

## W. P. A.

The Hospital Committee of the W.P.A. wish to thank the following for most welcome donations of old white material:

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## 1,000,000 War Beef Contract

American Packers Get Part of British Order for 600,000,000 Pound Cans of Beef—Contract Handled by New Syndicate Formed in Montreal.

The British Government has awarded a contract for 600,000,000 one pound cans of beef stew for use as rations, it became known yesterday. The huge contract, the aggregate value of which is \$91,000,000, is given to a new corporation, known as the Imperial Canneries, Ltd., of Montreal. Already this corporation has begun to apportion the business among American and Canadian packers, wholesale grocers and exporters. This is declared to be the largest single order for army rations in this country or Canada.

The Imperial Canneries, Ltd., is the result of a holding company organized for the special purpose of taking over the British order for rations and arranging for filling the requisition by the packers and others in the United States and Canada. The corporation is capitalised at a nominal sum and composed of the following corporations: J. T. Polk & Co., of Indianapolis (Ind.); Burnham & Morrill, of Portland (Me.); the Colonial Packing Company, of Philadelphia; and the J. L. Ltd., of Toronto. The parcel-

out of the business of the great contract was begun at a recent conference of about fifteen men in the Hotel. It is set forth in the specifications that the rations called for involve a specially prepared beef in cans weighing one pound each. Each can is to contain four ounces of beef, four ounces of one ounce of beans, one ounce of carrots and one ounce of liquid.

Orders on the order are to be within forty days after a credit of about \$91,000,000 has been established by the British Government, and the whole contract is to be filled within the next twelve months.

It is understood the order for the tin containers has been awarded to the Wheeling Can Company of Wheeling (W. Va.) according to those interested in the contract it will require about 300,000,000 pounds of beef and about 1,500,000,000 pounds of rice, together with millions of pounds of white beans, carrots and peas. Among the American companies which are to help fill the order are Libby, McNeill & Libby, Francis & Gett, the Campbell Soup Company, the Franco-American Soup Company, Swift & Co., Armour & Co., and other concerns in the meat sections of the United States and Canada controlled by the principal companies forming the Imperial Canneries, Ltd.

## Soldiers Get Leave to Work on Farms.

Military authorities have decided to grant a month's leave to soldiers who desire to work on farms during the spring seeding operations. Men will be provided with transportation to and from any locality not exceeding a distance of 200 miles from the station or camp where they are in training. Pay and allowances will be paid on return. Each man must produce proof that he was engaged in farm work any time during the month. Soldiers who misconduct themselves will be liable to forfeiture of pay and allowances for such time as may be determined.

It is presumed this order will apply to those who may desire to work on farms, as well as to those who may wish to return to their own farms to help with the spring seeding. In any case it is hoped that the order will be of help to the farmers. An opportunity, however, will be given farmers to apply to military officers for help. Some plan to be adopted for bringing the soldiers home for a month, in with the soldiers who wish to work a few weeks on the farm. As it is understood, there is nothing to be done about the order, and consequently some arrangements should be made for receiving applications from farmers who may wish to take advantage of this opportunity—Canadian Farm.

## Desirable Savings on NEW Spring Goods

For Friday and Saturday.



## New Neckwear

500 pieces Neckwear, comprising neckties, stocks and jabots; also separate collar and cuff sets, in Lace, Organdy and Brussels Net. Values to 50c each. Friday and Saturday . . . 28c

## Odds and Ends at Notion Counter

WATCH FOB—Black Silk Ribbon and Gold Locket or Charm. Reg. 50c. . . 39c  
BEAD NECKLIES—Black and colored. Reg. 25c. . . 28c  
COMMON PINS—All large sizes. Special 6 sheets . . 11c  
IVORY BAR PINS—Persian Imit. Special each . . 6c  
TOILET SOAPS—Nicely perfumed; Special 2 cakes for . . . 6c  
BOOT LACES—Black Mohair; Superior quality, tubular, extra heavy. Special per dozen . . . 10c  
BOSTON SANITARY WHISK—Well made; easy to clean . . . 11c  
WHITE ENAMELLED ROBS—Size 7½ x 9 in. Reg. 12c. for . . . 10c  
COLD CREAM—Vanishing Cream, etc. in White Crocks. Regular 15 cents each . . 12c  
HAIR BARETTES—Light and Dark Shell . . . 8c  
APOLYX COMPLEXION POWDERS—Nicely perfumed. 75c. values for . . . 12c  
HAT PINS—Best Steel Stems; Bayonet points. Special 2 for . . . 6c

