

Whiskard's Rebuilding and Alteration Sale.

228, 230, 232 DUNDAS STREET.

WE HAVE to notify our friends and customers that we have not been able to do anything towards our alterations and rebuilding, our architect, Mr. Herbert Matthews, positively refusing either to tear down or build up at this season of the year. As much as we want the room we had to agree with him, fearing the danger to our young salespeople, because taking out our two store fronts and pulling down the walls at the back would have opened our stores to too much cold draft at this time. We therefore held back from going on with the work. This will necessitate us carrying on our REBUILDING AND ALTERATION SALE possibly through March and April. On account of this all our new spring goods will be offered at REBUILDING SALE PRICES, as well as some big snags we have bought on purpose for our sale.

We have opened out in the last two or three weeks about 25 cases of NEW SPRING GOODS, consisting of special lines in DRESS GOODS and STAPLES, also to cases of MILLINERY, HATS, FLOWERS, CHIFFONS, etc. Our Millinery and prices will surprise you. We never had such fine stock of Hats and Flowers, and we never bought under such favorable circumstances; all brand new goods at prices that the manufacturer or wholesaler is not in it at all, and the middle man is completely out of sight.

The Wonderful

Price inducement of the past month has filled our two stores with enthusiastic buyers. Everybody talking about us and our prices. We've long since been known as low price makers.

Note These Additional Bargains:

Union Ingrain Carpet, yard wide, 19c yard.
Beautiful patterns in White and Cream Curtain Nets, 50 inches wide, worth 20c, for 12½c yard.
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Again we quote Rebuilding and Alteration Sale prices:

Special line of Colored Lusters, worth 25c for 10c yard.
Black Silk Velvet, 38c yard.
Children's Fine Quilted Bibs, deep edged, 5c each.
Children's Quilted Silk Bibs, wide edged, 12½c, 15c each.
Children's Hose Supporters, 5c and 8c pair.
Graham Bros.' Best Hyacinth Buttermilk Soap, box of three cakes, worth 25c, for 10c.
Men's Heavy Wool Socks, worth 15c, 10c pair.
Men's Black Fine Wool Socks, worth 15c, 10c pair.
Men's Black Heavy Cashmere Socks, 25c pair.
Men's Heavy Undershirts, blue ribbed, 18c each.
Men's Plain Heavy Undershirts, worth 35c, for 20c.
Men's All-Wool Plain Undershirts, worth 75c, for 49c.
Men's Heavy Overshirts, striped and plaid, worth 75c, for 49c.

The great sale goes right on. There is no letup to the bargains here. Only one drawback—there is not enough space in the papers to tell you about them. Come and see us.

Western Ontario.

Oil Well to Be Sunk Near Kent
Bridge With Good Prospects.

Hog Cholera Makes Its Appearance Near
Fletcher, East Tilbury—New
Maple Sugar.

Half the citizens of Dundalk are said to be suffering with grippe. At St. Thomas the customs collected for February amounted to \$7,944.55. The 11-year-old daughter of J. M. Smythe, Howard avenue, Windsor, died at Amersburg on Friday.

H. C. Atkinson will replace Dr. McCormick as collector of customs, and Colin Quick take Mr. Graham's place as landing waiter on Pelee Island.

Mr. W. W. Huff is arranging with an oil company in Ohio to put down oil wells on his large farm, near Kent Bridge. Good prospects, as there was oil got there 21 years ago.

Mr. Isaac Tyson, an old resident of Berlin, very widely known throughout the county, died at the hospital there on Saturday. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1812, and came to Canada when a boy.

At the residence of the bride's father Friday night, Mr. Thomas Harris, Stanley street, St. Thomas, Miss Lizzie Harris was married to Wm. H. Hecce. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. R. Drummond.

Mr. M. Stoner, employed by Mr. E. Linton, farmer, Southwold, was kicked in the abdomen on Monday by a horse. Mr. Stoner was removed to the hospital. Though very painful, Mr. Stoner's injury is not regarded as serious.

The death took place on Sunday morning of Miss Emily Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr. John Kerr, of the Gore road, Southwold, in her 22nd year. Deceased has been sick for the past two weeks with pneumonia, which developed into lung trouble.

