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We invite your inspection of our magnificent showing of window draperies. ..

## COLORED MADRAS MUSLIN

These are the embodiment of elegance—latest styles—durability and exclusiveness—effects that in harmony of shades and colors breath perfection. The distinctiveness and newness of the designs will appeal to you, while the prices are within reach of all—

40c, 50c, 60c, 65c and 75c.

## LACE CURTAIN SPECIALS

A special purchase made by our Mr. Stone while in Europe, enables us to place before you some lace curtain bargains, the equal of which you cannot find for less than ½ larger price.

Seven Lines at

68c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75

worth 50 per cent. more.

## DRESS GOODS-DRESS GOODS

This prince among Dress Goods Depts, is now teeming with new goods. Such elegance of design and smallness of prices have never been combined before in a Chatham store and the reason for it is our extraordinary buying facilities. Being members of the great Canadlan Dry Goods Purchasing Syndicate, we are enabled to go to the largest manufacturers in Europe and buy at the same prices as jobbers. We save you one profit on every yard.

## Thos. Stone & Son.

### GEO: STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS WENT, OFF IN A RUSH . . . .

## Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c. Granite-3 in 1-save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.

Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, roc. White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.

White Soap Dishes, 15c.

Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash. No. 9. Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

## GEO. STEPHENS & CO.



## EYE-GLASSES.

· Such as ours, must be worn to be fully appreciated. We have so much confidence better than you can buy any lace else that we offer free tests, or give you back your money if dissatisfied,

#### A.A. JORDAN Jeweller,

Sign of Big Clock, Chatham.

SUICIDE AT LUCAN.

Lucan, Onti, March 4.-Wm. Hill, aged 42, head cooper with the Lucan Milling Company, of this village, committed suicide this afternoon at his home by taking a large dose of carhome by taking a large dose of car-bolic acid. That the act was contem-plated some days ago is assured from the fact of his having told a friend he would be dead in less than is a weeks. At the time the act was com-mitted the victim and another young man were preparing supper for them-selves, Mrs. Hill being away from home. Domestic trouble is supposed to have been the cause.

#### TRADE WITH MEXICO.

Ottawa, March 4.-It is learned in official quarters that negotiations are under way for establishing a monthly under way for establishing a monthly steamship service between Canada and a port in Mexico. This is a result of the recent visit of Sir William Mulock to Mexico, and the interviews he had with President Diaz. The trade between Canada and Mexico is at present very small and it must necessarily remain this way unless some means of communication is established between the countries. If a steamship line can be secured between a point in Mexico and Canada there is no doubt a large trade between them would be the result.

## 1100,000 JAPS **NOW IN COREA**

Transports Escourted by the Entire Fleet - Immediate Advance and Big Battle Expected.

All Quiet at Port Arthur-Exit of Battleships from the Harbor Blocked-Reported Engagement.

London, Saturday, March 5.-Little nange in the far eastern situation is reported this morning. .. It is appargaged in transporting their forces into Corea, and this work is being facilitated by the enforced inactivity of the navy.

BATTLESHIPS BLOCKED IN. According to the Sebastopol correspondent of the Daily Graphie, Admiral Skydrolff has learned privately from Port Arthur that the Russian battle ship Retvizan less in such a position as to block effectually the exit of battleshire from the barbor the present as to block exterior the passage being practicable only for cruisers. The correspondent adds that Russia's new battleships now building on the Baltic will not be ready for active commission before the end of August. JAPAN HAS PLENTY OF COAL,

The Japanese officials who have charge of the Japanese financial and commercial interests in England declares that his government foresaw the pessibily of coal being declared contraband of war, and that it has been collecting large stores of Welsh steam coal for years, so that to-day it has a supply sufficient for the meets of the navy for years to come. A DOUBTFUL REPORT.

