



Makes the bread  
that makes us strong

Wherever there are children  
there must be plenty of  
good bread.

## BEAVER FLOUR

makes the lightest, most wholesome and most nutritious bread.

It is a blend of Ontario Fall Wheat for strength  
Middletown Spring Wheat turned into flour by the most skilled millers in Canada.

It is ideal household flour for either bread or pastry.

Milled in a modern mill.  
For Model Canadian Housewives.  
Dealers, write for prices on all kinds of Feeds, Coarse Grains and Cereals.  
T. R. Taylor Co., Limited, Chatham.

### FARM LABORERS AND DOMESTICS!!

I have been appointed by the Dominion Government to place immigrants from the United Kingdom, in positions as farm laborers or domestic servants in this vicinity. Any person requiring such help should notify me personally or by letter stating fully the kind of help required, when wanted and wages offered. The number arriving may not be sufficient to supply all requests, but every effort will be made to provide each applicant with help required.

**J. S. WAUGH, ESQ.,**  
Canadian Government Employee (Agent),  
Chatham, P. O.

### NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

Natural Gas will be turned into the mains of this Company on February 15th next, on and after which date no artificial gas will be supplied.

In order to use Natural Gas it will be positively necessary for every gas consumer to have the piping in his house thoroughly tested with a pressure gauge at twenty pounds pressure. This is necessary on account of the Natural Gas being delivered at about three times greater pressure than artificial gas.

All stoves or ranges to be used for Natural Gas must have closed tops, and in every case a flue connection must be made from stoves to chimney.

While the manufacturers of gas stoves state that artificial gas stoves cannot be used for natural gas without being entirely rebuilt, it would appear from tests made at this Company's office that the artificial stove may be made serviceable with natural gas, by having a special closed top and flue connection made for the stove. A stove specially made for natural gas and one specially made for artificial gas may be seen by any consumer at this Company's office, both connected with natural gas, where any explanations necessary will be given by the Company's officers. Any coal range or wood stove may be easily and simply connected by special burner to use natural gas at small expense.

To use Natural Gas for lighting, it will be necessary to use mantles on all jets, since natural gas has practically no illuminating value when used as an open flame.

All connections to stoves or hot plates must be made with iron pipe, and in no case should rubber or other tubing be used for connections.

While this Company will look after as far as possible, any orders entrusted to its care for connections to stoves, furnaces, base-burners, etc., it will be impossible for the Company, to take care of all its customers, and the public will find all the local dealers and gas fitters ready to take orders.

Consumers are requested to have their work done as rapidly as possible, so that there will be as little inconvenience as possible when the Natural Gas is turned on.

**Chatham Gas Company**  
Limited,  
P. S. COATE, Manager.

## THE STAGE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.

At the Brisco Opera House—  
Morris Moving Pictures—All week.

The program for the Brisco Opera House this week is a good one. There will be a change of moving pictures and illustrated songs each day. The vaudeville acts are changed from last week. Mr. Morris Luer, black-faced comedian and champion buck and wing dancer of the United States, will appear at both performances each day during the week. The Gorman team will also appear in a comedy sketch. The prices are only 5 cents for the 4 p. m. matinee and 10 cents at night all over the house.

### THE V. P.'S WON

A close game in the President vs. Vice-President series was played off on the local curling rink Friday night. The game started at 8.30, and was not finished till 11.45. The following is the score:

#### PRESIDENTS.

Wm. Stone,  
Ed. Massey,  
W. T. Shannon,  
P. S. Cote,  
J. G. Kerr—skip 10.

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mr. Williams,  
James Anderson,  
Mr. Teeter,  
Willard Merritt,  
R. A. Harrington—skip 12.

The Nova Scotia "Lumber King" says:

"I consider MINARD'S LINIMENT the BEST liniment in use. I got my foot badly jammed lately. I bathed it with MINARD'S LINIMENT and it was as well as ever next day."

Yours very truly,

T. G. McMULLEN,

Many a good resolution is wabbed because it hasn't sufficient backbone.

### FAMILY BUTCHER.

STALL No. 1, MARKET SQUARE  
AND PHONE 414.

BEST FRESH AND SALT MEATS.

SAUSAGE AND POULTRY.

Orders Promptly Delivered.  
**W. J. EASTON.**

## DISTRICT

### WALLACEBURG

Wallaceburg, Feb. 9.—The funeral of the late Louis Robbideau took place this morning from the Roman Catholic church. Interment in Wallaceburg cemetery.

John McNaughton has returned to town from Wilkesport.

Several carloads of ice were shipped from here to Chatham yesterday.

The Epworth League will give a Valentine social at the home of Mrs. A. E. Wilson on Thursday evening and the B. Y. P. U. will also give one in their school room.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, was called hastily to the bedside of his father at Southampton, who is said to be sinking rapidly. It is doubtful if Mr. Tolmie will be able to conduct anniversary sermons in Knox church, as has been announced.

## SPORT

### HOCKEY

On Saturday night the Bankers met the Tammany Healers at the rink and defeated them by a score of 14 to 1. The Tammanys play a fairly good game of hockey, but were too light to stand the heavy rushes constantly made by the bankers.

