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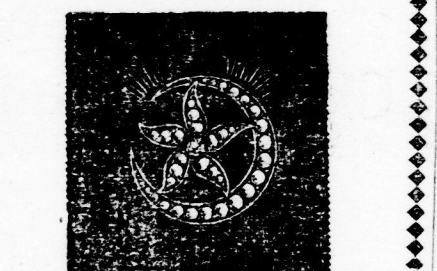
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W. G. YOUNG,
DIAMOND HALL,
214 DUNDAS STREET.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY

[From the London Advertiser of Dec. 20, 1870.]

An "unusual interest has been excited in the pending municipal elections in this city. A desire apparently exists to have "an infusion of new blood" in the aldermanic board for 1871. It is probable that this desire will be to a certain extent realized. There are many excellent men in the council; there are some who are not deserving of that complimentary adjective, and certainly there are men at present out of the council quite competent to occupy seats in the charmed chamber with credit to themselves and advantage to their constituents. We have not followed our contemporaries in hurling epithets at the whole council. Personally we have brought no charges, nor have we unfavorably mentioned by name any retiring alderman.

It is alleged by many citizens that the city hall is the headquarters of a "ring" which controls to a greater or less extent appointments, nominations, salaries, etc., besides performing other functions of a equally or still more questionable character. Many citizens deny the truth of this statement. This is a matter upon which each citizen will form his own opinion.

Mr. J. H. Flock, solicitor to the charter committee in connection with the proposed London, Huron and Bruce Railway, left for Toronto yesterday to give his personal attention to the passage of the charter through the Legislature. A deputation, consisting of Messrs. James Johnston, J. Williams, C. P. Smith, J. Atkinson, M. Anderson, T. Churchill and E. W. Hyman left to-

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FLORIDA ORANGES.—Everyone can have Oranges this Christmas. We have just received a large shipment of beautiful Florida Oranges, 25c per dozen. Regular price, 40c.

Beautifully Tinted Malaga Grapes, Glace Fruit, Blank's Stuffed Dates, Fard Dates, Mixed Nuts, Huntley and Palmer's Biscuits, Table Raisins, Royal Dehesa Clusters, \$1.00 per box; Tangerines, Grape Fruit, Rowntree's Chocolates (put up in pretty glove boxes, reticules, vases, etc.). These and numerous other delicacies will make suitable Christmas gifts.

Six pounds of Raisins for 25c, etc.

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day for the northern townships to address the people in behalf of the new railway.
A meeting of the electors of ward 2, principally in the interest of the new candidates, Messrs. J. Jeffery, R. S. Murray and G. G. Magee was held at the Huron Hotel last evening.

The following have offered donations for the poor through St. George's Society: Mr. H. Taylor, Mr. J. Pannell, Mr. Thomas Harley and Mr. John Wright.

Mr. D. C. McDonald is meeting with energetic support in No. 1 ward.

The first of the series of fashionable dancing assemblies came off in the city hall last evening, between 40 and 50 couples being present. The band of the Seventh furnished the music.

The Rev. John Scott preached and administered the sacrament last Sabbath in Detroit (Rev. Mr. Milligan's congregation).

Messrs. M. Anderson and D. Lester—both good men—have decided not to offer for re-election in ward 5, and the contest is now between Messrs. E. Shaw, Graydon, Webb and Rapley.

Before the class closed for the holidays, the pupils of the sixth division, Union school, presented their teacher, Mr. Steele, with a handsome Bible and hymn book this morning.

The feeling is now growing strongly in favor of Southampton as the terminus of the London, Huron and Bruce Railway. It is about due north of here; is only about six or seven miles further than Kincardine; and is understood to be a better harbor.

The literary entertainment in the Forest City Lodge room last evening was a decided success. The readings of Mr. Laurie were specially admired, and the part piece met with immense applause—Messrs. Fairbairn, Noble and Chinnick particularly distinguishing themselves. Miss Evans presided at the melodeon with considerable skill.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Philharmonic Society last evening in Croisy Hall, Mrs. Raymond, organist, resigned the position that she has filled since the society started.

At the nominations for Caradoc yesterday, held in Mount Brydges, Mr. Thomas Northcott was re-elected reeve by acclamation; for deputy-reeve, Messrs. G. McGugan and Thos. Faulds were nominated; for councilors, Messrs. Dugald Leitch, A. Wisner, G. Middlemas, Charles Nagle, George Esteman, W. Collins and Malcolm M. Campbell.

The nominations for North Dorchester resulted as follows: A. Dreaney, reeve, and J. B. Lane, deputy-reeve, elected by acclamation; for councilors, James Creighton, R. Yennings, Seth Cline, Lawrence Johnston, William Thompson, Seth Barr and Adam Seord.

The following nominations were made in Ekfrid: For reeve, Hector McFarlane and Richard Coade; for

deputy-reeve, G. J. Coulthard, and Arch. McIntyre; for councilors, Allan Stevenson, C. J. Campbell, George Leithbridge, and Joseph Lotan.

In Bidolph, R. H. O'Neil was elected reeve by acclamation; John Hodgins, for deputy-reeve, by acclamation; and the following were nominated for councilors: John Dagg, Thompson Murdoch (sitting members), W. Garrett, M. Collison, T. Hodgins.

London, Dec. 19, John Bright has resigned the presidency of the board of trade.

Knowledge is power until a man reaches the point where he knows it all.

Even the barking dog stops to take a bite when hungry.

