ty, which did not reach him in South

Africa and was returned to me. Wish-

ing each of you a merry Christmas and with best wishes for the coming

season of enjoyment, you are at lib-

Man Who Was Drowned

Saturday Night?

ceived a telephone message that their

life of a man in the river who broke through

the ice. He was pleading for help but

when the fire department arrived with the

hook and ladder truck equipped with the following appliances:—170 feet of ladders, 150 feet of rope, life line, pake poles, torches, etc., they failed to render any assistance whatever to the one who filled a watery

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Dec. 77½ 77½ 77½ 77½ 77½ May 79 79½ 78½ 78½ 78½ 78½ Corn — Dec. 45 45½ 45 45½ May 41% 41% 41% 41%

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Chatham Dec. 26, 1900.

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VERY NEGLIGENT

erty to repair to your homes

WAS THE BRIGADE

Skates and a Hockey Stick

....You can get them at

WESTMAN BROS'., BIg...

Miss Marie McKellar is visiting at he ome in Poplar Hill.

W. C. Waldren is spending the Christ mas week with his parents at Brantford.

Mrs. (Dr.) Duncan and children are visiting in Thamesville.

Geoffry O'Hara has returned to his

duties at the Hamilton branch of the Bank of Commerce.

Walter Riddell has returned Chicago, after spending Christmas the city with his parents,

J. R. Reid has received word from Mrs. Reid that their daughter, Mrs. Edward Allen, of Ingersol, is much better.

Mrs. F. W. Flater and daughter Margery

F. T. C. O'Hard has returned to Ot-

tawa after spending Christmas at

Supt. J. W. Aitken, of the Metropolitan Insurance Co., is in Wallaceburg to-day on business.

Christmas and this morning liquidat-

Charles Rice, of this city, was thrown from a rig on the third con-cession, Dover, this morning. One of his ribs was fractured and his head

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the residence of Wm. Bill, Cross St., at noon to-day, when his daughter, Miss Lottie Ball, was

nis daughter, Miss Lottle Ball, was united in marringe to Wm. Barker, of Paris, Ont. Little Margery Cowan, niece of the bride, was maid of honor. Dr. Hannon officiated. The young couple left this afternoon on a trip

to western points. The bride was the recipient of many handsome gifts.

MERRIAM-BOGART.

At Cherokee, Ka., Milton Bogart, of this city, was married this morning to Miss Mabel Merriam, daughter of C. H. Merriam. The young couple left this afternoon for Chatham and

are expected to arrive here Thursday night or Friday morning. They

day night or Friday morning. They will take up their residence on Baxter St., in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Phillimore.

No one is wise enough to advise him self.

Tax Notice

Taxes collected at par up to and in-

cluding the 14th Dec., and to all un-paid taxes on the 14th there will be

added an additional percentage of 2 per cent, and to all taxes unpaid on the 31st Dec. an additional 3 per cent will be added making 5 per cent. in

FOR SALE.

For Sale-About 28 acres of land,

with plenty of fruit and water, modern buildings; half mile from station and

store, and two miles from Dresden

store, and two males from Unesden.
Possession 1st March, This is a very
handsome little place. Apply to this
office, or address, "Farmer," care of
Planet Office, Chatham.

William Rannie,

for Ottawa to-day.

of \$1 and costs.

was badly cut .

who have been visiting in the city return

John Aitken, Taylor Ave., is ing relatives in Toronto.

Fruit Cake For Christmas

We have a large stock of it, all size and shapes, small ones for small families, that are just as good as the larger ones. We should get more money for Christmas Cake on account of high prices of fruit, but we are in a position to give them to you at last years prices-25c per lb.

W. S. Richards

G. W. Cornell

::::: Dentist Co 6th and King Sta., Over Geo. E. Youn 's Grocer

THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special. Toronto, Dec. 26.—10 a. m.—Fair cold to-day and on Thursday.

BIRTHS. MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

MARRIAGES

KERR-BISHOP-At the residence of the bride's father, Chatham town-ship on Christmas day, by the Rev. C. F. Charke, Miss Elizabeth Kerr to Mr. Lumon W. Bishop of Chatham

Large assortment of choice Neck-wear and Mufflers for New Year's presents, at The 2 T's. An elaborate production of "A Female rummer" will be given at the Grand,

William Burnard fell off a load of straw last Wednesday, landing on the rough road. He received painful injuries in his back. He will be confined to the house for some days.—
Comber Herald.

