

# Leather Goods

Purses 5c to \$5.00. Toilets in leather 50c to \$12.00. Gifts of all kinds. All Xmas numbers 25c each. Books for Children. Chatterbox, etc., 60c.

## W. J. Kenney

King Street, East.

### CANDYS

Every store on the street sell candy at Christmas time, we sell it the whole year long and think we know what are the nicest kinds and where to buy them so as to please you. We have every kind, a few of our special lines are—

MAPLE WALNUT CREAM,  
ORANGE WALNUT CREAM,  
LEMON WALNUT CREAM,  
and a full line of  
HARRY WEBB'S  
CELEBRATED CHOCOLATES.

Come and see what we have, there is not enough room in this paper for us to tell you each kind.

**W. S. RICHARDS**  
Kent Bakery Phone 186

**G. W. Cornell**  
DENTIST

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

### TO-NIGHT.

"A" Company, drill, at drill hall, at 8 o'clock.  
Daughters of Rebekah, Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.  
"Cavalier of France," Grand Opera House, at 8.15.

Rehearsal of opera "Said Pasha," Northwood's Hall, at 7.

### THE LOCAL BUDGET

A. B. Goulet, of Ouyry, is spending the day in town.

A. M. Donovan, Toledo, was in the city for Christmas.

W. H. Wilson, of Sarnia, was in the city yesterday.

W. H. Osterhout, of Thamesville, was in the city on Tuesday.

Claude Bragg, of Blenheim, spent Christmas at his home here.

Ernie Roberts, of Pontiac, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

A. A. Wright, of Wallaceburg, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

James Primeau, of Detroit, spent Christmas with Chatham friends.

John McCarty, of Tilbury, spent Christmas with friends in the Maple City.

A. W. Sangster, and E. Kimmerly, Dresden, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

Mayor Sulman received a large candlestick yesterday, the gift of his staff of clerks.

Miss Mary McDonald and Miss Sarah Hogan, of Ridgetown, were guests in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Miller and daughter, of Essex Centre, were Maple City guests yesterday.

It is rumored that Thomas Scullard and W. G. Richards will be candidates in the coming aldermanic contest.

Will Breesay, a former Chatham boy, now of Sault Ste. Marie, is spending Christmas at his home in this city.

Thomas Crouch and James Connors, of Pontiac, Mich., old Chatham boys, spent Christmas with their Chatham friends.

Court No. 304, C. O. F., will hold their annual election of officers in the Oddfellows' Temple to-morrow night.

### SOME PEOPLE WILL TELL YOU

That they have the best chocolates and creams in the city, but we have just as good, and as great a variety. Try a box for Christmas.

**H. A. Hall**  
108 King Street

### Get Your

## Vaccine Points and Vaccination Shields

... from ...

**A. I. McCALL & CO.,**

Druggists and Opticians

### ARE HUMMING

M. Sharpe, of Leamington, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. F. Lambert, of Merlin, was in the city yesterday.

Fred. Williams, of Williams, spent Tuesday in the city.

Arthur Cox, of Blenheim, spent Tuesday in the Maple City.

J. S. Laycock, of Wallaceburg, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

G. S. Weir, of Dresden, was in the city Tuesday on legal business.

Miss Morrison, of Wallaceburg, was a Maple City guest yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Dresden, were in the city on Tuesday.

J. E. Graham, of Pontiac, Michigan, spent yesterday with friends in town.

Mrs. Jacob Courtney, of Dresden, is visiting relatives in the city today.

Thomas Dillon, of Bothwell, called upon his Maple City friends on Tuesday.

Miss Flora Blight, of Cleveland, is spending a few days at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ogilvie, of Dresden, were Chatham guests yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Huff, of Mitchell's Bay, were Chatham visitors on Tuesday.

Hubert Robert, of Sandwich College, spent Christmas at his home in this city.

A large amount of local matter is unavoidably crowded out till to-morrow's issue.

Mrs. Dyer and daughter returned today from spending Christmas with friends at Merlin.

Misses Emma and Lill Marshall, of this city, spent Christmas at their home in Chatham township.

The funeral of the late Henry Etches, took place this afternoon at two o'clock at the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

T. B. Walker, of Erie, Penn., will spend Christmas holidays with his brother, S. C. Walker, of this city.

A son of ex-Ald. R. A. Harrington, severely kicked in the face by a horse at R. A. Huffman's, Huffman's Corners, yesterday.

The Ladies of the Home for the Friendless will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Harrison Hall.

Rev. Mr. Hewson, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Walker, of this city, was married yesterday in Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jenner and son, of Detroit, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Simmons, St. George St.

Mr. Jenner is a prominent Detroit cricketer.

J. T. Little, of Springfield, Ohio, who is at present visiting at her home in London, will spend a few days with his sister, Mrs. S. C. Walker, of this city, before returning home.

Some little delay was caused on the Lake Erie last night by a couple of the cars running off the track at Port Lambton. The Auxiliary from Sarnia was called out and speedily re-adjusted the cars on the track.

Humane Officer McGregor has his eyes open for all offenders who abuse their horses. Two teams which were left standing on Head street on Saturday were put into feed stables and the owners warned not to repeat the offense.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Tschirhart and son Anson and daughter Myrtle, of Detroit; Philip Tschirhart, of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Tschirhart, of Detroit, and Nathan Tschirhart, of Detroit, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Tschirhart, King street, over Sunday.

### NOTICE

We want somebody to make us an offer for the Smith property, lots 10 and 11, Block A, situated and being on the south side of Park avenue, two lots and an excellent frame house thereon.

If you want to buy a home in any location in Chatham come to us. You will save time, trouble and money.

25 farms for sale.

Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

DUNN & MERRITT.

Office Fifth street, next to Old Post Office.

Phone 295.

Lost—On Tuesday, a gold bracelet. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at Tilt's store, or at Mrs. Jas. Heath's, Heath's, Richmond street.

Margaret A. Arnold, wife of Sam. E. Arnold, River road Harwich, died yesterday, aged 67 years and 9 months. Death was caused from heart failure. She leaves a bereaved husband, two sons and two daughters to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place on Friday at 10.30 to the VanHorn cemetery.

The fact that John Cartier, one of the salesmen in C. Austin & Co.'s, was taken to the hospital suffering with typhoid fever of a mild type, has given rise to the impression in some quarters that this was a case of small-pox. We trust anyone who has assisted in any way in spreading this report will take steps to correct it.

### LENDING TO THE LORD

Salvation Army Give the Poor a Splendid Christmas Dinner.

Over Three Hundred Fed and Many Baskets Sent out—Goodwill to Men.

Christmas has come and gone, and with it much joy and happiness has found its way into many a home in the Maple City. There are a large number of other homes, however, where the result was far different.

How many of Chatham's citizens, as they sat down to their excellent Christmas dinner, thought of the many destitute people in the city who can ill afford the necessities of life, let alone the luxuries of Christmas-tide.

In some cases, no doubt, this would be a very perplexing question, but there is one organization in our city who, amid the hurry and bustle which generally accompanies this season, did not overlook the poor of the city. This organization is the Salvation Army. The work of the Salvation Army is a very important one and should not be made light of.

Yesterday they were provided with a Christmas dinner to which all of the poor of the city were invited. The hall was very beautifully decorated for the occasion and nothing was overlooked. The large and disabled were conveyed to the barracks in carriages and altogether about 350 people were fed and about 100 baskets of eatables were sent out to different homes in the city.

The following provisions were used: 480 pounds of turkey; 196 pounds of pudding; 22 chickens; 8 bushels of potatoes; 6 bushels of turnips; 96 loaves of bread, 86 pies, and many other varieties of vegetables, and about 216 bags of candy were given away to the children.

The idea was originated by Ensign Hollet, of this city, who was assisted in carrying it out by Adgt. McHarty. The city and citizens were appealed to and many responded very generously with money and provisions.

The E. L. of C. E. of the Victoria Avenue Methodist church gave the following splendid program: Trio—Beautiful Isle Somewhere—Misses Groves and Miss Pife.

Solo—Guard me while I Sleep—Miss Clements.

Trio—Behold me Standing at the Door—Misses Groves and Miss Pife.

Solo—Where is Heaven?—Miss Clements.

Many other selections were given by full chorus. All were appreciated very much. Rev. J. J. Ross cheered all by his presence and hearty singing.

Mayor Sulman was also present to show his hearty approval of the action of the army.

UNIMPEACHABLE.

If you were to see the unequalled volume of unimpeachable testimony in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla, you would upbraid yourself for so long delaying to take this effective alternative and tonic medicine for the blood disease from which you are suffering.

It eradicates scrofula and all other humors and cures all their inward and outward effects.

Take Hood's.

The very large Christmas trade broke the sizes somewhat and on SATURDAY next we will sell odd sizes in

Suits, Overcoats And Ulsters

at greatly Reduced Figures.

Watch this space for prices.

SCOTT & CO.

Extensive dealers in Men's Fur Coats, Caps and Gauntlets.

Sole Agents for the Celebrated Saskatchewan Coats, Robes and gauntlets.

### COLONEL CRIPPLED

He lay Recumbent Upon the Drifted Snow and Slush This Morning.

