxed to their utmost to accommodate the visitors.

Numerous military and civil organizations arrived during the day, among them the famous Troup A. of Cleveland, which will act as Mr. Taft's escort. The families of Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, in the person of a grand marshal, will be in the city. The program of the inauguration of the Republic will be missing in the parade tomorrow. Mr. Taft, the present head of that organization, telegraphed that he would be able to attend in person, but that the illness which caused him to lose one of his arms.

The programme of the inauguration ceremonies promises that the president-elect, the vice-president and vice-presidents have been named by the committee on Congress proceeded from the White House to the capitol in carriages, and will be followed in carriages by members of the cabinet, the secretary of the president and the members of the cabinet. Promptly at noon Vice-president Sherman will take the oath of office. The senate chamber has been taken over by the senate, whereupon the senate will organize. The oath of office for Mr. Taft will be administered by Chief Justice Fuller of the supreme court of the United States at 12.40 p.m., on a stand at the east front of the capitol. Following this ceremony, President Taft, heading the inaugural party, will leave the capitol at 1.15 p.m. for the White House. Mr. Roosevelt will immediately escorted to the union station, where he will board a train for New York. The great fireworks display will occur on the Washington monument lot from 7.50 to 9 p.m. The main feature of the inauguration will be opened in the pension building at nine o'clock p.m.

Youthful Hero
Port Colborne, Ont., March 2.—A year-old Willie Anderson proved himself a hero today when he rescued Frank Neff, aged five, from drowning in the harbor. Neff had fallen up for the third time when he was seized by Anderson and dragged him to safety.

Galliano Murdered
Winnipeg, March 3.—The provincial authorities have reached the conclusion that the unknown Galliano bomber discovered in the snow half-mile from J. C. Hargrave's corduroy camp on the Canadian Northern Sandhills, with the throat cut ear to ear, was murdered, and C. G. Nerling, who returned from scene this morning, will hold an inquest tomorrow.

Michael Coffey's Sentence
San Francisco, March 3.—Former Supervisor Michael W. Coffey, convicted recently of accepting a bribe of \$4,000 to vote for a trolley franchise for the United Railroads, was sentenced today to seven years' imprisonment. In common with other members of the Schmitz board of supervisors implicated in the bribery disclosures, Coffey confessed before grand jury and was granted immunity. Later he refused to give incriminating testimony.

Drowned in Capilano
Vancouver, Mar. 3.—Japanese men on the Capilano river near Second canyon found the body of a young man named John T. MacLay on the banks of the stream yesterday morning. The coroner was notified and an inquest was held at North Vancouver in the afternoon which the jury returned the verdict that the deceased had met death by accidental drowning. He was well dressed and was 17 years old. It is thought that while climbing, he must have lost his balance and fallen into the stream. The deceased was the son of Mr. Mrs. R. A. Maxwell, who live at corner of Keefer and Dundas streets.