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Regarding House ... Furnishings

We are better prepared this season than ever to attend to all your house furnishing needs. All the little essentials that go to complete the nice appearance of a room are to be found in our Carpet Department, such as:

Sash Nets Overdrapery Tapestry Coverings
Brass Rods Muslins Cords and Tassels
Arch Poles Curtain Poles

We have engaged for this season an extra competent upholsterer and carpet layer. We are fully prepared to lay your carpets at short notice and to relay your old carpets. We are now making a specialty of day covers and window seats and are prepared to furnish samples of materials and styles for these almost necessary furnishings and to give estimates of the cost.

Our Mr. Brook is ready and willing at any time to give you the benefit of his ideas in draperies and furnishings.

Our New Axminster Rugs

Have just come to hand direct from the German manufacturers in entirely new and exclusive designs.

The sizes range from 4 ft. 6 in. x 6 ft. 6 in., up to 12 ft. x 14 ft. 3 in.
The prices range from \$10.00 up to \$45.00.

We will be glad to give you estimates of cost for any furnishing you intend doing this spring.

Thomas Stone & Son Carpet Merchants

Takes quality to carry the New Method label, but costs nothing extra to wear it.

Only the Tailor



The very best merchant tailor, can compete with The New Method quality—yet the tailor must have twice New Method prices. Your attention to the evidence in the case is invited:

New Method Suits for Men
\$7.50, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15

The details of individual description are as impossible as unnecessary. The selections embrace a full range of the correct materials—the newest fancies. The styles are up-to-the-hour—the fitting as perfect as the sartorial art can produce. Full lines for stout, slim, tall, short and regular sizes of men. Come with every confidence—this store neither disappoints nor deceives.

Fresh arrivals in Neckwear, 50c
Latest correct fashions in Hats for Men
Newest fancies in Caps for Boys

Come with high expectations. You'll find us a step ahead of the others in newness and quality, but never ahead in price.

The 2 T's Sole Agents for Slater - Shoes

TWO BIG ICE JAMS

Each a Mile Long Are Said to Block the River

Towards its Mouth—Council Discusses the Advisability of Using Dynamite.

Last night at the city council meeting Ald. Selman asked if it would be advisable to blow up the ice jam at the mouth of the river and avert the threatened flood. If it were as bad as was reported a great flood would be the result.

Ald. McKeough said that the engineer had consulted Supt. Jones on the matter who declared the expense would be enormous of using dynamite and the result doubtful.

Ald. Scane said the engineer and Mr. Jones had told him the best thing to do would be to send men down to saw away the ice below the jam and let it break away when the thaw came.

Ald. Stephens said he had been told there were two jams each a mile long and the ice went right to the bottom of the river.

The matter, it was said, had also been talked over in the township councils and his worship thought it strange the townships had not consulted the city so that joint action could be taken. Dover, Raleigh and Tilbury were all interested.

No one could suggest anyway of averting the coming flood so the problem was referred to the board of works to again consult with the engineer and Supt. Jones and try and devise some plan of action.

New Table Linens, Towels and Towelings

The constant receipt of new goods for every department is making store news faster than we can write it. The most we can do is to hint at what is going on, and ask you to come and see. This week from the home of Linens—the land of the Heather and Shamrock with the whiff of the sea air still on them come New Irish and Scotch Linens, bought direct from the makers and sold for what they actually are—

