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THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The Board of Trade have done well by organizing early in the year and getting to work. The past has shown how valuable an asset to Chatham is an active Board of Trade and the future should have more accomplishments in store.

A strong and zealous Board of Trade will do much for Chatham.

MR. MALCOLMSON THE MAN.

As there are now three vacancies in the Canadian Senate, the way is opened for the Dominion Government to give this important and long-neglected district representation in the Red Chamber, and at the same time record deserved recognition to one who has for years done yeoman service for the Liberal party in Kent County and, moreover, enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community regardless of political persuasions.

A senatorship for Mr. Hugh Malcolmson would be a well-earned honor to a man who has devoted his energies wholeheartedly to the welfare of the cause he has, for a lifetime, espoused and an exceedingly popular appointment with the people of this district. They feel, quite rightly, that this splendid section of the premier province should have a representative in the Senate, and they are agreed that the Liberal who is best fitted and most deserving is Mr. Malcolmson, a gentleman whose energies, abilities and strict integrity would make him a most valued acquisition in the upper house.

On the broad ground of public policy the appointment should go to someone who can represent the tier of counties on Lake Erie, as there is not at present a Senator from the Detroit River to the Niagara. Upon the basis of fitness, party fealty, and knowledge of the legislation and history of his country, the honor should go to Mr. Hugh Malcolmson.

A GENIUS GAME.

To the many Chathamites who were intimate friends of the late George K. Rankin, the following brief obituary, from the New Denver (B. C.) Ledger, will be read with interest. It is very true:—

"George Rankin died at Sault Ste. Marie the other day. He was a brother of McKee Rankin, and had written several plays and books. George was an intellectual giant, but lacked the mental activity to push himself very far up the pinnacle of fame. The writer remembers him as one of the most genial Bohemians, and capable of keeping any company in good humor. When aroused by the prodding of enemies the fire of genius burned brightly in his upper store, but soon went out when the stimulus passed. Through George's inactivity we lost a million, but somehow we regret that he has gone to push clouds with the angels."

If our contemporary only had some circulation what a fine lot of free advertising this great home journal would be getting these days.

It's dollars to doughnuts that the editor of the Toronto Star has got hold of a marked copy of the Banner-News, et al, perhaps mailed by some interested big oil corporation looking for investors. The Star says:—

So far up in Raleigh township the discovery of oil, gas, gold and coal has been reported. Let them not stop there. They should discover iron, copper and diamonds before they have done. However, if they discover plenty of investors the rest matters little.

Says the Merit Mirror, concerning the recent reported oil and gold strike in Raleigh:—

The clipping apparently originated in Blenheim and last week found its way into the columns of the Globe. The oil men around here laugh at it and read it over in much the same manner as they do some of the incredible published in the Banner-News concerning the oil field. We, however, hope this report may be true.

Kind o' looks as though the public

were getting pretty thoroughly "next" to the Banner's intrigue with the big oil corporations to boom dry holes as gushers and manufacture imaginary strikes, eh?

The Orillia News-Letter of Wednesday reproduces The Planet's suggestion to form a 20,000 club in Chatham and makes it the text of an editorial advocating the formation of a 10,000 club in Orillia. The Orillia paper evidently knows a good thing when it sees it. Now, how about Chatham?

GOES WITHOUT SAYING.

Punch Bowl.
 A girl isn't an angel because she is always harping on something.

IN LEADING STRINGS.

Pittsburg Dispatch.
 Why don't society editors ever come right out and say that it was the bridegroom who was "led to the altar"?

IS GOOD, ANYWAY.

Toronto World.
 A boy of thirteen shot himself at Chatham the other day. At Bowmanville a boy shot a companion with a double-barrelled gun. The Chatham jury recommended that fire-arms be kept out of reach of children. If common-sense will not teach people that, we are a little afraid that they will not pay heed to the coroner's jury. But this is a good verdict.

RALEIGH OIL FIELDS.

St. Thomas Times.
 A short time ago the Toronto Telegram sent a special reporter to write up the Raleigh oil fields, and he sent out a rather discouraging account of the situation, saying there was only one real productive well in the locality, that being the Gurd well. The Chatham Planet gave a somewhat similar report, while its contemporary, the News, took an opposite view and gave The Planet a somewhat strenuous "calling down" for saying what it did. Following up the subject the Globe of Tuesday prints a special write-up in which it is stated that the history of Bothwell and Petrolea is being repeated. Some of "striking" it and some are boring to no purpose, but the Globe correspondent believes there is oil there, and that notwithstanding the number of "dry holes" there will be a permanent flow from some of the wells now producing.

SUNDAY IN ICELAND.

Church Service and the Salutations Between the Natives.

Sunday in Iceland is full of interest to strangers. In the early morning the country folk commence to assemble, and in the distance they may be seen approaching the church in all directions. What the Sabbath day is to these people few can realize. Some of them never see a face besides those of the members of the family from one church day to another. What wonder that they begin to assemble half two hours before the church time!