In several places in Prussia, a Berlin telegram to the London Leader says, experiments are being made with a somewhat novel material for soldiers' beds, namely, shavings of paper. These are stuffed into bags on which the soldiers lie. They are said to be more springy. Straw beds, moreover, must be changed every six months.

A friend is an individual who expects to share your joys and give you his troubles.

Rub Your Chest with Griffiths' Menthol Liniment
and see how the pain disappears—the cough loosens—and the cold breaks! Nothing like it in relieving bronchitis, tonsillitis, quinsy and acute sore throat. Kills any pain—every time, in a bottle—40c.

QUALITY STORE**A CHRISTMAS GROCERY STORE**

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Gresca Brand

Cresca Figs, 1 pound baskets 35c
Cresca Figs, 2 pound baskets 60c
Cresca Figs, glass jars 40c
Cresca Stuffed Figs, glass jars 40c
Cresca Stuffed Dates, per box 35c
Cresca Stuffed Figs and Dates, 2 pound baskets 75c

Headquarters for Cresca Brand
These are the finest delicacies that ever were brought to London. "Come and see them."

Paper Shell Almonds, 30c lb.

Table Raisins
See our Table Raisins at 25c per pound. They are the best value to be had.

Other lines of Table Raisins at 15c, 30c and 40c per pound.

Mixed Nuts, 20c per lb.
Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans, Filberts, Brazils.

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We have the greatest assortment to choose from, and everything you buy from us is new and fresh. Leave your orders as early in the week as possible. Telephone orders will be most carefully filled.
Phone 317 and 1866.

Webb's Plum Puddings

Tied in a pudding bag ready for steaming; 1, 2, 3 and 4 pounds each. 1-pound 30c
All other sizes, pound 25c

Sweet Oranges

The kind nearly everyone wants at Christmas. We have some extra fancy Floridas, sweet and juicy, dozen, 30c, 40c and 50c
CALIFORNIA NAVELS, dozen, 30c, 40c and 50c
MEXICANS, dozen 20c
CHOICE FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT 10c

Table Raisins

We make a specialty of choice Table Raisins at, pound 25c
FULL LAYERS \$1.25
Pink-Tinted Malaga Grapes. The finest fruit packed. Crisp and sweet, a pound 25c

NUTS

BEST MIXED NUTS, comprising Almonds, Walnuts, Brazils, Pecans and Filberts, a pound, 20c
GOOD MIXED NUTS, a pound, 15c

Crystallized Fruits

Boxes, assorted 50c
These are very delicious.
New Figs Dates, 2 pounds 25c
Cresca Figs, 1-pound baskets, 25c
Barley Sugar Glasses 15c
Turkish Delight, a box 20c
Seven-Crown Figs, the largest packed, a pound 20c
Good Figs, 2 pounds for 25c

CANDY

Creams, a pound, 10c to 20c
Chocolates, 2 pounds for 25c
FANCY BON BONS AND CHOCOLATES, in handsome packages, a box, 25c to 75c

Bishop's Preserved Fruits

Pineapples, Figs, Oranges and Strawberries, large glasses, 50c
Pure Red Currant Jelly, a glass 35c
Grape Fruit and Guava Jelly, a glass 30c

Christmas Crackers

We import the greatest variety of Crackers to be found in the city, comprising:
JAPANESE TOY CRACKERS, MILITARY CRACKERS, GAME CRACKERS, ART COSAQUES, HOLLY CRACKERS, and a great number of others, containing fancy paper hats, caps, bonnets, aprons and an amusing collection of conundrums and answers.

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Upholstered in denim, chintz or taffeta, in any colors desired, to suit the decoration of the room. A piece of furniture that is an ornament to any room, and is above all things MOST USEFUL. Prices, \$7.50 to \$9.50 each.

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A fine assortment of attractive and useful articles.
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Men's Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and initial 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Men's and Boys' Fancy Sweaters 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00

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All Pure Linen Men's Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 3 different size borders, regular 15c and 18c, for, each 10c

Tapestry Cushion Tops, large size, heavy quality, 20 different scenes, each 25c
Cord and Tassels to match, each 20c

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Tray Covers, Shams, Sideboard Scarfs, Runners, Five o'Clock Teas, Veil Cases, Table Drapes, at prices that cannot be equalled
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See our leader in Tapestry Curtains, all shades, green, red and every combination, extra heavy fringe, special, pair \$2.50
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Cotton Blankets, large size, pair 69c
All-Wool Blankets, large size, pair \$2.45

THE TROUBLE AT SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—All is quiet in the town today. Business has been resumed, but the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port remain on duty as a precaution against a renewal of the fighting. The United States gunboat Villalobos has arrived to reinforce the Baltimore, and the British cruiser Andromeda is expected to reinforce the Diadem.
The deadlock growing out of the mixed court dispute continues.
The Taotai adheres to his demand for the dismissal of the British assessor and police inspectors, while the British consul refuses to yield. The foreign residents here support the consul's attitude.

A curious fact regarding diamonds is that it is not uncommon for the crystals to explode as soon as they are brought up from the mine. Sometimes they have burst in the pockets or the warm hands of miners, due to the effect of increased temperature. Large stones are more likely to do this than small ones. Valuable stones have been destroyed in this way. By way of safeguard some dealers embed large diamonds in a raw potato for safe transport from South Africa.
Anybody can be a critic, but only shrewd ones get pay for being one.
The Bishop of London, Dr. Ingham, has denounced race suicide as a sin to the love of ease.