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### "Royal" Salad Dressing

This dressing is smooth and rich, fine in flavor, and always ready to use—

25c and 50c a bottle

FRESH LETTUCE, 25c a lb.

NEW SHRIMPS, 15c and 30c a can.

NEW LOBSTERS, 18c, 25c and 30c a can.

SALMON, best red fish, 2 cans for 25c.

H. Malcolmson

## Spring Troubles

Few feel well in the spring, the blood is out of order and the liver is inactive. The usual symptoms are loss of appetite, dizziness, tired feeling, skin eruptions, headache, coated tongue, constipation and pain in back or side. You may not be sick, but it will be easy to get sick. The remedy that gives just the help needed is

### Our Best Sarsaparilla

It makes the blood rich and pure, increases the activity of the liver, stimulates digestion and keeps you at your best.

100 Full Doses for \$1.00

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### "Royal Muskoka"

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## Now Is Your Chance

We have placed on sale a large assortment of

## Fancy Silks

in checks and stripes. The usual price is 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25, your choice at

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### TO-NIGHT.

"B" Company drills at Drill Hall, at 7.45.  
Lycoum Course, Grand Opera House, at 8.15.  
Park St. Methodist League, S. S. Hall, at 8.  
Tent No. 8, K. O. T. M., Macabees' Hall, at 8.  
A. O. U. W. in their hall, over Public Library, at 8.  
The C. E. of St. Andrew's Church, lecture hall, at 8.  
The B. Y. P. U. of C. E. will meet in school room at 8.

## Local Briefs

C. C. I. Concert, Friday, April 18th.  
"B" Company of the 24th drills this evening.  
Mr. Balfour, of Toronto, was in the city to-day.  
G. C. Goebel, of Toronto, is in the city to-day.

Geo. Burt, of Detroit, is spending a few days in the city.

Julius Shock, of New York, was in the city to-day on business.

W. H. Switzer, of Dresden, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

R. S. Dunlop is remodeling his grocery store, Queen street.

J. A. Wilson, of Ingersoll, was in the city to-day on business.

"The Side-tracked" Company left at noon to-day for St. Thomas.

Clinton Ripley has returned from spending a week in Dresden.

John Harrington has returned from visiting at Huffman's Corners.

J. M. Park was in Blenheim yesterday on business for the firm.

Blake Arnold, son of A. T. Arnold, left this morning for Lima, Ohio.

The representative of Art Baking Powder was in the city yesterday.

Conservation service will be held this evening at Park street League.

Mrs. Geo. McDonald left this morning on a visit, with friends in Toronto.

Ladies, you should always remember Weldon's store for whitewear, hosiery, corsets, bustles and belts.

The Misses Tunnell, who have been visiting Mrs. Wm. Potter, Queen street, have returned home.

In last report of the Library Board last evening the item should have read Wm. Potter instead of Robert.

When you want an artistic design, made with the choicest and freshest flowers, your wants can always be supplied at the Victoria Avenue Green House.

Wall Scott, of St. Thomas, formerly of the G. T. R. freight office here, has secured the position of night operator, left open by the resignation of Bert Couzens.

General Manager Woollett, of the L. E. & D. R. R., will pass through the city to-morrow on a special train en route to Wallaceburg and Dresden, where he will inspect the best sugar factories.

A. S. Thornton, accountant at the Bank of Commerce, is recovering from the slight injuries he received in his recent accident in the bank. The bullet from the revolver passed through his hand without injuring any of the bones or muscles and it will be only a matter of a couple of days before Mr. Thornton will be as well as ever.

Miss Maude Samson, book-keeper, who has resigned her position in the office of the St. Thomas Times, was the recipient on Saturday of a handsome present in the shape of a sterling silver hand mirror, the back of which was suitably engraved. The presentation was made by the employees of the different departments of The Times. Previous to her engagement with The Times Miss Samson filled the position of book-keeper on the Chatham Banner and the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. — Woodstock Times.

