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If your mind runs to a Carpet Sweeper there is only one make to buy and that is a

BISSEL

GOLD MEDAL	\$3.50
GRAND RAPIDS	\$3.00
STANDARD	\$2.50

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Grand Rapids—A Sweeper that will do the work equally as well as the best, but not quite as elaborately finished.

Standard—A Sweeper that has the same quality of brush as the more expensive ones, and is guaranteed to do the work thoroughly.

Every Sweeper carries with it the maker's guarantee and ours. Come and see our showing.

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MEN'S SLIPPERS
—FOR—
Christmas

Of course, real solid comfort may be possible without a pair of slippers—but it's surely more like the real Simon-pure article when the slippers are there.

That opens the way toward making somebody a present that will

Low or Opera Slippers	75c to \$2
High-top or Romeo Slippers	\$1.50 to \$2
Felt and Warm Lined Slippers	65c to \$1
Carpet and Rep Slippers from	40c

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200 Pairs Men's Shoes at \$1.00 and \$1.25, regular Price \$1.75 and \$3.50.

MEN'S SHOES
Wetted, \$3.50 Shoe at \$2.75
" 3.00 " 2.25
" 2.50 " 1.98
Regular Men's Shoe, \$1.00 and \$1.25, at 80c
LADIES' SHOES
Wetted \$3.50 Shoe at \$2.75
" 3.00 " 2.25
" 2.50 " 1.98
" 1.75 " 1.40
" 1.50 " 1.15
" 1.25 " 1.00

Misses' and Children's average \$1.25 shoes will be sold at \$1.00.
50 pair Youth's Grain Leather Shoes, regular price, \$1.35, will be sold at \$1.10.
All prices on these shoes has been correctly marked by A. A. Jordan.
250 Boys' Suits ranging in price \$2.50 to \$5 will be sold from \$1.25 to \$1.98. All garments guaranteed to be all wool and the best of workmanship.
Children's and Youth's Overcoats, sold from 75c to \$2.25, reg. price from \$2.50 to \$6.
M. SHAPERO King Street, Opp. the Market

Tin
Half-Past 9
O'Clock

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN for the Sale of Groceries, Lamps, China, and Glassware, of which we have a Large Stock bought expressly for the Christmas Trade. We want your help to clear out these goods during the next 8 days. We will help you by reducing 7 per cent. from all Dinner, Tea, and Chamber Sets, also Lamps, China, and Glassware. Come Early and Get Your Choice.

GROCERIES.
Our Stock for Christmas is complete. The quality and prices are combined to please you:—
Seedless Oranges, 25c per dozen.
Select Raisins (cleaned), 8c per lb.
3 lbs. Currants (cleaned), for 25c.
Mixed Nuts, 15c per lb.
2 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c.
Seedless Raisins, 6c per lb.
3 Cans (1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes) for 25c.
Mixed Pickles, 10c per bottle.
Mince Meat, 9c per lb.

We shall be Closed for the Sale of Groceries at 7 o'clock Every Night (except Saturday) to comply with the by-laws regarding the same. Groceries Must Not be Sold after 7 o'clock, but we shall be Pleased to Fill All Your Orders Until the Above Hour.

John McConnell,
Park St. Phone 190

A SHUDDER OF HORROR

Convulses Russia Over Fear of Return of "White Terror."

Moscow Soldiers Mutiny, But Surrender After One Day Out—Grenadiers Started It and Revolutionary Demands Were Made—Now Leaders Are In Dures—Lithuanian Revolutionists In Full Control.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A shudder of horror has convulsed Russia. The Government claims it has given daily battle only to the "red" revolutionists, but the populace generally believes that the "white terror" has returned. Already the leaders of the proletarian organization who escaped capture Saturday night at the Economic Society and even men of the rank of Prof. Mikulski, are hiding from the police, who are hunting them down. The Government evidently anticipates a battle royal, and has made its dispositions accordingly. It fully understands that the proletarian will give blow for blow and answer the wholesale arrest.

