

## Wm. Foreman & Co Importers.



### Handkerchiefs FOR GIFTS.

The choicest handkerchiefs get their best showing here, in hemmed embroidered or embroidered with embroidered edges and lace trimmed. Numerous have been the compliments on the neatness and artistic style of our handkerchiefs. You can choose from a carefully selected stock at a half cent to \$1.25. We quote a few special lines.

- Handkerchiefs, hemmed and trimmed with insertion in one corner, at each 5c.
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- Ladies' plain hem-stitched handkerchiefs, all linen, extra special at each 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 30c.
- Gentlemen's plain hem-stitched handkerchiefs, in narrow, medium and wide sizes, all linen, at each 15c, 18c, 20c, 22c, 25c, 30c and 35c.
- Handkerchiefs with embroidered edges, get a splendid showing at each at 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 90c \$1.00 and \$1.25.
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WM. FOREMAN & CO.



### FOR BUSY CHRISTMAS

Shoppers come to our store. Come early and get the pick of our great showing of Christmas wear.

**Christmas Slippers**  
**Christmas Loggins**  
**Christmas Overalls**  
**Christmas Boots.**

How can you please any member of the family better than coming to the Boston Shoe Store.

## J. L. CAMPBELL,

North Side King St., Chatham.  
Boston Shoe Store.

## Ayer's Hair Vigor

Why not keep your own hair? And get more, too? Have a clean scalp; restore the color to your gray hair.

## DISTRICT DOINGS. TILBURY

Dec. 21.—Geo. Richardson, of Ann Arbor Dental College, is spending vacation with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson.

Miss Della Peltier is seriously ill with congestion of the lungs.

Henry McGee and family, of Tilbury East, have moved into town.

Mrs. S. Sloan has returned from a visit with friends in Essex.

Robbers on Friday night effected an entrance into Poole's jewelry store, by prying open the front door, with a crow-bar (stolen from the Commercial Hotel ice-house), and inserting nitroglycerine into the door of the safe.

blow it open, making a rich haul, carrying off booty to the value of about \$2,000. The robbery was not discovered until about 8 o'clock Saturday morning, when word was sent to adjoining towns. Detectives Mahoney and Campeau arrived from Windsor and they traced the robbers south to the Romney town line, but there the trail was lost, and the unsuccessful detectives arrived back at night and returned to Windsor. General sympathy is expressed for Mr. Poole over his loss.

### QUAINT CHARACTER

The Windsor reporter of the Detroit Evening News says: From time to time there visits this city a little old man, whom the colored people salute with respect, and call "Pop". He usually carries a little bag of remedies, guaranteed to cure every ailment of the teeth, and his wares find ready sale. The old man has controlled an extensive dental practice among the negro population for years, and his fame has grown with the colony. Years ago he was a familiar figure in the Windsor market place, where he placed his chair every Wednesday and Saturday, and pulled teeth so merrily that the farmers felt the day was incomplete till they had put an eye tooth in their pocket to carry home. Advancing years have compelled "Doc" to retire from open air practice, but he is still at it indoors with unabated success. The "Doc" will be recognized by hundreds of the London market as a former resident of this city.

## KENNY'S Purses and Wrist Bags

at greatly reduced prices. As our stock is large we must reduce it.

Every kind of fountain pen made from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

### Book Lovers

A good book is a comforting kind of Christmas present, and a good book, which you can give, keeps the pleasure of gift-giving always in mind. We shall take care of your order—a pleasing way.

### Chatham's Millinery Store.

### OUR HATS

Are going very fast—we have reduced them as low.  
A few hats left at 49c, also a few at 75c.  
See our \$1.98 and \$2.50 Trimmed Hats. They are extra quality.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST., CHATHAM.

Individuals are virtuous when they sacrifice their personal interest in the interest of all.

## RUMOR OF ANTICIPATED ARREST OF ROBT. GAMEY

It was Given Prominence by the Toronto World, but is Doubtful in Conservative and Liberal Circles—At the time of the Investigation Private Detectives Failed to Discover Anything to His Discredit.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The story that the Liberals anticipate the arrest of Gamey on a serious charge is not believed here either in Liberal or Conservative circles or among his friends. The Liberals admit that such a move would be a desperate one, and not calculated to improve Premier Ross' position. At the time of the Stratton investigation private detectives were employed to dig Gamey up. Reports of their work were submitted to the government's lawyers. Among the stories concerning Mr. Gamey were some of a bad character. Your correspondent investigated the principal one and found the report lacking in every particular.

