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We have a heavy stock and can give
you better prices and better service
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to go outside the city.

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For To-morrow....

Our "Inventory Sale" list will contain items from every department which will be interesting to careful shoppers. During this stock-taking month we want to keep business up as lively as it was before Christmas—and with this end in view we make such prices as these—

Towelings

Pure linen checked glass toweling,
reg. 12½ yd.—Friday..... 80
Extra heavy striped linen dish towel-
ing, reg. 50 yd.—Friday..... 30

Turkey Tabling

One piece only turkey and green
tabling, reg. 50 yd.—Friday..... 80

Prints

Four pieces only American dyed
black ground prints, reg. 7½ yd.
Friday..... 50

Metal Goods

Butter knife and sugar spoon put up
in nice box, reg. 25c.—Friday..... 10c

Wrappers

Well made flannel wrappers, in
good patterns, regular \$2.00,
Friday..... \$1.45

Perfumery

Good perfume put up in nice glass
bottles, reg. 10c to 50c bottle—Fri-
day..... 5c to 15c

Dress Goods

54 inch wide, 2 pieces check columbia
suitings, regular \$1 yd.—Friday..... 60c

Silks

Fancy figured Japan and Shanghai
silks, 12 inch and dark ground, regular
price 50c and 60c yd.—Friday..... 25c

Flannels

Extra fine Scotch flannellet, in
stripes and checks, regular 25c yd.,
Friday..... 14c

Underwear

Children's "Health Brand" combina-
tion suits, regular \$1.25 a suit—Fri-
day..... 80c

Sofa Cushions

Saleen covered pillows with wide
frill, reg. 50c each.—Friday..... 35c

Comforters

Pure batting filled, fine steam cover-
ed comforters, reg. \$3.—Friday..... \$1.85

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Twenty Pieces

Dark Shaker Flannels, slightly damaged by
water, wide width, good heavy quality, reg.
10c for 6c per yard. Wide shaker flannels,
light colors, 5c per yard.

Dress Linings Fifty Pieces

Imported Rustle Linenette and Morenette
Skirt Linings, of the very best quality and
wide width, regular 25c per yard and 20c per
yard for 12½c and 10c.

Remnant Sale

Of Dress Goods on Friday. Every rem-
nant of every kind of Dress Goods on Friday
at one half price. Be here early and get
your choice. Buy your Sheetings, Cottons,
Table Linens, etc., from our water damaged
stock.

Standard Fashion Patterns

A. E. Ham & Co. CHATHAM'S
GREATEST
STORE.

STILL IN IT

Our Curlers Holding Their Own

In the Great Bonspiel at Detroit.

THEY DEFEAT LONDON IN THE FIRST ROUND

And will tackle Detroit for the Walker
Trophy this afternoon—Other
Competitors.

Detroit, Jan. 7.—The teams which ar-
rived yesterday for the great bonspiel
were from Toledo, Grand Rapids, Ridg-
etown, Windsor, St. Marys, Thames-
ville, Stratford, Woodstock, Chatham,
London, Sarnia, Brantford and Embro.
Among the players of prominence are
Robert Ferguson, of Thamesville, ex-
president of the Ontario Association;
William Andrews, J. D. Moore, and Jos.
Oddy, of St. Marys; Alex. McLaren, M.
F. from Stratford; Charles Hyman,
ex-M. P., and C. W. Davis, of London;
Dr. Bray and James Graves, of Chatham,
two of the oldest curlers.
The first curling of the day was be-
tween the Grand Rapids and Windsor
teams, Stratford and Woodstock, and
Chatham and London (Forest City) and
Detroit and Sarnia were in the after-
noon. Brantford drew Petrolia, but
that team did not come and Embro drew
a bye. The curling began late in the
morning and continued throughout the
day.

Windsor and Grand Rapids have new
curls and the games between the ranks
representing them were interesting.
The Windsor curlers, by one shot, won
the local curlers were very happy to
see Detroit down Sarnia. Detroit won
on one rink 16 to 7, and on the other
15 to 18, making the majority two
shots.