A General Strike.
The Workmen's Council and the League of Leagues Saturday night issued a declaration of a general strike to begin immediately and consequently by an Imperial decree published yesterday morning, all Governmental, military, and police forces throughout the Empire, who are cut off by telegraph, are clothed with almost dictatorial powers, being authorized without consulting St. Petersburg, to declare a siege and if necessary martial law.

Resolved on Repression.
Every development goes to show that the Government is resolved to make an attempt to repress the agitation now existing throughout Russia and restore order in the Empire at any cost.

News from the interior last night is very serious. The revolt in the Baltic has spread southward to the Province of Kovno on the border of Poland, which belong to the old Kingdom of Lithuania. The rebellion in Kursk is beyond control and the Government has information that a serious uprising is in course of preparation in the Ural regions.

An Official Warning.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—An official communication has been published especially warning those groups opposed to the carrying out of the reforms promised in the Imperial manifesto of Oct. 30, whose tenets are revolutionary and socialist, whose tactics are anarchistic, and who aim at the disorganization of the country, by the stoppage of the posts and telegraph that should the ordinary laws fail to stem the tide of revolution, the Government will have recourse altogether to exceptional measures.

Moscow Intensely Alarmed.
Moscow, Dec. 17.—(By telephone to St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.)—There is intense alarm among the population here because of the news from St. Petersburg of the inauguration by the Government of a policy of repression. Troops of the garrison are in open mutiny, and there are fears of a massacre by the "Black Hundred" Tuesday next, as proclamations have been issued inviting people to the red square of the Government.

Revolutionists In Full Control.
Berlin, Dec. 18.—A despatch to The Lokal Anzeiger, from Riga, dated Dec. 13, via ship to Reval, thence by messenger to St. Petersburg, and thence by courier to Stockholm, East Prussia Saturday says:

Lithuanian workmen today attempted to force their way into an electric light power house, which was occupied by troops. A volley was fired into the crowd killing twelve men. The rest fled. All the factory employees are striking and business is suspended.

The Librarian revolutionists hold all the approaches to the town, seize all vehicles and slaughter the horses.

TURKS USING ARTILLERY.

Strenuously Fighting a Revolutionary Outbreak in Transcaucasia.
Constantinople, Dec. 18.—The international fleet which has been making a demonstration in Turkish waters has been recalled.

A despatch received here from Batoum, in the Government of Kutais, Transcaucasia, reports the outbreak of a revolution there. It says that the streets were barricaded, and that fierce fighting took place.

The military employed artillery, and many persons, including subjects of the Ottoman Empire, was killed.

In response to a request made by the Turkish Consul, the Porte is now arranging for the despatch of vessels to Batoum to bring back refugees.

The despatch says that a similar state of affairs prevails in Poti, in the same Government, and in the Town of Kutais.

Rev. J. W. Hodgins, rector of Holy Trinity church, took the services and preached two excellent sermons yesterday. The Sunday school in connection with this church has risen from its former status. It has now reached 114, that number of scholars being in attendance yesterday.

Visitors in the city yesterday must have been highly impressed with Chatham's main thoroughfare, the papers and other litter on it being a disgrace to this fair city.

Kremnia.

The Grenadiers of the Newvithk Regiment Saturday went to the barracks of the Boston Regiment to induce the anarchist quartered there to join them. The mutiny commenced in the Newvithk Regiment, the members of which marched to the barracks singing the Marseillaise, and asked their comrades to join in their instance for liberties wrested from the people by the Government.

Forced Their Colonel.
They secured acquittals from several regiments. Finally they were met by Sumyhad Dragoons, who fired a blank volley, and thereupon they retreated to their barracks, locked themselves in, and sent a deputation to the colonel and forced him to surrender the colors of the regiment, which are now in their possession.

They mounted machine guns and defied the Sumyhad Regiment, and the other loyal troops, which surrounded the mutineers.
Three other Grenadier regiments, the Ekaterinoslav, the Taurid and the Krasnaya, and the artillery garrison, in full sympathy with their Rostoff comrades, compelled all their officers to leave the barracks. The mutineers formally presented to Gen. Plavofski, the division commander, a series of demands, principally relating to the service, but including also political reforms, and issued an appeal to the officers of the garrison to join in the fight for improved conditions.

