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## Come Now— And Let Us Do Some Figuring

Here are some special skirts, ready-to-wear, made of our own imported serges, broadcloths, friezes, etc., in full length or rainy day style, fit and finish the very best, at prices that are lower than if you made them yourself.

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**When Rheumatism  
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MAGNOLIA Water  
will do as much for you  
as they have done for  
others. J.J. McLaughlin,  
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Lehigh and Scranton  
Coal, Virginia, Split  
Coal for domestic use.  
Smithing Coal, Hard and Soft Wood in all lengths.  
All are of the best quality and at lowest prices.  
Delivered promptly to any part of the city.  
**J. Gilbert & Co.,**  
Office and Yards, William Street, near G. T. R.  
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## BRAVE CANADIANS WON HONOR BY STURDY, GALLANT FIGHTING

Lord Kitchener Pays High Tribute to Their Service—Boers Repulsed on All Sides—Canadians Lost Heavily—Lieut. London, Brother of Herb. London, of This City, Wounded—Statement by Minister of Militia.

London, April 4.—There was severe fighting all day long on March 31 in the neighborhood of Hart's River, in the south-western extremity of the Transvaal, between part of General Kitchener's force and the forces of General Delarey and Kemp, resulting in the repulse of the Boers after heavy losses on both sides.

**KITCHENER'S OFFICIAL REPORT.**  
Lord Kitchener's official report, dated from Pretoria yesterday evening, says:—"General Kitchener (Lord Kitchener's brother) sent Colonel Keir and Colonel from Vreikop, Western Transvaal, March 31, to reconnoiter towards Hart's River. They soon struck the track of game, and carried on a running fight for eight miles, following the track through the bush. Emerging on a plain large Boer reinforcements advanced against their flanks, forcing the British troops to take up a defensible position, which they hastily entrenched. Fighting ensued at close quarters, until

**THE BOERS REPULSED.**  
"Delarey, Kemp and other leaders vainly attempted to persuade their men to renew the action. Fifteen hundred Boers participated in the engagement, but they had suffered too heavily, and cleared away to the north-west and south."  
**THE VALIANT CANADIANS.**  
"The Canadian Rifles especially distinguished themselves on this day, commanded by Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, holding their post till every man was killed or wounded. Others of the forces showed great steadiness, allowing the Boers to advance within two hundred yards of them, and repelling them with a steady rifle fire."

**GREAT INTEREST IN TORONTO.**  
Toronto, April 4.—News of the heavy fighting in South Africa was read with great interest here, as it is probable that many Torontonians were in the troops which suffered so severely. Lieut. Carruthers was senior subaltern in "E" Squadron, of which Capt. Blunsley was in command, and which was raised in No. 2 military district, of which Toronto is the centre. Ordinarily Lieut. Carruthers would command "A" troop. The officer named is a Kingston boy, who graduated at the Military College of that city.

**LIEUT. CARRUTHERS.**  
Kingston, April 4.—Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, mentioned in the war despatches as commanding the Canadians who fought the Boers to a finish, is a Kingstonian, son of the late John Carruthers, a former wholesale grocer. This is the second time he has been in Africa, he having gone out first as a private of the First Contingent. He married a Miss McPherson in December, just before going out with the Mounted Rifles. Mrs. Carruthers is here, and anxiously awaiting final tidings as to her husband's fate.

### CASUALTIES

**Four Officers Badly Wounded—Nine Non-Coms. and Men Killed and Forty Wounded.**

Ottawa, April 4.—His Excellency has received the following cable from the casualty department at Cape Town, concerning the engagement of the second Canadian Mounted Rifles on March 31st:—

"Dasschpoort, Olymport's River, Mar. 31st.—Lieuts. R. H. Ryan and W. J. London, formerly of the Northwest Mounted Police, are dangerously wounded, along with Lieut. R. F. Merkhann, of New Brunswick, and Lieut. C. B. McKay, of Montreal. Nine non-coms. and men are killed and 40 wounded. The names of the latter have not yet been received."

**STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.**  
Just before the Speaker left his chair at six o'clock, the Minister of Militia read a despatch from the war office, giving the number of Canadian casualties. He added:—"While all this is very sad indeed, there is this satisfaction to be derived from it—that Canadians are maintaining the reputation that they have already achieved in South Africa, and they continue to prefer death to surrender."

**NO FURTHER DETAILS.**  
Up to midnight no further details of the casualties had been received by His Excellency, but the names of the nine Canadians killed and 40 wounded are expected to be received from the casualty department by Saturday

### THE LEADER OF THE HEROES.

Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, who commanded the party of Canadian Mounted Rifles in the battle near Hart's River, Southwestern Transvaal, on March 31st, who, Lord Kitchener reports, "especially distinguished themselves, holding their post till every man was killed or wounded," is a product of the Royal Military College, graduating in 1898. He joined the Twenty-first Hussars and served with them in England and Ireland. He returned to Canada and joined the Fourteenth Battalion, P. W. O. Rifles at Kingston, and served as lieutenant and captain. When the first contingent went to South Africa, he volunteered and went with the Second Service Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, and was present with them in all their engagements, for which he received the South African medal with four clasps. When the third contingent (the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles) was raised in December last, Lieut. Carruthers accepted a commission as lieutenant and went with the first portion of the contingent on board the Manhattan. He was attached to squadron E and must have gone directly to the front. His last letter was written on board the ship, dated Feb. 9, reaching Ottawa, March 15. He was a good deal of health and spirits, and expected to reach Cape Town the following Thursday and to be off for the front in about ten days. He said: "I was very glad to see my men in my troop and I know they have confidence in me. My horses are good, also. We had a lively time on board crossing the line. Father Neptune paid us a visit, and for a couple of hours assumed command of the ship, and was shaving with a large razor any who had not crossed the line before."

Lieut. Carruthers was married just before leaving to Miss Rita MacPherson, of Kingston, daughter of Mrs. John McPherson, of Kingston. The ceremony took place just before leaving. Their engagement was announced only a short time previously on the formation of the contingent, and the young couple immediately decided to get married before he left. He was notified to join the troop train at two days' notice, and it was then the marriage was celebrated. Lieut. Carruthers was a member of the Royal Yacht Club, and has always taken a great interest in all kinds of athletic sports. He was in charge of the signals of his battalion in South Africa and performed distinguished service in that connection. The names of the Standard Bore Battalion are not known at Ottawa. The department has the nominal roll of the entire contingent alphabetically arranged, but not divided into squadrons. The work of dividing up the contingent was to take place on the arrival of the contingent in South Africa.

**A TORONTO BOY.**  
Toronto, April 4.—Lieut. London, of the 2nd C. M. R., who was slightly wounded in the fight on the Little Forts River, is a Toronto boy, a son of J. S. London, of Toronto, and a brother of Herb. London of the Standard Bank, Chatham. He attended the R. M. C. Kingston, until a commission. He was a member of the R. M. C. team which visited Pittsburgh recently.

**LET. RYAN AND MARKHAM.**  
Halifax, N. S., April 4.—The Imperial authorities here have not received any official information about the engagement with General Delarey other than contained in the despatches. The news of the wounding of Lt. Ryan, of Kentville, N. S., and Lt. Markham, of St. John, has been received here with universal regret, where both officers were well and favorably known.

**A SENATOR'S SON.**  
Montreal, Que., April 4.—Lieut. G. B. McKay, who is mentioned amongst the Canadian officers wounded in South Africa, is a son of Hon. Senator McKay, of Montreal.

### DANISH INDIES

Copenhagen, April 4.—There was an exciting debate on the Danish West India Islands' treaty in the executive session of the Landsting (Upper House) to-day. The Opposition members violently attacked the treaty, and pled the foreign minister, Dr. Deussen, with numerous questions, to which he replied firmly and clearly. There was great public interest in the question, and the agitation and excitement are intense. Both sides are confident of success. A strong effort is being made to identify the members of the Landsting, who, it is suspected, furnished information to Congressman Richardson. So far it has not been successful.

