

YOUR GIFTS

Advice on the Purchase of Your Christmas Presents That is Worth Reading.

Whether you want a costly gift or less expensive, one thing you do want and that is to show what you purchase is as represented. It is not always the price you pay which makes an article reliable, but the firm you purchase it from and in no business is there such opportunity offered to be deceived in as the jewelry business. If you are fortunate enough to be remembered by relatives or friends and you find the name VonGuten Bros. on the box, you can rest assured your friend has not been taken in when purchasing, and what could be more flattering to any firm than to have people who have purchased goods elsewhere wanting to purchase a box on which is printed the name referred to, in order that their friend will more appreciate the article and this we know to be the case with VonGuten Bros., Chatham's reliable jewelers, who have been in business in Chatham for 25 years, and one secret in their great success is the honorable way they used all their customers. Our reporter called on them today and to say they were busy, would only be repeating what is always the case with them, this time of the year. The store is fuller this year than ever. In fact the show cases or store is not large enough to hold their stock and the optical room up stairs is used as an overflow department. It would be impossible to say just what can be found in their stock suitable for Xmas presents. It is simply full of them, from the most costly diamond rings to the simple pieces of sterling silver, and as for watches, more and a greater variety will be seen here than can be in seen the much larger stores in the very large cities. Brilliant cut glass and fine china as well as hundreds of gold rings, cuff links, stick pins, ebony in its great variety, silverware in every conceivable style, stacks of ladies' and gents' watch chains, in fact nice tasty articles suitable for Xmas presents for the baby, the small girl or boy, mother, wife or mother, brother, sisters, friend or sweetheart, and above all what you purchase is reliable in every sense of the word. Be sure and see that VonGuten Bros. is printed on the box your present is in and then you can sleep sound.

Township Councils.

DOVER COUNCIL.

The council met pursuant to adjournment Dec. 2, at the Town Hall. The minutes were all present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Charles Hart, commissioner, reported on the estimated cost of taking out the brush from the McFarlane drain.

John Mount came before the council in reference to his claim for a bridge over Ouellette drain.

A legal opinion was read from Wilson, Kerr & Pike re Mr. Mount's claim for a bridge over Ouellette drain.

A communication was read from the Clerk of Raleigh stating that Raleigh Council have appointed a committee to meet the committees from Dover and Tilbury East re proposed bridge over River Thames at or near Prairie Siding station.

A certificate was read from Philip Bourassa that E. Falcon had one-day's statute labor unperformed for 1900.

A by-law was read and finally passed appointing deputy returning officers, and a by-law to ratify and confirm an agreement between William Neff and the corporation of Dover Township in reference to putting down a water pipe on the southerly side of the River road.

Moved by Crawford and Trudell, that the grievance of Hugh C. Allen be referred to the commissioner of the third division with power and report.—Carried.

Moved by Trudell and Grant, that the grievance of Mrs. Leguille be referred to Mr. Wright with power and report.—Carried.

Moved by Trudell and Grant, that E. Falcon be refunded \$1.50 statute labor tax, two days being returned in error by the pathmaster.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Wright, that James Wemp be paid \$10 for two sheep and one lamb killed by dogs, being two-thirds value.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Grant, that the matter of paying Chatham Township Dover's assessment on the Town Line extension Relief drain be referred to the Reeve and Clerk with power and report.—Carried.

Moved by Wright and Trudell, that W. R. Baxter's account, \$21, be paid for printing 300 copies of the Township by-laws and charged to general account.—Carried.

Moved by Grant and Crawford, that John Coveny be paid \$1.00 for pathmaster's returns.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Wright, that the grievance of Murdoch McKenzie re committing statute labor be referred to Mr. Grant with power and report.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Grant, that the treasurer be instructed to credit the Hyatt and Fryer outlet with \$35.50, cost of two bridges charged to said drain in error, and that said sum be charged to the Hyatt drain east of Little Bear Line.—Carried.

