

A PROSPEROUS YEAR'S BUSINESS

The Chatham Loan and Savings Coy's. Annual Meeting.

The Nineteenth Year.

SATISFACTORY ANNUAL STATEMENT.

The Twentieth Annual General meeting of the Shareholders of the Company, was held on Wednesday, the 27th inst., in the Company's offices. Present, His Honor Judge Bell, N. H. Stevens, A. Macfarlane, J. E. Thomas, James Gardiner, Matthew Wilson and S. F. Gardiner.

The President, Judge Bell, Chairman, and the Manager, S. F. Gardiner, acted as secretary. The minutes of the last General Annual Meeting were read and approved, after which the annual report of the directors and financial statement were read as follows:

The Nineteenth Annual Report of The Directors of The Chatham Loan and Savings Company.

To The Shareholders:

The Directors have much pleasure in submitting the Nineteenth Annual Report and Statement of the Company's affairs to Dec 31st, 1900.

This Company, with other financial institutions, has participated in the prosperity and generally improved conditions of business that have characterized the closing year of the nineteenth century.

The repayments of mortgages and interest have been generally satisfactory; in many cases interest has been paid before maturity.

The net earnings of the year are in excess of previous years, from which two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, have been paid to the shareholders, \$2,400 added to the Reserve Fund, besides paying

for repairs on office building, painting, etc., \$172.50, and writing off \$19.96 from office furniture and fixtures.

An increase is shown in deposits in the Savings Bank, the issue of debentures, and in loans on mortgages.

A full statement of the affairs of the Company is given in the annexed Financial Statement and Auditors' Report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. BELL, President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Deposits.....\$344,038 67	Mortgages.....\$629,114 96
Debentures.....28,770 80	Office Premises.....10,600 00
Capital Stock paid up.....26,493 48	Office Furniture and Fixtures.....206 34
Reserve Fund.....\$23,400 00	Cash in Bank.....21,567 05
Added Dec. 31, 1900.....2,400 00	Cash on Hand and Checks.....2074 60
	\$663,562 95

S. F. GARDINER, Manager.

To the President and Directors of The Chatham Loan and Savings Co.

We having made a careful audit of the books of The Chatham Loan and Savings Company up to December 31st, 1900, do hereby certify that we have found them correct in every particular, and that the above is a true statement of the affairs of the Company up to Dec. 31, 1900.

Chatham, January, 24th, 1901.

His Honor Judge Bell, the President, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the continued prosperity of the Company's business. The transactions for the past year showed a satisfactory progress and he congratulated the shareholders on the steady growth of the Reserve Fund from year to year.

N. H. Stevens, Esq., the Vice-President, in seconding the resolution, made reference to this being the nineteenth year of uninterrupted success in the Company's business, which fact he considered very praiseworthy.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Messrs. J. R. Gemmill and Geo. D. Ross were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

The retiring directors, Judge Bell, N. H. Stevens, James Gardiner, H. Macfarlane, Dr. T. K. Holmes, Robt. Ferguson, M. P. P., and J. E. Thomas were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Judge Bell was re-elected President and N. H. Stevens Vice-President.

THEY MADE A DECIDED HIT.

Your Opera Company Showed themselves a High Class Organization—Audience Greatly Pleased.

John E. Young—well known to many Chathamites—opened a four night's engagement at the Grand last evening, with his own comic opera company, and made the most pronounced hit that any popular-priced attraction has ever made in Chatham.

The booking of the attraction in the local theatre, was done on such short notice, that it was impossible to get a satisfactory billing. Under the circumstances last night's house should be considered a fair one, and everyone who was there was delighted with the amusement furnished. In fact the five recalls which the audience demanded for the quartette in the second act, established a record for the current season.

The biggest personal hit of the evening was of course made by John E. Young, who surprised even his best friends by his exceedingly clever comedy work as "Haddad," an adventurer. His partner in the fun making, Frank

Talfer, also scored as "Nockey." In the straight or singing parts it is difficult to say who did the best work.

Byron Brontis as "Said Pasha," although suffering from a severe cold, did excellent work, and sang an interpolated solo that made a hit.