### A HOT GAME

The C. P. R. and the G. T. R. hockey teams have finally been able to make arrangements for the game they both are so anxious to play off. Arrangements have been made to have the famous game pulled off at the rink Wednesday evening next.

Al. Allan is managing the C. P. R. team and Mr. Causgrove is looking after the Trunk boys. There is considerable rivalry between the two aggregations, and a hot game is looked for. It is said that Mr. E. Premlin may be seen on the forward line for the C. P. R., that is if Manager Allan can succeed in signing him in time for the game. It is also rumored that Messrs. Premlin and Allan have been getting in much good practice on some of the local ponds lately.

Into each life some sorrow must fall; Wise people don't sit down and bawl; Only fools sulk or take to flight; Smart people take Rocky Mountain Tea at night.

A. I. McCull & Co.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

## LETTERS

### MR. KERR ON NATURAL GAS.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—I think it clear that the last two contributions upon the gas question have disclosed the real knocker to be our public-spirited friend Matthew Wilson, who manfully remains in the background until Ald. Austin cites him as his authority for certain statements made by him at the special meeting of the Council and embodied in the resolution. Mr. Wilson complains of my "personal attack" upon him as "really cruel" and makes a plaintive appeal for public sympathy, while he knows all the time that I made no attack on him that could in any sense be called "personal." I did criticize his actions as I had to do in order to show the false position into which he had led Mr. Austin. I am sure that I would be exceedingly sorry if I thought that I had been "really cruel" to Mr. Wilson. I could never forgive myself.

In heavily veiled language Mr. Wilson hints that some things have transpired in connection with the natural gas question that the interests of my clients would lead me to withhold, and that I know much more about the gas question than I have told the public, and that his professional duty leads him to withhold something from the public. Again Mr. Wilson fights in the dark. What does he mean by his professional duty? In this gas business his professional duty was to the city. He is certainly under no professional duty to my clients and if he knows of anything being done prejudicial to the city's interests, it is his duty to disclose it. If he was under professional duty to the Chatham Gas Co. he has violated it already by hinting that something has transpired that has been improperly withheld, and if he accepted professional duty to the Gas Company while solicitor for the city, in a matter in which the city was interested, he thereby violated his professional duty to the city. So far as the Natural Gas Company is concerned, I say in the plainest language possible that Mr. Wilson's insinuation is entirely without foundation in fact, and he knows it. The Natural Gas Company, or more properly speaking, The Volcanic and Gas Company, Limited, have not been getting into anything. Mr. Wilson knows of, or that anyone else knows of, that they desire to be withheld from the public for one minute.

Just one word on the purity question: You would think from Mr. Wilson's argument that if you took away sulphuretted hydrogen from gas, you would have something that was pure and harmless. Now if Mr. Wilson would give the public the benefit of his knowledge of gas he would tell them that sulphuretted hydrogen is only one of several poisonous gases that are constituents of natural gas or coal gas. I thought I had made my meaning clear, I said referring to the purification of gas by taking away sulphuretted hydrogen, that you might as well speak of pure poison and impure poison. If you take away sulphuretted hydrogen you still have poison. That is, you have gas that will produce asphyxiation. Gas is not like food, or water, or air, and Mr. Wilson's illustrations about water and arsenic are very wide of the mark. Natural gas, according to the highest authorities, is a mineral generated by the action of subterranean heat from the sedimentary rocks and is composed of a combination of several gases, and you make it none the less dangerous to health when breathed by taking away the sulphuretted hydrogen. In fact, you make it more dangerous because you take away the best evidence of its presence, viz., the ingredient that gives it its odor. One very eminent authority in dealing with poisonous gases in coal gas, and after discounting the danger from ammonia gas and sulphuretted hydrogen by the way the only gases required to be eliminated under our Act—owing to their being so easily detected by their odor, says:

"It is, however, a matter of immense moment to realize that there are gaseous poisons that are destitute of any odor whatever, and hence are especially to be guarded against. The most important of these are carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide, both of which are odorless gases in the degree of concentration sufficient to cause serious poisoning."

Both of these gases are present in natural gas and present in far larger quantities in the so-called purified gas sold by the gas companies all over the world. Carbon monoxide is present in coal gas in twelve times the quantity and in water gas in ninety-one times the quantity, in which it is found in natural gas. That is the reason why I would like to know how you can sensibly talk of "pure gas" and of "dangerously impure gas." I think it abundantly clear that poisonous gas is more dangerous without the strong smelling sulphuretted hydrogen in it than with it.

The issue is not between impure gas. It is between cheap fuel and light and dear fuel and light. No company could exist for thirty days and produce natural gas and required the sulphur compounds from it and deliver it for 15c. and 25c. a thousand feet, and no company will attempt it. As to the supply, men who have successfully engaged in the business for eighteen years have satisfied themselves, and have spent already about \$10,000 in producing it, and piping it to Chatham. There is abundance of gas in the field and

### Harry M. Church

Repairer of BICYCLES, LAWN MOWERS, &c., has removed next to THE WILKINSON'S paint shop on 5th St. bridge approach, prompt attention at lowest prices.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

# Overcoats Are Going

Out of here in shoals these days—men's overcoats, young men's and boys' all seem to be equally popular at the big reductions that we have made for our tremendous clean up sale.

