



YOU'D think to look in here that good old St. Nick had known just what you wanted—there's sure to be the style that pleases you most. And don't forget how welcome a gift a nice, new pair of shoes is for ANYBODY—or some comfortable slippers.

MEN'S SHOES

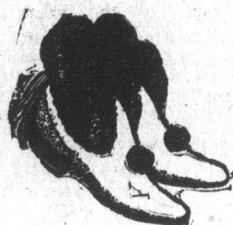
Our stock ranges all the way from the splendid solid shoe we sell at \$1.50 to those wonderful examples of superior shoemaking, the Kneeland shoes at \$5; also slippers in various fancy leathers, 40c to \$3.

WOMEN'S SHOES

You can begin at \$1.25, for which you get a first-class well-made shoe or you can work along by easy stages to \$4 which gets the very best. Pretty house slippers in patent leather and party slippers of every hue and color.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The best for each price from 25c to \$2.00.



GEO. W. COWAN

The BIG BOOT Shoe Store

DRS. CORNELL & FISHER
DENTISTS
Corner Sixth and King St.
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 317.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Messrs. George and J. Malcolmson, of Toronto, arrived here last night to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law, the late G. J. Peace.

Letters of administration to the estate of A. M. Snyder, of Blenheim, have been granted to Elizabeth Snyder.

In the trophy series game last evening in the Workman's hall, the Sons of England won from the Royal Archers by a score of 28 to 3.

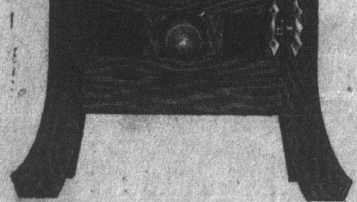
Wm. Raymond, of Mitchell's Bay, is in town to-day. Mr. Raymond on Thursday for Prosperity, Me., where he will henceforth reside.

Lost! On King St., between Gordon's Store and the Post Office, a small tan purse, containing money. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

At Park St. League last night an excellent address was delivered by Mr. T. B. Shillington, of Blenheim. Admirable solos were rendered by Miss Jordan and Mr. Horace Davis, Miss May Peate and Miss Bogart presiding at the piano. Dr. Thornton filled the chair in his usual felicitous manner. At the next meeting of the League Rev. Dr. Chown will give a talk in all probability along temperance lines.

The many Maple City friends of Miss Lottie White, of Charing Cross gave her a very pleasant kitchen shower in the rooms of Miss Hillman, King street, last evening. Miss White, who is at present visiting her cousin, Miss Pearl White, King street, West, is shortly to be married to Harvey Jenner, of Charing Cross. There was a large number present at the shower and many useful presents were received.

My! My! You are growing old fast!
And you know why, too. It's those gray hairs! Don't you know that Ayer's Hair Vigor restores color to gray hair? Well, it does. And it never fails, either. It stops falling hair also, and keeps the scalp clean. Sold for sixty years.



Mission Clocks

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL

Christmas Present

Come in and let us show them to you; not too expensive, from \$2.50 to \$5.50.

VonGunten Bros.
RELIABLE JEWELERS

COUNTY COURT

December Settings Opened Before Judge Dowlin this Afternoon—Light Docket.

The December Settings of the County Court were opened this afternoon before Judge Dowlin, at the Court House.

There is a very light docket this fall, there being only three or four criminal cases to come before the grand jury and only one non-jury case. The following gentlemen compose the Grand Jury—

David Forsythe, Chatham Twp.; T. Gurd, Bothwell; Matthew Hind, Dover; W. N. Morley, city; Duncan McGally, Harwich; Andrew O'Flynn, Wallaceburg; Daniel Proctor, Harwich; Letson A. Pardo, Raleigh; E. H. Sparkman, Blenheim; C. F. Smith, Tilbury East; Laurence Tape, Orford; Chester Watson, Dresden; Alfred Olderslow, city.

Judge Dowlin addressed the Grand Jury, pointing out their duties, and they retired to make their reports on the cases before them. The criminal cases are all for theft and none of them are of a very serious nature. Naturalist papers were granted to Chas. Carpenter, of Dresden; John William Greece, of Dresden; Wm. Howard, of Chatham; Frank Payne, A. B. Skelding, and A. B. Woolworth, all of this city.

The first case, that of Johnson vs. Smith, was then gone on with. Some time ago Johnson was fined \$500 and costs on a serious charge. Frank Smith, of this city, was acting for the plaintiff in the case. Mr. Smith's costs were \$200, making Johnson's total fine \$700. Johnson now claims that Mr. Smith's costs were too high and should have been taxed, and he is bringing an action against Mr. Smith to recover from the \$200 all of the money which he claims was not legally due Mr. Smith.