A Fiery Appeal.
Accompanying the demand was an ultimatum that if they are not granted by Tuesday next the mutineers would march out to the streets and parade the city.

The text of the appeal was as follows:

"All Russia has risen against the Government, which has involved the country in a useless war and brought it to the verge of ruin. We soldiers are firmly determined to break down the tyranny of our commanders and compel reform in the army. Now is the time for us soldiers to awake. Comrades, we summon you to dismiss your officers and assume command until your grievances are redressed. All for one, and one for all. Hurrah for the army."

Col. Semanoyevski, of the Grenadiers, by a show of arms, sent his sword to the Emperor and resigned.

The Balloon Comes Down.
But the mutiny collapsed ignominiously last night, owing to internal dissensions, and the discontent of a large number of the soldiers. The program of the Socialist leaders, who wished to force them into open collision with the loyal troops.

After a moment's indecision yesterday afternoon the battalions and a machine gun detachment deserted. The mutineers sent a deputation to Gen. Plavofski, saying they had returned to duty, imploring his pardon, and volunteering to enter the barracks and seize the revolutionary committee so as to prove their repentance.

Upon Gen. Plavofski's ultimatum that he would open fire unless they immediately surrendered the remaining mutineers laid down their arms and delivered up Private Schabaroff and other members of the revolutionary committee, as well as several civilian agitators, who were in the barracks.

Witte's Power Wanes.
The bureau of the zemstvo congress has called a meeting for Dec. 20, to answer the appeal to dismiss your officers and assume command until your grievances are redressed. It is one of the attempts to hold elections independently of the Government, in other words, to practically transform itself into a provisional Government.

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ALD. POTTER TAKES ACTION

Prompt Move by the Chairman of the Parks Committee to Prevent River Fatalities

Life Saving Boat and Equipment to be Installed at Fire Hall—To Petition Govt.

Ald. Wm. Potter, the energetic chairman of the Parks committee, is taking prompt action to prevent any repetition of Saturday's sad fatality. After a lengthy consultation with Fire Chief Pritchard, Ald. Potter will introduce two strong resolutions at to-night's City Council session with a view to further minimizing the danger to life in the river Thames.

Ald. Potter will move, seconded by Ald. Marshall, that the Fire Department be equipped with a life-saving boat and that the Government be petitioned to furnish life-preservers to be placed around the river front.

The action of Ald. Potter will be heartily commended by the entire community.

HAS WON MANY HONORS

Dr. J. L. Bray's Retirement From the Water Commission Regretted by Electors

Gives the Electors an Account of his Stewardship—A Universally Esteemed Public Officer

The retirement of Dr. J. L. Bray from the Board of Water Commissioners notes the passing from the life of a man who has had, possibly, more public honors conferred upon him than any other Chatham citizen. That these honors were deserved, and that he has at all times acted in the interests and for the welfare of the people he served, is conclusively

proved by his position on the Board is one that will not easily be filled.

In retiring from office the doctor very appropriately addresses the following letter to the electors of Chatham:

To the Editor of The Planet:
In retiring from the Board of Water Commissioners, after seven years' service, as chairman, I deem it my duty to give the electors an account of my stewardship, and to include Mr. Shaw, who has worked with me all that time, and to whose thorough business capacity and sound judgment much of our success has been due. When we were first elected in 1899 we had to face an overdraft in the Bank of some two thousand dollars and found it very difficult at that time to meet current expenses, lay new mains, and keep up the plant out of revenue from the water consumers; but by exercising the strictest economy and aided by the superintendent and an efficient staff of employees, we managed to wipe off this debt. Besides having added to capital account in mains and services \$23,752.34, and given water to the city for hydrants, fire protection, street watering, parks, \$38,896, and in addition have handed over to the city treasurer \$12,000 in cash, with a prospect of \$5,000 more in a few days, making a grand total of gross profits of \$81,612.34, and at the same time have kept the plant up to its present state of efficiency at a very considerable outlay, besides reducing the cost of water by meter from 30 to 20 cents, or one-third per 1,000 gals., and readjusting the flat rates.

