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Lace Curtain Sale Next Saturday

On next Saturday only, we are going to give you the benefit of a big bargain we secured in Lace Curtains. The curtains are 3 1/2 yds. long and 50 in. wide, with bound edges, the design is as neat and lacy as can be desired, the regular price is \$1.00 a pair, we place them on sale next Saturday only at

78c per pair.

Our Millinery Opening

Our formal Millinery Opening for Spring Season of 1901 will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, March 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Further particulars will be given next week.

APRON GINGHAMS

32 in. wide, indigo checks, at..... 8c
36 in. wide, blue, brown and red checks, at..... 10c
40 in. wide, blue and brown checks, at..... 12 1/2c
40 in. wide, indigo checks and stripes, very firm, at..... 15c
Our Apron Gingham are good, none better.

BLACK DRESS GOODS

No finer showing of Black Dress Goods in Ontario than here. Imported direct from Germany, France and England, the very newest weaves produced are here for you to look at.

40 in. wide, All-wool French Henriette, in jet black, very special value at..... 50c
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CARPETS

Customers tell us we have the largest display of Tapestry Carpets in Chatham. We spoke about these carpets last week, about our having bought a clearing lot at very special prices, and we want you to ask to see them when you are in next Saturday buying some of these cheap carpets advertised above.

Tapestry Carpets, made and laid at 30c, 40c, 50c, 55c, 60c and..... 75c
in designs suitable for any style of room.

PRINT WRAPPERS

We are showing our new Print Wrappers for the spring season. The styles, the patterns and the prices are just such as you would expect to see at this store—
\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25.

THOMAS STONE & SON, Direct Importers of Irish Linens

The Pruning Season

Will soon be here and those who wish to raise good fruit and grow nice trees must prune. Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas have all the necessary tools for this purpose and their prices are right.

Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas

FAMOUS ENAMELED WARE



"THE ARK"

for any thing you need for the kitchen.



H. Macaulay "THE ARK"

TRIO OF BOER LEADERS WILL DISCUSS SITUATION

Commandants Botha, De Wet and Delarey Billed to Meet and Seek Counsel Together.

London, Saturday, March 16.—According to a despatch to the Times, dated March 15, from Kaalspruit, it is reported that Generals Botha, Delarey and De Wet will meet March 18 to discuss the situation.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special).—Following is the official list of nominations by His Excellency for commissions in the South African constabulary.

Captains, 12—Capt. H. E. Burdett, R. C. A.; Major C. C. Bennett, 6th Rifles, Vancouver; Capt. F. W. L. Moore, 4th Reg. Ar., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Capt. W. A. Lawless, G. G. F. G., Ottawa; Capt. T. O. Critchley, 3rd Battalion R. C. R.; Capt. A. H. Powell, P. L. D. G., Ottawa; Major J. R. Search, N. W. M. P.; Sgt. Major Reading, R. D. Dragoons; Capt. Pomette, 26th Regt., London; Lieut. Beer, Rocky Mountain Rangers, Nelson; Sgt. A. W. R. Wilby (Halifax); Strathcona's Horse; W. L. McGivern, late R. C. R.

Lieutenants, 18—Lt. J. C. Oland, 63rd Halifax Regt.; Lt. A. B. Cline, 90th Winnipeg Regt.; C. P. Ermatinger (St. Thomas), late C. M. R.; R. A. O'Meara, 8th Regt., Quebec; J. French N. W. M. P.; W. D. McCarthy, 2nd R. C. R.; Vet. Capt. Morgan, 5th Field Battery, Kingston; Captain Boulton, 5th Ar., Victoria; H. A. C. MacIn, late R. C. R.; G. Hampson, 5th Royal Scots; R. B. Eaton, Truro, N. S.; Cadet Folger, R. M. C., Kingston; R. R. Thompson, late R. C. R.; F. N. Burritt, late R. C. D.; Cadet Willetts, R. M. C., Windsor, N. S.; F. St. George, no address; J. R. I. Atwater, late R. C. R.; Lieut. G. R. Lightbound, 3rd Vics, Montreal.

The South African constabulary leave Ottawa for Halifax on Wednesday next, 20th inst.

DE WET A MADMAN.

