# GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING LOCAL BRIEFS

The closing weeks of this month are always marked by a crush of Christmas trading. We therefor invite you to call and select at once. We are ready with a large and varied array of choice Staples and Fancy articles suitable for Holiday buying. Those who have a keen appreciation for GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THE LEAST MONEY will find our large stock new and desirable and at prices the lowest for qualities the best. The wise ones will do their Christmas shopping here.

### Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

Ladies Handkerthiefs Ladies Hemstitched Embroidered Inittal Hdkfs, all linen..... Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished....... Ladies Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs. 25c to ...... Men's large Silk Mufflers, all colors and

Ladies' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c Ladiee Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroider-

ed Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 16c to . 25c Ladies' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... Children's White and Fancy Handker-

HOLIDAY APRONS

Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 50c Children's White Mother Hubbard,

Aprons, 42c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c Children's Fine Gingham Dresses with yoke, embroidery trimmed, 50c

Children's Percale Aprons, with yoke embroidery trimmed, 80c and..... Something new in Lace Dressing Case

Men's all Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs ..... Men's Plain Hemstitched Hokfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 25, to 50c

Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to..... 50c 

styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1 50 and.....\$2.25 A large and complete assortment of Ladies' and Gents' fancy Plaids, Checks Parisian, Polka Dot and Oxford, Silk Mufflers.

MEN'S HOLIDAY **NECKWEAR** 

Men's English Neckwear, Silk and Satin, beautiful Stripes, Checks and Figures, all colors.

den's Imperial Four-in-hands, Puffs, Bows, Flowing Ends, Graduated Derbys in choice variety of colors, 

HOLIDAY SPECIALS IN Men's and Boys' Suspenders Men's Silk Embroidered Suspenders, fancy goods in boxes, \$1.50 to..... 50c creat variety of Braces for Young and

old, from 25c to ..... 10c Children's and Babies'—Mitt ns, Booteen Bibs, Infantees, etc.

DRESS GOODS

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Box than a Black Crepon Skirt Pattern, our Bristered Crepon at \$1 a yard are a wonder to our

Ladies' Dress Skirts, in variety, all colors and materials, \$5 to....... \$2 Plaid Bias Skirts, heavy ..... \$4.50 Tails, Pelts, etc. Ladies' Tairor made Suits, in variety, from \$7 to ..... \$10

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, from \$1 to ..... \$10

Holiday

E ectric Seal Jackets, dainty ..... \$35 Holiday

FINE FURS

Finest Holiday Presents—Caperines of every description, ranging in price from \$1 50 to \$35 00.

Persian Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Seal

combination, Seal and Astrachan combina-tion. Electric Seal and Thibet combination,

Fur Caps, Gauntlets, Muffs, Boas, Heads,

Fur Capes, Astrachan, \$18, \$17.....\$12 Cloth Capes, For Lined, \$30 to..\$12.50

For Coats and Jackets, from \$30 to \$99

Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc.

Ladies 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good colors, tan and black ...... 50c Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black..... Cadies' 2 dome fasteners, colors ox blood

pavy, green, plum, tan and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted.... \$1 Fownes pearl fastened Kid Gloyes, tan or drab, warranted.....\$1.25

Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Cha. truse Gabrella and Hypathia. Ladies finest Mocha Kid Glove ..... \$2 Ladies' Fancy Gaiters and Ladies' Hose

upporters, etc.

Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, 50c, 75c and. .... \$1

Kid

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest popular shades, \$1 and ..... Men's Celebrated Kangaroo...... \$1.50 Mens heavy Wool Mitts, knit, leather faced in variety, 25c and ..... 50c

Special Xmas · Underwest, Cardigan

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling

Genta' Scarf Pivs, Cuff Bettons, Collar Buttons, etc., in peerl or gold variety.

## Christmas Silks and Satins

Handsome English Silks, bargains 50c for 25c, 75c for 50c, \$1 for 75c per yard, in plaids, stripes and brocades.

Japanese Silks, 27 in. wide, helio, pink,

Satins, all shades, for fancy work or lin-Special Peau-de-soie.....\$1.00
New Tinsell Chiffon for dress fronts.