John Reeve is acting for Mr. Johnson in this case and O. L. Lewis appears for Mr. Smith.

The case was still in progress at the time of going to press.

THE ELECTIONS ON.

Ontario House Is Dissolved—Nominations Jan. 18, Polling Jan. 25.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Ontario Legislative Assembly is dissolved. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor yesterday assented to dissolution and signed the necessary papers. The election for the new House will take place on Wednesday, January 25th, and the nominations one week earlier, January 18th.

A DIVERSION

Rev. Mr. McInnes Creates Warm Discussion at Presbytery—Sixteen Communicants From Bethel the Cause.

There was some excitement at the meeting of the Presbytery called this morning to accept the resignation of Dr. Jamieson, pastor of St. Paul and Bethel churches, who has accepted a charge near Detroit. Rev. Mr. McInnes introduced the bombshell when he said that it was currently reported that sixteen members of the Bethel church had been urged to take sacrament at the First Presbyterian church, Chatham. It seems that these sixteen were dissatisfied with their pastor and wouldn't take the sacrament in their own church. Mr. McInnes said that he couldn't vote intelligently in the matter until he knew whether Mr. MacGillivray had done as reported said. The Moderator, the Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, ruled that the pastor of the First church be heard.

Mr. MacGillivray refused to answer Mr. McInnes publicly, but readily agreed to do so privately. He took the ground that Mr. McInnes could have had all the information he wanted had he come privately and this was not a matter within the province of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Dr. Battisby spoke in favor of peace. The Rev. Mr. Tolmie upheld Mr. MacGillivray, and the Moderator ruled in accordance with Mr. Tolmie. When the vote was taken on the Rev. Dr. Jamieson's resignation, the Rev. Mr. McInnes refused to vote. He said that he couldn't do so intelligently until he had been answered.

There was a large attendance of delegates at the meeting of the Chatham Presbytery this morning in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. McQuarrie, of Valcartier, president of Queen's University, addressed the Presbytery with regard to the needs of that institution and a committee was appointed to consider the question of granting and bring in a report in the afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Jamieson's resignation of the charge of St. Paul and Bethel churches came in for some discussion, but was finally accepted.

A call to Comber of Rev. N. D. Keith was sustained. In the afternoon Rev. N. Lindsay was appointed Clerk in place of Dr. Jamieson.

HEART PALPITATION AT NIGHT

Rattles even the strongest man, but to the average woman it is a taste of general purgatory. Take a little Nervine in sweetened water and away goes your palpitation. You'll be saved lots of worry by keeping Nervine on hand, which is a treasure for all sorts of pains and aches. Nervine cures headache, stomach and bowel troubles quickly. Costs 25c. for a large bottle.

1904

Autumn and Winter

Evening Dress

We make a specialty of Evening Dress Suits, and carry in stock a full line of Rich and Elegant Materials, suitable for this Formal Evening Attire.

We invite your inspection and comparison of prices with other first class houses.

ALBERT SHELDRICK

TAILOR and WOOLEN MERCHANT
King St. near Garner House

1905

MIDNIGHT VISITOR

A man's footprints in the snow caused some excitement this morning at the residence of J. L. Scott. Mr. Scott noticed some footprints on the roof of a porch, and investigated. He found that during the night some one had entered at the big gate and obtained entrance to the house by means of the cellar, had gone up through the house and out at the bedroom window. Then across the roof of the porch where the footprints were first noticed and had slid down by a post to the ground and then departed. Nothing in the house was disturbed and Mr. Scott and his family would never have known of the midnight visit had it not been for the footprints in the snow. Whoever the prowler was he was perfectly acquainted with the premises as the footprints on the roof showed that the visitor had showed no hesitation but had gone directly to the verandah post, which he slipped down. The dog even didn't make any noise. The mysterious man passed a closet in which there were all kinds of eatables on his way up stairs, but never touched anything.

ELECTION CARDS

For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested by a number of citizens to offer myself for Alderman for the coming year, I have decided to do so, and hereby respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

I do not intend to make any personal canvass as I believe the electors should be left free from personal solicitation to vote for the men whom they believe will serve the city most efficiently.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

I remain respectfully yours,

CHAS. AUSTIN

ELECTION CARD

ELECTORS, CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for 1905.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR J. DUNN.

TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
I am a candidate for Alderman for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. If I am unable to meet you personally I trust this request for your support for alderman will receive your favorable consideration.

Your obedient servant,

L. E. TILLSON.

TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence in my behalf as an aspirant to the aldermanic board, for the ensuing year.

Yours very truly,

J. W. McLAREN.

Bad Weather Coming.....

which demands good strong SCHOOL SHOES for the BOYS and GIRLS.

WE'VE GOT THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES

in stock now that we ever had, and at small prices, too.

