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THE RELIABLE STORE Thomas Stone & Son THE RELIABLE STORE

## Saturday Night Specials

On Sale From  
7 O'clock to 10 O'clock

In order to give our Saturday Evening Customers an opportunity to secure some **Special Bargains** we have prepared a choice lot of "Specials" for Saturday evening. These lines will be on sale only from seven till ten o'clock. Call in and see these lines during these hours.

### 15c White Embroidered Belts

Five dozen white embroidered wash belts, with gilt buckles, real 20 to 25 cent value, on sale Saturday evening 15c each.

### 5c Turnover Collars 5c

Ten dozen special value white embroidered turnover collars. These would be considered good value in the ordinary way at 10c each, Saturday evening price 5c.

### \$1.69 Ladies' Umbrellas \$1.69

These are really worth \$2.25 each; the cloth is silk and wool, with tape edge, and a splendid assortment of beautiful handles. Don't fail to secure one of these. They are a great bargain.

### 5c Roller Towelling 5c

We never had a better line in the store for the money. It's well worth 7c to 8c per yard, special on Saturday night at 5c.

### 15c Dress Muslins 15c

We will place on sale for the three hours on Saturday night a large lot of choice new dress muslins in white Swiss dots, as well as floral designs. They are wonderful value at the sale price.

### 98c White Shirt Waists 98c

New designs, in both long and short sleeves, embroidered fronts, made of fine quality of soft finished lawn, a wonderful waist at the sale price, 98c.

### 19c Boys' Ribbed Hose 19c

Fast black, heavy weight, the kind always sold at 25 cents per pair, a full range of sizes, and a great bargain. See them on Saturday night.

### Safety Pins

Two papers for 5 cents; an assortment of sizes to select from. These are the kind usually sold at 5 cents a paper, Saturday night two for 5 cents.

## Thomas Stone & Son

## Lawn Mowers!

FIVE DIFFERENT KINDS.

From \$2.50 to \$15.00.

### OUR PENNSYLVANIA

Has Tool Steel Oil-tempered Blades and Wire Nail. Bones or wood will not hurt the knives. Is Self-sharpening.

IT IS A DANDY!

CALL AND SEE IT.

## WESTMAN BROS.,

BIG HARDWARE.

## STYLISH SPRING SUITINGS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Made to Order and a Perfect Fit Guaranteed

We are large importers of the best clothes and can show you a range of patterns that will please you.

Our workmen are skilled and our prices will be found to be the lowest.

Before you purchase your Spring Suit or Overcoat call at the factory office and find out what we have to offer you.

## THE T. H. TAYLOR CO., LTD.

Merchant Tailors, Manufacturers and Importers.

## ADDRESS TO MR. NEILLY

Retiring Pastor Of Dover Honored By His People

He Was Given A Purse Of Gold—A Popular Preacher

A pleasant evening was spent at the Manse in Dover, Wednesday evening, May 1st, where a number of the congregation from New St. Andrew's Church gathered and presented Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Neilly with a purse of gold. The address was as follows:

To Rev. and Mrs. Neilly: Dear Friends,—Before taking your departure from the Dover circuit, we deemed it a pleasant duty to call together a few of your friends in order to mark our appreciation of your presence in our midst during the five years just expired.

While we deeply regret your departure, we console ourselves with the knowledge of the fact that our loss will be Culloden's gain. During your sojourn here with us you have given proof, not only of perfect fitness for the work in the great vineyard, but of qualities and traits of character certainly worthy of emulation. We admire your methods and manners, your liberality, cheerful disposition and sense of humor, which render you all the more successful in the important work. We hope you will long be spared to adorn the pulpit, by your eloquence, to expound the texts of Scripture, to beacon the darkness of heaven and earth. We shall be pleased to learn of an uninterrupted success and welfare, which your natural abilities and studious habits certainly merit.

Hoping you will always have a pleasant remembrance of your intercourse with the people of the New St. Andrew's Church, we assure you of our good wishes for your welfare and happiness in your new field of labor, as a token of our esteem we deem it a privilege to render some little recognition of the kind regard and esteem in which you and Mrs. Neilly are held. Accept this purse, which, though inadequately expressing that esteem, we hope may serve to recall at any rate during your leisure moments the pleasant relations that have existed between pastor and people here. Into your new field of labor our respects and prayers accompany you, for wherever duty calls we shall find you under divine guidance.

