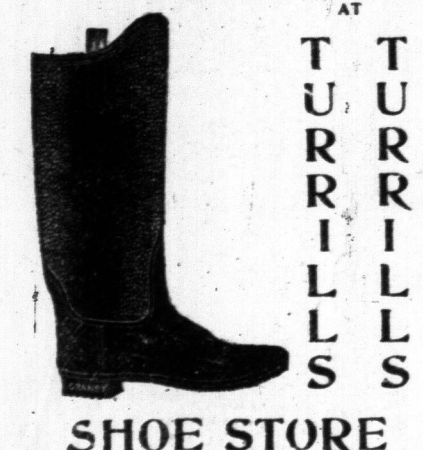


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MAN WANTED—Married or single, to work on a farm and in the dairy. Apply to A. B. HUFF, Box 21, Chatham.
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SEVEN LOTS FOR SALE—One on Victoria Avenue and six on Maple Street. For full particulars apply to STEPHENSON, Plant Office.
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Paper hung at 3 per roll and for painting per yard 10c, two coats.

Apply to J. B. Martin, Forest St., East.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned architect, addressed to Joseph Capotte, Esq., Secretary, up till 12 o'clock a.m., Saturday, March 24th, 1900, for the erection of a Brick School House, in School Section No. 4, Township of Dover. Lowest of any tender now necessarily accepted.
JOSEPH WILSON & SON, Architects, Chatham, Ont.
CHARLES F. OY, Chairman.
JOSEPH CAPOTTE, Secretary, Trustees THEODORE CARSON.
Plans and specifications at office architect. 73 ft.

WALLACEBURG.
March 12.—Miss Kate Farman, after a short visit to friends in town, returned to Marine City yesterday.
Miss Abbie Little, of Chatham, is the guest of Miss Grace Collings.
Mrs. J. H. Fraser is visiting Mrs. A. L. Shambles, Chatham.
The glass in the amber tank at the glass factory has been changed to green and now both tanks are in full blast.
Mumps are prevalent in town.
The corporation books are being audited by Messrs. Arthur Fisher and Albert Little.
A great many links have been forged to Miss Gould's endless chain patriotic fund in town. The fund already amounts to \$3,500.
Rev. Dr. Cook preached an eloquent sermon on Moody Sunday evening in the Methodist Church.
Joe Casmer left for St. Thomas yesterday morning.

Blankets

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO., Ltd. Phone 1.

HE CALLED THE BLUFF.

Sir Wilfrid Backed Down.

ON HIS PRETENCES OF WANTING JUDICIAL GERRYMANDER WHEN SIR CHARLES TUPPER TOOK HIM AT HIS WORD.

Special to The Planet.
Ottawa, March 12.—The gerrymander bill is now ready for the Senate. Mr. Ellis's vigorous protest against Mr. Blair's scheme to gerrymander St. John, New Brunswick, was successful and that part of the bill was withdrawn without even an apology. The rest of it stands, as presented last year. We have still 45,000 people in a Conservative district electing one member and 15,000 in a Liberal district electing one member. We have the general result that the Conservative countries which were under represented before, have still less representation in proportion to population. The parts where the representation is the largest, being the places where the government appear to have the best prospects, are not disturbed. The ministers claim that they desire an end of partisan arrangement of ridings, has been put to the test. Sir Charles Tupper proposed an amendment withdrawing the whole matter of the arrangement of constituencies from the control of parties and handing it over to a commission of judges. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a little confused at first with this proposition. When he saw that the occasion he called upon his supporters to vote it down.

A NON-PARTISAN AMENDMENT

The following is the amendment which the government rejected: "That in the opinion of this house, it is expedient to introduce, in place of the present bill, a measure based on the following provisions: First, That a commission, to consist of the chief justices of the highest courts of judicature in each of the provinces of Canada, shall be appointed for the purpose of fixing the boundaries of each constituency entitled to elect a member or members to the house of commons in each province of Canada, and to determine the number of members to be elected for each constituency in accordance with the B. N. A. Act. That such commission in so doing shall consider the distribution of population according to the then latest census of Canada, and the public interest and convenience, and shall particularly have regard to the principle of representation by population, and to the equality of representation of counties, municipalities and cities. That such commission shall be appointed as soon as possible after the completion of the next census, and shall complete their work with all convenient speed."

PREFERENCE THAT DOES NOT PREFER

In a few days we shall have the budget speech and Mr. Fielding will try to explain away Mr. Patterson's trade returns. There will be a somewhat difficult task with these figures before him for the finance minister to show an increase of imports from Britain as a result of the preferential tariff. He could easily show an enormous increase in imports from the United States, if that were necessary to his argument. For while the imports from Great Britain were \$37,000,000, those from the United States were \$35,000,000, or two and a half times as large.

