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WALL PAPER
At Kenny's
NEXT TO COLTART & WILSON'S.

One of the Marks of a Gentlewoman

Is her gloves. If she is a gentlewoman her gloves are sure to be right. In the same way you can judge a Dry Goods Store. If it is up to the mark in gloves, it is safe to follow its guidance in other things.

YOU KNOW, madam, which store in Chatham is the best glove store, we are living up to our reputation.

Black Dress Goods

We are now showing the most complete assortment of Priestley's Black Dress Goods ever displayed in Western Ontario. Special arrangements having been made with manufacturers in Bradford, England, by our Mr. Stone, enables us to meet every demand for popular Black Goods at the lowest prices.

The Garment Department

Just received some worthy ideas of the most prominent makers of Ladies' Spring Capes, yours is among them, let us help you select it. There's a pleasing surprise in store for you in the prices.

Thomas Stone & Son

Gents' Wear

In order to clear out the balance of our Gents' Underwear and Top Shirts, we have again put the knife into prices and marked them down, so that it will even pay you to purchase for the next season.

Gents' Shirts and Drawers, regularly sold at 60c and 65c, now	30c
Gents' Shirts and Drawers, regularly sold at \$1.25, now	75c
Gents' Shirts and Drawers, regularly sold at \$1.50, now	85c
One lot all-wool Shirts, from	35c to \$1.10
Gents' black and fancy Sateen Top Shirts, were \$1.25, now	80c
Gents' black and fancy Sateen Top Shirts, were 90c, now	60c
Gents' Flannellette Shirts, were 75c, now	45c

You will find these goods just as advertised. We cut the prices on these goods when we started to sell A. E. Ham & Co.'s bankrupt stock, and we sold large quantities of them. To clear out the balance we have cut prices again.

J. Oliver Peck,
A. J. E. Belleperche

A. E. Ham & Co.'s Stand
The John Wall Corner



Mock Turn

OUR LADIES

\$3.00

MOCK TURN KID BOOT IS A
BEAUTY. EITHER LACE OR BUT
TON. CALL AND SEE THEM.

Turrill's

Repairing Done.

MAMMOTH CLOTHING HOUSE

Although our sales during the past season have been in excess of any previous one. Yet we find that we have many more heavy goods on hand than we wish to carry over. We feel that we can afford to make some terrible sacrifices during the balance of this month and will continue to sell regardless of value during March as well. Just see the following:—

Prices

100 Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, worth \$7, \$7.50, \$8.50, and \$10, now only... \$5
100 Boys' Overcoats and Ulsters, worth \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$7, now only... \$3
50 Men's heavy Boots, worth \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00, now only... \$7.50

Robes, Fur Caps, Heavy Boots and Shoes and every line of winter goods in proportion.

Scott & Co., 56 King Street

Brower is Safe in East Elgin.

THE LIBERALS HOLD WEST YORK --THE RECOUNTS--ROBILARD QUITS IN RUSSELL.

St. Thomas, March 10.—The recount for East Elgin took place before Judge Ermatinger here yesterday. The result was to increase the majority of Brower, Conservative, from 19 to 29. The Liberals have to pay the costs.

WEST YORK STAYS GRIT.
Toronto, March 10.—The recount of votes cast in the West York election took place yesterday before County Judge McEwen. The result was to confirm W. J. Hall, the Liberal candidate, in his seat by a majority of 35, instead of 37. The total now stands: Hill, 2,465; St. John, 2,430. No ballots counted by deputy returning officers were disallowed, but eight ballots rejected by them were counted, five for St. John and three for Hill.

WEST HURON ALL RIGHT.
Toronto, March 10.—Dan McGillivuddy, editor of the Goderich Signal, Liberal, who was at the Parliament buildings yesterday, says there is a general understanding in West Huron that Mr. Beck, the Conservative candidate, will have the seat on a recount, which opens on Friday next. The Liberal organization is now considering the question of a protest in this event.

THIS LOOKS BAD.
Ottawa, March 10.—Honour Robilard, the Conservative candidate in Russell, retired from the contest yesterday. Speaking of his retirement, Mr. Robilard stated he accepted the nomination with great reluctance on account of poor health. It was with expectations that his health would improve that he entered the field, but it has not, and he retires now in order to allow the party time to get another candidate in the field.

A. E. Frings, barrister, of this city, may now get the nomination. Among the candidates who are spoken of for Russell are: A. E. Frings, barrister, of this city, may now get the nomination. Among the candidates who are spoken of for Russell are: A. E. Frings, barrister, of this city, may now get the nomination. Among the candidates who are spoken of for Russell are: A. E. Frings, barrister, of this city, may now get the nomination.