There is no change in the law, governing voting for county councillors.
Every elector has two votes and he can give them both to one man by marking two crosses after the name, if he so desires.

The meeting of the Farmers' Insti-tutes in South Essex will be held at Harrow, Jan. 17th and 18th; Am-herstburg, Feb. 21st; Essex, Feb. 23rd; Leamington, Feb. 25th, and Wheatley, Feb. 26th and 27th.

All people wishing to spend New Year's with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Rispin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic, and will give best possible rates.

A good receipt for taking feathers quickly off chickens and other fowl without scalding is to dip them in boiling water just long enough to damp the feathers well, then wrap up quickly for a few minutes in cloth to keep the steam in, and the feathers will peel off quickly and beautifully without injuring the skin of the fowl.

NOTICE!

To Water Consumers.

Manufacturers and all other users of City Water are hereby notified that the water will be shut off from the whole water works system of the City, for two hours, from 12 o'clock noon until 2 o'clock p. m. to-morrow, Thursday 27th inst., in order to place new valve in the main crossing the river at Adelaide street,

> E. B. JONES, Supt. Waterworks.

For Your Cold...

Use BLOODROOT COUGH CURE. We believe it to be

one of the most reliable cough and cold remedles on the market. We have so much confidence in it that we are quite willing to guarantee every bottle to re-

lieve any cold. If it does not we shall refund your

THE BOYS

ARE HOME.

Arrived Here Chris mas Day

From South Afric'.

An Interview With Gunner Skirving
—rie Talks Enterta ningly
Of His Trip.

The South African veterans, Gunner Victor Skirving and Privates Burrell and Wilson, arrived in the city on Christmas day at noon. A large crowd awaited the arrivation of the boys at the station and rousing cheers greeted them when they made their appearance on the platform of the car. Amid waving of hats and cheers the three Chatham heroes were carried to the hack in waiting and the horses being removed

South Africa more than a year ago. It was with patriotic pride that all true Canadians watched the conduct of your schowled the conduct of your schowled the anilation to you to know that not inly in your native land but also in the most be a source of gratification to you to know that nict inly in your native land but also in the most be a pour time that all true Canadians watched the conduct of gratification to you to know that nict hen next be a source of gratification, to you to know that nict hen next be a source of gratification to your to know that nict hen next be a source of gratification to your behavior in the most open and on the field of but the call-ed forth nothing that unstinted praise. I consider it a great honor to have the pleasure of addressing two of the soldiers of the Queen who took auch a prominent part in the most celebrated encounter of th whole campaign, the battle of Paardeburg. The dash and valor there displayed by the Royal Canadian Regiment at once placed it in the force front of lighting units, and the surrender of Ormanje and his 4,000 men was a most fitting testimpnial to the bravery of our troops. You return safe and sound, but you lieave behind one who if my memory serves me right, was the first tip step forth to the bugie's shrill call from over, the seas. He has sealed his devotion to Queen and country wish the last beating throb of his patriotic peart, and though we Chatham heroes were carried to the hack in waiting and the horses being removed about 25 young men headed by Charles Ryall pulled the vehicle to the Hotel Rankin. All afternoon the returned soldiers were busy receiving the hearty welcome of friends and citizens.

sealed his devotion to Queen and country with the last beating throb of his patriotic heart, and though we will one and all long keep his memory green, it is too be hoped that; a more substantial, record of his loyalty will be kept in a monument of stone in the central, park of the city. Your return by way of Britain and the splendor of your reception there were no empty tokens of the estimate placed by the motherland upon the assistance rendered by Canadians in upholding the honor of the Empire and the flag. You must not for one moment suppone that the reception you here received was intended to place you in cold storage, after the Since their arrival in Halifax all the oldiers from South Africa have lost no time n hastening to their homes. It seemed to be the general desire of the boys to get home in time to eat Christmas turkey.