Beautiful Silk Waists-For gifts, nothing pleases your mother, sister, wife or daughter like one of these beau-ties, we sell them in all colors and ......\$3.50 to \$5.00

Superb Eider Down-Comforters, \$5,

HOLIDAY SPECIALS In Umbrellas

Nothing nicer for ladies and gents, a fine assortment from \$1.00 to

DAINTY DOLLS

Fine long flowing haired dolls, 9 in. long 13 inches long, 9c. 16 inches long, 15c and 23 inches long for. ..... They are beanties

Shopping Bags with pocketrook at ach Pocketbooks, Card Holders, Needle Cases, Bracelets, Combs, Brushes, Fans, Belts, Belt Buckles, Etc.

Dolls, Dogs and Brownies for studing,

WHITE CROCHET QUILTS

And Marsalls Coverties 9:, \$1, \$1 20, \$1.30, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85,

in coloring and design, \$1. \$1 25 to \$1 Ladies' Night Robes-In white long cloth, Lonsdale Cream, pink and

fancy Fiannelette, face and em-broidery trimmed or plain, from 500 up Men's Night Wear-In white twill cot-

Flannelette Night Shirts ...... 50c up Natural Wool Night Robes.

> HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

wo tons Cream Table Damask, 60 in.

Cresm Satin Table Damask, all widths and quanties, 30c, 34c, 40c, 50c, 

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 600 

White Satin Table Damack, with Napkins to match, from 500 to ... \$1 50 yd Pearl white Irish Linen Tatle Cloths,

euperb goods, \$2, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, up to......\$13.50 each Table Naphins—Great bargains at 72c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1 50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25,

..... \$5.00 dezen Towels-Fino Damask, size 44 x 20,

Instead of Calanders we have secured several hundreds of Souvenir Song Books, containing 72 of the gems of song of the century, with the Music for Piano or Organ; and we hope as they ring in harmony through your homes they will contribute to your hat piness

The Standard Patterns For Dolls Clothing on hand

Make your Children's Clothing from Standard Patterns

Leave your order for English Holly and Wreathing

# Candies and Confidence

Go together at Malcolmson's. Some confections are fancier than others - but whatever the grade, you can depend on purity and freshness always.

Melaeses Candy, 7c a lb.

Choice Mixed, 3 pounds for 25c Finest Mixed, 19c pound,

Cream Mixed, 15c a pound. Good Chocolates, 15c a pound.

Peach Blossoms, 15c a pound.

Our special 1 lb. box of assorted fine Creams and Chocolates at 25c a pound is very nice

Lady Carmels, 20c a pound. Crawford's Taffies, 15c a pound. Pearut Brittle, 20c a pound.

Cresm A'monds, 20c a pound. Pear at Chocolates, 20c a pound. Peppermist Creams, 30c a pound.

Crawford's Butter Scotch Taffy is one of the best confections made-25c a pound

Our finest chocolates are the best that are made in Canada. They are put up very prettily in exceedingly nice boxes. There's nothing better to be had in candy or we would have it. Prices are 25c, 50: and \$1 accord ing to the box. Something new in candy baskets also You should see them.

# H. Malcolmson

## Chatham's Only Millinery Store **USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS**

We have laid out some tempting presents for Christmas What is more useful than a good Hat or Bonnet? We have them in all sty'es, from \$1, \$1.50, \$2.00 up—worth from \$2 to \$4

Also Children's Wool or Velvet Bonnets in new and cosy patterns and all colors Wool Bonnets from 25c to \$1.00—worth from 38c to \$1.50. We have just received a very handsome lot of fine Battenburg Work for Xmas, Presents. Call and inspect them.

C. A. COOKSLEY, Opp. Market

magnificent stock of ebony goods, manicure sets, at low prices.

Now is Said to be General Buller's Opportunity.

The Boer Forces Around Ladysmith Have Been Drawn Upon to Assist at Kimberley.

London, Friday, Dec. 15, 445 a. m .-The War Office is still without news from Ladysmith other than that already published. The general belief is that the large Boer forces Lord Methuen encountered at Magersfontein were partly drawn from Natal, and that Gen. Buller will strike a blow before these have time to re-

A special despatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monday, Dec. 11, states that the Ladysmith gar-rison had made a sortie and destroy-ed the Modderspruit bridge. Reports are current that Gen. Clery has succeeded in certains to the porth

has succeeded in getting to the north has succeeded in getting to the north of Ladysmith, and is entrenching his forces behind the Boer position. If this is true, it means that Clery succeeded in crossing the Tugela by flanking the Boers, while Buller kept them at Colenso by threatening their front with his army at Frere. TAKEN UNPREPARED.