Moved by Grant and Wright, that James Parish be paid \$8.66 for two lambs killed and three damaged; Cornelius Handson \$3.33 for one sheep killed; Julius Bechard \$3.33 for one sheep killed; Peter Faubert \$8.00 for two sheep killed by dogs, being two-thirds value in each case, as per inspectors.—Carried.

Moved by Grant and Crawford, that James Wemp be paid \$6.00 for four days inspecting sheep killed and damaged by dogs.—Carried.

Moved by Crawford and Wright,

THE FIRST STEP

to baby's health must be taken before baby's birth. The child can have no more health than the mother gives it. A healthy mother, strong of body and cheerful of mind, will endow the child with her own physical health and cheerful disposition. Many a wife who had dreaded motherhood because of past experiences of prenatal misery of mind and body has found a new era open to her with the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It gives physical strength, soothes the nerves, and induces refreshing sleep. It gives vigor and elasticity to the organs of maternity, so that the birth hour is practically without pain or suffering. It enables the mother to provide a plentiful supply of healthful nourishment for the healthy child. It makes weak women, strong and sick women well.

There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription" and it is absolutely free from opium, cocaine, and all other narcotics. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free of charge. All correspondence strictly private and sacredly confidential. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"I gladly recommend Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription," writes Mrs. T. V. G. Seabrook, Milla, Northumberland Co., Virginia. "Before my third little boy was born I took six bottles. He is the finest child and has been from birth, and I suffered very much less than I did before in consequence of my advanced age. I am now a contented mother to use the 'Favorite Prescription'."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a pleasant and effective laxative medicine. A carefully conducted agricultural college test of a twenty-five cow dairy, for one year, developed the following facts. The annual yield of milk varied in the case of different individuals from 3,000 to 8,000 pounds, and the annual yield of butter from 165 to 500 pounds. These best cows gave a profit, above cost of feed, of \$12.82, while the poorest cow had been kept at a loss of \$4.09. Eight of the twenty-five produced a profit of less than ten dollars each. The best cow gave as much profit as any other cow of the average cows of the herd. Thus this best cow was worth more than three times as much as the average cow of the herd, inasmuch as the labor of milking and caring for one cow and of keeping her when dry is much less than of three cows.

Modern methods are easily applied and are within the reach of all dairy farmers. With careful breeding and a weeding-out of the drones in the herd, together with the use of the Babcock milk tester, and De Laval Cream Separator, dairying can be made both profitable and pleasant.—Ed.

UNPROFITABLE COWS.

It is important to know what you are taking when using Catarrh Medicines. Catarrh is the short route to consumption, and the importance of early and judicious treatment of catarrh, whether located in the head, throat or bronchial tubes, cannot be too strongly emphasized.

The list of catarrh cures is as long as the moral law, and the forms in which they are administered, numerous and confusing, from sprays, inhalers, washes, ointments, and salves to powders, liquids, and tablets.

The tablet form is undoubtedly the most convenient and the most effective, but with nearly all advised catarrh remedies it is almost entirely a matter of guess work as to what you are taking into your system, as the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, always keep it a close secret as to what they are.

The success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh but because catarrh sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their systems. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, are composed of Red Gum, Blood Root and similar valuable and antiseptic ingredients and are pleasant to the taste and being dissolved in the mouth, they have immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and whole respiratory tract.

The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have established in old chronic cases of catarrh are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing what you are putting into your stomach is of paramount importance, when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphine habit has been frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with cordial approval from physicians, because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common sense cure for all forms of catarrhal troubles.

All druggists sell them at 50c for full sized packages.

Great battles are really won before they are actually fought. To control our passions we must govern our habits and keep watch over ourselves in the small details of every-day life.

IN FOOTWEAR

Splendid Christmas Stock of Boots and Shoes at Campbell's—Fine Display.

Six years established in business with a continued increase of business in the same stand is the state of affairs at the J. L. Campbell shoe house.

