

Family Gathering.

At Christmas you would like things specially nice for that day. Come in and see our stock—you will find many things that will just suit you.

CANNED SOUP, 18c, 25c and 40c.
FRENCH PEAS, Canadian pack, 2 cans for 25c.
QUEEN OLIVES, 30c, 50c and 75c.
FINE TOMATO CATSUP, 15c and 30c a bottle.
TABLE RAISINS, 20c and 25c a pound.
FINE MIXED NUTS, 15c a pound.
GREENOLE NUTS, 20c a pound.
SOFT SHELLED ALMONDS, 20c a pound.
TABLE FIGS, 15c and 20c a pound.
XMAS CRACKERS, 20c, 25c and 35c a box.
FINE OLD CHEESE, 18c a pound.
STILTON CHEESE, 20c a pound.
ROQUEFORT CHEESE, 40c a pound.
SALTED BISCUITS, 15c a pound.
FANCY BISCUITS, 20c a pound.
SHORTBREAD, 30c a pound.
OUR FANCY BOXES, filled, 10c to \$1.50.
OUR FINE CHOCOLATES, 40c a pound.
OUR FINEST CANDY, 50c a pound.

H. Malcolmson

HAVE YOU SEEN MY LINE OF
Secret - Lockets
—AND—
Stick Pins
The most beautiful designs ever shown.

Cuff Links

Plain fancy and beaded.

Diamond Opal . . . Turquoise Pearl . . .

And other settings. These in a dainty box make a beautiful present.

Belt Pins

Also the most beautiful Ever shown in Chatham.

E. J. MacIntyre
Leading Jeweler and Optician,
King Street.

.. SNAP ..

One storey frame house and a good sized lot on Grey St. for sale at a bargain. House has five rooms, pantry and summer kitchen, veranda and city water. In convenient location for Chaplin Wheel Works, Park Bros. Foundry, and other factories. Will sell on easy terms of payment.

DUNN & MERRITT,
FIFTH ST. 1st Door from King St.



MORLEY & CO., Fine Tailoring.

DR. A. W. THORNTON

DENTIST,
Has removed to his New Office,
Corner King and Fifth Streets,
over A. I. McAllister's Drug Store.
Telephone Office 154.
Residence 25.

TO-NIGHT.

Victoria Ave. S. S. Concert, in the church at 8.
Chatham Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, 8 o'clock.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.

TAYLOR—At Maple Farm, Dover West, Dec. 19, 1902, Charles Stanley, second youngest son of Ben. H. and M. L. Taylor, aged 4 years, 7 mos, 14 days.
Safe in the arms of Jesus.
CARROLL—On Dec. 21st, 1902, James Carroll.
Funeral will take place to-morrow morning at half-past 9 from late residence, St. Clair street, to St. Joseph's church.

PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—10 a. m.—Fair to-day. Wednesday, south and south-west gales, milder with light local snow, followed at night by northwesterly winds and turning colder.

The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Thermometer 28.
Highest yesterday 32.
Lowest yesterday 27.
Direction of wind, west.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Dr. Geo. Masson left for Toronto to-day to spend Christmas.
Old pipe and tea lead wanted at this office.
Aubrey Little left yesterday to spend Christmas holidays in Chicago. Boys left Santa Claus to bring you a coal chest. He can get them at Western Bros.

J. G. Steen, wood and coal merchant, Queen street, received two cars of egg coal this morning.
Books, fancy goods and toys at half price at Dingman's bankrupt sale.

Clifford McLean, Chicago, is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. McLean, Queen St.
Peanut, Marrowbone and Butter Scotch, 10c, 15c, at Wiggell's New Stand.

Rufus Stephenson, West Superior, is the guest of his brother, Sydney Stephenson, King street.
Sulman's Beehive is full of beautiful toys and Christmas presents. Buy these and secure new, bright and desirable goods.

The John Goodison Threshing Company of Sarnia, has an advertisement in this issue. This firm is one of the most reliable houses in Canada, and if you are interested in their goods drop them a card for one of their handsome illustrated catalogues that will be sent you free.

SATURDAY

Was a record day with us in business, the best day in the history of our store. It is certainly gratifying to us to know that our friends appreciate the fair prices and service rendered. But two days remains to finish your Xmas purchases, and if you have not examined our splendid assortment of XMAS

PERFUMES, EBONY GOODS, &c.,

you should do so at once. We make it a pleasure to show goods whether you buy or not.

