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## Wm. Foreman & Co.

### MILLINERY MOVING SALE!

As we are moving about JANUARY FIRST to our new store on Queen St., opp. Catholic Church, we are closing out our present stock of

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## Good HOLIDAY News FROM THE CHINA STORE

An unusual collection of Fancy Pieces of Art China ware. While all our goods are new and attractive, still they will appeal to thrifty gift buyers.

The price is unusually low for such goods as we are showing this season.

Royal Vienna Art Pieces—\$1.75, 2.25, 3.50, 5.00, \$7.50.

Bon Bon Dishes, Celery Trays, Nut Bowls, Cake Plates, Saad Dishes, Sugar and Creams—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

Unmatched values in Dinner Sets. This is something that makes an ideal gift at Holiday time.

Our assortment is above the average. Haviland China Tea or Dinner Sets—\$10.00 to \$50.00.

English Dinner and Tea Services at about One-Quarter off regular prices—\$15 Sets for \$11.25, \$12.50 Sets for \$10.

Come early and avoid delays.

## Gray's China Hall,

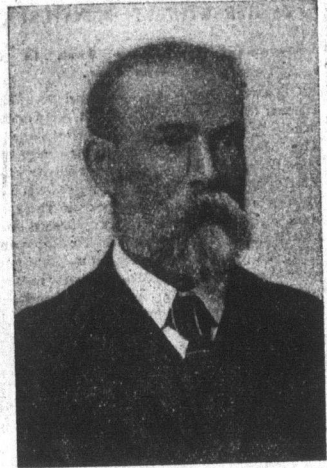
King St., Chatham, Next to McCall's Drug Store

### HONORED HIM

On Saturday afternoon about 2.30, a committee from the West Kent and Chatham Teachers' Association, composed of H. M. Fleming, President of the Association, and Harry Collins, J. W. Plewes and Wm. S. Bell, representing the Chatham C. I. city schools and rural schools respectively, waited upon Inspector Park at his residence and tendered him the following address, on behalf of the teachers of West Kent and Chatham:

Mr. Robert Park,  
Inspector Public Schools,  
West Kent and Chatham.

Dear Sir:—The teachers of your inspectorate wish to take this opportunity of expressing their deep gratitude for the kindly interest you have always taken in their welfare. They have always found you a sympathetic friend and an earnest champion of the cause of education in West Kent. You are this year celebrating your tenth anniversary in



ROBT. PARK, I.P.S.

Who was Presented with a Handsome Tribute of Esteem by the Public School Teachers of West Kent.

this inspectorate. These ten years have been marked by progress all along the line, both in the city schools of Chatham as well as in the country. They have, in fact, been the banner years of progress in the inspectorate and your teachers desire, in some small way, to mark the close of your first decade as Inspector of Public Schools in West Kent and the City of Chatham.

As a slight evidence of their esteem and appreciation, they ask you to accept this gold watch.

Wishing you and Mrs. Park the compliments of the season and hoping you may long be spared to work among us, we are,

Gratefully yours,  
The Teachers of West Kent and Chatham.

Signed on behalf of Chatham District Teachers' Institute.

H. M. FLEMING, President.

GEORGIA A. MORRISON, Vice-President.

HELEN McTAGGART, HARRY COLLINS, WM. S. BELL, IDA IRWIN, Executive.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 17, 1904.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address the committee presented Mr. Park with a beautiful gold watch, handsomely engraved.

Inspector Park, in reply, briefly thanked the committee and the teachers of Kent and Chatham for this token of their regard, and expressed his gratitude for the hearty co-operation they had always given him, and his confidence in their work.

### COTTON COMBINE.

Most Extensive Concentration of Capital Has Been Accomplished.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The long-talked-of cotton amalgamation is now an accomplished fact. The deal in question is one of the most extensive concentrations of capital which has taken place in Canada for years.

Hereafter the Dominion Cotton Company, the Merchants Cotton Company, the Colonial Bleaching Company, and the Montgomery Cotton Company will be known as one industrial concern, with a capital of somewhere near \$10,000,000, the whole representing bonds, preferred and common stock.

It appears that the consolidation of these respective interests has been brought about by a mutual desire to reduce expenses and put an end to cutting rates.

Paralysis Hits Chamberlain.

London, Dec. 19.—Joseph Chamberlain has resumed his campaign against English free trade, and the fact was revealed Saturday for the first time that he has recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. The secret has been wonderfully well kept, yet it is a fact that when Mr. Chamberlain and his wife were in Egypt the former had a stroke. It was not serious, but its character was unmistakable.

Escaped From Moving Train.

Oaklake, Man., Dec. 19.—A negro prisoner, Fred Wilson, aged 23, being taken to Stony Mountain to serve a four-year term for horse stealing, jumped from the express near here Saturday morning. The train was traveling at a rate of 25 miles per hour. Later he was re-captured, and outside of a slight scratch, the prisoner was not injured.

To Improve the Canal.

