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WASH GOODS

25 pieces of fine French Organdies in elegant designs, and in such colorings as rose, sky, pink, mauve, navy, etc., the most serviceable muslin you can buy and very effective in style, regular prices 40c, 45c and 50c a yard—on sale for

23c

Floor Oil Cloth

Canadian made Floor Oil Cloth in very neat black and floral designs, large variety to select from, a good serviceable, well finished cloth, 1 yard, 1 1/4 yards, 1 1/2 yards and 2 yards wide, extra value at a square yard,

25c

Wash Silks

Japan Corded Wash Silks in very dainty stripes of pink, sky, green, blue, mauve, grey, etc., warranted for wearing and washing, 5 yards makes a serviceable and stylish waist, on sale very special value at a yard,

25c

Ladies' Hose

Ladies' fine Black Cotton Hose in sizes 8 1/4, 9, 9 1/4 and 10, guaranteed fast black, fine lustrous finish and durable, on sale very special at a pair,

12 1/2c

Men's Socks

Men's extra fine, medium weight, Black Cotton Socks, guaranteed fast black, sizes 10, 10 1/4 and 11, recommended for immediate wear, very special value at 15c a pair, or

2 Pair for 25c

CARPETS

WALL PAPERS

THOMAS STONE & SON

"THE ARK"

We have the three necessary lines for warm weather requirements.

Screen Doors, all sizes complete, \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Adjustable Screen Windows, to fit any size windows, 20 to 40c.

Screen Wire cloth, by the yard, 18 to 20 in. 10 to 25c.

Please measure the size of your doors and windows before leaving home to avoid mistakes.

Some choice Lawn Mowers yet in stock, do you need one? If so see ours.

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made from any kind of picture and in grades to suit every purse.

FRAMES AT ALL PRICES.

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Are our Special Specialty, and you can get them as low as \$1.00 per doz. or as high priced as you wish, and in each grade we guarantee satisfaction to the purchaser.

FIFTH STREET

CHATHAM

NARROW ESCAPE

Owen Crow Saves a Couple of Small Lads From Drowning Last Saturday Evening

The two young sons of Sam Moore, St. Clair street, had a narrow escape from drowning Saturday evening.

The little fellows were playing on the Crow dock, near the Third street bridge, when they fell through a hole in the dock and landed in about 2 1/2 feet of water. The little fellows were thoroughly frightened and instead of scrambling to the bank, which they could easily have done, each grabbed the other and commenced floundering in the water.

Their cries for help brought a couple of colored men on the scene with pikepoles. The two men jumped down the hole at the two boys, each seemingly waiting for the other to jump in and pull the youthful adventurers out of the water. This was the state of affairs when Owen Crow arrived on the spot. Mr. Crow was on the tug "D. W. Crow" when he heard the boys crying for help. He rushed to the dock, brushed the two men with the pikepoles to one side, jumped into the water and rescued the boys from their perilous position. If the boys had not been pulled out just in time they would no doubt have floundered out into deeper water and have been drowned.

The boys were none the worse for their adventure except that they were thoroughly frightened and wringing wet.

DEATH'S CALL

Claude M. Wemp Passes Peacefully Away After a Lingering Illness of Five Years

Claude M., the eldest son of Mrs. Wemp, Barthe street, passed peacefully away at his home last Saturday after a lingering illness extending over a period of five years.

The deceased young man was well known and very popular in this city, having resided with his mother on Wellington street for a number of years during his boyhood. Since he was first taken ill he has visited many places all over America in the hopes that he might regain his former good health, but to no avail. He has been confined to his bed for eight weeks, and this his last serious illness resulted in his death at 7:30 Saturday evening.

Deceased was 24 years of age and leaves three sisters and one brother, besides his mother. He mourns his untimely end. His father, William M. Wemp, pre-deceased him 16 years ago. The sisters are Katie, superintendent of the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago; Mabel, of Toledo, and Ella at home, and the one brother, Harry, of Chicago.