The Chatham boys were no exception and immediately on their arrival they settled the turkey trouble for once at least and in

a satisfactory manner.
Chief Detective Archie Skirving, Dr.
Johnson, M. P., and Mr. Gormon, P. M.,
of Sarnia, all looking for their sone, met the
train at Toronto station and were not long train at Toronto station and were not long in picking out their sons. The meeting between the fathers and their children at Toronto station was affecting. The boys were just waking and were right glad to feel these first touches of home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coughlin, of Milan Mich., spent Christmas in this city with Mrs. Coughlin's mother. Mrs. N. M. Moore, of Wiarton, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Cathe-cart, Joseph St., ior the pust five days, left At Hamilton every man on the train was presented with a basket in which were, a presented with a basket in which were, a whole chicken, cakes, b suits, oranges, bananas and a bottle of ginger ale. On the top of each basket was a card bearing a print of the Union Jack of old England and the following inscription "The season's greetings to South African heroes from an admirer of manly men." The unknown donor was roundly thanked by the boys as they enjoyed their Christmus breakfast. At Loudon the platform was packed. An invitation was extended to the Western boys to ston over and marticipate in the festivities. George Cummings, of Detroit, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cummings, Lorne George Custance, a London cigar-maker, liquidated in celebration of ed anto the city finances to the extent Court Hope, No. 6,244, Ancient Order of to stop over and participate in the festivities prepared for the London veterans but the retruits from Chatham and Windsor preferred to push on home. Gunner Skirving Foresters, convenes to night at 7.30 for regular business, and the payment of dues, etc. A good turnout of the brethern is exentertained Privates Burrell and Wilson at his father's residence last evening. In honor of the event Mr. Skirving had his home beaut far y hung with red, white and blue and our wise decorated with holly and flowers. The heroes from Africa were At noon the team belonging to Mr. King, of Dover, became frightened while standing in front of the Kent Mills and ran away. The harness was about the only thing damaged.

given a 10, at good time by the genial Lake Erie detective. "This is what made you think of home and mother," said Gunner Skir-ving this morning at his home. Mr. was badly cut.

A good house comprising the best citizens of the town greeted Robert Mantell on Monday nigut. It is unnecessary to say that Mantell was good. As an actor he is in the front rank. His support was somewhat weak but on the whole the audience were well pleased with "A Free Lance."

Skirving is much stouter and his form is much more filled out than to was when he left here nearly a year ago. Barring the severe cold from which he is suffering, Dick is looking well and takes the warm eulogies of his friends with becoming modesty. Skirving is much stouter and his form is much more filled out than it was when he left here nearly a

Mr. Skirving had just picked up a pom-pom shell from the table when he gave voice to the expression pre-viously quoted. The shell had been picked up by the veteran on one of the battle fields of Africa, and he had filled it with, a sample of the coffee filled it with, a sample of the coffee served out to the soldiers in Africa. It appeared to be half sand and the other half dried red clay powdered up. The shell was from one of the pom-pom guns. It is about an inch in diameter and about 21-2 inches in length, and Mr. Skirving describes the terrible regularity and rapidity with which these guns are fired as with which these guns are fired as very thrilling, but whether it was the guns or the coffee that made sol-diers think of home and mother was

diers think of home and mother was not quite clear.

D battery wasn't in any engagement till after Pretoria had been reiched, so that the Chatham gunner didn't see any blood spilled till the country north of Pretoria had been reiched. Altogether he was in 25 engagements and skirmishes, chief amongst which were those at Diamond Hill and Middleburg. At the latter place the fight lasted three days and the Canadian batteries were complimented by Lord Roberts on the excellence of their work. The battery being idle Mr. Skirving joined the Remington Scouts and worked with this force examining the country in front of Buller's forces. While with the Scouts he contracted rheuwith the Scouts he contracted rheu-matic fever and was sent to the Johanne burg Hospital and from there to Cape Town. Recovering he joined the soldiers going to England and was present at the welcome given them in Liverpool, London and Ox-

Mr. Skirving was much taken with the warm reception accorded in England, butt he says that the hardships of the war were nothing compared with it and that any man who stood it all was well deserving of a medal. The visit to Windsor Castie and the appearance before the Queen is one of the bright spots in the lives of the

Canadians.
Gunner Skirving was only hit once

Gunner Skirving was only hit once during the campaign, a spent or "ricochet" bullet, as the boys called it, rebounded from the ground striking him on the hand, leaving its mark.

This happened in the Diamond hill engagement. It was here that the boys were ence to 1 at the distilleries but they say it les of the whiskey. It was who stuff made from potatoes. When the cork was pulled from the bottle a blue flame shoots out. The Canadians nicknamed the stuff "fixed bayonets."

