MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY

Sale of Handkerchiefs

To-night

50 dozen Ladies' fine Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, on sal

(Note-Not more than 10 to one customer

6 dezen Ladies' Hemstitched fine Hdkfs with fancy mourn

3c each.

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1c each.

Sale of Ladies' Linen Cuffs

To-night

16 doson pairs Ladies' white pure Linen Ouffe, on sale te-night

5c a pair

Sale of Carpet Sweepers

To-night

We are sele agents in Chatham for Bissels "Gold Medal Sweepers, the best in the world, on sale to night for

\$3.00

Sale of French Flannels

To-night

3 pieces dark fancy printed French Flanneit, all-wool, very

23c a yard.

the regular price was 50c a yard-

10 dezen Ladies' Lawn Handkerchiefs, Hemst

3c each.

...To All

TE complete to night the largest Christmas sales on our records for the past forty seven years. We will be open to-night until eleven o'clock and it will be your last opportunity to buy that present you have left over or forgotten. Our store is bristling with suitable, useful and most acceptable gifts for gentlemen, ladies or children. To close the week's selling we offer for to night only, 7 O'Clock to 11 O'Clock, some very special bargains as under. The quantities of some lines are very limited and it will be the first shoppers that secure first choice.

Sale of Linen Pieces

To-night # 7 dozen square fringed Lines D'oylies, with neat red borders

8 only Linea Lunch Cloths, 34 inches square, with colored

25c each.

25 enly Bleached Linen Damask Tray Cloths, fringed, 18 x 24 in., on sale to-night for 9c each.

Sale of Men's Bow Ties To-night

26 only, Men's Bow Ties, in light and dark colors, on sale night for

Sale of Babies' Bootees To-night

dozen fine Weel Pancy Knitted Boetees, in colors, white, ardinal, sky and pink, worth 25c a pair, on sale to-night for 13c a pair.

Sale of Ladies' Kid Gloves To-night

A complete stock of fadies' fine Kid Gloves, in all shades, also black and white, on sale to night at our sale prices

\$1.00 Kid Gloves for 89c \$1 25 Kld Gloves for \$1 15

Sale of Ladies' Muffs

To-night 13 only, Ladies' Black Fur Muffs, in short and long fur, good value, well made, always useful, regular value \$1.00, on sale to-night for

NEW YEAR His Position a Commanding One--Boers May Have to Attack Him.

lay of Gen. Methuen in advancing, he is regarded as largely the master of the situation, and his entrenched position is believed to be unassailable. In the event of the Boers attacking Kimberley, General Methuen would be enabled to make a counter move with his artillery and cavalry. Consequenty ly, such a movement on the part of the Boers, it is said, is not contemplated. It is apparent, therefore, that to "make haste slowly," is the truest policy at present. In accordance with Gen. Methuen's dictum the army should not advance faster than the

should not advance faster than the slowest ox wagon.

A despatch from Cape Town, dated Sunday, Dec. 17, says that General Methuen's primary object in crossing the Modder River appears to have been to establish searchlight communication with Kimberley, which is believed to be still on full rations. The water in the mines is plentiful. On the other hand, in spite of their usual tactics, it is considered possible that the Boers have been compelled to assume the offensive, the commanders having arranged for the deposition. ders having arranged for the deposi-tion of the forces and anticipating dif-ficulty in maintaining food supplies in

Nominations Around

About Us.

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TIES.

FOR MAYORS OF CITIES.

Guelph-R E Nelson, acc.
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Sarnia-F T Watson, acc.
St. Thomas-P Meehan, P A Bran-

ton, John Campbell.

Petrolea—James W McCulcheon, acc.
Windsor—John Davis, Dr J A Smith.
Sandwich—Ernest Guarnot, M Guin-

Walkerville-Council all elected by

For Reeve-John Grant and Wm.

For Councillor—Joseph Lewis, C. W. Wright, V. Cartier, Jno. H. Clements, T. O'Neill, R. Trudell, Jno. M. Terry.
The resignation of V. Cartier was

TILBURY EAST.

TILBURY NORTH Reeve—T Ouillette (by acclamation.)
Councillore—E Desmarais, T Chauvin,
P Oriet, J Mailloux (all by acclama-

Reeve-Jas. Ross, acclamation.

London-Ald Douglas, Con; Rumball, Lib; F J Darch, labor.

lam, E A Macdonald.
Brantford—H Cockshutt, acc

London, Dec. 23.—In spite of the de-is said to be a growing desire among the Free Staters to return home, which is testified to on many sides, and may tend to precipitate an action.

A combined attack of Buller from the south and White from the North on the Boer nosition is a probability. Lord Kitchener will join Lord Rol erts at Gibraltar.

Winston Churchill assured Gen.
Joubert he was a non-combatant.
Joubert ordered Churchill's release, but he had escaped 10 hours before the order arrived. He is now in Portugese territory.

The Imperial authorities will grant commissions in the regular army to all graduates of Kingston Military Colleeg whom the government recom

There is no confirmation of the reseveral weeks, and it may be a Boer yarn to prevent relief.

The war office officials will work during the Christmas holidays. An order has been issued warning all British subjects against traffick-ing with the enemy.

HARWICH.

