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Important Discount Sale

According to our usual custom, previous to stock taking, we will hold a Special Discount Sale, commencing tomorrow (in addition to our usual Friday Bargains), and continuing till January 10th, when we take stock. A discount sale like this of new and seasonable goods, and at a time when this class of goods is most needed, will no doubt be appreciated and heartily responded to. This is not an ordinary advertisement, but a special reminder of our usual stock taking discount sale. Cut this ad. out of your paper, fetch it with you and see that you get everything as advertised.

The Blunders of the War.
It is easy to criticise after the event, and the amateur strategists are showing a great deal of hindsight in discussing the war situation. All the same, one does not require to be a military genius to pick out genuine flaws in the British campaign. The most serious charge laid against the war department is the apparent utter neglect to secure, or to attempt to secure, any information concerning the enemy's strength, equipment or resources, or even to get proper topographical data. The extent and quality of the Boer artillery has taken the British by surprise. Neither do they seem to have made any adequate provision for scouting, which is rendered absolutely necessary by the crafty fighting habits of the Boers. The result is that when they attempt a reconnaissance in force, as did Gen. White at Ladysmith, Gen. Gatacre at Stormberg, and as Gen. Methuen seems to have done in his latest engagement, they walk into a trap. It is incomprehensible to civilians how the Transvaal could have gone on making these extraordinary preparations for years, importing great guns and vast stores of ammunition, and engaging the services of foreign experts, without the cognizance of the British. However, the present reverses will have their use in thoroughly waking up the British to the enormity of their task. There will be no faltering in carrying it through, even though disasters should multiply. There is the satisfaction that although British strategy is for a time under a cloud, British valor never shone more brightly.

A Noteworthy Institution.
The December number of the Farmers' Advocate contains a very interesting historical sketch of the Ontario Agricultural College, from the pen of Principal Mills. The establishing of such a college was first recommended by Sir John Carling in 1859, and two years later 600 acres of land were purchased for the purpose at Mimico, seven miles west of Toronto, and a change of Government took place at that time, and such strong objections were urged against the Mimico site by farmers and stockmen, that it was abandoned. After much inquiry the Government decided to purchase the Guelph farm of 550 acres, from F. W. Stone, a political opponent, in 1872. The school was formally opened on May 1, 1874, and 28 students entered the first term. The number in the regular course is now 164, of whom 26 are lodging outside for want of room in the college. Principal Mills, who has filled his present position for 20 years, with ability and distinction, says very truly that one of the specially strong points of the institution has been the thoroughly and persistently practical character of its work. Many United States agricultural colleges are agricultural only in name. They have placed agriculture in the background, and have broadened their courses so as to compete with arts colleges and universities. The Ontario Agricultural College has not done so, but has always insisted on manual labor, and has given special prominence to agriculture, live stock, dairying, horticulture, veterinary practice, and other branches of study which have a direct bearing on the ordinary work of the Canadian farmer.
Prof. Mills remarks that the college has often been made a sort of party football, but thinks that this attitude toward the institution has become less marked and bitter. Principal Mills is probably right, though there is still much to complain of in the professional politicians. The intelligent farmers of the Province, however, understand and appreciate the value of the college, and that is a guarantee that it will be thoroughly supported, no matter how it may be attacked from partisan motives.

At any rate, Britannia still rules the waves.
The British bulldog is beginning to spit his teeth.
Majuba Hill was a comparatively trifling affair after all.
The policeman who undertook to guide Gatacre's force didn't know his beat.
John Bull's jealous neighbors are poking fun at him in his discomfiture, but they had better not poke anything else at him in his present temper.
South Africa has been truly called the graveyard of British military reputations. If this thing keeps on there will be very few reputations above ground.

