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Children's Reefers, Blue and Black, and Red and Black wool Curls, numbers 1 to 6, fit from 4 to 14 years, prices.....	Now \$1.98 to \$2.89
Children's New York Reefers, heavy Cheviot, new blue, braid trimmed.....	Now \$4.50
Children's Reefers, new Blue and Black Curl, fancy braid trimmed, with capes.....	Now \$3.75
Children's Brown and Gray Tweed Reefers, Caped and Braided.....	Now \$2.75
Children's heavy Tweed Ulsters, sizes 2, 3, 4, 5.....	Now \$2.69, \$2.79, \$2.89, \$2.99

We make our December Clearing Sale as valuable to You as to

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The Family Gathering Day

For every one, is Christmas. You like to have things at their best on that day. If you will come in and look round, we are sure you will find things that will just suit you.

Currants, thoroughly cleaned, 3 lbs. 25c.	Mixed Peel, 20c a pound.
Raisins, finest selected, 3 lbs. for 25c.	Extracts, all flavors, 2 bottles 25c.
Blue Raisins, 10c a pound.	Ground Spices, pure, 10c for 1 pound.
New Dates, 3 pounds for 25c.	Shelled Almonds, 10c for 1 pound.
Cooking Figs, 5c a pound.	Shelled Walnuts, 10c for 1 pound.

Pure soft icing sugar—3 pounds for 25c.

Our new Figs are very large, fine in flavor and reasonable in price, 20c and 25c a pound

Grenoble Walnuts, 20c a pound.	Scilly Filberts, 15c a pound.
Tarragon Almonds, 20c a pound.	Choice Pecans, 15c a pound.
Fines Brazil, 20c a pound.	Fine Mixed Nuts, 15c a pound.
Table Raisins, 20c a pound: a layer for 85c (54 pounds).	
Table Raisins, 25c a pound: a layer for \$1.10 (54 pounds).	
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WILL BE HOLY YEAR

The Pope Initiates a Departure in Church Practice.

New York, Dec. 13.—News of interest to Roman Catholics comes from Washington, to the effect that the Apostolic delegation there has received the text of a decree from the Pope designating the year 1900 as the holy year. The decree permits the celebration of midnight mass in all Catholic churches on the night of Dec. 31st. This is the first time in the history of the church that any priest has been permitted to celebrate mass at the midnight beginning of the new year. The decree also grants the privilege of communion at the midnight mass. This is also without precedent. Another feature of the decree settles the question of the Catholic church in the twentieth century will begin Jan. 1, 1900. The language of the decree is too plain to admit of dispute.

There is no such thing as negative or characterless leisure. All leisure counts, morally, for good or evil, according as we use it.

THE MARKETS

Latest Quotations Which are of Interest to Everybody.

Retail Prices in Chatham—Gossip About Grain.

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.
Wheat—Price unchanged and receipts light. All deliveries are required for local grinding. The western market and also the Liverpool markets are a little lower, which tends to make a dull feeling here. There is no export demand at present.
Beans—Very few orders are in the market and receipts, although light, are sufficient to supply all demands.
Barley—Receipts are light and there is very little demand for export or any other purpose. Owing to the small deliveries, however, prices remain unchanged.
Oats—Very few coming in, and as all delivered are required for local use the market keeps firm. The export demand is slack and the price ruling here now is above the export value.
Corn—There is quite a good demand for corn from feeders in the eastern and northern sections of Ontario. Prices are somewhat lower in order to be on an equality with the prices of American corn, which is offering lower than last week. Dealers find 28c. all they can afford to pay.
Dressed Hogs—The market was up to \$5, with a good, brisk demand from packers. The weather being unfavorable for killing, receipts have been light. With a change in the weather heavier receipts may be looked for.
Wheat, 67c.
Mixed oats, 23 1/2 to 24 1/2c.
White oats, 24 1/2 to 25 1/2c.
Barley, 70 to 75c. per cwt.
Corn in the ear, 28c. per bush.
Corn, new, shelled, 19c.
Beans, \$1.15 to \$1.20.
Buckwheat, 25 to 26c.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alfalfa, \$5 to \$5.50.
Red Clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.
HAY AND HOGS.
Hay, timothy, per ton, \$9 to \$10.
Hay, clover, \$8 to \$9.
Hay, baled, \$9 to \$10.
Live hogs, \$3.75 to \$4.
Dressed hogs, light weights, \$4.80 to \$5 per cwt.
LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES.
Wool, washed, 14c. cash, 15c. trade.
Wool, unwashed, 10c.
Calf skins, 20 to 25c.
Sheep skins, 20 to 25c.
Lamb skins, 40 to 55c.
Pelts, 20 to 30c.
Horse hides, \$5 to \$2.
Streak skins, 25 to 35c.
Fox skins, \$1 to \$1.50.
Coon skins, 25 to 35c.
Dog skins, 25 to 50c.
Mink, 75c. to \$1.50.
Tallow, rendered, 3 to 4c.
Great sale of overcoats at Stone The Hatter's. They have been bought at 45c. on the dollar and will be simply carved to pieces in this slaughter sale.
WORSE THAN BEING SANDBAGGED.
A person who feels a clutch on his throat and chest is in a bad condition. A few doses of Four Ts, the great guaranteed cough cure, relieves this "grip" and loosens the cough. In two days the patient is well. Get a bottle to-day from the Central Drug Store and avoid congestion.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.

