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For Spring and Summer, 1904.

Our Black Dress Goods this season are by far the richest that ever entered here. They were imported direct from France, Germany and Britain, and represent every new weave for this season's wear in Gownings and Suitings.

A Few Hints.

54 inch black Venetian, Ripley finished, guaranteed not to crackle or spot, splendid for suits, extra value at per yard.	Black French Voiles, special dyed and finish, for new gownings at per yard 65c, 85c, 90c and	\$1.25
56 inch Black Broadcloth, special finish, splendid for suits, etc, special value at per yard.	Black Fancy Voiles in gown lengths, the richest of their kind we have ever shown, at per yard	\$2.50
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DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

Mar. 17.—R. Aikin has returned from a business trip to Toronto. Dr. Northrup, of Port Huron, brother-in-law of Mrs. E. Miller, died at his home in Port Huron, on Tuesday morning.

Miss Martin, of Sarnia, has accepted a position as trimmer with Miss A. Whitehead.

Dr. W. W. Wiley is in Hamilton this week, attending grand lodge meeting.

Mrs. Robert Cole is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

The Ladies of the Baptist church will hold a handkerchief sale at A. I. McCall's drug store on Saturday, March 26th.

Mrs. C. Gaister entertained a number of friends last evening.

A. V. Penfold, of Chatham, was a local visitor last night.

Earl Manchester is back at work after a bad attack of la grippe.

Mrs. (Dr.) W. W. Thornton, left this morning for Toronto, where she will visit with friends.

THE CAUSE OF PILES

Is invariably constipation, which is quickly remedied by Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. Sure relief and no gripping pains. For a remedy that never fails use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

TILBURY

March 17.—Henry Powell, of Essex, was renewing acquaintances here yesterday.

Mr. Lees has severed his connection with the Big Store, where he has managed the grocery department the past eighteen months, and expects to leave with his family next week for Hamilton, where he has purchased a grocery business. His many friends here wish him every success.

W. A. Hutton left on Tuesday night to attend a convention of the Workmen's Lodge in Toronto, as a delegate from the local lodge.

Mrs. F. M. Scarff and Miss Bell Wilson are in Detroit this evening to see Ben Hur at the Detroit Opera House.

George Chalmers has purchased the implement shop of H. Johnston for \$2,000.

A skin that burns with eczema is not only unsightly, but a weariness of the flesh, in such cases faithfully use Weaver's Syrup internally and Weaver's Cerate externally. They always cure.

BLenheim

March 17.—The lovers of baseball met in W. E. Hall's office on Tuesday evening. It was decided to have a baseball team here this year. The meeting first elected Rev. G. B. Brown chairman. The officers were elected as follows: President, Mayor Henry; vice-president, J. W. Shillington; secretary-treasurer, J. C. McNutt; captain, R. Bannan. The above officers are the executive committee. Membership fee, \$1.00. It is hoped that the townspeople will take an interest in the team and help push it along.

Rev. W. H. G. Colles, L. P. S. for East Kent, was here on official duty this week.

The weekly shoot of the Blenheim Gun Club was held Tuesday afternoon. There was not quite as large an attendance as usual. Following are the scores: T. Taylor 17, M. Samson 12, Theo. Pickering 14, B. Hardy 20, Vester 7, C. Clark 9, J. Cox 8, W. Hartford 8, S. Hartford 14, Sam Burk 19, Hiram Burk 7, Doy 15, L. Hardy 14, J. Snider 8, F. Pilon 11.

G. M. Baird, member of the executive committee of the E. T. of A. is in Hamilton this week.

The members of L. O. O. F. Encampment held their bi-weekly meeting last Tuesday evening, one of the

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corner King and First Streets
over Mr. McCall's Drug Store
TELEPHONE OFFICE 124.
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The Letter-Box

To the Editor Chatham Planet:

Some few days ago there appeared in one or both of the Chatham papers the copy of a letter received from Mayor Drake, of Windsor, giving his opinion of asphalt block as a paving material. I have not seen said letter, but am informed it was very favorable to asphalt block. Now, I am informed and know that parties who are working for other pavements are circulating the report that Mayor Drake is a stockholder in our company; it has also been stated that several gentlemen who have spoken favorably of our pavement, residents of Chatham, are also stockholders.

Now, Mr. Editor, I wish to publicly deny that such is the case. The only stockholders in the Ontario Asphalt Company are as follows:
John Davis, Windsor.
C. W. Cadwell, Windsor.
O. E. Fleming, Windsor.
Andrew Anderson, Windsor.
J. D. Frost, Detroit.
J. A. Somerville, London.
R. Bingham, Windsor.

Should the ratepayers of Chatham hear any more reports of parties here or anyone else other than those above mentioned being stockholders, they can rest assured that it is only done for the purpose of injuring and trying to keep out the best pavement known.

R. BINGHAM,
Manager Ontario Asphalt Block Co.

CHILDREN'S AID

The Children's Aid Advisory Board regular monthly meeting was held Monday afternoon in the County Clerk's office. There were present Messdames Stephenson, Taylor, Smith, Young, Fraser, Sheldon and Oldershaw, and Messrs. Patterson, Macaulay, Gossnell and Dr. R. V. Bray.

