

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the Grand—
Summers Stock Co., week—Feb. 28.
Pretty Peggy—March 5.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

SUMMERS STOCK CO.

The Summers Stock Company have already gained the name of being the best repertoire company that visited Chatham.

They carry a carload of special scenery and effects, and produce such fine plays as The Fugitives, The Little Minister, Leah, The Forsaken, For Her Child's Sake, Master and Man, The Parish Priest, and others.

A complete company of vaudeville artists from the leading theatres of the United States furnish high class specialties between the acts. The vaudeville acts alone are well worth seeing.

To-night the bill will be, "Why Women Divorce," a play now making big success on the American stage. This company close their engagement here on Saturday with machine and night performance, playing for the matinee "Rip Van Winkle," something that will interest every child; closing with night performance, "Master and Man." A great laugh in store for everybody witnessing this play Saturday night.

An attraction of considerable importance is announced by the management of the Grand Opera House for March 5, when Jane Corcoran appears in Frances Aymar Mathews' play of "Pretty Peggy."

The piece is splendidly staged and the supporting company contains many professionals of reputation. The mob scene in the last act, when the velvet clad and white-wigged multitude rushes down the aisles of the theatre shouting and hissing their disapproval of the scene on the stage is sensational enough to satisfy the most chronic craver for novelty. The engagement is for March 5.

In every clime its colors are unfurled.
Its fame has spread from sea to sea.

Do not be surprised if in the other world,
You hear of Rocky Mountain Tea.
A. I. McCall & Co.

CONDITION OF LOCAL LABOR

Gazette for February Reports Local Conditions Favorable

TRADESMEN VERY BUSY

The Labor Gazette, issued by the Department of Labor at Ottawa, contains the following correspondence from Chatham and district, for the month of February:

GENERAL CONDITION OF LABOR MARKET.

The labor market was rather quiet in most branches during January as compared with the previous month. The building trade was quiet, comparatively few men being employed. The new business college was well advanced, the brick and stone work being nearly completed. There was no special activity in any particular trade, seasonal conditions having their effect. Transportation, however, in through traffic was fairly active, but local traffic was rather dull. The sale of the assets of the Chatham Loan & Savings Co., of Ont., has been effected and now awaits the assent of the Lieut. Governor in Council to complete the transaction.

The total exports from Chatham for the quarter ending December, 1905, according to the report of the American Consul, was \$71,635.74, made up as follows: Sugar beets, \$23,004; clover seed, \$18,550.14; hides, \$457.96; flour, \$1,272.30; lamb, \$1,140.00; poultry, \$1,000; bran, \$455; scrap iron, \$162; cordage machinery, \$51.41; household effects, \$9,727.41. The item of returned American goods was made up of two items, viz., machinery of the defunct Chatham Cordage Plant, valued at \$80,700, and the tools of the American District Steam Co., valued at \$1,027. The cordage machinery originally came from the United States and was sent back when the plant closed down. During the two years before its suspension this plant sent binder twine to the United States valued at \$66,227.50. The American District Steam Heating Company installed the plant of the Chatham Steam Heating Company and when it completed its work sent its tools home.

The assessment returns give the city a population of 9,629; the value of real estate \$3,956,613; business assessment \$105,005.

The section men of the Western Division of the Canadian Pacific Railway had their wages increased on the first of January. Foremen get an increase of 10 per cent. and the men 5 per cent. The City Council, at its meeting on the 22nd instant, raised the pay of the call firemen \$2 per month. No other changes in rates of wages have been reported this month and there was no unrest in the labor market.

CONDITION OF LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

Agriculture.—The care of stock was about all that required the attention of farmers.

Manufacturing.—Conditions in some of the factories was somewhat quiet, although most of them were running full time.

Railroad construction and employment.—Only repair work was being done by the railroads.

CONDITION OF PARTICULAR TRADES.

Building trades.—Bricklayers and masons, carpenters, joiners, lathers and plasterers, painters and paper-hangers found trade dull. Plumbers and steam fitters were active, and stone cutters and builders' laborers reported trade quiet.

Metal, engineering and shipbuilding trades.—Iron moulders, machinists and steam fitters, electrical workers and linemen, blacksmiths and sheet metal workers were actively employed.

Woodworking and furnishing trades.—Woodworkers, upholsterers, varnishers, etc., were active. Carriage and wagon makers, pattern makers and coopers were fairly well employed.

Printing and allied trades.—Printers, pressmen and bookbinders were busy.

Clothing trades.—Journymen tailors and boot and shoe workers were busy.

Food and tobacco preparation.—Bakers and confectioners, butchers and meat curers, cigar makers and tobacco workers were actively employed.

Leather trades.—Harness makers and saddlers reported trade quiet.

Miscellaneous.—Barbers reported trade rather quiet. Clerks, delivery employees, hotel and restaurant employees, and laundry workers were active.

