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Try a pair of our Drew Selby Co's  
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## PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Dec. 5—11 a. m.—High  
northwesterly winds, mostly fair and  
becoming much colder with light local  
snowfalls; temperature below zero  
to-night in Northern Ontario and in  
Quebec. Friday, northerly winds and  
very cold.

The following figures were regis-  
tered to-day at seven a. m. at Turn-  
er's weather bureau.

**THERMOMETER.**  
Highest yesterday 35.  
Lowest during night, 30.  
This morning, 20.  
Barometer, 29.99.  
Direction of wind, northwest.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Only a few days left that we can  
promise photographs for Christmas.  
Do you want them? Westlake Bros.  
The ice crusher "Sarnia" came up  
the river at noon breaking the way  
for the schooner "Spademan," which  
was fast in Lake St. Clair about a  
mile and a half from the mouth of  
the river. The schooner, which is  
carrying a load of wheat to the Cana-  
dian Flour Mills here, reached Chatham  
shortly after the crusher.

James Oxendine was fined \$10 in  
the police court yesterday morning  
on a charge of assault. Oxendine  
was drunk at the time. Andrew  
Hart was fined \$5 on a charge of  
assault. Oxendine was fined \$10  
for not having his security. Oxendine  
works for Andrew, who says that  
he (Oxendine) is one of the best  
workmen he ever had when he is  
sober. "No matter how good a man  
is," quote Chief Holmes, "whiskey  
will get him if he tampers with it."  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGarrin, of  
Pleasantville, celebrated the 29th anni-  
versary of their wedding last even-  
ing with a dance and banquet, to  
which relatives only were invited.  
There were about 100 guests and a  
most enjoyable time was spent. Mc-  
Garrin's orchestra furnished the  
music for the dancing.

Three cases have been entered for  
trial at the December sittings of the  
county court which opens before  
Judge Bell next Tuesday, Dec. 13th.  
They are all jury cases, as follows:  
Johnson vs. Smith, John Reeve for  
plaintiff, H. D. Smith, contra, Susan  
E. Cook, vs. Johnson et al, H. D. Smith  
for plaintiff, G. G. Martin, contra.  
W. G. Cook vs. Johnson, H. D. Smith  
for plaintiff, G. G. Martin, contra.

**Why not stop having so many birthdays?**  
You must have had sixty at least! What? Only forty? Then  
it must be your gray hair. Ayer's Hair Vigor stops these  
frequent birthdays, and gives all the early, deep, rich color  
to your gray hair. Sold for over sixty years.

**Diamonds!**

From 1-8 to 2-14 Karat.

Why not call now and pick out that  
diamond ring for Christmas and have  
it laid away.  
Our special value is a full 1 K., free  
from flaws and perfectly white \$19  
Mounted in any style of setting  
from \$2 to \$4.

**VonGuten Bros.**

## MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

Winnipeg Polander Horribly Beaten About  
the Head by Three Thugs—Life  
Hangs By Thread.

Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—Horribly beaten  
about the head, with a huge gash  
in his scalp and his right temple,  
and his face swollen to almost  
double the normal size, Michael Fry-  
man, a Polander, about 24 years of  
age, now lies at the Winnipeg General  
Hospital, making a stubborn fight  
for his life, which hangs by a slender  
thread. Fryman was found lying in  
a woodshed in the rear of the house  
occupied by Edmund Plon, 819 Selkirk  
avenue. The murderous assault took  
place on a vacant lot, near Plon's residence. Marks of blood  
and trampled snow throughout the  
vicinity indicated that a hard fight was  
made before he was finally overcome,  
and crawled into the shed. From tracks  
in the snow, not more than three  
participated in the assault. Fryman  
is too ill to give a connected account  
of the assault.

**Committed For Trial.**  
Port Colborne, Dec. 8.—Joseph  
Beamish, an Italian, was committed  
for trial yesterday by D. M. James  
on a charge of having attempted to  
use another man's bank book to  
draw funds from the P. O. Savings  
Department here. He will be tried at  
the fall assizes at Welland.

**Helped Himself to Wheat.**  
Wolsely, N.W.T., Dec. 8.—A sensation  
was created in town yesterday  
morning when it was stated that Ed.  
St. Cyr, a prominent farmer, had  
been caught red-handed at 4 o'clock  
in the morning helping himself to a  
load of wheat from a C.P.R. car.  
Murray McBean, employed by the C.  
P. R. Company here, did the detec-  
tive work, and Frank Butcher, town  
constable, landed his man in Wolsely  
Jail. St. Cyr will probably be  
brought before Justice Peace to-day.

