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Spades and Shovels at 75c, 90c and \$1.00  
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S. W. P. The world's best Paint in all shades  
and Colors.

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Up-to-the-minute Hardware House  
Chatham.

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Cor. 6th and King Streets  
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

## Maple Sugar

We have the genuine Quebec Sugar,  
guaranteed pure. Come in and buy it,  
15c per pound.

Bread delivered on any part of city.

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## THE LOCAL BUDGET

John Tilt is in Ridgetown to-day on business.

John Piggott, Jr., is spending the day in Detroit.

Mr. Cramp, of London, is visiting friends in the city.

Geo. McBeth, of Strathroy, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Desjardines, of this city, is visiting friends in McGregor.

Mrs. Chas. Lenover, of Irving, is spending a few days in the city.

J. W. Dolley, of London, a former Chatham merchant, is in the city to-day.

Jno. Ross, of Kent Bridge, the great fox and con hunter, was in the city to-day.

Capt. J. W. Post, of Blenheim, was registered at the Rankin House yesterday.

C. F. W. Matthews, of Matthews Bros., Toronto, is in the city to-day on business.

Mrs. Latimer, Queen street, is visiting Mrs. Geo. Dunkley at the Celery Farm, Road Eau.

J. R. McMillan, representing Rice, Lewis & Son, of Toronto, is in the city to-day on business.

Mrs. J. Aubin, of McGregor, who has been visiting friends in the city, has returned home.

Mr. Arnold, of Toronto, is spending a few days with friends and relatives in Chatham and Dresden.

W. E. Abbe, of the Gravel Road, Harwich, entertained a number of friends on Monday evening.

A large assortment of sprayers and tree pruners and a large stock of blue stone on hand at Geo. Stephens & Douglas.

John Charles McKinley and Miss Annie Armstrong, both of Harwich, were married this afternoon at five o'clock by Rev. J. J. Rose. They will reside in this city.

In the list of contractors who put up the mineral bath house, the name of Joseph Tilt should have been added. Mr. Tilt did all the exterior and interior decorations on the Sanitarium part of the building.

## ARE YOU HOMELESS?

We have dozens of houses and lots for sale, and during April, the month of moving, we are prepared to offer a bargain to anyone wishing to buy a home. If you desire a small house, a medium sized house or a large house we can satisfy you. Our list is the largest and best in the city. After you have bought, or if you already own a house, we will insure it for you at a very low rate. The cost is so small that anyone is very foolish to be without fire insurance.

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The little Brownie Kodak takes a beautiful little picture 2 1/4 inches square. The price of the Kodak is only \$1.00

Brownie Kodak \$2.00.  
Folding Pocket Kodak \$10.00 to \$17.50.  
Flexo Kodak \$5.00.

A full assortment of Supplies for Amateur Photographers always on hand.

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DRUGGISTS

## IS C. C. I. BOARD CONSTITUTED ACCORDING TO THE STATUTE?

Serious Problem Confronting Trustees and Possibly Council—  
City Solicitor Wilson Gives His Opinion That Board  
Must Be Enlarged—Trustees With-hold That  
Opinion in the Meantime.

The members of the C. C. I. Board have made an important discovery, which demands immediate consideration by the Trustees and the City Council.

Under sub-section 4, section 13, chapter 40, of the Acts of 1901, it appears that cities are entitled to six representatives upon the Collegiate Institute Boards, whereas Chatham at the present time is only represented by three Trustees.

It is understood that the matter was brought to the attention of the C. I. Trustees and discussed privately by them.

However this may be, the opinion of Matthew Wilson, K. C., city solicitor, was asked for and secured. Mr. Wilson gave his opinion to the effect that the city was undoubtedly entitled to a representation of six Trustees and that the Board, as at present, was as a result not constituted according to statute.

This opinion was submitted to the Board at its recent meeting, but no action was taken upon it and the matter apparently left in indefinite abeyance.

It is understood that some of the Trustees are opposed to any changes in the Board as at present constituted and that, for this reason, no action

was taken on Mr. Wilson's opinion. T. R. Harris, secretary of the Board, was asked by The Planet this afternoon for a copy of Mr. Wilson's opinion for presentation to the public through the press.

Mr. Harris, acting for the Board, declined.

"It is a matter for the City Council and not for the Board," he said, "and as the matter has not been dealt with by the Council, the Board does not wish the opinion published."

"But it was before the Trustees at the Board meeting?" The Planet asked.

"Nothing was done, however, and it is not under the jurisdiction of the Board, any way," replied Mr. Harris.

"As a matter of fact," the secretary continued, "the Board doesn't know that Mr. Wilson is correct. The majority of the members think he is quite wrong and they don't wish anything said about his opinion. Any way, it is a matter for the Council, not for the Board."

City Clerk Merritt was interviewed by The Planet at 3.45 this afternoon and said, at that time, he had received no communication from the Board submitting Mr. Wilson's opinion.

Mr. Wilson's opinion was discussed officially by the C. C. I. Board on Monday last.

## STERN LECTURE

Judge Houston Administers it  
to a Lineman Found Guilty  
of Theft.

A screw driver, that harmless, yet useful instrument of the carpenter trade, has caused lots of trouble for one unfortunate man. The tool was long and different from the ordinary design of screw drivers. It belonged to James Jones, and one day last February, a lineman in the employ of the Bell Telephone Co., saw the screw driver. Afterwards, it was missing. Yesterday afternoon P. C. Dezella and Mr. Jones found a screw driver of similar shape and design in the bedroom of the Telephone Co.'s employee. The man was arrested and this morning pleaded not guilty.