The large number of people who are served by the Hay postoffice, one mile north of the Exeter office, appear to have a legitimate grievance. Until Oct. 1 last they had a morning and evening mail, but since then they have had only one distribution daily. No cause is assigned for the change. The postal department should look into it.
The Toronto World acknowledges the corn, and says Premier Ross stands to carry on the Government for the remainder of the term, even if the Conservatives win the two seats now vacant. But it is hardly fair of the World to lay the blame on Mr. Whitney on the ground that he is too friendly to railway corporations. If the charge is true, Mr. Whitney is merely proving his allegiance to Sir Charles Tupper.



Mantles and Furs
All Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Furs, Fur Jackets and Capes,
Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Carpets and Curtains
Lace Curtains, Draperies, Cushions and Carpets.
Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Staple Department
Wool Blankets, Comforters, Eider Comforters, Wrapperettes, Cotton Shirtings, Loch Lomond Flannels and Tickings.
Discount 10 Per Cent.

Hats and Caps
25 per cent off all Men's, Boys' and Youths' Hats—hard or soft—**Discount 25 Per Cent.**
25 per cent off all Men's and Boys' Fancy Tweed and Corduroy Caps—**Discount 25 Per Cent.**
10 per cent off all Men's Fur Caps—**Discount 10 Per Cent.**
10 per cent off all Men's Underclothing—**Discount 10 Per Cent.**

China & Crockery Dept
Tea Sets, Japanese Ware, Fancy Cups and Saucers, and all China Ware.
Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Shoe Department
10 per cent off all Women's Laced and Button Boots—**10 Per Cent Off.**
15 per cent off all Women's Oxford Shoes—**15 Per Cent Off.**
10 per cent off all Misses' and Children's Laced and Button Boots—**10 Per Cent Off.**
10 per cent off all Men's Laced and Congress Shoes—**10 Per Cent Off.**
10 per cent off all Men's Rubbers and Overshoes—**10 Per Cent Off.**



Friday Bargains

DOLLS. Extraordinary—
90 Only Dressed Dolls, worth 60c, 65c and 75c each, Friday each **39c**
KID GLOVES Extraordinary—
Any \$1.25 Kid Glove, Perrin's and Penney's best makes, Friday, per pair **\$1 08**
Ladies' Trimmed Hats Extraordinary—
34 Only, and the last of the season, worth \$4.50 and \$5 each, Friday, each **\$1 49**

Ladies' Skirts Made Free.

Aprons
Ladies' Fine Lawn Aprons, good width, made with deep hem and three tucks, special each **25c**
Ladies' Fine English Lawn Aprons, with embroidery and insertion, straps over shoulder, each **50c**
Ladies' English Lawn Apron, trimmed with three rows of insertion, in bib and embroidery frills, special, each **75c**
Blouses
Ladies' Silk Blouses, in stripes, plaids or plain colors, lined with fitted lining, were \$3 00 and \$3 50, special, each **\$2 39**
Ladies' Striped Silk Blouses, in red, black, blue or mauve, with strong fitted lining and tucked fronts and sleeves, regular \$4 00, Friday, each **\$3 25**
Ladies' Silk Blouses, in plain surahs, all colors, made with tucked fronts and sleeves and lined throughout, regular \$5 00, special, Friday, each **\$4 00**
Ladies' Silk Blouses—A large assortment in silk and satin, all the new shades and styles, any of our \$5 50, \$6 00 and \$6 50, to sell, special, Friday, each **\$5 00**
We guarantee all our Blouses a perfect fit.