Transport.—All persons engaged in railway transportation business were busily employed. Cab drivers and hackmen were busy, but draymen and teamsters found trade somewhat dull.

Unskilled labor.—There was little employment for unskilled laborers.

What we hope ever to do, with ease we must learn to do with diligence.

ONTARIO TRAFFIC

Consul lft of this City Summarizes the Exports from this City to U. S.

Consul lft, of Chatham, Ontario, summarizes the exports from that port to the United States for the three months ending December 31, 1905, at \$71,635. The bulk of this was sugar beets invoiced at \$38,000 and clover seed at \$18,550. Other items were \$4,570 in hides, \$1,140 in lamb, \$1,000 in poultry, \$1,272 in flour, and \$1,700 in household effects of 27 families moving to the States.

The unusual demand for clover seed cleaned up all the best seed, leaving only inferior grades for home use. Seed buyers scoured the country and consular papers, many small lots. The bean crop, heretofore largely exported across the border, went this year to Montreal for the Maritime Provinces, with small exports to the States. The crop this year amounted to 846,443 bushels, and brought \$1.10 to \$1.35.

AMERICAN GOODS POPULAR.

Figures on imports from the United States to Chatham are not yet available, but the demand for American goods in many lines is growing steadily. This is due to their superiority, especially in the line of boots and shoes, gents' furnishings, hardware, linen and cotton goods for women's wear, binder twine, grain sacks, farm machinery, electrical machinery and supplies, Portland cement, etc. All coal used comes from the United States, amounting for the year ending June 30, 1905, to \$326,664.

There should be a good market here for American harness and saddlery. A prominent horseman tells me that all the racing and driving harness used here is American make, which is superior and more stylish than the Canadian. No American harness, however, is to be found on sale in Chatham, that in use being mostly bought in Detroit.

The coming spring promises a very active demand for electric railway supplies and equipment, for the Ontario peninsula cities are rapidly being connected by electrical lines. Several were built last year, a good many miles of tracks have been graded, and more new lines are projected.

HOG CHOLERA—SCARE A BUGABOO.

Concerning the importation of American hogs for slaughter under bond and the Canadian fear of hog cholera, the Dominion inspector reports that for the year ending October 31, 1905, there occurred in Ontario 45 outbreaks.

ONLY 1-50 OF A GRAIN

Fruit is good for you. Ripe figs are a splendid laxative to regulate the bowels. Prunes are good for stomach and liver. Orange juice is splendid for the nerves and sleeplessness. Apples heal the kidneys and increase the flow of urine. If apple juice be evaporated to a gray powder, 1-50 of a grain of this powder has the same action on the kidneys as half a pint of fresh apple juice. Two "Fruit-a-tives" tablets contain more than 1-50 of the medicinal part of apple juice, besides the healing, curative virtues of oranges, figs and prunes. More than that, "Fruit-a-tives" are concentrated and combined with tonics and antiseptics by a secret process which increases their powers over disease many times.

50c a box. At all druggists.

breaks of this disease. There were officially slaughtered 1,632 diseased and contact hogs, the Dominion Government paying two-thirds of their market value. This was a great improvement over the previous year, when there were 105 outbreaks and 3,011 hogs killed. During the year ending October 31, 1905, there were 207 outbreaks and 6,543 hogs killed, more than four times the outbreaks during the past year and more than six times as many hogs slaughtered.

CARPET BALL

The game of carpet ball Monday evening in the Workmen Hall between the S. O. E. and A. O. F. resulted in a win for the S. O. E. by one point. Score S. O. E. 29; A. O. F. 28. About 50 witnessed the game.

The standing of the Carpet Ball League:

WON	LOST	TO PLAY	PER CT.
S. O. E. 8	2	10	.800
A. O. U. W. 9	3	8	.750
A. O. F. 8	5	7	.618
I. O. F. 2	5	13	.286
S. O. S. 1	6	12	.250
C. O. F. 1	9	10	.100

New Goods

Are the order of the day here these days. The New Hats are ready for you. Dozens of New Spring Shirts have come to hand. New Neckwear is also very much in evidence. All around you will feel that sense of newness which marks the changing of stocks from Winter to Spring.

NEW SPRING HATS
NEW SPRING SHIRTS
NEW SPRING NECKWEAR
NEW SPRING CAPS

THORNTON & DOUGLAS,
...LIMITED...

CARD OF THANKS

Who is your friend when you have an accident or get sick?

The following letter will explain: Chatham, Ont., Feb. 16, '06.

Imperial Guarantee and Accident Insurance Co., Toronto, Ont. Gentlemen,—Your agent, Mr. R. A. Murphy, has to-day handed me your check, \$50.00, in full settlement of my illness claim.

The prompt manner in which you paid the claim is indeed highly commendable. My claim papers were forwarded to you Wednesday night and I received the check Friday morning.

I shall advise everyone to take out insurance with the Imperial. ROBERT T. LYNN.