W. W. TURNER,
DRUGGIST,
PHONE 105. 28 KING ST.

CORRECT ATTIRE

For special occasions is not easily procurable at all times. The only way to have a

Dress Suit Ready at all Times

is to own one; and the only way to be sure of a perfect fit is to have it made here. We have the correct goods for these garments in stock. Call and see them. We guarantee Quality, Fit and Style equal to anything turned out in this country.

Xmas Gifts for Father or Gentlemen Friends

Bath Robes \$3.50 to 6.00. Night Shirts, 50c. to \$2.50. Handkerchiefs, 5c. to 25c. Slipper Cases, 5c. to 10c. Calendars, 15c. to \$1.00. Den Ornaments, 10c. to \$5.00. Burnt Leather Pipe Racks, 25c. to 75c. Sofa Pillows, 25c. to \$5.00. Hair Brushes, 40c. to \$2.00.

WELDON'S

KING ST. Next to Malcolmson's.

Chatham's Millinery Store!

GREAT BARGAINS in VELVETS and CHIFFONS
LOVELY SHADES FOR EVENING WEAR

COOKSLEY'S

Opposite the Market Square.

FROM NEW ZEALAND

Herman House, a former Chatham young man, who attended Business College here, and was for some time a clerk in Manson Campbell's office, before going to New Zealand for that firm, is in the city for a few weeks.
Mr. House left Chatham about five years ago for New Zealand to start a Campbell Farming Mill Agency in a town called Oamaru, which has a population of about 7,000. He now handles a great many buggies of all kinds and deals solely in that line with the Wm. Gray & Sons Co. of this city.
In speaking of the country (New Zealand) to The Planet, Mr. House said:—"You must know that New Zealand is two islands, the north and south islands together having a population of about 700,000. New Zealand has made rapid strides in the world and is a great country. Its growth and prosperity is principally due to the very efficient system of government, which has done most for New Zealand than anything else."
"The grains grown in New Zealand are practically the same as in Canada with the exception of corn. In the north island dairying is the principal industry, although many sheep are also raised. The south island is more taken up with agriculture."
"Canada has chances for a great trade with this country," continued Mr. House. "As it is at present, Canada supplies about half of the agricultural implements, but that's its principal export to us. What hampers the trade between the two countries is the enormous freight rates which vary so often that importer there cannot tell what he will have to pay. The government, I think, would do well to establish a steamship freight line between us and Canada would be sure to get the bulk of the trade. England now has the biggest part of the trade, but their goods are so much heavier than the Canadian or American."
"The Canadian Manufacturers' Association I believe has a representative at present in New Zealand, which, I think will lead to considerable business. The natives of the islands are a very intelligent class and are on the increase. They were very much dissatisfied that they did not have a chance to go to South Africa during the war."
"The farmers in our country, through the government, are enabled to get money at from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent."
"To show the prosperous condition of the farmers, I know of two instances where farmers paid \$175 an acre for some land, and paid for it by their first year's crop."
"The railroads are all practically owned by the government, which has lately reduced the rate per mile to two and a fraction cents."
"The climate is quite healthy. At present the summer season is on. We do not have much snow, and when we do it lasts for only a few hours."
"When I was coming through the country it was in a most prosperous condition, and made a fine appearance with the hills and valleys in the background. The grass was about ten inches long."
"Mr. House will also take back with him some Chatham Wagons. He intends spending Christmas at his home in Petrolia."

Geo. A. Watson and O. K. Watson, of Ridgeway, were Chatham visitors yesterday.

The funeral of the late James Carroll will take place at 9:30 to-morrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Trott, Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. Andrew Heyward, Queen St.

Mr. and Mrs. Vogle, of Blenheim, are spending the day with friends in the Maple City.

The market of the world has been searched for Christmas novelties, and the result of months of buying are now on sale at Sulman's Beehive.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Emery have returned from Big Point where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Emery.

Roadmaster Harry Morris and Chief Engineer O. McKay, of the Lake Erie, were in the city yesterday on business.

Now is the time to use J. W. McLean's cosmetic balm. It is splendid for chapped hands or rough skin—absolutely safe and effective.

Chatham Lodge, No. 23, I. O. O. F. will meet to-night, when three candidates will be initiated. Every brother is requested to be present.

Rev. W. E. Knowles, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, left to-day for his home in Orillia, where he will spend Christmas Day.

Santa Claus will find the best assortment of carvers sets, bread knives and silver tea knives at Western Bros.