Our Lines at \$1.25 and \$1.50 are extra good quality.

P-E-A-C-E

SELLS THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES...

BRISCO'S

The Home and Headquarters of Santa Clans.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned at the City Clerk's Office up to 4 o'clock p. m. on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1904, for the furnishing of all material and construction of "Wind Break Protections" to be placed on the Fifth St. and Aberdeen Bridges, according to plans and specifications to be seen in the City Engineer's Office. A marked check for 25 per cent. of the amount tendered must accompany each tender.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. G. MERRITT, City Clerk.

NEW THINGS

—IN—

Photography

We have just received from the Housh Co., of Boston, the finest collection of Calendars, Mounts, and Albums ever seen in Chatham. Nothing is more appreciated at Christmas than the "Home" pictures, the "very own" of the amateur. The beautiful new things we are showing will surely be a delight to those who have hitherto struggled with ordinary mounts and more or less ugly calendars. We invite every amateur to come and see them.

J. H. DENNIS,

DRUGGIST

Phone - 375

Up-to-date Millinery.

C. Austin & Co.

Fashionable Dressmaking

A FEW SUGGESTIONS FOR

Christmas Shoppers!

IN OUR NOVELTY DEPARTMENT

Women's Embroidered Hose

This is a lot of very attractive embroidered cashmere hose, warranted fast black, full fashioned, seamless, sizes 8 1-2, 9 1-2, a splendid range to choose from, at 75c to 75c.

Ladies Initial Handkerchiefs

We are showing a nice range of initial handkerchiefs for women, boxed in half dozens, they are all linen; and make a suitable gift; also a full range of handkerchiefs for ladies or gentlemen at 25c to 25c.

Ladies Dainty Neckwear

An alluring assortment of neck pieces and sets, they are designed and made with the care and taste and skill that marks our neckwear, at 25c. to 25c.

Leather Goods for Gifts

We are particularly proud of our present stock of leather goods, each style in the collection has been carefully selected and represent the choicest articles in leatherdom. Purses made of real alligator; pure seal purses and hand bags, walrus hand bags, etc. Prices 25c up to \$6.50.

Japanese China

We have a limited number of Japanese china pieces, they are very handsome patterns and colorings, to every piece and comprise three piece sets, chocolate pots, biscuit jars, plates, cups and saucers, pin trays, plaques, marmalade jars, etc., 25c up to \$6.00.

Buy at Austin's

No matter how attractively alluring dealers' statements may be, do yourself the justice to "look around," but above all other things see the Austin Stock.

OUR FURNITURE DEPARTMENT, as you know, is not located on King Street, and this gives us the price supremacy of the city. You'll attest to our quality and quantity supremacy when you see the stock.

PARLOR SUITES and ODD CHAIRS

3 piece Parlor Suite, birch frames, finished mahogany and well polished, upholstered in fine velours, with plush bands on backs. Price only \$11.75

Other 3 piece Suites in prices up to \$60.00

Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, polished mahogany finish frames, upholstered in finest quality Belfast Velours, assorted colors. Price - \$26.00

Parlor Suites, 5 pieces, hardwood frames, upholstered all over, double stitched spring edge, covered in fine figured Velours. Price, \$32.00

Same covered with best quality English Rugs, with plush bands on seats and backs. Price - \$38.00

Odd Chairs, Settees, etc., from \$2.00 to \$30.00

Christmas Gifts for Men

HIS CHRISTMAS

What are you going to get him for Christmas? Nearly everybody has a "him" or two to buy for. We cater only to "hims" in this end of the store. Perhaps our suggestions will aid you to get him just what he needs and just what will please him. If you can't find something suitable for his Christmas here, where in the world would you expect to find it?

SUGGESTIONS:

Overcoats	Smoking Jackets	Night Robes
Suits	Dressing Gowns	Hosiery
Fancy Vests	Neckwear	Suspenders
Raincoats	Mufflers	Shirts
Hats	Way's Mufflers	Collars
Caps	Gloves	Cuffs
Umbrellas,	Pajamas	Underwear,
Etc., Etc.	Etc., Etc.	Etc., Etc.

Every article fairly and rightly priced; no fancy figures. We will put aside anything you select, and keep perfectly "mum" about it until Santa Claus' time.

Special PURCHASE Raincoats.



We bought a clearing line of Men's Raincoats, sizes 36 to 42. The cloth is of good quality. Herring Bone Tweed Pattern, Dark Oxford Mixture, lined throughout with good Italian body and mohair sleeve lining, self collar, 48 inches long, suitable weight for dress overcoat as well as a raincoat.

Would be No. 1 Value at \$10.00 regular, on sale at \$7.50.

SPECIAL AT \$7.50

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The Leading and Reliable Clothiers