72 in. Pure Bleached Table Linen, fine all linen quality, satin finish in choice patterns, extra value per yard.....	60c	Double Damask, 68 in. wide, extra fine, satin finish, grass bleach, warranted pure linen, special designs, extra value at.....	90c	28 in. Irish Twill Toweling, extra quality, red border, wonderful value at per yd.....	12c
60 in. Cream Damask, good heavy weight, warranted pure linen, firm weave, in pretty designs, very special per yard.....	45c	Superior Double Damask, pure dew bleach, fine satin finish, extra weight and width, in new designs, full 2 yds. wide, very special at \$1 and.....	\$1.25	18 in. Huckaback Toweling, pure linen, solid weave, bleached finish, very special per yd.....	10c
Union Damask, fair quality, good weight, cream finish, special per yard.....	19c	TOWELINGS—16 in. Good Solid Linen Crash, twill or plain, fancy borders, special per yd.....	5c	22 in. Bird's Eye Huck Toweling, extra quality, pure finish, warranted in wear, special per yd.....	12c
68 in. Heavy Union Damask, with fancy red border, excellent weight and quality, choice patterns, special per yard.....	25c	Scotch Crash, 17 in. wide, bleached finish, pure linen, splendid quality, at.....	8c	26 in. Superior Huck Toweling, fine pure linen, bleached finish, heavy weight, very special per yd.....	25c
2 yds. wide, Heavy Cream Damask, warranted pure linen, extra quality and finish, in handsome designs, exceptional values, at 63c and.....	69c	Belfast Crash, 19 in. wide, unbleached finish, good solid weight and weave, a great weaver, special at.....	10c	15 in. Crash Glass Towelings blue and red checks, very special per yd.....	5c
Fine Bleached Satin Damask, 2 yds wide, pure flax, extra grass bleach, fine finish, choice patterns, special per yard.....	75c	3 in. Tea Cloth, fine bleached finish, all linen, fancy border 2 1/2 in blue and red, good value at 12 1/2c, special at 10c		19 in. Glass Toweling, fine firm quality, pure linen, in red and blue checks, special per yd.....	7c
				23 in. Glass Cloth, extra quality, in check designs, warranted in wear, extra value at.....	9c

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO. The Busy Cash and One Price Store

IS NOW BULLER'S TURN

To Make an Advance and Force His Way Through the Mountains.

Mafeking Believed to be All Right—Free State Commanders Attempting to Rally Their Forces at Kroonstadt—A Haul of Engines, Trucks and Prisoners at Springfontein.

London, Tuesday, March 20, 4 a.m.—The War Office has had no news up to this hour confirming the report of the relief of Mafeking, but Mr. George Wyndham, Parliamentary Under Secretary of War, replying to a private inquiry in the lobby of the House of Commons about midnight, smilingly said:—"I think it is all right."

The Free Staters seemingly have not quite collapsed. They are in considerable force around Smithfield, although much depressed in spirits.

A British spy from Rouxville reports that Commandant Oliver and a commando are going to Kroonstadt. The agents he left behind are using desperate means to raise recruits, commandeering British and Boers under penalty of death. Kroonstadt, where the Boers are concentrating, is a hundred and thirty-seven miles from Bloemfontein. It is surrounded by a country of hills and jungles.

NEXT FIGHTING IN NATAL.

Gen. Gatacre is now resting at Springfontein preliminary to joining Lord Roberts. Gen. Buller's uphill work before Ladysmith has given him an experience which is about to be used in forcing the Biggarsberg range. It is believed that 20,000 of his 10,000 men are about to engage General Botha's force, and the next news of fighting will probably be from Natal.

The leaders of the Afrikaner bond are circulating a petition in Cape Colony, asking the Imperial Government not to take away the independence of the Boers.

Thirty-two thousand additional troops for South Africa are now at sea.

The Times, commenting editorially upon the report that Germany will ask the belligerents to guarantee the safety of Johannesburg, says:—"We decline to believe that any responsible German statesman would make such a proposal. Certainly the government will not make agreements at foreign investigation."

A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Bloemfontein says:—"In a speech which he made here a few days before the British entered the town, President Kruger admitted that his men would be unable to keep in the field for another month."

A despatch from Cape Town dated Monday, March 19, says that Sir Alfred Milner and his private secretary left Cape Town that evening by a special train. The despatch does not indicate Sir Alfred's destination and there is a possibility that he is going north on a peace mission.

