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5c per pound

SELECT RAISINS, 10c a pound.
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 CLEANED CURRANTS, 12c a pound.
 FINEST CURRANTS, 15c a pound.
 MIXED PEEL, 20c a pound.
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 FINE RICH CHEESE.
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Christmas Cake

Orders should be placed early—Christmas is but a few weeks away, and this season we will double last year's sales. First, because our customers last year were delighted, and found our cake as good, in fact better, than represented. Secondly, because we bought our fruit largely at inside figures before the last tremendous jump in prices, enabling us to sell at last year's price, 25c per lb.

Somerville's
 NEXT STANDARD BAKERY, CHATHAM
 Phone 36.

The Chatham Loan & Savings

COMPANY.

18th—Half Yearly Dividend—38th

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at rate of six per cent per annum upon the paid up capital stock of this Company, has been declared for the current half year, ending December 31st, 1900, payable at the company's office, on and after January 1, 1901.

The transfer books will be closed from 10 to 11 o'clock December inclusive.
 By order of the Board,
 S. F. GARDINER, Manager,
 Chatham, Nov. 20th, 1900. mdo

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If You Are Looking for a

...Range...

That will burn coal or wood perfectly, keep fire over night and save you one-third your bill, we have them at

John A. Mortons' Hardware Store
 King Street.

VERY MYSTERIOUS

A Farmer Shot Dead in His Own Barn.

Before he Died he Claimed he was Robbed but His Pocketbook was Found on Him.

Wakefield, Mass., Dec. 5.—A number of sharp pistol shots in quick succession last night sent the wife of John Crowell, of this town, flying from her house to the barn where she found her husband writhing on the floor and moaning: "He has gone, and my pocketbook with him." Fifteen minutes after Mr. Crowell died from the effects of two bullet wounds over the heart. Mr. Crowell recently sold out his coffee and tea trade and had carried the money about with him. Later Mrs. Crowell said that she must have reached the barn within a minute after the shots were fired, yet there was no sign of the murderer. Neighbors who heard Mrs. Crowell's shrieks made a search of the neighborhood and found a seven-chambered revolver with five empty shells in it, and a whiskey bottle. The police through this section have turned out to work on the case. The opinion was expressed to-day by many who had known the man that he had committed suicide, on account of financial losses, largely due to the expense involved in trying to find a fortune which he believed to exist in England. The police later in the day announced that Mr. Crowell's pocket-book was in Crowell's clothing. It contained four dollars. After the autopsy, Medical Examiner Jack expressed the opinion that the case was one of murder. At least one of the shots had been fired from a distance, as a bullet had been found in the trousers that had not even scarred the body. The only other shot which struck Crowell hit him just below the heart, coming out near the spine.

Be sure and go up in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium on Friday and Saturday, and see the numerous articles the ladies have for sale, and get a nice warm meal.

FRIDAY.

Dinner.
 Chicken—Fricassee.
 Chicken—Roast.
 Potatoes—Baked.
 Potatoes—Boiled.
 Pickles, Salad.
 Celery, Cheese.
 Deep Apple Pie, with Cream.
 Tea, Coffee.
 Supper.
 Oysters—Raw.
 Oysters—Stew.
 Chicken Pie.
 Pressed Chicken.
 Scalloped Potatoes.
 Cake.
 Tea, Coffee.

Mayoralty

To the Electorate of the City of Chatham

Ladies and gentlemen:
 I am a candidate for mayor for 1901, and I respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,
 W. E. McKEOUGH

Chatham, Ont., 19th Nov., 1900

ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
 At the urgent request of several representative citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.
 Yours, W. F. SMITH,
 td Barrister.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
 It is my intention to again offer my services as Alderman for 1901.

I trust that my record as alderman during 1896 and 1897, and as chairman of the finance committee in the latter year is such as to entitle me to your confidence. If elected, I will, as before, strive to look to the city's interests to the best of my ability, and I respectfully solicit your support.

Yours faithfully,
 S. B. ARNOLD.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
 I am again a candidate for the office of School Trustee. Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited.

