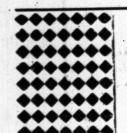
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Hardware for Everybody . . . Paints and Oils for Everybody.

The Planet is in receipt of a copy of the current number of the Erskine Echo, the bright monthly publication of the Presbyterian congregation.

John O'Rourke, of Raleigh, was in

We have just received another ship-

ment of Mercerized Foulards. These Foulards are hard to distinguish from silks. We have them in all the newest shades and designs. W. Foreman

The Concert to be given next Mon-

day night in the First Presbyterian Church, by the Pock Band Concert Company will be a very novel, pleas-

company will be ing and artistic performance. Hamil-ton, Toronto, London, Brantford, Woodstock, Ingersoll and St. Thomas

THE RIGHT PLACE.

CHILDREN'S AID.

Executive Committee Cletting In

Shape for an Aggressive

Campaign.

The advisory board of the Children's

Aid Society, held their monthly mee

ing yesterday afternoon in Christ

Church school room. Theree were pre-

sent, H. Macautay, the vice-president,

in the chair; Mrs. J. A. Wacker, Miss

Read, Mrs. Burwell, D. S. Paterson,

W. R. Baxter, and Dr. R. V. Bray, the

The special committee on Shelter re-

ported that a furnishing committee be appointed, consisting of Mrs. Robt. Gray, Mrs. J. M. McLaren, and Mrs. Jno. A. Walker, that the sewing committee be convened by Miss Read,

Society, be appointed each month a visiting committee, those for April being Mesdames Manson Campbell, Allister McKay and D. S. Paterson. The executive officer, Dr. R. V.

Bray, reported since last meeting 17 letters written, 16 visits made, seven

bracing 22 children, five cases investi-

gated two cases now under consideration, one child placed in home, and one

released at police court on suspended sentence. Two children are now in

Donations were received as follows: Stove, Mrs. J. McLaren; pair pillows,

Mrs. M. Boyle. con. 7, Dover; clothing. Mrs. G. O. Scott, Miss Marshall; other

articles, Mesdames Backus, D. Mc-Lachlan, J. McKeough, A. Wilson and

Miss Knight; quilt, Sunshine Club, of nine little girls.

Money donations were received as follows:—Rev, F. H. Larkin, \$1, Mrs. J. Piggott \$1, Mesdemes G. T. Mc-Keough 50c, D. S. Paterson 50c, B. Malcolmson 50c, H. Fisher 50c, Misses

Efith Coltart 50c, Jennie Coltart 50c, Mesdames W. D. Sheldon 50c. Janet

Warker 50c., T. W. Smythe 25c, Miss

Greene 50c, Bloomfield Sunday school,

'A counts amounting to \$22.74 were

Admiral Dewey says he is willing to

The U. S. Senate has passed the Porto Rican tariff bill by 40 to 31, Nine Republicans voted with the De-

The Dominion House devoted its at-

tention yesterday to Co!, White's case. He was excluded from taking a mil-

itary course because, as the depart-ment wrote him, he had taken part in positios "in favor of the opposition,"

Dr. Borden said this was all a mistake and that the real reason was Col

Money to Lend on Mortgages—Far-mers and others wanting to borrow money on mortgages at best rates and save expense and time, and secure other advantages, should apply per-sonally to the Chatham Loan & Sav-ings Company

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run for President if he is asked.

The board in future will hold their

Miss Sarah Dolsen, \$3.

meetings at the Shelter.

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executive officer.

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the city yesterdny superintending some improvements to his Cross St.

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G. W. Cornell

::::: Dentist

Cor. 6th and King Sta., Over Geeo. E. Young's Grocry.

THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special. Toronto, April 4, 10 a. m. Tine to-day, and Thursday, with little change

BIRTHS. MARRIAGES AND DEATHS BIRTH.

POWELL-On April 4th, Mrs. T. F.

Barrister E. Bell is in Toronto. John Lee left for Ridgetown this morn-

W. Mitchell Forhan, Woodstock, has re

turned to this city. W. F. Cowan, President of Standard Bank of Canada, has been in this city for past two days.

Miss Ida Laird-Halle, of Blenheim. wast the guest of Mrs. S. Hicklin yes-

Last evening the firm of Blonde Bros. & Co. held their monthly meet-Miss McLean, North Chatham, has

returns from a five months' visit with her aunt, in Detroit. New line of men's and boys' standup and turn-down collars, all sizes and heights, 15c. or two for 25c. At The 2 Ts.

Chas. Davis, charged with arson, received his trial at the police court this morning.

Judge Houston reserved judgment for a

Drs. D. Y. McMullen, of Chicago, returned thome yesterday after an extended visit with Mrs. T. K. Holmes, and that three ladies, members of the King street, West.