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On the strength of a statement made by a miss-onary the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Chroncle sends in a doubtful report that 28 Japanese sailors have landed at TengChau, saying that their vessel had sunk as the result of an engagement with Russian warships, which also went down, No Russians were saved, but 200 Japanese were rescued by Chinese junks, This action is reported to have occurred by tween Port Arthurand the Miss-Tao Islands.

THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY Telegraphing from St. Petersburg a correspondent of the Paris Matu says that rummers that Foreign Master Lamsdorf has repeated his request for retirement was persistently current in high circles. M. Muravieff, the Minister of Justice, and M. Izvolaky, Russian minister to Denmark, are mentioned as possible successors to the Foreign minister.

A JAP MINISTER'S VIEWS.

In a despatch from Rome a correspondent of the Raris Figaro quotes the Japanese minister to Italy as having said, in an interview, that he was not fully aware of opinions held in Japanese military circles, but judging from the general trend of news received from the seat of war, the attention of the Japanese generals was no longer concentrated upon Port Arthur. He said he did not fear the concentration of the Russian Baltic, Black Sea and Eastern fleets, because this was impossible before summer, and Japan hoped that the war would be reded to the their time to the large many proplements to sell, and as all the others which I have seen or written to the concentration of the Russian Baltic, Black Sea and Eastern fleets, because this was impossible before summer, and Japan hoped that the war would be reded to the third time that it is the best yet lon the market. thur. He said he did not fear the concentration of the Russian Baltic, Black Sea and Eastern fleets, because this was impossible before summer, and Japan hoped that the war would be ended by that time. Asked concerning the possibility of European complications, the minister said he did not believe these would supervene if Japanessa ware victoriems.

RUSSIAN MILITARY MOVEMENTS. The Tokio correspondent of the Times says:—"Russians were recent-ly conveyed to Possiet from Vladivoly conveyed to Possiet from Vladiwo-stock and crossed the Tumen River southward of Ung-Kwin, and Hoi-Yong. The Russian troops who have hitherto been south of Anju have all retired towards the Yalu River. The martial law regulations published at Vladivostock Feb. 9th, betray great solicitude with regard to provisions. The objections of France to Japan's obtaining the Seoul-Wiju Railroad concessions are met by the plea that the railroad is required for strategic purposes.

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A despatch from Vladivostock, dated March 2, via St. Petersburg, March 4, says:—"According to information received here, 40 Japanese transports estorted by the entire maval fleet, have been energetically landing troops in Corea at Fusan and Chemulpo. It is estimated that fully 100,000 men have disembarked and it is supposed that an immediate advance into Northern Corea is contemplated. From the fact that the Japanese is thus employed it is felt that no immediate attack upon Vladivostock or Port Arthur will be made. The reported landing of 2.500 Japanese troops at Song-Chin, Plaks'n Bay, on the east coast of Korea, has been confirmed. There is a remarkable rumor that a quantity of transport material, together with 90 tons, of salt fish, has been discovered laid away in secret places in the neighborhood of Nikolaevsk, They were apparently intended for the use of Japanese forces toward the end of summer. The enrollment of volunteers is proceeding with enthusiasm at Vladivestock."

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mese cruiser, having three funnels, ies mear Chemulpo, between the slands, having recently sunk there." correspondent of the Daily Mail, abling from Che-Foo, under date of farch 1, said among other things that e had seen a Japanese cruiser of

JAP FORWARD MOVEMENT Paris, March 4 Information received here from official sources in Korea confirm previous reports to the effect that Chinampho if free from ice, that the Japanese have ceased debarking troops at Chemulpo, and that they have taken advantage of the opening of Chinampho to land troops there, thus expediting the forward movement.

### SETTLING DAY

Commercial Paper at Toronto Not Very Well Met-Result of the Severe Weather

Toronto, March 4 .- As was expected, commercial paper due to-day was not very well met. Owing to the prolonged severe weather and the consequent stoppage of traffic of the railways and general paralysis of business, country merchants are not in a possition to promptly meet their notics falling to-day, as they would otherwise have done. Many local wholesale houses, knowing that their customers could not meet their notes, went to the bank a day or two ago and took up the paper. A general manager of one of the banks said today that no serious results would ensue. Extension of time would be granted the delinquents, and busness would soon pick up.

