

Whiskard's REBUILDING and ALTERATION SALE.

228, 230, 232 DUNDAS STREET.

Are You Superstitious?

Some folks who believe in signs will tell you that it is unlucky to fall overboard on Monday, or to take hold of a buzz-saw in motion on Tuesday, or to fall down stairs with a coal scuttle on Wednesday, or to shoot yourself on Thursday, or to sit down to dinner with twelve others and only food enough for ten on Friday, but they all agree it is very lucky to have two stores like WHISKARD'S in the city to buy your DRYGOODS, FANCY GOODS and MILLINERY—where you can save money.

February OFFERINGS OF HIGH GRADE Whitewear

Enthusiasm grows as the sale advances. Thrifty shoppers respond daily to the peerless values advertised. "Comparisons are convincing." Such low prices for such high grade garments are revelations. GOWNS, SKIRTS, CORSET COVERS, CHEMISES and DRAWERS, heavy cotton, ample sizes, perfect sewing, elegant trimmings, and the whole stock is absolutely fresh. CALL AND BE CONVINCED.

Take a look at our Dress Goods Counter. There are some big snaps there.

WE OPENED

out Saturday ONE THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED PAIRS of Ladies' Fine Wool Black Hose, regular size kind, sale price 15c pair. We put out sale Children's and Boys' Fancy All-Wool Mitts, worth 20c, for 10c pair. Plenty more of those Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Hose, worth 25c for two pairs for 25c.

Call and see our Hosiery Counter. There are some big bargains for Ladies, Boys and Children.

Our Gent's Furnishing Sale

NOTE THESE PRICES:

Men's Cashmere Mufflers, 20c and 25c, for 12½c each.
Men's All-Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth 75c, for 47c each.
Men's Plain Heavy Merino Shirts and Drawers, worth 35c, for 20c each.
Men's Heavy Ribbed Blue-Gray Shirts and Drawers, cheap at 25c, for 18c each.
Men's \$1.25 Tweed Pants for 75c pair.
Men's Knit Top Shirts, 35c each.
Men's 15c Seamless Black Hose for 10c pair.
Men's Fine Cashmere Hose and Fine Wool Hose at sale prices.

Lean on Us for Such Prices as These:

Fancy Cretonnes, 5c yard.
38-inch Art Muslins, worth 10c, for 6c.
38-inch Very Fine Art Muslin, worth 15c, for 10c.
Fancy Canton Drapery, worth 20c, for 12½c.
Ladies' 40-inch Fancy Skirting, worth 20c, for 10c.
Ladies' Stripe Skirting, worth 15c, for 7c yard.

Western Ontario.

Guelph Favored With a Fashionable Wedding.

A Farmer Loses His Eyesight by an Accident While Chopping Wood.

Blenheim's new town hall was opened Tuesday. Several county councillors were present, and they had a gala time.

Ald. Calvert, at present in England, has sent in his resignation as alderman of St. George's Ward, Guelph, on account of ill-health.

The Rev. Thornton Morris, a former pastor, has returned to Chatham from St. Catharines to resume charge of the first Baptist Church.

The swine plague has broken out in Southwell township.

B. R. Peddie's store at Windsor is closed. A dispatch from Toronto says that Mr. Peddie has been taken to a hospital, and his creditors with a view to a settlement. The liabilities are said to be \$12,000.

A farmer named Washburn, while chopping wood on his farm near Stratford, was accidentally struck full in the eye by a piece of wood, and rendered totally blind, the blow seeming to affect both eyes simultaneously.

The Schoe cheese factory, north of Princeton, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. Mr. Schoe occupied the building as a dwelling. The whole structure was consumed. Mr. Schoe lost all his household effects.

At a recent meeting of the quarterly board of the Welland Avenue Church, St. Catharines, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. John Pickering, of Woodstock, to become their pastor for the next conference year.

The Stratford Board of Education has ordered that the whole Bible be read in the schools once a year, without comment or explanation, and that the Ten Commandments and suitable selections from the Gospel be memorized.

At the meeting of the Provincial Board of Health in Toronto yesterday, it was reported that five deaths had taken place in St. Thomas during the past month from diphtheria, while 20 had died of the disease since September.

The Walkerville Town Council has decided to increase the reward offered for the conviction of the two robbers who held up the stores on Saturday night from \$200 to \$300.

The annual meeting of the Kent Farmers' Association was held in Chatham on Wednesday, and the following officers were elected: President, Wm. Simpson, Ridgeway; Vice-president, C. Stephens, Dresden; Secretary-treasurer, H. L. Johnston, Thamesville.

A Caledonian Society has been organized as follows: President, Thomas Douglas; Vice-president, John Ross, Ridgeway; Treasurer, C. Stephens, Dresden; Secretary-treasurer, R. J. Robertson; Bards, J. Sinclair and Jas. McIntyre; Standard-bearer, Angus McLeod.