Provincial Bailiff Simsor was in the city this afternoon and took James Deffield, of Thamesville, to the London asylum, Deffield has been confined in the county jail.

We have to-day passed through the customs French and British Silk Grenadines, which will be ready for inspection to-morrow. W. Fore-

In the case of Griffith vs. Houston, tried yesterday in the county court, judgment was reserved for 10 days, with privilege in meantime to put in written arguments by the respective counse!, G. G. Martin and Fred Stone.

The L_v O. L. are improving the appearance of their hall by the addition of three elegant peds stools and four long seats well and neatly uphoist red, with the woodwork finished in oil. Hugh MacDonald executed the uphostering and Blonde Bros. & Co. the

W. Foreman & Co. are showing for Easter wear their same old \$1.00 guaranteed Kid Glove, 2 clasp Paris Paint, in Greys, Castors, Blacks and

Blonde Bros. & Co. have the Texas cabin for the City of Chatham in course of con-struction. This popular boat will be generally over-hauled and renovated including painting, etc., and she will have in conse-quence a much larger accommodation and be more attractive this year than other years. The cabin on the upper deck will be completed about April 15th.

The Ladies of the city are asked to meet in the Board Room of the First Presbyterian Church on Friday af-ternoon, April 6th, at 3 o'clock, to hrrange for a Public Tea to be held week in aid of the Famine



ALWAYS A FEAST

or those who get their Bread at Rich-rds'. It the whit-st, sweetest and most delice us bread at is baked in chatham. It is uniform in sality of exquisite flav r, such as is only made flret-days laters and from the best floor that

W. S. RICHARDS Kent Bakery

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neural-

We Have Room for Everybody : French and Colville Kave Returned From Curtains and Draperies Their Pursuit of the Boers.

London, April 4. - Gen. Colville and Gen. French have given up the movement against the Boers east of Bloemfontein, and have rejoined the main army. It doubtless seemed to Lord Roberts a vain thing to send from 10,-00) to 12,000 of his best troops into the wilderness, with a field transport, inthe direction at a right angle with his chosen line of advance. The Boers have probably moved else-

where, and if so to the southwest Gen. Colville could as easily strike them from Bleemfontein as by following them up across the plains. These inferences still leave the situation bewildering for the time being. The enormously superior British forces appear inactive in every part of the war field, waiting yet probably for the accumulation of material for a swift advance on the Transvaal frontier.

The London military commentators and the public to some extent are irrituted and confused by the situation. Details received of scenes on Green market square, Cape Town, Tuesday, when Premier Schreiner encountered an English demonstration, show that the premier, fearing personal violence, sought refuge in a restaurant. He was hooted and tried to reach parlia-In the Taft block, King street, Mr. C. M. Stiles has opened up a well stocked establishment devoted exclusively to teas, coffees and spices. Mr. Stiles is an expert in the trade and believes he can give the citizens the best qualities obtainable for the least money. He gives no prizes, no coupons, no inducements to use his goods beyond their quality. This will tell for it. was hooted and tried to reach parliament house protected by police. The people shouted "Traitor!" but he succeeded in reaching the house. Finally on the people again singing "God Save the Queen," he raised his but amid cheers and was heard to say "Reserve your independent." your judgment."

Lord Roberts did not meet his wife beyond their quality. This will tell for it-self and ne expects ere long to have every citizen using his tea, coffee and spices.

at Cape Town. She will proceed to Bloemfontein.

HIDDEN IN THE GRASS. New York, April 4,-A despatch to the Tribune from London says: Further details of the British reverse near the Bidemfontein waterworks, tends to show that greater cohesion exists among the burghers of the Free State than had been imagined. Standard's correspondent illustrates standard's correspondent must be "slämness" of the Boers by mentioning that they concealed themselves in the long grass and further deceived Col. Broadwood's troops by deputing some of their number to appear to appea deputing some of their number to ap-appear unarmed, as merely uninter-ested spectators. The Boers were at first forced back, but were quickly reinforced, and resumed the offensive. pursuing the British for some distance. On the arrival of the ninth and cavalry divisions an attempt was made to surround the federal troops, but they fell back to a strong posi-tion, and Gen. Colville, finding them provided with Creusot guns, decided

trines

We are showing some very preity Wall Papers in stripe effects, which is a son named Magoda. She became a the fashionable thing in the village. Prices range from 10c for but they did not know her. inagnificent patterns for said: "I smell something nice. drawing rooms, sitting is it, my son? Surely I smell fat chilrooms and pariors, at 15c, Then she went to the woods and 25c and 35c.

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not to engage them, and returned to Bushman's keep.

TYPHOID SPREADING.