More than half the winter with nearly all the really cold weather still to come and you can buy stylish overcoats at a third, and in some cases a half off—all our own make of coats—and that means more than shows on the surface. Come to the store to see the reductions. This is but an incomplete list.

Men's Odd Trousers  
\$3.50 for.....\$1.50  
\$2.50 for.....\$1.50

Boys' Fancy Overcoats  
\$4.00 for.....\$2.50  
\$4.50 for.....\$3.50

Boys' Odd Knickers  
—50c Knickers for  
39c.

Every overcoat in the store and many suits have had to stand for such reductions as these—the ripest plums are always picked first—so take warning and don't be late.

# Thornton & Douglas Limited

The Natural Gas Co. will see that Chatham is its destination if the people of Chatham will let them. They realize that the comfort and safety of the citizens is what they must see to in order that the enterprise should succeed, and they know that they will be able to insure that safety and comfort. The public need look for an example of the same no farther than Raleigh and Tilbury East, where all the farmers who can get the gas are using it with the utmost satisfaction, delighted and pleased in every way. I am afraid that there is some other motive than his interest of the public behind Mr. Wilson's opposition, but I confess I am at a loss to know.

Yours truly,  
J. G. KERR.

Chatham's  
Nicest  
Store

**H. W. BALL & CO.**

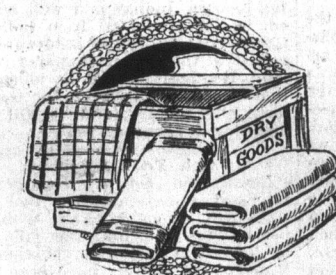
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## SIGNS OF SPRING!

### NEW ARRIVALS.

New Hosiery  
New Prints  
New Cotton Voiles  
New Ribbons  
New Grey Suitings  
New Voiles  
New Eoliennes  
New Crispine Cloth  
New Poplins  
New Serges  
New Lustres  
New Plaids  
New Wool Challies  
New Muslins  
New Organdies  
New Batiste  
New Crepe de Chine  
New Batiste, with all size spots  
New Spring Coats  
New Rain Coats  
New Embroideries  
New Laces  
New Curtains

## New Dress Goods and Muslins



When the gentle half of the public reach the month of February the thought of Easter creeps almost instinctively in among the wintry considerations of the present. Associated with that thought comes Dress Goods, of course, and with Dress Goods, this

Store will show some stunning novelties. Already we have thrown the color of new goods over the store. February is only a few days old, but what a change it has made, especially in the Dress Goods Department.

A shipment of the very choicest weaves in Black Dress Goods. Guaranteed qualities, rich lustrous blacks, unfading dyes. First choice goods, **50c., 55c., \$1.00.**

New Fish Net Voiles  
New Panamas  
New Twine Voiles  
New Chiffon Voiles  
New Worsted Voiles  
New Crispine Voiles  
New Armures  
New San Toy Suing

### NEW SPRING COATS

Many will no doubt remember the scarcity last spring of Jaunty Coats. These coats are correct copies of New York's latest. The fitted coat, the box coat, and the mannish coat, as well as the 7-8 length coat, we will be pleased to show you.

A Special "Pick-up" of more than special value. Fish Net Worsted Black Voile, 46 in. wide, good black, special per yard, 50c.

**H. W. BALL & CO.,**  
KING STREET, CHATHAM.

## SPECIAL SALE OF Bath Room Fixtures

—at the—  
**GREAT DISSOLUTION CLOSING OUT SALE OF  
SHELF AND HEAVY HARDWARE.**

We have a most attractive display of this line of goods. They are heavily nickel plated on brass, and will wear bright for a life time. Your bath room will be still more enjoyable with a few pieces of this ware. We import these goods direct, and could not replace them now for the money we are getting for them.

Below is a list of Regular and Sale Prices:—

Sponge Holder.....	\$2.50	<b>\$2.00</b>
Comb, Soap and Brush Holder.....	3.50	<b>2.75</b>
Plated Toilet Paper Holder.....	2.00	<b>1.50</b>
Ditto (Ebony).....	1.40	<b>1.00</b>
Tub Soap Holder.....	0.65	<b>0.50</b>
Sponge and Soap Holder.....	1.50	<b>1.15</b>
Glass Towel Bar.....	1.35	<b>1.10</b>
Soap Dish.....	1.50	<b>0.75</b>
3-Bar Towel Rack.....	1.50	<b>1.15</b>
Shower Bath Rings.....	2.00	<b>1.50</b>

**Geo. Stephens**

**D. H. Douglas**

TELEPHONE NO. 6



## FOR WEDDING ... GIFTS

There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$1.00.

Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$3.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50.

Men's Women's and Children's Felt House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

**WM. SOMERVILLE & SON,**

4 DOORS WEST OF MARKET  
CHATHAM