Signed in behalf of the congregation of New St. Andrew's Church: MRS. WM. GLOVER. MR. WM. RICHMOND. Mr. Neilly thanked the people of New St. Andrew's congregation very heartily for their kind appreciation of his services during the five years he has been with them, as he had been so kindly treated by them. He wished them all every success in life and hoped to meet them again in the near future.

High grade cutlery and silver plated ware at dissolution sale prices. Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, phone No. 6.

**Jahnke & Hinnegan**  
Funeral Directors and Embalmers  
King St. East, four doors east of Market  
Latest Appliances  
Open Day and Night Phone 14

**R. W. RUTHERFORD, M.D.**  
SPECIALIST.  
EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT  
BY GENITO-URINARY DISEASES.  
GLASSES PROPERLY FITTED  
33 KING ST. EAST, CHATHAM

## S-T-O-P

If you saw a \$5.00 bill on the sidewalk you would stop and pick it up. Well, we think you will see where you can save money if you read our ad.

Broken Sweet Biscuits, 5c. per lb.  
Broken Sodas, 4c. per lb.  
8 Bars Morton's Grand Soap, 25c.  
20c. Bottles Tomato Catsup, 27c.  
2 Packages Force for 25c.  
Maple Syrup, 15c. per pint.  
Table Syrup, 50c. per gal.  
8 lbs. Washing Soda, 5c.  
22 lbs. Bright Yellow Sugar, \$1.  
7-lb. Pails Jam, 57c.

**A Quantity of Crockery**  
and China still to clear out. The prices should sell them quick.

**John McConnell**  
PARK ST. PHONE 19

## A FLAG THAT IS CANADIAN

W. K. Merrifield Offers Suggestion on a National Subject

Windsor Man's Idea Greatly Outdistanced—The Maple Leaf

To the Editor of The Planet: As some one in Windsor says it is time that Canada did away with our present non-descript flag, and decided on one that was descriptive of Canadian sentiment.

I do not think Canadians would be content to have a parody on the U. S. flag by having perpendicular stripes as suggested by the Windsorite.

The only flag that will appeal to Canadians is one that will retain all our national memories and at the same time express our national aspirations. For that purpose I would have the old Union Jack with a large maple leaf in the centre; and on the flag a sugar maple limb quartering across the flag, just touching the lower outer corner of the Jack, with leaves along the limb to represent the Provinces. The flag should be blue for the marine, and red for the land service.

These flags would agree with all our past and present sentiment, and also be unique and distinctive in appearance, with a beauty unsurpassed.

W. K. MERRIFIELD.  
May 4, 1907.

## A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

Heavy Loss Of Life And Hundreds Injured In Canton

Hong Kong, May 4.—Great destruction of life and property was caused at Canton Thursday evening by the explosion of a gunpowder magazine. Twenty-one bodies have already been recovered from the ruins. Hundreds of persons were injured. Fifteen buildings were razed, and over a hundred others were wrecked.

A section two hundred feet long of the massive city wall, was thrown down. The historical many-storied pagoda escaped with slight injuries. The officials and staffs of the hospitals are doing their best to succor the sufferers. In the Shamien suburb, where foreigners live, a terrific shock caused by the explosion was felt, but the residents were unharmed.

Some idea of the force of the explosion may be gathered from the fact that the roofs of houses a mile distant were blown off.

A number of important Chinese and foreign establishments were demolished.

The bodies recovered from the ruins near the magazine were shockingly mutilated. Many corpses of men and women were without heads.

The officer in charge of the magazine was among those killed, and when the body was recovered a pipe was found clutched in his hands, which suggests the possible cause of the explosion.

The financial losses are enormous.

## VICTORIA AVE. LEAGUE ELECTS YEAR'S OFFICERS

The election of officers for the year, held at the meeting of Victoria Ave. League last evening, resulted as follows:

President—C. R. Cunningham.  
First Vice—Miss Grace Craft.  
Second Vice—J. W. Humphrey.  
Third Vice—L. Parrott.  
Fourth Vice—Miss Ruby Maggs.  
President for the Junior League—Mrs. Wells.  
Secretary—Miss Grace Irving.  
Cor. Sec.—Miss Anna Clements.  
Treasurer—W. Beemer.  
Pianist—Miss Verna Craft.  
A musical program followed, over which Lindsay Parrott presided. The numbers were as follows:  
Solo—Miss Flossie Edmondson.  
Piano Solo—Miss Mabel Dyer.  
Solo—Miss Anna Clements.