The funeral of Mr. Wm. Sutherland, of Woodstock, aged 21, took place Tuesday, and was attended by a very large number of young men. Deceased was exceedingly popular. He was a member of the Woodstock Hockey Club, and caught the cold, which resulted in death, at a recent league game in Ingersoll.

One of the most fashionable weddings ever celebrated in Guelph, took place in St. Andrew's church Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Alice Maude Smith, the third daughter of Rev. J. C. Smith, B.D., was married to Mr. Edmund Palmer Hawkins, superintendent of the Bell Organ and Piano Company. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Smith, assisted by Rev. J. Selveright.

Malcolm McDonald, a married man, aged 36, living in business at Woodstock, was, on Wednesday, committed for trial, charged with offenses under the Criminal Code. The hearing of the case revealed an awful story of depravity between the prisoner and four little girls, the youngest of whom is only eight years old. All the girls attend the Central School. The prisoner, when asked to plead, said he knew nothing at all about it.

Peter Carpenter, a young man employed at the Guelph Norway Iron and Steel Company's works, met with a serious accident Tuesday morning. He was placing the semi-molten metal under the gigantic hammer, which strikes a blow of 2,500 pounds weight. He gave the signal too soon, and the hammer fell, crushing his right hand in a frightful manner. The little finger was crushed clean off, and the other three fingers were badly smashed.

T. Watson, who has lived in Windsor for five years, was induced by the blandishments of a woman, Thomas Watson, to cross to Detroit and live with him, in the hope that he might be able to get him some debt. The old man went over Thursday morning, but was stopped at the dock, and turned back by the officials, who told him he had no right to enter the United States without the expectation of getting a job.

In single court at Osogood Hall, on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Rose, judgment was given in the suit of Wiggle vs. Village of Kingsville, on a motion by plaintiff to continue injunction continued trial. Motion to dissolve injunction restraining defendants from paying over moneys under a contract. There was a by-law authorizing the raising of money, but none authorizing the work. Injunction continued trial. Motion to dissolve injunction. Costs to plaintiff in any event.

At a meeting of the patrons of the Blanchard and Nissouri Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Company a unanimous vote was given in favor of winter dairymen. The directors who visited the Avonbank factory presented their report. After some discussion, W. K. McLeod was asked to speak on the scheme for erecting and operating a creamery at St. Marys, with separators at the cheese factories surrounding the town. It was afterwards decided that the directors should find out, as nearly as possible, the cost of putting in a full creamery plant, and of putting in a separator only, and report at a meeting to be held at an early date. When they had this information the patrons would decide whether they would build out in a creamery plant or join in the central creamery scheme.

Prey to Flames.

Partial Destruction of Parliament Buildings at Ottawa.

Western Wing Badly Damaged by Fire and Water.

Loss Estimated to Be in the Neighborhood of \$500,000.

Large Group of Deathhouses at Toronto Burned.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12.—About 4:30 p.m. yesterday fire was noticed in a packing room of the Department of Public Works. All the hydrants on the grounds were frozen, and could not be utilized. It took some time to get a line of hose extended from the city hydrants, and when this was done the pressure was too weak to be effective.

The whole of the mansard roof over the Department of Public Works was burned down. The burned portion extends from the main entrance to the block from Wellington street round the corner of the new annex put up during the Mackenzie Government. Most of the offices burned down were for storing away papers and documents. There was also stationary offices and photograph gallery.

The whole difficulty in coping with the fire was owing to the buildings being located on higher ground than the city from where the water was to be taken. The hose had to be carried in through the buildings and taken out on the roof, where the firemen had to play on the flames.

The fire extended from the main entrance on Wellington street, burning the whole roof along with it as it proceeded, about half way to the corner of the building, where there is a tower. At 9:15 it was burning over Major-General Gascoigne's office. About 9 o'clock an excellent stream of water was obtained.

UNDER CONTROL.
1 a.m.—The fire had burned until it could get no farther, and at 1 o'clock morning it was still smoldering away. It went the whole road from the Mackenzie annex, taking the Public Works office in the mansard roof, the Marine and Fisheries and the Mounted Police Department. The last mentioned tumbled down about midnight.

The brigade might have as well left it alone for all the good they have done. The whole roof has fallen over the departments mentioned, and nothing but the charred walls and towers and a little iron work are left. The offices below are badly damaged with water. At this hour the departments affected say they have lost no important papers, although a few of the old records have disappeared. The Governor-General was on the grounds at a late hour.

The loss is estimated to be about \$500,000.

AID FROM MONTREAL.
Montreal, Que., Feb. 12.—A department of fifteen men, with the Sissy engine and two hose reels, left for Ottawa yesterday morning to assist in answer to an urgent summons from the capital.