St. Thomas Times: Mr. Arthur Williams, of Southwold, brought the first

Scott's Emulsion is Cod-liver Oil prepared as a food. At the same time, it is a blood maker, a nerve tonic and an up-builder. But principally it is a food for tired and weak digestions; for those who are not getting the fat they should from their ordinary food; for children whom nothing seems to nourish; for all who are fat-starved and thin.

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Some druggists have a "just as good" kind. Isn't the kind all others try to equal good enough for you to buy?

A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla taken now will build up the system and prevent serious illness later on. Get only Hood's.

Kur-a-Kof, for Coughs and Colds, 23 cents, at Anderson & Nelles' drug store.

Missionary Work.

Quarterly Meeting of the London District M. W. M. S.

Encouraging Reports Presented—
"Systematic Giving" Strongly Urged.

The Rev. Dr. Potts Delivers a Powerful Address.

The quarterly convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in London District was held yesterday at the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Evans, the organizer of the society, presided over the afternoon session, which was held in the lecture room of the church. The meeting was taken up with devotional exercises, and the reading of reports dealing with the business of the organization.

Reports showing satisfactory progress were presented by representatives of the following auxiliaries: Wellington Street, London South, London West, Centennial, Colborne Street, Dundas Center, First Methodist, Arva, Delaware, Lambeth, Siloam and Westminster. A motion of sympathy with Mrs. (Rev.) Russell, and Mrs. Smith, two active members of the organization, who were prevented from being present by serious illness, was moved by Mrs. Fowler and carried unanimously.

A vocal solo by Miss Annis was followed by a paper on "Systematic Giving" by Mrs. Tennent. "Give and it shall be given unto you" as her text, proceeded to prove that self-sacrifice was an essential part of the Christian religion. The type system existed as a rule of conduct under the old dispensation. The Jew gave a tenth part of his possessions to the Lord. The Christians, under the new dispensation, and with a purer higher religion, the worse? God's true law, which allows one day in seven as a day of rest is admitted by all to be just and right which makes it equally profitable to keep God's property law. If this rule were adopted it would not be necessary to invent means as church fairs, old-fashioned teas, and oyster suppers to further the work of God—methods which make it questionable whether the time has not come again for the use of the scourge of God—systematic giving. God is his money-changer. (Applause.)

Reports were next read from the following mission lands: Dundas Street, by Miss (Rev.) Askin Street, by Miss Cahill; Wellington Street, by Miss Crook and Miss E. Graham; Cleveland, Ohio, by Miss Watson; First Methodist, by Miss Fowler; and Siloam, by Miss Manning.

A statistical report, summing up the progress of the society during the past year was presented by Mrs. Tennent. The total membership of the district, including the Centenary and Salem churches, was 660, and the revenue \$2,170.58, which amount was an increase on the amount raised last year of \$88.23. Of the money collected during the year \$104.42 was contributed to mission bands, whose membership was 392, thus making a total of 954 women and girls in the district engaged in good work. Still this number was not one-third of the female membership of the churches of the district.

The sympathy and good-will of the sister societies was expressed by Mrs. (Rev.) J. I. Smith, at a meeting of the congregation it was decided to purchase two lots, and three and four thousand dollars. The lots cost \$300.

A call from the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed to Rev. Dr. Jackson, of Galt, had been placed in the hands of Rev. Dr. Jackson, clerk of the Galt Presbytery. The matter comes up at the meeting of the Presbytery, to be held in Elora, Mich., on March 18.

Hog cholera has broken out in East Tilbury. On Tuesday, Ed. Bechill, a farmer living on lot 3, con. 6, notified one of his boys, who immediately communicated with Jos. Kime, V.S., of Chatham. Mr. Kime pronounced the disease hog cholera and ordered all the pigs to be killed. This is the first appearance of the disease in East Tilbury.

Daniel Link, of Thamesville, died at his home last week. Mr. Link was 40, and was suffering from pneumonia, which had developed into inflammation of the lungs. He was 72 years of age. He leaves a wife and five children, Gerald, of Lecesta, Mich.; Thomas, of the Casket Works, London; Mrs. T. Jacobson, of Chicago; William of St. Thomas, and Wesley, of Leamington.

The next sittings of the Division Courts in Essex county will be held as follows: Belle River, March 22; Essex, March 23; Andover, March 24; Windsor, March 25; Sand-
wich, March 26; Harrow, March 27; Leamington, March 28; Comber, April 1. County Court sittings and surrogate term will be held at Sandwich from April 5 to 10.