St. Catharines, Dec. 19.—Navigation on the new Welland Canal closed Saturday night and preparations will be commenced immediately for the improvements which are to be made.

## The 2 T's High Grade Clothes

We are positively showing the . . . . .

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## CANDY LAND!

Below are our prices for Christmas week. Buy your sweets where you can get the best in Chatham for the least money!

Allegretta Chocolates per lb. boxes.....30c

Cream Bon Bons per lb. boxes.....25c

Lady Carmels per lb. boxes.....40c

Chocolate Chips per lb. boxes.....40c

Chocolate Bon Bons per lb. boxes.....30c

Hand-made Strawberry Chocolates.....30c

Hand-made Plain Chocolates.....20c

Chewing Taffy.....20c

Cream Candy.....20c

Best Broken Mixed.....10c

Peanut Rock.....15c

Almond Rock.....15c

Walnut Rock.....15c

Mrs. W. McKay

HEADQUARTERS

FOR SWEETS . .

COR. QUEEN & RICHMOND STS.

Meeting of the Conservatives of No. 5 Ward, at Mrs. Ingalls' Store, St. Clair street, at seven o'clock, sharp, this evening.

### SNOW STORM AND GALE

Furious Blizzards and Many Disasters On Atlantic Coast.

New York, Dec. 19.—The snow-storm and gale which struck the coast Saturday afternoon and continued until the early hours of yesterday was the most violent that has occurred for several years. Reports from the New Jersey and New England coast and from incoming ocean steamers tell of furious gales, and many disasters.

In the river and harbor the traffic was for a while during the worst of the storm, almost at a standstill. So heavy was the snowfall that lights could not be seen from the river a boat's length ahead, and ferries and other craft proceeded at a diminished headway, feeling their way cautiously through the blinding storm.

No accidents of any moment were reported.

Fifteen Schooners Driven Ashore.

Woodshol, Mass., Dec. 19.—The tug Susie, which left Vineyard Haven yesterday afternoon and reported that the storm early yesterday drove fifteen schooners, anchored in the harbor, ashore, while others were damaged through collisions. The damage was the heaviest since the November gale of 1898. As far as could be learned, no lives were lost.

Rescued By Life Saving Crew.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 19.—A schooner said to be the Lizzie H. Bratton, from Baltimore for Providence, with cargo of soft coal, is ashore off Bayhead life-saving station, the crew of which rescued the crew of the stranded vessel. Details are meagre, as the Government telephone service is interrupted.

Given Up As Lost.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—The schooner Ivanhoe, which left here six weeks ago yesterday for the Bahamas, has been given up as lost. She carried a crew of seven men, all relatives, and all belonging to Burgo, Nfld., where the vessel was owned. She also had one passenger, W. F. Collings, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., who was going to open and manage a branch business of a Halifax commission house. The Ivanhoe is a new vessel, having been launched last June. The hull was valued at \$6,000 and the cargo at \$5,000.

### SCOLDED BY HIS WIFE.

George Van Norman of Dundas West and Banged Himself.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Because his wife scolded him, George Van Norman, Dundas, went and hanged himself on Saturday evening. He was 23 years of age, and his wife is 36 years old. He was her second husband. Just as they were about to sit down for tea, his little three-year-old daughter required correction, and he set her down in a chair. The mother remonstrated, and told him not to do it again, but to whip the child if she needed correction. "I'll never do it again," was the only remark Van Norman made. He picked up his hat and walked out, refusing to eat his supper.

His wife, about 7 o'clock, took his supper up to John Fisher & Sons' Paper Mill, where he was employed as night watchman. She could not get into the mill and returned again at 9 o'clock. The doors being still locked she went to Mr. Fisher's residence to get assistance. On the door being broken open, the night watchman's dead body was found hanging on a rope. He had made a rope of heavy cord, threw it over a shaft, stood on a chair, stuck his head through a noose and then kicked the chair away. He was evidently determined to end his life, for he had drawn his legs up to prevent his feet from touching the floor. He had lived in Dundas only about six months.

### To Go to England.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following officers and non-commissioned officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery have been selected to proceed to England to attend the gunner staff course at the School of Gunnery, commencing on Jan. 1, 1905. They will embark on board the R. M. S. Parisian at Halifax to-day: Capt. and Brevet Major H. E. Burstall, Lieut. and Brevet-Captain C. S. Wilkie, Battery Sergeant-Major J. O'Grady, Sergeant-Instructor I. Mooney, Sergeant W. A. Kruger, Corporal J. J. Harris.

### Belleville Church Burns.

Belleville, Dec. 19.—St. Michael's Church, the only Roman Catholic church in this city, was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning. The building, which was of massive stone, was undoubtedly the best in the city and the altar was one of the finest in Ontario. The loss is keenly felt by the congregation of St. Michael's. The church was built about 15 years ago. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

### Aaron Cox Dies Suddenly.

Prothero, Dec. 19.—Aaron Cox, brother of Senator George A. Cox, died very suddenly Saturday morning about 11.30 in the photo studio of R. M. Roy. Shortly after entering he climbed a stair with Mrs. Cox and his daughter, and on arriving at the landing complained of a pain in his chest. He was given a chair, and shortly after sitting down expired. He appeared in splendid health prior to this.

