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Special Sale Saturday, All Perfect Goods

6 doz. Lip Preserve Kettles, 6-qt., regular 40c.	Saturday sale price	24c
6 doz. Lip Preserve Kettles, 10-qt., regular 55c.	Saturday sale price	33c
3 doz. 10-qt. Dish Pans, regular 50c.	Saturday sale price	33c
3 doz. 17-qt. Dish Pans, regular 75c.	Saturday sale price	47c
6 doz. Chambers, large size, regular 40c.	Saturday sale price	24c
6 doz. Chambers, medium size, regular 30c.	Saturday sale price	17c
6 doz. Large 32-in. Wash Bowls, regular 25c.	Saturday sale price	15c
6 doz. 14-qt. Water Pails, regular 65c.	Saturday sale price	39c

Ladies' Gowns, 75c

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns in pink, cream and a few blue, yoke trimmed with frill edged with lace, some embroidery trimmed, lined yoke in back. Sizes 56 to 60. Special

Black and White Silk Waists, \$2.75

Ladies' White Silk Waists, front made in yoke style of lace insertion, cuffs made of insertion and lace, pointed collar, buttoned in back. Sizes 34 to 42. Special, \$2.75

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A complete line of Bible, Prayer Books and Church Hymnals at lowest prices.

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMSON

TIMELY TOPICS FOR THE FARMER

Programme for North Middlesex Institute January Meetings.

Arrangements have been made for the regular meetings of the North Middlesex Farmers' Institute during January, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., as follows:

1. "Coldstream-Town hall, Jan. 12. Women at some home near."
2. "Beechwood-Foresters' Hall, Jan. 14. Women at schoolhouse."
3. "Ailsa Craig-Town hall, Jan. 15. Women at council chamber."
4. "Parkville-Town hall, Jan. 18. Women at council chamber at 5 o'clock."

Mr. W. F. Kydd, Simcoe, and Mrs. M. L. Ashley are delegates for the respective institutes. Mr. Kydd's lectures were appreciated at the supplementary meetings last year. Questions on any of his subjects should be written out, and they will be discussed. His subjects are: 1. "Am I Raising the Most Profitable Horse?" 2. "The Dairy Cow, Her Summer Feed and Winter Care." 3. "Small Fruits and Care of Grape Vines." 4. "Potato Spraying." 5. "Ventilation of Farm Buildings." 6. "Dropped Stitches."

Mrs. Ashley is experienced in hospital work and management of private homes. Her subjects are: 1. "Responsibilities of Mothers to Daughters, and Vice Versa." 2. "Feeding and Care of Infants." 3. "Succedness of the Body." 4. "Home-making Versus Housekeeping." 5. "How to Promote and Utilize the Institute." 6. "Needs of Twentieth Century." 7. "Secrets of a Nation's Power."

General programme: 1. president's address; 2a. Mr. W. F. Kydd, subject No. 1 or 2; 2b. Mrs. Ashley, subject No. 1; 3. secretary's announcements; 4a. W. F. Kydd, answers to questions; 4b. local addresses. Evening—1, president's address; 2. W. F. Kydd, "Dropped Stitches"; 3. secretary's intimations; 4. Mrs. Ashley, subject No. 5; 5. local addresses, music, etc.; intermissions.

The officers are: C. H. Wilson, president; D. A. Graham, vice-president; W. T. Amos, secretary-treasurer; Henry.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Sunday Car Vote.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
The Rev. Mr. Lancelley, in his anger over the victory of the Sunday car committee, has made some statements that are very inaccurate. In his interview with The Advertiser of Tuesday he said: "That two of the forces that carried the bylaw were the Roman Catholics and the liquor men. Now, we will just look at the facts of the vote. Take No. 4 ward. The vote against Sun-

day cars in that ward showed about 100 majority, and it is the stronghold of the Methodist forces. There are several Methodist churches there, also several Presbyterian churches. It is the largest voting ward in the city. The result from this ward cannot be very gratifying to Mr. Lancelley and his cohorts. South London voted decidedly in favor of Sunday cars, in spite of the strenuous efforts of a certain pastor, who argued his side of the question from the pulpit, but held up his hands in holy horror at the thought of the other side being discussed from the same pulpit. It is quite true that many Catholics voted for Sunday cars, but so did many Methodists, and nearly all the English Church adherents. Mr. Lancelley would gain more for his cause by using the papers and the pulpit for the spreading of the true Christian spirit of charity and peace.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LAW ASSOCIATION

Dr. A. O. Jeffery Succeeds Mr. T. G. Meredith as President.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Law Association was held in the court house at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. G. Meredith, K.C., the president, in the chair.

