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Are different from the ordinary prune. These require a lot of soaking to bring them back to their natural condition. The lot that we have in now are thin skinned, meaty prunes with small pits. You will like them if you once use them.

CALIFORNIA PRUNES,
3 lbs. for 25c.

CALIFORNIA PRUNES,
10c. a pound.

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2 lbs. for 25c.

EXTRACTED HONEY,
12c. and 30c. a jar.

MAPLE SYRUP,
30c. a quart.

H. MALCOLMSON

WE NEVER GUESS

People everywhere eventually find out the value of the service they get here without guessing. The public at large is not one-half as particular as we are in this matter of pure drugs, or in regard to the accurate filling of their prescriptions. In the buying, selling or handling of drugs we never guess. We make sure that everything is right in every particular.

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Black, White, Red, Green,
Buff, any color or shade
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Everything desirable in the
paint line, high grade always
and moderate priced. Pleased
to serve you any day.

J. C. WANLESS
4 Doors East Market
Phone 65.

The idler that dreameth of good
living suffereth hunger, but he who
batheth for it liveth in a palace.

S. Davis & Sons, of Montreal, have
made Bates Bros. sole agents for the
Cable, the best 5c. cigar in Canada.



DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST.
has Removed to his New Office,
Corner King and Fifth Streets,
over A. L. McCall's Drug Store.
Telephone Office 154.
RESIDENCE 265.

TO-NIGHT.

Prayer meeting, city churches, at
8 o'clock.
Divine service, Christ Church, at 8
o'clock.
Public Library Board, Public Li-
brary, 8 o'clock.
Court House, No. 6244, A. O. E., Odd-
fellows' Temple, at 8.
Regular meeting, Parthenon Lodge,
No. 267, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Ma-
sonic Temple, at 7.30.

Local Briefs

Buy the Cable at Bates Bros.
Wear one of The 2 T's famous \$1
Hats.
The Cable is the best. Bates Bros.
keep them.
Miss Addie Lilywhite, of London, is
visiting her sister, Mrs. John Cooper.
The Cable at Bates Bros. is 5c.
straight. It must be good.
H. J. O'Keefe left for Sandwich to-
day to enter Assumption College.
Walter Piggett has returned from
a trip to Galt and other points east.
Printer wanted, young man to work
on advertisements. Apply at this of-
fice.

Douglas, the young son of James
McCormick, is lying at the point of
death.

Smoke the Cable. You buy them
at Bates Bros.
A. E. Dymont, M. P., of Thessalon,
Ont., was in the city yesterday on
business.

The regular meeting of Parthenon
Lodge, No. 267, A. F. & A. M. will
be held this evening.

Snell's Fair will continue their 20
per cent. discount sale till Saturday
evening on dinner and bedroom sets,
also fancy china.

Lost, last night, in the Opera House,
a fur box. The finder will be re-
warded by returning to Planet Of-
fice.

The Geo. H. Jett Company at the
Grand on Friday night, and judging
from past press notices, a grand
evening's entertainment is in store
for all who attend.

C. I. Star Course, Thursday, March
5, Leonard Garver, dramatic lecturer.
A great literary treat. Seats reserved
on Wednesday and Thursday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the
hall over Public Library three p. m.
Thursday, and first and third Thurs-
day of each month until further
notice. A cordial invitation is ex-
tended to all.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church
will hold an Irish concert on 17th
March, in the school room. Full par-
ticulars will appear later.

R. McRobb, of Brantford, repre-
senting the Chicago Portrait Com-
pany, was in the city yesterday visit-
ing his old friend Hardy White, the
popular trap drummer of the 24th
Regiment Band.

W. E. Rispin, city passenger and
ticket agent, is advertising specially
low rates to Manitoba, the Canadian
Northwest, British Columbia, Cali-
fornia, and all coast points, with
special train arrangements. Passengers
desiring to go to any of these points
would do well to write or call on
Mr. W. E. Rispin, 115 King street,
Chatham.

Those who attended the lecture at
the Peabody Institute last evening en-
joyed a dramatic and literary treat.
The lecturer was Leonard Garver, and
his subject was "Jean Valjean: A
Character Study in Conscience." Mr.
Garver is an orator, a logical think-
er, and a scholarly writer. His im-
personations of the characters of the
book, and his vivid, analytical descrip-
tions were of the deepest interest, and
in several scenes the lecturer display-
ed rare dramatic power. As he pro-
gressed he pointed out the great moral
lessons to be drawn from this great
story. The Salem, Mass., News. At
the C. C. I. to-morrow (Thursday).

THE BEST TIME TO ENTER A BUSINESS COLLEGE.