The executive officer reported: Visits nine, letters written 16, cases reported two, embracing four children; cases investigated one, embracing three children; interviews, 11; children placed in homes, two. The report was adopted. Accounts amounting to \$18.70 were ordered paid. Mr. Patterson reported that the boy with club feet, sent to the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, was improving after the operation.

The executive officer reported that Mrs. H. D. Smith, Mrs. M. H. Houston and Mrs. J. B. Oldershaw had accepted positions on the Board, also that the City and County Council representatives on the Board were re-elected.

The following ladies volunteered to assist the School Sisters Association in their Sunday school canvas of the town: Messdames Smith, Stephenson, Taylor, Young and Oldershaw. A committee consisting of Messrs. Patterson, Macaulay, R. V. Bray, Miss Abram and Mr. Elmer St. James, was appointed to the City Council and urge upon them the necessity of having the Truancy Act enforced and report at next meeting of Board.

The matter of an entertainment in aid of the Society's funds was left to the President and Executive officer.

The cheapest lots in the city to-day for sale, actual value considered, are those still left in the Athletic Ground survey. They are the most convenient to churches, market, stations, and are by long odds the best value in the city. One still left on last year's portion of William St. pavement and five on the new portion, with a number still left on Queen and College Sts. Terms easy. For particulars apply to D. McLachlan, William St.

FRED'S JOKE

Capt. Fred. Stevens (not the grain merchant) is one of Chatham's most enthusiastic Conservatives and is also somewhat of a joker in his way. He met a Planet reporter this morning and the following conversation took place:

"Why will George Stephens have to stay indoors the night of the election?" asked Mr. Stevens.

"Well, there may be several reasons," ventured the scribe.

"The first one is," said the gunster, "on account of the in-clement-cy of the weather"—with a smile that lasts forever.

"Here is another," continued Fred. "Why is the Ross majority like a five cent coin?"

"The real one is," said the gunster, "because it was bought with good money but goes up in smoke when it reaches the bar room"—another broad smile.

"Maybe you can guess this one," concluded the intelligent "Capt."

"Why is the Ross temperance policy like an empty pocket book?" Gave that up, too? It is because there is no "sense" in it!—and Mr. Stevens walked off with the same smile, never dreaming that his name was going in the paper.

The present is a good time for borrowers who wish to change their loans, or make new ones, either on farm or city property and we would recommend persons requiring anything of this nature to call on W. E. Bingham, 115 King street, who has made arrangements with three different loan companies and can grant most favorable conditions and terms to borrowers.

ANOTHER AT BALFOUR

London, March 16.—In the House of Commons to-night Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, gave notice that he would move the following vote of censure:

"That this House disapproves the conduct of his Majesty's Government in advising the Crown not to disallow the ordinance for the introduction of Chinese labor in the Transvaal."

Sir Henry may to-morrow ask that a day be set for debate on his motion.

WARNED BY RUSSIAN GEN.

Corea Warned that She will be Treated as a Belligerent

Port Arthur Fortress Unsafe as a Result of the Last Japanese Bombardment.

Seoul, March 16.—The Korean superintendent of trade at Kyong-Hung, on the Tumen River, has received a note from the general in command at Vladivostok, saying that since Corea has joined Japan, Russia considers Corea as belligerent and will act accordingly.

PORT ARTHUR FORTRESS UNSAFE.

Yin-Kow, March 16.—The last bombardment of Port Arthur rendered every part of the fortress at Port Arthur unsafe. Residents assert that fragments of Japanese shells fell everywhere, and some railway coaches and buildings were destroyed, though most of the damage is in the suburbs. Foreigners choosing to remain in the interior must now sign an agreement restricting their movements and stipulating that a special pass is necessary when leaving their bounds.

RUSSIANS AMAZED.

St. Petersburg, March 16, 1.50 p.m.—The reports of the abandonment of Port Arthur continue to arouse the bitterest resentment, the papers denouncing the story as a stock-jobbing scheme. One paper remarks—"Let other countries be fed on such tales, but while Russian blood is flowing, the authorities should not allow the people to be disturbed by such falsehoods. The official telegrams are believed and trusted by every one."

WILL SCARE CHINESE ROBBERS.

The Government is building armored trains for use on the Manchurian railroad, after the model of those used by the British in South Africa. They will not be employed so much on account of fear that the Japanese may cut the road as for their moral effect on the Chinese robber bands, who may become emboldened by the war. It is believed that when the bandits see the iron monsters they will not come near the railroad.

WHO BROUGHT ON THE WAR.

The Russ prints a long leading article controverting a series of articles in the Novoe Vremya claiming that the war was brought on by the machinations of the Jews in revenge for the Kishineff occurrences, declaring that the Novoe Vremya's contention is absurd, and scoring the latter for sowing race hatred at such a critical time.

KOMANOFF SCORES THE JAPS.