The increase in goods purchased from the United States was \$14,000,000 over that of the previous year. The increase of purchases from England was \$4,500,000, or less than one-third as much.

Compared with last year of the Conservative regime there is an increase of purchases from the United States of thirty-five millions, while the increase in purchases from Great Britain was four millions only. The imports of British goods for Canadian use were less than in any year from 1880 to 1895, and less than the average for the last five years before the change of Government. The imports of goods for Canadian use from the United States were greater by \$35,000,000 than the largest value imported in any year under the late government, and \$39,000,000 more than the average for the last five years before the late election. This shows how the preference has worked in not diverting trade from the United States to England.

BRITAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

The following table gives the percentage of increase in imports for home consumption from all the principal countries, comparing the year 1899 with the year 1896:

Belgium increased 151 per cent.
South America increased 107 per cent.
Switzerland increased 76 per cent.

NOW is the time to buy your Blankets. We have 125 pairs, which we will sell at reduced prices. THESE Blankets will advance in price if the FIRST of April next, at least 25 per cent, so NOW IS THE TIME to procure them.

We have one dozen \$2.00 Ladies' Dressing Jackets left for \$1.75
We have also one dozen \$1.50 Ladies' Dressing Jackets for \$1.25

We have the latest in Ladies' Dress Goods, plain grays, fawns and blacks, and blue home-spuns, also plaid and check effects. By seeing OUR GOODS you have the advantage of buying the newest and latest Spring and Fall designs before they are placed on the market.

In Our Tailoring Dept.

We have just in a stock of the most complete range of English, Scotch and Irish Tweeds and Wools to be found in any tailoring establishment in Ontario, also a range of our own make. Try US this Spring for a Suit and Overcoat. We can Save You Money and give you the best of Timmings and a Perfect Fit, or we will gladly return your money.

SHAWNEE FLOUR IS THE BEST TO BUY

Flour and Woolen Mills William St.

Holland increased 67 per cent.
United States increased 59 per cent.
Italy increased 52 per cent.
Spain increased 48 per cent.
Portugal increased 39 per cent.
France increased 38 per cent.
Germany increased 21 per cent.
Great Britain increased 12-1/2 per cent.
The average from all countries shows an increase of 39 per cent, while the increase of purchases from Great Britain is only 12-1/2, and that from the United States 59 per cent. There is a reduction of 25 per cent. in the imports from the West Indies and 4 per cent. from Newfoundland, while the increase from China and Japan is only 4 per cent. Only China and Japan save Great Britain and the colonies from being absolutely at the foot of the list.

A SHAM PREFERENCE.

The fact is that the preference is a sham. It does not apply to a large class of goods in which Great Britain competes with other countries. The greatest reductions in tariff were made to the United States and in a class of articles which we do not import from England. The average rate of duty on goods imported from Great Britain last year was 19.8-10 per cent. The average rate on goods imported from the United States was 12-1-16 per cent. The total value of free goods imported from Great Britain was nine and a half million dollars. The total value of the free goods imported from the United States was forty-eight and a half million dollars.

The increase in free goods in 1899 over 1896 was as follows:—

From the United States, \$19,162,964
From Great Britain, \$2,125,185

In 1896 the free government allowed twenty-nine million dollars' worth of United States goods to come in free, which was three times as much as the goods from Great Britain, and the late government was attacked for discrimination against England.

Last year the government allowed over forty-eight million dollars' worth of goods to come in free, which was more than five times as much as was imported free from Great Britain.

PRIVATE BURRELL

Writes Another Chatham Friend Just Before Leaving Belmont.

He Again Describes His Experience in Running Down a Boer Sniper—Doesn't Like the Country.

Belmont, South Africa, Jan. 29, 1900.
Dearest Richmond, Esq., Chatham.

Dear friend, I now write a few lines to let you know I am well and hope this will find you the same. I should have written you before but we have been kept pretty busy since we landed. But now I have a little spare time I will write you a few lines. I have no doubt but that you heard we were in action. We have been in two fights but none of our men were hurt. A good many of the Black Watch were killed. The Boers are picking off the officers fast. I was with one of the Lancers and we could hear single shots fired about every 3 or 4 minutes. We crept nearer and nearer until we were within a few yards of the Boers. Then another shot was fired so we kept coming closer till we sighted an old gray-whiskered man sitting close up to the trees and we stopped and watched him for a while. He would watch for a chance and as soon as he saw a man he would up and shoot and then lay his rifle down and lift his pipe. Then he would pick his rifle up and start his shooting again. We made a rush on him and the Lancer ran his lance through his chest and killed him on the spot. He cried for mercy but we told him he had no mercy on the poor men of Black Watch. We found by his side 125 empty shells so it is impossible to say how many of the Black Watch he had killed. I thought I could go out where the shots were coming from. I suppose they thought they were a few stray shots from the hills.