Mr. Crossin, Gamey's late partner, knows nothing that would go against his character as a man.

His lawyer, W. D. McPherson, said this morning:

"I do not believe there is anything in the World story. Mr. Gamey was a very careful man, and more so than usual when he knew that every move he made was followed up. It has been learned that after Mr. Gamey's charges in the house, letters of love were sent to him by women, containing manifestations of admiration, etc. The latter is now thought to have been another Grit trap set to trip up the greatest enemy the Ross government has ever encountered. Mr. Gamey was warned, and turned deaf ear to these 'loving' missives."

### WILL CONNIE PROSECUTE?

A story at the parliamentary buildings is to the effect that James Connie, M. L. A., may be after Gamey's scalp. During the trial Gamey stated that Connie put up the one thousand dollars to guarantee expenses in connection with the protest, and that after the protest fell through, the money was not claimed. Mr. Connie, with the money at all Gamey may possibly have said something that had roused Mr. Connie to institute some kind of legal proceedings, but this is doubted in the best Liberal circles. Mr. Connie, at any rate, has gone to North Renfrew. Premier Ross laughed at the World's story.

The World's story is:

The Toronto World says: Fear, amounting almost to a positive belief that North Renfrew will elect the opposition candidate has caused the Ross government to consider a spectacular move. This is nothing less than the arrest of R. R. Gamey on a serious personal charge not related to politics.

Within the past twenty-four hours the advisability of arresting Gamey has been the subject of keen discussion among certain members of the Ross government and some who enjoy their confidence. The situation is regarded as desperate. Gamey, the shrewdest of the government's opponents, has materially strengthened the opposition candidate. Every day he is piling up the odds against Lorne Hale and to discredit Gamey by a spectacular move is a policy which strongly appeals to the Ross government.

The charges which it is to be laid against Mr. Gamey look very much like a trumped-up one. But the situation in North Renfrew is desperate, and desperate methods must be employed to relieve it. If Gamey can be made to figure in a sensational arrest, the government thinks the result will be disastrous to the Conservative party in North Renfrew. Wild efforts are being made to identify Gamey with the leadership of the provincial Conservative party.

The Ross Government's newspaper organs and its principal platform orators have been playing this game for some days. Having thus excited Gamey the scheme now is to bring him down in a sensational anti-climax, and, if possible, damage Conservative chances in North Renfrew.

The arrest may be made to-day. Prosecution will follow, but whether the prosecution succeeds or fails is a matter of minor importance. The object of the arrest is designed to thoroughly discredit the man from Manikoulin. The minions of the Ross Government believe, however, that they can effectively prosecute R. R. Gamey. The Chathamian through is still fresh in their minds. It has spurred them on to greater achievements. If the crown, by its unlimited powers to challenge jurors, can bring Gamey, as it did Callaghan, to trial before a jury of Liberal partisans, absolute innocence would have a poor chance against such formidable odds.

The arrest, not the prosecution, is at present the uppermost purpose in the minds of certain of the Ross Government's faithful attorneys. It is a bold, an audacious and perhaps a desperate move, but it is not to be weighed in the scales of life or death to the Ross Government seems to be going the way of the Opposition.

This plan to arrest Gamey comes as the first substantial acknowledgment that the Government is fearful of the result of the by-election. That the Government and its friends in North Renfrew are uneasy is well known, but that the situation is so desperate as to necessitate the arrest of R. R. Gamey, on a trumped-up charge is a new revelation of the Government's weakness.

No matter how innocent Gamey may be of the charges which he is

proposed to lay against him, he cannot contemplate arrest and prosecution with any degree of assurance. It has been demonstrated that the Government can bring its political enemies to trial on a criminal charge before its political friends. Gamey must take his chances of going into the partisan clutches that dealt with W. B. Callaghan. It is not a hopeful outlook.

The arrest of Mr. Gamey at this stage of the North Renfrew by-election will be a sad confession. He will be asked why, if Gamey was not arrested whom to the parties this query there is but one answer. The Government appreciates the peril in which it stands in North Renfrew. It realizes that R. R. Gamey is a power in the contest, and it is willing to spring any sensation that is likely to turn the odds in its favor.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Christmas services at the First Presbyterian church were held yesterday. Rev. Mr. McClintock occupied the pulpit and preached both morning and evening. The church was filled on both occasions, and the services were much engaged.