M. Komanoff, the leader of the Pan-Slavists, in the Svet replies to the statements recently made by M. Kurino, the former Japanese Minister at St. Petersburg, declaring that Japan is solely to blame for the war, "the political savages of Japan having ensnared their country in this wild adventure."

MAKE THE NORTHERN PASSAGE.

The Novosti prints an article by an expert to prove the feasibility of the Baltic fleet making the northern passage, by way of the Behring Straits, to join the Pacific Squadron in the spring.

SHOT AS A SPY.

Captain Ivkov, of the Manchurian commissariat service, has been summarily court martialled and shot for acting as a spy in the pay of the Japanese. When arrested on suspicion of espionage documents found in Ivkov's possession left no doubt of the truth of the charge that he had long been revealing military secrets to the Japanese. The tragic story became public through a simple announcement in the army organ this morning that Ivkov had been excluded from the service.

THE HOLY HERMIT'S PROPHECY.

The newspapers here are reproducing a curious prophecy attributed to St. Seraphim, the Holy Hermit of Saroff, in which he predicted his canonization by the Emperor last year, and also the present war. The oracular utterances follow: "Marvel not that the leaders failed to reach the mill where will come a greater wonder when a multitude, like ears in the cornfield, will march with banners to Saroff. Shortly thereafter will come a burdensome war for Russia. The Emperor will go to battle, I with him, and we shall rend the cloak from off England's shoulders."

ALEXIEFF'S APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE.

A copy of the Novi Kral, of Port Arthur, which has just arrived here, contains the Viceroy's appeal to the civilians of Port Arthur to volunteer and promising to equip them at the Government's expense. It also contains the warning issued by General Stoessel notifying the officers to refrain from the discussion of military affairs with which they are unacquainted, as irresponsible gossip was likely to lead to the dissemination of false reports, and threatening soldiers and civilians found intoxicated with imprisonment in the fortress. A similar warning was addressed to the dockyard employees.

THE CZAR TO THE GERMAN ATTACHES.

The Emperor this morning, receiving the German attaches, Lanenstein and Tettau, who are to leave for the front March 18, said, among other things:—"Gentlemen, all Europe now realizes that Russia tried to avoid war, and to obtain a peaceful settlement. Many of the powers strove also to attain this end. But Japan forced the war, infringing all international law. Gentlemen, you will be able in the far East to see how Russia observes humane and correct conduct

Men's Suits FOR Spring.

We have designed our patterns for this Spring with exceeding care. One of the distinctive features of our suits will be the long, narrow lapel and close fitting collar; another will be the stylish cut and hang of the trousers.

Our clothes have a dash and style, a smart, high class effect, not always attained by the custom tailor, that separates them from other ready-made goods.

The cloths are the choicest productions of both English and Canadian Mills, and there is a splendid range of patterns to select from. The prices run from

\$5.00 to \$18.00.

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Splendid Assortment at Grey's China Hall.

Milk and Cream Jugs, 10c. to 50c.
Plates, all sizes and kinds, per dozen 50c. to \$2.00.
Cups and Saucers, large variety, per dozen 75c. to \$3.00.
Glass Tumblers and Goblets, per dozen 40c. to \$3.00.
Glass Table Sets, new design, per set, 35c.
Glass Berry Sets, " " 50c.
All sizes Lamp Chimneys and Burners.
Best assorted stock of Fancy China in the West at popular prices.

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Spring Suits.

The Spring patterns this year in imported English and Scotch Tweeds and Worsted are the prettiest and Nobbiest that have been shown for many years.

Our stock is complete. Fit Guaranteed. Prices Right. We invite you to call and inspect. No trouble to show goods.

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for hard colds, chronic coughs, consumption, old cases, severe cases. Ask your doctor if he has better advice.

during the war." The Grand Duke Cyril, who arrived at Port Arthur yesterday, will serve as first officer of the battleship Petropavlovsk.

Let not future things disturb thee, for thou wilt come to them if it shall be necessary, having with thee the same reason which now thou ushest for present things.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

World's Fair, St. Louis, April 30 to Dec. 1, 1904

Settlers' One-Way Excursions, 1904.

To Manitoba and Canadian Northwest, will leave Toronto every Tuesday during March and April if sufficient business offers.

Passengers travelling without Live Stock should take the train leaving Toronto at 1.45 p.m.

Passengers travelling with Live Stock should take the train leaving Toronto at 9 p.m.

Colonist Sleeper will be attached to each train.

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A. H. NOTMAN, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Toronto, W. H. HARPER, City Pass. Agt.

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Chilblains, Sore Throat, Earache, &c. 25c. a bottle

RADLEY'S DRUG STORE

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OF Household Furniture and Property

Andrew Thomson, Jr., Auctioneer, has received instructions from Arthur Green, Esq., LANSOWNE AVE., to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1904, all his household furniture.

The furniture is all new and the best, and should command attention. Remember day and date.

Thursday, March 24th, at one o'clock

ARTHUR GREEN, Esq., Prop. A. THOMSON, Jr., Auctioneer

Meals at All Hours!

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EVERY DAY AT

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Garner Block, also Corner

Queen and Richmond Sts.