#### PAVEMENT PROBLEM

#### MYSTERIOUS BLAZE

A serious fire was narrowly avert Miller, Harvey street west.

conceivable manner and the flames had started on a door before it was noticed. The blaze was easily ex-

if nguished.

It is a mystery to Mr. Miller how
the curtain caught fire and no one
about the house can explain it.

#### READING CONTEST

Interesting Competition at the Central School---Presentation by Dr. McKeough and Inspector Park

Miss Ida Hillman, vice-principal of he Central school and teacher of entirance reading, presented a splen-did afternoon's entertainment for did afternoon's entertainment for her pupils yesterday afternoon. The first part of the program was a comfirst part of the program was a competition between ten of her best
readers for two prizes—a splendid
story book and a portfolio of celebrated pictures. Inspector Park and
Dr. McKeough kindly consented to
act as judges. Each pupil was assigned a sight selection and also
recited one prepared before hand.
Little nine-year-old Lena. Harper
won first prize with Gladys Merritt
a close second.
In presenting the prizes, Inspector
Park Praised the reading and Miss
Hillman's efforts, incidentally throwing out many valuable suggestions
to the pupils.

ning the highest award of an en-trance pupil at the Christmas com-petition of The Planet Junipr. In-spector Park then took the chair and introduced the following pro-

cipal Plewes fillustrated by instru-ments kindly found by Mr. F. D. Leurk).

6. Chorus—The Entrance Eighty. Miss H. McPaggart, the taniented young kindergarten director, kindly acted as accompaniste.

Buring March, the Friday after-mon series will be continued. Naxt Friday Mr. Plewes will give a stalk on the Telegraph.

#### TECUMSEH'S

The Chatham Lacrosse Team will Hereafter Be known by This Title.

The Chatham Lacross Club held eeting in the Garner House parlors last evening for re-organization and election of officers. The meeting was very successful one and the prospects are that Chatham will have some excellent lacrosse next season.

There were present at the meeting President Robert Gray, and Messrs, Babcock, Elliott, Mercer, Perrin. J. G. Kerr, Grant, Hutchison, McQueen, M. R. nar, McCoig, Fleming, Bates and

The following officers were elected Patrons-Geo. Stephens, T. L. Pardo Lee, Dr. Fleming, N. H. Stevens and C. Austin.

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Hom Pres.—Arthur Richardson.

ist Hon, Vice.—Mayor McKeough.

2nd Hon, Vice.—Dr. Cornell.

2nd Hon, Vice.—J. G. Kerr.

President—Robert Gray.

ist Vice—John McCo.g.

2nd Vice.—O. L. Lewis.

3rd Vice.—E. J. MacIntyre.

Manager.—Frank Babcock.

Secy-Treas.—Walter Williott.

Team Com.—O. L. Lewis, James

Fleming and Juo. McCoy.

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Mr. Babcock in a speech explained that the Agircultural society wanted the team to play at the Agricultural grounds instead of on the park. They would would want a percentage on the gate receipts. This wall probable be arranged. Chatham will enter this year in the Intermediate class of the U. L. A., with London, St. Thomas, Beaheim and Windsor, and probably Wallaceburg.

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There will be no tour st players on the Chatham team this year," said. Mr. Babcock, "Last year it was necessary to introduce them, but this year every player on the team will belong to Chatham."

The name of the team, "The Tecumsehs," will be put on the gweaters, In choosing the name Mr. Fleming proposed the "Thistle," but no person seemed "stuck" on the name.

The lacrosse boys are arranging for a grand ball on the skating rink at the conclusion of Lent.