Bloomington, Orange River Colony, March 15.—Prisoners who have been released by Gen. De Wet say they think he is a madman. They

Refutes the Charges Made by Lord Lansdowne Concerning State of British Militia

London, March 16.—The House of Lords was unusually crowded yesterday in anticipation of the reply of Lord Wolseley, the former Commander-in-Chief, to the criticism of the former War Secretary, Lord Lansdowne, now Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Lord Wolseley, in his opening remarks said he regretted being compelled to discuss a personal matter, but he could not pass unchallenged the severe comments of Lord Lansdowne in the manner in which he had performed the duties of Commander-in-Chief. Lord Lansdowne's personalities evidently had been premeditated. His indictment was grave, and it almost seemed as if the personal attack had been made in order to divert attention from the question at issue, and throw upon the Commander-in-Chief the blame for the mistakes made by the Government.

Until the recent debate he had never had reason to suppose that he did not possess the confidence of Lord Lansdowne and the Cabinet. Early in 1900 circumstances occurred which left him no alternative but to resign, which he did. If he had not resigned, he would have been in a position to have been used to appoint another Commander-in-Chief. Lord Wolseley then proceeded to refute the specific charges launched by Lord Lansdowne. He said he had made every effort to improve the auxiliary forces. In February, 1896, he recommended that additional troops be sent to South Africa, and recommended strengthening the Natal garrison, and the defense occupation of the town of Ladysmith, but of the Biggarsburg range, which was twenty-five miles in advance of Ladysmith. He had never considered Ladysmith and its surrounding hills to be tenable. Lord Wolseley admitted that in common with all the other authorities he had underestimated the fighting power of the individual Boer. Three weeks before Mr. Kruger's declaration of war he had urged Lord Lansdowne to send out a heavy cavalry division and five battalions for the lines of communication, in addition to the 10,000 troops already in South Africa. The mobilization of this force at that time would have produced a considerable effect in South Africa. If the country had not been prepared at the outbreak of war it had not been because he had urged the gradual and unostentatious reinforcement of the forces.

Lord Wolseley concluded with saying: "I have said a little as possible consistently with any justice to myself. The noble Mar-

quis made strong personal statements which were not supported. I have made my reply which is also unsupported. I cannot, however, leave the matter thus. I feel I am amply justified in moving that all the papers be laid on the table. I am prepared to prove by official documents all I have said.

LANDSDOWNE'S REPLY.

Lord Lansdowne, in reply, said he thought Lord Wolseley had nearly comprehended the purport of his former speech when he said it had not been a personal attack on himself (Lord Lansdowne). After that, Lord Lansdowne had said that Lord Wolseley could hardly expect that there would not be retaliation on his own conservatory.

Proceeding, Lord Lansdowne questioned the correctness of some of Lord Wolseley's statements. He reminded the latter how, after the Glencoe disaster, he (Wolseley) had suggested that the British should fall back behind the Tugela River. If the suggestion had been given earlier it might have saved one of the most serious disasters of the war. Lord Wolseley's statement that he had written a private letter to Lord Lansdowne suggesting that 40,000 men might be necessary for the campaign.

Lord Lansdowne did not wish to excuse himself for under-estimating the enemy. But Lord Wolseley should bear his full share. Lord Wolseley had suggested among other things the occupancy of Delagoa Bay and an appeal to the colonies.

THE MOTION REJECTED.

Lord Salisbury said he thought it undesirable that all the papers referring to the debate should be circulated. He was not aware that any personal charges had been made against Lord Wolseley.

Lord Rosbery enumerated Lord Lansdowne's charges against Lord Wolseley, and said they were personal in the judgment of the mass of the House and the man in the street. He alluded to Lord Wolseley's historical career, now closed, and defended his single-mindedness of purpose in seeking to improve the War Office system.

Lord Wolseley's motion that all the papers be laid on the table was rejected by a vote of 62 to 38.

NEW PHONES.

List of telephones put in since first of year:—
251—Rev. Dr. Battisby, Park street.
254—Miss Radford, Wellington street.
257—Fetterly & Brisco, King street.
260—Rev. W. E. Knowles, Wellington street.
265—Merritt's bank, Fifth street.
270—R. Pritchard, fire chief's residence.
274—Miss Tilt, Wellington street.
286—Dr. J. T. Tobey, King street.
304—C. Woodward—Wellington street.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

Thames Lodge, No. 101, Sons of England Benefit Society held their usual weekly meeting last Monday evening, which was well attended. Bro. W. A. Moore, Worthy President, the chair. Sick committee reported only two on the sick list. There are several applications on hand for membership. Brothers will bear in mind that their monthly payments are now due and if not paid before the end of March they will be suspended from all benefits. A meeting will be held Monday evening instead of Tuesday, at 7:30. Important business on hand; every member requested to be present.

