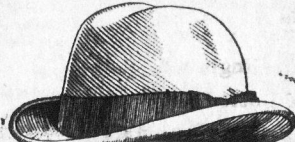


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#### PROBABILITIES

Special per G. N. W.  
Toronto, March 9.—10 a. m.—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; fine and mild. Tuesday, fair to cloudy and mild; local showers by evening.

The following figures were registered today at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:  
Thermometer 32.  
Highest yesterday 41.  
Lowest yesterday 30.  
Direction of wind, east.

#### THE LOCAL BUDGET

T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., is a Chatham visitor to-day.

Reg. Brown has now charge of the steam plant at the Gas Works.

Paul W. Huff was in the city to-day. He heads from Wallaceburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Judson, of Pontiac, Mich., are visiting their many Chatham friends.

Tenders for supplies and for street sprinkling will be opened at the Council meeting this evening.

Wm. Yeomans, of Park Bros., is in Wallaceburg putting the pumps in the Skinner Drainage Works.

The Board of Works are busy letting off the water from the streets, wherever they are able.

Arthur Green, of the Post Office staff, has resumed his duties, after a few days' illness with la grippe.

A social evening will be given by the Park street Epworth League to-night.

Frank Heath, who is in the city, has the contract with the Detroit Steel Yacht Co. for all their joining work.

J. M. Park returned on Saturday from Tecumseh, where he placed the pumps in the West Marsh drain for the township of Sandwich East.

About 60 ratepayers witnessed a very satisfactory test of the pumps, on Saturday.

#### MONEY TO LOAN

On City and Farm Property, Private or Companies' Funds, at low rate of interest; no commission charged borrowers.

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#### HOT ROAST

**Blast that would Take the Hair Off—How Political Corruption is Viewed in England.**

At a recent municipal contest in Shrewsbury, Eng., it was shown that gross corruption was used. A well-known English newspaper fires the following hot shot at the corruptionists:

"Of all the contemptible hounds in the kingdom, none should be regarded with more universal scorn than the base wretches who sold their manhood and citizenship for a paltry bribe in a municipal election in Shrewsbury. Over three hundred of these pitiful skunks received bribes to vote for a certain candidate at the recent municipal election. Lord God, to think of what dung some Englishmen are made of, after all the teaching and suffering they and their fathers have undergone. It makes one despair of fashioning anything out of such vile material. One Morris, the successful candidate, a solicitor, handed £60 to his agent the day before the election for his workers, and declared his entire expenses at £16. This solicitor did not know that he was doing anything wrong, and the chairman of the Conservative association declared that he had said the election must be conducted on the present lines. The political prostitutes who received the bribes ought to be rotten egg-stained out of the town as disgracing the name of Englishman, and if the parties who bribed them could be discovered they ought to go to jail. To hope anything from a democracy composed of such a type is absurd. Morris, necessarily, loses his seat. But what a disgrace to England, what a disgrace to the democracy! Will any decent man hereafter value his reputation so little as to hold converse with any of these mean voters of their citizenship; these traitors to our constitutional laws, these pot-wallopers and beer-swillers? Laugh! They smell."

#### THE FACTS

**No Foundation for Ugly Stories Concerning Neglect and Carelessness by the Ladies' Society**

Dr. Musson, city physician, stated this morning that there was no foundation for the stories in circulation in regard to the manner in which Mrs. Fant, a colored woman, living on Park avenue, had been neglected.

"Acting under instructions from the ladies of the Home," said the city physician, "I went down to see the woman last week. I found her in a regular den. It was the filthiest place I ever got into. The woman was indeed very ill and sat propped up in a chair. I at once saw that she ought to be removed to the hospital and told her so. She didn't object. The son came and I gave him an order for a cab. Pat. Keenan's services were secured. When the cab arrived the woman's husband refused to let her go. Mrs. Sheldon, who has charge of the Ward, has been trying ever since to get the woman to go. The family are not suffering for lack of food at all. The neighbors have been furnishing eatables and so have the ladies. The husband won't let the woman go to the hospital because she is the means of providing good eatables. If this means of sustenance were removed he would have to work."

"I saw the Crown Attorney and asked if anything could be done. He said that nothing was possible except to remove the woman by force. This the ladies of the Home refused to do, as there was great chance of the woman dying."

"I only make this explanation in justice to the ladies of the Home," concluded the city physician, "because I believe that they have done everything in their power and have been grossly misrepresented. Kindly see Mrs. Sheldon who has charge of the Ward in which the woman lives."