WHERE MR. BEATTY STANDS.
Toronto, March 10.—Mr. N. H. Crossley says that Mr. W. R. Beatty, of Parry Sound, told him on Friday last that he (Beatty) had decided himself, either verbally or in writing, to support the Ontario Government. Mr. Crossley states, moreover, that Mr. Beatty is an independent supporter of Mr. Whitney; that he pledged himself on nomination day to give Mr. Whitney an independent support if the latter was returned. When Mr. Whitney was shown this statement last night, he said: "I have always understood Mr. Beatty to be an independent Conservative." When Dr. Willoughby heard it he remarked: "I expect that to be true."

NOTHING IN HISTORY
Approaches the Corruption of the Late Ontario Election—The Toronto Caucus.

Toronto, March 10.—A caucus of the Conservative party was held in the city yesterday. The gathering was a large one, over one hundred leading members of the party, representing almost every constituency in the province, being present. Among those present were Dr. Hall, of Chatham; W. P. Killackey and O. E. Fleming, representing the Essex; and Mr. Sharpe, of Dresden.

Great enthusiasm was manifested throughout and some ringing addresses were delivered by Messrs. J. P. Whit-

Shirt
Excite-
ment

A sale of colored Dress Shirts with the "Star" brand, knocked out of the price.

Saturday, March 13th, we offer the pick of 300 New Spring Colored Shirts, ranging in price from \$1.25 to \$1.50, for

99c.

Sale commences at 9 a. m. See window.

The 2 T's Tradell & Tobey

Cash Only

MUST END IN WAR

Britain and Russia Ready For Bloodshed.

The Former Will Meet Force With Force—Japan With England.
New York, March 10.—The following special cable from London is to an afternoon paper:

"The wish of Queen Victoria to end her reign in peace is again manifest in the present threatening situation. The Queen yesterday postponed her trip to the Riviera, so important did she regard her presence in London at this time."

"War between England and Russia appears more threatening than between the United States and Spain. In the face of declarations by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach and Mr. Balfour for the Salisbury Cabinet that Britain would maintain free ports in China even at the cost of war, Russia has continued her aggressive, leaving two ports from which moving large bodies of troops into Hei-Lung Chang Province, and mobilizing her forces in the east so rapidly that not enough Russian transports could be had to carry them, and French destroyers were hired for the purpose."

"It is not England's habit to submit to defiance or eat her words. It is readily reported that before the end of the week the British fleet will seize a Chinese port as a notice to the world that she is ready to meet force with force. That the issue of peace or war will be with Russia. The Queen's influence will be for moderation and patience, not for British submission."

"This year's naval budget for new ships is \$120,000,000. Ninety-six war vessels are now building to add to the present fleet of 450, of which fifty are battleships. Japan has so far acted with England in the present eastern crisis. She feels herself tricked by Russia, and views the Russian advance in China with growing alarm. Her fleet in the China Sea has been under orders to act in conjunction with the British squadron, and it will probably continue to do so."

"A member of Parliament this morning declared: 'War clouds are encircling the world.'"

A despatch from Shanghai to the Daily Telegraph says: "Diplomatic circles here ridicule the idea of war for Port Arthur. They consider that the English occupation of Wei-Hai-Wei, when the Japanese are gone, will be adequate compensation."

ELECTIONS DISSATISFIED WITH SALISBURY'S POLICY.
A parliamentary election was held to-day in the St. Stephen Division of the Tower Hamlets (London), to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Conservative member for the borough, Frederick Weston Isaacson. It resulted in a victory for the Liberal and Radical candidate, W. G. Steadman, who defeated the Unionist opponent, Major W. Evans Gordon, by 30 votes. The vote was as follows: W. G. Steadman (Liberal), 2,492; W. Evans Gordon (Unionist), 2,462—Liberal majority, 30. The Conservative newspapers, in discussing the result, are inclined to blame Lord Salisbury's foreign policy. The Standard says: "There is no need to specify the regions wherein public misgivings are mainly concentrated. It is enough to say that by bold and resolute action in West Africa and the far East the government will secure popular confidence as they can gain it in no other way." The Times, in its editorial, declares that "the country is prepared for war, if necessary, on these important questions."

DR. CRONIN'S BOOKS.
The Murdered Physician's Library Being Disposed of by Auction.

Chicago Mar. 10.—The library owned by Dr. P. H. Cronin at the time of his murder by the Clan-na-Gael, several years ago, was put for auction yesterday. Only a part of the 379 works with a total of over 1,500 volumes, were sold; the rest will be disposed of to-day. There are books dating as far back as 1600. One, printed in 1681, is a rare old "Treatise on Conscience." The oldest is a book of ancient Scottish laws. Only moderate prices were obtained for the books sold.

