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Pickles 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c per 4 lbs  
Also a special line of Java and Mocha Coffee.  
This is the only place in North Chatham handling  
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THE PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Jan. 16—10 a. m. — To-day  
and Wednesday, generally fair, not  
much change in temperature.

**LOCAL BRIEFS**

Arthur Wilson, Tilbury, was in the  
city yesterday.

P. T. Barry sold the Benton House,  
Ridgeway, to Mr. Hopkins, for \$5,200.  
Two inmates of the House of Refuge,  
Stephen Philpot, formerly of Wallace-  
burg, and John Macaulay, in from  
Dover, are dead.

The C. P. R. Telegraph Company is  
generously sending all messages from  
the South African volunteers, now on  
their way to Halifax, free.  
Ross Lickin leaves to-day for To-  
ronto to take a position in the drug  
store of Walton & Co., Queen street  
East, Toronto.

John Smith, wine clerk at the Gar-  
ner, has returned from a trip to Den-  
ver, Chicago, and other American  
cities.

Evangelist McCrossan has publish-  
ed a most interesting work entitled  
"Love and Life," that he has placed on  
sale at Dingman's book store.

The great amount of design work  
done at the Victoria Avenue Green  
House is sufficient proof of the ex-  
cellence of the work. Nothing but the  
best at the lowest prices. Phone 181.

Miss Mary McKee, daughter of  
Dr. Geo. T. McKee, returned yester-  
day afternoon to resume her studies  
at the Trafalgar Educational In-  
stitution, Montreal.

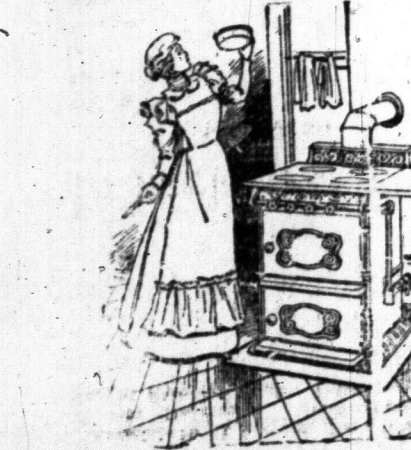
Have you read Evangelist McCrossan's  
book, "Love and Life"? Beautifully  
bound in cloth, 25c. On sale at  
Dingman's book store.

"If your eyes could talk," what a  
story of suffering and of abuse they  
could tell. How we strained them;  
how we taxed them with overwork,  
and then, because they were tired we  
rubbed them to make irritation worse.  
And to think that the most they need-  
ed, in fact, all that they were asking  
for in their quiet way, was a rest,  
a little help in the shape of a good  
pair of glasses, properly fitted. I  
have helped other tired eyes. I can  
help yours. Examination free. E. J.  
MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite  
Grand Opera House, Chatham.

**ADVANCE IN COAL**  
Hard coal is now \$6.75 per ton. In  
consequence of the advance in railway  
freight the dealers have been compelled  
to put the price up 25 cents per ton.  
G. L. W.

**BOOK BINDING.**  
Orders for bookbinding should be  
left at The Planet office. It is sur-  
prising how nice a volume can be  
made of magazines, even though they  
are somewhat soiled from much hand-  
ling. Books, magazines, or periodicals  
bound or rebound in any style at very  
reasonable prices.

**BROKE HIS LEG.**  
W. H. Taylor, of the T. H. Taylor  
Co., met with an unfortunate accident  
yesterday at the Beaver Mill. He was  
coming out of the building, when he  
slipped on the damp walk and fell,  
breaking both bones of his right leg  
just above his ankle. He was car-  
ried into the office and Dr. Holmes  
summoned. After an examination of  
the fracture the doctor had the in-  
jured man removed to his home, where  
the bone was set and the patient is  
resting easily.



**GAS**  
The proper time to have a Gas and put it  
in now. Gas is the cheapest and  
convenient fuel.  
**CHATHAM GAS CO. LIMITED**  
Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

**OH, THAT COUNTRY**

The Chatham Boys Don't Like  
South Africa.

Say It Is Sand, Mountain, Storms and  
Bad Water—Letters From  
Privates Burrell and  
Wilson.

