

**G. W. CORNELL**  
DENTIST  
Corner Sixth and King Street  
Over the Bee Hive.  
Phone 317.

## PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.  
Toronto, Dec. 31.—11 a. m.—West-  
erly winds, fair and cold to-day.  
Friday, light snowfalls, followed by  
strong northwesterly winds and  
colder by night.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

The pay sheets amounted to \$62.14  
this week.

Lost—Navy blue belt, with pearl  
stick pin. The finder will be rewarded  
by leaving at this office.

Charles Mann, of Walkerville, was  
the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Albert Mann, Murray street, to-day.

The new rink will be opened for  
skating New Year's Night. Good  
music and good ice.—Adults, 25c; chil-  
dren 15c.

Major Coogan, who has been on  
the sick list for the past week, was  
able to come down to his office this  
morning.

Watch-night service will be held in  
Holy Trinity Church to-night, com-  
mencing at 11.15, and followed by the  
administration of the Holy Commu-  
nion.

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dren 15c.

Pearce vs. Pearce, an application  
for administration in the case of the  
late Wm. Geo. Pearce, for petition  
of sale of real estate, came up be-  
fore his honor Judge Bell this morn-  
ing and an order was made for the  
sale of land by administratrix, C.  
R. Atkinson, K. C. for plaintiff,  
Walter Mills, Ridgeway, for ad-  
ministratrix, and E. Stone for chil-  
dren.

There was all kinds of heat in  
the County Buildings this morning.  
Ex-Ald. John Watt, who has been  
putting in the heating apparatus,  
was trying to make a test this  
morning but didn't. Two thermom-  
eters in the Crown Attorney's office  
registered 78 and 68 respectively,  
while two thermometers in the  
County Clerk's office registered 72  
and 80 respectively. The difference  
in the thermometers in the same  
room is not explained.

## ROBBERS ABROAD

Isaac Bechard's residence at the  
mouth of the river was entered  
some time during the latter part of  
last week and robbed. Two shotguns  
were found afterwards in the house  
broken and some stuff was carried  
off.

Detective McGregor was there for  
two days looking the case up and  
he was joined yesterday afternoon  
by Detective Campeau, of Windsor.  
He returned to the city last night.  
There are three or four persons  
implicated in the robbery. They are  
known to the detectives and they  
will be arrested when it is deemed  
advisable. Mr. Bechard was in Chat-  
ham when the robbery occurred.

## TREAT IN STORE.

E. J. MacIntyre is one of the many  
Maple City lovers of good music who  
is not going to miss hearing the Hun-  
garian Orchestra in the Opera House  
to-morrow night, in speaking of the  
event, this morning, he said to The  
Planet reporter:

"When I was in Germany last year  
I heard of P. R. Matius and his or-  
chestra wherever I went and I have  
long wished to hear them. Matius  
stands to-day as probably the greatest  
director of music in the world, and he  
being a Hungarian, the greatest mu-  
sicians come from Hungary. In Bar-  
lin, where I think they are the most  
capable of understanding good music,  
they give it the greatest of praise.  
The Emperor has them at his castle  
when I was in Germany and everyone  
who heard them was perfectly de-  
lighted. It is certainly a big musical  
treat for Chatham, and I can't un-  
derstand how Manager Briscoe got  
them to come here.

"Just to show you what great mu-  
sicians they have in Hungary, my  
daughter writes me that there is a  
Hungarian boy 10 years old, now in  
Berlin who is making the people  
there rave over his violin playing.  
He went there for three engagements  
and they made him stay for ten. He  
was a guest at the Emperor's castle  
while there.

"Any one who appreciates the very  
best of music should not miss hearing  
the orchestra to-morrow night."

## SPECIAL SALE OF

## Ebony Goods

Following our usual custom we shall during this week sell  
the balance of our Ebony Goods at a discount of 10 per  
cent. This includes Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, Manicure  
Sets, etc.

**A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.,**  
Cor. King and Fifth Sts. Druggists.

## The Letter-Box

## CONSOLIDATE THE DEBT.

To the Electors of the City of Chat-  
ham:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—On Mon-  
day, January 4th, you will be called  
upon to mark your ballots for the  
approval of a by-law to consolidate  
an unprovided-for indebtedness that  
has accumulated during the last ten  
years, and for which no provision  
has heretofore been made and which  
is the floating debt of the city of  
Chatham up to the 31st day of De-  
cember, 1902. It perhaps is not ne-  
cessary that your attention should be  
called to this because of the fact  
that the matter has already been  
explained to you through the medium  
of the press of this city and by  
proper notices and the proper ad-  
vertising of this by-law in the usual  
manner as prescribed by statute.