**Harryett Goes East.**

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Police Magistrate  
Samuel Harryett will be taken to  
Belleville to-day by one of Colonel  
Sherwood's officers. Yesterday Magis-  
trate Denison, Crown Attorney  
Curry and Detective Forrest, visited  
St. Michael's and arraigned Harryett  
on the charge of conspiracy in con-  
nection with the bogus ballot box  
case. He did not elect or plead.

**Burglar Railroaded.**  
St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—Alvin Gilroy,  
a married man, about 23 years of  
age, belonging to this city, was  
caught in the act of burglarizing Bert  
Dungey's store at Port Stanley at one  
o'clock yesterday morning. He was  
arraigned before County Magistrate  
Frank Hunt, here, yesterday morn-  
ing, and pleaded guilty. He was  
sentenced to five years in Kingston  
Penitentiary.

**Safe Blown Open.**  
St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—Some time  
during Tuesday night the office of  
the Still Manufacturing Company on  
the 7th concession, was burglarized  
and a safe blown open. One safe  
was blown open and badly damaged,  
and evidently an attempt was made  
to blow up the other safe when for  
some cause unknown it was stopped.  
All the burglars secured was a bag  
of silver, not a very large amount.

**KILLED AFTER 49 YEARS.**  
Richard Williamson of Hamilton Dies in  
Line of Duty.

Hamilton, Dec. 8.—After serving  
the Grand Trunk Railway for 49  
years, moving about trains and en-  
gines all that time without ever re-  
ceiving so much as a scratch, Rich-  
ard Williamson, 486 North James  
street, a car cleaner, employed at  
the Stuart street station, was caught  
by a train last night about six  
o'clock, and instantly killed. His  
body was horribly mangled. A train  
pulled into the station, and when  
Williamson tried to cross the track  
behind it, the train backed up,  
knocked him down and dragged him  
under the wheels. He was 69 years  
of age, and leaves a widow, two  
sons and a daughter. Coroner Balfe  
will open an inquest this morning.

**Rat Poison Laid About.**  
London, Dec. 8.—Ina, the fifteen-  
months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Shoebottom of London township,  
died from accidental poisoning Tues-  
day afternoon. It appears that some  
pieces of rat poison had been left in  
one of the rooms in the house, and  
a caller going out left the door of  
this room open. The child entered  
the room unnoticed, and ate the  
poison.

**Two Children Badly Burned.**  
Rat Portage, Dec. 8.—The little  
son of Mrs. Martin Nelson, aged ten,  
and baby sister were badly burned  
yesterday afternoon during the  
absence of the mother. The boy en-  
deavored to light the fire with coal  
oil. The flames spread and ignited  
the clothing of the baby. The boy's  
clothes also caught fire, but he run-  
ned to the street with the girl and  
rolled her in a snow bank. The girl  
cannot live.

**Nineteen Drowned.**  
Tripoli, Dec. 8.—A boat from the  
Turkish corvette Mansura, manned  
by forty seamen, has sunk in the  
roadstead. Nineteen of the crew were  
drowned.

**Thos. Beasley Honored.**  
Hamilton, Dec. 8.—Last evening  
the members and ex-members of the  
Board of Education presented Tho-  
mas Beasley with a handsome gold  
watch and an address in honor of the  
fact that he had completed his fifty-  
fourth year as secretary of the Board.

**Round the World in Leg Cases.**  
London, Dec. 8.—John C. Voss,  
master of the Tilikum, who left Tor-  
onto, B.C., in a "dugout" of two  
and one-half tons, has arrived here  
after sailing around the world. He  
is shortly to begin a lecturing tour  
through England.

**Blew Out His Brains.**  
Montreal, Dec. 8.—August Muerch,  
an expert electrician, employed by  
the Montreal Light, Heat & Power  
Company, blew his brains out yester-  
day afternoon, leaving a letter ad-  
dressed "To Whom It May Concern."

## CLOSE SHAVES

Two Young Kaple City Athletes  
Break Through the River Ice  
Last Evening

Just at this time of the year, when  
the ice on the river is barely thick  
enough to support the weight of a  
juvenile skater, is the season for nar-  
row escapes from drowning.

Two of these hair-breadth escapes  
happened last night, and through-  
out the local lacrosse enthusiasts,  
had they been near, could have seen  
visions of a Teumuck lacrosse team  
for next year fading away in the dis-  
tance.

Frank Grace and Will Robinson,  
two prominent members of last year's  
team, are also promising hockey play-  
ers, and ever since the cold season  
started they have been anxious to  
get their skates on. Last night they  
decided to make a trial and, along  
with a party of other popular young  
men, donned their skates at Robert's  
boathouse and started up the river.