The family have all arrived home for the funeral, which will take place from the family residence this afternoon at three o'clock to the Maple Leaf cemetery. The funeral will be private. Rev. Rural Dean McCosh will conduct the obsequies.

C. P. R. Bulletin to The Planet

TOKIO, MAY, 29, 1905.—It is officially announced that Admiral Rojestvensky's Fleet has been practically annihilated by Togo. Twelve Warships have been sunk, ten captured, and two Transports and two Torpedo Boat Destroyers have been sunk.

MEN IN RED

Well Attended Regimental Church Parade—Rev. Mr. Hoyt on Heroes and Cowards

The 24th Regiment attended divine service yesterday morning at the William street Baptist church. Headed by their splendid Regimental Band playing inspiring sacred music the men in scarlet paraded to the sanctuary, where they were accorded a hearty welcome by the earnest pastor, Rev. Mr. Hoyt.

The theme of the discourse was "Heroes and Cowards," and Mr. Hoyt ably outlined the great spiritual warfare waged in human life. The music was very enjoyable and included a solo by John Revere. On returning to the drill hall Col. Rankin briefly addressed the Regiment, complimenting them on the turnout and the splendid order observed.

A NEW INDUSTRY

In the evolution of home building, durability and desirability are the impelling forces which are to bring about the perfect house. That style of construction, which is an economical manner, most nearly accomplishes these ends, should receive the careful attention of all intending builders.

Cement block construction offers a method of treatment of buildings of all kinds, which approaches perfection in permanency as well as desirability. This style of construction insures warmth in winter and for the same reason makes a cool interior in the summer. No other form of construction known secures so largely these qualities for so small a cost.

These hollow cement blocks are used at the present time for houses, stores, factories, bridges, foundations of barns, and in fact everywhere that cut stone can be used. They will stand all conditions of weather, temperature and pressure, having stood most satisfactory tests in the Hydraulic press.

These cement blocks will now be manufactured by Messrs. Blight & Fielder, of this city. They have lately purchased a cement block machine, which will soon be in operation, when an opportunity will be given for all to inspect the cement block as a proper building material. Come and see and you will be assured of its superiority over other materials.

For further information, call on Messrs. Blight & Fielder, contractors, office on King street.

BUILDING

Some Interesting Facts Concerning Chatham's Growth in the Building Line This Year.

The present summer season promises to be the busiest ever known in Chatham as far as building and the employment of labor is concerned.

Each year the building question grows greater and greater, and this year there will be more money expended in buildings for public and private enterprises than ever before in Chatham. Our city is certainly going ahead in leaps and bounds and it is doubtful whether another city can be found in Ontario where there will be more expensive buildings put up than there will be in Chatham this year.

In enterprises alone, outside of private residences, over \$500,000 will be spent in buildings this year. This includes the electric railway power house, car barns, etc., the market building, the block opposite the Austin store, the Defiance Iron Works factory, the Chatham Bending Company's factory, the armories, the Bank of Montreal block, the Richmond block and the Glassway hotel. These are all buildings which have not been completed yet and which will be finished this year. Of course there are other buildings already completed this year not accounted for in the \$500,000 estimate. This estimate, also, does not include the many expensive private residences which are in the course of construction and which will also be completed this year. One firm of architects in Chatham alone has over \$150,000 worth of construction now under way in the shape of private residences only. There are also other enterprises which are as yet not decided upon which will add considerably to this building estimate.

This information will no doubt come as a surprise to many of Chatham's citizens who while they believed Chatham is expanding and growing, they had no idea of the enormity of that growth and expansion.

A series of summer meetings will be held in West Kent during the month of June, as the department of agriculture will send out two lady speakers to address these gatherings. The Women's Institute is to do for the women of our homes what the Farmers' Institutes are doing for the well dealing principally with the value of foods, economy, home sanitation, scientific care and training of children, etc.

FIRE WORKS

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