The Finance committee of this city  
have decided to lay before you and  
to explain to you a few points re-  
lative to this matter. In order to  
place the floating debt of \$49,734.93  
in a more business-like shape than  
it is in at the present time, this  
being the amount for which this  
city is liable to the Standard Bank  
of Canada, and for which no pro-  
vision has been made for the re-  
payment of the same, we wish to  
point out to you that it is quite ne-  
cessary that this by-law shall meet  
with the approval of each and every  
citizen in order to strengthen the  
hands of the Council when applying  
to the Local Legislature for permis-  
sion to consolidate this debt. This  
unprovided-for liability of \$49,734.93  
we now owe to the Standard Bank  
of Canada and this amount is prac-  
tically on call. If, owing to a string-  
ent money market at any time, the  
Standard Bank should demand the  
payment of this money and no pro-  
vision having been made for the  
same and no funds to at once meet  
the demand, it would place the  
finances of the city and the officials  
of the Council in a very unpleasant  
position.

We wish to call your attention  
to some of the causes leading up  
to this over draft floating debt, your  
attention having already been called  
to the facts by the special auditor's  
report under the audit of F. H. Mac-  
pherson, F. C. A., Government Aud-  
itor, who made a thorough examina-  
tion and audit of the city's finances  
up to the 31st day of December, 1902.  
The auditor's report shows that  
there has not been enough money  
raised each year to provide for all  
the expenses and improvements, as  
made by the city, no particular Coun-  
cil but all Councils since the consoli-  
dation of the debt in 1902 being  
blamable therefore, this amount has  
been gradually creeping up at the  
rate of about \$5,000 per annum of  
the shortage of receipts, and the  
amount of such shortage or the  
major portion thereof having been  
carried into the Local Improvement  
Account and being mostly for work  
for which Local Improvement De-  
bentures could not be issued, and  
as it is necessary that this amount  
be provided for in some manner, the  
Council of this year are of the  
opinion that the only proper busi-  
ness-like method is to consolidate and  
issue debentures for the amount  
which may be termed the shortage  
and to spread the payments of this  
sum over a term of thirty years,  
payable in equal annual installments  
of \$2,891.56, being the amount of  
principal and interest necessary to  
be raised annually for the re-pay-  
ment of the principal sum, thus  
making the payment of the principal  
sum an easy payment which will not  
be felt by the electors when spread  
over the term of thirty years, be-  
sides lessening the annual interest  
account of the city by nearly \$500  
per annum by reason of paying only  
4% per annum on debentures instead  
of the higher rate of interest that  
we are now paying the Standard  
Bank on account of this overdraft.

We wish to point out to the elec-  
tors that we are in a much better  
position than we were at the consoli-  
dation of the last debt. The debt  
as consolidated in 1892 was for the  
sum of \$100,000, payable in thirty-  
five equal annual payments. There  
has been paid off of this debt since  
that date, or provided for, eleven  
payments, reducing the principal sum  
by \$97,427. The amount of the debt  
now to be consolidated being \$50,000,  
we are \$47,427 ahead of eleven years  
ago. Besides having made very heavy  
payments on other city improve-  
ments, one of which was the pur-  
chase of the Waterworks, for which  
debentures were issued for \$175,000,  
off of which we have paid \$40,000  
of the principal sum, and the pur-  
chase of the Electric Light Plant,  
costing the city \$15,000 one-half of  
which has been paid. We have paid  
off of the old consolidated debt and  
the Waterworks and Electric Light

debentures nearly \$150,000, therefore  
we are at the present time, after  
the consolidating of the new amount  
of \$50,000, nearly \$100,000 ahead  
of what we were eleven years ago.

It is not necessary to call the at-  
tention of the citizens of Chatham  
to the fact that we are in a much  
better position, financially and as far  
as improvements are concerned, than  
we were eleven years ago, and we  
trust that for the interest of this  
city, that every elector on election  
day will mark his or her ballot for  
the approval of this new consoli-  
dation.

On each \$1,000 of an assessment  
the amount will be about 63 cents  
per annum of a payment to be made  
each year on an assessment of this  
amount.