There is a weak spot in the ice very  
near the Fifth street bridge, and  
Robinson, who was "leading the party,"  
struck it. The ice "scored" and  
Robbie was set down into a cold bath.  
Grace called to him, "That's what  
you get for leaving the 'nets.' This  
however, is the third time in his  
career that Robbie has fallen through  
ice and so he knew how to act, and  
he succeeded in getting on top of main.

Although his body and clothes were  
saturated with water he continued  
his trip up the river and had his  
game of hockey.

Coming back at nine o'clock, Grace  
had his turn. Frank was in the act  
of making a splendid rush for the  
shore when his skate cut through the  
ice and he fell, being tripped by his  
skate. Robbie yelled "foul," but the  
referee didn't see it. There was a  
five minute wait while Frank was  
being dragged out of the water.

"Time up," asked one of the party.  
"No, but the water was," answered  
Frank. "Right up to my neck at that  
point."

**NEW SUBWAY IN NEW YORK ON  
MAP.**  
The Lehigh Valley Railroad has  
just issued a map of New York City,  
which shows a street car and ele-  
vated lines, and includes the new  
Subway. It gives complete informa-  
tion, reference, locations of hotels,  
theatres, European and cost lines,  
steamship docks, etc. Call for copy  
of this map, or it will be mailed free  
upon request to Robert S. Lewis, Cana-  
dian Passenger Agent, 10 King  
east, Toronto, Ont.

**ENDS LIFE IN LAKE.**

**Girl Wife of Twenty Dead—Coroner Will  
Investigate Death.**  
Toronto, Dec. 8.—Found on the  
lake beach at Stanley Barracks yester-  
day morning was the body of a young  
woman, and removed to the morgue.  
The body of a young woman was  
identified late in the afternoon as be-  
ing that of Mrs. Arthur Patterson,  
of 16 Grove avenue, Parkdale. She  
was only 20 years of age. Her hus-  
band and his father went to the  
morgue and made the identification.  
Mrs. Patterson had been missing  
since Saturday night. The body was  
but little mangled and the face re-  
tained its natural color.

According to the story told by her  
husband they went out together Sat-  
urday night. He went into a barber  
shop to get shaved and she went to  
visit friends on Spencer avenue. She  
did not return home on Saturday  
evening, but it was not until Monday  
that her disappearance was reported  
to the police at No. 6 station.

Her relatives do not give any rea-  
son why she should have committed  
suicide.

The unfortunate woman was a Miss  
Annie Neeshaw of Lindsay and was  
married to Patterson just five months  
ago. Patterson is an employ of the  
R. Laidlaw Lumber Company, and is  
about the same age as his dead wife.  
They had been living with his father,  
who is senior foreman with the lum-  
ber company.

The body was taken to Craig's un-  
der-taking establishment and Coroner  
Crawford will open an inquest to-  
night. The fact that the girl's dis-  
appearance was not reported to the  
authorities at once is something the  
coroner wants explained. The dead  
girl's friends give her a good reputa-  
tion.

**Gives \$25,000 to Hospital.**

Montreal, Dec. 8.—James Ross has  
given \$25,000 to Alexandra Contagious  
Diseases Hospital.

**Found \$875 in Bills.**  
Peterboro, Dec. 8.—Thomas Smith,  
a bell-boy at the Oriental Hotel, yester-  
day afternoon found a big roll of  
bills, \$875 in all, which he promptly  
returned to the owner, Mr. Smith of  
Pittsburg, and was handsomely re-  
warded for his honesty.

**Dairy School Opens.**

Strathroy, Dec. 8.—The Western  
Dairy School opened here on Mon-  
day morning last under favorable  
circumstances. The first supply of milk  
was received and the machinery in  
the creamery department was set in  
operation.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
FINSMITH WANTED—One who is  
thoroughly competent, and who  
has some knowledge of plumbing.  
Apply, stating wages, etc., to W.  
C. Crawford, Tilbury, Ont.

**LOOK!**  
Brick house in central location for sale  
Parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, 3  
bedrooms, clothes closet, city water, cis-  
tern, sink sewer, etc. Lot  
\$2,100. Price.....\$1250.

Six roomed frame house  
on Scane St. for sale for.....\$475.  
**DUNN & MERRITT.**  
Fifth St., Phone 295.

## Bad Weather Coming.....

which demands good strong  
SCHOOL SHOES for the  
BOYS and GIRLS.

**WE'VE GOT THE BEST  
SCHOOL SHOES**

in stock now that we ever had,  
and at small prices, too.

