

# A Glimpse of Spring

Our First Exhibition of New Wash Goods

A showing of styles and weaves that excels anything before produced, wrapped about this early showing, that heralds the approach of another season is a certain charm and attractiveness that one seldom sees in cotton fabrics, perhaps because it is so refreshing to be reminded of the fragrant days of buds and blossoms that are coming on space, but most likely it is in the true merits of the Goods themselves. In this, our opening sale of Wash Goods, nothing but the newest weaves are shown, the most delicate tints and colorings, as well as dark grounds in stripes, checks and self colors, ox blood, new helio, new pinks, new blues, new greys, etc.

## NEW GINGHAMS

Consist of all the above colorings, in plaids and checks, sold in most stores from 15 to 18c., our price 12½c.

## NEW PRINTS

Lot No. 1—Consists of English drills in all the above colorings, in stripes, spots and floral patterns, guaranteed fast colors, always sold at 15c., our price 12½c.  
Lot No. 2—Consists of German Prints in spots, stripes and floral patterns, blue grounds only, extra heavy, and guaranteed fast color, regular 15c. goods, special, 12½c.  
Lot No. 3—Consists of English Prints in spots, stripes and floral patterns, with white grounds, guaranteed fast color, regular 12½c. goods, our price 10c.  
Lot No. 4—Consists of English Prints, with blue grounds of floral patterns and stripes, warranted pure indigo, always sold at 12½c., our price 10c.  
Lot No. 5—Consists of Canadian Prints, in navy, pale blues and pinks, regular 10 cent quality, our price 8c.  
Lot No. 6—Consists of Canadian Prints in stripes and checks, reds and blues, special 5c.

## NEW MUSLINS.

On all the new colorings in floral patterns and plain colors, price per yard, from 10c. to 35c.

## NEW PIQUES

Lot No. 1—Consists of plain white, with fancy lace stripes, several designs, an entirely new idea, special 25 and 40c.  
Lot No. 2—Consists of white piques with fancy colored stripes, new designs, special 20 and 25c.  
Lot No. 3—Consists of plain white coats, both lengthwise and crosswise, special 12½c., 15, 18, 20 and 25c.

Last week we broke all previous records in fur and Mantle selling, disposing of more furs and mantles than we ever did before in one week. Selling high-grade Jackets at such low prices will induce all women to buy whether they need them or not.  
We intend this week to make sweeping reductions on all winter goods, including balance of furs, Ladies' and Misses Jackets, Winter Underwear, &c.

# 3 FARTHING

THE STORE FOR BEST VALUES.

## OBITUARY.

The late Annie Lutes, who died at Aylmer on February 5th, 1900, in the 83rd year of her age, was the daughter of the late Abner Chase. She was born in 1817 in New York State and removed with her parents to this country in 1836, and settled on what is known as the Isaac Chase farm, one mile north of Sparta, in the township of Yarmouth. In the following year she was married to the late Samuel Mills, of Yarmouth, by whom she bore three children, William, of Sparta; Washington, of Bayham; and Mrs. Wm. Cole, of Sparta. Her husband died in 1846, leaving to the care of his young widow his aged and infirm parents, the father being blind, and an aged, crippled aunt. To support and care for three young children and these helpless old people was a severe task for one of the "weaker sex", but the task was well and lovingly performed by this heroic young woman. The father and mother referred to, each lived to the advanced age of ninety-five years. In addition to the heavy domestic cares, this woman was most successfully a 200-acre farm. Shortly after the death of the aged people referred to, Mrs. Mills was united in marriage to the late John Lutes, of South Dorchester, who had eight children by a former wife. One would suppose it a herculean task to mother this large family, but no task appears to have been beyond the efforts of this christian woman. She was a mother to these children in the truest sense of the word. There must have been love and duty well performed, not only on the part of this grand woman, but also on the part of the step-children, for it is a well authenticated fact that not a single unpleasantness occurred either during the earlier years of this relationship or after the children had grown to manhood and womanhood. The members of the Lutes family were Dr. Lutes and Gilbert, St. Thomas; Dr. A. Lutes, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Frank, San Francisco, Cal.; Charles, Colorado; Mrs. J. C. Sheik, Kingston; Mrs. Chas. Learn, S. Dorchester; and Mary, of Aylmer. The last mentioned lived with her step-mother until the latter closed her work here below and went to her well earned rest. The deep devotion and affection that existed between these two true women were most touching, quite beyond the scenes pictured by writers of romance. The Lutes family having attained somewhat prominent positions and to the highest respectability justly claim that their success in life was, at least, partly due to the efforts of the subject of this brief history. Dr. A. Lutes, Grand Rapids, Mich., on learning of the death of his step-mother, forwarded a