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Mr. Skrwing bought home many relics, including the hat he wore during the campaign, the gun he used while with the Remington scouts and a bayonet of the Coldstream Guards, picked up on the field of Magersfontien. The hat is interesting and shows signs of service. It has the band of rabbits' fur affected by the Remington scouts.

LIEUT-COL. RANKIN'S ADDRESS. Lieut-Col J. B. Rankin addressed Fellow Soldiers: On behalf of the citizens of Chatham permit me to extend to you a most cordial welcome and a merry Christmas greeting on your safe return to the city from which you enlisted for service in 20th Century Art Calendars

> Balance of our stock of handsome calendars are

Everyone should have a calendar for the first

place you in cold storage, after the warmth and spiendior of your entertainment abroad. It was supposed that our city fathers would, with their well known and seldom exercised generosity move under high

GIRL WANTED in small family-highest wag paid. Address box 8 Chatham, 100

COW WANTED-in exchange for a good colt-OMPETENT GIRL WANTED—For general house work. Api ly at once to Mrs. S. J. Suther and, lctoria Avenue. ent to each of you a purse containing \$21.50, while in addition to this Gunner Skirving's contains the sum of \$25 as his share of the citizens' boun-

DRESSMAKER APPRENTICE WANTED. Appl at The Planet. GIRL WANTED—For general hor sework. App'y at once to Mrs. Robt. Gray, William St. 10ins.

In Not Rescuing the Unfortunate To The Planet, -Did the firemen do all they could to save Patrick Kennedy from drowning last Saturday evening when they

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far more important one that of saving the

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—75 Lorne Avenue Apply to W. H. Nich I, King St. NO RENA-Houses in good repair. Apply to

\$500 Avenue, \$400 wil buy 6 Lote in one block on Maple Street, Apply at Planet Office.

the action of the chief as negligent if not cowardly. I place every confidence in the jury who have been chosen to act on cause of this sad affair that they will make a most searching enquiry about the rumors tha are most widely spread on the streets of our city regarding the above case.

JAS. W. DEGGE.

HOUSE FOR SALE OR ht/sT-A 7 room cottage on Pork Ave, with all modern improvements good wall, cistern, etc., with either one or two a colland. Terms more ate, Apply to JAMES CARSWELL, Architect,

Electors of Harwich and Blenheim

No. 5 Division—Believing that Harwich and Blenheim should both be represented at the County Council, C. L. Von Gunten respectfully asks your vote and influence for his re-election. With best wishes for a happy and pros perous New Year to all.

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A. O. U. W A. O. U. W

Ancient Order United Workmen. —
Workmen Attention. —Brethren. The
annual election of officers takes place
the 28th Dec., the last Friday of the
year. Peninsular Lodge expects every Workman to do his duty and if
at all possible be on hand at 8 oclock
sharp. This is most important. J. R.
SNELL, Recording Secretary. Wesley
Graig, Master Workmen.

You may discover tribes of men without policy, or laws, or cities, or any of the arts of life; but nowhere will you find them without some form of religion.

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year of the new century

(L)inamans

that our caty parameters their well known and seldom exercised generosity, move under high pressure to provide the wherewithat for a right royal welcome, but the brakes worked only too well. However, some individual members and other citizens were determined not the allow the occasion to pass without PURSE LOST—On Monday on King St., or b tween Chatham and I outsville, a brown pur-with about four dollars in bills and some silver. sward will be given by leaving it at this office. The

other citizens were determined not to allow the occasion to pass without accentuating in a small way what, would otherwise have been mere lip-enthusiasm. My friends, the Mayor and Thomas Martin, did what they could to bring about the result at-tained and the latter will now pres-

GIRL WANTED-for general housew to Mrs. W. G. Merritt, Corner Thances streets.

WANTED—Christiau man or woman willing to qualify for permanent position of trust, here or in home county. Enclose self addressed, stamped env.lops to Secretary, circ of Planet.

WANTED—Young man of good andress, as sales-man for Clatham for Tyrewriers and sup-pies. Apply by letter with reference, The Canadian Typewriter Exchange, 46 Addiaid St., East, Totonto.

WANTED RELIABLE MEN—In every locality throughout Canada to ntroduce our goods, tacking up show-cards on treese fences, along roads, and all conspicuous places, also distributing small advertising matter. Commission or salary 800 00 per month and expenses not to exceed \$2.50 per day. Steady employment to good, honest reliable men. No experience needful. Write for full cartifulars.

