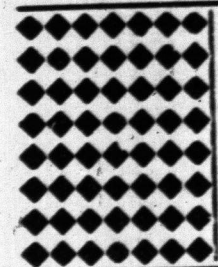


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## LOCAL BRIEFS

F. J. Reid is in the city to-day, on business.

Mrs. E. S. Allen, of Ingersoll, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. R. Reid, Stanley avenue.

Five cases \$250 Barrington Spring Hats arrived, via G. I. R., at the 21st to-day.

J. Pelrie, of New York, is in the city, the guest of ex-Ald. J. R. Reid, Stanley avenue.

The civic Board of Works and Finance committees are meeting this afternoon.

The St. Clair and Erie ship canal got its second reading in the house of commons yesterday.

The building on Head St., owned by W. J. Elliott and recently damaged by fire, will be repaired at once.

Miss Maggie Hall, daughter of the collector of customs, Paris, is visiting the Misses Coltart, William St.

Michael Jones, Baldon St., has been removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from pleuro-pneumonia.

There were three surgical operations at St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Tancredi Doyle, who was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering with appendicitis, was a little better this morning.

Napoleon Pinsonneault, has been awarded the contract for the Dover school. The cost of the building will be about \$1,500.

E. R. Snook has sold his standard bred Clydesdale stallion, Royal George, to Frank Dubuge, of Big Point. The price paid was \$500.

Ex-Ald. Fred Stone is in Ridgeway to-day conducting division court for Judge Woods, who left on Wednesday on a trip to Jamaica for health.

The Rev. Father Baubier, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending a short time on a visit to Chatham and Wallaceburg friends before his departure on a pilgrimage to Rome. Father Baubier was one of the few selected by the Bishop of New York for this pilgrimage.

Two exquisite trios will be rendered at the Sacred Concert at the William St. Baptist Church next Tuesday evening, "An Evening Blessing," by the sisters, Mesdames James and Cooper and Miss Lilywhite, and "On Thee Each Living Soul Awaits," from Handel's Creation, by Miss Maude Oliver, Mrs. John Cooper and Wm. H. Brown. There will be other delightful numbers.

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Are he bad as a fire. Here's a move that sure to prove advantageous. A move that will benefit and assist your eyes if they need assistance is a move that may save you lots of future trouble. Step in and I'll point the way free of charge. E. J. MacIntyre leading optician.

**THE GROWLER'S CARTOON.**  
Editor A. L. Savage, of the William St. Growler, issued quite a humorous cartoon yesterday. In the sketch, which was a very funny one, the manager of the Banner publication was represented shaking in his shoes and wearing an "I'm-bored-and-far-away-from-home look, like an invalid who had not recovered from an attack of fever and ague. To his right was a representation of the chairman of the Red Cross concert committee in military regalia with the sword of "Practical Assistance to the Red Cross Society and our Boys at the front" in his hand. The military gentleman was represented as bestowing the top advice on the excited invalid: "Now, sonny, don't you think you'd better apologize?"

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## ITS SIGNIFICANT.

**Lord Roberts' Silence Indicates an Immediate Advance.**

London, March 30.—The reports that Lord Roberts will remain at Bloemfontein another month are probably intended for Boer consumption. The recent movements of troops and other indications point to preparations being well advanced for a forward movement. The entire silence of the cables this morning is regarded as significant. The fact that the Boer telegrams announcing the bombardment of Mafeking Monday and Tuesday do not claim any success is accepted as proof that they met with none and hopes are entertained that it may prove to have been the final effort to reduce the place before raising the siege.

It is now suggested that the apparent inactivity of the British at Warrenton is merely designed to impress the Boers with the notion that they are checking the Mafeking relief column which, in reality, is advancing by a westward detour. The fact is that a column of 3,000 mounted troops, commanded by Col. Drummond and accompanied by three batteries, is now on the march from Warrenton to the westward. The Boer authorities at Pretoria have sent a handsome floral tribute to the British staff. It is not considered possible that these Dutch forces could escape capture when Bloemfontein was occupied. Their retreat has been a remarkable achievement which reflects great credit on the Dutch commander, since his forces were beset on all sides by British in superior strength.

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Three thousand foreigners are said to have recently joined the Boers via Delagoa Bay.

**MR. SIMPSON'S FUNERAL.**

The remains of the late J. L. Simpson were reverently laid to rest in Maple Leaf Cemetery this afternoon. The obsequies were attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, and the casket was covered with many flowers. The funeral was held at the Hotel Rankin and marched in a body to the house. The A. O. U. W. also attended in a body. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. McColl and the Rev. F. H. Larkins.

The pall-bearers were, G. B. and Albert Merritt, schoolmates of the late Mr. Simpson; Capt. Cornet, J. S. Searby, Wm. L. and Henry Knott.

Among the floral tributes were: A pillow from the family; a wreath from deceased son George; a horseshoe from Capt. Cornet and John Glass; an anchor from "friends"; spray of lilies from Miss Delahanty; roses, carnations and ferns from Captain and Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Knight; sheaf from W. S. Ridd and lilies and by spray lilies from Mr. Killop, and azaleas from Mr. Smith.

**LEAGUE BASEBALL.**

George Black, the enterprising baseball manager, is in the city to-day with a view of looking into the matter of placing an international league baseball team here, and a meeting of citizens interested will be held in the Garfield House tonight to discuss the possibility at which all are invited to be present. In a brief interview with The Planet, Mr. Black said he had great faith in the possibilities of the Maple City to support a first class team, and it is generally understood that he will not be adverse to himself accepting a franchise for this city with the co-operation of the citizens. Mr. Black has already a first class team signed.