So, I feel on retiring from the Board, that we have given the city a self-sustaining waterworks system and a good paying investment, and what is worth more than all else to the citizens (as shown by a recent analysis) a water supply absolutely free from any bacteria, and as pure as water for domestic purposes can be. All this is a source of great satisfaction to Mr. Sheldon and myself, and I think my successors will continue the good work, and find it as congenial and pleasant as I have done.

In bidding adieu to the Water Commission, I wish to thank the citizens of Chatham for the confidence they have reposed in me during my municipal life, extending, as it does over a period of 30 years or more.

I am yours,

JNO. L. BRAY.
Chatham, Ont., Dec. 18th, 1905.

Wanted—A lady typewriter and stenographer. I wish to fill a responsible position. Address W. care Planet Office.

CLUB HOME

Macaulay Club Formally Inaugurates New Era—Mr. Scullard's Paper

Saturday evening the Macaulay Club formally took possession of its handsome new rooms in the Bank of Commerce building. The rooms are now furnished and present a most attractive and homelike appearance. The President, Dr. Geo. Musson, was in the chair and among those present were: Dr. T. K. Holmes, Thomas Scullard, H. D. Smith, C. E. Beeston, W. E. Gundy, R. W. Angus, S. B. Arnold, H. Collins, Edwin Bell, Fred. Stone, H. W. Anderson, F. D. Laurie, J. S. Lane, W. A. Coltart and others.

Ex-Ald. Scullard, the grand historian of the Club, gave a most interesting and illuminating address from the formation of the Club 25 years ago in the editorial sanctum of The Planet. The charter members were Mr. Scullard, Editor Gossell, of The Planet, Edwin W. Sandys, W. K. Merrifield and John Reeve. Mr. Scullard's historical paper will be inscribed in the minutes.

A reading from Mark Twain was contributed by H. W. Anderson, after which an impromptu debate: Resolved that the platform has exerted a greater influence than the press, was discussed. W. E. Gundy led the affirmative and H. Collins the negative. The President gave a very pleasant social time brought the evening to a close.

TP. BELIEVES HIM INNOCENT

Strong Representations to Crown in the Case of Tilbury's Ex-Treasurer

Ask That Criminal Proceedings Shall be Dropped—Further Adjournment Granted

At the County Court, before Judge Houston, this morning, the case of W. F. Robertson, the ex-Treasurer of Tilbury Township, was further enlarged for a week. Crown Attorney Smith appeared for the prosecution and W. G. Richards for the defense.

The resolution of the Township Council will meantime be considered by the Attorney General's department. It is as follows:—

That, whereas the claims of the corporation against their late treasurer, Mr. W. F. Robertson, and his sureties, have been fully satisfied and discharged, according to the offer of settlement embraced in the resolution of the Council, passed at its meeting on Dec. 13:

And, whereas this Council has learned that an individual ratepayer had instituted criminal proceedings against these said Mr. Robertson in respect of the corporation's claims aforesaid, all of which have been settled aforesaid:

And, whereas the said proceedings were not taken upon the request or the instance of this Council, and this Council being of opinion that the said Mr. Robertson was not guilty of intentional fraud in the matter,

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Select Your Christmas Toys and Presents.

Our Stock is now Complete. Everything for the Human Family from Babe to Old Age. The Most Complete and Up-to-date Stock in Canada.

"The Store With the Stock."

FOLLOW THE WISE ONES TO

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, King and 6th Sts.

and he having made settlement as aforesaid:

Be it resolved:—

That this Council do now make known to the Crown authorities that it is not the wish of this Council that the said proceedings should be proceeded with, but, on the contrary, that the same should be withdrawn and dropped, for the reasons aforesaid.

And be it further resolved that a certified copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the Crown Attorney for the County of Kent forthwith, after passing thereof. Carried.

Nothing is lost by bestowing a modicum of respect in the directions which seem to deserve it.

A broken promise is one of the hardest things to mend.

The Rush is on

THE ARK

For the convenience of citizens, we will keep open every evening this week until 9 o'clock, excepting Saturday, when we will be open later.

Would again ask all who possibly can to come and make your selections early.

Goods Promptly Delivered.

H. MACAULAY, PHONE