It is not generally understood to be
the case, but it is nevertheless a
fact, that the spring months are
among the best in the year for mak-
ing a start, for the reason that the
student is likely to be graduated in
the fall when there is the strongest
demand and the best remuneration
for office help. The Principal of the
Canada Business College, Chatham, in-
forms us that from 20 to 30 calls
have had to be refused where the
wages offered ranged from \$35 to
\$60 per month. We trust that the
pointer regarding the best time to
enter may be of some interest to
our young readers.

NOTHING IS LACKING

in our finished work. The
cloth is right, the cutting,
fitting and making are
right, and the price, well,
if that were not right, we
would not have doubled
our business this year over
last, would we?

MORLEY & CO., FINE TAILORING

CHILDREN'S TAMS.

Red and Blue all sizes 25c
Blue Cloth Trimmed, 50c
Velvet and Leather, 60c

WELDON'S

Chatham's Millinery Store!

SPRING GOODS

Are coming in fast, and we
have a few Trimmed and
Untrimmed Hats left that
will be sold at a great re-
duction to clear.

COOKSLEY'S
Opposite the Market Square,

MINSTREL BOYS AGAIN SCORE

A Second Splendid Perform-
ance followed by an Inform-
al Banquet to the Company

Addresses by Burns and Shaver
—Musical Director Brackin
Honored—A Future for Burn-
ey Weldon—Auld Lang
Syne.

The Football Minstrels played to an
other splendid house last evening—
and those who saw both performances
declared it to be even a better pro-
duction than that of the initial night.
Several new features and monologues
were introduced and pleased immen-
sely.

Once again Ed. Burns, the popular
Toronto comedian, captured the audi-
ence with his funny talks, clever ap-
proaches and capital parodies. He got
three enthusiastic recalls. Burney
Weldon, on the other end, was again
accorded an enthusiastic reception
and was better than ever. J. G. Kerr
was intensely funny and his humor-
ous talk with interlocutor Fred.
Stone was immensely enjoyed. All
the other end men won additional lau-
rels, J. W. Wilson's song being particu-
larly good.

The musical portion of the program
was exceedingly fine. W. N. Shaver,
Toronto's favorite tenor soloist, got
another magnificent reception and
sang with exceptional power and ex-
pression. He was called upon to re-
spond to an enthusiastic encore. The
male quartette ("much mixed") was
exquisite, their contribution of
"Sweet and Low" being one of the
treats of the evening. The ballad
singers all repeated the successes of
the previous night and the audience
honored them everyone with recalls.
The anvil chorus, with smitely scene
and electrical effects, was last night
produced at its best, and was really
magnificent.

The Scottish team of "Colored High-
landers," Messrs. McMillan and Philip,
again amused and delighted the peo-
ple; Messrs. Plewes and Coltart in
their dual number were better and
funnier than ever, and the spelling
match, dancing and other features
were capital.

After the performance the entire
company and orchestra adjourned to
the Oddfellows' auditorium, where
Caterer Richards served coffee and
light refreshments, following which a
capital social time was spent. Songs
were sung by Messrs. Shaver, Chris-
ler, Burns, Massey and the whole
chorus.

W. H. Brackin called for three
cheers and a tiger for Burns and
Shaver, and the building rang with
applause. Both the Torontonians
were carried bodily to the platform
and delivered short addresses.
Mr. Burns in his own inimitable way
distributed oratorical bouquets. He
paid tribute to the musical and his-
torical abilities of the Maple City and
added a warm and well-deserved eul-
ogistic tribute to the talents and en-
ergy of the musical director, Wm. H.
Brackin, and the stage manager, W.
W. Scane. Continuing, Mr. Burns
complimented the company upon their
choice of Mr. Fred Stone as interlocu-
tor. "After one I have never
seen," was his enthusiastic comment.
Concluding, Mr. Burns said he had a
confession to make. He said it was
his intention to take one of the Chat-
ham boys away shortly and put him
in touch with some theatrical people
of influence in Toronto. The company
would, perhaps, forgive him when
they found in a short time their col-
league winning honors and financial
success abroad. He referred to his
young friend, Burney Weldon.—
Cheers.

Mr. Shaver was pleased to have the
opportunity to endorse everything his
friend Burns had said. He sincerely
congratulated the Chatham Football
Minstrels on their production. It was
a great credit to the town.

TRIBUTE TO MR. BRACKIN.
Then Interlocutor Fred. Stone called
for three cheers for the musical di-
rector, "our own Billy Brackin." Ere

MARCH MERCHANDISE

The GORDON Store

The first month of Spring will be marked by extra values.
Miss Hutton opened the **Dressmaking Department** at the Gordon
Store to-day (March 2nd), and will give special attention and insure satisfaction to all who
favor her with their orders for **Tailored Suits, Separate Skirts, Waists** and
Dresses of every kind. Experienced hands have been engaged and ladies can depend on
getting work done on short notice.