The music by the choir was of a special nature, the credit of which is due Miss Edna M. Martin, the talented directress. Miss Martin was in command of a special choir of about 30 voices which was especially prepared and trained for the occasion. The work of training this choir has been a heavy one and much praise is due Miss Martin for her efficient work.

A special musical service was rendered throughout. Among the special features were, in the morning, a solo, "Noel," by Miss Florence G. Stephenson, the accomplished contralto soloist of the Christ Church choir; a solo by James Trotter, and in the evening a solo by Miss Edna Martin by Miss Belle Riddell. The solos by Miss Stephenson and Mr. Trotter in the morning were both well rendered and were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the congregation. Miss Martin's solo was also perfectly rendered. She sang The Holy City, by request.

Miss Riddell, who is possessed with a sweet soprano voice, sang with much expression and effect. Miss Mary Gemmill presided at the organ and did so to the satisfaction of everyone.

The following is the program of music as rendered—

Morning.  
Overture—Dox.  
Prayer.  
Anthem—Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!  
Hymn 26.  
Scripture Reading.  
Solo, Noel, Adams—Miss Florence Stephenson.  
Prayer.  
Offering.  
Anthem—Brightest and Best.  
Hymn 32.  
Sermon.  
Solo—Mr. J. Trotter.  
Evening.  
Overture.  
Anthem—Behold the King of Zion.  
Hymn 27.  
Solo, The Holy City (By Request)—Miss Edna M. Martin.  
Scripture Reading.  
Anthem—Nazereth.  
Prayer.  
Offering.  
Solo—Mr. R. W. Angus.  
Hymn 31.  
Sermon.  
Quartet—Misses Hill and White, Messrs. Wilson and Gilleland.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT

Joseph Baker, foreman of the paint shop department of Wm. Gray & Son's Company, was the recipient on Friday of a very handsome Christmas gift from his fellow employees in the same department. The gift was a fine gold watch and chain. The watch was nicely engraved. The men assembled in the lower paintshop and called in Mr. Baker, who was taken entirely by surprise.

In a few chosen words he thanked them all for their kindness to him and expressed his deeply felt appreciation of the gift.

### LIBERALS MEET

The Liberals of West Kent held a meeting here Saturday. The majority of those present were from outside the city. It was decided to hold the Liberal convention in this city on Wednesday, January 6th.

A meeting will be held at 10 o'clock to elect officers and also for the purpose of selecting representatives for the different divisions of the county. Archie Campbell, M. P., was present, and a motion was passed asking him to attend the nomination. He accepted the invitation.

Mr. Santa Claus call and see our nice line of steel sleighs and skates at Westman Bros.

# CHRISTMAS Is Creeping Nearer.

We are in the midst of the busiest days of the year, with enthusiasm at its highest pitch, and the glow of Christmas is in the air.

Such things as men like and such things as women like to buy for them at Christmas tide are here in plenty.

If we could only hang these holiday things in the newspapers, and let you see them instead of trying to tell you about them.

### SENSIBLE GIFTS

#### NECKWEAR.—

A beautiful assortment of Christmas silks in all the colors and shapes. The new wide Derby, the Studholme Ruff, Ascots, Imperial and Tecks, 50c and 75c.

A very large variety of bright, new silks, all shades and patterns, in bows, four-in-hands, strings, knots and puffs, 25c.

#### MUFFLERS.—

An immense showing of Way's Woolen Mufflers, in plain black, plain blue, plain white, and in fancy colored stripes and figures, beautiful goods, 25c to \$1.25.

English Square Mufflers in silk and cashmere, a very large assortment of black goods, both plain and brocaded, also stripes and fancy colored brocades, from 25c to \$2.00.

Men's Oxford Mufflers, in plain and brocaded black and fancy colored patterns, comfortable and stylish, 50c to 2.00.

#### GLOVES.—

Men's imitation and real Mocha Gloves, in all the new shades of tan and gray, wool lined, an exceedingly large range from the best makers in Canada, priced from 50c to 2.00.

Men's silk lined gloves in all the latest shades, in both kid and mocha, from \$1 to 2.00.