Miss Mary Wheeler, of Norwich, aged 40, is suffering from blood poisoning at the Woodstock hospital. A short time ago Miss Wheeler was knitting a pair of black socks, when the sharp point of one of the needles punctured the skin of one of her fingers. Blood poisoning set in and she was sent to the hospital. The poison extended to the neck so rapidly that amputation of the arm became impossible. The doctors have almost despaired of saving the woman's life.

Government Veterinary Inspector Doulier, of Fort Erie, was in St. Thomas on Monday, interviewing Superintendent Morford, of the M. C. R., regarding the sheep quarantine at the Niagara frontier, and Mr. Morford has authorized the construction of a building at Fort Erie for better handling of sheep. Up to the present it has been impossible to locate the exact district in which the sheep scab is located. As soon as this is done, the quarantine will be abolished.

GIRL BRIDE.

Michigan Man of 70 Years Weds a 16-Year-Old Maiden.

Michie, Mich., March 2.—Wm. Fitch, a well-preserved old gentleman of 70, and Miss Duford, a 16-year-old girl, were married last week. Friends gave them a serenade.

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ago when the element of romance entered into the question, but the cause never had more friends. One of the great difficulties in the past was want of information. Today we are flooded with information. Well directed management is also of great importance to the success of the missionary movement. In this connection the indirect influence of the interest in missions engendered and sustained by the Women's Missionary Societies should not be underestimated. In eloquent language, Dr. Potts declared that he had faith in the future of his faith. The recent student volunteer movement in our universities was only one of the signs which denoted a general upheaval in religious matters. With regard to the India famine fund he was glad to hear that London had done nobly. But we must not forget that good had come from the calamity, here as well as in India. Public sympathy had gone out to the plague-stricken land, and some of the noblest traits of mankind had come to the surface. He declared that the time was not far distant when "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun shall his successive journeys run." Fiji, which was a few years ago the haunt of savages, lately contributed more to the cause of foreign missions than all the Australian colonies put together. Great progress had been made, and yet we have only been playing with missions. The doctor concluded his remarks by holding out the prospect of a hopeful future for the society.

The World's Wheat.

In India the Acquire Has Fallen Off 5,000,000.

Italy and Russia Also Show Losses—Other Countries Report Favorably.

Washington, March 2.—In the current report of Statistician Henry A. Robinson, of the Agricultural Department, is that of the European agent on condition and prospects of crops in Great Britain and the continent, together with the official estimate of wheat sowings in India for the present year. It shows:

Europe—Favorable reports as to the condition of winter wheat and other crops are received from Great Britain, Hungary, Roumania, the northern and central parts of Russia and Poland.

In Italy the crops have suffered from excessive rain, and in the southern part of Russia winter wheat has been destroyed on a large scale by severe weather preceding snow. It is estimated that in Podolia and Besarabia alone 2,000,000 acres will have to be cleaned the wheat, and the same is true of large areas in Khersonese and other fertile southern provinces.

India—The official estimate of wheat sowings shows an enormous decrease in acreage. A total area of 16,500,000 acres is reported, as compared with 21,777,000 on Jan. 1, 1896, and 26,022,000 on Jan. 1, 1895. The estimated average production per acre of 10 bushels will result, under favorable circumstances, in a crop of 167,500,000 bushels, a quantity insufficient to meet domestic requirements.

The official estimates of last year's British crop shows a product of 453,188 cwt. in 1896, as compared with 538,296 cwt. in 1895, 638,846 cwt. in 1894, and 414,929 cwt. in 1893, the average annual production for the last four years being 544,590 cwt., which represents just about half the annual consumption.

SUDDEN DEATH.
Galt, Ont., March 2.—John W. Martin, a prominent farmer of Waterloo township, aged 70 years, died very suddenly in Galt yesterday afternoon. While walking on the street he collapsed and died. He was a member of the Galt Baptist Church, and his funeral will be held at a later date.

A FEW of the uses of fruits are summarized by Arthur Elliott, in The Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette as follows: (1) To furnish variety to the diet; (2) to relieve thirst and introduce water into the system; (3) to furnish nutriment; (4) to supply the body with essential to proper nutrition; (5) to stimulate the kidneys; (6) to act as laxative; (7) to stimulate and improve appetite and digestion; (8) to act as antiseptics.

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