## DR. RUSSELL

DENTIST

Cor. King & 4th Sts., over Merchants' Bank  
PHONE 275.  
Evening Appointment—7 to 9 o'clock

F. Tschirhart is spending the day in Detroit.

A. M. McTaggart, of Glenora, was in the city yesterday.

H. W. Edmunds, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

Madison Denis, of Oil Springs, was in the city yesterday.

J. L. Hickey, of Merlin, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

John Glasford, of this city, is spending the day in Rodney.

J. B. Hagate, of Sarnia, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

H. C. Jones, of Blenheim, was a guest in the city yesterday.

F. E. Hissman, of Wallaceburg, spent yesterday in the city.

A. W. Grant, of Ridgeway, spent yesterday in the Maple City.

Miss Bertie Reeves has returned from a visit with friends in Detroit.

A. B. Goulet, of Ouyry, is visiting Mrs. O'Reilly, Colborne street to-day.

John Bagnall, of Jeannette's Creek, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

The Ladies Mandolin Club will play at a concert in Wallaceburg to-night.

T. E. Frankland, of Morpeth, was registered at the Rankin House yesterday.

Park Bros. shipped a marine engine and boiler to Henry Koehler, of Duart, to-day.

Jno. Stover, formerly of Brantford, has secured a position in Park Bros. boiler shop.

The Library Board has settled the question at last to suit a few at least. "Growler."

Mrs. Robert Gray and children return to-morrow evening from visiting in Hamilton.

James Davidson of St. Clair, Mich., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Joseph street.

Mrs. James H. McVean and daughter, of Dresden are visitors in the Maple City to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Weldon have returned from an Easter visit with relatives in Wyoming, Ont.

C. Austin this morning received a consignment of over 4,000 yards of carpets from Great Britain.

Mrs. R. S. Coltart and daughter Jean, of Montreal, are visiting Mrs. and Mrs. A. B. Coltart, William street.

Henry Bissett, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday. He purchased a new well boring machine from Park Bros.

Miss Bell Boushall, of Blenheim, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Boushall, William street, returns home to-day.

The Maple City Creamery made the first shipment of butter to-day, apply on an order for 27,000 pounds of creamery butter.

Harry Reeves, of Thornton & Douglas' store, left this morning for Seattle, Wash., where he has secured a lucrative position.

Dr. A. W. Thornton will deliver his popular lecture, "Ireland and the Irish," next Tuesday evening at the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Raleigh.

A well known musical artist, a subscriber of the "Growler," did not know a fish cartoon on that paper from an Easter hat this morning.

Bert Couzens, Colborne street, leaves on Monday for Medicine Hat, N. W. T., where he has secured a position as telegraph operator on the C. P. R.

The trackmen and conductors on the C. P. R. have committees at Toronto waiting on the officials asking for higher wages. The operators will also be represented soon.

A special express rate has been given to all cream coming into the Maple City Creamery through the Dominion Express service. The new rate went into effect on the first of April.

Alex. Kerr, of The 2<sup>nd</sup> T's, left last evening for Seattle, Wash., where he has secured a position with a gent's furnishing establishment. A large number of friends were at the station to give him a hearty send-off.

The firemen were again called out by still alarm to the dye works of Henry Smith on Wednesday. This time his chimney was on fire. The damage was slight. This is the second fire which has occurred in Mr. Smith's this week.

W. H. Taylor, of the Taylor Woolen Mills, calls the attention of the farmers to the damage they do wool by tying it with sisal or binder twine. One of the leading dealers writes Mr. Taylor that "Under no circumstance should sisal or binder twine be used for tying fleeces or sewing bags, as the small particles of this vegetable fibre adheres to the wool, damaging the goods and causing manufacturers trouble or loss."

### GOOD PROGRAM

A concert was given on the sixth concession, Chatham Township, last evening, in aid of the Presbyterian Church. J. B. Rankin, K. C., made an excellent chairman. The program was as follows:

Chairman's Address—J. B. Rankin, K. C.

Vocal Solo—Miss Gertrude Potter.

Recitation—Miss Edna Hicklin.

Vocal Duet—Rev. and Mrs. Nelley.

Address—Rev. W. E. Knowles.

Solo—Miss Gertrude Potter.

Recitation—Miss Edna Hicklin.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Currie.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Nelley.