This shoe store is situated a few doors east of the Standard Bank on the north side of King street. This store handles the goods direct from the manufacturers and can thus do better for the people than any firm that does not. J. D. King's ladies goods are handled to a large extent, also many American lines. Mr. Campbell is sole agent for the celebrated stub proof rubbers and boots, guaranteed never to crack. The Maltese Cross rubbers for both sexes are also largely handled here, as are also the Goodyear ones.

Trunks and valises are also handled in this store to a large extent, especially Eveleigh's goods of Montreal, while telescopes are purchased direct from the makers in Chicago, thus Mr. Campbell is enabled to sell them at a close figure.

A specialty is made of the "Sovereign" \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 gentlemen's shoes, also "National Quality" at \$3.00 and \$3.50. The shoe dressings sold by this firm are the best, including Whitmore's and Packard's.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Park Bros. are unloading a car of shafting to-day.

Mrs. Geo. T. McKough left for Montreal to-day.

Thos. Brady sold a carload of cattle to Richard Stroud this morning.

A beef special went through on the C. P. R. this morning.

W. Paulucci and Joe Oldershaw are buying pigeons for a shoot on Christmas day.

Mrs. Agar, of Winnipeg, Man., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Van Allen.

E. J. Sarle, representative of the Fairbanks Co., of Montreal, was in the city to-day.

The Public School Board will meet this evening to pass the salaries for the month of December.

James Goodall and T. Raymond, of The S. Hadley Company, left yesterday for Ottawa, where he will oversee a \$2,000 contract.

Rev. J. A. Holt, of London, preached in the First Baptist church, King street, Sunday evening. He will preach again next Wednesday.

Walter Dezelia is making a first class artillery battery, complete horses and all, over three feet long out of the gunboat of 1812 wood.

Fred. Goodland, of North Chatham, is the latest arrival in the field for municipal honors. It is rumored that he will run for alderman, and his friends are assured of his success.

Rev. Mr. Rice, of Blenheim, preached in the Park street Methodist church Sunday. Rev. Dr. Hannon occupied Mr. Rice's church in Blenheim.

Miss Jennie Jordan, Grant street, who for the past two years has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert E. Burton, of Linden, Alberta, has returned home.

Chairman Marshall, of the Board of Works, did a thoughtful act when he had the icy King street pavement sprinkled with sand. The sand prevented slipping and saved many a fall.

The costs to the county in the cases of King vs. Chene for passing bogus money was \$87.25; King vs. Chene, forgery, \$12.50, and King vs. Douthe-waite, bigamy, \$25. The constables' fees were \$77.10.

Mr. Walrod, of Pittsburg, who has been visiting his brother, Jno. Walrod, down the River, has returned to Pittsburg. Mr. Walrod is a ship builder near where the flood is and is likely to have lost by it.

One more machine is necessary to complete the axle plant of the Dow-ley Works and it will arrive here Tuesday. It will take about two days to get it in working order and before the end of the week axles will be made.

The machinery in the Binder Twine factory was started yesterday as a test, and everything went without a hitch. It was started under the direction of Mr. Davenport, of New York, who is putting it in the factory. They will commence to manufacture binder twine about the first of next week.

The scarcity of vacant houses is very evident in the city. All the landlords are happy and have reason to be. As soon as a house is vacant there is a list of applicants for it. The only thing that this can be attributed to is the number of factories and different concerns being brought into the city. Everyone is benefited by them, merchants and business men especially.

JUBILEE CONCERT.

The Jubilee Concert at Victoria Ave. Methodist church last evening was a decided success. The lights were out in the early part of the evening, but came on all right, and the program went off splendidly. It was as follows: Vocal Solo—Miss Blanche Baxter. Address—Fred. Thompson, president of the League. Anthem—Choir. Obligate by Miss Baxter.

Talk on the Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. Crow.

Address—E. E. Parrott, Supt. Sabbath school.

Selection by the choir. Address—Jas. Holmes.

Address—J. W. Humphrey.

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