De Aar, South Africa, Dec. 6, 1899.  
To The Planet.—I write you a few  
lines to let you know we have  
reached South Africa. I'm one of the  
four who left Chatham to fight for our  
Queen. We left Quebec on Oct.  
30th, and we reached Cape Town on  
Dec. 1st. There we camped for two  
days and then we struck camp, packed  
up and took the train for the front.  
But we only got as far as De Aar. On  
Sunday we put up tents and now are  
waiting orders to go further. There  
have to be a certain number of soldiers  
here to guard De Aar. A troop came  
in here yesterday and we expect to  
leave to-day, Dec. 8th, for Orange  
River, where an attack is expected at  
any time. There is now a body of  
6000 men to guard De Aar. We were  
all awakened up on the night of Dec.  
5th. An attack was made about 20  
miles from us during the day and our  
officers thought they would make for  
us during the night. We all made  
ready for them but they did not come.  
There is quite a lot of sickness in our  
regiment. About 30 have been left at  
base, at Cape Town. I wish you would  
send me a Planet here. Do not stop  
my paper at home. Send it to my  
father, James Burrell. He will take it  
until I come back. Yours truly,  
H. BURRELL.  
B. Co., Canadian contingent, South  
Africa.

**AT ORANGE RIVER.**

The following letter, dated Orange  
River, Dec. 8, has been received by  
Mrs. Tichbourne from her nephew, A.  
R. Wilson:

Dear Auntie.—I take great pleasure  
in answering your kind and welcome  
letter, which I received a few days  
ago. I found me well and happy, and  
I hope this will find you all the same.  
Well, Auntie, I was glad to get a  
letter from you. It is the first I have  
received since I left. It does seem a  
long time since I saw you. It did seem  
nice to get a letter. There were lots  
of the boys very disappointed over not  
getting any mail. I got a letter from  
Henry, in Clinton, and one from Jack  
(at Terry's).

Well, Auntie, I wrote to you on the  
train from Cape Town the night we  
left there. We were only one day in  
Cape Town. Then we went to De Aar,  
where we camped for four days. Then  
we moved to Orange River, where we  
are now. They are rushing us right  
to the front, so you will hear of half  
of us being cut down. We do see lots  
of wounded. There are lots of them  
in Cape Town; that is the place where  
they send all the wounded and pris-  
oners. They will be carrying some of  
us down there one of these days. We  
left De Aar for Modder River, but  
when we got to Orange River the rail-  
road was all torn up, so we had to lay  
over here. We are running into dan-  
ger every day. We cannot tell when  
we are going to be shot. They have  
guards all along the railroad to pre-  
vent the Boers from tearing it up.  
Men are kept there day and night.  
Where we are now is a place where  
for ten miles. The guards that were  
on last night shot two of their own  
men, just because they did not halt  
when the guards told them. The  
guards are supposed to shoot a man  
when he won't stop.

Well, Auntie, this is a frightful  
country. It is nothing but sand and  
mountains. We thought it was bad  
enough in De Aar, but it is worse here.  
There was a frightful storm here last  
night. We got wet through and had  
to sleep in our wet clothes. I have not  
had my clothes off since I got off the  
train. This is a rough life. We do  
get lots to eat, but it is what we buy  
ourselves. If we had to live on the  
government rations I think we would  
starve. We buy everything we eat,  
and we have a hard time to get water  
here. The water we do get is not fit  
to drink. When we are on the train  
we have to get someone to bring us  
water, for they won't let us out of  
the train. Tell Walter I wish he had  
been along with me. He would have  
passed all right. I will be glad to get  
back to Chatham. I don't like this  
country.

How is Uncle getting along?  
I guess you will hear lots of news of  
us before you get this letter.

A. R. WILSON.  
"B" Company,  
Canadian Contingent,  
South Africa.

**MR. BLOOM'S LETTER.**  
J. H. Bloom has also received a letter  
from Private Wilson, which covers  
much the same ground as Mrs. Tich-  
bourne's, so that the excellent descrip-  
tions of South African life contained  
therein need not be republished.

**THAMESVILLE.**

Jan. 16.—The annual meeting of the  
U. C. Bible Society will be held in the  
Methodist Church on Wednesday even-  
ing at eight o'clock.

The Foreign Mission Society of the  
Presbyterian congregation will meet  
in the church on Friday evening.  
O. A. Fraser is coming to his new  
residence on Mary St. this week.

A firehouse, of Shetland, was in  
town yesterday en route to Ridgeway.  
Mr. and Mrs. McCallum and daugh-  
ter, also Miss Jean Laughton, of Both-  
well, visited friends in town on Sun-  
day.

Mrs. Sanford is very ill. Her son  
Charles was summoned home to see  
her, and arrived last night.

Chas. Williams, residing near Kent  
Bridge, died yesterday, after a long  
sickness.

**A BOON TO BUSINESS MEN.**  
The man who, from business pres-  
sure has to bolt his food, suffer mental  
worry over business and then lose his  
sleep, will find Merrill's System Tonic  
a pearl of great price. This medicine  
purifies the blood, builds up the sys-  
tem, strengthens the nerves and is the  
greatest bowel regulator known. One  
bottle is worth fifty dollars to an over-  
worked man. 50c. Sold at the Central Drug Store.

