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GREAT COTTON VALUES

Cottons at old prices would be a bargain—Cottons at less than old prices would be a great bargain—and that is just what we have got to offer you.

Fine Long Cloths and Cambrics, Pillow Cottons and Sheetings on sale this week at great bargains—an opportunity for you to buy your Spring needs at a big saving.

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Yard wide fine white long cloth, extra soft finish, regular 12 1/2c. a yard, on sale for..... 11c

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Will continue until March 3rd. Ask for the Bargain Counter. Every article marked in plain figures. Your Dollar will buy many articles you need at "The Ark."

H. MACAULAY

PHONE 150

ALL DEPENDS ON TO-NIGHT

Chatham is in the Throes of a Local Option Campaign

HOTEL MEN ARE ANXIOUS

A special meeting of the City Council has been called for eight o'clock this evening. The meeting is being called for the purpose of considering the repeal of the License Reduction By-law, and the Early Closing By-law, which were brought before the Council at a previous meeting by Ald. Stone. On that occasion the Council refused to pass the repeal of the License Reduction By-law. Since then it is understood a petition was circulated to have a special meeting of the Council called. If the by-law repealing the License Reduction By-law is not passed before 12 o'clock to-night it will be void and have no effect on the present liquor licenses during the current year. Section 20 of the Revised Liquor License Act specifies that all such municipal by-laws affecting liquor licenses must be passed upon before the first day of March, or they otherwise will have no effect during the year in which they are passed.

The action at the Council meeting is being looked forward to with much expectation by many citizens. If the Council decides to repeal the by-law it is understood that a local option campaign will be brought on nearly at once. This is considered by many as a move which would be most disastrous to the people and the business of this community.

What the object in repealing this by-law is, no one seems to know particularly, except that Ald. Stone introduced the move and said the Council should pass it. Even he will, no doubt, admit that it is not advisable to increase the number of licenses in the city. At the last meeting the by-law could not be passed. Ald. Benson was not there, and there are a great number watching that gentleman to see which way his vote goes to-night. The Mayor's vote may be the deciding one. It is thought that Ald. Austin, Seaboard, Benson and Foster will vote against Ald. Stone's liquor by-law, and the people look forward to the Mayor's opposition to the passing of this ill-timed measure. The hotel men are placed in a precarious position, and are even now figuring over city voters' lists in an attempt to find out what their chances would be in a local option campaign.

The Planet endeavored to see President A. D. Westman this afternoon relative to the proposed local option campaign. Mr. Westman was out, but his brother, ex-Ald. Westman, replied to the reporter's query over the phone.

"If the License Reduction By-law is repealed," said Mr. Westman, "the temperance people will commence a local option campaign at once. We are ready at the moment the Council passes the offending measure."

"Have you the funds at your disposal to carry on such a campaign?" was asked.

"No, we have no special fund in readiness, but the necessary money will soon be subscribed."

"When will you start?"

"To-morrow, if the Council pass the repeal to-night."

WANT GYMNASIUM

Principal Plewes is at Present Trying to Arrange for the Installation of one in the Central

It is a probability that in the near future a gymnasium of some size will be fitted up in the basement of the Central school for the use of the school children.

The innovation will likely prove a popular one with the children, who would enjoy their recesses on cold or wet days in this department. Besides a few minutes physical exercise during the day would be beneficial to the scholars, and a recreation at once healthful and helpful.

The gymnasium, if installed, would be fitted up with all necessary equipment. At present several arches in the basement are being removed owing to the installation of the new plumbing arrangements, and this will provide a large airy room for a gymnasium. Principal Plewes is at present considering the matter in an effort to see what can be done.

FRED BIDEELL

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Awarded Two Diplomas for Horseshoeing Shop: Wellington St., Opposite Market Square.

STIRRING DEBATE

Victoria Avenue Epworth Leaguers Meet Their Waterloo at No. 1 School House

The return debating contest between the Harwich Literary and Debating Society and the Victoria Avenue Epworth Leaguers took place at No. 1 School House, Harwich, last evening. The subject of debate was, "Resolved that Wellington was a Greater General than Napoleon."

The affirmative was taken by W. W. Everett, Percy Parrott and G. J. Ross, while John Cartier, Mr. Bush-Ross, and W. Parrott championed the cause of the great Corsican conqueror. Decision was given in favor of the affirmative.

Ex-Pres. L. Parrott presided, and the judges of the debate were Wm. Houston, E. C. Everett and J. A. McGeehy.

A VERY SAD DEATH

Rev. Fr. Bechard Passed Away in Windsor—Later Particulars Received

Fr. A. Bechard, up to about one year ago assistant priest at St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor, died at Montreal Saturday evening. Father Bechard, of Our Lady of the Lake Church, Walkerville, left immediately for Montreal to take charge of the remains and bring them to Pain Court, Kent county, his old home, for interment. Fr. Bechard is named as executor of the will.

Fr. Bechard was born in Quebec, but while very young his parents moved to Pain Court with him. He studied for the priesthood at L'Assomption College, Sandwich, and obtained holy orders was in charge at Stoney Point.