Laces
25 pieces Cream and White Cotton Lace, 2 to 5 inches wide, regular 7c and 10c per yard. Special on Friday only, per yard **5c**
20 pieces Fancy Plaid and striped Ribbons, pure silk, 4 to 6 inches wide, worth 20c and 25c per yard. Special on Friday and until sold, per yard **15c**
Handkerchiefs
10 dozen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, with fancy drawn work, good value, at 15c. Special for Friday, each **12 1/2c**
10 dozen Ladies' Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, good patterns. Special for Friday, each **15c**
15 dozen Children's Colored Borders and Picture Handkerchiefs. Special on Friday, 2 for **5c**

Gents' Furnishings
Men's Lined Kid Gloves and Mitts, all sizes, black and colored, regular 50c and 60c per pair. Friday **45c**
10 dozen Gents' Finished Handkerchiefs, large size, special, each **5c**
10 dozen Gents' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, regular 10c each. Friday **5c**
11 dozen Men's Cloth Caps, regular 50c and 60c each. Friday **35c**
48 Suits Men's Scotch Wool Underwear, regular \$1 per suit. Friday **75c**
Clothing Department
25 Boys' Reefers, heavy navy curl cloth, for boys from 5 to 10 years, regular \$1 75. Friday **90c**
20 Boys' 2-piece Suits, fancy tweed, light and dark colors, sizes 22 to 27 only, regular \$2 and \$2 50. Friday bargain **\$1 50**
20 Men's Frieze Ulsters, black and brown, heavy tweed linings, etc., etc., all sizes, regular \$7 and \$8. Friday **\$5 25**
Men's Heavy Beaver Overcoats, fine Italian linings, dressy and stylish. Friday **\$4 75**
Smallwares Department
50 good Kid Body Dolls, slightly soiled, worth 60c. Friday **28c**
Fancy Man's Guards, all colors, extra special, at **25c**
Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes, Friday, each **25c**
Embossed Hand Mirrors, special, at **55c**
See our Novelty 25c Table.



Ladies' Woolen Underwear
All Ladies' and Children's Vests and Drawers and Combination Suits.
Special Discount 10 per Cent.

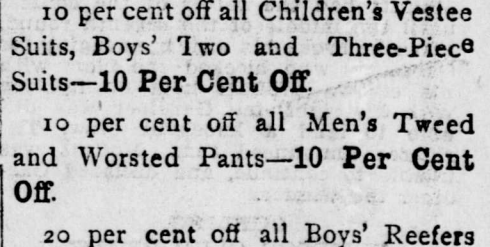
Dress Goods Dept.
All Black and Colored Dress Goods, Velvets and Silks (except specially-reduced lines).
10 Per Cent Off.

Millinery Department
All Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Wings, Fancy Feathers, Plumes and Ribbons.
Special Discount 25 Per Cent.

Table Linens
Bleached and Unbleached Table Linens, Tablecloths, Linen Sets, Lunch Cloths, Fancy Linens and Towelings.
Special Discount 10 Per Cent.

Clothing Department
25 per cent off all New Frieze Ulsters and Fancy Tweed Overcoats—**25 Per Cent Off.**
15 per cent off all Men's and Youths' Tweed Suits, also Men's Black Worsted Suits and Coats and Vests—**15 Per Cent Off.**
10 per cent off all Men's Fine Serge Suits and Men's Dress Overcoats—**10 Per Cent Off.**
10 per cent off all Children's Vestee Suits, Boys' Two and Three-Piece Suits—**10 Per Cent Off.**
10 per cent off all Men's Tweed and Worsted Pants—**10 Per Cent Off.**
20 per cent off all Boys' Reefers and Overcoats—**20 Per Cent Off.**
15 per cent off all Men's Water proof Coats—**15 Per Cent Off.**

Shoe Department
Woman's Glazed Dongola Button Boots, turn soles and Goodyear welt, patent tips, medium pointed toes, regular \$2 50 and \$2 60. Friday bargain **\$1 75**
100 pairs, assorted lot, Women's Dongola, Laced and Buttoned Boots, Misses' Button Boots, also Men's Laced Boots in Dongola and Kangora, regular \$1 25 to \$1 75. Friday, extra special **95c**
See our East Window.
150 pairs Women's Felt Slippers, regular 35c. Friday **25c**
60 pairs Men's Rubbers, rolled edge, Granby, best quality, regular 90c. Friday bargain **65c**



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