I do not like the country here. It is very hot in the daytime but cold at night, and when you are on guard you have to sleep outside. I tell you, it is not very nice especially when a wind comes up and sand flies all over. When we get back to camp we hardly know ourselves. I was fooled for about this country. I thought I could go out and pick oranges off the trees but I find we have a good price to pay for them. I have paid 18 pence for half a dozen. Eggs are 3 to 6 pence per dozen; grapes are 2 shillings per lb. and milk 6 pence per quart. Africa is very dry and very hilly and has plenty of stones. I wish you would send me a Planet for 1 long for something to read, as time slides along so slow. I think I will close for the present.

PARIS EXPOSITION

Messrs. Wright, Kay & Co., Importers of Precious Stones and Art Wares, at D. Trout, with thirty open an office in Paris.

at Nos. 24 and 25 Rue de la Fayette, and offer their services for the purchase, packing and shipment to any point in the United States or Canada of the various articles on sale at THE EXPOSITION

at Exhibitors' prices, thus relieving their customers of all care and responsibility in these regards. A note addressed to Wright, The Hotel Binda, 44 Rue de Clichy, or 24 Rue des Petits Chateaux, will receive careful attention.

Please reserve the above address for reference.

sent. Write soon. Yours truly, H. A. BURRELL, First Canadian contingent, "B" Company, South Africa.

MEDIATION ASKED

President McKinley Takes it up Gingly

While Germany Fatly Declines to Interfere—Great Britain will tolerate no intervention.

Washington, March 13.—Secretary Hay, acting under an order from the President, last night forwarded to Ambassador Chalmers at London a copy of a cable appeal from President Kruger, urging the United States and the continental powers in Europe to use their good offices to restore peace in South Africa. Accompanying the message of the Transvaal to the President is believed to be a statement to the effect that the President of the United States is prepared to London ask Great Britain to accept his services. The question of accepting or rejecting the Transvaal's request is expected to reach the cabinet tomorrow.

It can only be conjectured what that reply will be, but everybody in Washington who has kept in touch with the events of the last few days and out relations with them through the office of the secretary of state, is satisfied that Lord Salisbury will politely but firmly turn down the offer. His answer, however, is expected to reach the capital during the next 48 hours.

There is hardly any reason to doubt that Lord Salisbury has been of the Kruger despatch to Secretary Hay. The recent gossip from London about Presidents Kruger and Steyn having sent a joint message to London for peace, which appeared on the face of it to have received the endorsement of the British prime minister, has its origin in the knowledge that President Kruger was contemplating making an appeal to the powers of the world urging intervention for peace. The statement that Kruger had called Salisbury is believed here to be a deception in order to permit the prime minister to indirectly serve notice on the world that Great Britain will not tolerate interference with her military operations and will accept nothing short of complete surrender and submission by the armies and authorities of the Dutch republics.

The Kruger despatch to Secretary Hay, which was cabled from Pretoria by young Adelaar, son of the secretary, contains among other stated conditions under which the Boers are seeking peace, that they must have intervention in the fullest meaning of the word. Concessions are offered to England, however. Just what these are Secretary Hay declines to discuss. It is understood, however, that they embrace a number of matters that ordinarily are included in war settlements between opposing nations.

GERMANY DECLINES

Durban, March 13.—The Transvaal, having appealed to Germany for mediation of intervention in the war with Great Britain, Germany has replied that she declines to interfere, as she is in no way concerned in the conflict.

GOVERNMENT WILL DECLINE

London, March 13.—All the morning papers take the line that the government will decline to open negotiations with the Boer republics, except upon the basis of a complete surrender, and will also make it perfectly clear that nothing in the shape of foreign intervention will be tolerated. The Standard says:

"There is an idea in some quarters that on arriving at Bloemfontein, Lord Roberts will issue a proclamation which will leave little doubt as to the future of the republics."

The Times says: "President Kruger and President Steyn should have counted the cost before they made war. They played for a great stake and have lost. Until they are ready for unconditional surrender they may save themselves the trouble of sending communications to Her Majesty's government."