R. M. PAXTON.

—Scrofula in the blood shows itself sooner or later in swellings, sores, eruptions. But Hood's Sarsaparilla completely cures it.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Remember Chaplain Lane's lecture in the First Presbyterian Church Monday, even- Dec. 10th.

Thomas Kime, Sr., is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Remember the Bazaar in aid of the Public General Hospital funds.

A large range of coal, wood and gas stoves at Morton's hardware store. If you get your lunch or supper at the Bazaar in I. O. O. F. Auditorium tomorrow. See bill of fare in another column.

Thomas Kime, Jr., Taylor avenue, has returned from Windsor. While working at his trade of mason, Mr. Kime dislocated his wrist.

Mrs. Ina Cooper will sing Rule Britannia on Monday evening, Dec. 10th, at Chaplain Lane's lecture in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. J. Brown and family, of Mer- lin, are spending the winter with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. George Shaw, on Queen street.

"Happy Thought" stores for wood or coal, are the most economical, and are for sale only at John A. Morton's hardware store.

Mrs. Lingo and son, Andrew, of Seattle, Wash., are visiting Mrs. Henry Dunn, Head street, for the winter. Mrs. Lingo was formerly Miss Jennie Hardy, of this city.

E. H. Stewart, representing the Consumers' Tobacco Co. of Lexington, has sampled the whole city and given every man who uses the weed a good piece of chewing tobacco.

Chaplain Lane's lecture on the "War in South Africa" in the First Presbyterian church on Monday evening, Dec. 10, promises to be a most interesting one, and the ladies have disposed of a number of tickets. The lecturer comes highly endorsed by Lieut. Governor Jones of U. S.

It seems to be the general opinion amongst the citizens that the water commissioners have done good service. Neither gentlemen care to contest the office, but it would be a courteous act on the part of the electors to return Dr. Bray and Mr. Sheldon by acclamation so that they can carry on the policy they have so far followed.

On Saturday and Monday next Reid the tailor will place on his counters five hundred yards of imported, woollens at one-half the regular prices, and purchasers of winter clothing will be given an opportunity of getting these goods at a lower price than they have ever before been offered. The sale will only be continued for two days during which time one dollar will buy two dollars' worth of clothes.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a lantern entertainment will be given at the hall of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Joseph's Church and under their auspices. The light used in projection will be "the Drummond light" which produces the most beautiful pictures on the screen. The entertainment is under the management of the Rev. Fr. Herman whose known ability will ensure a brilliant success. 3td.

A terrible accident occurred between Inglewood Junction and Cheltenham, on the Atlantic branch of the G. T. Railway. Engine No. 311 and van, driver W. Curtis, running extra, struck the section hand-car, on which were John A. Len, foreman, Neil McArthur, and Oliver Ellis, section men, and Arthur Frame and John Tetre, farm laborers, who were going to a threshing. All were killed instantly.

Dr. Emerson empanelled a jury which, after viewing the remains, adjourned to meet on Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at Inglewood. All the men were married, and residents of Cheltenham.

ISN'T NECESSARY.

Ontario Conservatives Do Not Want a Convention.

They Consider the Ross Government Doomed—A Well-attended Caucus.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—The caucus of Conservative members of the Legislature and of defeated candidates at the last Provincial election here yesterday on the call of Mr. Whitney, the Opposition leader, was attended by about eighty gentlemen.

The principal matter under discussion was a proposal by Mr. Moyes, of East York, to hold a convention of Provincial Conservatives for the purpose of formulating a platform for the coming general elections. Mr. Moyes urged his view with persistence at the morning session, but he was called away to attend the death of his sister, and no one took up his cause strongly, although a number of members were understood to favor the idea.

Mr. Whitney stated that he was not convinced of the need of a convention at the present time, at all events, and his view was accepted.

At the close of the caucus the leader gave out a statement, saying the gathering had been in every respect a satisfactory one, and the greatest good feeling prevailed. Members generally declared that the coming general election would be fought by an enthusiastic and united body of supporters behind Mr. Whitney.