\$25,000,000 GIFT BY CARNEGIE

Pittsburg, It is Said, Will Get It For a Proposed Technical School.

Steel Master Wants to Make the School the Finest in the World.

Pittsburg, March 15.—Intimate friends of Andrew Carnegie say that it is the intention of the steel master to give at least \$25,000,000 for the erection of buildings and for the endowment of the proposed technical school of Pittsburg.

It is also declared by those who have talked with Carnegie that he intends to make his school the finest of its kind in the world and that it will lend as much fame to Pittsburg on the theoretical side of iron and steel as his famous works have done in actual practice.

Easton, Pa., March 15.—The Easton board of school controllers have refused to increase the tax rate one-half a mill for the maintenance of a public library, thereby practically refusing the offer of Andrew Carnegie to give the town \$50,000, providing the city would appropriate \$5,000 for the maintenance of the library.

OUR EMPIRE VS. RUSSIA

British Regiment on Guard at Disputed Territory With Fixed Bayonets.

Russians Reported to be Entrenched Therein—Anxious Time Awaiting Act.

London, March 16.—A despatch received here from Tien Tsin by Reuters' Telegram Co., dated from that city to-day at 3:30 p. m., says: "The Russians are now intrenching in the disputed territory. A company of the Hong Kong regiment, with fixed bayonets, is in front, while two companies of the Madras pioneers, under the command of Maj. Johnson, are held in reserve."

"Both the Russians and the British are awaiting instructions from their governments."

TROUBLES CONFIRMED.

London, March 15.—A question in the house of commons today in regard to the despatch from Tien Tsin, announcing friction between the Russians and the British there, elicited a confirmation from Lord G. Hamilton, the secretary of state for India, who, corroborating the despatches of the Associated Press, said Russia had claimed the land in dispute by virtue of a concession alleged to have been granted by China since the disturbances commenced. The authorities on the spot were dealing with the matter. The government had not sent special instructions, as, throughout the Chinese operations, the British officers had shown a spirit of excessive conciliation.

JAPAN FEELS SORE AT RUSSIA

Relations are Very Strained Between the Two Countries—War May Result.

New York, March 16.—A London special to the Sun says:—The Daily News declares that owing to the Manchurian convention the relations between Russia and Japan have become very strained, and that war seems not only possible but probable.

The paper prints an interview with a "distinguished Japanese diplomatist," who is represented as saying that "unless Russia makes some concession to Japan and that at one and the same time it will be impossible to avoid war. The feeling in Japan is high, and the vast majority of the public is eager for war unless Russia comes forward with some proposition which will be acceptable to Japan and which will satisfy her feelings of honor in the matter. If Russia has Manchuria Japanese sentiment demands compensation of a substantial character. With Manchuria in her grasp Russia is a constant menace to Korea, the independence of which, if not its actual possession, is vital to Japan. But Russia! What trust can be

placed in this shameless breaker of promises, assurances and treaties, this sinister maker of secret conventions concealed under the smiling, cynical mask of unmitigated falsehood? She turns that cynical smile to all the world."

No Doubt You Can

Get better satisfaction buying your Prints, Gingham, Cottonades, Sheetings and all Wash Goods from this Store than from any other in Chatham. We are after your trade and will sell you goods at right prices.

Thibodeau & Jacques

Detroit, Mich., Mar. 4th, 1901

The Prince Piano Co., Toronto, Ont.

Gentlemen:

On the evening of Feb. 26th, 1901, I gave a Piano Recital in Chatham, Ont. and was fortunate in having one of your Cabinet Grands furnished for my use. The Piano proved in every way to be a superior instrument. Its perfectly regulated action and fine singing tone gave every chance for delicate sustained work, and it was not lacking in volume when a crescendo was necessary. In fact it was the best substitute for a Concert Grand that I have ever used.

G. Arthur Depew
Mus. Bac.
Organist and Musical Director
First Free Church.