



ONCE AGAIN. Newness in Men's Furnishings.

Spring Suits—NECK WEAR of beautifully patterned imported silks, fashioned into the new wide four-in-hands.

This assortment, which came only yesterday is made up of five sets or different patterns, some of which we will display in our window. They are priced 50c. New ones, too, have been added to our 25c. line—they are all spring-like in pattern and shade.

SHIRTS—Stiff bosom fancy patterned ones, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Negligees, with pleated fronts—cuffs attached and detached—neat black and white and blue and white figure effects, \$1 and \$1.50.

GLOVES of gray and brown Suede for Spring wear—lined with silk—our own importation—\$2.00.

Hawes and Stuyverant Spring Hats are here.

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, March 6.—10 a. m.—Fair and mild. Saturday, easterly winds; cloudy; occasional rain.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Thermometer 29.
Highest yesterday 43.
Lowest yesterday 27.
Direction of wind, northeast.

Local Briefs

Miss Louise Jackson is visiting friends in London.

There are said to be about 900 union men in Chatham.

Eighteen people were bathed at the mineral baths on Wednesday.

Miss Clara Lawson is the guest of Mrs. Robert Milner at Park Home.

Mrs. Annie Steinboff is spending three weeks the guest of Wallaceburg friends.

J. W. Smith and C. A. Smith, of Stewart, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Miss Jessie Martin, Lorne avenue, entertained a number of her friends last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, of Wallaceburg, were guests in the city yesterday.

H. W. DeLaunier, of Wallaceburg, was registered at the mineral bath house yesterday.

W. A. Mayhew, of Thamesville, called on his friend W. Miller, of Westman's, yesterday.

Park Bros. received a car of boiler tubes from Glasgow, Scotland, via steamship Tritonia and C. P. R.

Re Wallace vs. Elms Township, and Camden vs. Dresden town, and Chatham Township, judgment on appeal will be given at two o'clock to-day at Toronto.

Dr. A. W. Thornton will deliver his lecture on Irish and the Irish in Tupperville on March 17. The lecture will be given in the new Methodist church.

The funeral of the late Duncan McRae, who died at his home on Prince Albert Road, Chatham Township, took place this morning at ten o'clock from his late residence, Harwich, to the Glenheim cemetery. It was largely attended.

The funeral of the late James Carter, who died at his home on Prince Albert Road, Chatham Township, took place this afternoon at two o'clock to the Maple Leaf cemetery. Deceased was an old colored gentleman and was well known in Chatham and vicinity.

MONEY TO LOAN

on City and Farm Property, Private or Companies' Funds, at low rate of interest; no commission charged borrowers.

New York stocks bought and sold, half hourly quotations.

New House and Lot for Sale, 8 rooms, bath and gas. Price \$1,000.

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BOX 52 PHONE 295
Fifth St., 1st Door from King.
Open till 9 o'clock on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

PLEASED WITH QUALITY

When you have to take medicine the purest you can get is none too pure. It is unnecessary for us to say there are plenty of inferior drugs on the market—you know that. With us everything is sacrificed for **QUALITY**. We are just as anxious as anyone else to make a profit, and a good one too, but quality always comes first, and price is arranged accordingly.

At McCall's you may pay a good price for it, but you'll get it good.

A. I. McCALL & CO., Ltd.
Druggists and Opticians CHATHAM and DRESDEN

COAL CONTRACT

Water Commissioners were
Fortunate in Dealing with
Lake Erie Co.—Were Fair-
ly Treated

At the regular monthly meeting of the Water Commissioners in the Secretary's office last evening the Commissioners highly congratulated themselves on having had such an excellent coal contract with the Lake Erie Coal Company, which has supplied the waterworks with coal during the past year.

The Coal Company, however, wrote saying that the price would have to be raised for a time on account of the stamped of the cars, until the Shenango could cross Lake Erie. The Commissioners thought that as the Coal Company had dealt very fairly with them that they should agree to the temporary increase.