Trusting that each and every one  
will see that it is very much to their  
interests and to the interests of this  
city of ours, we ask you one and all  
to support this by-law.

We are,  
Your obedient servants,  
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
Messrs. Marshall, McCoig and Scul-  
lard, per W. S. Marshall, Chair-  
man of Finance.

## The Radial Railway By-Law

To the Ratepayers of the City of  
Chatham,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

At a public meeting called by the  
Board of Trade and Council of the City  
of Chatham, the undersigned were re-  
quested to address a circular letter to  
you calling your attention to the im-  
portance of voting for and carrying  
the by-law to be submitted on the  
4th day of January, 1904, for promot-  
ing the Chatham, Wallaceburg and  
Lake Erie Railway, to be constructed  
from Wallaceburg through this city  
to Lake Erie and to suggest the fol-  
lowing among other reasons why this  
By-law is deserving of your support:

1. One of the greatest necessities of  
any city is cheap and convenient rail-  
way transportation, and this will be  
furnished by a radial railway.

2. This road is not to be considered  
as a competing line with other rail-  
ways, as it will open up new terri-  
tory.

3. This railway will bring Wallace-  
burg and some of the nearest leading  
up to this over draft floating debt, your  
attention having already been called  
to the facts by the special auditor's  
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per annum by reason of paying only  
4% per annum on debentures instead  
of the higher rate of interest that  
we are now paying the Standard  
Bank on account of this overdraft.

4. The railway is intended to carry  
both passengers and freight and will  
afford the very best facility for farm-  
ers to bring their produce to market  
and make their purchases at all sea-  
sons of the year irrespective of the  
condition of the roads or of the weather  
so that there may be a continual,  
uniform and regular traffic every  
day in the year.

5. The Company will employ a  
large number of men and expend  
large sums of money in the construc-  
tion and equipment of their road, and  
in operating it after its completion,  
thus giving employment to a great  
number of our mechanics, artisans  
and laborers, and putting considerable  
money in circulation in our city.

6. By the increased facilities of  
travel and for carriage of goods which  
the road will afford, it will induce  
new industries to locate in Chatham  
and new factories to be built here;  
it will encourage outsiders to build  
and reside in our city and materially  
add to our population and prosperity.

7. The assistance proposed by the  
by-law is not a gift, but a loan from  
the city, part of which is to be ad-  
vanced when the road is completed  
from Chatham to Wallaceburg and  
the balance when completed from  
Chatham to Lake Erie.

8. This loan is to be amply secured  
to the city by the satisfactory guar-  
antee of some reliable trust corpora-  
tion or other approved security to the  
satisfaction of the City Council.

9. The Railway Company will build  
within this city its power house, car  
shops, car barns, repairing house,  
head office and other buildings, cost-  
ing not less than \$50,000.00, but which  
are likely to cost nearly twice that  
sum.

10. The Company will also be re-  
quired to very considerably enlarge  
and improve and thereafter ensue in  
maintaining Aberdeen Bridge, there-  
by saving the city a large expendi-  
ture of money.

11. The assistance which will be re-  
quired from the city, under the pro-  
visions of this by-law, will not exceed  
33 cents per annum during the cur-  
rency of the debentures on an assess-  
ment of \$1,000.00 or less than one-  
third of a mill on the dollar.

12. The taxes which will be col-  
lected by the city during this time  
from the assessed property of the  
railway will nearly cover the outlay  
which the City may be required to  
make for the Company, but the rail-  
way taxes will continue to be paid for  
all time, and the sum so paid for  
taxes will be considerably increased  
from new houses and buildings neces-  
sarily erected to accommodate the  
employees of the road, not to speak  
of the new factories, etc., which the  
building of the railway will be the  
cause of locating here.

Every merchant, every business man  
and every mechanic has felt the want  
of such a road, and every citizen who  
gives the subject his serious consid-  
eration must recognize the importance  
to our city of securing its immediate  
construction and, as the adoption of  
this by-law will, in our opinion, bring  
about this much desired object, we  
earnestly urge that all should support  
it by their votes on election day.