## Boys' Raglans

To fit boys from 8 to 12 years. Fawns, Greens, etc.; made expressly for this Store. The same make and quality as our Men's Raglans. Reg. \$7.00 each. Friday & Saturday . . . 6.00

## BOYS' SHIRTS.

Fancy designs and stripes in Tunic shirts for boys; all sizes; starched cuffs. Regular 65c. each. Friday and Saturday . . . 56c

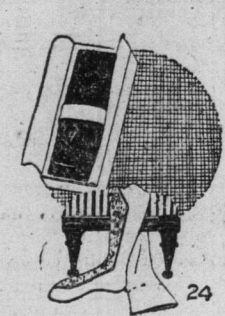
## BOYS' SUSPENDERS.

The popular "Duplex" make, strong elastic web with double cord ends; strong spring attachments. Reg. 30c. pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 25c

## New Spring Footwear

LADIES' BOOTS. 100 pairs Black Vici Kid Boots, buttoned and laced styles, self tips, medium heels; in a full range of sizes. Reg. \$2.30 pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 2.10  
MISSIES' BOOTS. 50 pairs only well cut Black Dongola Kid Boots, sensible shapes, buttoned and laced; sizes from 11 to 2. Reg. values up to \$2.20 pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 1.95  
CHILDREN'S BOOTS. 75 pairs Black Dongola Kid Boots, buttoned and laced styles, easy fitting; sizes from 5 to 8. Regular values to \$1.50 pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 1.20  
MEN'S BOOTS. 50 pairs medium weight Boots, Black, Gun Metal finish, Blucher shapes, in every size and width. Reg. \$2.70 pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 2.35

## Hosiery and Gloves



## Ladies' Cashmere Hose.

Our stock of Cashmere Hose for Men, Women and Children is equal to that of any previous season. In spite of the times, we are able, in most cases, to maintain the old prices.

## BLACK CASHMERE HOSE.

250 pairs superior quality Hose, full fashioned, leg, seamless feet, plain and ribbed double tops. Regular 85c. pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 70c

LADIES' KID GLOVES. Dent's Own Make, in a nice assortment of colors; perfect fitting, all sizes, 2 dome fasteners. Values \$1.00 pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 64c

## HARDWARE BARGAINS

Putty Knives. Reg. 17c. each for . . . 11c  
Brass Towel Racks. Reg. 30c. each for . . . 26c  
Tea Spoons, Retined. Reg. 20c. doz. for . . . 18c  
Dessert Spoons, Retined. Reg. 35c. doz. for . . . 30c  
Nickel Stair Plates. Reg. 18c. doz. for . . . 16c  
Paring Knives. Special, each . . . 5c  
Kitchen Sharpening Stones. Reg. 11c. ea. for . . . 9c  
Measuring Tapes, 25 ft. long. Reg. 27c. for . . . 21c  
Hot Water Bottles, Rubber. Reg. \$1.20 for . . . \$1.00  
"Lincrusta" Table Mats, 6 in. set. Reg. \$1.00 set for . . . 92c  
Chamois Skins. Reg. 70c. each for . . . 62c  
Puff Boxes. Reg. 20c. each for . . . 17c  
Rubber Sponges. Reg. \$1.10 each for . . . \$1.00  
Household Scales, to weigh 24 lbs. Reg. \$2.10 for . . . \$1.88  
Measuring Spoons. Special, each . . . 5c  
Enamel Mixing Pans with Cover. Reg. \$2.50 each for . . . \$2.31  
Oval Market Baskets. Reg. \$1.10 ea. for . . . \$1.03  
Nickel Cuspidors. Reg. 35c. each for . . . 32c  
Wire Sink Strainers. Reg. 17c. each for . . . 15c  
Gilt Frame Mirrors, size 8 x 10. Reg. 50c. for 45c.