Robert Lett as "Hassan Bey," sang well and pleased.

Jules Cluzetti sang the tenor role of "Terano," and was recalled several times. His duet with Miss Bertie Dale was a pretty bit.

Walter Roberts was an imposing looking "Rajah," and his singing was all that could be desired.

Miss Bertie Dale, as "Attie," and Miss Minnie Jarboan in the soubrette role of "Serena," made two most pronounced hits. They were both happily cast and their work was as pleasing as any that has been done here this year.

In short, none of the above mentioned artists would have been out of place in any of the high-priced attractions that have visited here recently. The chorus is strong, the costumes very handsome, and the company deserves crowded houses during the rest of its engagement.

The Happy Thought Range and Radiant Home Heaters are the best and most economical stoves in the market, and are for sale by John A. Meriton & Co.

Don't You Care

How Low It Is
So's It's The Price I Ask

I can't afford to slight 'em. A few pieces of OVERCOATING worth from \$25.00 to \$35.00, save you from \$5.00 to \$12.00 on 'em. We guarantee everything from the cheapest up, all made by the same hands, no two grades of workmen. That's what counts.

It's worth your while to look in at

E. M. Coyne's Tailor Shop
Opposite Opera House Entrance.

SOLD TO THE BLACKFEET.

Romantic History of a White Girl Brought Up by Indians.

Her Parents Thought She was Dead—Now She Found Out Her History.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The romance of a white girl's life among the Blackfeet Indians for 16 years has just come out through a suit brought by Alice Burke against Thomas Husson, a cattle rancher of eastern Oregon, to recover a ranch which once belonged to her father, valued at \$22,000. Burke and the senior Husson started to cross the plains from Kansas to Oregon. Burke was detained, and placed his girl, then 12 years old, with Mrs. Husson. Husson died and the Hussons have since been carrying on his ranch.

Alice grew up among the tribe in Idaho, and when white people noticed her fine hair, the Indians said she was a half-breed whose parents were dead. She gained the love of the son of the chief, named Fleet Wing, who was sent to Carlisle. While he was there, Alice took lessons of the Indian agent's wife and kept pace with him in his studies. When the agent removed she went with him to Boise City, but his wife dying, she had to take a place as a domestic, and was a common kitchen drudge for months.

Then Fleet Wing sent her money and she returned to the reservation. The revelation of her white blood came when she was an applicant for a place in the big tribal ceremony. Then young Husson appeared and told her story, but offered her only \$100 for her father's property. She refused, and is now suing for the recovery of the land. When she gets it she is to marry John Fleetwing.

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SECTIONS OF THE GOSPELS.

Some of Priceless Value have Just Been Dug Up by Explorers in Egypt.

Together With Fragments of Homer, Euclid and Other Valuable Papyrus.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Wanslow, of this city, vice-president of the Egypt Exploration Fund, today announced the discovery of a most valuable trove among a large number of papyrus recently received for distribution among several universities, 29 of which went to the University of Pennsylvania.

It is the oldest fragment of the gospels that has come into this country. Dr. Wanslow states that the papyrus contains a large part of the first chapter of the gospel of St. Matthew. It was found at Oxyrhynchus, 140 miles south of Cairo, near the famous "Ligia" or "Sayings of Jesus," and its date is placed by some experts at 150 A. D., and by others at 50 or 60 years later. The papyrus of Matthew belongs to the same class as the famous Sinaitic and Vatican codices and of these texts and the present accepted version.

On an important doctrinal point it declares in common the exact language: "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee this thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." This papyrus is the oldest fragment of the gospels, or, indeed, of the new testament. Dr. Wanslow states that a valuable papyrus of Homer, Thucydides and Euclid also are in the collection. The papyrus of Thucydides includes no less than chapters 36-41 of his fourth book, eight dates from the first century.

Very fortunate, too, says Dr. Wanslow, is the University of Pennsylvania to possess a splendid papyrus of a large part of the fifth book of the Iliad in a very good text. It dates a little later than 200 A. D. The acoustication is full and somewhat unique.