**ARCHIBALD FORBES DEAD.**

London, March 30.—Archibald Forbes the well-known war correspondent, died in this city during the night. He had been in bad health for some years, owing to complications arising from rheumatism and paralysis.

The case of Williams, the Toronto hatter, sentenced to be hanged on Good Friday, has been considered by the government, and the sentence will be carried out.

Trooper Ramsey, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, is dead, from inflammation in Cape Town. He hailed from Winnipeg.

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Tell us the size of the room you want papered and choose your paper. We will save you all further trouble. We will send a competent hanger to put the paper on for you and tell you what the whole work will cost.

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Yellow Sugar 4 1/2 lb. 22 lbs. for..... \$1  
Lemons, per doz..... 15c  
Fresh ground Coffee, per lb..... 15c  
Brown Windsor Soap, per lb..... 10c  
1 box containing 3 tablets, Complexion Soap, always sold at 10c, for..... 8c  
And yet some more of that Mixed Candy, for per lb..... 5c  
Salt Water Hairpins, per doz..... 12c  
1 can perfect Baking Powder..... 12c  
3 lb. Bars Soap, price 15c for..... 12c  
2 lb. Bars Soap, price 10c for..... 8c  
6 cans Borden's..... 25c

We have sold a quantity of dishes on our sale days. We will sell to day at the same cut price during the day.

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At a great bargain a small dwelling house and seven lots on Dufferin St.—can be sold for a monthly instalment at a rate of interest 5 per cent or can be rented.

Money on Mortgages at 4 1/2 to 5 per cent.

**Notice to Contractors.**

Bulk and separate tenders will be received up till 7 o'clock p. m., Friday, April 6th, by the undersigned architect, at whose office plans may be obtained, addressed to James Forsyth, Esq., Chatham township. For alterations and additions to residence near Elberta station. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**JAMES L. WILSON & SON,**  
Jas. Forsyth, Esq., Architects,  
Proprietor. 1w Chatham, Ont.

**THAMESVILLE.**

March 30.—A. A. Appleford has issued his last edition of the Herald. It contains his vocabulary, which will be read with much regret by his hosts of friends. Mr. Appleford has purchased the Wallaceburg News and goes there to take charge next week. May he meet with unbounded success in his new home, is the wish of all.

Mrs. Eyah, Sr., is suffering from an attack of grippe.

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20th CENTURY LAUNES, a very fine sheer cloth, dimity effects, dark or light blue grounds, with polka dots and fancy designs. Correct for cool garments, per yard 20c  
DEUNKIRK DIMITIES, in a big variety of fancy stripes, suitable for shirt waists good washing colors, per yard 12 1/2c  
ZEPHYRUS FANCIERS, special for shirt waists, per yard 14c and 15c  
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ANITA CORDED BATISTE, in shades of new blue, and beautiful patterns, special per yard 20c

## Special Mention of White Goods

White Dimities, checked or striped, new, per yard 20c, 25c and 30c  
Fancy P. K. Insertion, for yokes or waists, per yard 28c  
Special values in India Linens, at per yard 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c  
White Measles, in checks and stripes, for waists and dresses, at per yard 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c  
White Batiste, special linen finish, will laundry well, at per yard 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c  
68 in. Swiss Muslin, nothing to compare with it elsewhere, per yard 12 1/2c, 17c, 20c, 25c  
Victoria Lawns, 45 in. wide, best value in the trade, at per yard 12 1/2c, 20c to 50c  
Royal Swiss Muslin, very sheer and dainty, at per yard 12 1/2c  
Open Lace Lawns, special for children's dresses, 30 in. wide, per yard 12 1/2c  
Gingham have an old fashioned name, but they're new fashioned in figures and colors, such a beautiful range of patterns were never shown in the city before, we're selling them at per yard 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c  
Special showing of Irish Lawns and dimities, in polka dots and small patterns, for children's dresses, you should see them, per yard 20c and 25c

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extra heavy weight, nice shade navy blue, well made, collar on vest, of range of sizes 34 to 44, special.

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made from honest wearing tweeds, nobby patterns, neat checks and plaids, nice shades brown and green effects, a size run from 36 to 44

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in black and blue, well-made in single and double breasted styles, wearers at \$35.00.

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made from imported handsomely colored, neat checks and overplaids, some are lined with satin with satin facings, and others with the reliable Italian, price run \$15, \$13.50 and \$12.50.

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all our black goods are imported and made up to our own ideas, linings selected by ourselves and made by the best expert tailors, all styles, shirts, four buttons S. B. sack and D. B. sack coats, the right things are clay and venetian worsteds, the best made and fitting garments in the trade, sizes 34 to 44, \$12.50.

**BOYS' TWEED AND SERGE SUITS**  
made from nice shade navy blue serge and neat pin head check tweeds, nicely made and pleated, for ages 5 to 13 yrs., special \$1.98.

**BOYS' HONEST WEARING TWEED SUITS**  
in all wool tweed Halifax, plain lawn, neat checks, nobby tweeds, nicely made, neat and dressy, for ages 5 to 13 yrs., prices run \$3.50, \$3 and \$2.50.

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in plain navy blue serge and neat brown cloth tweeds and plain Halifax, wearers, sizes 28 to 33, prices run \$4, \$3.75, \$3.50.

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made from all-wool serge and nice colorings and neat pattern tweeds, A 1 fitters and excellent make, prices run from \$4.50 to \$5.00, sizes 28 to 33.

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