Miss Rhoda Cole, formerly of this city, is to be married to-day in Winnipeg to Mr. Gregory, of that place. Mr. Gregory is employed by the C. P. R.

The Park street Epworth League held their regular weekly meeting last evening, when an address was given by Fred. Sheldrick on "Christmas, its motive and message."

It is with deep sorrow we record the sudden death of Charles Stanley, second youngest son of Ben. H. and M. L. Taylor, who died of paralysis of the heart at 12 o'clock on Friday night. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

The children of the Separate school enjoyed a very pleasant treat in their school room yesterday. Candy, oranges, etc., were everywhere abundant and a most enjoyable time was spent by the children. A large Christmas tree was erected for the junior pupils.

Henry Robinson, grain merchant, has announced his intention of running for alderman in the coming municipal election, and his card appears in this issue. Mr. Robinson has been secretary of the West Kent Agricultural Society for five years and has been in the grain business for over ten years.

The Sunshine Society wish to tender their most sincere thanks to the scholars of the First Presbyterian Sunday school for their liberal and generous donation of Christmas cheer which was distributed this morning to about twenty families. This gift was the more acceptable, being the first of the kind received by the Society.

The Young People's Society of Christ Church will be in the S. S. Hall to-morrow morning to receive donations in cash, groceries, meat, etc. for the baskets which they purpose giving to the poor. The baskets will be distributed in the afternoon to those giving tickets. The charitable work of the Society is not confined to the poor of Christ Church.

The Ladies of Christ Church Missionary Society sent three valuable boxes of clothing, groceries, drugs, etc., to the far northwest a few days ago. This society is one of the most active and earnest in the diocese of Huron, and has done much good. Twice a year boxes are sent to Algoma and the Northwest and besides this substantial contributions in money are given to different objects in the great missionary work of the church.

ELECTION CARDS

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for 1903, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

HENRY ROBINSON.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD NO. 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for the position of Public School Trustee for Ward No. 4, and, as such, will appreciate the favor of your vote and influence.

If elected as your representative it will be my aim to act always in the best interests of the people.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN MACKAY.

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the solicitation of many citizens I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for alderman. I shall accordingly sincerely appreciate the favor of your vote and influence.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,
Respectfully yours,
THOMAS SCULLARD.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. Dr. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

A. O. U. W.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen relieves the destitute and protects the home.
B.O. United Workmen, don't forget. The election of officers for 1903 takes place on Friday evening, Dec. 26th. A large attendance is requested. Refreshments.

Visiting brothers welcome.
W. G. ARNOLD, JOHN R. SNELL, M. W. Recorder.

Minard's Liniment is the best Hair Restorer.

WANTED.

COOK WANTED—Apply Park House.

WANTED—Dining room girl. Apply Merrill House.

AGENTS WANTED—\$250 per day. Apply Cooper, London.

WANTED—A position as Engineer, Fireman or Assistant Electrician. Address W. M. B. Planet.

GOOD GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 3. Apply, stating salary, to Ben. Boothroyd, Sec'y-Treas., Box 185, Thamesville, Ont.

GIRL WANTED—No washing or ironing; references required. Apply to Mrs. J. W. McLaren, corner Park and William Sts.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 11, Dover, holding first or second class certificate, male, salary \$400. Applications will be received up to the 1st of December 1902. Address Joseph Bankin, secretary, Dover C. E. R. References required.

AGENTS WANTED—The large Front-hill Nurseries, largest in Canada, over 800 acres, can give employment to more agents, male or female. We are prepared to offer very liberal terms, either for full or part time service. Pay weekly; supplies free. If you want a good paying situation, write us. Stone & Wellington, "Canada's Greatest Nurseries," Toronto, Ont.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE—Cheap, three coal stoves. Apply A. W. Thornton.

FOR SALE—Double barreled breech loading Shotgun, 12 gauge, English make, case, cleaning rod, etc. A. C. McKay, Planet Office.

TO RENT—A brick store with dwelling above, in Port Alma. Possession given at once. For further particulars address Samuel Cooper, Port Alma.

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C. P. R.

GROCERY

We have bought a first-class stock of Groceries from the largest importing houses in the country. We will be able to give you value for your money which cannot be surpassed.

NEW RAISINS
NEW CURRANTS
NEW FIGS
NEW DATES
NEW PEELS
FRESH NUTS

And everything you need for the Christmas baking.

Goods Delivered.