The results yesterday forenoon and
afternoon were as follows:

| Toledo. | Ridg-etown. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Kimmar. | P. Bowden. |
| Alexander. | J. G. Little. |
| Ireland. | D. J. Little. |
| Cauldwell, skip 14. | C. Dauphin, skip 15. |
| Ricks. | W. C. McMaster. |
| A. H. Coldham. | Dr. J. Stalker. |
| Winders. | Dr. McKinnis. |
| Dr. Coldham, skip 15. | Col. Gillis, skip 14. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 22 | 29 |

Ridg-etown wins by 7 shots.

| Windsor. | Grand Rapids. |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| J. Peddie. | D. Forbes. |
| J. N. Anderson. | J. Paul. |
| J. R. Greenhill. | W. Miller. |
| C. Cooney, skip 24. | McNab, skip 6. |
| J. A. Ashbaugh. | D. Reeves. |
| A. McNeil. | Geo. McInnes. |
| Dr. Daniel. | H. Sherwood. |
| Col. Carley, skip 17. | McGregor, skip 8. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 41 | 14 |

Windsor wins by 27 shots.

| Thamesville. | St. Marys. |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| A. Sims. | R. S. Box. |
| A. Nickle. | S. W. Catbair. |
| D. J. Davies. | Jas. Chalmers, jr. |
| Wm. Wray, skip 10. | J. Oddy, skip 18. |
| D. Farlane. | J. W. Wood. |
| C. Mayhew. | C. S. Runey. |
| J. Howat. | J. D. Moore. |
| R. Ferguson, skip 8. | W. Andrews, skip 17. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 34 | 35 |

St. Marys wins by 11 shots.

| Woodstock. | Stratford. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| J. H. Currie. | H. W. Powell. |
| D. W. Kern. | D. McMillan. |
| F. Millman. | W. S. Watson. |
| O'Grady, skip 14. | J. McFadden, skip 15. |
| C. McQuail. | A. H. King. |
| J. Hamilton. | J. Steel. |
| J. Whitcomb. | John Welsh. |
| J. Canfield, skip 13. | A. McLaren, skip 13. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 27 | 29 |

Stratford wins by 1 shot.

| London (For City). | Chatham. |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| C. Sterling. | Cornell. |
| Mattinson. | Scollfield. |
| Dr. McDonald. | Gray. |
| E. Reid, skip 18. | Graves, skip 20. |
| J. McWhinney. | F. Baxter. |
| J. M. Barnett. | W. D. Sheldon. |
| C. W. Davis. | W. A. Bray. |
| W. Strong, skip 13. | Dr. J. Stalker, skip 17. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 31 | 37 |

Chatham wins by 6 shots.

| Sarnia. | Detroit. |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| J. W. Hamilton. | J. Stevenson. |
| D. Mackenzie. | W. Craig. |
| J. Chester. | F. Baxter. |
| Mackenzie, skip 7. | J. J. Dodds, skip 15. |
| J. J. Thompson. | A. M. Kerr. |
| Capt. Robinson. | J. S. Keen. |
| J. McGibbon. | J. Williamson, jr. |
| Crawford, skip 16. | Williamson, skip 15. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 35 | 30 |

Detroit wins by 5 shots.

In the contests, last evening, Strat-
ford and Ridg-etown were opponents

and while the latter won the first game
by a comfortable lead of seven, not 2
shots for Stratford made things more
than even by laying out their opponents
to the tune of 17 to 8, winning the series
by two shots.