During the pause in the military operations in South Africa, Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, writing for the Morning Post, deals speculatively with possible movements. He says:—

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UP AT THE FRONT.

Second Canadian Contingent Have Reached Carnarvon.

A Large Boer Force in the Vicinity—Reckless Courage of the First Contingent.

Carnarvon, Cape Colony, Mar. 19.—The Canadian Mounted Infantry, under Col. Herchmer, and the Canadian Artillery, commanded by Colonel Drury, have arrived here with a contingent of yeomanry. The presence of this force here has had an excellent effect in this district. It is reported that a large force of insurgents is in the vicinity of V. Wyckville.

GETTING EXTRA FOOD.

London, March 20.—A Bloemfontein special says the Canadians arrived there on Wednesday last. They had no casualties during Lord Roberts' march. They acted as supports in the Poplar Grove fight, but took no part in the actual fighting. The men are in excellent health and spirits, and are enjoying an extra food allowance after the hard campaigning.

RECKLESS COURAGE.

London, March 20.—Letters, describing the surrender of Cronje at Paardeburg on Feb. 16, in which the Royal Canadian Regiment took such an active part, are arriving from the war correspondents of the London papers. The Times correspondent says that the Shropshires and Canadians advanced in a series of short rushes, in most gallant style, the Canadians especially showing magnificent, almost reckless courage. Finding that they were unable to advance further, Gen. Buller, who is in command of the ninth division, sent the Cornwalls forward to support the other two regiments, and in passing through picked up a certain number of both Canadians and Shropshires, who had been occupying the trenches under a hot fire. The Cornwalls advanced within eight hundred yards of the Boer position. Perhaps the most reckless bravery was shown by the Welsh, the Cornwalls and the Canadians.

WAR NOTES.

General Sir George Stewart White, the defender of Ladysmith, has arrived at Cape Town, but is unable to permit of a public reception being given in his honor.

Owing to the quarrelsomeness of Col. Schiel, the German officer in charge of the Boer artillery, who was wounded and taken prisoner at the battle of Blaudunagrie, he has been removed from the prisoners' camp to a transport.

OFFERED ALL SORTS OF MONEY.

London, March 19.—In the house of commons the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced that the total number of applications for the war loan had been 39,800, and the total amount of subscriptions £335,500,000. The largest application has been for £10,000,000. Applicants for £10,000 and upwards would get six per cent of their application. Below £10,000 the assignments would vary from six per cent to an allotment in full.

John Charlton has been nominated by the Liberals of North Norfolk.

REDISTRIBUTION.

If Made This Year it will Have to Take Place Again in 1902.

Ottawa, March 20.—In the Senate yesterday Hon. Mr. Macdonald, of British Columbia, asked should a redistribution of seats be made during the present year affecting representation in the House of Commons, will the decennial census be taken in 1901, according to section 61 of the British North American Act, and will another redistribution be made after the completion of the census if taken.

Hon. David Mills said the British North American Act provided that after every census there should be a redistribution, if necessary—that is, if the census showed the population of the Provinces had been changed, so as to render it necessary. If the population was practically the same, it would not be necessary. Senator Macdonald—"The British North American Act says it shall be made, but does not say anything about being necessary."

March 16th, 1900.

Keep off the Earth

During the wet weather as much as possible—that is, keep as much shoe leather between the soles of your feet and mother earth as you can conveniently carry.

It's wisest in the beginning and cheaper in the end to provide yourself with shoes having good solid soles—cold proof and water-proof if possible.

We are selling exceptionally good shoes of just this sort for men and for women, children, too.—Well built, with broad, heavy soles and with stout uppers—the women's styles most as much in appearance, but not so clumsy or heavy as the man's shoes.

Men's \$1.00 to \$5.00
Ladies' \$1.25 to \$4.00
Boys' 75c to \$3.00
Girls' 60c to \$2.00

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