Dated December 30th, 1903.  
Yours truly,

W. E. McKeough, Mayor; W. A.  
Bodley, President of the Board of  
Trade; Hugh Macdonald, N. H. Ste-  
vens, J. B. Rankin, Manson Campbell,  
Robert Gray, Geo. W. Sullivan, G. P.  
Scholfield, Fred. Stone, W. H. Taylor,  
T. A. Smith, Henry Dagnan, Geo. A.  
Witherspoon, J. P. Rutherford, S. T.  
Martin, John Piggett, Nathaniel  
Murray, George Stephens, J. A.  
Walker, Wm. Bell, Benjamin Blom,  
Arch. Park, Charles Austin, D. Mc-

Slippers  
Everyone..

Plenty here to please every man, woman or child.  
Slippers of all kinds and for all purposes. Slipper econ-  
omy and slipper elegance.

Slippers from 25c to \$3.  
MEN'S RUBBERS, all sizes, for 50c.  
WOMEN'S and MISSES' RUBBERS, all  
sizes for 25c

**TURRILL'S,** 93 King Street,  
CHATHAM

Enoch, John Pleasant, J. G. Kerr,  
James E. Oldershaw, A. H. White, J.  
E. Gemmill, W. E. Ripin, Wm. Baby,  
James Dillon, M. Houston, John B.  
Watt, J. McCorvie, Wm. M. Drader.

## SOCIETY

## SCHOLFIELD-SKEY.

The most fashionable wedding that  
has been solemnized in this city in  
some time took place yesterday after-  
noon at Holy Trinity Church, when  
Miss Florence Skey was united in  
marriage to George Percival Schol-  
field, Manager of the Standard Bank  
in this city.

The interior of the church presented  
a pretty picture, with the Christmas  
decorations and the bright gowns of  
the guests. A full choir, formed  
from the various choirs of the city,  
under the direction of W. Stanley  
Ball, rendered the music, and Miss  
Nellie Rhody presided at the organ,  
in the absence from the city of Miss  
Rose Morrison.

The bride entered the church on the  
arm of her uncle, Rev. Lawrence  
Skey, of Port Dover, who gave her  
away. The impressive wedding ser-  
vice of the Church of England was  
solemnized by Rev. T. Beverley Smith,  
assisted by Rev. Robert McCosh.

Miss Kate Mercer, Miss Ethel Ball  
and Miss Daisy Rose were brides-  
maids. William D. Hart, Manager of  
the Standard Bank, Kingston, sup-  
ported the groom. The little page  
and the little maid of honor were the  
nephew and niece of the groom, be-  
ing the children of Mr. and Mrs. H.  
C. Scholfield, Guelph. The ushers  
were Burnett C. Laing, and H. T. Mc-  
Millan, Toronto, and J. Frank Mc-  
Keough, city.

The bride was attired in a very  
handsome gown of spun silk over  
white silk, with a very pretty tucked  
effect and trimmed with silk applique.  
She also wore an elegant bridal veil of  
worked white silk. It came from  
England. A wreath of orange bloss-  
oms and a bouquet of white roses  
and lilies of the valley added to the  
charming picture the bride made.

The three bridesmaids were gowned  
in handsome dresses of white voile  
over pink silk, and they all wore large  
black velvet picture hats. They car-  
ried bouquets of pink roses tied with  
pink ribbons. The groom presented  
each of the bridesmaids with gold  
chain bracelets. His gifts to the  
bride were a Persian lamb coat trim-  
med with mink, and a piano.

Amongst the guests from a dis-  
tance were: Mrs. Carr, mother of  
the groom; Mrs. Compin and daughter  
Edith, of London; Mrs. Harry  
Williams, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. H. C.  
Scholfield, Guelph, and Mrs. Macdon-  
ald, Petrolia.

After the wedding at the church,  
a reception was held at Mr. William  
Bell's residence, Victoria Ave., where  
Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Scholfield received  
the congratulations of their friends.

The bridal party left on the five  
o'clock G. T. R. express for New York  
and other eastern points.

## OPENING OF RINK.

The Maple City curling rink  
the evening the rink will be opened  
to-morrow. The day will be celebrat-  
ed with a curling match between two  
teams, one selected by the president  
and the other by the vice-president  
of the club. Every member of the  
club will be on one of the sides. In  
the evening the rink will be opened  
for the public for skating. The band  
will be in attendance and it is expect-  
ed that the new rink will be opened  
with much joy and excitement.