"We are glad to see that it is understood in the United States, as well as on the continent, that any offer of mediation will be distinctly repugnant to this country. It would be more, it would be wholly inadmissible; and the Dutch minister at Washington is entirely mistaken in the course of sending letters to such proposals if only they came from a nation on terms of cordial intimacy with us. We mean to settle this controversy ourselves, and in our own way."

THE PROBABLE WEATHER

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, March 13—10 a. m.—Comparatively mild to-day; strong north-west winds to-night. Wednesday, strong north-west winds and colder again.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Hugh Macaulay is visiting her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson, Tilbury. New ideas in American Collars every week at The 2 T's.
Ben. Blonde left for Georgian Bay yesterday afternoon on a business trip.
Divine service will be held in Christ church this evening at half past seven.

Mrs. Newcombe, Fifth street, spent Sunday with her daughter Essie in Detroit.
Come back to Erin" is to be sung at St. Patrick's concert, March 19th, by Miss Lizzie Smith.

Every Barrington Hat guaranteed. Price \$2.50. Two T's Sole Agents. If "Barney O'Brien" is a pleasing Irish song and must be heard to be appreciated, Mrs. John Cooper will sing it at St. Patrick's Concert, March 19th.

Mrs. Latimer and R. Spencer, who have been visiting Mrs. George Dunkley, Queen street, have returned to their home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

A well attended and successful practice of the musical service in connection with the opening of the new organ at Victoria Ave. Methodist church was held last evening.

Rev. Dr. Hannon, of this city, occupied the pulpit in the First Methodist Church on Sunday last at St. Thomas, while the Rev. Dr. Philip Breached in the Park Street Methodist Church, of this city.

Miss Edith Idle, formerly of Toronto, now of this city, possesses a soprano voice of great flexibility and power. Miss Idle will sing "Barney O'Brien," a pretty Irish song, at St. Patrick's concert, March 19th.

Two sleigh loads of young people from this city drove out to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lowrie, Con. 8, Raleigh, last evening and spent a most enjoyable time at the hospitable home.

Slater Shoe Polish in Black and Tan at The 2 T's.

Tom Moore, Ireland's sweetest song-writer, composed and sang "The Harp that Once Through Tara's Halls" in first time (then enraptured people, Miss Lizzie Smith will sing this well known and always admired ballad at St. Patrick's Concert, March 19th.

The annual meeting of the Brockville King's Daughters, will be held on Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Stone, Queen St., at 3.30 p. m. Officers will be elected for the coming year. All members are urged to attend and friends will be welcomed.

Money to Lend on Mortgages—Farmers and others wanting to borrow money on mortgages at best rates and save expense and time, and secure other advantages, should apply personally to the Chatham Loan & Savings Company, 125-127, d&w 1st J.

The annual meeting of the officers and teachers of Christ church Sunday school will be held in the S. S. hall this evening at 8.30. The election of officers will take place and other business of importance transacted. A full attendance is requested.

Robert J. Burdette says that Evangelist McCrossan's book, "Love and Life," now on sale at Dingman's Book Store, is one of the finest religious story books he ever read. Bound in cloth, 25c.

Mrs. Thiborne, Joseph St., has received a letter from Private Wilson in which he stated that he was enjoying good health, but that the time was passing slowly at Belmont. Since the writing of this letter, however, the Canadian boys have seen real warfare. It is just possible that the next English mail may bring accounts of the battle on February the 18th.

For a genuinely agreeable entertainment there is none on the road that appeals more strongly to popular fancy than "The Sleeping City," which will be seen here Thursday evening. It is an up-to-date melodrama, with a plot of great strength, eccentric humor and originality. Reserved seats can be secured at the Central Drug Store.

What is said to be one of the strongest travelling attractions, "The Sleeping City," will soon make its appearance in this city. It is a modern melodrama with striking situations, startling surprises and powerful climaxes. The humor is original and the witticisms eccentric. Bright specialties are introduced. The company is composed of players who have achieved success in their respective lines, and they will appear in the Grand Opera House on Thursday evening next.

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Case you have felt the great blessing of good health you will never be without TINY TABLETS.
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Graduate of the Southern Ohio Agricultural College. Twenty-eight years experience. Special attention to banding and pruning of your trees. Fertilizing and ornamental lawn grading a specialty. Address: G. F. SHERMAN, Kingsville, Ont.

AS JESUS WOULD.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon is now Editing the Top & Capital.

Theatre Notice: Banish J. Police Reports Censored and Advertising Matter Strictly Censored.