Judge Houston, after hearing the evidence, said:—"If every case could be made out on circumstantial evidence as clearly as the crown has made out the case against you, there would be no room left to doubt guilt. I think the crown has made out a perfect case against you. I don't know your previous character. You were in the employ of the Telephone Co. in a position where you had access to many houses. It is, therefore, the desire of the crown that honest men should be in their employ, as the chances for stealing are many. It is seldom that people stand around watching men who come from respectable companies. It is necessary that all employees should be honest. That being the case, perhaps a larger punishment should be meted out to you."

"Why the one witness warned you not to take the screw driver I don't know. He may have known that you were in the habit of taking things. If a man warned me not to take anything, I would consider it an insult. I think the other employee should have reported the theft."

"I will give you till Monday to give references as to your character. Either have those who speak for you send in their report in writing or let them come and speak in open court. I don't like people to come to my private office to see me in regard to such matters."

## THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Pack-wheat Pancakes, Maple Syrup, and a fine program at Victoria Ave. Methodist Church, Friday evening, April 11th. All for 10c. Everybody welcome.

## MAHMUDS AMBUSH SEPOYS.

Simla, India, April 8.—Fifteen sepoy were ambushed, April 7, on the Mahmut Frontier. Eight of the soldiers were killed and three wounded.

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Monday APRIL 14th

Another BIG Spectacle of  
CHAS. H. VALES and  
SIDNEY R. ELLIS

THE

EVIL EYE

In the Far East of NID

And the Continual

Contortions

of NOD

SEE the Beautiful Electric Ballet

the Victoria Troup of Dancers

and no other novelties.

The biggest attraction that has visited Chatham this season, and at regular prices \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

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## Dress Goods

This week in our Dress Goods Department, will be an interesting time. All week we have been unpacking fresh goods and finding a place for them on our shelves and counters.

We have now the largest and finest display of Dress Goods in Chatham. Qualities of dye and weave were never kept more strictly in view than in the selection of this dress goods stock. The prices are "Austin's Prices" and the qualities are "Austin's Qualities."

We show a complete range of each of the following lines:—

### BLACK DRESS FABRICS

SATIN VENETIANS.  
SATIN BROADCLOTHS.  
VENETIAN WORSTEDS.  
ENGLISH CHEVIOTS.  
ENGLISH HOMESPUNS.  
CREPE DE CHENES.  
FRENCH VIOLES.  
SILK GRENADINES.  
WOOL GRENADINES.  
CANVAS CLOTHS.  
FRENCH HENRIETTES.  
ENGLISH SERGES.  
BRILLIANTINES.

### COLORED DRESS FABRICS

BROADCLOTHS.  
VENETIANS.  
LADIES' CLOTH.  
CANVAS CLOTH.  
WHIP CORDS.  
BENGALINES.  
CREPE-DE-CHENE.  
FRENCH VIOLES.  
SILK LUSTRES.  
TAFFETALINES.  
SATIN CLOTHS.  
HENRIETTES.  
CASHMERE.

## Special for Thursday

## Some Special Bargains in Smallwares

### Chiffons

42 inch Chiffons in white, black, blue, cream, cardinal, yellow and green special at 40c

### Belt Buckles

In oxidized and gilt, centre clasp, price from 15c to 75c

### The Vassar Comb

The Vassar back comb, with roll back, newest style, shell only, price 25c.

### Ladies' Belts

In patent leather and elastic jetted belts, price 25 to \$1.00

### Cashmere Hose

15 dozen heavy ribbed black cashmere hose, special at 25c.

### Stylish Gloves for Spring

\$1.00 and \$1.25. —The popular Pauline, Beatrice and Greylock.

### Ladies' Silk Ties

In blue, pink, cream, black and white, prices 50c, 75c, and \$1. Special bargain in white lace ties, at 25c.

### New Handsome Laces

Thousands of yards of fresh, perfect, beautiful designs, colorings and qualities most demanded by the fashions in dress of this the greatest of all lace years.

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## Is It Good Policy

To be without a Rain-proof Coat or Umbrella when these good ones can be had for such comparatively low prices?

### Rain Umbrellas

26 inch, natural sticks, strong frame, special values, 50c and 75c.

27 inch Laventine, steel rod, Paragon frame, crooked handle, steel, and gold-mounted, hummers, \$1.00.

29 inch Carriage Umbrella, extra well ribbed, natural sticks, crooked handles, at \$1.00.

26 inch Mercerized, steel rod, Paragon frames, natural wood handles, steel mounted tips, \$1.50.

26 inch Union Silk, of very good quality, self-accommodating tips, Paragon frames, steel rod, fancy wood and bone handles, at \$2.00 and \$2.25.

### Men's Rain-Cloth Coats

Made from nice, fine quality cloths, waterproofed, nice, genteel grey shades, full, long coats, 50 inch, vertical pockets, neat cuff on sleeve, light in weight, making a rainproof and spring coat combined, at \$10 and \$12.00.

Men's Chesterfield

Rain Proof Coats

Rainproof Coats, nice shades of fawn and grey, double breasted style, velvet collar, never anything shown like them for less than \$3.50 to \$4.00, special this season.

\$2.50.

The Leading and Reliable Clothiers  
Outfitters to Men and Boys

C. Austin & Co.,

## Geo. A Young Our Grocer Phone 151

### EMINENT FRENCH PAINTER ILL.

Paris, April 8.—Jean Joseph Benjamin Constant, the eminent French painter, is reported to be critically ill.

FOR SALE—House and lot on Queen street; house and lot on Park avenue, west, four lots on Pine street; with good stable; two lots on Edgar street. Apply to Samuel Bullis, Park street, Chatham.