## Fancy Linen Bureau Sets

DUCHESS SETS—Pure White Linen Sets for Bureau or Sideboard, nicely hemstitched and embroidered; 4 pieces in set; runner 45 inches long. Reg. 80c. set. Friday and Saturday . . . 64c  
LACE ANTIMACASSARS—For chair backs and couches, flint Nottingham Lace in beautiful designs; size 24 x 36. Reg. 25c. each. Friday and Saturday . . . 20c  
GLASS TOWELS—Strong Blay Linen Towels, with Red and Blue borders; size 27 x 27; hemmed ready for use. Reg. 17c. each. Friday and Saturday . . . 14c

## Curtain Materials.

A big collection of Draping and Curtain materials, comprising Satin Muslins, Cassement and Curtain Nets, in various styles; Madras Muslin, Coin Spots, etc. Reg. 25c. yard. Friday and Saturday . . . 20c



## New Costumes

Elegance and Style finds delightful expression in our New Spring Costumes. Every woman, who seeks to combine refinement and economy with up-to-date style, will be pleased with the splendid showing now on display. Most of the Suits are in Navy Blue Serge. Only a few Tweed Suits have been opened as yet. The styles are varied and very effective. Full flared Skirts, short fitted Coats with many novel ideas on collars; Silk, Braid and Button trimmed. Prices run from

\$10.75, \$11.00, \$12.50 up to \$36.00.

## New Coats and Mantles

The general comment made on our display of Ladies' New Spring Coats and Capes is that it equals, in every way, the efforts of previous years notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the markets.

Ladies' Capes are very popular this season and we have a nice selection in Black Silk Capes, Plain Merve and Broche patterns, finished Paisley Silk Lining and Moire Collar; assorted styles. Prices range from

\$9.75 to \$15.00.

New Spring Coats in Black Silk and Light Tweeds; smart styles.

DONOGAL TWEED COATS. Prices from \$15.00 to \$17.75.

## Ready-to-Wear Hats

The most exquisite show of Ready-to-Wear Hats in town. This occasion demands the attention of every lover of Artistic Millinery. All the styles shown are the pick of styles that are most popular.

Amongst the many lines received came a lot of Spring Sailor Hats in Black and Colored Silk; very smart up-to-date shapes. Reg. \$1.10 each. Friday and Saturday . . . 85c

## New Spring Blouses

Direct to St. John's from New York and London we have brought a magnificent collection of attractive Blouses. The styles are all new. The combined high and low collar is still very popular. The Blouses for Spring have a little fullness in front and sleeves.

290 smart Blouses in White Organdy Muslin and Voile, trimmed with tucks and lace; assorted sizes. Reg. \$1.25 each. Friday and Saturday . . . 1.00

## New Corsets

The new models for Spring are all here. Now is the time to get your choice in the style best suited to your figure. We are showing a big variety of styles at almost every price.

200 pairs D. & A. Corsets, sizes 20 to 36, medium bust, lace and embroidered tops. Reg. \$1.45 pair. Friday and Saturday . . . 1.28

## LADIES' NIGHTDRESSES.

White Cotton and Muslin, English and American makes; low necks, lace trimmed yokes, ribbon heading, etc. Reg. \$1.75 each. Friday and Saturday . . . 1.38

## New Ribbons

Fresh Ribbons in all the new shades, including Nigger Brown, Midnight Blue, Saxe, Rose, Pink, etc.; 6 inches wide. Reg. 17c. yard. Friday and Saturday . . . 14c

## TWEED WALKING SKIRTS.

High Grade Donegal Tweed in various colors, well cut, nice styles; sizes 36-40 length. Regular \$3.00 each. Friday and Saturday . . . 2.65

## Fried Pillow Cases

PILLOW CASES—Extra special values in Fine White Cotton Pillow Cases, Linen finish; size 17 x 23; pretty embroidered designs on corners, finished with hemstitched frills. Reg. 30c. ea. Friday & Saturday . . . 24c  
COSEY PADS—Sanitary Cotton Pads for Tea Cosies, well filled, piped seams, colored cotton covering. Regular 45c. each. Friday and Saturday . . . 35c  
LINEN CAKE DOYLES—Pure White Linen Damask Centres, with handsome handworked crochet lace edgings; assorted patterns; a limited supply only. Reg. 25c. each. Friday and Saturday . . . 19c

## Sale of Velveteens

We have just opened our Spring Stock of Velveteens and are able to offer exceptional values. Take this for instance: 500 yards Soft Dress Velveteen, 29 inches wide; shades of Navy, Saxe, Green, Nigger, Brown, Pheasant, Mole and Black. Reg. 90c. yard. Friday and Saturday . . . 75c

## DRESS MUSLINS.

5 pieces only, 40 inches wide, Flaxon Muslins in assorted colors. Reg. 27c. yard. Friday and Saturday . . . 24c

## Japanese Silk.

100 yards only Cream Japanese Silk, 36 inches wide; the ideal fabric for Dresses and Evening Blouses; soft lustrous finish. Reg. 65c. yard. Friday and Saturday . . . 55c

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