A line of beautiful, real mocha gloves, dark tan shade, all fur lined, luxurious and warm, all sizes, 4.00.

#### HANDKERCHIEFS.—

Linen handkerchiefs, both plain and hem stitched, pure Irish, our own importation, each 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c.

A range of extra quality pure Irish linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, put up by the half dozen in a handsome fancy box, at per box \$1.50 and 2.00.

White silk handkerchiefs, plain and with initial, hemstitched, 25c, 50c and 75c.

Men's fancy bordered hemstitched handkerchiefs, in a large variety of colorings, quite the correct thing for the outside breast pocket, 50c and 75c.

#### COLORED SHIRTS.—

New Christmas patterns in regatta shirts, in the new gray and a large variety of fancy patterns with either separate or attached cuffs, 75c and 1.50.

#### SMOKING JACKETS.—

Made from fine imported goods, golf cloths in check and plaid effects, trimmed with silk cord with Austrian knots and frogs, a very complete display, \$5 and 7.00.

#### DRESSING GOWNS.—

In the correct cloths, rich luxurious garments, bound with silk cord and with silk and wool girdle and tassel, \$8.00 and 10.00.

#### BATH ROBES.—

In fancy patterned eiderdowns, dark and light shades, with girdle and tassels, also made from Turkish towelling, making excellent Christmas gifts, \$3.00, \$4.00 and 6.00.

We are serving more people every day now, but plenty of help and well assorted and attractive stocks make it very pleasant work.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

## Thornton & Douglas, Limited.

## Busy Days

### GRAY'S CHINA HALL.

A late shipment of Tea Sets and Dinner Sets gives you the chance to buy CROCKERY cheap.

- 9 only pink, blue and green tea sets, with neat floral decoration, bought to be sold for \$5.00 a set, now \$4.00.
- 20 Dinner Sets that should have been here a month sooner but just have them unpacked now, regular value \$15.00, now 12.50.
- 25 Lamps, extra fine finish, large globe, Rochester burner, some tall other low, styles to suit everybody, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50 for 5.00.
- 48 Chamber Sets, in colors light and dark blue and green, just the sets you can use in a spare room if you are expecting company, reg. \$2.50, for 2.25.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, - King Street.

### FORMER PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Hammon, of Exeter, formerly of this city, and pastor of Park St. Methodist church, preached in his former pastorate here yesterday, at both morning and evening services. The Doctor was given a right royal reception on his visit to the Maple City, by two large and appreciative audiences, besides the many individual welcomes by former personal friends.

The sermons both morning and evening were characteristic of the doctor, and were most heartily appreciated. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served at both services, with the new service, and 115 were served in 15 minutes in the morning.

Mr. Greenlaw, a colored baritone, sang on both occasions. He is the possessor of a rich and powerful voice and his solos won him a good place with the congregation.

### HEADED THE CROOKS

A crook from Detroit named George Wilson, came to this city and planned a raid on Stone & Co.'s store on Friday

night. He enlisted the assistance of Jack Farrell. Unfortunately for Wilson's plans, Farrell got drunk and, in a burst of confidence, told all about the contemplated raid to Detective Skirving. "Do you think Wilson can do the job?" queried the detective. "Can he?" replied Jack. "Well, I guess he can. He's got the jewelry for the work."

Detective Skirving reported the matter to the police and P. C. Dezella arrested Jack Farrell and locked him up but, after scouring the town, no trace of Wilson could be found. Farrell was let go this morning, as there was no charge against him. The police are inclined to believe the Tilbury job was done by the Detroit crook who intended to cover the two jobs in one night.

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## CHRISTMAS

—AT THE—  
Central Drug Store.

### CUT GLASS.

See our window display of Cut Glass, it is pronounced exquisite. You cannot get anything more acceptable for a Christmas present.

### BURNT WOOD WORK . . . .

We have a good assortment of pieces for burning. If you have not tried this fascinating work, get a set and TRY IT. One of these sets would make a very appreciated present.

C. H. GUNN & CO.

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY, DEC. 25,  
Xmas Night  
A THEATRICAL TREAT.  
THE CECILIAN CO.

Staring:  
C. J. Ireland  
F. W. Farmer  
L. W. Kenagy  
D. C. Truesdale  
Miss Juanita Boylin

Plan of seats at Brisco's. Prices 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c.

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