Simonstown, April 4-The condition of the Boer prisoners is deplorable The medical authorities seem unable The medical authorities seem unable to cope with the spread of typhoid flever. There, were four additional deaths last might, and the sick are panic stricken. The dead are buried with as much respect as the exigency of the place admits. But, the gun carriage is no longer used, a wagon being requisitioned to convey

gun carriage is no longer used, a wagon being requisitioned to convey a number of coffins at a single trip.

The alarming increase in mortality among the Boer prisoners at Simonstown has induced the authorities to the prisoners who are not going to St. Helena.

WAR NOTES.

Messages from Springfontein suggest that the fact that press messages are keenly censored indicates that an early advance northward, although there is a question whether the loss of the guns and convoy will not delay the commander-in-chief's movements.

the commander-in-chief's movements.

A despatch from Masseru, Basuto-land, dated April 2, says the Earl of Rosslyn, who is acting as war correspondent for the Daily Mail in South Africa, and who left there April 1, on his way to Thaba Nehu, has probably faller into the hands of the Roses. fallen into the hands of the Boers.

In the house of commons the parliain the nouse of commons the paramentary secretary of the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, said that if all the forty-four commissions in the army offered to Canada were filled the government was quite ready to offer further commissions.

THE QUEEN STARTS FOR DUBLIN.

Dublin, April 4.—Queen Victoria landed in Ireland this morning for the first time in 39 years. The disembarkation from the Te comm nder of the forces in Ir land, the Duke of (on augl t; the Lord Leut, Earl Cadogan and their staffs greeted her majesty, and the ride from Kingstown to Dublin commenced in splendid weather and before huge and good-natured crowds.

DECREASE IN POPULATION.

County Clerk Fleming has prepared and forwarded to the Government the annual report showing the population of the municipalities in the county. It is as follows: Camden, 2,488; Chatham, 5,667; Dover, 4,145; Hurwich, 4-505; Howard, 3,528; Orford, 2,586; Raleigh, 4,323; Romney, 1,680; Tilbury East, 3,233; Zone, 1,287; Blenheim, 1,683; Bothwell, 924; Dresden, 1,633; Ridgetown, 2,195; Wallaceburg, 2,688; Thamesville, 842; Tilbury village, 1,-046. Total, 44,713, as against 45,368 the previous year. Chatham township, Tilbury East, Zone and Tilbury show some increases and all the others deand forwarded to the Government the some increases and all the others de-

A Roer Fairy Sto y. The Boers are not lacking in folk lore. Here is one of their fairy stor-

There was once a woman who had cannibal and ate up all the people in

One day her two nieces ran away Wall Paper this season. from their home and hid in her house pretty bed room papers to cousin Magoda came and talked to

> commenced to cut down a tree with an axe. When the first chips fell a bird Ntengu! ntengu! Chips, return to your places!

Chips, return to your places! Chips, be quick!

The chips then went back to the This happened three times Then the woman caught the bird and swallowed it, but one of the feathers dropped out of her mouth. She tried to cut down the tree again, but this time the feather sang the same song, and the chips flew back to the tree. The two nieces had been hiding in

the branches of the tree. They saw three dogs as big as oxen. These they knew belonged to their father, so they called to the dogs, who are up the wicked woman, and so the girls went back to their father singing the song of the feather.

They Struck it Rich.

It was a grand thing for this community that such an enterprising firm as A. I. McCall & Co. secured the Agency for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, the wenderful remedy that has startled the world by its marvellous cures. The furor of enthusiasm over it has boomed their business, as the demand for it is immense. They give free trial bottles to sufferers, and positively guarantee a cure in Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup and all Throat and Lung troubles. A trial proves its merit. Price 50c, and \$1. It was a grand thing for this com-

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Corset Waists, we have a special waist, closely corded, tape buttons, made of heavy man, at 25c. V .- Misses" "Good Sense" Waist, made of gray jean, steel in front and back, tape but-tons and gored hip, shoulder straps, 50c.

IV .-- We make a specialty of Children's

V1.-We carry a special brown Corset. with two side steels, triple front steel and and heavy back steels, closely stripped and

Kid Gloves

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II.—"Pauline" is the nicest glove in the market at the money, made of fine kid skins, 2 dome fastener, embroidered in self, white or black, all the newest shades, tans, castors, black and white, \$1.00.

III. - One of the novelties this season is a Swede glove, is castor or black, 2 dome fasteners, very stylish. \$1.00.

IV .- Children's Kid Gloves, 2 dome fast-

ener, comes in all shades of tan and brown, all sixes from 1 to 6, 75c. V .- A few sizes in those Kid Gleves left;

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Extra heavy oatmeal cretonnes, for curtains, new spring designs, per yd. 12½c.

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colorings only, per yd. 25c.

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