A petition of Dionysia to the prefect, dated 180 A. D., is a legal document of many pages, full of just references to precedents introduced as one finds in a petition and argument to our supreme court of 1901. Dionysia claims her right to property conferred by her marriage contract, and to enjoy the income of it, etc., without the interference of Chacranus, her father. A bit of Euclid of the third century illustrates proposition 250 of the second book, and papyrus 290 reveals the fact that private syndicates existed at 83 A. D., for it states how a company of residents got together to do some banking at the village of Taxis. The banking of the Nile, not of funds, is meant, in order to keep their lands from being too much watered.

All in all, these papyrus form a wonderful collection for any library or museum to possess. A Philadelphia fund office in Boston a check for \$750 and Dr. Wanslow says that is why Philadelphia reaps so handsome a return in papyrus, as well as antiquities, as all subscriptions to the explorations govern pro rata the distribution of the antiquities among our museums.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Every man carries an enemy in his own bosom.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

Dr. A.W. Thornton : : : Dentist

L. D. S. Toronto University.
Office—First Door East of Standard Bank
Telephone 164.

PROBABILITIES.
G. N. W. Social.
Toronto, Feb. 28, 10 a. m.—Fair, with a little higher temperature to-day. Friday, fair and still milder.

LOCAL BRIEFS

The directors of the Agricultural Society will meet next Tuesday at 2.30.

Arthur McKay, of William Gray & Sons, is suffering from an abscess on his throat.

Mrs. Sloan, Harwich, mother of Wm. Sloan, Wellington street, is seriously ill.

Mrs. George B. Tillson, of Detroit, is visiting her sons, S. Tillson and L. E. Tillson, of this city.

A Drassy Couple.—A pair of \$3.50 Slater Shoes and a \$2.50 Barrington Hat. The 2's.

Be sure and come to the Women's Methodist Conference Friday evening, March 1st, and hear the sweet singer just returned from the South.

Harry Jacques, while delivering groceries for John McKerrall, had a whole pant leg "moved" by North Chatham dog yesterday afternoon.

Do not forget to come to the Women's Methodist Conference—a very unique program, lively discussions, and good speeches. Admission 15c.

Mr. W. Harland Smith, of Toronto, will be at Wm. Gray & Sons' Carriage Works on Saturday next, March 2nd, to buy first-class carriage and heavy draught horses.

Miss Pyke, a returned missionary, from Homan, China, will address a meeting in St. Andrew's school rooms on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Wabash eastbound express in charge of Conductor Downey, broke a driving rod near Chatham, Tuesday afternoon. The cab of the engine was pretty well battered up, but nobody was hurt.

Miss Lillian J. Tibbett, one of the nurses of the Sunnyside Hospital, died on Sunday evening, after a six weeks' illness from typhoid fever. Miss Tibbett contracted the disease while attending a patient. Deceased was aged 21 years, and was a favorite with the hospital staff.

A new regulation in regard to money orders has been adopted with a view to expediting the postal order money business. It provides that in case of money orders for sums less than \$20, the postmaster may pay the amount without waiting for the advice notices, in cases which he personally knows the claimant.

Easter falls this year on April 6th, Ascension day May 6th, Whit Sunday May 26th, Queen's birthday falls on a Friday, Dominion day on a Monday, 12th of July on a Friday, and Christmas on a Wednesday. March, June, September and December are the five Sunday months in 1901.

TO CURE ACOLD IN ONE DAY. Let's. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

TILBURY.

Feb. 28.—Miss Fenton left yesterday on a visit to her home in Chatham.

The arrival of Tuesday night was well attended, about eighty being in costume. An orchestra from Chatham furnished the music and dancing was indulged in on the curlers' ice. Mrs. Crawford took the ladies' first prize as "An Ophelia." Maggie Dupuis took the girls' first prize as a flower girl. W. Veale, as "Knight of Templars," won gentlemen's first prize, and the small boy's prize was won by Master Robbie Wilson as Gen. De Wet.

The infant child of J. Wilson is seriously ill with brain fever.

The Foresters of this village visited their brethren at Quinn on Tuesday evening and had a very pleasant time.

James Stewart and daughters are in Chatham to-day.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnston's drug store.