### SEEK AMENDMENTS

Toronto, March 4 - The licens nolders of the province have submit government which they desire in the liquor law. It is understood that among the requests are:—That Saturday hours be extended to 10 p.m. in towns, and that hotels be permitted to supply liquor to guests after

#### ACCEPTED \$300

Toronto, Ont., March 4. - The jury at the general sessions to-day found Michael J. O'Neil guilty of the charge of accepting a bribe of \$300 while foreman of a coroner's jury. He was man of a coroner's jury. He was foreman of a jury holding an inquest on the death of Jas. Dillon, killed by a C. P. R. train on the Toronto Esplanade, and took the \$300 from Provincial Detective Rogers, who was sent to catch him, after he had approached the lawyer for the company. Judge Winchester remanded O'Neil till March 12 for sentence.

DEATH OF D. R. CALDER.

Ingersoll, Ont., March 3 .- Donald R. Calder, ex-warden of Oxford aounty, died here this evening. He had been died here this evening. He had been in poor health for the past year or more. Mr. Calder was prominently associated with township and county affairs and also served two terms as a member of the ingersoil town council. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter.

GAVE \$30,000 TO ANGLICAN MISSIONS.

Ottawa, March 4.—The late Mrs Alonzo Wright, whose will was pro-bated in Hull to-day, left a large es

# LUGAL OPTION

Both Blenheim and Harwich go With the Temperance Party After Stiff Fight . -

Big Vote Polled in Blenheim Where Both Sides Were Very Energetic-Township

Special Planet Correspondence Blenheim, March 5 .- The fight for fown of Blenheim is over. The temparance partly won the day by (a small majority of six votes; each party were very energetic, nearly every vots being brought to the poll. t was the keenest election that has taken place here for a number jof years. Following is the vote in each

Ward: For. Against Ward 1 ..... 82 110 Ward 2, div. I ..... 44 68 Ward 2, div. II ..... 56 20 57 57

The Local Option By-law carried by a big majority in the Township of Harwich yesterday. The vote for the by-law was almost double the vote against. Both parties worked very hard and a phenominal vote for a by-law was polled, being about about only hundred less than in the municipal elections. In only one division was there a majority against the by-law. The result is as follows:

A recound was held in Blenhe in this morning but the majority of six for was not changed.

The regular meeting was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. I'as Herman, Treas. A very profitable meeting was held. Special subject of prayer—The vote on local option in the township of Harwich.

The building Fund in charge of Mrs. Geo. Morris, Pres., and Mrs. A. F. Wilson, Vice-Pres., is progressing very very favorably. The ladies place in the bank their first instalment to the fund this week. Voluntary offerings only comprise this fund, All friends having thanksgiving contributions for the cause of prohibition in our city will send to either of these ladies who will thankfully receive and gratefully acknowledge the same. Business transacted, a hospitable repast, and all farewelled with very earnest wishes, feeling grateful to the Giver of every good gift.

#### FELL FROM ENGINE

Tilbury, Ont., March 4.—J. W. Hamilton, a brakeman on the M.chigan Central railroad, going west on an extra freight, fell from the gangway of the engine while passing through the village this morning. Fortunately he fell clear of the tracks, but the train was moving at such a rapid rate that the flores with which he was thrown on the ground rendered him unconscious. He was removed to the hospital in St. Thomas, where it was found he was so badly injured internally that he has but slight chances for recovery. At a late hour this afternoon his condition was unchanged.

MORMONS FOR ALBERTA

Winnipeg, Man., March 4.—Amother great trek of Mormons from Utah to Southern Alberta is about to take place. Between four and five hundred families, exceeding 2,000 persons will come to Alberta with their live stock, farm implements and household effects. The most of them will drive across country, arriving about April 15. They will locate in the Faber district, a fertile tract about twenty miles square, on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. The Faber district is said to be well favored with moisture and climatic conditions generally.

#### MAY ENTER THE FIGHT.

## Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of any thing nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Window, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. cake straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

## Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House, King and Sixth Sts. The Finest Retail

S'ore in Ontario

in regard to their



Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by ao-thing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts:-

Perfect Service

Reliable Makes Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted. Trade says as much.

## THE SHOE MAN.