"The condition of the woman was first called to my attention last Tuesday," said Mrs. W. D. Sheldon, who has charge of Ward 1. "I immediately gave an order for Dr. Musson to investigate the woman's condition."

tion. He tried to get her into the hospital. I also visited the woman and endeavored to persuade her to go to the hospital, but she refused, alleging as her excuse that her husband wouldn't let her. The house is in a filthy state. It is a shame that there should be such a place in Chatham inhabited by human beings. The father and son make no attempt to keep the place clean. The family have not suffered for food or fire. I wouldn't give the man an order so that he could buy tobacco or anything he wanted. The family have been supplied with milk by the ladies and groceries that were needed. The neighbors, too, have helped. There is no ground for the insinuations that the ladies of the Home are not doing their duty. They are doing everything in their power but have no desire to encourage laziness."

#### NEW CAPT.—NEW PIPE

Saturday evening several of the ship carpenters who have been working on the City of Chatham were quitting, and the occasion was taken advantage of to present the new captain, John O'Rourke, with a handsome mess-champ pipe. The gift was quite unexpected. Ship Carpenter James McLean, after a short address, made the presentation.

Capt. O'Rourke thanked the men for their kindness and was much affected by the mark of esteem shown him.

The men present were Shipbuilder William J. Macdonell, and Carpenters Tom Stephenson, John Babbott, Sim Babbott, Geo. Perry, Capt. Harry Knott, Robert Wilson and Chas. McMass.

Tom Stephenson has quit work on the boat to take charge of the engine at J. L. Scott's planing mill, and Capt. Harry Knott left for Detroit to take command of a dredge.

#### WERE FINED

This morning Diah Pickering, having pleaded guilty, was fined \$10 and costs, \$18 in all. His offense was helping to assault an officer.

Robert Dolman was found guilty of attempting to assault Chas. McHugh, night operator at the C. P. R. station, and was assessed \$10 and costs, \$14.25 in all.

On the charge of assaulting an officer Judge Houston suspended sentence at the request of O. L. Lewis, Dolman's lawyer. O. L. Lewis held that Officer Groves had no right to arrest for this offense without a warrant. Judge Houston held that he had. O. L. Lewis applied for a stated case in order to settle the law.

Walter Anderson stole a can of syrup from in front of Geo. Young's grocery Saturday night. He was noticed and gathered in by Officer Groves. This morning he pleaded guilty and was remanded for a week to give the police a chance to look up his character.

#### CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by L. J. Atwater, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, Mar. 9, 1903.

OPEN HIGHEST CLOSE LOWEST			
Wheat	74 1/2	75	73 3/4
May	74 1/2	75	73 3/4
July	74 1/2	75	73 3/4
May	47 1/2	47 3/4	46 3/4
July	47 1/2	47 3/4	46 3/4
May	34 1/2	34 3/4	34 1/4
July	34 1/2	34 3/4	34 1/4
May	1835	1850	1820
July	1777	1790	1782
May	1015	1017	1010
July	1015	1017	1010
May	995	997	992
July	980	980	972

Close, Liverpool:  
Wheat dull 1/2 cent lower.  
Corn quiet 1/2 cent lower.

One of the oldest and best respected residents on the county passed away yesterday in the person of Shem Hind, 7th concession, Dover. Deceased has been ailing for the past two years, but death was caused chiefly from old age. He leaves a family of seven children to mourn his loss. They are: Shem, of this city; Elan, of Bee Line; Arfaded, 5th concession, Dover; Lud, 7th concession, Dover; Mrs. Bishop, Chatham township; Drucella, at home, and Mrs. Christy Foy. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at Jack's burying ground.

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Three-quarter length Cravenette coats, single breasted, fly front, turn-back cuffs, plain coat collar, or shawl collar trimmed with cording, special \$4 and \$5

Ladies' Cravenette coats, full length, extra quality, yoke front and back, stand up turn down collar, buttons up tight, Oxford, fawn and olive, special \$6.50

Ladies' Cravenette coats, full length, cut single or double breasted, plain coat collar, bell sleeve, plain or with cuff, in navy, fawn or Oxford, special \$5 and \$6.50

Ladies' full length Cravenette rain coat, splendid quality, made with double shoulder cape, bell sleeve, splendid value at \$9.00

#### DRESS GOODS

SNOWFLAKE CANVAS CLOTH, the most popular of this season's novelties. Pretty shades of navy, brown, cardinal, reseda, grey and black, 44 inches wide at per yard 50 cts.

BEDFORD CORDS—Dainty cords and pretty shades for stylish waists and dresses, in cream, sky, pink and cardinal 42 inches at per yard 25, 50, 75c

SILK BOILENES, in black, grey, reseda, new blue and cream, 44 inches wide, a dainty material for evening wear in either separate skirts and waists or full dressed at per yard \$1.25

CANVAS SUITINGS—The leading spring suiting, all wool, fast colors, firm finish, 56 inches wide, shades, black, navy, brown, new blue and grey at per yard \$1.00

#### POPULAR WASH FABRICS, Fresh Arrivals...

Lots of Fancy Costumes and Shirtwaists under way as a result of the many beautiful lines we have been showing. A great many lines are sold out, but new ones are filling their places. Note the following:—

#### WASH FABRICS—

The new shirt waist and costume cloth, "Basket Weave Suiting," pink and white and blue and white checked ground work, with fine white and blue stripes, also pink and blue and white mixtures, soft make, all the rage for the coming season, wide width, special per yard 20c, 25c.