Recital Given Last Evening by Members of the Faculty.

A very enjoyable recital was given in the Conservatory of Music hall last evening, by students of Mr. R. V. Carter, Miss Elda Idle and Mr. McCaw. The hall was filled by a fashionable and decidedly sympathetic audience. The program was a judiciously selected one, and bore evidence of most artistic standard and worth. The piano selections were given by pupils of Mr. Carter, and represented Liszt, Raff, Hensel, Moskowski, Borowski, Schmitt. The soloists were Miss Nora Stephenson, Miss Copland, Miss Florence Stephenson, and Miss F. Hillman, all acquitting themselves admirably, showing a well developed technique, a firm and flexible touch, power and brilliancy, and thoughtful and legitimate interpretation. Too much praise cannot be extended to the high artistic aim of the vocal numbers on the evening program, and it is indeed most surprising to find such a high standard of excellence in the students work, when it is considered that the completed term's work under the direction of their teacher, Miss Elda Idle. It was indeed a surprise to many to hear such an array of vocal talent, their work fully demonstrating most thorough grounding, high artistic standard and tone work. Miss Idle, in her first pupils' recital, is indeed to be most highly congratulated as a most thorough and artistic master of vocal instruction. The vocal numbers were rendered by Miss Humphrey, Miss Merriam, Miss Pearl White, Miss M. Wees, representing numbers of Tosti, Bishop, Godard, Goz, all of which were most heartily received, and to such an extent that it must have been most encouraging indeed to these talented students, and also their accomplished teacher. Miss Idle accompanied her pupils at the piano most creditably.
Master Ray Peck, a talented violin student of Mr. McCaw's, exquisitely rendered the Barcarolle by Fisher, in capital style, being most heartily received. We predict a bright future for this clever young violinist, and trust we will hear him more often in public.
Special mention may be made of Miss Eva Barossin, a student of elocution under Miss Maud McCosh. Her rendering of "The Bugle Song" by Tennyson, was an exquisite piece of work, and was indeed a credit to herself and teacher, Miss McCosh. This branch of the Conservatory work is receiving a great impetus due to the earnest and most conscientious work of Miss M. Maud McCosh, Chatham's accomplished elocutionist.
Miss Callie Idle, the accomplished sister of Miss Elda Idle, favored the large audience by a most artistic rendition of the beautiful song of Tosti's, entitled "Good-bye." Miss Callie Idle is indeed an acquisition to Chatham musical circles and too much cannot be said of her excellent talents and capabilities. We trust Miss Idle will favor us again in the near future. Miss Idle is an ex-pupil of the Toronto Conservatory of music, but is pursuing her higher musical studies under the tuition of her sister.
Mr. McCaw played an obligato to Miss White's number, in his artistic style, and Miss Pratt accompanied the violin number by Master Ray Peck. Withal, the evening was a most artistic success, and, undoubtedly, spoke very highly of the Conservatory standard of work.
MR. MCCONNELL'S HARD LUCK.
(Special to The Planet.)
Dresden, Dec. 13.—Thos. McConnell, of lot 6, con. 7, Gore of Camden, has troubles of his own. On Sunday night sneak thieves entered his barn and stole a set of double harness, and during the heavy windstorm of yesterday, the roof of his barn was blown partly off, narrowly missing Mr. McConnell, who was in the yard harnessing a team of horses.