Vocal Solo—Rev. Mr. Nelley.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

## The Gordon Store Lace Curtains

It is not what we have done in the past, but what we can and will do for you in the present that counts. Read our Curtain cross cut catalogue of prices arranged by a Curtain expert to start the season of 1902.

### Nottingham Lace Curtains

Two tint and other styles of nice new patterns in lace curtains, 90c value for per pair..... 67c  
75c Fine Nottingham, new styles, 6 yards in each pair, per pair..... 50c  
6 different designs in Lace Curtains, beauties, per pair..... \$1.00  
10 different styles of pattern, 3 1/2 yards long, unequalled at the price in this or any other city, per pair..... \$1.20, \$1.25 and \$1.50  
15 choice assorted patterns, some of the most dainty designs ever shown, at per pair \$1.50 to..... \$2.50  
15 variations of designs, in fine Lace Curtains, at per pair..... \$2.50 to \$3.50  
10 assorted patterns, reproductions in style of the most expensive goods of the trade, per pair \$3.50 to..... \$5.00

Low Priced Nottingham Lace Curtains 25c, 30c to 50c per pair.

### Muslin Curtains

Plain white Swiss Muslin Curtains, full size, good wide frills, dotted or figured, per pair..... \$2.25  
48 in. wide, 3 1/2 yds. long, fine Swiss, per pair \$2.70 to..... \$2.75  
Fine Swiss Curtains, torchon and beading trimming, per pair..... \$2.90  
4 more designs of plain white Swiss Curtains, with colored edges and white muslin hem-stitched frill, per pair \$2.60 to..... \$2.75  
Cream white Muslin Curtains, with large yellow flowers, insertion trimmed, wide frill, two different sizes, per pair \$5.00 to..... \$6.00  
Our swell and excelsior Curtains, range in prices per pair to \$10.00, \$15.00 and..... \$20.00

Curtain Poles, oak finish, ornament complete 15c.

### Bobbinet Curtains

High grade, wide frill, insertion and lace trimmed, per pair..... \$2.25  
Stronger bobbinet, better lace, nicer trimming, per pair..... \$2.50  
4 lines of Curtains, wide frilled, dotted or plain, lace and beading trimming, per pair..... \$2.75  
Dotted Bobbinet and plain, wide frilling, torchon lace, extra dainty trimming, per pair..... \$3.50  
54 in. wide Curtains, very wide frilling, nothing more tasty or modern, per pair \$4.50 to..... \$5.00  
Bobbinet bonne femme style dotted Curtains, very heavy frilling at both ends, per pair..... \$4.50  
These are novel and up-to-date productions.

Low Priced Nottingham Lace Curtains 25c, 30c to 50c.

White Enameled Poles, and Ornaments complete 20c.

### Brussels Net or Irish Point

Dainty fabrics of cream or white, new and chaste designs, in renaissance, tambour, applique and soutache covered Curtains, we start them at per pair \$2.25, \$2.40 up to..... \$18.00  
Quantity abundant, quality transcendent.  
CURTAIN NETS, all widths, per yard from 10c to..... \$1.00  
Frilled bobbinet, 5 different patterns, wide and narrow to match, 30 in. to 40 in. wide, per yard 20c, 25c, 35c up to..... 50c  
Curtain Muslins, frilled, 42 in. wide, 8 different patterns per yard 20c and..... 25c  
All widths and qualities Curtains Muslins, per yard 10c to..... 50c

TAPESTRY CURTAINS, from \$2.00 to \$16.00, no better assortment to be found.

Sample seen in pairs, extra value, very fine, 75c to \$1.25 per pair.

Traveler's samples of Lace Curtains (single) from 15c to \$1.25.

Art Muslins, Art Denims, Satens, Cretonnes, in great variety.

WILLIAM GORDON

## SEEMS SECRET

Messrs. Philp, Pilkey and Perrin Have a Surprise for the Big Briscoe Benefit.