TILBURY.

ardson, W. C. Crawford.
For Public School Trustees-J. Seri

CAMDEN.

ed by acclamation as follows: Reeve-H. J. French. Councillors-J. W. 1

The council of Camden was also elect

Councillors-J. W. Badder, J. W. Stewart, James B. Crafts, George W.

WALLACEBURG.

C. Shaw; St. Andrew's, L. H. Side and Dr. Mitchell; St. James', C. B. Jackson

DRESDEN.

BLENHEIM. Yesterday's town nominations, be-

and C. Chubb.

J. N. McCoig. J. N. McCoig. Councillors—Jas. Harper, H. Cummings, G. W. Wickenst Ab Blackburn, Wm. Abraham, A. D. Thornton, Josh Armstrong, R. A. Tompkins and Ed. Overstreet. R. A. Thompkins, for reeve, and A. D. Thornton, for councillor, withdrew.

Park St. Methodist pulpit will be occupied on both occasions to-morrow by Rev. Dr. Hannon.

fore Returning Officer J. W. Gibson,

sulted as follows:-Mayor-Peter Haggart, acclamation

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

Reeve-J. L. Holwell, by A. McFadden and W. Daley. William George, by W. Bond and I Armstrong.
R. A. Thompkins, by B. Gallagher and W. Ball.

J. L. Stephens, by W. Holmes and

Rev. R. McCosh, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to morrow.

Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ church meets every Monday night at 7.45. Divine service is held in Christ church every Wednesday evening at

half-past seven. Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow. Sunday school and Mr. Rankin's Bible class at 3 in the afternoon. The morning subject, "The Birth of Christ." Evening, "Dwight L. Moody, the Great Christian Worker." On Monday, Christmas day, there will be a celebration of the holy communion at 10:30. Strangers are cordi-ally invited to all the services in Christ

The Christmas services will be held in Christ church to-morrow. The church has been beautifully decorated by the members of the Young People's Society. The music will be bright and appropriate.

The pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist church will be occupied to morrow by the pastor, Rev. H. W. Locke. In the morning he will preach a Christmas sermon, and in the evening a memorial sermon to the late Miss Ida Tickner.

For Reeve—John Vester, E B Tole,
M J Wilson, Dr J McCully.
For Councillor—Peter Morrison, John
Vester, Neil Watson, Chas Buchanan,
Jas McCormick, Richard Young,
Colip K Campbell, E B Tole, Jas Tate
Byron Behtley. Mr. Thomas Cornish, one of Chut Mr. Thomas Cornish, one of Chatham's clever young men, a student of McMaster University, will preach in the William St. Baptist church tomorrow morning. His subject will be "The Disapproved Christian." The pastor will preach in the evening and will take as his subject, "The Lord's Second Coming—Personal and Literal." Seats free! All welcome! For Reeve—J. Stewart.;
For Councillors—W. Weldon, A. Roszell, J. Stewart, J. Wilson, J. Clarke, F. Lee, C. Clarke, W. McGee, J. S. Richertes, W. C. W. Conduction, M. C. W. C.

Ladies house slippers from 25c. pair, at Cowan's.

IILBURY.

Dec. 23.—E. Seguin has purchased, at 70 cents on the dollar, the groceries of 6f M. Kelly, who has assigned, to fill

miss Mary Jackson leaves to-day no an extended visit with relatives in For Mayor-D. A. Gordon, Aaron Gordon, and W. H. Heath.

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For Councillors—C. Chubb, J. C,
Shaw, H. Stonehouse, M. Martin, J.
N. Gibb, C. S. Saunders, Wm. Wellman,
J. Jenner, M. Martin, S. Collinge, W.
J. McDonald, and T. S. Hodges.

For School Trustees, St. George's Miss Brown, of the public school For School Trustees, St. George's Ward-J. McCallum, Dr. Cook and J.

Miss Brown, of the public school staff, leaves to-day to spend her holidays at her home in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of Otterville, arrived to-day to spend Christman with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Waddel, Middle Road.

Arch. Coutts, of Mount Clemens, is holidaying at his home here.

A special Christmas service will be held in the English church here to-morrow afternoon. The holy communion will be dispensed also. DRESDEN.

Mayor—W G Cragg, A Ribble, S McVean, J W Sharpe, Wm Rudd.
Councillors—D Warner, S Sager, H Weston, C Badder, F McKim, C Passie, L N Wells, John Wiley, I B Webster, W H Willson, W Bedell, I N Carscallen, E Burr, W H Clapp, Wm Ward. L O Peters, T King and I Steeper.
School trustees—S. ward—J B Carscallen, C, ward—H Hitchcock, John Robinson; N. ward—S. McVean, Thos. Laird.

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Miss Gertie Stevenson leaves to-mor row to spend Christmas with Miss Fee, in Waterford.

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Windsor Ties, fine pure Silk, in plaids, checks and plain colors, full length, worth 35c, extra

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20 pair Nottingham Lace Curtains, pretty designs, taped edges, full 3 yds. long, special to-night... 50c Chenille Curtains, rich colorings, with handsome borders, heavy tassel fringe, special at \$2.48, \$3.25, \$4, \$4.50 and............\$5.00

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