Windsor and Embro tried conclusions
and while the "Baby" club was beaten
by four shots, the members made a
good stand against their expert oppo-
nents. Following are the results:

| St. Marys. | Detroit. |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| R. S. Box. | J. Stevenson. |
| J. W. Catbair. | W. Craig. |
| James Chalmers. | F. Baxter. |
| Jos. Oddy, skip 16. | J. J. Dodds, skip 13. |
| J. W. Wood. | A. M. Kerr. |
| C. S. Runey. | J. S. Keen. |
| J. D. Moore. | J. Williamson, jr. |
| W. Andrews, skip 8. | Williamson, skip 17. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 24 | 30 |

Detroit wins by 6 shots.

| Ridg-etown. | Stratford. |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Wm. McMaster. | A. H. King. |
| J. Stalker. | J. Steele. |
| A. F. McKinnis. | John Welsh. |
| Col. Gillis, skip 16. | A. F. McLaren, skip 9. |
| P. Bowden. | H. J. Powell. |
| J. G. Little. | M. McMillan. |
| D. Leitch. | W. S. Watson. |
| C. Dauphin, skip 8. | McFadden, skip 17. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 24 | 26 |

Stratford wins by 2 shots.

| Windsor. | Embro. |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| W. Peddie. | A. Bain. |
| A. Anderson. | C. Gordon. |
| J. Greenhill. | John Welsh. |
| C. T. Cooney, skip 17. | W. Nic, skip 10. |
| Dr. Ashbaugh. | D. R. Ross. |
| A. McNeil. | D. Day. |
| A. Dalziel. | J. Lamb. |
| D. L. Corley, skip 11. | R. A. Geddes, skip 22. |

| Total..... | Total..... |
|------------|------------|
| 28 | 32 |

Embro wins by 4 shots.

The following clubs are in the finals
for the Walker trophy: Stratford vs.
Embro (Chatham vs. Detroit). Play will
begin at 8:30 a. m.

In the second event for the Cadillac
trophy, Ridg-etown meets Grand Rapids
at 8:30 a. m. Sarnia vs. Woodstock.
Windsor vs. St. Marys at 11 a. m.

Remnants of games for this trophy
will be played in the afternoon.
Single rink competition for the Rus-
sell House trophy will begin Friday
morning.

BOTHWELL'S BOOM

IT IS PERMANENT SAYS A RESIDENT.

INTERESTED PARTIES BELITTLE THE FIELD.

But it is claimed there is plenty of oil
there—One Woman of the Scene.

Whoever furnished The Planet with
that description of the Bothwell oil
fields alleging that all the wells to-
gether didn't produce 200 bar-
rels a day must have had a motive for
building the place. So said a promi-
nent Bothwellian to the Planet.

"What would be his object?" was
asked.

"It's hard to say. We know, though,
there are operators there who don't
want to see anyone else come to the
place until they get all the best holes
located. Their policy is to run down
the field. The fact that new speculators
are arriving every day, and the town
is so crowded you can hardly get a
place to sleep in, is good evidence that
there is a foundation for the boom."

"What is the daily supply?"
"I don't know. You can't find out.
But they are striking oil all right. Why
Fairbanks, of Petrolia, has just paid
\$5,000 for the Moore farm of 87 acres.
If the field was no good he would not
be buying new land."

"Then again Carmen went over on
the Sussex farm, bored two dry wells
and quit operations. He has since
bought the land at \$10 an acre. If there
is no oil there what did he want with
it?"

Of all the speculators in the field I
only know one who has quit. Binke,
the representative of the Barnes Com-
pany, the other day sold all his plant
and stuff and packed up and left. He
said he wasn't coming back any more,
that the prospects were not good. Of
course other speculators naturally
thought he would have no further use
for his lease. Rumor alleges that they
offered to take them off his hands at a
good figure but he was not selling. He
still has his lease and it is suspected
that if Mr. Binke doesn't come back
himself somebody else will in his place.

IS JUGGED!

Cohen Caught in Buffalo.

London Firms After him for Fraud

THREE CHARGES LAID FOR CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS.