"Come hither, Mr. Reporter, and listen unto me while I unfold to you one of the foulest and most inhuman acts that ever blotted the fair and white escutcheon of honor of this beautiful city."

In such terms did the county clerk dictate his purpose. The time was the year 1901, the day was that which followed Christmas of that year, the place was Victoria Ave.

"As I wended my way to the scene of my daily occupation," he proceeded, "I came upon many lying by the road-side, evidently in a fit. Perchance, says I, this is some honest, hardworking citizen who, overcome by work and lack of food, perishes by the highway."

The man was none other than the illustrious veteran of the Southern wars, Col. Henry Stafford, a man renowned as much for his love for Martha Browning as for anything else. Bending over the prostrate form of the old soldier, once as valiant in war as in love, I asked why he lay recumbent, but speech had departed the aged hero.

Summoning the neighbors and police, I assisted the man to rise. Then Chief Young and Dr. Bray drove up, but after looking at the man of martial pretensions, they described his trouble as just drunk, and in the most cruel and unfeeling manner drove off and left the man to die at the hands of the neighbors. It was surely a dangerous place to leave so sick a man.

"By two tokens I know the man was not drunk. In the first place, he actually refused a glass of the liquid that cheers and inebriates, which a kindhearted neighbor provided. No one ever knew Col. Stafford when well to do that."

"In the second place, after we had assisted the recumbent hero to his feet, he was able to walk away. His gait was unsteady, 'tis true, but that was the sickness."

Mr. Thrasher, a learned man who stood hardy and had hearkened to the dreadful tale of the C. C. C. spoke up at this point, and said, "How now, how can you say that the Col. had not gazed on the red bowl that flows paralysis since, like that one named Robert Fleming, you neither know the taste, smell, or color of that inspiring liquid?"

Overpowered by the question of this doubting Thomas, the County Clerk cast one burning look at the skeptic then ceased his humane society remarks.

"I was at the police station this morning when some one telephoned that Col. Stafford had a fit on Victoria avenue," said Chief Young at noon. "I diagnosed the colonel's case before I left the police station. He went up to investigate. I met the veteran coming along ponderously and he gave me a smile. I saw he had several shingles flying but could not navigate so I left him as he perceived that James Hollet had succeeded in curing the apparent fit."

"About an hour afterwards I got another telephone message that the colonel had another fit in the same locality. By this time these fits were getting monotonous so, as I doubted the colonel's fitness to be abroad, I bundled him into Mr. Moore's delivery wagon and took the police station man with me who was subject to sudden and violent attacks of disorder."

"At the police station I discovered the source of the colonel's fits in his hip pocket. It was a liquid and smelled and looked like plain whiskey. Under the circumstances the police station seemed a fit place for the colonel to recover, so he was given lodging till he sobered up. Now the New Year's callers at the police station can get their Scotch 'New Years' upon the hospitality of colonel."

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

Through J. B. McGregor, stock broker, Northwood's Block, Chatham.

Chicago, Dec 23, 1901

OPEN HIGH LOW CLOSE

Wheat—Dec.... 82 82 82 82

May.... 82 82 82 82

July.... 82 82 82 82

Corn—May.... 67 67 67 67

July.... 66 66 66 66

Oats—May.... 45 45 45 45

July.... 39 39 39 39

Pork—Jan.... 16 16 16 16

May.... 17 17 17 17

Lard—Jan.... 9 9 9 9

May.... 9 9 9 9

Ribs—Jan.... 8 8 8 8

May.... 8 8 8 8

July.... 8 8 8 8

PASSED AWAY.

George Green, Victoria Ave., who has been ill but a short time, passed away yesterday at the age of 74 years. Deceased was well-known in the city and his death will be deeply regretted. He leaves a widow and a number of children to mourn his loss. The children are Miss Green, teacher of the Central School Kindergarten, Mrs. Brundage, Stanley avenue, Mrs. Andrew Thomson, Stanley avenue, Mrs. S. B. Arnold, Mrs. Chas. Dunn, and James Green, of Dresden. The funeral will probably take place on Sunday at the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. J. J. Ross will officiate.

A telegram was received on Wednesday announcing the death of Mrs. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, who resided with her husband Mr. Eldridge Stanton in this city for some years in the sixties. The deceased lady is a sister of Mrs. Robert Fisher, of Chatham township and the late Joseph Butler, was a brother, and her eldest daughter is the wife of Dr. Sheard, health officer of Toronto. The remains were interred in Toronto on Friday.

### BIG BUSINESS AT CITY STORES

The Christmas Shopping This Season was Well in Excess of Past Years

All the Merchants Delighted with Business Done—Money Was Plentiful.

During the past few weeks the columns of The Planet have been crowded by attractive Christmas advertisements by the enterprising merchants of the Maple City.

These gentlemen had made earnest and special preparations for the service of their many patrons, and it is gratifying to learn that the business which they accomplished has been exceedingly large and satisfactory.

This morning representatives of The Planet visited a few of the mercantile establishments and found the business men invariably pleased with what had been accomplished.

C. AUSTIN & CO.

C. Austin & Co. had a good Christmas, notwithstanding the fact that large numbers from the neighboring towns and country did not come in. The business this year would have much surpassed that of last year had it not been for the unfortunate and unfeeling alarm which kept the people out of the city.

"It was very noticeable," said Mr. Austin, "that people had more money to spend this Christmas and purchased the better classes of goods."

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

The holiday trade at John Northway & Co.'s was an exceedingly good one and was very much ahead of former years.

Mr. McDonald said that no shoplifting, as far as could be learned, was done and there was not a suspicious case. He also said that they actually had more business than they could handle.

GORDON STORE.

The Gordon Store is well satisfied with the holiday trade and report the best three consecutive days—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday—the business has ever experienced, but still they are desirous of pushing trade and suiting customers.

WESTMAN BROS.

The trade at Westman Bros. was very good and considerably in excess of last year's business. A better class of goods than is usually the case was in demand. Prospects for a continuance of good trade in this establishment are very bright.

DINGMAN'S.

C. Dingman, the P. O. Bookstore man, reports a very good trade, and very much ahead of last year. "The Man from Gleanings" was the book which was most called for, and an extra large number was sold.

THE 2 T'S.

The 2 T's report the Christmas trade this year the best they ever had. The trade was very good in every way, and fully up to the expectations of the firm.

THOS. STONE & SON.

The old established firm of Thos. Stone & Son had one of the best Christmas trades in the history of the business, and are perfectly satisfied.

SCOTT & CO.

Scott & Co. report a splendid Christmas trade, especially in the Saskatchewan fur coats and robes, for which this firm is sole agent. The trade surpassed that of last year.

VONGUNTEN BROS.

Vonguten Bros. report the holiday trade as the biggest they have ever done, they being barely able to handle the tremendous amount of business.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

At Geo. Stephens & Co.'s, F. F. Quinn says, the Christmas trade was excellent and the firm is well pleased. The full trade has also been very good.

W. J. KENNY.

W. J. Kenny reports the Christmas trade much in excess of last year in almost every line.

WANTED

WANTED—Boys wanted. Apply at once, Kent Canning Factory, St. George street.

WANTED—General servant in family of three. Country girl preferred. Mrs. Lovell, 210 Cottingham St., Toronto.

Young Man—Having good business—would correspond with respectable, intelligent lady matrimonially inclined; references exchanged. Box 2,538, Toronto, Ont.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Monday, Dec. 30th

Lincoln J. Carter's

Great and Thrilling Photo-Drama

THE FLAMING ARROW

GOV.-ON-30 MOHAWK

The only Indian actress in the title role and half the actors full-blooded Indians

PRICES—First three rows Parquet Circle 50c; balance of lower floor and first two rows balcony 25c; balance of balcony 50c. Gallery 25c.

Coming New Year's Day The Hottest New in Dixie.

Chatham's Greatest Store | C. AUSTIN, & CO. Chatham's Cheapest Store

## Women's Jackets

Fortunate, indeed, is the woman who has the buying of a winter coat in mind to-day.

Our showing of the different lengths has been very full all season and we are well prepared to satisfy the widest variety of tastes.

Detailed hints of a few lines which merit special mention.

At \$8.50—Coats of dark grey chevrot, semi-fitting, storm collar, finished with stitching, and lined.  
At \$10.00—Fine black beaver jackets, 36 inch long, double breasted, half fitted, velvet or storm collar.  
At \$10.00—Full length coats of Oxford Frieze, with pointed yoke, fly front.

At \$12.50—Fawn beaver coat, 42 inch long, half-fitted, collar and revers finished with cream taffeta applique. Regular \$16.50 value.

At \$15.00—Tan Korse box coat, 42 inches long, with pointed yoke, fly front.



## What About Your Boys

Has he enough warm clothing for the winter? We have some lines of Boys 2 and 3 piece suits, Reefers and odd coats we are going to clear at sweeping prices.

On Sale Saturday Morning

Are You Interested?

Boys' 2 Pc Suits

Of solid tweeds and plain blue serges, single and double breasted styles, for ages 5 to 13 years. Regular, \$2.50, lines, on sale at \$1.98

Boys' 3 Pc. Suits