The annual report was received, and showed the association to be in a flourishing condition, with 65 members, and over 4,000 volumes in the library.

The following trustees were elected: J. H. Plock, K.C., R. Bayly, K.C., V. Cronyn, K.C., E. Meredith, K.C., George C. Gibbons, K.C., M. D. Fraser, K.C., T. H. Purdon, K.C., T. G. Meredith, K.C., A. O. Jeffery, K.C., F. P. Betts, J. B. McKillop, and Judge Talbot Macbeth.

Afterward the trustees held a meeting, at which the following officers were elected, Mr. T. G. Meredith having resigned the presidency, after having held it for two years:

President—A. O. Jeffery.
Vice-President—F. P. Betts.
Treasurer—J. B. McKillop.
Secretary—D. A. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reed, of Rensselaer, Ind., are holiday visitors with their aunt, Mrs. M. Andrew. Holmuth avenue, and Mr. J. Matheson, Mrs. Reed's father.

LONDON MAN ON SPELLING REFORM

Letter From Prof. Dearness on Interesting Subject.

The following letter appears in the Toronto Globe from Mr. J. Dearness, vice-principal of the London Normal School:

To the Editor of the Globe: I should like to move a vote of thanks to Mr. Biggar for writing the letter on spelling reform, which called forth the leading editorial in Saturday's Globe. Besides affording the pleasure of reading a good discussion, it is likely to prove highly useful at the present time. It is easy to see how a well-posted high school teacher could make good use in his classes of the editorial, and even of the letter. Wouldn't it furnish an excellent exercise for an advanced class to prove or controvert the dictum that our "good old English spelling" is not good, is not old and is not English?

Mr. Biggar will be grieved to learn of the chorus of approbation with which the British press has announced the formation of the Simplified Spelling Society. There have been just enough discordant notes to keep attention alive.

The London Queen said: "Now that Oxford and Cambridge have given their imprimatur to the essence and beginning of reformed spelling, the subject is ripe for practical consideration and gradual action. Our present spelling is two or three centuries behind the times; unquestionably it needs reformation, and that in the interest of many besides ourselves."

The London Daily News: "There is everything to be urged for spelling reform. Our archaic orthography adds months, perhaps years, of labor. A simplified spelling would save labor, money and time, and incidentally it would aid the spread of our language in the world. The old picturesque spelling is doomed."

The Daily Graphic: "There is no question as to the clumsiness and the absurdities of our present form of spelling."

The London Schoolmaster: "Teachers generally will wish the new enterprise success. A sensible revision of the spelling of English words would be not only a great boon to the country generally, but a great saving of time in our schools."

Etc., etc., etc.

But possibly Mr. Biggar will grieve no longer at the progress of simplification of spelling when he discovers the large number of dignified and influential directors of British opinion which, to use the language of the School Government Chronicle, "welcome the Simplified Spelling Society in England and greet its American prototype, the Simplified Spelling Board, that lends the name of its distinguished president, Dr. Lounsbury, to the list of the British Society's vice-presidents, as the joint and several preservers of literary English."

There is doubtless quite as much flippant criticism of spelling reform in the United States as in either England or Canada, hence arising prejudice against it is not exclusively the mark of either American or British conservatism. From Dr. C. P. G. Scott, 1 Madison avenue, New York, Mr. Biggar may obtain columns of British press notices anent the proposed improvement of spelling. J. DEARNESS.

London, Jan. 4.

THE TALK OF THAMESFORD

Debate by Members of Presbyterian Guild—Local Option Wins.

Thamesford, Jan. 8.—The W. F. M. S. of St. Andrew's Church held their first meeting of the year at the home of the president, Mrs. Watson, where ways and means were discussed on how to make the meetings of this year more interesting and profitable.

After the close of the meeting a dainty lunch was served.

A debate, under the auspices of the Presbyterian Guild, was held last night, subject, "Resolved, that city life has more advantages than country life."

A great deal of interest was manifested here on election day, when local option was again voted on and carried by a large majority, going to show that the people thought it benefitted the community.

Mr. McGee, of Beachville, was returned as reeve in North Oxford, and Mr. Gleason was re-elected in East Nissouri.

Mrs. Wm. Kaley returned to her home on New Year's morning, having spent two months with her daughter in Oakton, North Dakota.