He Furnishes Ball and Evidently Intends
to Fight Extrajudicial Proceedings.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Deputy Sher-
iff Stone last night arrested Abraham
Cohen, formerly of Chatham, Ont., on
three orders of arrest issued by Jus-
tice Laughlin. This morning Cohen
gave bail on each of the charges.
Cohen was formerly a clothing dealer
in Chatham, Ont. He is charged with
defrauding three wholesale firms of
quite large amounts. It is claimed that
he bought the goods, gave notes for
them, and on the 14th of December, came
to Buffalo without paying the bills.
The complainants are Burns &
Lewis, Edward A. Small and Samuel
N. and Charles E. Sterling. Burns &
Lewis claim there is due them \$2,500.
Small claims \$1,450.10 and the Sterlings
claim \$830. It is charged that Cohen
came to Buffalo, leaving his wife to
sell all his stock that she could. It
is alleged that she shipped the remain-
ing portion to this city to a consignee
named "Mrs. Knapp." It is also al-
leged that Cohen, a short time before he
came to this city, withdrew about \$11-
000 which he had deposited in a Cham-
berlains bank.

Cohen denies the charges and says he
can prove that his business dealings
were honest.

The five or six thousand dollars re-
presented by these claims is said to be
only about a third of what Cohen owes.
If the London firms are successful in
bringing him back or making him dis-
gorge the other creditors will prob-
ably also put the law in motion.

IN ON MANY CHARGES

IF ALL THE POLICE ALLEGE IS TRUE.

Chester Merritt has been a Rather
Successful Sort of a Fraud

Chester Merritt, of Chatham town-
ship, was the only occupant of the police
court dock this morning, pleading by
the charges against him it would seem
that the prisoner has done a thriving
business with the local produce dealers,
leading in pork and grain that had no
existence. On these sales he is said to
have received advances of money.

The charge of obtaining from Nathan-
iel Massey \$30 under false pretenses
was first gone into. Mr. Massey being
the principal witness. Prisoner, he said,
represented himself to be Geo. Black-
burn, and said to Mr. Massey ten hogs
upon which he was paid \$20. Massey
also bought from him a number of
hogs belonging to an alleged neighbor,
Wm. Shaw. Upon this last, Mr. Mas-
sey paid him \$5 to bind the bargain.
A couple of other witnesses were also
called, and the prisoner was remanded
for a week at Mr. Douglas's request.

Geo. Gray and N. J. Rogart were
about to lay information on similar
charges, but changed their minds dur-
ing the taking of the evidence in the
Massey case. At Mr. Douglas's request,
Chief Young laid against the prisoner
charges of false pretenses in connection
with a deal with the T. H. Taylor Co.
The charge against N. J. Rogart was
about the 1st of December, and with
N. H. Stevens on or about July 25.
From Taylor and from Rogart, Mer-
ritt is alleged to have received \$10. It
is stated that in the transaction with
Mr. Stevens he represented himself as
Thomas or Michael O'Neill.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY

ITS ANNUAL MEETING A VERY IN- TERESTING AFFAIR.

The annual meeting of the Bible
Society was held last evening in the
Baptist church. The attendance was a
disappointment, the hall being only
about three parts filled, and even the
pastors of the several city churches be-
ing with but three exceptions con-
spicuous by their absence.

The meeting, presided over most
pleasantly by Rev. Ernest Grigg, pastor
of the church, was fraught with inter-
est for those in attendance. Two ad-
dresses upon "The Bible" were given
and were listened to with rapt atten-
tion.

Dr. A. W. Thornton referred to the
number of writers, writing in times
and places widely diverse, who had
participated in what might be termed
compilation of this grand book whose
freedom from contradiction gives, if
proof were required, it to be inspired;
its production due to the inspirational
guidance of a higher power; its author
the author of the universe. Upon one
important point Dr. Thornton has
changed his mind. He is now strong-
ly in favor of the use of the bible in
the schools.

Rev. S. E. Baker, pastor of the Park
St. Methodist church, dealt with the
subject from a different standpoint and
drew a number of striking compari-
sons between the prosperity of coun-
tries where they have the open bible
and the rampant superstition and po-
verty in those from which it is with-
held or who are denied the right to
freely consult and study it for them-
selves untrammelled by the annotations
and interpretations of anyone else.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR.

