

G. W. Cornell
Dentist

Cor. 6th and King Sts.
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

THE PROBABILITY.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Jan. 15.—10 a. m.—Cloudy, not much change in temperature. Local falls of rain or snow, more especially Tuesday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

To-night would be a good time to take a Turkish bath.

Miss Campbell, of the 12th con. Dowry, is ill with pneumonia.

Jacob Blonde, who has been confined to the house for the past three weeks, is somewhat better.

T. Henry O'Keefe—left to-day for Montreal, where he has secured a good situation on the Herald.

Lamon & Aveschou, merchant tailors, are offering \$16 suits for \$13, and \$4 pants for \$3, for the next 30 days. These are snags.

Miss Barrie Weatherston, of Hamilton, who has been spending a short time in the city, the guest of Mrs. Robert Gray, returned home to-day.

Harvey Kennedy, a graduate of the C. C. L., now pastor of the Methodist church at Eaton, Mich., is holding revival services in his church and reports that he is meeting with good success. He intends spending a week with Chatham friends in February.

Wm. Smith, convicted of stealing a pair of rubbers, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at police court this morning. The case against Geo. McCubbin, previously reported in The Planet, which appears to arise out of the disputed ownership of \$60, was enlarged for a week.

Will Millard, the clever bicycle rider, will leave the Marks Bros. at the conclusion of their St. Thomas engagement. He has several good offers to travel through the larger cities of the states, and give his specialties, but he has not closed with any of them when he left Chatham.

At the conclusion of the Marks Bros. performance Saturday evening, an amateur contest open to the city was put on. Some sixteen contests had been handed in their names, but only four put in an appearance. They were Rhen Martin, Jos. Tucker, J. Poole and Alfred Wrigley. Alfred Wrigley was awarded the prize of \$2.50 in gold.

The Rev. Mr. Colles held a special service, by request, in a private house seven miles down the river, on Sunday afternoon, and baptized fourteen persons of various ages, between one and twenty years. Three others for baptism had not received word. Mr. Colles says that there is great need of a regular Sabbath service in that locality and a great opportunity for the local clergy to establish a missionary station.

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J. F. Cairns, of Buffalo, formerly of Chatham, is in the city on a visit. The Amethyst Club will hold an assembly on 1st prox.

Dan. McMullen, formerly of this city, and now a resident in Northern Michigan, spent Sunday in this city.

J. B. Downey has returned after a holiday trip of three weeks, spent in visiting friends in Toronto, Hamilton, and other eastern points.

Lost!—On Saturday afternoon, a lady's gold watch, hunting case, between the cemetery and convent. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at Planet office.

To-morrow's Planet will contain several letters from Chatham boys with the first Canadian contingent at the front.

Tom O'Rourke, the popular book-keeper for Blonde Bros., reports the outlook for the building trade this year to be exceedingly bright.

Trudell & Toney will commence making alterations in their store to-morrow for the receipt of their stock of Slater Shoes.

"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 them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they need, 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 can help yours. Examination free. E. J. Macintyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

COULD NOT AGREE
On a Suitable Candidate for the County Court Clerkship

Messrs. Pardo and Ferguson Hold a Conference Here—The Latter Insists on an East Kent Lawyer.

Robt. Ferguson, M.P.P., and T. Ledson Pardo, M.P.P., were in the city on Saturday last and held a private consultation of some length, the purpose of which is understood to have been the filling of the vacant county court clerkship. But it is alleged that differences arose even between these two government representatives. Mr. Ferguson, it is stated, insisted that the appointment must go to a resident of his constituency, East Kent, while Mr. Pardo expressed an equally decided opinion that the position should be ticked to the most deserving party worker irrespective of locality. The gentlemen are supposed to have parted without coming to a harmonious understanding.

Mr. Ferguson, it is said, gave Mr. Pardo to distinctly understand he was running this nomination. Mr. Pardo could help to select the nominee provided he selected the man Mr. Ferguson wished. The latter declared decidedly for a lawyer, and narrowed the choice down to J. John Coutts, of Thamesville, Walter Mills, of Ridgetown, and R. L. Gossell, of Blenheim. Mr. Coutts is first choice. Mr. Pardo, however, doesn't favor Mr. Coutts. He is willing to throw overboard the idea of a local compromise on John A. Walker, Q. C.