He remained at Stoney Point for a couple of years, when he was transferred to McGregor as parish priest. He occupied this position for about twelve years, when he was made assistant priest at Belle River. His health failing, he came to Windsor as assistant priest, holding that position at the Immaculate Conception Church for a few months. Attack by creeping paralysis, his health became poorer and poorer, with the hope of obtaining relief, he gave up his work here and went to Montreal. He steadily grew worse, however, and succumbed to the malady Saturday night. He was 52 years of age and night. He was 52 years of age and night. He was 52 years of age and night.

It is expected that Fr. Bechard will return to Chatham Wednesday, arrangements having been made for the funeral to take place there on Thursday. The priests of both parishes of Windsor will attend.—Windsor Record.

SAN DWICH vs. MAIDSTONE

The case arose through the Township of Maidstone sending on its engineer to improve the towline drain between that Township and Sandwich South. There was also a petition from certain ratepayers in the Township of Maidstone asking the council to change the Croft Aard drain into a municipal drain. The engineer carried the improvement of the towline drain into the Mooney Creek drain, the Croft Aard drain being at the head of the Mooney Creek drain in the Township of Maidstone. The assessment on the towline was excessive and that the petition for the changing of the Croft Aard drain into a municipal drain was not sufficiently supported.

The Referee, upon inspecting the locality in question and upon hearing all the evidence tendered by the parties, has come to the conclusion that the towline drain was originally made for the benefit across the natural trend of the surface of the ground, and therefore the improvement was principally for the benefit of the adjoining lands, and that the assessment made by the township was excessive. He further found that the petition for the Croft Aard drain being made a municipal drain was not sufficiently supported, and therefore this portion of the work could not be done. He also found that the portion of the drain across the township was not estimated separately, as line was not estimated separately, as line was not estimated separately.

Under all the circumstances, however, he states in his report that the work is necessary for the preservation of the road and rendering it safe for public travel, and as the engineer has consented in writing to the referee changing his report, he has done so by taking out of the scheme the Croft Aard drain and allowing the across the towline and the portion across the towline to be executed. Costs on the High Court scale are given to the appellants.

A. H. Clarke, K. C., H. Bodd for Maidstone.

A BRICK FAMINE

Scarcity of Material has Caused Inconvenience to Local Building Contractors

Building operations in the city are at present somewhat handicapped by reason of the local brick famine. At present there is not a single brick for sale in the city. The cause of the famine is due to the immense amount of building in progress in the city during the past year, the brick manufacturers not having enough of material on hand to meet the demand.

The local manufacturers will commence the making of bricks as early as possible during the coming spring, and in the meantime material is being imported from manufacturers in nearby towns.

MADE INSPECTION

Property Committee, the Mayor and Architect, Routely Examined the New Market Building

Yesterday the Property committee, in company with the Mayor, Architect Routely and Contractor Curwell, inspected the new market. They made a minute and careful examination of the building and found a number of small mistakes and defects in its construction, and the architect made a careful note of all unsatisfactory points, which will be handed to Mr. Curwell for attention. Mr. Curwell undertook yesterday, while going over the building, to make good all these minor faults, and when this is accomplished the new building will be improved and ground for complaint removed.

Contrary to expectations, the verandah question was yesterday discussed during the inspection, and an idea was put forward by one of the committee. This is to carry long iron bars from the top edge of the canopy right up through the wall of the edifice and to fasten them securely to the timber trusses or beams inside.

This will not put any strain on the brickwork and will not be unsightly, and better still, it will obviate the difficulties which would arise from the placing of pillars under the canopy.

This has been the best suggestion made up to the present, and as it is very feasible, a speedy and to the verandah question may be expected. The Property committee are having a busy time this year and are to be congratulated on their affairs which are in their hands. The repairs to the Fire Hall and the other civic improvements are progressing satisfactorily.

SUMMERS STOCK CO.

The Summers Stock Co. gave proof of their versatility last evening, when they played the Scottish piece known as "The Little Minister." Sel-dom can a company of stock artists be found who can play, without effort, dialect plays of this description. The average plays of this description, in one dialect or one language, but to find a whole company who can play together realistically in a dialect production is almost a unique thing. Yet last night the Summers Co. talented members of old Scotia itself. There was a good house and the assembly was not sparing with its applause.

The excellent variety which appears between the acts is very popular with most audiences, and Chatham is no exception to the rule. Musical turns, magical turns, comic turns, illustrated songs and moving pictures, in conjunction with a good play, furnish an entertainment of the very best kind.

The company deserve the patronage of all Chatham play-goers and will, no doubt, attract a large audience to-night, when they present the most talked of play in America, entitled, "Why Women Divorce."

HANGS HIMSELF.

Claude Smuck, a Young General Store Keeper, Dies Without Reason. Aymer, Feb. 23.—Claude Smuck, a young man about 22 years of age, contracting a general store at Richmond, seven miles east of this place, was found hanging by a strap from the rafters in a vacant store-room above the store at 11:30 yesterday morning.