beautiful wreath and the following telegram, which shows the feeling the family bears towards the deceased. "Have placed on mother's coffin beautiful floral tribute, emblems of purity, typical of her life. Illness prevents my presence." What a model christian character was this woman's! Not only like Martha did she look well after the affairs of this life—not in a selfish greediness, but in a simple way adding to the comforts of those around her, but also like Mary, she "chose the better part" and lived such a practical christian life and let her light so shine that its reflections will not be extinguished possibly till time shall be no more.

The deceased in years gone by would occasionally relate some interesting reminiscence of the early days of this country, the adventurous trip through the forest coming to this country from York State, also incidents in the rebellion of 1837-38. Her husband's people having been suspected of sympathizing with the rebels, her house was searched while she was ill in bed with a new born babe. The soldiers carried off all the provisions in the house, as well as a quantity of linen spun by herself on her little wheel.

The funeral cortege left her late residence on St. George street, Aylmer, at 11 o'clock, on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, and proceeded to the Friends meeting house, Sparta, where services were held, Rev. R. W. B. B. officiating at Aylmer, and James Pound and Edgar Haight at Sparta. A large concourse of people met at Aylmer and at Sparta to pay their respects to one who was so well known and revered in both localities.

A remarkable coincidence was that the funeral services of the deceased were held on the 33rd anniversary of her marriage to Mr. Lutes, both ceremonies occurring on Feb. 7th, and both ceremonies being held in the Friends meeting house at Sparta.

"Difficulties give way to diligence," and disease germs and blood humors disappear when Hood's Sarsaparilla is faithfully taken.

## CALTON

The main span of the culvert bridge over the Otter was swept away by the freshet on Wednesday night last.

Miss Etie Brown is visiting her sister at Bay City, Michigan.

Mr. W. Grant's sale of farm stock, etc., was well attended.

Mr. Geo. Spence is preparing to erect a fine large basement barn, 40x100, in the spring. Mr. A. Ribble has the contract.

Mr. Albert Coburn has purchased a new horse.

Mr. J. H. Chalk has the contract for the erection of a new barn for Mr. J. McIntyre,

of Lakeview.

Mrs. Wm. Hite is still very poorly. Mr. A. L. upp is contemplating a visit to Michigan and Illinois in the near future.

Mr. Ed. Raymond has been very ill, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. A. Herriot, of Lutes, made a flying visit with friends here one day last week.

Mr. John Chalk has been ill, but is now improving.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. T. M. White is improving.

The South Bayham Culture Society have held several of their interesting meetings so far this winter.

Mr. C. Burdick and wife, of Aylmer, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in this place.

Mr. Lyon and family moved to Aylmer this week. They will be greatly missed in the church and community.

Mr. W. G. Gifford has purchased Mr. T. Wonnacott's farm at Copenhagen and will take possession the first of April.

Mr. L. Fick and wife spent Sunday at the latter's old home in Houghton.

Miss Georgia McDonald returned to her uncle's on Saturday, after spending a couple of months with her father.

Mr. M. Griffin has rented his farm to Mr. Bingham, as he will be unable to do much work.

A large number of children in this place have had the German measles lately.

The revival services in this place were closed last Friday evening.

## The Red Rat's Daughter.

By Guy Boothby, author of Dr. Nikola's Experiment. (Published by the Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. Price, paper, 75 cts.; cloth, \$1.25.)

Mr. Boothby is by no means unknown in the world of fiction, and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow authors was well voiced by Mr. Rudyard Kipling recently, when he remarked, "Mr. Guy Boothby has come to great honors now. His name is large upon boardings, his books sell like hot cakes, and he keeps a level head through it all. I've met him several times in England, and he added to my already large respect for him."

"The Red Rat's Daughter," is probably the author's best piece of work. It is a most exciting tale of the endeavors of a young Englishman to rescue his Polish fiancée's father from political imprisonment on the Siberian Island of Saghalien. The love story of these two young people is a most romantic one, and the mystery running through the whole book is well contrived, and concludes with an unusually cleverly managed surprise.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Mr. Fred Smith purchased two fine three year old Jock colts last week for Mr. G. F. Carey, of Batavia, N. Y. One of them was raised by Mr. Geo. Gilbert, of Sparta, and the other by Mr. S. S. Harper, of Malahide, both of whom received a good price.