Incidentally it is reported that the member for West Kent took occasion during his visit to bowl out a number of the applicants. Ald. McKinnon and Messrs. Thrasher, Bell and Macdonald, the claims are all too young. It is time for them to look for government jobs when they grow old in the party service.

FERGUSON WILL WIN.
"It may be taken for granted that Mr. Ferguson will have his way," said a city politician to the Planet. "Even the influence of John Pleasance will not get Mr. Holmes the post, because Robt. Ferguson has double the influence at Toronto. Mr. Pardo has. The latter has been to a subsequent. He has jumped every time the government pulled the string. He has never had enough independence even to differ with his leaders in caucus. So they say, 'Oh, Pardo's all right anyway; he doesn't count.'"

Now, as far as party subservience is concerned Mr. Ferguson has made a pair with Mr. Pardo; but for several years he has been talking about retiring. Premier Hardy coaxed him to run last election and Premier Ross is going to coax him to run again the next one. They do not like the risk of a new man at uncertain stages. So with Mr. Ferguson's threat to retire before them the government will do almost anything within reason to please him, while Mr. Pardo's lack of independence has killed the influence he ought to yield at Toronto. I wish we had a man with backbone like J. B. Rankin representing us now. Robert Ferguson would soon run the whole county of Kent. Mr. Pardo's a nice man and gentleman but he is not strong enough for the position. He's weak, very weak when it comes to a party scramble."

WALLAOEBURG.
Jan. 15.—Miss Flossie Tooly is visiting friends in Harrietsville.

Dan. Little and sister Bessie, of Loraine, Ohio, are visiting relatives here. A concert was given in the Opera House Saturday night. A wrestling bout between Casey Mack and Robt. Brock was very interesting. Casey managed to throw Robt. the greater number of times and came out victor.

FILBURY.
Jan. 15.—The many friends of Mrs. Geo. Richardson, will regret to hear of her death, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The family have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

The W. C. T. U. meeting was well attended on Saturday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Scriben.

We are assured by public opinion that wedding bells will soon ring in prominent circles here. Further details later.

Mr. and Mrs. Harborn, of Minn., are spending this week in Merlin.

ACROSS THE TUGELA.

General Warner Forces His Way Over With 11,000 Men—Three Battles in Progress.

London, Jan. 15.—A special from Cape Town, dated Friday, January 12, announces that General Warren has crossed the Tugela River. The despatch says: "The authorities have received news that Gen. Warren has crossed the Tugela with 11,000 men, and occupied a strong position north of the river. This report has been our rest since yesterday, but is discredited in official circles."

THREE BATTLES RUMORED.
London, Jan. 15.—London was full of rumors Sunday. It was freely reported that engagements had taken place at the three different points along the extended Boer lines. As a matter of conjecture this may be correct for there is reason to suppose that some movement was made against Colenso simultaneously with the seizure of Pieter's Drift.

It is quite possible also that an attempt to flank the Boers may be attempted on both the east and the west, but the ground on the east is more difficult than that toward Springfield, and to make a wide detour in the direction of Weenen would necessarily require a large amount of transport.

If fighting really occurred at three points yesterday or Saturday, it would most likely be at Mt. Hlangwana, Colenso and some spot north of Pieter's Drift, marking a step in that process of enveloping the Boers to which Gen. Buller is obviously committed.

In this connection the dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Frere dated Wednesday, in which Bennett Burleigh looks forward to some decisive event and is making preparations to take up a wagonload of luxuries for the troops at Ladysmith, clearly indicates that at Frere it was understood that the British attempt to relieve Ladysmith was about to be made.

WAR NOTES.
The War Office has accepted Lord Strathcona's offer for a third contingent which it is estimated will cost \$1,000,000.

The Boers say their losses at Ladysmith amounted to 54 killed and 96 wounded.

Gen. Wood has occupied a post in the enemy's country, Orange Free State, without opposition.

It is said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will propose on the opening of parliament a vote of \$3,000,000 to assist Great Britain in the war.

The Boers offer \$50 a head for Canadians, whom they regard as sharpshooters.

The traitors captured by the Canadians are now on trial