Khartoum is said to be nothing but a ruin. Capt. Dreyfus is reported to have recently attempted suicide, and is now kept in chains.

POINT WELL TAKEN.

Why Should the City Compete With Those Who Have Offices to Let.

"I see," said a prominent King street property owner, "that the city proposes to fix up the old market building so as to rent the rooms above for offices and the like of that, and I'd just like to ask what right might they have to do anything of the sort. It is possibly well enough to patch up the building and make it look presentable, though I do think it is just money thrown away. But what I'd like to know is what right the corporation has to rent the rooms on the second floor for office purposes."

"Make revenue? Why of course it does to a certain extent; and I am free to admit that the city needs every cent it can get. But is this the proper way to raise it? Just look along King street. Look at the number of buildings in which there is office room enough to supply about ten times the number of persons wanting offices. Then see the taxes we pay and ask yourself what right the city has to come into direct competition with us. That money must be raised in some other way, but those with offices to let should not be compelled to pay it, as we virtually are under this arrangement."

KILL THIS CLAUSE

In That Precious Natural Gas Agreement.

The Life of the Franchise Should Also Be Limited--Some Other Objections.

Now that the city council and the Standard Gas Company have mutually concluded that that precious agreement passed by the council of 1897 in its dying moments should be revised, it is to be hoped the council will see that the monopolistic clauses in it are knocked out. The agreement, for instance, provides for no termination of the company's franchise. It is good when completed for all time to come. As a representative of the company explained to the Planet after the original agreement went through their charter would die in the ordinary course of events in fifty years, but before it died a new company could be organized and for another fifty and the franchise for Chatham turned over to them. Whatever new agreement the present council enters into, it should see that the franchise definitely lapses at certain time whether that time be 30, 40 or 50 years. But the city had one alternative in the last agreement of getting out of or rather further into the meshes of the proposed monopoly. Here is how it could be done by

CLAUSE FIFTEEN.
That the said city shall have the right to purchase from the company all the natural gas plant situated in the city of Chatham which may be owned and operated by the company at any time, on giving one year's notice in writing of their intention to do so, said notice to be mailed by registered letter addressed to the head office of the company at the City of Windsor, and the said corporation shall pay for said plant the original cost of said plant with interest thereon at six per cent per annum from the time that gas is first supplied to consumers in the city of Chatham, and shall from and after the purchase of said plant, take from the said company all natural gas consumed by the inhabitants of the city of Chatham at the rate of 12-1-2 cents per thousand cubic feet. Provided nevertheless that in the event of the said company being compelled by reason

of depreciation or failure of natural pressure to provide and operate a plant for pumping said gas and forcing the same through its mains, the price shall be 27-1-2 cents per thousand feet.

WHAT IT MEANS.
Thus in 25 years, if the city wanted to expropriate the company's old plant, which might have cost originally perhaps \$100,000, it would have to pay them \$250,000 for old stuff which had been in use a quarter of a century. And besides that, the city would be bound to buy the company's gas for all time to come, at 12-1-2 cents per thousand, while it might be able to get it elsewhere for five. It would be better if there were no expropriation clause in the agreement at all, because then the city could expropriate the plant at its actual value under the general act.

These are the principal objections to the agreement. There are others of lesser importance. For instance, why should the county judge of Essex be specified as the arbiter in questions of dispute instead of either of the county judges of Kent, wherein the disputes, if any, must arise. Again, streets need not be piped unless they will yield the company a return of 20 per cent per annum. That percentage should be reduced to ten. These defects in the agreement cannot be glossed over by the gift to the city of a few thousand feet a year of gas for its civic buildings. No one will object to treating the company generously, and to giving them plenty of time to get the gas expert question settled, but to give them everything in sight is too much, and we believe the company themselves, when they realize the one-sidedness of the agreement, will not be unreasonable enough to press it as it now stands.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All drug stores refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until April 12, 1898, for the building of a school house. Plans and specifications can be seen at the residence of the undersigned.

JOSEPH LARSH.
Res. Sec., U. S. S., No. 1.
Tilbury East.

Away Down

At "The Ark"

A "Famous" No. 9
Cook Stove, with
Furnishings
Of 24 pieces, for

...\$14.50

(Regular price \$16.00)

This Sale lasts for
Only 8 days.

Ending March 12th. See "The Ark" Window—huge heaps of all kinds of TINWARE.

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Overgaiters

Six Buttoned, this
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20c

Men's
Congress

A good (all solid leather) congress shoe, in all sizes, pegged soles, whole foxings, toe capped....

\$1.00

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