

SOME NEW FURNISHINGS

SPRING SORTS THAT INTEREST MEN.

The sorts that will interest men who like exclusive haberdashery. It's worth while for men to make this store their starting point in their search for exclusive newness. You'll be money ahead if you do, gentlemen—exclusive is always assured here. The 2 T's quality does that—costs nothing extra though—and you've a wide variety for your choosing.

New lines of **Neckties** have just arrived; they are chuck full of the latest ideas in shirt making—made of fine Madras and Percales and some Cheviots in stripes, neat, figured and other effects. Some have narrow cuffs attached, others have detached cuffs.

\$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Fancy Patterned Shirts—the smartest of the smart spring sorts.

\$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Two styles of bosoms—long and short—cuffs attached and detached.

New Neckwear, too—second arrivals this week and they'll be all sold by Saturday night. Neckwear sales were never larger than they are at present—newness is the cause of it.

The 2 T's.

**Sole Agents for
Slater Shoes**

G. W. CORNELL DENTIST

Corner Sixth and King Street,
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 317.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, April 3.—10 a.m.—Strong northerly winds, becoming colder; a snow fall in many localities. Saturday, cold and cloudy.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Thermometer 34.
Highest yesterday 64.
Lowest yesterday 33.
Direction of wind, northeast.
Rainfall, 137 tons to the acre.

Local Briefs

Miss Daisy Colwell, of Wallaceburg, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

Col. J. B. Rankin, K. C., was in Essex to-day inspecting a drain.

The East Kent Liberal Association meets in Ridgeway on Monday.

R. M. Thompson, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday on legal business.

Wanted, at once, two boys to work in trimming shop. Apply Wm. Gray & Son.

To-morrow is the last day for receiving tenders for the new school house near Tupperville.

J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, have completed plans for a new residence for Geo. A. Gosnell, of Highgate.

Geo. Ainslie, of the Canada Business College, had the misfortune to break his ankle while playing football.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Parrott was the scene of a very pleasant social gathering of young people last evening in honor of the opening of their newly erected home.

"The choicest building sites in the city," is what every person remarks regarding the lots in the old athletic ground. Buy one and own your own home. Why pay rent any longer?

See D. McLaughlin, William street, for particulars.

A committee from the Public Library Board—Messrs. Twohey, Stone and Charteris—waited on Mrs. Robinson, the librarian, last evening, and persuaded her to reconsider her resignation. She will be given a month's leave of absence during May and when she returns to the city she will resume her duties in the library as formerly.

FARMS FOR SALE.

50 acres in Chatham Township, new house, new stable and granary. Soil, clay loam.—Price \$2,600.

100 acres in Harwich Township, five miles from city, good two story house, barn, cattle barn, stable, granary, pig pens, etc. Well drained and fenced, no Drainage Tax. Price \$7,200.

50 acres in Romney Township, no buildings, convenient to church, school, post office, railway station, store, etc. Price \$1,250.

DUNN & MERRITT,

Fifth Street. Phone 295. 1st Door off King St.
Open Wednesday and Saturday Evenings till 9 o'clock.

KODAKS...

Those who are thinking of taking up the interesting study of photography will find a fine assortment of Kodaks and Cameras in our store as well as instruction books, supplies, etc.

Any person purchasing supplies from us will have free use of our dark room and will receive full instructions from us how to use their Kodak. See the **Brownie Kodak at \$1.** It takes good pictures.

A. I. McCALL & CO., Ltd.

Druggists and Opticians (THREE STORES) CHATHAM and DRESDEN

COURT OPENED

The Stratton Investigation Before Judges Commission Started.

Adjournment till the 13th inst. to Secure Evidence From Manitoulin.

(Special to The Planet.)

Toronto, April 3.—The Gamey-Stratton investigation commission held its first meeting this morning. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., W. B. Riddell, K. C., and J. M. McEwey appeared for Government, and S. H. Blake, K. C., W. D. McPherson, K. C., and C. H. Ritchie, K. C., for prosecution. Mr. Johnston told the court that his side was ready to proceed on Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Blake, however, after consulting his assistants, said that on account of the difficulty in getting evidence from Manitoulin it would be impossible to proceed before the 13th. Mr. Johnston offered to supply steamers to bring down Manitoulin witnesses, but this was not considered of much use. Finally adjournment till the 13th was decided upon.

Court ordered both sides to produce and deposit with registrar all documents in possession of either.

These probably will include shorthand notes taken by Gamey's three friends in Crossin factory covering the member for Manitoulin's conversation with Sullivan.

The commission when sittings resume on the 13th will sit daily from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. until inquiry concludes.

SMALL-POX AT WHEATLEY?

It is rumored that small-pox has broken out in Wheatley. A number of suspicious cases have developed there, and Dr. Hodges, of Toronto, was called down and investigated. The results of his investigation are not known yet.

It is said that several cases occurred in one of the hotels and the school had been closed.

PRESENTATION

At an evening given at the home of Miss M. O'Leary, in honor of Miss Hayne, the retiring organist and choir director of the William St. Baptist church, the choir were royally entertained on Tuesday evening.

Following a complimentary address a beautiful set ring of rubies and pearls was presented to Miss Hayne from the choir, showing the high esteem in which she was held by them.

Previous to this Miss Hayne had been presented with an ebony toilet set from her S. S. class. Miss Grace Ainsworth read a pleasing address, while Miss Pearl Booth presented the token of regard.

THE RECORD

E. J. MacIntyre and Mr. McKinlay, formerly of St. Catharines, now General Superintendent of the Chaplin Works, were near the fire hall when the brigade was called out. Mr. Mac, with the patriotic pride of every true minded citizen, pointed to the brigade as they were leaving the hall, and said:

"That beats anything you ever saw the St. Catharines brigade do."

Mr. McKinlay was inclined to dispute these statements, and later on in the evening the two gentlemen introduced the Chief to make a trial hitch.

Mr. McIntyre held the watch and exactly 6.34 seconds after the first sound of the gong the horses were hitched and the firemen in their places ready to leave the hall. Mr. McKinlay was greatly surprised and acknowledged that it was the fastest hitch he had ever seen.

OIL NEWS

The Chatham Oil Co.'s new well on the Brown place was about finished yesterday and is practically considered a dry hole. It had reached a depth below Hall's Big Hit without any success. It was decided last night to drill still deeper. The other well being put down by the Chatham Oil Co. between Hall's Big Hit and Stevens' Strike is down 365 feet. The conditions are fairly favorable. Stevens' Strike has not been pumped for some weeks, but Hall's Big Hit is producing oil daily. The yield is about six barrels per day. Thomas Suitor has the contract for hauling oil and is making five trips a day to the receiving tank at Richardson's crossing. The VanTuyt well on the 8th concession is being pumped. This is what is called a water well and has a slight showing of oil. An effort is being made to exhaust the water, as it is thought that the oil will then come. Two wells are being drilled on the 11th concession, Raleigh, but are not showing up any too good and the owners do not feel jubilant. The oil men feel that there is an oil field somewhere south of Chatham, but they are beginning to get a little disheartened.

Many stories are told of the large amounts offered for leases during the Gusher excitement last November. Philip Cox was offered \$1,000 and more for a lease of his farm which lies about two miles this side of the Gusher. To-day Mr. Cox couldn't get as many cents for a lease. He refused the money offered because he didn't want to lease. He said he had a good farm and was satisfied.

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Factory—Thames St.
Offices—Thames and Fifth Sts.
Yards—Thames and Salter Sts.
Phones—328 and 109.

CARRY A COMPLETE STOCK OF

**Lumber,
Lath,
Shingles,
Cedar Posts,
&c.**

If you are going to build we will save you money. We take contracts either for complete buildings or supply Lumber and Mill Bill as required.

J. L. Scott & Son

BIG BALANCE IN BANK

The regular monthly meeting of the Water Commissioners was held last evening, with Chairman Bray, Mayor McKeough and Com. W. D. Sheldon present.

A by-law was passed reducing the rates. The four-room house rate was reduced to \$3 net, five room to \$4, and 6 room to \$5. The meter rates were dropped from 25 to 20 cents per M. Miss Bennett applied last evening for a pipe line on Patterson avenue, but she will not require it now, as she has purchased a house on Raleigh street and will put a pipe at the rear of the houses.

A main was granted to A. H. Hutchison, on Inches avenue. Tenders for pipe were opened and Geo. Stephens & Company awarded the contract, their being the lowest tender.

The usual monthly accounts were passed. The cash account for the month showed a balance in bank of \$2,079.99.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by L. J. Atwater, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, April 3, 1903

	OPEN	HIGHEST	CLOSE	LOWEST
Wheat, July	74			
May	70 1/2			
Corn, July	43 1/2			
May	44			
Oats, July	33			
May	30			
Pork, July	1780			
May	1720			
Lard, July	997			
May	982			
July	970			
July	962			

L. J. ATWATER, COMMISSION BROKER, Stocks, Bonds, Grain, Provisions.

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NEW Tinsmith and Plumbing SHOP.

The undersigned has opened out a Tinsmithing and Plumbing Shop on 4th St., nearly opp. the Rankin House Stables, where he is prepared to do all kinds of tinsmithing and plumbing. Furnace work on the shortest notice. Estimates cheerfully given.

CHAS. GORSELTZ, Fourth St.

YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED?

OUR PRICES.

7 lbs. Rolled Oats, 25c
7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c
3 lbs. Mixed Biscuit, 25c
7 lb. Pail Jam, 48c
Maple Syrup, 25c per quart.
Cooking Figs, 4c per lb.
Broken Soda Biscuits, 5c per lb.
Tapioca, 5c per lb.

SAY!

Are you looking for a DINNER, TEA or CHAMBER SET? We have them, also a lot of fine CHINA, LAMPS and GLASSWARE. To make a long story short, we will make a reduction of 10 per cent. on the above Crockery and China.

John McConnell,
PARK ST., EAST. Phone 190

Dressmakers
Apprentices—Apply
to Miss Morrison.

C. AUSTIN & CO

Chatham's
Greatest
Store

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS...

Easter Materials in Profusion! Our showing of dress fabrics for Easter is now complete—Novelties, the prime favorites for spring are here in fine array. Panamas, Eiolenes, Crepe de Chines, Voiles, and other sheer materials. We show in Black all the leading shades.

Wool voiles—In self colors, a novelty material for street or evening wear, the leading shades, 46 inches wide, at 75c yard.

Panamas—In black and colors, all wool material, of firm open weave, for pretty street dresses, 44 inches wide, at 50c yard.

Crepe de chinos—A very special line of pure wool material, with bright silk finish, very sheer, 44 inches wide, at \$1.00 yard.

French venetian—In black and navy, 58 inches wide, fine, pure worsted with very high finish, specially adapted for ladies' tailoring, at \$1.25 yard.

Homespun—The celebrated Harris homespun, in black, grey, brown and navy, for ladies' walking skirts, 56 inches wide, at 75c yard.

The Novelties in New Spring Millinery Are Here.

Well dressed women are getting anxious to discard their winter hats. The first bright days will tempt our hundreds of charming hats in lighter styles, not the midsummer wear, but the first step springward, in proper effects for the present season.

We have made a fine collection of such hats, a very positive relief from winter styles, yet not too decisive for immediate wear, and they will serve till May. They are chiefly of chiffon in combination with silk or straw braids, others all fancy braid in an immense variety of shapes, combinations and styles. Many can be worn as they are, others require some simple trimming—an ornament with an aigrette, a quill, or some strapping of ribbon. Prices range from \$1.50 to \$6.

Beautiful New Trimmed Hats at \$3.00—We have a number specially trimmed for this occasion, all shapes, styles and colors.

Ready-to-Wear Hats—We have novelties selected from the scores of worthy up-to-date styles. New York's latest modes are shown here as well as Toronto's popular favorites, and at low prices.

The "WESTPORT" at \$1.25—White straw, trimmed with black satin and quills, velvet binding, and straw cabachon.

The "LOUISE" at \$1.50—Colored straw braids in different combinations with strapping and quill of same, fastened with buttons.

The "LYOEUM" at \$3.00—This ready-to-wear hat is of champagne straw braid, effectively trimmed with folds of black velvet, and flat bow of ribbon velvet fastened with steel ornament.



Saturday
In
Austin & Co's
CLOTHING DEPT
Will be Special Showing and
Displaying of
Men's Spring Suits.

If ever a man wants smart, prim, handsome clothes, it's when the first warm days appear. Nowhere can the most particular man find a finer, fresher or more satisfying stock of suits to choose from than is here at this moment, yet with all the character and style which our good clothing possesses, prices are as low as a careful man could wish.

The New Three-Button Single-breasted Sack Suit, cut with neat, narrow lapel, is here. These smart garments are made by the **best and most skillful Tailors**, and the cutter has thrown in every twist and kink of styles that fashion approves.

Our Suit prices start at \$5 and ascend by easy steps to \$15. There is not a weak spot in our entire line of spring suits.

See East Show Window Saturday

Men's All-Wool Blue Serge Suits

\$5, \$7.50 and \$10, in the soft Cheviot finish cloths and the firm Worsted Serges, made in single and double breasted styles, full range sizes 34 to 44.

Men's All-Wool Tweed Suits

\$5, \$7.50 and \$10, made from honest all wool cloths, dark and light effects—the season's latest patterns, all sizes.

Men's Handsome Worsted Suits

\$10, \$12, \$13.50 and \$15—The swellest range of Plain and Fancy Worsted Suits ever shown in Chatham, all the new coloring effects and patterns.

Plain Black Worsted, Fancy Worsted Suits,
Plain Grey Worsteds.

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The Leading and Reliable Clothiers