Miaard's Linctment Cures Distemper

## CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker North-  
wood Block, Chatham, Dec. 31, 1903.

	Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	82	82 1/2	84 1/2	82	
May	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	
July	79	79 1/2	78	79 1/2	

	Corn	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	
May	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	
July	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	

	Oats	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	36	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	
May	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	
July	35 1/2	35 1/2	35	35 1/2	

	Pork	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Jan.	1257	1265	1252	1265	
May	1295	1307	1287	1302	
July	685	685	675	682	
May	700	705	697	700	

	Ribs	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Jan.	642	642	642	642	
May	670	675	667	672	

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

RANKIN & SCULLARD—Barristers  
and Solicitors, Victoria Block, Chat-  
ham, Ont. J. B. Rankin, K. C.,  
Thos. Scullard.

GRAND TWO WEEKS.  
OPERA  
HOUSE Monday, Jan 4.  
MATINEES—Wed'y. & Sat'y.  
The Popular Price Favorites,  
MARKS BROS.,  
Dramatic and Vaudeville  
COMPANY

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Comedy Drama  
'THE REVEALED MYSTERY.'  
LIST OF PLAYS TO SELECT FROM  
"Sin and its Sorrow," "The Irish  
Hero," "The Redeemed Pawn Ticket,"  
"A Mystery Revealed," "The Jail  
Bird," "Mack Mooney's Troubles,"  
"His Mother's Vindication," "Larry  
Brogan's Promotion," "Resurrection,"  
"The Black Flag," "East Lynne,"  
"Dublin Dan," "The Mormon's Daugh-  
ter," "The Prisoner of Windham,"  
"A Woman's Revenge," and others.

ILLUSTRATED SONGS AND  
PICTURES.

10-BIG SPECIALTIES—10  
Prices 10, 15 and 25 cents. Seats  
on sale at Briscoe's. Matinee prices,  
5 and 15 cents.

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TO ONE  
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Heartiest  
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Company,  
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are expected in the near future and  
Dunn & Merritt want every  
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either a Fire, Life or Accident Insurance  
Policy, or all three. Money to lend on  
easy terms of repayment. Agents wanted  
in Essex, Kent, and Lambton, also city  
of Chatham. Straight salary to good men.  
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Millinery. C. Austin & Co. Fashionable  
Dressmaking.

LINEN BARGAINS  
FOR SATURDAY.

One lot cream huck Towels, extra  
heavy fringed ends, plain white bor-  
ders 20x40 size, regular 15c value,  
Saturday sale price 12 1-2c each.

100 yards extra heavy Irish linen  
crash, towelling, bleached, 18 inches  
wide, red and blue striped border, pure  
flax, regular 12 1-2c value; Saturday  
sale price 10c yard.

One piece 22 inch blue checked glass  
cloth, all linen, heavy quality, regular  
10c value, Saturday Sale price 8 1-2  
yard.

Two pieces 24 inch, superior quality  
red of blue checked glass cloth, extra  
heavy, fine weave, pure linen. Regu-  
lar 15c value, Saturday sale price 11c  
yard.

Two pieces pure bleached table dam-  
ask, choice designs, all linen, 68, 70,  
inches wide, regular 60c and 65c value  
Saturday sale price 50c yard.

One lot English Turkish Bath Tow-  
els, heavy quality, with fancy red  
and white stripes, 24x50 inches, re-  
gular 25c value, Saturday sale price  
20c each.

One lot Bleached table Napkins,  
choice assorted patterns, 3-4 size,  
heavy quality, regular \$1.25 value,  
Saturday sale price \$1.00 dozen.

Remnants of table Linen and Tow-  
ellings, at special clearing prices, all  
lengths and qualities.

## Carpet Dept. News.

Before inventory we are making special efforts to stimu-  
late buying among needed lines, apt to be overlooked during  
the holiday shopping.

1st.—RUGS.—25 only English velvet rugs, size  
24x54 ins, during this week only..... \$1.00

2nd.—CARPETS.—200 yds Brussel Carpet, reg.  
85c value, this week..... 62c

3rd.—CARPETS.—250 yd Tapestry Carpets, reg.  
50c value, this week..... 42c

4th.—BATH MATS.—2 dozen Cork Felt Bath  
Mats, size 20x28 ins, only..... 25c

5th.—MATTING.—300 yds Japanese Matting,  
worth up to 22c per yd, this week .... 15c

6th.—LINOLEUMS.—Genuine Scotch Lino-  
leum, 12 ft. wide, regular 50c value,  
this week at only..... 42c