Dr. Bray—The contract expires April 1st, and we'll agree to the advance and ask them to continue sending the coal till May 1st before we advertise for tenders. Have we much coal on hand at present, Mr. Jones? Supt. Jones—No, not a great deal; we loaned the Gas Co. enough to tide them over the other night when they would have run out.

Mr. Sheldon—It's only right that we have the coal in town the gas and waterworks should have it rather than the city go without water or light.

A rebate of \$1.40 was granted Mrs. Wemp, also John Carpenter rebate of \$10.

A very interesting statement of the waterworks since the city took hold of it in 1896 up to November, 1902, gotten up by T. K. McKeand, was read and discussed. Mr. McKeand was heartily thanked by the Board for his work.

The unpaid water accounts were discussed and A. J. Pike appointed to the position of collector at a salary to be arranged.

Commissioner Sheldon thought the rates for small houses, such as four or five room dwellings, was too high, as it was mostly poor people who could not afford to buy a meter.

He therefore gave notice of motion that the rate for four room houses be \$3.00, five room \$4.00 and over five rooms \$5.00, and that the meter rate be 20 cents per thousand gallons, a reduction of five cents per thousand. A by-law will have to be submitted.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

McCull Bros. & Co.	\$43.30
J. & J. Oldershaw	5.00
Penn. Salt Co.	36.00
Doherty Mfg. Co.	6.85
Doherty Mfg. Co.	3.23
L. E. Coal Co.	279.93
L. E. Coal Co.	111.93

CASH STATEMENT FOR FEB.

Cash in Bank	\$1597.17
H. Manning	75
C. W. Raynor	12.00
City Chatham	186.27
John Moore	3.50
Westman Bros.	12.00
Westman Bros.	23.00
Wm. Blight	3.75
Wm. Blight	13.45
Tuning off	50
Meter rental	1.50
Water sales	592.23
Water sales paid Bank	1702
	\$2463.14

By operating.....\$ 706.46
By maintenance.....1.15
By extensions to house services.....28.20
By extensions to house services.....130.39
Balance in Bank.....1596.88
\$2463.14

CONTRACT SIGNED

Mr. VanVlack, president of the Dominion Paving Co., Toronto, has signed the contract for the new pavement on William street from Colborne street to Stanley avenue.

The contract was signed yesterday and Mr. VanVlack says that he will go on with the work as soon as weather permits. The pavement will be wooden blocks, chemically treated with carbolic acid and will be laid on a cement sub-structure.

Mr. VanVlack says that he is ready to finish the William street pavement as soon as the weather will allow it.

WHERE THEY ARE

Marbles no longer occupy the attention of the young lads of the Maple City. Even playing in mud puddles has lost its charm, and tops are laid aside. This lack of interest in reasonable sports may strike the uninitiated as strange, and the men who used to complain about the boys playing on the corner at night now feel lonesome, for the boys have disappeared.

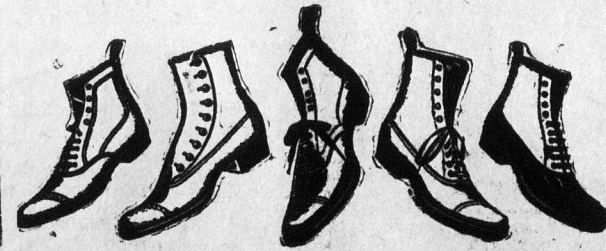
The mysterious absence of the boys from their usual haunts and games is explained when it is told that the lads have all got the craze theatrical. The North side youthful actors hold forth in Crow's barn, St. Clair street, while the South side lads pull off their productions in Campbell's barn, Baxter street.