**Our Lines at \$1.25  
and \$1.50 are extra  
good quality.**

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SCHOOL SHOES..**

## Brisco's

**SKATES and HOCKEY SHOES**

Ankle Supports, Straps, Hockey Sticks,  
Pucks and Skates Sharpened.

## Brisco's

Opera House Block

## NEW THINGS

## Photography

We have just received from the  
Housh Co., of Boston, the finest col-  
lection of Calendars, Mounts, and  
Albums ever seen in Chatham.  
Nothing is more appreciated at  
Christmas than the "Home" pictures,  
the "very own" of the amateur.  
The beautiful new things we are  
showing will surely be a delight to  
those who have hitherto struggled  
with ordinary mounts and more or  
less ugly calendars. We invite every  
amateur to come and see them.

**J. H. DENNIS,**  
DRUGGIST  
Phone - 375

Up-to-date  
Millinery. **C. Austin & Co.** Fashionable  
Dressmaking

## DRESS GOODS FOR PRESENTS

Plenty of people have the laudable idea of  
giving useful presents this year. There are  
plenty of such opportunities in the Dress  
Goods Department. See these for instance.

**SILK AND WOOL CREPE DE  
CHENE—**  
Beautiful fine and even in weave,  
sheer and very bright in appearance,  
a dainty fabric in all the most popu-  
lar shades, including cream, black,  
cardinal, blue, brown and fawn.  
Prices per yard, 60, 75 and \$1.00

**WHITE GOODS—**  
We have now a full assortment of  
white dress goods, suitable for blous-  
es and evening dresses, in voiles, can-  
vas weaves, fancy hand plain lustrous,  
cottons, fancy stripes and dots.  
Prices per yard, 50, 60, 75 and \$1.00

**BLOUSE LENGTHS—**  
3 yard blouse lengths, in all wool  
goods, lustrous and fancy stripes and  
spot effects.  
Price per yard, 40, 45, 50, 65, 75  
and 90c.

**BLACK DRESS GOODS—**  
A choice assortment of medium  
weight Panamas, Canvas Cloth, Ar-  
mures, Crep de Chene, Venetian, Bas-  
ket Cloth, Serges, Cheviots, English  
Broadcloths, Zebeline and Amaron.  
Prices per yard, from 50c. to \$2.00

**SILKS—**  
Special showing of silks, in all the  
leading shades, consisting of black,  
cream, white, green, fawn, brown,  
cardinal, pink, blue and old rose, in  
taffetas, louisene, peau de soie silk,  
Bonnet's rich, double-faced makes.  
Prices run from 50c per yard to \$1.25

**TWEED COSTUMES—**  
A beautiful showing of tweed cos-  
tumes in yard ends, something nobby  
and useful for Christmas presents.  
Price per yard, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

## Handkerchiefs for Gifts or Service.

A great many people are buying  
holiday gifts now, and a great many  
more are glad to select handkerchiefs  
for their own use from the splendid  
holiday stocks which we are now show-  
ing. Some of the variety.

Ladies Embroidered Hemstitched  
or Scalloped edge, 15c to \$1.00.  
Ladies Pure Silk Embroidered  
Hemstitch Linen Handkerchiefs, 12c  
to 25c.  
Ladies Pure Silk Embroidered  
Hemstitch or Scalloped Edge, 35c to  
\$1.00.

## Handsome Leather Bags

The latest fad is the "Avenue Bag,"  
and you never saw a more practical  
shopping requisite. The Avenue Bag  
is decidedly the smartest bag that has  
appeared this season, at \$2.00.  
A large range of Leather Purses and  
Bags at 25c to \$5.00

## Stirring Merchandise News

—FROM—  
The Bargain Centre Staple Dept.

The Items are small in point of space, but every-  
one is extraordinary value.

## Eiderdown Flannels

For children's coats, ladies' sacques,  
kimonos, bath robes, etc., in a big as-  
sortment of fancy colored stripes,  
pretty color combinations, special val-  
ues, per yard 40c.

## Table Linen

1 piece 66 in. cream table damask,  
broken dice pattern, soft, fine weave,  
regular 50c value, per yard 40c.

## Cotton Waistings

24 pieces fancy lamona waist flan-  
nels, in fancy pinks, fawns, greys,  
cardinal, also cream or fawn ground  
with small, colored polka dots, regu-  
lar 15c value, per yard 12 1/2c.

## Table Napkins

25 dozen pure bleached table nap-  
kins, Irish manufacturers, assorted  
designs, 22x22 in., special, per doz., \$1.00

## Towel

A splendid assortment of Turkish  
bath towels, red and linen colored  
stripes, at 12 1/2c, 20c, 25c, 50c, and 65c.

## C. Austin &amp; Company

The Leading and Reliable Clothiers