### RECORD TRIAL

Philadelphia, April 4.—William H. Lane, the colored servant, who on Tuesday last murdered Ella J. Jaden and her daughter, Madeline, and so badly wounded another daughter, Eloise, that she died to-day, was convicted of murder in the first degree this afternoon, after a trial lasting less than one and a-half hours. Lane pleaded guilty yesterday and was placed on trial at 11 o'clock to-day. Because of Lane's plea of guilty, no jury was drawn, and only three witnesses were called for the purpose of determining the degree of murder. At 2:20 o'clock Judge Biddle sentenced the murderer to death. The date of his execution will be fixed by Governor Stover.

## MORE FACTS FROM FRONT

Canadian Losses Were Heavy  
but the men Made Magnificent Stand.

The Canadians Were the Last  
to Arrive in South Africa but  
Maintained Reputation.

### Special to The Planet.

Pretoria, April 4th.—The British losses in the engagement in the neighborhood of Hart's River in Southwestern Transvaal, on March 31, were three officers and twenty-four men killed, and sixteen officers and 131 men wounded. The Boers admit that they lost 137 men killed or wounded. The action occurred at Doornbalt Farm, a few miles south of the scene of General Delarey's defeat of General Methuen.

The Boers, who were commanded by Generals Kemp and Potgieter, attacked with great determination, but the Canadian contingent, which was the last to arrive in South Africa from Canada, and two squadrons of Yeomanry, under Colonel Cookson, and the artillery and mounted rifles under Colonel Keir, presented such a stout front that the burghers were finally forced to retreat. The casualty list shows that the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles had four officers and nine men killed and forty men wounded.

James A. Kennell, of this city, a member of E. Squadron, was one of Canadian in the fight of March 31.

### THE O. E. A.

At the meeting of the Ontario Educational Association in Toronto, this week, High School Inspector John Seab, B. A., was elected President of the Association, and Robert Doan, Esq., of Toronto, Secretary. Inspector Park was chosen chairman of the Inspectors' Section. Inspector Colles read a paper upon the better organization of the Inspectors' Department, his recommendations being adopted and a Standing Committee upon Legislation formed accordingly.

At the joint meeting of the Trustees Department and the Inspectors' Department, the instability of the Rural School Teacher's position was debated upon. Inspector Colles proposed, as a means of greater security to the teacher, that rural school boards should consist of six members instead of three, two trustees to be elected annually instead of one, and he introduced a resolution to that effect. The resolution was carried unanimously, and Inspector Colles was congratulated from all sides, teachers coming forward and thanking him as a benefactor of the rural school teachers. Inspector Colles was asked to read a paper before the Dominion Educational Association to meet in Halifax next summer.

### THE MARKETS

There was a very good market this morning. Vegetables, while very scarce, were not dear. Eggs were sold at 11 cents a dozen. Chickens brought from 25 to 40 cents each, and were considered dear for the quantity of poultry exhibited. Butter sold at from 18 to 20 cents a pound. Apples were 40 cents a peck.

**Following is the price list:**  
**IN THE SHELS.**  
Butter, 18c, to 20c per lb.  
Eggs, 11c per doz.  
Chickens, each, 25c to 40c.  
Turkeys, each, 90c to \$1.75.  
Money per sack, 13c.

**VEGETABLES.**  
Rhubarb, per bunch, 15c.  
Lettuces, per pound, 25c.  
Radishes, per bunch, 10c.  
Parsnips, per peck, 15c.  
Sage, a bunch, 5c.  
Apples, 40c, a peck.  
Cauliflower, 10c, each.  
Beets, 15c, peck.  
Vegetable onions per bunch, 5c.  
Carrots, 15c, peck.  
Onions, 50c, to 60c, per peck.  
Cabbage, 50c, to 15c, per head.  
Potatoes, per bag, \$1.00.  
Tomatoes, 15c, per lb.  
Summer savory, 5c.  
Peppers, 15c, dozen.

## RHODES' IMPERIAL REQUESTS FOR THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION

Provides for Colonial, German and American Scholarship—\$20,000 Yearly Left to Maintain Tomb—Railway to be Built to Matopopo Hills to Accommodate Visitors—Imperialistic in his Death.