The Imperial is, financially, Canada's strongest accident company.

Taken as directed, it becomes the greatest curative agent for the relief of suffering humanity ever devised. Such is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

A. I. McCall & Co.

AMUSEMENTS

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Monday, March 5th

Special Return Engagement

Jane Corcoran

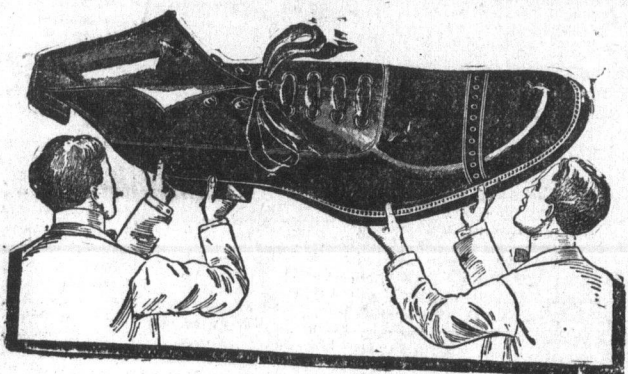
In the Romantic English Play,

PRETTY PEGGY

A story of Peg Woffington and David Garrick.

Prices—\$1.50, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c.

To give or not to give is the question.



The Big Annual

WINTER

SHOE SALE



It won't be long before our Spring Orders come in and that will require of us room and cash. Therefore down goes the prices on all that Splendid Winter Stock. There is so much to sell and so little time for the selling that we'll have to make prices do the work and do it quickly. **ALL OUR WINTER SHOES** On our shelves this minute for **MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN**—So smartly underpriced that no sane person will stay away.

BIG is best word we know of to properly describe this sale. BIG in policy and BIG in carrying out. BIG in quality, too—No one need be afraid of having a purchase turn out not as good as it looked. BIG in quantity—there's all our Winter Stock in it—**SOME 2000 PAIRS OF SPLENDID SHOES** offered just when you want them. BIGGEST of all in economies for you—starts with the Little Moccasins for Baby, the sort that usually sells for 25c. and go right through the list till you reach the stunning styles for dress wear which we ordinarily get \$5.00 for and which now are \$3.90. You find proportionate saving everywhere.

We haven't been partial to any portion of the stock; haven't reserved the fine goods and bought cheap stuff to put out at a price; we don't run sales that way. It's all spot cash, though; we lose enough as it is. See what we say and you'll buy.

MEN'S SHOES

Several sorts in Calf, Vici and Patent "Kneelands." Our best American make, our usual \$5.00 Shoes.....**\$3.90**
Rubber Boots, first quality, pure gum, yesterday they cost you \$4.00, now.....**\$3.25**
Splendid Felt Lined Work Shoes, the \$1.75 kind for.....**1.40**
Rubbers first quality, fresh new goods, usual 85c. line for.....**73c**

BABY WEARS SHOES

Too, and wears 'em out as fast as anyone. Fine Kid, warm lined, 75c. for.....**55c**
Moccasins, 25c. kind for.....**15c**

WOMENS' SHOES

Patent Colts and Vici Kid Lace in one of best American makes—none sold less than \$4.00 and \$4.50 for.....**\$2.98**
Fine American made Lace Boots in Patent and Vici Kid, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 for.....**2.30**
Box Calf and Dongola, Lace, warm, lined, \$1.50 and \$1.75, now.....**1.20**
Rubbers—Storm and ordinary cut, now.....**50c**

SHOE PASTE, &c.

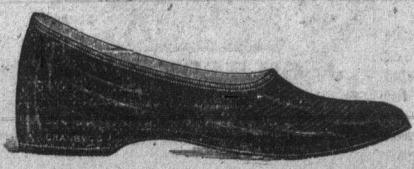
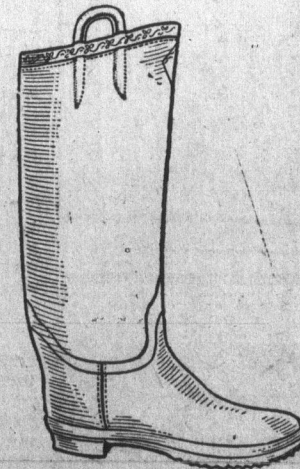
The best bottle polish.....**5c**
Paste polish.....**5c**
Shoe Laces, per dozen.....**5c**

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SHOES

Our Winter lines in half a dozen of the best styles, the most desirable we ever had, and Winter weight soles, and some warm lined.
\$1.50 for.....**\$1.20**
\$1.40 for.....**1.15**
\$1.25 for.....**95c**
\$1.00 for.....**85c**

Hundreds of these remnants and ends of lines will be thrown on the bargain tables at **less than half price**

Beginning to-morrow at 10 o'clock there will be lots of money saved by those who come quickly, and save your share while you have the opportunity. **CASH ONLY**



GEO. W. COWAN