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Thomas Stone & Son Thomas Stone & Son

Silk Specials

To-day we talk of silks, not ordinary silks, but extraordinary values, these have been bought at a great saving and we pass that saving on to you.

English Peau-de-Soie
Waist Silks at 50c Yard

In fancy patterns or plain, black, navy and all the other colorings, styles that are catchy, as new and fresh as the morning.

Taffeta Silk, Full
Yard Wide at \$1.39

The best Lyons dye, and will not cut, note the width and come prepared to get the best taffeta silk value ever offered in Chatham.

French Foulards
At 75c and \$1.00 Yard

A splendid showing of these in the most exquisite colorings.

Yard Wide Satin,
Lyons Dye, at \$1.50

And here is another special, extra heavy superior finish, no word but "magnificent" fully characterizes this piece of goods.

Black English Corded
Silk at 50c

This is one of the best wearing silks you can buy, the corded effect to take the place of tucks, they are very new, come in and see them.

Poplin Lousine

That latest French material for summer and evening dresses, get a glimpse of these fair flowers of the loom.

Art Silks at 75c and \$1.00 Yard

Just what you have been looking for "we know", delightful for cushions and drapes, well, here they are for you in all the colorings.

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THE ACME TURN



ACME SHOE
...FOR...
LADIES

Something new. It has a lovely cushion inner sole which makes it the most comfortable walking boot that was ever placed before the public. It carries with it the latest style and for quality it can't be excelled. We have secured the sole agency for this wonderful boot.

Turrill's
93 KING STREET.



"The Ark"
IS THE PLACE
TO BUY YOUR
Crockery

New Toilet Sets just in. Very suitable for any bedroom, in various colorings and designs, see them in window. The price is only \$5.00. Have a line of cheaper sets which we are selling at the small sum of \$2.00. While in this store be sure to visit the upstairs department and see the New Dinner Sets, Tea Sets and Lamps.

H. Macaulay, "THE ARK"

KILLED ON THE TRACK

Angus McDonald, Son of the Captain of the Kolfage, met With Sudden Death.

Father is Bringing Remains to Chatham—Will be Buried at Goderich.

Windsor, April 23.—When Thomas Yates, an engineer on the Grand Trunk railway, was coming through Puce yesterday with his engine he noticed an object between the rails, but was unable to stop his train in time to avoid passing over it. When the train was brought to a standstill the crew found the body of a man, and that in all probability he had lost his life by falling from a train ahead of that in charge of Yates.

Coroner Bell, of Windsor, was notified and spent yesterday afternoon investigating into the probable cause of death and the identity of the dead man. Alexander Gray, a farmer living near the scene of the accident, identified the dead man as Sly McLaren, of Chatham. He told Coroner Bell that he was personally acquainted with McLaren and is sure that he is the man who was killed. The body is that of a man about 30 years of age, about 5 feet 4 inches in height and of heavy build. The clothes worn by deceased were of the best material and everything about the body denoted a man in easy circumstances. Coroner Bell could not discover what train struck the man and he postponed further investigation until he can interview members of some of the train crews who passed the place where the man was killed previous to the finding of the body.

The unfortunate young man has been identified as Angus McDonald, son of Captain McDonald, of the schooner Kolfage, and is supposed to have been stealing a ride. His father left for Windsor yesterday afternoon and will return with the body at five o'clock this afternoon. The remains in Goderich, where the remains will be taken for interment.

MAGNANIMITY AND MERCY

To Enemies of Britain in South Africa—Charlton's Resolution.

Amnesty to all Boers and Rebels be Offered as a Condition of Peace.

Ottawa, April 22.—Although politicians in Britain are patriotically abstaining from any expression of opinion in regard to the terms of settlement with the enemies of the King in South Africa, thus acting in the true interests of peace, and avoiding any appearance of encouragement to the burghers to hold out against the terms offered by the Imperial government, Mr. John Charlton does not hesitate to take the opposite course. He has given notice that he will move a resolution in the House tendering what in his opinion should be Canada's advice to His Majesty's government as to how the Boers and the Cape rebels alike should be dealt with. Mr. Charlton's resolution is as follows:—

"This House is of opinion that British supremacy should be maintained and firmly established in South Africa, to which end Canada has cheerfully contributed men and money. Having in view the effect of a policy of magnanimity and mercy at the close of the civil war in the United States, and for other reasons, this House is also of opinion that a like policy of magnanimity and mercy may properly be extended to a brave foe now opposing British arms; and that in the interests of peace and of future tranquility, harmony and homogeneity, it is expedient to offer universal amnesty as a condition of peace and submission to British control, to all persons in arms against the British authority, in Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange River Colony, the Transvaal and all other portions of the British Dominions in South Africa, and upon this occasion, respectfully presented, with the prayerful hope that it may aid in securing a favorable and honorable settlement of South African hostilities, and difficulties, this House invokes the consideration of His Majesty's Government, the King."

The resolution, which will probably be seconded by Mr. Bourassa, will doubtless be rejected by the government as untimely, if not actually insulting, in its tone to His Majesty's ministers entrusted with the duty of settling the terms of peace in South Africa.