Spring Dress Goods.

Tweeds, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Coronation Suiting,
Venetians, Worsteds, Basket Cloths, Friezes, Empire
Cloths, Satin Zibelines, Serges and Scotch Tweeds.

Spring Whitewear.

Ladies' Special Cambric Drawers, Hemstitched
and wide frills, 25c
Ladies' Special Corset Covers, either the Marguer-
ites or tight fitting 25c
Dressing Sacques of Fine Lawn or India Linen
with tucking, frills, embroidery and insertion, \$1 and \$2
Ladies' Night Gowns from 50c. to \$5

Ladies' White Petticoats from 75c. to \$8.
Children's Underwear of all kinds.

Black Dress Goods.

Mistrell Cloths, Eolienues, Poplins, Velouta Repps,
Albatros Cloths, Canvas Cloth, Nun's Velings, Empire
Crepe Di Chines, Silk Warp Henriettes, Plain and Fancy
Lustres and Sicilians.

Tailor-made Suits.

Received this week a splendid Spring assortment of the
latest New York and Paris styles in Norfolk Suits, Coronation
Check and Venetian Suits, and Ladies' Cloth in
Fawn, Brown, Biscuit, Grey, Navy Blue and Black Tailored
Suits. Suits from \$6.50 to \$20.00.

STANDARD FASHION SHEETS FREE. **William Gordon** STANDARD SPRING FASHION DESIGNER, 10c

the boys were through cheering. Ed.
Burns was on the platform singing
another of his "Dooley" parodies, in
the chorus of which the company joined
most heartily:—

"And now I want to tell you all
About a lad you know;
We fellows think he's just all right
And you'll agree it's so.
I'll have to whisper softly now,
He's blushing to extreme—
But he can get a show up right,
And that's no darkey's dream."

'Tis Billy Brackin; 'tis Billy Brackin;
Come, fellows, give a cheer and tige-
ger, too!
Now, all together, with throats of
leather—
A rousing cooley, cooley, cooley-oo."

Mr. Brackin wanted to thank every-
one for the kind way in which he had
been honored. It wasn't all his credit
—he couldn't have done much without
the loyal co-operation of the whole
company, the orchestra and Mr. Wal-
ter Scane. But he loved the work and
it was a source of much satisfaction
to him to know the entertainment had
been a success. He thanked everyone
for the hearty way they had rallied
round him and helped him.—Cheers.

Interlocutor Fred. Stone was then
accorded a tiger and the company
joined in singing, "He's a jolly good
fellow."

Stage manager W. W. Scane got a
hearty reception. He, too, compli-
mented the company and said it was
a pleasure to handle such a throng of
well behaved and talented young fel-
lows. His work had been made much
less arduous than he thought. It had
been a pleasure. He paid high trib-
ute to Electrician Wm. Turner of the
Bell Telephone Co., and his assistant,
Mr. Stanley, for their splendid work.
Harry C. Philp, leader of the orches-
tra, was called on and spoke briefly
in a most congratulatory manner.

Cries of "Burney Weldon," Burney
Weldon brought the young gentle-
man to the platform amid hearty
cheers. "I can only say, thank you
all," said Burney. "I'm not a speech
maker, but I appreciate all your good-
ness and kind words."

Other short addresses were made by
J. W. Plewes, H. W. Anderson, P. G.
Piggott, M. McMillan, P. H. Brisco,
W. Turner, W. A. Coltart and others.
In his absence, through sickness,
three cheers were given for Captain
F. D. Laurie, and the gathering broke
up with the singing of the National
Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

Electrician Wm. Turner desires to
express the appreciation of the com-
pany for many courtesies extended by
the Chatham Gas Co.

AFLOAT ON THE ICE.

Hopeless Plight of a Number of Fish-
ermen.

Menominee, Mich., March 4.—
There are at present a large
number of fishermen helplessly
adrift upon a large ice floe in
Green Bay, near Death's Door, on Lake
Michigan. It is reported that they have
been there for some time, and have
been unable to get off the ice. The
exact number is not known, but
reports say all the way from
fifteen to twenty-six. When last seen
they were making headway towards
Death's Door, where it will be broken up
by the waves from Lake Michigan. On
Sunday afternoon a great expanse of ice
between Bailey's Harbor and Chambers
Island suddenly cracked and became se-
parated from the rest by the strong
southwest wind. The men on the main
land noticed there were several sail-
boats afloat on the ice, and it is
known that there were at least twenty
to twenty-five men fishing there. Three
of the men managed to get off the ice at
Fish Creek. Capt. Larson of Marinette,
one of the best sailors on the bay, was
sent, with a crew, to Cedar River in the
hope that he might find a way of rescuing
the men on the ice. Rescuing crews have
also been stationed along the Michigan
shore of the bay, where Capt. Hill has
sent a crew towards Death's Door on
the Wisconsin side.