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Nine Days Only

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## From Thursday the 18th To Saturday the 27th

We purpose making our annual inventory on the 31st of the month and as we have decided our stock is far too heavy to suit our ideas and moreover having contracted for immense shipments of goods for spring trade, to be delivered early in February, we have decided to offer our immense stock at

## Sweeping Out Prices

This is the first time in our history of retailing dry goods in Chatham that we have ever advertised a General Cut Price Sale all over the store and we intend to sustain our reputation of doing exactly as we advertise, so you can count on getting some genuine bargains.

Every Department in the house will be represented:—

Ladies' and Children's Gloves,  
Ladies' and Children's Hosiery,  
Ladies' and Children's Underwear,  
Ladies' Wrappers,  
Laces and Ribbons,  
Handkerchiefs, Nic-Nacs,

Dress Goods,  
Silks, Velvets,  
Dress Trimmings, Mantle Cloths,  
Flannels,  
Tweeds,  
Shaker Flannels.

**Special Note**  
Our immense stock of staples including cottons, sheetings, table linens, towelings is included in this sale and in view of the recent heavy advances in cotton goods will afford you an opportunity to supply your needs at prices that cannot be duplicated during the coming year.

**Carpets and Rugs**  
Every piece less than 30 yards marked at clearing prices and all made and laid free of charge if sold during sale.

**FURS--Ladies' Jackets**  
The balance of our Fur Stock and Ladies' Jackets must all be sold, and the prices are going to do it.  
**Blankets** About 100 pairs left, will be all marked at special prices

**Suits and Caps, Underwear**  
The whole stock has been carefully gone over and all reductions are marked in plain red figures. A chance to buy your next winters overcoat at snap prices.  
Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats, Reefers and Pants. The balance of our Underwear and Top Shirts marked at sweeping out prices.

CASH AND ONE PRICE TO ALL

# C. AUSTIN & CO.

MARKET SQUARE CORNER.

Nine Days Only

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**BILL IS FURIOUS.**

Thinks England's Seizure of Ger-  
man Ships a Breach of Faith.

Hunting Rifles Found on Board the  
Bundersath but They are Con-  
sidered Unimportant.

Berlin, January 16.—Emperor Wil-  
liam still takes the deepest interest  
in the Bundersath case and holds fre-  
quent conferences on the subject with  
the foreign secretary, Count von Bue-  
low. The Associated Press was in-  
formed that the emperor is still fur-  
ious about the seizures, which he re-  
gards as particularly ungrateful and  
unexcused for on the part of Great Brit-  
ain, inasmuch as he was led to believe  
during his recent visit that England  
would hereafter do everything in her  
power to preserve amicable relations.

in view of all this, his majesty regards  
the seizure of German vessels as "ap-  
parently bad faith on the part of Lord  
Salisbury."

The German ambassador in London,  
Count von Hatzfeldt, has informed the  
German government that the seizures  
were made upon the order of the Brit-  
ish admiralty and not of the foreign  
office. The Kaiser, however, considers  
this a mere subterfuge.  
At the foreign office it was asserted  
in reply to an inquiry, that the reported  
discovery of a quantity of rifles in  
the cargo of the Bundersath was  
unimportant, since it was already  
known through the manifest, that  
there were several cases of hunting  
rifles on board.

**NO DEATHS HAVE RESULTED.**

From consumption where the patient  
was not first afflicted with a common  
cough. This ought to warn people to  
take their time, the great guaranteed  
cure, which cures coughs in 24  
hours, the worst colds in two days,  
and is the only positive cure known  
for bronchitis and pneumonia. Large  
bottles 50c. at the Central Drug Store.

**TILBURY.**

Jan. 16.—Mr. Olney intends leaving  
to-morrow for a six weeks' trip to Lon-  
don, England.

Mrs. J. J. Balmer returns to her home  
in Woodstock to-day after a two weeks'  
visit to her parents here.

The box social which was to take  
place to-night, has been postponed ow-  
ing to the death of Mrs. Richardson.

Miss Aviary, a milliner for J. S.  
Richardson, leaves to-morrow for Blen-  
heim previous to returning to her home  
in Ingersoll.

Mrs. Sutherland returned to her  
home in Woodstock on Saturday after  
visiting her mother, Mrs. McDonald.

Why buy imitations of doubtful  
merit when the Genuine can be pur-  
chased so easily.  
The proprietors of MINARD'S LIN-  
IMENT inform us that their sales the  
past year still entitle their prepara-  
tion to be considered the BEST and  
FIRST in the hearts of their country-  
men.

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Sold and recommended by all  
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able medicine discovered. At-  
tention guaranteed to cure all  
forms of Sexual Weakness, all effects of abuse  
or excess, Mental Worry, Excessive use of  
beers, Opium or Stimulants. Mailed on receipt  
of price, one package \$1.00, 25c. One will please,  
do not miss. Samples free to any address.  
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Gunn & Co's.