DELINQUENT SOLDIER

Isaac McNeil, a member of the 24th Regiment, who has lately been neglecting to attend drill, was found by Detective McGregor at Northwood yesterday. Mr. McGregor had a warrant for his arrest, but did not execute it as McNeil was anxious to come to Chatham and settle the matter. He claimed that he had lost his coat and therefore could not attend drill, but was willing to drill if another coat could be procured for him. When he was brought into Chatham he agreed to pay all costs of the proceedings and commence at once to attend drills. As this was satisfactory to the officers of the regiment, he was given until a week from Thursday to settle up and henceforth Mr. McNeil will be seen on the parade ground in his usual place on drill nights. Mr. McGregor says there are a number of other negligent soldiers who will also be prosecuted if they continue to stay away from drills.

CALL OUT THE OLD BOYS' BAND

Caspar Schwemler Chats of Auld Lang Syne and Our Early Bands.

Will Reorganize and Take Part in Old Boys' Reunion—Instruments Still in Shape.

Caspar Schwemler is one of the oldest band musicians in the city and was connected with the first band organized in Chatham. At present he is vigorously advocating the formation of an old boys' band to take part in the Old Boys' Reunion. The scheme will no doubt go through with Caspar pushing it, and it is going to be a great feature in the Old Boys' Reunion.

"You know," said Mr. Schwemler to The Planet this morning, "in those far different times what it is now. These bands used to be patronized and was present at every public and social gathering. The people entered into the spirit of the music, in fact the bands were the attraction in the place. In the summer time, we were out on an average of three times a week at socials, picnics, etc."

The band room was situated first, over the site now occupied by F. A. Robert, but we later on moved over the Central Drug store, and from there to a room over Austin's store. Weekly band concerts were given by the band, and these were a feature of the town. People turned out in crowds and paraded up and down the street while we were playing. There was no mark then, you know, and we had to hold our concerts on the different balconies on King street. These balconies were situated, one at the old Royal Exchange, one at D. M. Martin's hotel and the other at the Rutley House. There were some weeks that we were playing every night.

"We used to run excursions, too, and it would surprise you how they were patronized. It seemed as if everyone wanted to go. I think the excursions we ran were to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Mt. Clarence, and Saranac. I remember, especially one Saturday, when we took a train load of people to Port Huron. Saturday, of course, was the busy day of the week, but we left everything and went on our excursion and the town was almost deserted during the whole day. Everybody, merchants and all, took in the trip. That just shows how the band was patronized."

"We were also attached to the old 24th Battalion as the battalion band and attended camp at Saranac twice and Windsor once. We were associated with the battalion for five years, when we dropped out and the Dresden band took it."

"One thing we always attended was the laying of the corner stones of the churches. I was present with the band when the corner stone of Park St. Methodist church was laid, also the one in the William Street Baptist church. Then, too, we attended the corner stone laying of a lot of the churches in the vicinity of Chatham, and always had a good time."

The members of this old time band are scattered all over Canada and a good number of them are dead. Some of those who still live in the city are W. Quinn, Bb. cornet, Caspar Schwemler, Eb. cornet, Ed. Jones, alto, Richard Smith, bass drum, Samuel Trotter, Bb. cornet, Mr. Latham, Eb. cornet, Harry Taylor, baritone, and Tom Outridge, bass. Some of the old leaders were Geo. Packham, Latham, Geo. O'Brien, Mr. Kenna and Jas. Broderick. Latham is the only one of these, I think, who is living to-day.

"After the old band ceased to exist, another was started and that is when Gus Sauerman, Harry Simmons, and Geo. Webster entered band circles."

Mr. Schwemler was the only one of the "old boys" who played in this second band. Caspar is still in possession of the Eb. cornet which did so much good service in days gone by and claims that it is in as good shape for playing now as it was then.

TORONTO HAY AND STRAW.

Toronto, April 22.—Baled Hay—The market is quiet at \$10 for No. 1 timothy, with a light demand.

Baled Straw—There is a fair inquiry and the market is quiet at \$5 on track here.

DEVASTATION BY FIRE FLAMES

Three Serious Conflagrations Occurred in Kent County Yesterday.

A Village Practically Wiped out—Heavy Losses—Cooperville Suffers.

Three serious fires occurred in Dover and Chatham Township yesterday. The largest and most disastrous occurred at Cooperville, on the 11th concession of Chatham Township, as a result of which the whole village of Cooperville is destroyed. Not a house remains; everything, including the large sawmill being burned to the ground.

For the last 20 years, or more the place has been known as Cooperville, and was the centre of a large sawmill owned by John Cooper. The mill employed a very large number of men, who lived in houses adjoining the mill. All of these houses were destroyed and, as a result, all of these families, besides being deprived of the means of livelihood, are left homeless.