The three churches of the village are uniting in the week of prayer to be held next week. The services on Monday evening are to be held in the English Church, and the meeting will be addressed by a clergyman from London. On Tuesday evening the meeting will be in the Methodist Church, subject, "Foreign Missions."

On Wednesday evening in the Presbyterian Church, when a banquet is to be held for men of the three congregations, who are to be addressed by three laymen, subject, "The Laymen's Missionary Movement."

A little son has come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Judd in the holiday season.

Miss T. Scellian has somewhat improved, and her friends hope for an ultimate recovery.

Miss Babu, who has been visiting at Carletonford for two weeks, came home last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newton spent New Year's Day with friends in Woodstock.

Miss Barkey, of St. Thomas, has been visiting Miss Lily Bartlett, for the past fortnight.

School started on Monday with the full staff of teachers and the usual number of pupils.

A patent has been granted upon an endosseous lamp filament made of nitride of cerium.

SILVER WEDDING WAS CELEBRATED

Pleasant Event at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cruickshank.

There was a pleasant time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cruickshank, Centre road, East Williams, when a large number gathered to celebrate the silver anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Cruickshank was married 25 years ago to Margaret Wilkie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Meldrum Wilkie, of Adelaide. A number of guests, who attended the marriage, were present to wish Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank a long and happy life, and hoped to be present at their golden wedding.

The house was beautifully decorated with red streamers, evergreen arches, holly and Christmas bells. Mrs. Cruickshank cut a large, four-story bride's cake. In the nursery a Christmas tree was prepared for the children, and Santa Claus himself gave out the presents to the little ones.

Among the guests were Mr. Cruickshank's aged mother, Mrs. Lewis Cruickshank, who is one of the few surviving pioneers of East Williams, very bright and happy in her 87th year. Others were Miss Cruickshank, Mr. and Mrs. John Cruickshank, Springbank; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McCubbin and family, Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkie, Strathroy; Mr. and Mrs. Alex. M. Wilkie and family, Komoka; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McEwan and family, Falkirk; Mr. and Mrs. J. Keyser and family, Adelaide; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith and family; Melrose; Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser and family, Parkhill; Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Adelaide; Misses McKillop, Mr. McKillop, Knox Corners; Mr. Will McLennan, Parkhill; Mr. A. F. McLean, Montana; Miss Bell McIntosh, Springbank; Mr. Will Macintosh, Springbank.

Many beautiful gifts of silver were received.

Music was furnished by Messrs. McLennan and McLean, Miss Ruby Wilkie and Miss Iva McCubbin and others.

ORDERS AFFECTING RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Recently Issued by the Commission—Of Interest to Londoners.

The following are amongst the recent orders issued by the railway commission for the protection of railway employees:

1. No freight train, except work or construction trains of fifteen cars or less, now in service, shall be made up or allowed to proceed upon its journey unless at least three-quarters of the cars composing such train have air brakes in good working order.

2. The number of cars that may be drawn in freight trains shall be left entirely to the judgment of operating officials of such railway companies; in all cases, however, in which it may be found necessary to double-head, the leading engine shall control the train.

3. Every road locomotive engine shall be equipped with a step or steps and hand-holds on both sides of and at or near the rear ends of tenders; foot-rests shall be provided on the platform of every such engine, sufficiently wide for a man to stand on; every switching or yard engine shall be equipped with foot-boards and hand-holds on the front and rear ends of the engine and tender, such foot-boards to be not less than ten inches wide; the back of such foot-boards shall be protected by a board not less than four inches high, and if cut in the centre, the inner ends shall be protected in like manner; and foot-boards and hand-holds shall be placed on the rear end of the tender of every road locomotive engine used for switching services, except in cases of emergency; in no case, however, shall any engine be continuously used for twenty-four hours without such equipment.

4. The number that shall comprise the switching engine crews shall be left entirely to the judgment of the operating officials; on main line light engines shall not be run a distance greater than twenty-five miles in any direction without a conductor; in addition to the engineer and the fireman; and on branch lines the operating officials shall determine the necessity of requiring conductors on light engines.

5. Every locomotive engineer of such companies must have at least one year's continuous experience as a fireman, pass a satisfactory examination in regard to the proper care of locomotive engines, the handling of air brakes, and train rules and regulations, be at least twenty-one years of age, and undergo an eye and ear test by a competent examiner before being eligible for appointment as such engineer. Except in cases of emergency, every conductor of such companies must have at least one year's experience as brakeman or conductor and be at least twenty-one years of age before being eligible for appointment as such.