Mr. Wm. P. Summers and Mrs. Jas. A. Parker were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage on Thursday last by the Rev. C. T. Scott. They have bought Mr. J. H. Cronk's fine cottage in St. Thomas, and will take up their residence there, followed by the best wishes of many friends.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Aylmer Manufacturing Co. was held in the council chamber on Thursday evening last when it was found that sufficient stock had been subscribed to warrant going on with the organization and securing a charter which Mr. E. A. Miller was authorized to do.

The following provisional directors were appointed:—S. Pierce, W. S. Caron, J. J. Nairn, Mayor Glover, H. A. Ambridge, W. C. Bingham, and E. A. Miller. Mr. H. A. Ambridge was elected treasurer, and J. H. Glover secretary. Messrs. E. C. Jenkins and Chas. White for the company are now going over the stock, with Mr. Pierce, and valuing the same, prior to its being taken over.

On Tuesday evening last, after a painful illness of over a year and a half, Mr. Francis A. Hughes passed away at his home on the 8th concession in his 79th year. He was born in the township of Malahide in 1821. With the exception of seven years, he resided here the whole of his long life, and with the other hardy old pioneers of this section, converted this country from a howling wilderness into one of the golden spots of the world.

During the rebellion of 1837, he served in the defence of his country, and received an honorable discharge. At the age of 24 he was united with the Aylmer Baptist church and remained a faithful member of the same to the time of his death. In politics he was a strong liberal, but gave others the same right to their own opinions, as he claimed himself. His aged partner in life survives him, and had Mr. Hughes lived for four hours longer, they would have travelled life's journey together for 55 years.

Seven sons are also left, viz: Wm. E., of Malahide, Ambrose and Jackson, of Mich., Harvey, of Buffalo, Dr. E., of Indiana, Marcellus and John at home, with two grand daughters also, Miss Mabel and Claudia. The funeral takes place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence to the Aylmer cemetery, where the remains will be interred.

## Sale Register.

Auction sale of farm, farm stock, implements, the property of W. J. Hill, south half of lot 16, con. 4, one mile west of Mount St. H. on Tuesday, February 27, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following—6 choice dairy cows, served; 1 two-year-old heifer, served; 4 spring calves, 1 mare, 9 years old, bred to Young St. Lawrence; 1 mare, 7 years old; The team is well broken double and single, and in first-class in every respect; 5 shoats, about 60 lbs. weight; 1 brood sow, bred to farrow 1st April; 1 dril; 1 Toronto sower; 1 rake; 2 set of iron harrows; 1 democat wagon; 1 set of scow, cap (90 lbs); 1 set of team harness; 1 field cultivator. At the same time and place there will be offered the farm, being the south half of lot 17, con. 4, Malahide, consisting of 87½ acres. R. H. Lindsay, auctioneer.

Cleaning sale of farm stock, implements, household furniture, etc., the property of Mahlen M. Griffin, lot 27, concession 1, Malahide, 1 mile east of Grovesend, on Thursday, February 22, at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following—8 choice young dairy cows, coming in, 1 yearling heifer, 6 calves, 6 breeding ewes, 1 Chester White boar, 2 brood sows, will farrow about March 1st, 1 black horse, 2 bay colts, 1 mare, 1 binder, 1 mower, 1 sulky rake, 1 seed drill, 1 reaper, 1 land roller, 1 flaxing mill, 2 plows, iron harrows, 1 low farm wagon, 1 democat, 1 cutter, 1 pair of bolshleighs, 1 corn cultivator, 1 two-horse cultivator, 2 grindstones, 1 hay rack, harness, doubletrees and whiffletrees, 2 neckyokes, wheelbarrow, 1 washing machine, bedspings, tables, chairs, milkpans. All to be sold without reserve, as the proprietor has leased the farm, and is giving up farm on account of poor health. R. H. Lindsay, auctioneer.

If you would be well and strong take Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

## FOR SALE.

Saw mill, with 40-horse power boiler and 35-horse power engine; everything complete, new, and in first-class condition. A bargain for some one. Apply to; or address THE EXPRESS Printing Office, Aylmer, Ont.

## NOTICE

In the matter of the election held in the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Elgin, on the 12th day of December, A. D., 1899, to elect a member for the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Abstract of statement of election expenses incurred by or on behalf of Charles Andrew Brower, in pursuance Section 201, of the Ontario Election Act.