A peculiar form of salutation prevails outside of the cities, and the visitor is not a little astonished when he sees the men dismount, embrace and kiss each other, but this is the usual form of salutation among men in the inland districts. When the hour of service arrives, the preacher, who usually wears a silk hat, a loose, flowing gown, buttoned from chin to hem, and a great Elizabethan ruff round his neck, enters the church.

In the pulpit the pastor is attired in a long white robe, which falls over the black one, and down his back hangs a large surplice of bright velvet, upon which a golden cross is wrought. On the altar two great candles about a yard long and three inches thick shed a dim light. These are the special charge of an official who gives out the hymns and between times snuffs the candles with an old time pair of snuffers.

After church the worshippers disperse, and many of them come so far that they do not reach their homes until away into the night.

The Disappearing Esquimaux.

Lieut. Peary has brought home news of a mysterious epidemic which is raging among the Esquimaux. Indeed, so terrible were the ravages of the disease, that many of the Esquimaux at Smith Sound begged him to take them south. Twelve years ago the Esquimaux numbered 300. In 1897 Peary found that their number had been reduced to 234. It is now probable that these most northern inhabitants of the globe do not exceed 200 in number. This is but one instance of a great number that may be cited. All through the Arctic region the inhabitants are fast disappearing. The Alaskan Esquimaux have been decimated. When explorers first went among them, their number was believed to be from 2,000 to 3,000. Now it is thought that hardly more than 500 people can be counted from Point Barrow to the Aleutian Islands. The lot of these unfortunate natives has been made harder to bear by reason of the destruction of sea life by the whalers who harried the Alaskan coast. The extermination of the sea walrus and polar bear have likewise done their share to embitter the sup of the northern races. In southwest Greenland a similar condition of affairs exists. The ten thousand natives are barely holding their own, although largely aided by the Danes. Labrador natives are likewise decreasing. Twenty years ago they numbered 30,000; now they number barely 15,000 souls. Two decades ago the entire population of the North was estimated at 30,000. It is probable to-day that the number has been almost cut in two.

The best way of recognizing a benefit is never to forget it.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Beating the Band.
 A band of gold.
 A plighted troth—
 Now time has rolled;
 He's in the broth.

A Legal Fee.
 A jury and
 A court decree
 To beat the band.

A Study In Contrasts.
 "Don't you know that your office boy is a very aggressive and overbearing person?"
 "Yes," said the business man. "It's not a bad idea. No matter how hurried or annoyed I may be, I impress a caller as good natured compared to the office boy."

Literary Note.
 Here is a suggestive note from a literary exchange:
 Pencil and shears
 For each ill writing sinner;
 Authors at prayers
 And in sight of a dinner.

A New Gun.
 There was once a gay young gun,
 Who was captured and placed in a zoo;
 An old gun was there,
 Who came from his lair,
 To hear all the news that the new gun knew.

Fellow Feeling.
 "You're an astronomer, aren't you?"
 "Yes."
 "Shake! I'm a theatrical manager. I wonder if you have as hard a time finding new stars as I have."

His Late Hour.
 "You never stay out after 10 o'clock, do you?"
 "I did once," answered Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta forgot and locked the door."

Still Another.
 Little drops of water,
 Little grains of malt,
 Make the mighty fortune
 In the brewer's vault.

As Indicated.
 First Citizen—Is the policeman in your neighborhood square?
 Second Citizen—I guess he is; at least he's never round when wanted.

A Violinistic Remark.
 "Since Della came back from the seashore she has two bows to her string."
 "The seashore is a great place for scraping acquaintance, isn't it?"

Popular Fiction.
 A dab or two of history,
 A fragile thread of plot;
 Great gods of talk and love and gore;
 The rest, it matters not.

Unlike the Machine.
 "Do you think the flying machine will ever be practical?"
 "It's hard to say. The idea has been in the air a long time."

A Good Husband.
 "I think that the only way to make a good husband a man should practice self denial."
 "Yes, but not preach it."

Ye Lamb.
 In years you may know Wall Street
 From "A" to "Z" clear through,
 But one brief day will take you
 As far as I O U.

A Different Matter.
 Boggle—I hear that Miss Goffly's uncle was a criminal.
 Goggle—Nothing of the kind. He wrecked a bank.

At Least That.
 People who adopt the motto, "Love me, love my dog," should see to it that their dogs are of the most lovable type.

We All Remember.
 Though memory often spurns our debts
 Of hate, it never forgets
 Some kindly debts, for who forgets
 His kindness to others?

A Warm Proposition.
 "Cawn't I have a lock of your dear Auburn hair to wear about my heart?"
 "No; it might give you heartburn."

Truthful Sarcasm.
 Sister—What is the best way to retain a man's love?
 Brother—Don't return it.

An Autumn Relief.
 When autumn comes and cools us off,
 We'll smile and say, "Hurrah!"
 Since men and horses both may don
 Those comic hats of straw.

Promptly Accepted.
 He—You are not the girl to give your self away, are you?
 She—No; but you might ask father.

The Main Point.
 "She hasn't much of a figure, has she?"
 "No; but her father has."

Some Men.
 Some men are like drums
 That are banged by the boys.
 The big headed ones
 That produce the most noise.

Five a Week.
 "How many servants do you keep?"
 "Oh, about four or five a week."
 Town Topics.