No possible reason can be given for the suicide. He has been in business about six months, and was apparently prospering, and was always of a bright disposition. He resided with his parents. He had been missing three hours, and search was instituted.

Terms of endearment should come from the heart and not merely from the lips.

Most of us have enough trouble without looking for more.

The narrow soul knows not the God-like glory of forgiving.

COUNTY PUPILS MUST PAY

C. C. I. Board Will Annul all Previous Agreements With The County

THE FEES MAY BE RAISED

Tired of seemingly useless argument with the County over the matter, the members of the C. C. I. Board are about to terminate their agreement with the County with regard to terms for County pupils attending the Collegiate Institute.

The Planet has been informed that the meeting of the Board Friday afternoon is being held for the special purpose of terminating the agreement.

The ultimate outcome of such action on the part of the Board will be that a new agreement will have to be arrived at, and pending this, individual County ratepayers will have to pay fees for their pupils' maintenance at the school. Much feeling will most likely be worked up over the matter, but the members of the Board believe they are acting in the best interests of the City. They hold that the County has as much right to pay its share as an individual has to pay his full rent for a house he may lease. Further, they are of the belief that after the original agreement is annulled, they have the option of fixing any fee they think is fair.

County Commissioner Ross remarks that the County "had paid out \$5,000 toward the school and did not own a brick in it," is criticised as having no bearing on the case whatever, as the County has received the full return for that amount in tuition for their pupils. The amount is spoken of as being a mere drop in the bucket of expenditure.

The outcome of the dispute will, at any rate, be looked forward to with interest.

HE WAS DROWNED

John Turcotte, Thousand Islander, Meets an Untimely End.

Gananoque, Feb. 28.—John Turcotte of Boatwick Island, while going from his home to an island opposite his, fell through a hole and was drowned. He had a hand-saw with him, and a few planks on it, which he was taking from his island to build a dock at a summer home. Not returning his family, consisting of wife and child, made a search. They found his sleigh drawn up to the hole where he went in.

He had an iron claw on one arm, and some years ago he lost his hand, and this was through the rope in the sled. His body was found in nine feet of water in front of Mr. Ogden's bungalow.

Breaks Through Ice. Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 28.—While crossing the river from this side yesterday, William Hartford stepped on thin ice in a channel cut by the Indians to allow the passage of small boats, and was drowned.

His Curiosity Caused His Death.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—His curiosity about the condition of the elevator in John King street, caused the death of Nelson Hall, a foreman carpenter, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He put his head through one of the small holes still left unglazed with the intention of looking at the condition of the shaft. The elevator was going up, and the weight came down struck him on top of the head. His jaw was jammed against the shaft, and he was badly fractured. With a little delay as possible he was extricated, but only lived a few minutes after being taken out. He was married, and was 55 years old.

All His Teeth Frozen. Hamilton, Feb. 28.—Daniel Nelson, 170 Macaulay street, was taken to a city hospital yesterday afternoon in a critical condition. He was found at 375 Mary street by the police in a bad shape from exposure. All the toes on both feet were frozen, and it may be found necessary to amputate them.

Six Killed in Mine Explosion. Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 28.—Six men were killed and twelve so badly injured that most of them are expected to die before morning by an explosion in Little Cahaba Mine, No. 2, at Piper, Ala., yesterday afternoon.

ONE MONTH IN COUNTY JAIL.

Harrison, Blackmailing Informer, Wept Bitterly When Sentenced.

Godolphin, Feb. 28.—Harrison, the "liquor informer," who was sent up for trial by the magistrate last week, made application for a speedy trial. He pleaded guilty. After the judge reviewed the case he stated were it not for his wife and child, who is only a few months old, he would feel disposed to give him seven years, but owing to these circumstances and with a hope that he would lead a more honorable life, he committed him to the Etobicoke County Jail for one month. The prisoner wept bitterly.

Hair Brushes Cloth Brushes

For One Week we will continue our sale of these two lines at a lower than import price.

Hair Brushes 14c, regular	25c
" 19c, " "	35c
" 29c, " "	50c
" 39c, " "	75c
" 49c, " "	\$1.00

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39c, " "

All Brushes of good goods. We bought 25 gross of these goods and we intend to sell them in a RUSH.

Come and get your share of them or you make a mistake.

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P.S.—We have received two cartons of our new WALL PAPERS. They are the greatest value ever in Canada. You'll say so when you see them.

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The Princess Skirt and Costume Co.

Winter and Spring—first one, then the other, so while the great annual preparations are going on for the reception of the new goods, we herald springtime. We have decided on a grand Winter Goods Sale in.

LADIES' SKIRTS AND SHIRTWAIST SUITS, &c.

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7 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c
Mixed Pickles, 15c Per Quart
Brooms, 15c, 25c and 30c
Corn Starch, 6c Per Package
Very Bright Syrup, 50c Per Gal.
1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes 25c
8 Bars Soap 25c
Pickles 10c Per Bottle
Naval Oranges 25c Per Dozen
5 lbs. Mixed Biscuits 25c
5 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 25c

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