London, April 4.—The will of Cecil Rhodes provides for the establishment of colonial scholarships and two American scholarships to each of the present states and territories of the United States. The will of Mr. Rhodes also provides for five scholarships for students of German birth at Oxford, to be nominated by Emperor William, and commenting on the bequest, Mr. Rhodes, in a codicil telegraphed from South Africa, said:—"For a good understanding between England, Germany, and the United States will secure the peace of the world, and educational relations form the strongest tie."

All the scholarships, American, colonial, and German, are at Oxford. The will is a remarkable and voluminous document. It was executed in 1899. There is a codicil attached on the day of the deceased's last departure from England, and another, dated from Cape Town, leaving \$24,000 yearly to keep up the spot in the Matopopo Hills, where his body is to be buried. The will further directs that a railroad extension be made into the Matopopo Hills, so that visitors may go there at the week-end to inspect the majesty and glory of their surroundings. Mr. Rhodes explicitly says he is to be buried in an aperture cut in the solid rock, surrounded by a brass tablet, bearing the words:—"Here lie the remains of Cecil John Rhodes."

No one is to be buried there with him, nor has he deserved well of his country. Mr. Rhodes bequeaths all his landed property near Bulawayo and Salisbury (both in Matabeleland) to trustees, whom he directs to cultivate the land for the instruction of the people of Rhodesia. His celebrated country place at Groot Schuur (not far from Cape Town) Mr. Rhodes leaves as a residence for the "Prime Minister of the Federal Government of South Africa," with £1,000 yearly for its maintenance.

### Local Briefs

Wm. Springer is at Jeannette Creek to-day.  
Mrs. John Gott is spending a week visiting in Detroit.  
The mineral bath house will be open to the public Monday.  
Frank Dunkley, of Sarnia, is spending a few days at his home.  
A. R. McKenzie, of Glenora, entered the General Hospital yesterday.  
Thos. Stanton, Lansdowne avenue, is the proud possessor of a son and heir.  
Chas. Gammage, of Port Huron, is the guest of his parents, Raleigh St., for a few days.  
Mr. Coates, of Raleigh, has moved into the city and is remodeling his residence, Edgar street.  
Byron Karnovsky, of the S. Hadley Co., is confined to his residence, Stanley Ave., through illness.  
"I wonder if I will be able to wear my new Easter hat to-morrow," asks a lady in the Groulver to-day.  
Probate in the will of the late Wm. E. Hardy was to-day granted. The estate was valued at \$5,000.  
Probate in the will of the late Rebecca Fletcher, of Tilbury, was granted to-day. The estate is valued at \$1,800.

A meeting of the Advisory Board of the Children's Aid Society will be held Monday afternoon at 4:15 in Christ Church Sunday School.  
Miss Lottie Smith, Raleigh St., entertained a number of friends last evening in honor of her guest, Miss Lily Blaisdell, of Windsor.

St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles in the store lately occupied by W. N. Morley, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12. On the last two days marmalade and other cookery will be for sale.

The regular meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 48, A. F. & A. M., G. E. O., will be held this evening at 7:30. General business and conferring degrees in the bill for the evening. Visiting brethren are always welcome to the meetings of 48.

The services open in Sandwich next week, before Justice McMaher and Wilson, K. O. of this city, has been retained on three cases. They are—Lewis vs. Ellis, an action against a lawyer to make him account for money; Post vs. Oper, an action brought by Capt. Post, of Erieau, in connection with the sale of fishing rights on Lake Erie; Wigle vs. Wagoner, an action for damages arising out of the sale of a tobacco business at Kingston. Mr. Wilson, K. O., is acting for the plaintiff in the first case and has been retained for the defence in the other two cases.

### TELEGRAPH

Senator Ogilvie's body will be cremated at his own desire.  
Walter Gordon was found guilty at Brandon of the murder of Chas. Law and Jacob Smith, Whitewater farmers.  
The Montreal Harbor Commissioners have decided to accept the tender of J. F. Webber of Buffalo for a steel elevator at \$204,000.

General O'Rourke's term as commandant of the 1st Militia will expire on June 30, and Lord will assume the command.  
Premier Seddon, in assuming that office for the year of the coming year, will assume the command.