The meeting was, of course, behind closed doors. All the Provincial leaders were present, including Lieut. Col. Matheson, M. P.; John McLaughlin, M. P.; J. J. Foy, M. P.; Geo. Marter, M. P.; J. W. St. John, Ex-M. P.; A. Macpherson, M. P.; Dr. Fyfe, M. P.; and others.

The general feeling, as expressed to a reporter by various members, was that the Conservative campaign for the next Provincial elections would be exceedingly bright. From all parts of the country come reports indicating that the Tory sweep in Ontario at the Federal elections is likely to be followed by a similar sweep in the Provincial elections. The Opposition, however, expect no easy victory, and every effort will be made to thoroughly organize every constituency in Ontario for the coming fight.

As regards a gerrymander of the Province before the election opens, it is seen, however, that it is generally considered unlikely that the Ross Government will attempt to bring in any gerrymander measure before the election opens. It could not be brought in at the next session of the Legislature, as the caucus returns will not be available in time. And if another session is called after that before dissolution the Opposition is prepared to block any gerrymander bill until the Legislature expires by the effluxion of time. The only likely re-

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At The Gordon Store

And buying and selling becomes easy when every sale is satisfactory to both parties. You have been waiting for reductions, and you will find them here no mistake—especially in Dress Goods and ready-made garments. Before real winter sets in supply yourself and family from our winter stock far below regular prices.

LADIES' SHAWLS

Reversible Shawls, Blanket Shawls, Tartan Shawls, Breakfast Shawls, Opera Shawls, Shoulder Shawls, etc.

A DRESS GOODS CLEARING

You need a new dress. It will interest you and profit you to see our lines at 25c, from 40 to 54 inches wide, and our 50c lines, 1 1/2 yard wide, in Homespun, Tweeds, etc.

BIG BARGAINS IN SILK WAISTS

For evening wear—beauties—pick them at a special inducement at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES

Of heavy outing flannel, crochet edges. We close out the balance of these desirable jackets at 50c each.

FUR COATS

Every lady knows the comfort of a Bokhara, Astrachan, Raccoon, Wallaby, or fine Seal Jacket, ranging from \$20 to \$45.

FUR CAPES

Every description—full sweep, length 27 to 36, from \$8.00 to \$35.00.

FUR COLLARETTES

A special line of samples—plunder from a traveller. Plums. A gentle hint—Remember a Fur Collarette is the thing for a Christmas Box.

CHILDRENS' JACKETS

Children come in for their share of the plunder, in Reefers, Jackets, Suits, Cloaks and Ulsters from \$1.50 to \$4.50.

BEAVERS AND CURLS

All colors and black, for heavy coats and Ulsters, from 75c up.

Miss Cathcart's Millinery Section

On the second Floor has some new, bright and catchy creations. All her untrimmed and outing hats she will close out at cut-in-two prices.

Remember the large stock, the low prices, the greatest variety of styles in every department to select from.

... WILLIAM GORDON.

distribution of seats is in connection with the giving of more representation to the increased population of New Ontario. A new seat for Manitoulin Island and Nipissing is a likely proposition.

THE LITTLE SICKNESSES

Which Grow Into Big Ones.

A little cold in the head is a trifle, but if neglected and it hangs on from week to week and gets into the throat and lungs it is no longer a trifle. It is then no longer a slight cold but the beginning of chronic catarrh. Do not make the mistake of thinking you have no catarrh because the head and nose appear to be clear. If there is cough, tickling in the throat, hoarseness or a sense of oppression in the chest, you have throat and bronchial catarrh. If the appetite is poor, nausea, gagging and disgust for food, especially in the morning, you have catarrh of the stomach.

The surest and safest treatment for every form of catarrh is an internal remedy which acts especially on the blood and mucous membranes. Such a remedy is the new catarrh cure, sold everywhere by druggists under name of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, a medicine in pleasant, convenient tablet form and containing all the best and latest specifics for catarrh, whether located in nose, throat, bronchial tubes or stomach.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are composed of Sanguinaria, guaiacol, Red gum and similar antiseptics which destroy the germs of catarrh in the blood, and no one who suffers from any form of catarrh and has seen the uselessness of sprays, douches, and powders will ever go back to them after once trying the convenient, pleasant and harmless remedy as Stuart's Catarrh tablets and one which gives relief in so short a time.