OTHER FIRES.
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12.—The last night witnessed a great number of fires on the Esplanade front, immediately west of the old police force, where the memorable fire of August, 1885, started. The chief sufferers were Worthing & Son, blacksmiths, between 70 and 80 rowboats and skiffs were destroyed, most of them belonging to private citizens. Eight or ten members of the city police force had skiffs there and lost them, with no insurance. The loss will be about \$4,000, upon which there is very little insurance. Outgoing and incoming express trains on both the G. T. and C. P. R. were delayed nearly three hours, owing to the hose having to be placed across the track.

EXCEPTIONALLY SLOW TRANSIT

A Letter Mailed in California, Oct. 1, 1895, Has Just Reached London.

Assistant City Assessor W. A. Westcott has for more than a year smothered away down in a cobwebby corner of his heart one of those minor sorrows, which, though carefully hidden from the curious eyes of acquaintances, take much of the brightness out of life. One of his most cherished friends lived in Guelph, Ont. For years they had corresponded regularly, keeping alive the flame of friendship. But suddenly, late in 1895, without a sign of growing coolness, the letters from Los Gatos ceased. Mr. Westcott had written in his usual friendly tone, but the reply never came. He was surprised at first, and then, as the months went by, being a sensitive soul, he decided that the friend of his boyhood had dropped him, so he sadly decided that the first advances should come from the other.

The folly of his resentment became apparent the other day, when he received word from a gentleman in Essex, that a letter addressed to "Mr. Westcott" had been received by the writer, along with a parcel from Los Gatos, Cal. When Mr. Westcott received the letter referred to, he found it to be from the friend whose apparent neglect had so troubled him. The letter was dated Oct. 1, 1895, and bore only the one postmark—that of Los Gatos, with the same date as that of the letter.

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Plenty of Bachelors Who Need Wives in the Prairie Province.

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For the general information of your readers and farm hands and laboring men, and young men of Glenworth, in particular, if I am not trespassing on your valuable space, I would like to throw out a few hints, with regard to the prospects of their making comfortable homes for themselves if they desire to "migrate" to Manitoba. This province, above all others in Canada, is the province for the working man (and women who want husbands) to make happy homes. There are scores of really successful bachelor farmers, who, having had a wife, if "Miss Wright" would run across his trail, I left Ontario some seventeen years ago a boy. Today I am deemed to be in fairly comfortable circumstances, with a happy home, thanks to a loving wife and family and surroundings. I have good buildings, lots of machinery, 10 head of horses, 45 pigs, 12 head of cattle, and about 200 cows, ducks, etc., and best of all, I can look my neighbors in the face and say "I owe not anything." I have a fine place, and I am taking a harvest of wheat, barley, and clover, oats and hay, and all kinds of roots and vegetables, besides small fruits, to boot any province in Canada; so come along and farm not—don't man or woman who hesitates is lost. Yours faithfully, A. E. ROME, Nesbitt, Man., Dec. 21, 1895.

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LEGAL AND NEGLECT.

He Failed in Health and Strength—His Kidneys Affected and He Took Doses of Kidney Pills.

Deseronto, Feb. 6.—Among business people here, and especially by his fellow workmen, great interest has been taken in the case of Mr. Jas. Stokes, who, for the past fifteen years, has been shipper for the Rathbun Company. Lately he has run down in health and strength, to the point of being compelled to quit work, and his recovery now, as the result of using Dodd's Kidney Pills, is the talk of the town. On seeing Mr. Stokes, he said: "From over-living and strain I suffered greatly from kidney trouble, being advised, after all else had failed, to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. From the first dose I got relief, and hundreds of people here can vouch for my cure."

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YOU NEED A CHANGE

At breakfast time. Do you good to stop oatmeal a few mornings. Fill the place with a perfect substitute without oatmeal's heating qualities. Try "Molina Rolled Wheat." Get it at your grocer's.

THE TILSON COY. Ltd., Tilsonburg, Ont.

Hotel Cards.

ONEIL HOUSE—CORNER TALBOT and Front streets; new and convenient; stable; WM. COLLINS, proprietor.

CITY HOTEL, LONDON—BEST 5 DAY house in Canada; good tables in connection. J. McMAHON, proprietor.

THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL, MONTE-REALE—Centrally located and first-class in every respect. J. HOGAN, Proprietor.

WESTERN HOTEL—ENTIRELY RE-FURNISHED—Farmers' trade solicited; best tables in city; boarders taken. J. B. JENNINGS.

"THE RICHMOND"—CORNER KING and Richmond streets. JAMES FAIRBANK, Proprietor.

MEADOWS HOUSE—LONDON, ONT.—Largest and best hotel in Western Ontario. No charge for baggage or storage. Rates \$2 and \$2.50 per day. C. W. DAVIS, proprietor.

WOODS' FAIR.

A Constant War.

Today's Bargaining

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