The title roles in the North side company are played by Con. Delahunty, Roy Macdonald, Harry Nagle, Duff, Morrison and Norman Warren. Last night they played Reuben in New York, to a fair house. To-night, they play Jesse James in Missouri. There is considerable rivalry between the two theatrical companies. Campbell's crowd are banking on a great scenic production which they are now rehearsing. They claim that its appearance will make the North side look like real barnstormers. The piece is called A Stereotyped Edition of Florida. Dyke Campbell plays the title role.

SEARCH STOPPED

Detective Campeau, of Windsor, yesterday received instructions to stop his quest for the missing John Tilling of Oxford township, Kent county. When the relatives of the missing man learned that he had been in Windsor and deposited his money there came to the conclusion that he is in Essex county trying to locate a farm and that he will put in an appearance when he has finished his business.—Detroit Free Press.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS

And shoes must be sturdy to stand the racket—the romping play incident to the trips to and from school.

OUR SCHOOL SHOES

Are made to withstand the hardest knocks, strong and staunch, full of wear and yet not clumsy. Goodness—they have more than others, but the price is no higher. See them before you fit the boy out.

\$1.00 to \$1.50

...The Prices Range...

GEO. W. COWAN,
CHATHAM.

DEATH TO FOREIGNERS.

Outbreak in China Regarded as Imminent.

Victoria, B.C., March 6.—According to advices from Peking an outbreak, and with it a carnival of murder exceeding that of the Boxer uprising, is regarded by many as imminent. Correspondents of Chinese papers at Peking are sending columns telling of the duplicity of the Empress-dowager and of the threatened outbreak. The North China Daily News, one of the best informed journals of the east, has received advices that the Empress-dowager and Yunglu, the Grand Chancellor, are known to be aiding the movement of Tung Fuhsiang in Kansu, and on the authority of a Chinese of high literary rank at Peking the Shanghai paper says that while the Empress-dowager is issuing edicts commanding reforms on western lines, and pretending to initiate reforms, she is secretly sending instructions to viceroys and governors prohibiting the inauguration of foreign methods within their jurisdictions. The Empress is also said to be sending notifications to some viceroys that Tung Fuhsiang is to be aided in marching his army to Peking to escort Puchun, son of Prince Chun and ex-heli apparent to the throne. On their arrival Kwong-shi, the present Emperor, is to be made away with. The Emperor, says the Chinese correspondent, the representatives of the various foreign powers, and all foreigners in the capital, as well as in the provinces, are to meet the same fate without distinction.

POSTAGE ON PERIODICALS.

Immediate Reduction in the Rate to Great Britain.

Ottawa, March 6.—For several years Sir William Mulock, Postmaster-General, has been endeavoring to secure the consent of the English Postoffice authorities to a reduction in the rate of postage upon newspapers and periodicals passing between the two countries.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Imperial conference last summer, and a motion favoring reduction was carried, but up to the present the English postal authorities did not see their way to agreeing to such a proposition. Amongst other things, it was represented that loss of revenue would be occasioned, and, moreover, they did not feel at liberty to make an exception in favor of Canada alone of all the British possessions. Upon the appointment of Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain as his Majesty's Postmaster-General, Sir William Mulock pressed the subject upon his attention, and also informed Mr. Chamberlain that her rate Canada was prepared at once without waiting for England to reduce outgoing mail matter. Under the terms of the universal postal convention the consent of two countries is necessary before any reduction of postage on mail matter between them can be made, and therefore so long as the Imperial Government's consent was withheld, Canada could not reduce her outgoing rate.

Yesterday this consent was received, and to-morrow the reduction will be gazetted and go into effect. Therefore on and after Saturday, the 7th inst, the rate of postage on newspapers and periodicals posted in Canada for transmission to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland will be the same as if for delivery in Canada. Doubtless this important concession will lead to a very considerable increase in the circulation of Canadian newspapers in Great Britain.

BARRIE'S NEW HOSPITAL.

A \$20,000 Institution Opened Yesterday—Call Sustained.

Barrie, March 6.—An immense crowd of people from Barrie and surrounding country attended the formal opening of the new Royal Victoria Hospital here yesterday. The hospital, which is one of the best equipped in the Province, and has accommodation for forty patients, is a splendid structure on a commanding site, overlooking Queen's Park. With furnishings it cost \$20,000, and is opened almost free of debt. Warden Murphy made the formal opening, and speeches were made by the President, Rev. Dr. McLeod, Judge Ardagh, Sheriff Drury, Messrs. J. S. Duff, M. P. P. H. H. Strathly, K.C., Donald Ross and others.

Dressmakers
Apprentices—Apply
to Miss Morrison.

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Chatham's
Greatest
Store.

Ladies' Shower Proofs

A big shipment of the latest styles received to-day direct from England. A full range of prices and sizes to chose from.

Clearing Sale of Laces

Bargains in laces for the next four days, commencing Saturday, March 7th. A clear-up sale on all our net laces, worth from 12 to 20 cents per yard, for 4 days only we will clear the lot at **10c. per yard.**

600 yards of net lace in white and ecru, from 4 to 6 inches wide, worth 12c, 14c, 18c. and 20c, to clear at **10c. per yard**

Dress Goods

Desirable dress materials in new and up-to-date goods. Colors that Dame Fashion has smiled upon at prices that make but light demands on your p. rse.

Amazon Cloth

In black and all wanted shades, 42 inches wide, in a good weight, all wool cloth, for stylish spring suits, 50c yard

Ladies Cloth

46 inches wide, with bright finish, black and new shades of brown, navy and fawn, very dressy and made to wear, 75c yard

Snow Flake Suitings

New and popular, black, brown, navy, cardinal and grey grounds with dainty white flake, three widths, three weights, at 75c, \$1.00 and 1.25 yard

Canvas Suitings

56 inches wide, all wool, medium mesh; shades, black, brown, navy and grey, very stylish for separate skirts or suits, at \$1.00 yard

IN THE MEN'S FURNISHINGS DEPARTMENT
SATURDAY, MARCH 7th.

Pointers for Men

HERE are a couple of Saturday signboards to economy for men who like to go well dressed, but to do so at moderate expense.

25 dozen Men's Imported Cashmere Sox. 3 pairs for 50c.

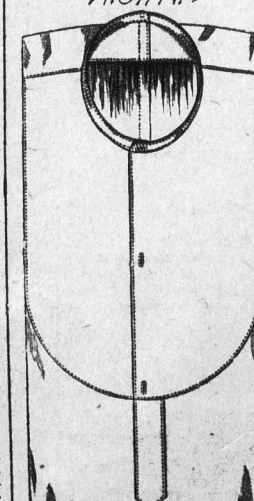


We place on sale Saturday 25 dozen of men's imported black Cashmere Sox. They are sold in most stores at 25c. a pair, we cleared the lot and placed them on sale at a clearing price. All sizes, 10, 10½, 11. **3 pairs for 25c.**

20 dozen of our Special Unlaundried Shirt. Iron Frame Linen, 50c.

Just passed into stock 20 dozen of our celebrated unlaundried Shirt, beautiful fine cambric body and linen bosoms and bands, continuous seams, short bosoms, sizes 13 to 18½, very special value, 50c.

TRADE MARK



New
English
Can bric
Colored
Shirts



W. G. & R.'s HIGH CLASS GOODS.

The new spring lines are here, in the stiff bosoms with separate cuffs, very handsome effects.

Sizes, Boys', 12½ to 14.
Sizes, Men's, 14 to 18.

OPEN BACK & FRONT 75c. \$1.00, and \$1.25.

New Spring Neckwear, just in. Extra Value 25c.

Handsome quality silks, all the new effects, in Hook-on-knots and Bows, Four-in-hands. Sold in many furnishing houses as high as 50c. Very special, 25c.

C. Austin & Co.
The Leading and Reliable Clothiers