Personal expenses.....\$ 4 75  
Printing Accounts.....24 35  
Rent of Halls.....25 50  
Livery.....1 00  
Telephone account.....87

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Dated at Aylmer the 12th day of Feb, 1900,  
EDWARD ALLEN MILLER,  
Financial Agent for Charles Andrew Brower  
DUGALD BROWN, Esq.,  
Returning Officer, East Riding of Elgin.

## FARM FOR SALE.

100 acres, being the south half of lot 5, con. 4, Township of North Dorchester, South of the river, half mile from Avon Village, 80 acres cleared, balance well timbered; soil rich clay loam, fine brick house (5 rooms) new barn 48 x 88, on 9 foot wall, with two good big pens attached. Good spring creek runs through farm. Good heavy orchard, also young orchard. For further particulars apply to  
W. V. NIGH, Avon, P. O.

## YOU CAN

Save From 15 to 25 Per Cent

# Are You Interested? Then Buy Early!

This season the early buyer will win the prize. Procrastination means a big shrinkage in pocket books. Prices of all lines of Dry Goods have advanced from 15 to 25 per cent, and are still advancing. We were alert to the fact months ago, and placed our contracts early. This means a big saving to those who have advantage of present stocks, repeat orders will a very marked advance. We promise you a great assortment to select from, and all the latest weaves and most fashionable shades and patterns. There is a difference between this and most other stores; you have a comfortable feeling, a sense of security, you know whatever you buy is sure to be at a reasonable price. Send your child and you will be served as carefully and cheaply as if you came yourself.

## NEW WASH GOODS

This is the best time to pick Wash Dress Materials best, because you have the pick of the stock in all its loveliness, and because you will have more time now to make them up than later, when house cleaning and other home duties press.  
Beautiful new Prints at 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12 1/2c.  
Ginghams, 6, 9, 11 and 12 1/2c.  
Scotch Zephyrs 11, 12 1/2, 15 and 25c.  
French Tonlands, beautiful goods, equal to silk when made up at 25c. per yard.  
Silk Vantas, guaranteed by the maker at 25c. per y rd.

## SHIRTINGS

New Shirtings are here ready for your inspection, marked at old prices, a clean saving of 15 per cent, to the early buyer, 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12 1/2c. Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long, 25c. Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, 50c. Lace Curtains, 3 yards long, 75c. Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yds. long, \$1.00, \$1.25, 1.35, 1.50 up to \$4.50. Curtain Scrim, 6, 8 and 12c. Curtain Muslin, 12 1/2-15, 17, 20, 25 Art Muslin, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 14c.

## EMBROIDERIES

New Embroideries are here, a beautiful lot; new patterns at old prices, splendid value from 25c. up.  
New Flouncings  
New All overs  
New Tucked Lawns

Agents for the New Idea Patterns; any pattern, any size, 10c.

## COTTONS

This is the spot and this the month to buy all kinds of Cottons.

34 inch plain Sheeting, 3 1/2c  
34 inch plain Sheeting 5c  
36 inch plain Sheeting, 5 1/2c  
36 inch plain Sheeting, 6 1/2c  
36 inch plain Sheeting, 7c  
36 inch Bleached Cotton, 8c.  
" " " 6c.  
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" " " 9c.  
" " " 10c.  
36 inch Lonsdale Cambric, 10c.  
" " " 12 1/2c.  
" " " 15 cents.

## LACE CURTAINS

Each season our curtain values have commanded the well merited appreciation of people of taste and thrift. Our window hangings combine beauty with utility, and have the interesting charm of cheapness.

## LINEN APRONS

Ready-to-wear, nicely trimmed, at such prices as these, 25c., 30c., 38c., 40c. and 50c.

## APRON GINGHAMS

English, Canadian and American makes, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 12 1/2c. Heavy Printed Apron Cloth, with fancy border, 38 in. wide, 12 1/2c.

THE BARGAIN HOUSE OF AYLMER.

# Simpson & Case

Dry Goods Importers and Clothiers.

# Twenty-one Years.....

This week completes the 21st year of our business career, and we find ourselves over-loaded with Goods.

Two Stores Piled full of Shoes  
Clothing, Gents' Furnishings  
Hats and Caps.

# We Want Money

and want it badly, and we propose to celebrate the beginning of our 22nd year by offering special inducements to all who need anything in our line.

All winter Goods to be cleared out at cost.  
Watch this space for further particulars next week.

# Christie & Caron