New Box Cloth Suitings, full yard wide, perfectly fast colors, in black, light blue and drab mixtures, correct for separate skirts or outing suits, per yard 50c.

Basket Nouveau, a very popular waist material, white ground, with plain and fancy black stripes, special per yard 50c.

#### STUNNING LINEN VALUES—

Pure bleached table linen, 58 inches wide, polka dot, shamrock and fancy scroll designs, heavy quality, special finish, value, per yard 40c.

12 dozen pure linen huck towels, plain color, fringed ends, heavy quality, 20x40 size, extra special 121-2c.

20 doz. pure linen huck towels, hemmed ends, red border, 20x42 inches, extra heavy, special, each 121-2c.

3 pieces very choice cream damask Table Linen, pure flax, superior finish, Pansy, Fleur de Lis and Hollie designs, 72 inches wide, a regular 90c. value, for per yard 75c.

24 only, 18x27 Tray Cloths, plain centre, with fancy open work all round, pure linen, special, each 25c.

#### Shades for Your Windows.

We will gladly furnish estimates for supplying your shades. Be it one or a hundred that you need. Your wants will be carefully looked after. We carry a complete stock of Cloths and Rollers, and can furnish your shades in any size, with despatch at our usual modest prices. Shades for an average size window, say 3x6 ft. are at \$1.50. for a well mounted shade in 4 colors. \$3.00, for a machine made shade in a good range of colors. \$5.00, for a heavy oil finished shade, Tarnish rollers in 9 colors—Terra Cotta, Eora and Greens. SHADE DEPARTMENT SECOND FLOOR.



#### New Lace Curtains

Fresh from the looms. Many new designs have arrived and the prudent housewife alert for the choice of this season's offerings will do well to keep in touch with our lace curtain stock. A few lines to note are:—

BOBBINETS—Just received a lovely assortment of this desirable drapery in all the new designs of ruffled edge and Bon Femme, 15 styles in all, for price they range at \$8, \$6, \$4.50, \$3.50, \$3.25, \$3, and on down to our leader at a pair, \$1.75

NOTTINGHAMS, always in strong demand, and we have provided accordingly. This season we show over 75 designs, each price represented by a curtain worthy the Bargain Centre, from 25c. 40c. 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and up to a pair.....\$6.50

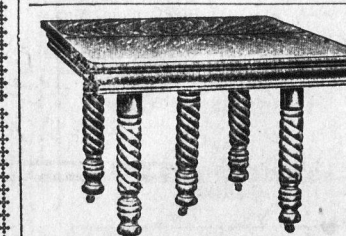
See our new frilled muslin curtains, Irish point curtains, Battenburg curtains, Swiss net curtains and Tambour curtains.

NET DOOR PANELS—Nobby Battenburg effects at 50 and 75 cents, real hand-made Battenburg at 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.25 and \$3.50 each.

#### Furniture Sales are Swelling

Many eyes are being opened to the remarkable inducements in our Furniture Department. Many a household has saved money by taking advantage of our specials. In this department you will find an incomparable display of fine furniture of superior style, excellent construction and flawless finish, all NEW and of the latest, prettiest and most effective designs. We quote the following prices:—

**5-PIECE PARLOR SUITE,** Mahogany finish, frames, made spring edge, upholstered in good quality silk, the kind you have been in the habit of paying \$30 for, but the price at the Bargain Centre is only \$24.50. Others in values equally good at \$18.50, \$22, \$25, \$30, \$35 and up to \$60.



#### DINING TABLES

in prices from \$5 to \$20. We call special notice to our Solid Oak Table, extends to 8 ft., has 5 large hand carved legs, the whole table a very pretty design and highly polished for \$11.00

**BEDROOM SUITES** From \$10 to \$60, in golden finish elm, maple, select 1/4 cut golden oak and mahogany, in designs to suit the most exacting. We have only 4 of those bedroom suites left that we are selling for \$10. The price here and elsewhere has always been \$12.50.

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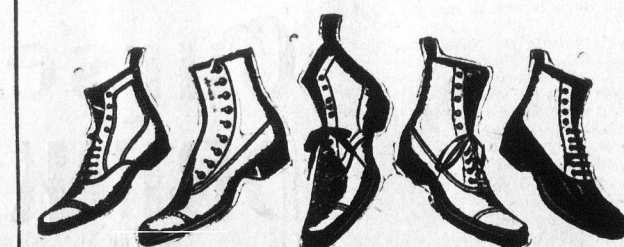
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