Moved by James Gardiner, seconded
by Dr. Thornton, that the following of-
ficers and committees be appointed for
the Chatham branch of the Upper Can-

ada Bible Society for the year 1897:
President, Dr. Batisby—all Protestant
ministers of the city to be vice-presi-
dents. Committee for Victoria avenue:
Messrs. Humphrey and E. E. Parrott;
Elmly Trinity, Wm. Ball and J. E.
Brooke; Christ church, Judge R. S.
Woods and Doctor R. V. Bray; Park
St. Methodist, Warren Martin and Jas.
Gardiner; Baptist church, H. Macaulay
and M. Houston; St. Andrew's, Messrs.
Sumerville and McCorvie; First Pres-
byterian, Messrs. H. F. Cumming and
Kenneth Urquhart; James Gardiner,
Secretary. And that the funds collected
this year be divided as follows: One-
fifth to the Quebec Auxiliary, two-
fifths to the Upper Canada Bible So-
ciety and two-fifths to the British and
Foreign Bible Society.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer Hugh Macaulay presented
the following financial statement:
The collections reported were: At
the annual meeting, \$7.35; collected by
Mrs. Banning and Miss Hour, \$35.00;
Mrs. Sturgeson, \$38.65; by Miss West,
\$5.70; Mrs. Garwell and Miss Brown,
\$5.16; Messrs. Newberry and Mrs. Cum-
mings, \$17.80; Miss Annie Walker,
\$17.75; friend, \$8.07; Mrs. Ethel Kime,
\$7.55. This brings the total up to
\$184.11. The books on hand are valued
at \$88.16. The cash in hand is \$12.36.

CHICAGO LETTER.

Wheat opened again this a. m., sell-
ing down to 81.4, but rallied and
closed at 81.2. The improvement was
due to the reported freight engagements
at seaboard for 1-2 million wheat, corn
and oats. Buffalos reported 700,000
bu. wheat ordered from there to go out
by way of Boston. Bulk of buying was
the covering of shorts. There was a
better demand at St. Louis. The mar-
ket showed a noticeable improvement
there and aural liberal buying orders
here. We still believe the domestic and
foreign demand will be equal to the
entire available surplus Northwest
standing the occasion of the slump in
the market, it is subject to that and we
will have high prices before spring.
Corn was dull fluctuating only 1/4c.
Rents here only 80c and estimates
for to-morrow 105c. The present light
movement is due the low price and bad
roads.

An improvement in price would give
better receipts.

Provisions light trade with prices
averaging little higher and closing
shows a small gain over yesterday.

The water will be shut off from the
Lacroix St. main to-morrow.

Lady Scott has been found guilty of
criminally libelling her son-in-law.

A purse was lost on Tuesday evening
and the finder is requested to return
it and get a liberal reward.

As Windsor colored people have lost
their representatives on the school
board they want a separate school.

Purse Lost: On Tuesday night, be-
tween Ham's corner and Centre street.
The finder will be liberally rewarded by
leaving it at Poole's confectionery store
or this office.

The Great Sale Still Continues

REG. BARGAINS IN
XMAS SHOES

XMAS SLIPPERS

For Ladies
And Gents.

Prices cut
In two.

White Shoe Store

G. J. Peace

Shoes Mended

A BICYCLE
BUILT FOR TWO

Will carry you safely and pleasantly
through merrymaking's rocky road. If
you get the Peace wheel and the
back wheel here. We have a large
stock of Diamond Rings that we
have purchased at fifty cents on the
dollar, and intend selling them at a
small advance.

AT THE SIGN OF THE BIG CLOCK.

ED. JORDAN

"THE ARK" Chatham's
Greatest
Store

WE ARE GIVING

25 per cent off all Holiday Goods
during this week—everything

Spot Cash

No goods charged. Please do not
ask for credit at "The Ark." We
sell goods as low as cash can buy
them.—As we sell for cash only.
Come in and see our bargains.

H. Macaulay....