\$\frac{\pi}{\pi}2500\$ will buy the only vacant let in the bu iness centre on King Street, 48 ft longuide the Central Drug Store back to the River Title perfect. No incumberance. Apply to S. T. Martin.

SEVEN LOTS FOR SALE—One on Victoria Avenu and six on Maple Stree For full particular

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—108 a res of land in good farming district, 62 acres cleared, balance under pasture, fine young orchard bearing nicely, good house, cistern and b.rns. Address, Planet Office.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE—Corner Harvey and Lacrotx Sts., fine gardens attached to each, city water. About eight minutes walk from Post Office

dw. lling on Water Street, lavely occupied by Mrs. A. Rocke Robertson. City water, gas, furnace and all modern conveniences. Premises beautifully situated on river; bas stable, lawns, g. rden with all kinds of fruit. House lately painted and repaired For terms or further information apply to L. wis & Richards Barristers, Chatham, Ont. 1 and Sawk Richards Barristers, Chatman, Obt.

TARM FOR SALE OR RE.NT.—Being N. W. Lot jug 100 acres.—96 acres illust land, about 60 acres meadow 12½ acres in *-nat, Well drained and fenced, Good frame house, barn 58x72, stable, grainary and good cow stable and other out buildings. Three artisan wells power mill on barn. For terms, etc. annly to.

WM. TROTTER,

-Perfectly healthy people nave pure, rich blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies and enriches the blood and makes people healthy.

Nothing dries somer than tears,

Good Failoring

The young men like the cut and style of our apparel, and the

Morley & Co. Leading

Carpets | C. Austin & Co. | Drees Making and Milliner

Holiday Spirit Reigns

Throughout this store all this week, everything that can be done to make the last week of the century, one of the most pleasant and profitable for our customers, bas been done-profit has been pushed into the background for the time being, in order that everything of a holiday nature may go out with a rush.

Furs I Furs!

Our big special offer of 10 per cent. discount on all ladies' and children's furs contains Ladie's Fur Jackets and Capes in a good variety of sizes and qualities. Remember we sell only furs we guarantee.

Ladies' Jackets

Your choice of the entire stock at three prices \$2.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00.

Dress Goods

Why not take advantage of our big reduction sale of Dress Goods, togeth with a good assortment of remnants in black and colored dress materials. The are suitable lengths for waist, separate skirt and children's dresses. We have added more specials. See below:

Specials

In garnet and Cardinal Henriettas, pure wool silk finish. A good cloth, 45 inches wide. During the sale at . 45c, 50c, 60c, 65c

Specials

In navy blue and black Serges, 42 inches wide, pure wool in large and fine twill, the very best make. Dur-

30c, 34c, 42c, 50c

Specials

in black Luster, pure alpaca mohair silky finish—elegant goods for waist, 40 inches wide. During the sale at 40c, 50c, 60c, 65c

4 Specials

In plaids, in the very newest design in patterns, pretty combination of colors, 40 to 42 inches wide, union and all-wool. During the sale..... 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c

Furs

4 Specials

In colored poplin cord, in all the latest shades, 42 to 46 inches wide, beautifully finished goods—see them. During the Sale at..... 39c, 58c, 80c, \$1

4 Specials

In colored serges, in solid shades car-dinals, green, blue, gray, brown, fawn, 42 to 50 inches wide, pure wool. During the sale st...... 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c

Chatham's Clothing C. Austin & Co. Chatham's Clothing

We wish to emphasize the word value and define its true meaning as it is employed in this announcemment. The principle upon which this business is built, is value-giving—the best quality and the greatest quantity for the lowest price, consistent with modern merchandising. Such has been our method of winning the confidence of the public and such will always be our plan of holding that We have just received a special shipment of

Men's Black Beaver Dress Overcoats...

Owing to the big run on Dress Overcoats in the past three weeks, we have been forced to repeat many sizes in our special toilor-made Beaver Overcoat, just opened up Saturday night.

\$13.00 Worth of Overcoat for \$10.00

Men's dress vercoats made from pure English Beavers, in black and blue, strictly all-wool, best linings, silk mohair sleeve lining and best Italian Velvet cellar, equal to any custom tailor's turn out at \$18, sizes 34 to 46, the best coot in the market, very special at \$10.00.

The Bargain Centre

A. I. McCALL,