6. The telegraph operators of such companies required to handle train orders shall be at least eighteen years of age, able to write a legible hand, to send and receive messages at the rate of not less than twenty words a minute, and be thoroughly familiar with and required to pass an examination upon train rules before a competent examiner.

7. Every employee of such railway

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24 pairs Nottingham, Scotch and Cable Net Curtains. Regular \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3 lines.	To clear at, per pair	\$1.78
24 pairs Nottingham Cable Net and Irish Point Curtains. Regular \$3.50 and \$4 lines.	To clear at, per pair	\$2.48
15 pairs Nottingham, Cable Net, Irish Point and Scotch Net. Regular \$4.50 and \$5 lines.	To clear at, per pair	\$3.38

TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR FIRST CHOICE.
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Cloth Coats All Half Price

For Ladies, Misses and Children.

Tomorrow will be a busy day in our Mantle Section on the third floor, the first Saturday since our half-price sale commenced, and will be the first opportunity for hundreds of our customers from outside the city (who make Saturday their shopping day). If you have been figuring on a new Coat, you probably thought at \$20.00. Come now, and have the very Coat you want, and take \$10.00 home with you. (Money saved is money made). This is the greatest sale of Mantles ever conducted at this store, and we are pleased to say it is being appreciated, and taken advantage of not only by our customers in and around the city, but is attracting customers from the towns (far and near) of Western Ontario, who are paying railroad fare and making great savings through this great sale. WE SAY GREAT, for never before did we offer such an assortment of such good Coats at so great a reduction as HALF-PRICE.

TOMORROW--- More than double attractions here. The Mantle and Lace Curtain Sales as mentioned above, and our special January prices on Ladies' Tailoring, Skirt and Waist making, with such inducements to commence with, and our White Wear and Linen Specials yet to come, January promises to break all previous records at this store, and that is what we are aiming for. Come often, and share in the offerings as they come. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Mantles and Lace Curtains will be the big attractions for tomorrow.

Remember, store closes at 6 o'clock Saturday. Come early.

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OLD SPELLING GOOD ENOUGH

Toronto Folk Not in Favor of American Contractions.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—There is much discussion going on in the city over the proposal of the department of education to retaining the letter "u" in such words as "honor," "favor," and "color."

Mr. J. M. Gibbons, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, says: "I prefer the British method and am opposed to phonetic spelling."

Sir James Whitney: "Personally, I would like to see the English forms of spelling retained. They are used by all cultured men, who speak and write the English language throughout the world. They are also retained by the English press, and were approved by an order-in-council at Ottawa some years ago. I am not in favor of changing English spelling until we are ready to create a new language, which will be entirely phonetic. This wanton trifling with the language is useless. There is no magic in either form, but I prefer that which is established."

Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C.: "Always with the 'u.' I never spell according to the American method myself. I always stick to the English."

"Then you don't believe in such contractions as 'thru,' for 'through'?"

"Certainly not," replied the K. C. indignantly.

A. E. Kemp: "I lean towards the English method, but I must confess I'm a delinquent, for I usually spell such words as 'honor' and 'color' without the 'u.' But I don't believe in going too far, as some journals do, and spelling 'thru' 'thru.'"

"But I suppose the American style is bound to come, as it is the shorter."

Provost Macklem, of Trinity College: "It is well to be somewhat conservative on such matters; not unreasonably so, but in moderation. I don't believe in giving free rein to such tendencies, for it leads to such spelling as 'tho' for 'though.'"

"though," and "thoroly" for "thoroughly." I see no reason why we should follow an American custom in our spelling. I believe in going to the fountain-head of our language, the old English, and from there we will derive the proper spelling of our words. So with a 'u.' This is so in all simple words, but in compounds the 'u' should be dropped. Thus 'honorary' is spelled without the 'u.' 'Honourable,' on the other hand, is an exception. It retains the 'u.'"

Prof. Goldwin Smith: "In a sense both forms are correct, but I prefer the old method. Why not continue using it? 'Honor' is only an abbreviation."

Rev. R. McBrady, C. S. B., professor of classics in St. Michael's College: "I was taught to spell 'honor' with a 'u,' and I always do so. When I see this extraordinary phonetic spelling I am surprised."

Rev. Prof. D. D. Kilpatrick: "The old method gives the affiliation to the language better. It retains the connection between the old and the new. Contractions tend to lower the purity of English style."

Dr. R. A. Reeve: "One naturally likes the English way of spelling, but in practice I always write 'honor' without the 'u.' I accept the general rule in words of that kind and omit the 'u.'"

The eyes of the hare are never closed as it has no eyelids.