Easiest Shoe

A soft, pliable cushion of lamb's wool felt, into which the foot sinks, making a mould for itself.

THE EASIEST SHOE ON EARTH.

An absolute non-conductor. The warmest shoe for winter—the coolest shoe for summer, and a positive cure for corns, bunions, callouses, tender, burning and perspiring feet.

Dr. Reed Cushion Shoe
FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

Sold to one dealer in a town. Manufactured in Canada for **DOMINION CUSHION SHOE CO.**

EXPRESSLY BY **The J. D. King Co., Limited,** Toronto.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH

Give a Delightful at Home to Their Friends—Features of the Affair.

The Daughters of Rebekah gave another of their delightful at Home last evening in the L. O. O. F. Auditorium. There was the largest crowd present yet, everybody was socially inclined, and all had a good time. The Daughters of Rebekah know how to entertain. The evening of pleasure was arranged by Mrs. Avichouser, N. G., and Miss Askin, Vice-Grand, assisted by a good band working committee, and the ladies left nothing undone towards making the affair a splendid success. Albert Merrill, P. C., James Dodson, Wm. Porter, Tom Smith, Ben. K. Harper, H. W. Smith, and other members of the L. O. O. F., assisted greatly. The guests of the Daughters of Rebekah spent the first two hours in playing parlor games and during this time a delightful program was presented. Dr. McKenough occupied the chair with his customary geniality. Mrs. Elma Hicklin and Miss Myrtle Terry gave all their recitations. Miss Marion Thomas and Miss Donalda Foreman, pupils of Miss Blight, rendered an instrumental duet in charming style. Misses Clara Blight and Maude Oliver gave an excellent vocal duet, and Misses Gertie Potter and Allie Humphrey both contributed exceptionally fine solos. Miss Flossie Hogart also played with excellent touch and expression an instrumental solo. After the dainty lunch provided by the ladies had been partaken of, the whole happy gathering spent the time in dancing. Lovinman's orchestra furnished excellent music. The assembly broke up at an early hour, all voting they had spent an exceedingly pleasant time.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh—being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY, & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by druggists at 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

LONDON AND WESTERN TRUSTS.

It will be seen from the annual statement, printed elsewhere in this issue, that the London and Western Trusts Company (limited) is taking a strong hold upon public confidence, as shown by its steady increase of business. Such a company was found to be much needed in Western Ontario, where the estates of testators could be administered on the spot, and more closely and less expensively than at a long distance off. It is a testimony to the excellent management of the London and Western Trusts that it has in four years gained an extensive clientele, so much so that, despite the cautious and conservative element holding back, it is under serious consideration to build larger and more commodious offices. The president, Mr. George C. Gibbons, and the Board at large, united in testifying to the ability and efficiency of the manager, Mr. John B. Kilgour.

JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

C. Forbes and A. Shaw spent Sunday in Chatham.

Mrs. H. Forbes is visiting in Leamington this week.

Mrs. Howe is suffering from a severe attack of the grip.

Moore & Stevens shipped one car oats and two cars of shelled corn this week.

There will be a "box" social in the S. H. Hall here on Friday evening, March 8th.

John Mitchell is drawing sand for a new residence which he intends to build in the spring.

Several from here attended the carnival in Tilbury on Tuesday evening.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

EASTERN FLYER.

Daily.

Windsor, 2.30 p. m.

Chatham, 3.30 p. m.

Thamesville, 3.52 p. m.

Rothwell, 4.02 p. m.

Glencoe, 4.21 p. m.

London, 5.15 p. m.

Woodstock, 5.55 p. m.

Hamilton, 7.05 p. m.

Toronto, (arrive) 8.00 p. m.

Toronto (leave) 10. p. m.

Montreal (arrive) 7.30 a. m.

Elegant Day Coach, Cafe Parlor Car and Pullman service.

For tickets and all information, apply to agents Grand Trunk Railway System, or

W. E. Rispin,
City Passenger Agent, Chatham
M. C. DICKSON, Dist. Pass. Agent,
Union Station, Toronto

During Our Great Overcoat Sale

You can get more solid comfort to the square inch in one of our Ulsters than any overcoat you can buy. The prices have been brought within the reach of everybody. No one can say—can't afford it.