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London, Friday, Dec. 15. — The correspondent of the Standard at Modder River, describing the fight at Magersfontein, says:—"Six miles had to be covered before the Highland Brigade could reach the Boer stronghold. It is not yet clear through what mischance the force, which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly. Beyond question the Boers were aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to one version, two Highlanders through nervousness or clumsiness to one version, two Highlanders through nervousness or clumsiness discharged their rifless prematurely, but it is equally probable that the advance Boer scouts conveyed the intelligence. Our men were totally unprepared. They had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the consciousness that they were thus unprepared, and with bayonets fixed the trenches might have been successfully rushed.

and with bayonets fixed the trenches might have been successfully rushed, with far less sacrifice of life."

White the Guards were advancing on the plain, which the Boers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encountered and cut ug a strong picket posted on a hill for purposes of observation. All the members of the picket were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners.

THE SAD SIDE OF WAR.

The scenes at the war office when Gen. Methuen's casualties were posted was highly dramatic. There was a steady incursion of anxious inquirers from the moment the doors opened, and there was intense excitement when an official appeared bearing the ominously long list of names. The women present crowded eagerly forward and begged for copies of the lists. The supply was not sufficient, so the official read out the lists. Intense feeling was evident on all the tense feeling was evident on all the faces and the pitiable anguish of the becayed was extreme. It was a memorable scene. Some of the women were so overcome that they had to be assisted from the room.

Gen. French reports that in a skirmish near Naauport, he had eight casualties and the Boers 40. The enemy retreated.

### DRESDEN.

Dec. 15.—Chas. and George Byers have returned from London where they have been attending the medical col-

lege.
The English church S. S. entertainment will take place on Dec. 20th. the Methodist on Christmas night, the Salvation Army S. S. on the 23rd, the Baptist on New Year's night, and the Presbyterian on Dec. 12nd.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give an entertainment on Monday evening next. The last session of the council for 1899

will be held to night. J. Chandler, of Toronto, who has been spending the last few days quail shooting in this vicinity will return

home to-morrow.

To-day being the last day of quail and partridge shooting for '99 a large number of our local sports took to the woods early this morning.

A meeting of the women's auxiliary was held at the rectory on Wednesday afternoon. The year's work was received and found to have been highly successful. The following officers were elected for 1900:—

President-Mrs. (Rev.) A. K. Grif-Vice-president - Mrs. J. N. Sharpe. Recording secretary-Miss Mary Step-Corresponding secretary-Mrs. T. N.

elected for 1900 :-

Treasurer—Mrs. F. Bodkin.
Delegates to the annual meeting in
London, Mrs. J. C. Tassie and Miss
Edith Hughes.

### ILBURY.

Dec. 15 .- Mrs. Taylor, Queen St., is on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Cartier, of Tilbury North, is visiting relatives here:
The W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow
afternoon at 3.30, at the residence of
Mrs. (Rev.) T. Dobson.
Arthur Bagley and Lena Proctor, of

Stewart, were married this week by Rev. T. R. McNair. The barn of Henry Marshall, Tilbury North, with contents, including implements, was burned to the ground. Cause unknown. Loss was fully cov-

ered by \$400 insurance in the Liver-pool, London, and Globe.

The local stores are making hand-some window displays for Christmas.

The Chatham Daily Planet us on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers

Clothing -**Furnishings** and Shoes

Scott & Co.

# Dr. A. W. Thornton

Associate Dr. C. A. Spell, Honor Graduate Toronto University. Office- Fr t Doc East of Standard Fack. Telephone 164

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the request of a number of rate-payers, I am a candidate for the po-sition of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely. ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

### To the Electors of Ward No 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours. spectfully yours.

# TELEGRAPH NEWS

Justice MacMahon has presented a library to St. Patrick's parish, Bid-

The collector at Detroit has seized 600 cases of oleomargerine, valued at \$10,000 which was being shipped to Liverpool as butter. The election in Gimlic, Man., took

place yesterday, and the Dauphin contest is on to-day. Returns from both will have to come by messenger. The British casualties in the late battle of the Modder total 832. Of these 62 were officers, of whom 15

Minard's Liniment - Lumberman's

E. J. FORSYTHE. -Organist and Choir master; Tenor soloist; lessons given in Voice Culture; pupils prepared for Church and Concert work.; Con cert engagements accepted; a (limited number of pupils received for pipe organ and piano instruction. For terms address P. (O. Box 736, Chatham. 3ms.