Topoka, Kansas, March 13.—Rev. Mr. Sheldon assumed control of the Capital newspaper for a week yesterday and will apply the test to every item and advertisement that goes into it. "What would Jesus do?" The first issue appeared this morning. All editorial and important local matter was signed by the writers. There will be no Sunday paper, but a Saturday evening paper, suitable for Sunday reading.

"May God bless the use of this paper to the glory of his kingdom on earth," says Rev. Mr. Sheldon, in concluding his letter.

The first item on the first page was a prayer written by Bishop John A. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is as follows:

"A morning prayer and resolution: I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, serene life; repelling every thought of discontent, self-seeking and anxiety; cultivating magnanimity, self-control and the habit of silence; practicing economy, cheerfulness and helpfulness."

"And, as I cannot in my own strength do this, or even with the help of success, attempt it, I look to thee, oh, Lord, my father in Jesus Christ, my Saviour, and ask for the gift of the holy spirit."

Editor Sheldon went to the office at 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning, and was on duty until the paper went to press at 3 o'clock this morning. At 10 o'clock he had a conference with the correspondents for eastern papers and promised to meet them each evening at 7.30 o'clock, and give out certain information concerning his work. At 11 o'clock he met the local force of the paper and gave out the assignments for the day.

A page devoted to local news and the leading features for to-day were reports of a temperance revival and an anti-cigarette meeting. Mr. Sheldon instructed the police reporter that in case of a murder or other crime, to write a bare statement of the facts. If he had the space to spare, instead of filling it up with the usual details he would go into a discussion of the causes leading up to the crime.

During the conference the sporting editor remarked that there would be a bowling contest at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

"I think," said Mr. Sheldon, "that that is good clean sport. You may print it." The dramatic editor asked instructions about theatres.

"We shall not want anything of that kind," Mr. Sheldon said.

One page has been reserved for telegraph news, which ordinarily occupies about three times that space. The Associated Press reports is necessarily strong. "Blue pencil" with a vengeance. The market reports will be cut from four columns to one. All quotations on stocks and bonds, giving options and other matter involving transactions in futures, have been consigned to the waste basket, and only the actual cash price of grain, produce, etc., will be quoted.

A notable feature of the paper will be the method of handling advertisements. They will be banished from the news and editorial pages, and will be bunched in places reserved for them. The censorship here is even more rigorous than in the news columns, and a large quantity of this class of matter has already been cut out, including all relating to patent medicines, and familiar pseudo advertisements of the magazines, accompanied by cuts, have sought in vain for space. No retail advertisements from Kansas City, or other out of town traders, will be accepted. Mr. Sheldon holding that this would be an injustice to home merchants. The 20-dollar-suit, of clothes for \$14.75 style of advertising is also barred.

BEATEN AGAIN.

The Maple City curlers met their Pardeburg at Thamesville yesterday and after firing 33 shots to the enemy's 38, the Chatham club's position became untenable, owing to the town to the east having fired five more of the shots and the western city's men from the Maple City Club's headquarters state that President Young of the Curling Club, has received no official confirmation of the success of Gen. Skin G. G. Taylor. Other messages are as follows:—

Chatham—Rank 1.

J. C. Fleming, J. P. Dunlop, W. E. Merritt, Dr. Bray, skip—25.

Thamesville—Rank 1.

Sherman, DePencier, Hardy, Trudell, skip—20.

Chatham—Rank 2.

D. A. Hutchison, A. McCaig, J. McCaig, G. G. Taylor, skip—13.

Thamesville—Rank 2.

Davis, Fleming, Sims, Young, skip—23.

THE POLICE COURT.

There are evidently some few minor points in which Joseph Kovinski and the ethics of British law differ.

"I don't take any von for honest till I finds dem out," the voluble Hebrew told Barrister W. G. Richards at the police court this morning, when the attorney asked him when he first came to the conclusion that the accused, John Barley, was not built on the Moody & Sankey plan.

Kovinski had Barley in the toils for the alleged embezzlement of \$250, money which he advanced to him, and put up a sufficiently strong argument as to the righteousness of his case to warrant Judge Houston to say in releasing the prisoner with a warning that had the case been a civil one he would have had no doubt in finding a verdict for the plaintiff.

Chas. VanDusen, a colored man, was charged with the same offence and dismissed with a like warning. J. A. Walker, Q. C., appeared for the crown, and W. S. Richards acted for the defence.

A Dressy Couple—A Pair of \$3.50

Slater Shoes and a \$2.50 Barrington Hat. The 2 T's.