Musical Director Harry C. Philp, who is in charge of the big Briscoe benefit, which is billed for the Grand on Thursday evening, the 17th, inst., has accepted a few covert hints regarding the humorous contributions of George Perrin on that occasion. A. E. Pilkey also looks very wise, says he has heard the comedian before, and advises all his friends to be present or they will miss it.

Mr. Perrin is equally reticent. When a Planet representative approached him this morning and discreetly endeavored to bring from him a program announcement, he smiled a little suspiciously.

"Oh," he said, "you can just put me down for a three-round go with myself and a few character imitations of celebrities and citizens around town whom I'm not acquainted with."

When asked why such profound secrecy is being maintained concerning his effort, George added laughingly:

"You know Briscoe's a good fellow and we want to give him a big benefit, and I wouldn't like to do anything to keep that secret."

George explained his remark by a good story on himself.

When he was travelling with the Ferris comedians they visited Clay City, Ind., and when the curtain rose George was booked to open the show.

He was somewhat nonplussed to find the hall empty with the exception of one back bench, which was occupied by the audience, one lonely fellow in blue overalls.

For a moment George was at a standstill and then he stepped forward with all his characteristic suavity and proceeded to explain that the smallness of the audience was unfortunate, it was chilling, it was hard, yet he congratulated the intelligence and discernment of the gentleman who was present and assured him that the show would go on just as usual, because the company aimed never to disappoint any patron.

George had finished, smiling genially at the seats and was about to proceed with the performance in toto when "the audience" interrupted—

"If yer a-goin' to put on yer show, hurry, her up, I'm the janitor, gosh darn ye, and I want to lock up."

George says he hasn't got over that yet and he doesn't purpose to say anything at all about the big Briscoe show. He says it's safer to sell tickets first.

## Children Cry for CASTORIA.

DRESDEN

April 4.—Dresden has a new, seven-column weekly newspaper, The Dresden Standard, which is to be published on Thursdays.

Miss Carrie Thompson, of Blenheim, visited her sister, Mrs. W. H. McPherson, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Polle, of Tilbury, left for home yesterday, after a visit to Dresden friends.

Miss Green, of Ridgeway, is the guest of Miss Maude Bond.

The young child of Mrs. A. McGill is slightly ill.

W. H. Colville, of Toronto, an old resident of Dresden, and at one time proprietor of the Times, called on old friends yesterday.

## TWELVE HOTELS BURNED DOWN

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hour after their arrival that the fire could be said to be thoroughly under control.

Just as the special train bearing the Philadelphia firemen arrived a brand set fire to the center of Young's pier, near Tennessee avenue. Meantime the flames had communicated with the Rio Grande, the Mervine and the Academy hotels, and the Academy of Music, at the corner of New York avenue and the Beach. For a few minutes Young's pier burned fiercely, but the firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the Marine hall, which was situated in the center of the pier. This structure was entirely destroyed, bisecting the pier.

During the progress of the fire the wildest excitement prevailed among the guests of the hotels, which later became prey to the flames. With the exception of the Tarlton and the Bryn Mawr, all of the hoteliers were open for the season and most of them were fairly well filled. In most cases the guests had sufficient time to pack their trunks and grips and those who did not do this carried their personal effects to places of safety in the best manner possible under the circumstances. The beach appeared to be the most suitable depository and many nondescript heaps of clothing, bedding and furniture appeared in the sand.

EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

To visit all points of the Great West for pleasure, education or business.

The Union Pacific has authorized the following excursion rates:

Twenty-Five Dollars from Missouri River points to California, Oregon and Washington points every day during March and April.

Phenomenally low rates to the Pacific Coast and intermediate points. Single trip Colonists' tickets open to sell during the coming spring and summer.

Special round trip excursion rates will be sold to the Pacific Coast at less than one cent per mile. Choice of routes returning.

People identified with local interests at various points en route will show you every attention. It will be to your advantage to make inquiry in regard to these low rates to the Pacific Coast before deciding on the trip. Call or address postal card to G. G. Herring, G. A. 136 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich. ttaw-122

Walter and Isaac Kersey of Edy's Mills were acquitted at the Sarnia Assizes of a charge of robbing the mails. They will be tried to-day on the charge of stealing a mail package containing \$14,000.

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