# \$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes

Our \$2.50 is an AMERICAN made Shoe by one of the BEST BOSTON MAEKERS. Newest shape—Fine Vici Kid—Laced—Kid Tipe—On the different widths—F.cxible coles—It's A BEAUTY and you'll be surprised when you see the quality Ladies'

A Turkish Bath will do you good. This is the last open day for quail, H. M. Pousette has gone to Wallace-

Wm. Labadie, of Blenheim, went to Toronto to-day. Buy the Tiger Brand clothing for boys. The 2 Te, sole agents. The civic pay sheets for the past week amount to \$121.04.

What Happened to Jones, at the Wear the Barrington hat, \$2.50. The 2 T's, sole agents. Dr. A. D. Holmes, of Detroit, is in

the city on business to-day. Thos. Wadland, Supt. Telephone Co., Hamilton, was in the city and went to Blenheim this morning.

The pope has confirmed the appointent of Bishop McHway, of London, Balkie's Art Gallery would like to show you how we can color any photo srtistically. You are welcome any time.

It is said that Mr. Forsythe, the new leader of Christ Church choir, will or-ganize a surpliced choir of boys. A. H. VonGunten has definitely decided to offer himself as a candidate for school trustee in Ward 3.

Here's your opportunity, an elegant line of sterling silver novelties, from 50c to \$1.50, at Central Drug Store. Chas, Fleming, of the Kent Mills Co., had a very successful day yes-terday, with dog and gun, getting 11

A. I. McCall & Co. are advertising Gold-rimmed Spectacles and Eye-glasses for Xmas presents. These cer-tainly make fine gifts. Constable James McGregor desires

The Planet to make clear the fact that Jas. McGregor, recently in the gambling scrape and himself, each have an individuality of their own. Ladies love good perfume. The Cen-

tral Drug Store has the best assortment in the city. Manager R. A. McVean desires to give his personal guarantee of the excellence of the company presenting the comedy "What happened to Jones" at the Grand to-night. Any patron who is not satisfied with the show will have his money refunded. Last night the O. F. F. A. olub gave the first basket assembly of the season. The event, despite the unfavorable weather, was one of the most enjoyable and successful ever held. Music was furnished by Lorriman's orchestra, and there were about 75

ouples present. "If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork, and then, because they were tired we rubbed themeto make irritation worse rubbed themsto make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. Macletyes leading and the statements of the statement of the statemen MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

There is nothing that makes a more useful or handsome present than an ebony hair brush, with a sterling sil-ver mount. The Central Drug Store has them from \$1.25 up.

COL. BALL CONVICTED.

At the police court this morning, Col. Harry Ball was convicted of the larceny of ulsters from M. Opthaker, larceny of ulsters from M. Opthaker, Market Square. From the evidence, it appeared that Ball was selling goods for the complainant and took the ulsters in question from his establishment and disposed of them, pocketing the proceeds. Judge Houston remanded him to jail till Monday for sentence. J. A. Wulker, Q. C., appeared for the crown and O, L. Lewis for defendant.

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	Pork Dec Jan May	10 20	10.35 10.60	10 15 10 35	10 85
	Lard - Dec Jan May	5.47 5.65	5 57. 5 77	5 47 5 65	5.87 6.77
	Ribe - Oct Jan	5.40	5 47	5 40	5 47

### BLENHEIM

Dec. 15.—Mrs. Buchanan, er., Talbot street, is ill with pneumonia.
Dr. Hanks entertained a run ber of
the whist club last night to a very enjoyable game of duplicate. The doctor
makes an admirable host and these enjoying his bospitality are always royally entertained.
Blenheim's business men are decorating their stores for Xmas trade and
preparing for the rush next week.
Mayor Rowe and a party of friends
intend going south for the winter.
Squire Fellows has been stricken
down with apoplexy.

BLISTERED BY DOCTORS.

For Heart Disease without Help-Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Re-lieves in Fifteen Minutes.

Mrs. O. Ward, of Magng, Que., was a great sufferer for years from heart disease, Physicians blistered her and gave her other treatments without relief. She read in the papers of the wonderful cures made by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the heart. She procured a bottle of it. Fifteen minutes after the first dose she had relief. Before taking this remedy, she had constant spells of suffocation and fluttering, and severe pains about the heart, and was so weak that the act of sweeping the floor caused her to faint. She continued using the remedy until she had taken six bottles, and to-dry she is as well as ever she was.

Baikie's Art Galleries will be open Saturday nights. Everybody will be welcome at any time to view our photos

A useful present is always appreciated. The Central Drug Store has a comprising mirrors, hair brushes and

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