### Local Option Defeated.

Iroquois, Dec. 19.—In response to a requisition a vote was taken Saturday on a local option bylaw, which was defeated by five votes. The vote stood 126 against, 121 for.

### After a New Treaty.

Vienna, Dec. 19.—Negotiations for a new commercial treaty between Austria-Hungary and Germany will be resumed in Berlin this week.

### Berlin Takes in a Stranger.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Walter Jones, an Englishman, is under arrest here, charged with identification.

## House Coats AND... Bath Robes

Make beautiful Gifts for Men

No man who does not own one knows half the real comfort of home living.

The stocks we are showing in these "comfy" garments are such as to appeal to the buyers of Christmas gifts for men, in other words—to the ladies. A T. & D. House Coat is quite as smart as a Tuxedo, and worn instead of that formal coat by a great many men, when receiving friends in their own homes, except on the most formal occasions.

We are particularly proud of the fine group of garments which we are showing. The cloths are carefully chosen both as to weaves, patterns and color mixtures, and are made up in the very best manner.

House Coats are priced at \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8.  
Bath Robes \$3, \$4, \$5, \$6 and \$7.

## THORNTON & DOUGLAS LIMITED

N. B.—Remember the 35c Black Cashmere Sox that we are selling all this week at 25c.

Store open every Evening this week.

### MASONS AT CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Battisby delivered a very thoughtful and appropriate sermon to the Masonic fraternity last evening. The discourse was one of the ablest ever given in this city and the Masons present were delighted with it.

The doctor likened the building of King Solomon's temple to the building of the temple of God. The fashioning of the rough stone and crude material into the perfect temple was likened to the fashioning of the rough sinners into the perfect Christians, each being a part of the completed whole, God's Kingdom. There was a great deal in the building of King Solomon's temple, which was a symbolical character. God was the great architect of the universe and the temple as well. The quarry from which the stone was taken could be taken as representative of the whole mass of humanity and amongst them sinners in any country. So far as the God is working to-day, so far as the material was concerned, it was unfit and so far as the sinners were concerned they were unfit to enter the Kingdom of God. A good deal of the material had been brought a long distance, and when the doctor had stood on the shore of Joppa, where the timber had been brought to from the Kingdom of Tyre, he had thought how far Christ had brought the sinners back to the mansions of the temple. The foundations of the temple of Solomon had been laid on the rock and the foundation of the temple of God's Kingdom had been laid on the rock Jesus Christ.

God's work was done on the quiet. The doctor had no desire to say anything against any fraternal order, but there was no society he knew of that did business more quietly and with less ostentation than the Masons. In the building of the temple no hammer was used. This represented the glorious work of grace in the human heart. Dr. Battisby referred to the equality of man. In the Masonic Lodge all men were equal.

In conclusion, he said he was glad to see so many present. A young

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man couldn't have a better certificate of character than membership in the Masons. It also put the members in a position to call men brothers in any country.

The choir, under the direction of James Scott Gray, rendered special music. A pleasing feature of the musical service was the splendid duet rendered by Miss Gertrude Somerville and Miss Ada Ross.

The Masons were marshalled by Jos. Kenny, Ex-Ald. Henry Weaver and Moses Robinson were present representing the colored Masons of the city. On the return to the lodge rooms a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Battisby, the choir and congregation of St. Andrew's church. It was moved by Bro. George Crumb and seconded by Bro. L. F. Wilson.

What is your position in the choir as the new church member.

Absolutely neutral, replied the member, I don't side with either faction.

## Put on Ayer's and be proud of your hair

A little pride is a good thing. Then why be contented with thin, scraggly hair? faded, gray hair? Put on Ayer's Hair Vigor and have long, thick hair; beautiful hair, without a single gray line in it. Keep young. Have a little pride. Lowell, Mass.

## HOLIDAY GARMENTS AND Small Christmas Gifts at Very Special Prices

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75c and \$1.00

LADIES' COATS—All lengths, cloths, and colors, all exclusive styles, our entire stock, special holiday offering at \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$12.50

ELECTRIC SEAL JACKETS—Comparing with all \$35, \$38, holiday special price.

FUR NECKWEAR for Short, Medium and Long Boas and Scarves in a splendid variety—\$1.25, \$3.50, \$5, \$10, \$12, \$15 to \$50. Holiday Special Price on all.

HOLIDAY SILK MUFFERS in all dainty colors, 75c to \$2.00

HOLIDAY SILK AND LACE COLLARS 25c to \$10.00

HOLIDAY SILK WAISTS—All shades and sizes, the best choosing in the city—2.50 to \$5.00

HOLIDAY SILK PETTICOATS—A beautiful range of colors—\$10 and \$12, holiday specials, each \$6.00

Holiday Belts, Hand Bags, Kid Gloves. No End to assortment

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