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ALMOST A FAMINE

Ladysmith is Experiencing Very Short Rations These Days.

Many Civilians Killed and Wounded in the Bombardment—Boers Tired of War.

London, Dec. 13.—A correspondent at the Boer headquarters outside Ladysmith, in a despatch sent on Dec. 9, sends points from despatches with which Kaffirs vainly tried to pass the Boer lines towards Sekour. These show that both men and horses in Ladysmith are on half rations. Beer is all gone, whiskey sells for 20 shillings a bottle, and milk for half a crown a tin. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 5, 3,274 Boer shells dropped in the town, killing 31 civilians and wounding 155. The town hall is a complete wreck. The messages, some of which were for the press, also say that the Transvaal artillery is almost exclusively in the hands of German and French mercenaries, but for whom there would have been no siege and probably no advance beyond the borders of the republics. It is added that the Boers are weary of war, and that many of them are surrendering to the British pickets.

BOTH SIDES OF IT.

Here are Boer and British Versions of the Stormberg Fight.

Our Troops Were Over-marched and Then Set to an Impossible Task—The Losses.

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 10.—President Steyn has sent the following details of the fight at Stormberg Junction:—"The British, with six cannon, attacked the Boers under Swaneppel and Olivier, and stormed the Boers' entrenched positions on the kopjes. After a severe fight they were compelled to surrender. The prisoners are Major Sturges, six officers and 200 and 30 non-commissioned officers and men of the Northumberland and two officers, and about 250 non-commissioned officers and men of the Irish Fusiliers. It is impossible to state the number of dead or wounded. The Boers captured three cannon and two ammunition wagons."

GATACRE'S VERSION.

London, Dec. 13.—The War Office has received the following from Gen. Forster-Walker. Gatacre reports as follows:—"The idea to attack Stormberg seemed to promise certain success, but myself and the local guides. A policeman took us round some miles; consequently we were marching from 9.30 p.m. till 4 a.m., and were landed in an impossible position. I do not consider the error intentional. The Boers commenced firing from the top of an unsalable hill, and wounded a good many of our men, who in the open plain, the second Northumberland tried to turn out the enemy, but failed. The second Irish Fusiliers seized a kopje near and held on, supported by the Mounted Infantry and Cape Police. The guns under Jeffreys could not have been better handled. But I regret to say that one gun was overturned in a deep nullah and another sank in quick-sand. Neither could be extricated in time to be available. Seeing the situation, I sent a despatch rider to Moltzen with the news, and collected and withdrew our forces from ridge to ridge for about nine miles. The Boer guns were remarkably well served. They carried accurately 5,000 yards. I am holding Bishman's Hook and Cyprian. Am sending the Irish Rifles and Northumberland to Sterkstroom to recuperate. The wounded proceeded to Queenstown. The missing Northumberland number 366, not 365, as previously reported."

JENNETTE'S CREEK.

R. Howe has returned home and will spend the winter here.
Miss Fannie Costes returned to her home in Chatham on Wednesday.
Jeannette's Creek has decided to have a representative in the township council.
Mr. DeGaur and family have moved to Leamington, and Jas. Mason and family have moved into the house vacated by him.
The Public school pupils are practicing regularly for their Xmas entertainment, which will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. They will charge 10c. admission.
T. Dalton has returned to the light-house, after spending a few weeks in Windsor.
J. B. Marahad has built a large dwelling at the light-house.
The recent ice destroyed all the hoopnets on the lake shore, which is a heavy loss to the fishermen.
The many friends of F. C. Peck want him to run for councillor for next year.
Moore & Stevens have their corn-sheller running now.

GLENWOOD.

Rev. Mr. Bain is visiting his home in Wallace town this week.
Miss Ruby Kane has returned to her home, after spending a few weeks with Miss Newham.
Mrs. L. Edwards, of Renwick, spent Saturday and Sunday in the village.
Miss Allie Tamour is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Kennedy.
W. C. Estabrook made a business trip to Detroit on Saturday.
Rev. Mr. Bain and W. Williams expected the service in the Methodist church Sunday evening.
The funeral of the late Mrs. John McArthur took place Sunday forenoon. There was a short service at the house, after which the remains were taken to Glenheim for interment. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.
Mr. Edward Shaw attended the exercises in Sandwich last week, as witness in the McLean case.

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend.