

JANUARY Clearance

Every Dollars' Worth of Winter Goods Must be Cleared This Month Regardless of Price.

From end to end of this store you will find the greatest money saving values ever offered in Watford. We just have room to mention a few as an example of what you may expect.

- 3 only, ladies' black beaver coats, marmot collar, sizes 38, 40, 42, regular \$18.50 for \$11.00.
- 1 only, ladies' black beaver coat, sable collar, size 42, regular \$22.50 for \$13.00.
- 5 dozen boys' sweaters, sizes 24 to 32, regular 60 cents for 39 cents.
- 6 men's fur lined coats, lamb collars, regular \$22.50 for \$16.00.
- 7 men's heavy black beaver coats, marmot collars, regular \$15.50 for \$12.00.
- Boys' skating coats, sizes 30 to 32, regular \$6.00 for \$3.50.
- Boys' black beaver coats, velvet collar, sizes 25 to 33, regular \$6.50 for \$4.75.
- Ladies' coats, regular \$7.50 values for \$5.50—\$10.00 values for \$6.75—\$12.75 values for \$8.75—\$15.00 values for \$11.50.
- Boys' heavy frieze overcoats, to clear, at \$3.00.
- Misses' and Girls' Coats, 25 per cent. off regular prices.
- Fur muffs, scarfs, caps and sets at quarter off regular prices.
- Boys' fancy overcoats \$4.25 for \$3.00.
- Clearing prices on all clothing for men or boys.

A. BROWN & CO.

CHOPPING MILL

is Now Running. We Pay Special Attention to this Line of Business and Have Lowered the Price to 5 Cents per Cwt., Commencing December 21st.

—IN OUR—
PLANING MILL
 Custom, Matching,
 Dressing and Turning
 Done on Short Notice.

GEO. CHAMBERS

PRENTIS
 For High-Class
TAILORING

Our Stock is Complete
 with up-to-date imported Tweeds
 and Worsteds.

The Newest Designs
 in the Market.
 If you want a Suit that fits right,
 looks right, and is made right
WE GUARANTEE THEM RIGHT.

PRENTIS
 CALDWELL'S BLOCK.
 PRESSING AND CLEANING
 Carefully Attended to.

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
**The Lambton Farmers' Mutual
 Fire Insurance Co.**
 WILL BE HELD IN
 The Music Hall, in the Village of
 Watford,
 —ON—

Thursday, January 25th, 1912.
 At the hour of 1.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the reports of the transactions of the Company; the election of Two Directors, and hearing and deciding upon any other business that may properly come before it.
 All parties interested in Mutual Fire Insurance are cordially invited to attend. All members not in arrears are entitled to one or more votes. The year 1911 leaves the company numerically and financially stronger than ever before in its history.
 W. G. WILLOUGHBY, Sec. -Treas.
 Watford, Jan. 1st, 1912.

COMMUNICATIONS.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

Lambton Exhibitors.

The County of Lambton should feel proud of the breeders and feeders of Lambton that they have the luck to go up against the most noted importer, feeders and breeders in Canada and make the showing and winning that they did in the strongest and keenest competition in all classes of live stock ever seen in Canada at the Guelph Winter Fair. It was a victory to get in a ribbon, let alone get in the money, as many of the different classes numbered as many as 20 to 23 entries, eight and ten entries were considered a light class. In horses, Crawford and McLachlan had out a string of five imported stallions, winning 1st, 2nd and 4th, and a 7th in one of their classes. There were 23 entries and another 21. Mr. Ennis had also a well-fitted string of imported stallions and got close to the money in the keenest of competition. His winning was one 1st. Mr. Oliver had out a beautiful pair of colts but his competitor was older, had more weight and size, and some of them weighing 2200, fourteen in the ring. Mr. Medcalf had out a very nice 2-year-old stallion of No. 1 quality and looks promising for the future, and if well cared for will make his mark in the future. He was well up to the money, lacked a little fitting to enter such competition. Mr. Steadman had out a well-developed clydesdale filly as good as any shown but lacked a little in size in competing against (imp.) fillies, the best that money could buy. In cattle Frank Oke had out a right good yearling steer, winning two 1st, one special and one 5th, showing in the professional classes, and was sold for a handsome figure to go to Ottawa. D. McPhail had out a beautiful yearling, one of the best at the show, but unfortunately she was not fitted for, the block but as a breeder there were none better and Mr. McPhail may well be proud of her, she weighing over 1600 pounds at 22 months. He has been tendered several tempting offers for her. Mr. Edwards had out a very nice heifer but lacked fitting. Had she had two more months she would have been up amongst the best of them. D. A. Graham had out a Shorthorn cow, winning 1st in her class. In Leicester sheep he won 1st, two 2nds, two 3rds, one 4th and one 5th. James Campbell had out a fine pen of Cotswolds, winning one 1st, two 2nds, two 3rds, one 4th and two 5ths. Mr. McLean had out a very nice pen of Lincolns, winning one 1st, one 2nd, and one 4th in Berkshires. Mr. Peter McEwen showed the boys how to fit Berkshires, he winning

two firsts, two 2nds, three 3rds and one 5th. All the above winnings were won in strong competition. In grain Mr. Hunter did remarkably well, winning several prizes, also did Mr. Peter McEwen, winning one 1st and one 2nd in wheat.
 It is to be hoped that the Lambton breeders and feeders will make up their minds right now and start feeding at once and make up their minds to come out at the top next year. Lambton has the goods if put in proper fit. Get a hustle and bring Lambton to the front.
 BREEDER.

Dec. 27th, 1911.
A Letter From Sounding Creek, Alta.

EDITOR GUIDE-ADVOCATE:—
 We have not been in this country but a short time but long enough to know a little about one year's seasons. We have had a very nice winter so far. Had a long snap about a month ago. The thermometer ran anywhere from zero to 22 below for a week, but have had fine weather since. We have a big dance every week and sometimes two or three. Some of our Ontario friends run away with the idea that we are forty miles from nowhere out here, but life on the prairies in far ahead of old Ontario any day. We were back forty miles for one year. Now we are about sixteen and next summer we expect to be within two or three miles. There has been a survey run through here within the last week. It strikes Mr. O. J. Cook's farm and splits it from one end to the other. This road is going to be rushed through in the spring. There was a lot of prairie turned over last summer as it was a good summer for breaking. Everyone looks for a bumper crop next year. Mr. J. M. Wooley was a busy man last summer. He says no more Ontario for him. But he must have wanted a change for he moved to town for the winter. We will close, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 D. ROCHE, WATFORD OLD BOYS.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Report of S.S. No. 1, Warwick. Class I.V.—Bunce, Kimball, Ernest Jones, Rollie Thomson. Class III.—Sr.—Eve, Lynn James, Hugh McClelland, George Thomson, Lela Thompson, Wilfred Smith, Jr.—Donald Kimball. Class II.—Maurice Minielly, Arthur Morningstar. Pt. II.—Adelbert Minielly. Pt. I.—Mary Morningstar, Annie McClelland. 1st Class.—Grace Thomson, Irene Morningstar, Alma Lester. Iva Smith.—ANNIE ROSS, Teacher.

To the Citizens of Watford.

On behalf of the three hotels of the Village of Watford permit me to say that we are pleased that the citizens of Watford considered the Local Option question in a fair and reasonable manner, and we desire to assure the public that whatever mistakes we have made in the past it is the intention to comply with the License Law in every detail and endeavor to maintain the respect of the community.
 D. ROCHE,
 Secretary Hotel Committee.

FARM FOR SALE.

100 ACRES, BEING WEST HALF OF LOT 24, Con. 2, Township of Plympton. The land is good rich soil, good orchard, 20 acres of good bush, beach, maple and elm. On the premises are a new two story brick cottage, main building, 20x25, kitchen 12x18, concrete cellar under the house, 6 rooms, 2 clothes closets, bell telephone in the house. Good barn 40x30 and other outbuildings. 2 wells, (one flowing), 8 acres of fall wheat in. All fall plowing done. For further particulars apply on the premises.
 MRS. FRANK ALEXANDER,
 Box 23, Washead P. O.,
 Plympton, Jan. 6th, 1911.

THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

ESTABLISHED 1873. 105 BRANCHES.
 QUARTERLY DIVIDEND NOTICE No. 85.
 Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Thirteen Per Cent. per Annum upon the Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the quarter ending 31st January, 1912, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office, in this city, and at its branches, on and after Thursday, the 1st day of February, 1912, to Shareholders of record of 30th January, 1912. The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank in Toronto on Wednesday, the 21st February next, at 12 o'clock noon.
 By order of the Board,
 Toronto, 21st December, 1911.
 GEO. P. SCOTFIELD,
 General Manager.

THE VOTE IN WATFORD.

Fitzgerald Elected by 4 Majority—
 Local Option By-law Defeated.
 FOR REEVE.
 Div. No. 1 Div. No. 2
 Fitzgerald 90 59 149
 Stapleford 66 79 145
 Majority for Fitzgerald..... 4

FOR COUNCILLORS.
 Div. 1 Div. 2
 Doan 86 84 170
 Fuller 46 37 83
 Graham 93 74 167
 Hawn 86 71 157
 Johnston 96 73 169
 Williams 50 44 94
 Doan, Johnston, Graham and Hawn elected.

LOCAL OPTION
 For the By-law 61 78 139
 Against the By-law 84 55 139
 Necessary to carry By-law, 167.

Warwick Township Vote.

FOR REEVE.
 Division—1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 Blain 53 69 83 50 16 15 22 — 308
 Hall 34 33 63 52 71 70 59 — 402
 Majority for Hall..... 94

FOR COUNCILLORS.
 Division—1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 Brodie 29 23 60 82 63 24 24 — 305
 Dann 22 23 97 34 24 6 31 — 247
 Edwards 66 22 33 35 22 28 26 — 212
 Hobbs 30 17 59 19 61 82 63 — 328
 Joynt 55 53 86 28 11 9 30 — 272
 Leach 59 76 70 20 40 13 25 — 303
 Hobbs, Brodie, Leach and Joynt elected.

The Vote in Brooke.

FOR REEVE.
 Division 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 11
 Darvill 4 54 26 116 39 21 16 24 34 28 40—408
 McVicar 70 35 145 19 28 11 38 9 10 22 19—396

FOR COUNCILLORS.
 Annett 16 7 68 17 44 22 43 19 17 30 25—308
 Campbell 37 44 52 19 19 6 14 3 6 7 4—181
 Fisher 5 43 19 93 32 30 5 28 13 13 37—318
 McCabe 53 6 112 14 8 2 22 2 4 — 223
 Sutton 7 11 35 39 27 4 21 6 28 39 43—260
 Tait 7 58 16 97 16 3 6 3 3 1 7—217

TOWN HALL BY-LAW.
 For By-law .. 59 19 97 27 17 9 14 12 9 25—279
 Against .. 37 17 127 20 35 12 36 15 19 37 21—405
 Council elect for 1912—Alfred Darvill, Reeve; Archibald Monro, Deputy Reeve; Donald L. Fisher, councillor; Wm. Annett, councillor; Albert E. Sutton, councillor.

Township of Bosanquet.

FOR REEVE.
 Division—1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 Russell, Hugh 76 95 32 37 28 36 21—325
 Spearman, H A 42 58 52 51 39 21 15—278

FOR COUNCILLORS.
 Bright, Wm. .. 24 12 35 24 6 11 1—113
 Loughheed, A H 33 16 59 68 30 52 12—270
 Melville, Alex. 18 82 26 31 28 21 21—227
 McIntyre, D F 33 26 65 50 58 39 4—275
 Ross, Robert. 39 85 16 12 .. 5 13—187
 Sitter, Nicholas 61 91 56 34 .. 17 20—311
 Wight, Wm. 77 52 19 26 .. 20 1—226

Elections Elsewhere.

GLENCOR—Reeve, J. N. Currie; councillors, A. Duncanson, J. E. Hull, James Harris and J. A. McLachlan.
 PETROLIA—Mayor, Mr. Edward E. Pollard (acclamation); Reeve, Robert S. Sturtt (acclamation); deputy Reeve, Dr. C. O. Fairbank (acclamation); councillors, J. C. Waddell, Kenneth Kerr, W. J. Clark, W. Dunlop, W. Downer, P. F. Reilly; school trustees, Ward 3, Jno. Bishop; Ward 2, Jno. Hastings; Ward 4, James Hamilton; ward 1, C. Boyd.
 FOREST—Mayor, Ed. Rutherford; Reeve, Chas. McLean; councillors, J. W. Bell, Finlay Chalk, C. A. Decker, John Fraser, Wm. Lawrie.
 WYOMING—Reeve, J. M. Wilson; councillors, John Richardson, J. C. McNeil, Robert Eady, A. McKay.
 PLYMPTON—James McLean was elected Reeve, Hugh Montgomery deputy Reeve, and councillors John Grieve, Robert McLaren and Thomas Paul.
 ALVINSTON—The old council were elected by acclamation.
 AILSA CRAIG—Reeve, John Morgan; councillors—Dr. J. Gunn, G. Meadows, E. Chapman and J. Alexander.
 SARNIA—John McGibbon was elected Mayor and T. Munroe Reeve, by acclamation. Council—Reeve, Dr. Morrison; 1st Deputy, John Newton; 2nd Deputy, Geo. Kerby; 3rd Deputy, Dr. Colter.
 ADELAIDE—Ambrose Topping was elected Reeve of Adelaide by a majority of 62 over W. Boker. The councillors are Messrs. Sullivan, Brant, Peden and Callaghan.
 PARKHILL—J. E. Harrison was elected Mayor and T. Munroe Reeve, by acclamation, and the following councillors were elected Monday:—M. Fenn, F. C. Laughton, Neil McPhee, Charles Forster, John S. McDonald and Finlay Jackson.

Local Option Figures.

Municipalities—
 Carried..... 19
 Defeated by three-fifths clause.. 19
 Straight defeats..... 28

Licenses cut off..... 32
 Kept by three-fifths clause..... 48
 Kept by majorities..... 131

The Merchants Bank.

That the Merchants Bank of Canada is prosperous is shown by the statement submitted at the 88th annual meeting of the shareholders held in Montreal this week. The net profits for the year amounted to \$1,179,000, an increase of over \$100,000 over the earnings of the previous year. The net earnings for the year amounted to 19 1/2 per cent. on the paid-up capital, which must be regarded as a satisfactory showing. During the year the bank increased its dividend from 9 to 10 per cent., the two latter dividends being at the 10 per cent. rate. This is the second increase which the bank made in its dividend during the past two years. During the year the bank transferred \$500,000 to the reserve fund which now stands at \$5,400,000 or equal to 90 per cent. of the bank's paid-up capital. The statement shows the bank to be particularly strong in gold, Dominion notes, high-class debentures and other quickly available assets, which total nearly \$32,000,000 or a sum equal to 45 per cent. of the total liabilities. The Merchants Bank of Canada is surely one of the strongest financial institutions in Canada. During the year the bank opened twelve new branches. Two new directors were appointed, Messrs. Andrew A. Allan and C. C. Ballantyne, to take the places of Mr. Hugh A. Allan, now residing in London, and Mr. Chas. A. Smith, who died in October.

Shiloh's Cure

quickly stops coughs, cures colds, hoarseness, the throat and lungs. . . . 25 cents.

Christmas Stationery at Cost

Just to clean up the Odds and Ends of our Christmas Packages of Writing Paper and Envelopes you can have any box in our window for
25 Cents.

J. W. McLAREN

DRUGGIST, STATIONER,
 Issuer of Marriage Licenses.
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