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That are marvels of beauty, rich colorings in French organdies for midsummer dresses. Handsome dimities in white, self colors and others that are pointed in the latest designs. Cotton Foulards and Crepe-de-Chenes, rich in coloring and new in design. Then again our stock of French Cambrics, Scotch Zephyr Gingham and Canadian Gingham as most complete. In fact you'll find this wash goods section an entertaining spot for those of you in search of washing material for summer dresses and waists.

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Repairing of all kinds neatly done.

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WAGGONS**

**FRED H. BRISCO, OPERA HOUSE
BLOCK**

The Letter-Box

SILENT ELOQUENCE AND ELOQUENT SILENCE.

Editor Planet:

Perhaps no meeting ever held in Chatham was characterized by so great an amount of silent eloquence and eloquent silence as that held in the Opera House Monday night. Mr. Pardo, true to his parliamentary career, was eloquently silent in regard to those laws, which the Liberal organ says he introduced. A book might be written on "London the silent."

Dr. Landerkin was eloquently silent in regard to the latest acquisition to ranks of Liberalism, Henry Smyth. Mr. Ross was eloquently silent concerning West Elgin, Duncan Boles and the famous Pritchett. But perhaps in no part of the Premier's speech was he so strangely silently eloquent as on the question of the deeded referendum. Taken altogether the speeches were remarkable for what they did not contain.

ABOUT LAWYERS.

To the Editor of The Planet:
I have waited for some days, in order that Mr. John A. Walker might correct a statement credited to him by the Banner-News. At one of the meetings held recently, the Banner-News says that Mr. Walker told the electors to choose between Lawyer Fraser and Farmer Pardo. Mr. Editor, is this true? Could any

man so stultify himself and the profession to which he belongs as to use such an expression?
Does Mr. Fraser's legal training make him less a man or less capable of performing the duties of a legislator?

Does not every municipality employ a lawyer to look after its interests? Is not every bill drafted by a lawyer?

Are not the lawyers of this country as deeply interested in its welfare as are the farmers?

Is Mr. Walker not fit for any public office because he is a lawyer?

Is this the Mr. Walker who fattened by Scott Act fees because he was a lawyer?

Is this the Mr. Walker who went at break-neck speed to secure the office made vacant by the death of the late Wm. Campbell, because he was a lawyer?

Is this the Mr. Walker who is now after the office of the late Wm. Douglas, because he is a lawyer?

Is this the Mr. Walker who opposed the giving of an office to Mr. James Holmes because Mr. Holmes was not a lawyer?

Such clap-trap may do for little minds, but it is unworthy any man of Mr. Walker's training. LEX.

A WISE IDEA

To get your old carpet manufactured into beautiful durable rugs at prices that are right. Call and see samples. Factory opposite Piggott & Sons lumber office in J. & J. Oldershaw Block.
THE CHATHAM RUG FACTORY.
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PEACE TERMS PROTRACTED

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tainable leads to the belief that there are a number of obstacles in the way of a peaceful settlement. In summing up the situation at Vereeniging, it is safe to say that a majority of the Transvaal representatives or the peace government, is in favor of peace, while the representatives of the Orange Free State, with a few influential exceptions, declare they will not renounce independence. Strangely enough, General De Wet, who was most irreconcilable at the last conference, is now quite a strong advocate of peace. Lord Kitchener certainly will not exceed the concessions already offered the delegates, so there remains only the question of the reduction of the demands of the Orange Free State representatives or the possibility of a split between the Boer factions. This latter, while it would delay an immediate settlement of the matters before the conference, would certainly hasten the final solution of the situation in the field.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

May 21.—Miss Eva Stewart is in Chatham to-day.

A large number of villagers attended a Grit meeting in Loderin last evening. Hugh Johnston left this week on a week's visit to his home in Port Rowen.

Mrs. Dr. Sharp and Mrs. W. A. Johnson were in Chatham on Monday to hear Sousa's band.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dusty, of Hagersville, arrived here to-day on a visit with the latter's parents.

Several local Gr. men in Chatham on Monday night to hear Hon. G. W. Ross.

"DRINK GRANO, CEREAL COFFEE."

THAMESVILLE

May 20.—W. J. Smith, of London, is in town to-day.

S. B. Ripley was in Chatham yesterday.

H. Graves imported a carload of potatoes from the east yesterday.

Mrs. G. A. Dickson continues very low.

Mr. Syer, of Guelph, was in town to-day.

George Harvey, a former resident here, was in town to-day.

Carrier boys are not authorized to collect subscriptions. Our collector calls in each town once a month; if a subscriber wishes to pay his account before the collector calls, he must remit direct to The Planet Office, Chatham, as we will not be responsible for monies paid to carriers.

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WALLACEBURG

May 20.—Among the Chatham visitors yesterday were, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fraser, Dr. and Mrs. Knight, T. B. Dundas, W. Power, J. A. Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, S. Course, J. Harrison, F. Falstead, W. McDougall, H. Burgess, and Miss Daisy Burgess, C. Boughman, G. Woolliwer, and many others.

Mrs. W. C. Lee returned to-day after several weeks' treatment in St. Joseph's hospital.

R. Mickle left yesterday to spend a few weeks at Chatham.

The Wallaceburg lacrosse team is now in the league. J. Laycock was a delegate to Chatham in the interests of the team this week.

We are pleased to report that Miss Bella Drummond, who underwent a critical operation in St. Joseph's hospital a few weeks ago, is greatly improved, and we hope will soon be quite strong again.

Mrs. E. Duckett will also soon be able to return home.

DRESDEN

May 21.—On Monday evening, May 19th, the wife of Robert Yorkston, of a son.

John Waddell, of Chatham, was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. J. E. McGloaglin is in Chatham to-day visiting her sister-in-law.

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MANY MEDICINES GIVE TEMPORARY RELIEF BUT BECOME LESS EFFECTIVE EVERY DAY

"THIS IS NOT TRUE OF

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Being a Tonic, they INCREASE in effectiveness; and they can be used continuously with perfect safety. They Cure Constipation and Indigestion. They Purify and Enrich the Blood.

FIFTY TABLETS FOR 25 CENTS

Mrs. J. C. Colby, who is seriously ill, Huron Essex, of London, was the guest of his sister, Miss Ethel Essex, last evening.

Bert G. Westcott, of Leamington, was in Dresden yesterday.

John Caister is employed on the steel works of the Best Sugar Co.

Mrs. Beal, of Michigah, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Draper, Victoria Ave., returned home on Monday last.

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Summer lines here are as smart as you would expect us to keep if we sold nothing else. Just a skit over the prices to give an idea of how fastidious men may pick and choose in this stock. remember nothing is too cheap to be fast-colored.

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