Evened Up.
 That beauty's just skin deep we know.
 But then we guess
 That rule will work both ways, for so
 Is ugliness.
 —Philadelphia Press

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Bend Or Drop—Dead.
 Bend Or, the famous race horse, and winner of the Derby of 1880, dropped dead on the morning of the 10th of January, 1903.

Bend Or was not only a great race horse, but was also one of England's most famous sires. His progeny included the celebrated Ormonde, who won the English Derby in 1886, and was afterwards sold to the Duke of Westminster for 17,000 guineas. Ormonde was the sire of Orme, who in turn produced Flying Fox, the winner of the Derby in 1899. Flying Fox, after capturing the Derby, the Two Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger in one season, was bought by M. Blanc, the noted French turfman, for 37,500 guineas. Bend Or, foaled in 1877, was by Doncaster, the winner of the Derby in 1873. When Bend Or took the Derby in 1880 he was ridden by the great Fred Archer, who also rode Ormonde to victory in the same event six years later.

"Little Drops of Water," Etc.
 A tribute is proposed to Mrs. Julia A. Carney, who wrote "Little drops of water, little grains of sand." Mrs. Carney will be eighty years old in April, and it is proposed to give all school children the opportunity of contributing a penny each toward a memorial to be given her on her birthday. Mrs. Carney wrote the song fifty years ago. It has been translated into almost every language. She also wrote a number of children's poems almost as well known as "Little drops of water."

IF BABY COULD TALK

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Just a Matter of Taste.



Mr. B. Constant—Don't you know consistency is a jewel?
 Miss B. Wilder—Of course, but jewelry is going out of fashion.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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This has been by far the busiest January month in the history of this Busy Store. Saturday, the last day of the month, we intend that our sales shall surpass all previous records, and they will if reliable goods at fraction of their regular value counts for anything. Here's a partial list of the goods and prices that will bring hundreds of thrifty, economical cash buyers to the BUSY CASH STORE SATURDAY.

PRINTS at 5c. yd.—50 pieces prints, large range of light and dark colorings, choice patterns, guaranteed fast colors, special at 10c. 5c
12½c. PRINTS at 10c.—1000 yards choice new prints, fine quality, wide width, beautiful new designs and colorings, fast dyes, worth 12½c. yard, special at 10c. 10c
42 inch PILLOW COTTON at 10c.—Fine pure bleached pillow cotton, even thread, soft finish, full 42 inches wide, special per yard 10c
CIRCULAR PILLOW COTTON at 12½c. yard—superior quality pure, soft, bleached finish, 40 inches wide, regular 15c. yard, Saturday 12½c. 12½c
25c. SKIRTINGS at 12½c. yard—2 pieces fancy metallic skirtings, fine quality, 36 inches wide, regular 25c. yard, clearing at 12½c. 12½c
HEAVY GREY FLANNELS at 12½c. YARD—3 pieces heavy Grey Flannel, full width, plain and twill weaves, Light and Dark Greys, reg. 15c. to 17c. yard, Saturday 12½c. 12½c
LONSDALE CAMBRIC at 10c. YARD—2 special lines in fine Lonsdale Cambric, fine soft finish, pure bleach, full 36 in. wide, worth 12½c. and 15c. yd. clearing at 12½c. and 10c. 10c
APRONS, DUCKS AND GINGHAMS, extra quality, 36 in. and 4 in. wide, plain or with fancy borders, warranted fast colors, worth regular 15c. yard, special at 12½c. 12½c
10c. LINEN CRASH TOWELLING at 7c. YARD—400 yds. fine Irish Crash Towelling, superior quality, 16 in. wide, a special 10c. quality, Saturday only 7c. 7c
BLEACHED SHEETING 20c. YARD—full 2 yds. wide, fine even thread, pure bleached finish, the best 25c. sheeting in the city, Saturday price 20c. 20c
BOYS' SWEATERS 30c.—Fine pure wool, elastic knit, roll collar, double cuffs, sizes 20, 22 and 24, worth 75c., special at 30c. 30c
BOYS' SWEATERS, large sizes, fine pure wool, elastic knit, double cuffs, roll collar, special at 30c. 30c
MEN'S UNDERWEAR—6 dozen Men's Fine Pure Wool Scotch knit Shirts and Drawers, also fine heavy plush fleece lined shirts and drawers, regular 75c. to 85c. each, clearing Saturday at 58c. 58c
8c. to 10c. SHAKER FLANNELS at 6c. yard—25 pieces fine heavy stripe shaker flannels, extra wide width, soft fleecy finish, choice range light and dark colors, warranted fast dyes, worth regular up to 10c. yard, Saturday price 6c. 6c
FRENCH FLANNELS at 39c. yard—Your pick of all our finest pure wool French flannels, choice patterns for waists, etc., fast colors, worth 50c. to 60c. yard, clearing at 39c. 39c
SPECIAL IN BLACK CHEVIOTS—3 pieces superior quality, pure wool Cheviots, best French dyes and finish, medium and heavy weights, 52 inches wide, regular 85c., 1.00 and 1.25 a yard, clearing at 75c., 85c. and 1.00 1.00
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