Begin at \$4.00 go on higher—\$7.00 for the best frieze.

For warmth, cover, length, everything except fineness, our \$5.00 Frieze Ulsters are sellers and makers.

Concerning our advertising we wish to state that nothing is printed haphazard. Our statements are made with a sharp eye on public criticism. We find the strict line of truth and use the exact language of plain facts. The only chance is that we may be deceived, but that is curiously rare.

If anything you buy here is not exactly as represented, come back and get your money. That's the test.

FUR CAPS 1/4 OFF.

Thornton & Douglas

WANTED.

GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply to Mrs. James Hanson, Methodist parsonage, Dufferin Avenue.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. G. S. Westhouse, Cor. Wellington and Frey Sts.

WANTED—To hire on for a near Chatham, a married man, well versed in farm work, a suit well recommended. P. R. Smith, 141 Main Street, Milton, Ontario.

WE MUST HAVE AT ONCE a number of reliable persons and families in this locality to work for us whole or part time. Good wages paid. No canvassing. Write for position to day. People's Syndicate, Dept. A, 130 Yonge Street, Toronto.

WANTED—Bright men and women capable to "Queen Victoria: Her Life and Reign." Introduction by Lord Dufferin. A "telling" book. Sales marvelous. The Queen as girl, wife, mother and monarch. Reads like a romance. Grandly illustrated. 600 pages. 50c. As to time, lots of money in it. Send for free prospectus. The Lincoln Publishing Co., Toronto.

FARMER'S BOYS WANTED.—With knowledge of farm stock and fair education to work in an office, add a month, with advancement; steady employment; a suit of home, reliable and with good wages paid. Must be over 18, and able to give \$500 security. Write at once, giving full particulars; personal interview necessary. The Veterinary Association, London, Ontario.

WANTED RELIABLE MEN.—In every locality throughout Canada to introduce our goods, taking up show-rooms on trawls, fences, stone roads, and all conspicuous places. Also distributing small advertising matter. Commission or salary \$50 per month and expenses paid. No canvassing. Steady employment to good, honest reliable men. No experience needed. Write for full particulars.

THE EMPIRE BUILDING Co., London, Ont.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

FOR SALE—Blacksmith shop and house, first-class stand; health failed; proprietor must sell. Box 2, Blyth, Ont.

SHEEP FOR SALE—A few registered Shropshire and Down ewes for sale at 100c per lb. Apply to Wm. J. Mathew, Ridgeway, Ont.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—100 acres of land in good farming district, 60 acres cleared, balance under pasture. Saw young orchard bearing steady, good house, cleared and barns. Address: Pleasant Office.

SEVEN LOTS FOR SALE—One on Victoria Avenue and six on Maple Street. For full particulars apply to S. STEPHENSON, Plans Office.

FOR SALE—5 shares Chatham Loan and Savings Co. (one paid stock at \$10 per share) 50 per cent down, balance on easy terms. Apply Pleasant Office.

FOR SALE—15 head of heavy and light cow/h horses, weighing from 1000 to 1500 pounds, 8 to 12 years old. Two will match teams of drivers. J. A. Lewis, Lot 1, 8th Con., Raleigh.

FARM FOR SALE OR TO RENT—Lot No. 24, Con. 4, Township of Raleigh, 50 acres, cleared, drained and fenced, about two miles from Chatham. For more given at once. For particulars apply on premises, or address: Wm. Shaw, Chatham, Ont.

\$500.—Will buy one and a half acres on Victoria Avenue. \$100 will buy 4 lots in one block on Maple Street. Apply at Pleasant Office.

SHEEP FOR SALE—One fine ram and twenty do ewes, all home bred, and believe I will come in about middle of April. The oldest will be four this spring and the youngest less than this spring. For full particulars on lot 14, Con. 4, Chatham Township, or address George Stewart, Blyth, O.

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT—A 7 room cottage on Park Ave., with all modern improvements, good well, central, etc., with either one or two acres of land. Terms more info. Apply to JAMES GARRETT,