Even in cases where catarrh has effected the senses of smell and hearing, these tablets accomplish a cure because the blood being cleansed of catarrhal germs, the mucous surfaces of the nose and throat no longer clog up the respiratory passages with catarrhal secretions.

All druggists sell full sized treatment of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets for the nominal price of 50 cents and the regular daily use of them will effectually cure this troublesome and dangerous disease.

WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 6.—Dexter Minkie, of the East Branch, received a somewhat serious kick from one of his horses.

The W. C. T. U. held their meeting a day earlier than usual this week. N. S. Thompson has returned to his home here, after spending the past few months at Alisa Craig.

Mrs. Holmes, of Washington, D. C., who is visiting her parents, of this place, spent Saturday with her sister, Miss Grace Little, of Sarnia.

The ladies of the English Church are preparing for a sale of fancy articles, to be held some time before Xmas.

Miss Lammman, who has been visiting in Detroit, returned home on Tuesday evening.

The revival services are still in progress at the Methodist Church, conducted by Dr. Cook, the pastor.

A SUCCESSFUL BLUFF.

The Hopedale, Michigan, paper, has the following to say in reference to Percy Kitchen, a grandson of Mrs. Reuben Parks Taylor, avenue, who was born in this city, his father being William Kitchen, sewing machine dealer. "Percy Kitchen, a 16-year-old boy, of College Hill, had the nerve to run a bluff on a burglar while he was home alone last Thursday evening, and the bluff did the business in good shape. As the burglar was going up stairs, the young lad at the top of the stairs, with an unaided shot gun in his hands, commanded him not to advance or he would blow his brains out. At that the burglar turned and made his escape in quick order. They found out afterwards that he had gone through the lower part of the house, but nothing was missing.

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 CHATHAM.

GROWING EAR DRUMS

European Scientists Are Doing it For John D. Rockefeller's Daughter.

Cleveland, Dec. 5.—That the foremost specialists of Europe are growing new ear drums for Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, is the remarkable disclosure made in a letter from a young medical student now in Vienna, to his family in this city. He says: "Such a feat has only been accomplished once or twice before, and the whole thing was kept a profound secret. Miss Rockefeller's defect of hearing resulted from an attack of scarlet fever years ago. As she grew older the trouble increased, until she was almost stone deaf. It is said that one new ear drum has been complete grown and the other is well under way."

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is successfully used monthly by over 10,000 ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, \$1 per box; No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, \$2 per box. No. 1 or 2, mailed on receipt of price and two-cent stamp. The Cook Company Windsor, Ont. No. 1 and 2 sold and recommended by all responsible Druggists in Canada.

No. 1 and No. 2 sold in Chatham at Central Drug Store, C. H. Gunn & Co.

E. H. Brown

This signature is on every box of the genuine Luxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

THE LIBRARY BOARD.

The library board held its regular meeting last evening. There were present, Chairman W. J. J. Twohey, J. U. Thibodeau, Dr. Charteris and L. L. Davis. Mr. Twohey reported that the library committee had met and examined books sent on approval. A number were to be returned. On motion, the books accepted were ordered to be put in circulation and an order issued for payment. The secretary was instructed to renew subscriptions for 1901 for papers and magazines. The following accounts were passed: The Planet, \$28.78; freight, 58c; water-works, \$1; Gas Co., \$7.43; A. Heyward, 65c; and X. Busch, 25c. The chairman of the finance committee was instructed to ask the city council for \$200 on the 1901 library tax rate, so that the board could pay accounts and secure the Government grant. The librarian reported new borrowers, 17; books given out, 1,953; received from fines, \$2.68; cards, \$4.75; catalogues, 15c; total, \$7.58. On motion, the matter of the liability of guarantors for fines was referred to the library committee to report on.

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All fine Imported goods—no trash. Remember one dollar buys two dollars worth on above two days only. Get in early and do your shopping. Sale starts at 9 a. m. Saturday, and at 12 p. m. the doors will be closed until 9 a. m. Monday.

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