BLENHEIM

The Lyceum Course number at the
Opera House to-night will be greeted
with the house packed to the doors,
judging from the advance sale.

SPRING IS HERE, SO IS

Westman Bros.

—SUPPLY OF—

Sap Pails,
Sap Spiles,
Horse Clippers,
Clipping Machines,
Meyers Horse and Cattle Spice,
Flax Seed,
Oil Cake and Herbageum.
All the Up-to-the-Minute Goods.

WESTMAN BROS.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Amalgamated with the Halifax
Banking Company.

Great interest has been shown in
the announcement from Halifax that
a provisional agreement has been
made under which The Halifax Bank-
ing Company is to be amalgamated
with The Canadian Bank of Com-
merce. The latter Bank has at present
a paid-up capital of \$8,000,000 with
a rest of \$2,500,000, but a week
or two ago a special general meet-
ing of the shareholders was called
for 14th April next to pass a by-
law increasing the capital stock to
\$10,000,000. Its Head Office is in
Toronto, and it has now 48 branches
throughout Canada and the United
States, stretching from Sydney, Cape
Breton in the extreme East, to Vic-
toria in the West, and from Dawson
in the North to San Francisco in
the South. It is represented at all
the principal business centres in Can-
ada west of Montreal, and has its
own offices in New York, Portland
(Oregon), Seattle, and London, Eng-
land.

Until the recent establishment of
a branch at Sydney, The Canadian
Bank of Commerce had no office in
the Maritime Provinces. Its stock,
however, has always been a favorite
investment with Nova Scotians, no
less than \$800,000 of its capital being
held in their Province. The purchase
of The Halifax Banking Company will
give it offices at fifteen additional
points in Nova Scotia, including Hal-
ifax, Truro and Windsor,—in fact, all
the more important places. Two
branches will also be obtained in New
Brunswick,—at St. John and Sack-
ville.

The present directors of The Hal-
ifax Banking Company will continue
to give their services in the capacity
of a local advisory Board at Halifax,
the Cashier will become local Man-
ager there, and the entire staff will
be taken into the service of The Can-
adian Bank of Commerce. There is
consequently no doubt but that the
good-will of the institution is being
taken over along with its tangible
assets.

Originally established in 1825 as a
private partnership, under the same
name as at present, The Halifax
Banking Company became incorporated
in 1872. It has retained the friend-
ship and support of many of the old
Halifax firms whose predecessors did
business with it in its earlier years,
and in spite of the disadvantages
under which in these days a com-

paratively local bank must always
labor, it has built up a sound and
remunerative business. It has a paid-
up capital of \$600,000 with a rest
of \$525,000. Its deposits are about
\$4,000,000, its total assets about \$6,-
000,000, and with the added strength
and prestige which its incorporation
into The Canadian Bank of Commerce
will necessarily give, a large increase
in the present business may confi-
dently be expected.

The terms under which the amal-
gamation will take place are said to
be as follows:
* After the necessary approval of the
shareholders of The Halifax Banking
Company has been obtained and all
the requisite legal formalities have
been completed, The Canadian Bank
of Commerce will assume the liabili-
ties of The Halifax Banking Company,
and will give in exchange for the
surplus of its assets over its liabili-
ties stock of The Canadian Bank of
Commerce of the par value of \$700,-
000.

Doubtless some of the new stock
which The Canadian Bank of Com-
merce is taking authority to issue
will be used to carry out the terms
of the agreement.

Both Banks are to be congratulat-
ed upon the agreement which has
been made, which must materially
strengthen the position of The Can-
adian Bank of Commerce and add to
the exceptional facilities which it al-
ready possesses for conducting a suc-
cessful banking business. When the
amalgamation has taken place, it will
have a paid-up capital and rest com-
bined of nearly \$12,000,000, and total
assets of some \$80,000,000, with 101
branches distributed throughout the
length and breadth of Canada.

MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

Yarmouth, N. S.

Gentlemen,—In January last Fran-
cis Leclair, one of the men employed
by me, working in the lumber woods,
had a tree fall on him, crushing him
fearfully. He was, when found, plac-
ed on a sled and taken home, where
grave fears were entertained for his
recovery, his hips being badly bruised
and his body turned black from his
ribs to his feet. We used MINARD'S
LINIMENT on him freely to deaden
the pain, and with the use of three
bottles he was completely cured, and
able to return his work.

SAUVEUR DUVAL,
Elgin Road, L'Islet Co. Que.,
May 25th, 1893.

"Better out than in"—that humor
that you notice. To be sure it's out
and all out, take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.