I. M. TAYLOR

KING ST. PHONE 1

XMAS CARNIVAL DEC. SALE

1902. A. MERRY XMAS. 1903. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

AT THE

GORDON STORE.

Don't Read This If you have no need for a Christmas Box or for winter wear. But if you desire to make your dollar go farthest, we can help you.

Please Read This. WE use December to reduce our stock of heavy goods with an annual sale, to which is added our usual holiday selling.—You are invited.

Silk Flannels

Finest present of the season, a ladies Silk Dress or waist in willow cardinal, blue, castor, old rose, tobas, light grey, plain or figured, dollar goods for a yd. 50c

Silk Shirt Waists

All colors, evening shades, black, white and cream, latest styles, finest materials, \$3.90, 5.00, 6.75

Holiday Glove Sale

The Claimdout, a heavy pique sewn dollar glove 89c
The Constance, a good glove 50c
With the Daphne, Eugene Jammot and Mocha Gloves and Mits—
Fancy Ringwood Gloves, red, navy and black 25c

Handkerchief Presents

The finest assortment we have ever shown from 1c each to 1.35
Pure silk hemstitched initial Handkerchiefs, each 25c, 50, 72c
Special embroidered Handkerchiefs, 12 1/2c and 10c
Men's and women's hemstitched Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c

Ladies Golf Coats and Waistcoats

Something for a new nice comfortable present \$1.35

Spical Xmas Furs.

Neckwear in Sable, Bear and Martin, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 25, 35 and \$40.
Muffs each from \$1.25 to \$3.00

Gauntlets, imitation Seal, small and large sizes, 50, 75c, \$1, \$1.40

Grey Lamb, Astrachan, Coney, Electric Seal, Sable, etc., Gauntlets, eight different styles; Electric Seal Jackets, \$27.50 to \$85

December Coat Sale.

We are doing fine for our customers in cloth coats, sizes 30 to 40. Sale price \$3.98
Choice Collarless and Monte Carlo coats. New York styles also in stock. Childrens Reefers to clear \$1.25

Xmas Millinery.

Fur Toques and Caps, etc.
Black Velvet Hats 3, 3.50, 4 and \$5
Felt shapes to clear at cost.

Standard Fashion Store.

Subscribe now for the leading monthly fashion journal,
The Standard Designer,
1903, only \$1.00 a year.

Fashion sheets free.

Open Till 9 O'clock Each Evening Until Christmas

Holiday Linens

Table Damasks 25c a yard to \$1.60
Table Cloths from \$4 to \$10
Napkins to match, 60c to \$6
Tray and Lunch Cloths, plain and fancy Stand Covers, Drapes, Doylies, etc.

Tambour Work

Doylies, Tray Cloths, Centre Pieces, Sideboard Drapes, Pillow Shams, etc. ranging according to size from 5c each to \$1.50

Christmas Towel Sale

Two special lines of Linen Towels at 15c line at 10c
A 50c Damask hemstitched at 25c
Bath Towels from 12 1/2c to 75c

Hoods, Scarfs, Shawls

Babies, misses', women's hoods 25c up
Fancy woolen Scarfs 25c up
Shoulder Shawls, 50c, 75c, up to \$3.00.

Silk Stocks and Ties . .

Fancy Stock Collars, regular values 25c to 30c, Christmas 12c.
Hemstitched Taffetta Silk Stock and Tie for 25c.
Fancy Turnover Ties 50c.
French Knots, Etc.

Mercerized Waists and Skirts

Christmas Waist for \$1.00.
Skirt to match, same price.

WILLIAM GORDON

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS FOR THE HOME...

To-morrow only we will sell Haskin's Native Port Wine and Walker's Superior Lager at a bargain.

Haskin's Famous Wine, very fine special price per gallon 80c.

Walker's well-known Superior Lager, made of pure malt only, special price for to-morrow only:

1 Case, two doz. quarts \$1.80
1 Case, three doz. pints \$1.60

And everything you need for the Christmas baking.

Goods Delivered.

I. M. TAYLOR

KING ST. PHONE 1

Popular Brands of fine Ales and Porters: WALKER'S GRANT SPRING CARLING'S LABATT'S

The best Malt Beverages in the Country.

We also carry a large assortment of the LEADING BRANDS in Irish, Scotch and Old Rye Whiskies, which are noted for the great age and mellowness. Fine old Brandies imported direct from Cognac, France.

F. A. ROBERT Victoria Block

Importer for the magnificent "EMPERADOR" Sherry. TRY A BOTTLE.