The fire started from slashings being burned on the 10th concession. A very high wind, was blowing at the time and carried the sparks from the 10th concession to the mill on the 11th, and it was not long before the whole mill was a mass of flames. Owing to the fact that there were no fire appliances nothing could be done to check the flames or to prevent the fire from spreading. The workmen in the mill procured horses and tried to summon as much help from the neighbors as they could, but having secured the willing assistance of the entire neighborhood their efforts were of no avail. The fire did not cease until the whole village was destroyed. The flames also crossed the road and caught in a bush, and the smoke coming from this made it impossible for the fire-fighters to do anything. Four teams of horses were employed in plowing to keep the fire within the settlement, but when the fire caught in the bush they were enveloped in blinding smoke. The drivers, cut their horses loose from the plows and ran for their lives. The men escaped, but nothing has been heard from the horses. It is supposed that they were burned.

Charles Beyer, of this city, was passing through Cooperville at the time the fire started. He says the panic caused by the fire was something awful. Men, women and children were rushing hither and thither screaming and crying, not knowing which way to turn. One man was driving past the mill when he was completely enveloped in smoke, and had to turn around as best he could and drive back. It was one of the largest and most disastrous fires that has happened in Chatham Township for some years.

The total loss has not been estimated, but it will be great. Twelve houses were burned besides the mill. The dwelling of A. Benoit and the barns of Mr. Pauline, on the 9th concession of Dover, were also destroyed by fire yesterday at noon. The cause of the fire is unknown. It started upstairs in Mr. Benoit's house. The family were down stairs eating dinner at the time and did not detect the fire until it was too late to extinguish it. Owing to the high wind the sparks from the burning house were carried to the barns of Mr. Pauline, which were about 500 feet from it. The sparks soon caught fire in the straw around the barn and, as a result, both house and barns are completely destroyed. Mr. Benoit's barn escaped, as the wind carried the fire in the opposite direction. Neighbors lent their assistance in doing all in their power to extinguish the flames, but all to no advantage. The total loss of barns and house will not exceed \$500.

The residence of Mr. Scott, lot 3, Con. 8, Raleigh, was also destroyed by fire yesterday. The fire caught from a burning chimney and made quick work of the frame building. Nothing was saved. The barns, fortunately, did not catch fire, but the house and contents were completely destroyed. The loss will be about \$1,200.

Warden Rankin was in the city last evening and said to The Planet in reference to the fire—

"They are no doubt caused by the dry condition of the country. I have never known so dry a spring. It has been favorable for the farmers in putting in their crops, but it is disastrous in the event of a fire. When once lighted everything in the country burns like matchwood."

BUILDINGS BURNED

Tilbury Farmer Suffers Total From Spark From M. C. R. Engine.

Special to The Planet.

Tilbury, April 22.—The barn and stable of Peter Dupuis, of Tilbury East, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon caused by a spark from an M. C. R. engine. Loss, \$1,500. No insurance.

EARLY EVIDENCE

Harry Ray, the badly battered man, who faced Judge Houston yesterday, didn't know who had given him the worst of it, but the police arrested Wellington Fralick on the charge of doing grievous bodily harm to Ray. Fralick is a brother of Annie Reaume the woman who has opened up the restaurant at the G. T. R. depot. As Alex. Wilson, the star witness, wished to go away on the schooner Kolfage, Judge Houston took his evidence this morning. Wilson said that the fellow wanted to get into the house and forced his way in. His entrance was opposed and Ray then drew a knife. The prisoner, Wellington Fralick, then pinned the intruder and took the knife away from him.

The case was adjourned till Monday for additional evidence. The police that she was going to earn a living now running a restaurant where you can get meals at all hours. They will be served on the European plan, pay for what you get.

CORN DUTIES PASS COMMONS

Heated Debate in the British Parliament Ended by the Closure.

Price of Bread is Expected to Drop Again Soon—The Vote as Taken.

London, April 22.—In the course of a debate on the grain tax in the House of Commons this evening, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, announced that "official" or course meal for stock feeding would pay only three pence per hundredweight, instead of five pence. He added that in the case of flour and fine meal, the farmers had been greatly disturbed by the fear that a heavy tax on "official" would upset any protective advantage which they would gain by the grain duty.

The Chancellor also expressed his belief that the advance in the price of bread, which had been a halfpenny to one penny a loaf higher throughout the United Kingdom since the budget, would recede so soon as the trade had adjusted itself to the new conditions. The whole evening was occupied in the heated debate of the duties as provided for in the budget.

At midnight, Mr. Balfour, the government leader, applied the closure, and the corn duties was adopted by 283 votes to 197.

For Little Ones

We have not overlooked the little ones in our purchases for the

Spring and Summer Trade

but have made ample provision for them in all lines of

Slippers and High Lace Shoes

in black, tan and red also Patent Leather, soft soled shoes for the wee tots.

Little Men's Shoes for the small boys. And the latest lasts and patterns in shoes for the larger boys and girls.

Children's Shoes from 35c a pair up.

Boys' Shoes from \$1.00 up to \$3.00.

Girls' Shoes from \$1.00 up.

Little Men's Shoes at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

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Cash Shoe Store

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