**Scared Wife, Shot Self.**  
New York, May 4.—Thinking that he had killed his wife, at whom he had fired a shot, inflicting a slight wound, John Wagner, rushed from his home in Ridgewood, L. I., yesterday and sent a bullet into his head. Mrs. Wagner was more frightened than hurt. Wagner was 50 years old, his wife 40.

**Swift Jersey Justice.**  
Woodbury, N. J., May 4.—Swift justice was meted out yesterday to Edward Gibson, a negro, who on Monday night last attacked Miss Dorothy Paris, 19 years old. Gibson was sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$3,000.

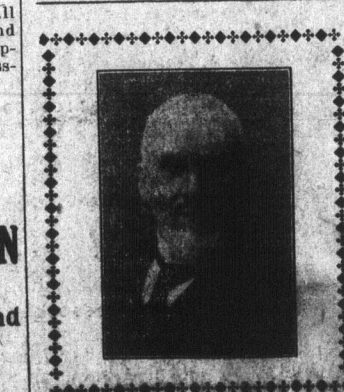
## HIS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

For Half Century Mr. Robert Cooper has Been a Chatham Merchant

He is Hale and Hearty and Still Has Keen Eye For Business

Hale and hearty, and in the full enjoyment of life, Mr. Robert Cooper, the veteran King street bookstore man, is to-day celebrating his semi-centennial anniversary as a business man in Chatham. Few men indeed can boast of being in business for half a century in one city or town, but Mr. Cooper is the exception which proves the rule.

Fifty years ago to-day, May 4th, 1857, Mr. Cooper first came to Chatham, where he was appointed agent for the Montreal Telegraph Co'y. His offices were situated in the upper portion of the Rankin building on the corner of King and Fourth streets. At that time Mr. McKenzie Ross ran a drygoods store directly beneath Mr. Cooper's offices.



MR. ROBERT COOPER.  
Who Has Been in Business in Chatham For The Past Fifty Years.

"Very few of those who were in business here at that time, are alive and in Chatham to-day," Mr. Cooper told an interviewer who dropped in to congratulate him. "The only ones I know of who are here now are Mr. K. Urquhart and Mr. Jno. Hoan, who were both in the grocery business, Mr. Isaac Smith who conducted a merchant tailoring establishment, Mr. Geo. D. Ross and Mr. John Rice who both ran general stores, and Mr. W. R. Goin, builder; Capt. George Stringer, dealer in ship supplies; Mr. Albert Jahnke, furniture dealer, and Mr. John McKerrail."

In 1857, and for the three years following, was the beginning of hard times in Chatham. Conditions have changed since. At that time nobody could get a discount at the Bank. No loan companies existed at that time. Three years of bad crops followed, and only recovered in 1860."

Mr. Cooper has passed his 70th milestone, but in appearance, he is many years younger. During his residence he has taken a keen and active interest in the welfare of the city. He has served several years useful terms on the Public School Board.

## VOLCANIC CO. CUT NATURAL GAS PRICES

The Volcanic Oil & Gas Company made the announcement to the press to-day, through their solicitor, that they are going to sell gas to manufacturers from now on for 12 cents per cubic foot. It was explained to the newspaper men that the Volcanic magnates felt that they should make certain concessions to the manufacturers of Chatham.

Messrs. Symmes and D. A. Goste were in the city yesterday, when it was decided that they should cut the price of gas used under boilers from 15 cents to 12 cents per thousand cubic feet.

They also announce that they intend to sell gas at rates to compete with any new companies who may pipe into Chatham at any time. Most of their new pipe has arrived, and the Graham and Richardson wells in Tilbury will be connected in five or six weeks at the least.

## ANOTHER MINE FATALITY.

Three Men Killed and Six Injured This Time.

Johnstown, Pa., May 4.—Three men were killed and six others injured, three fatally, Thursday, in an accident in an ore mine at Riddlesburg, Bedford County. The men were all foreigners. A shifting crew placed a car on which the men had been unloading ore, on a trestle, while other cars were being placed.

When the engine backed to the main track it struck the car, which was derailed, and fell on top into a creek below.

## SERIOUS RIOTS ON IN INDIA

An Angry Hindoo Mob Excited and Does Damage

Looted Post Office—Mission House Pillaged—The Agitators

Allahabad, British India, May 4.—Serious anti-European riots have occurred at Rawalpindi, Punjab.

A Hindu mob burned two bungalows, pillaged the mission church, looted the postoffice, burned a garage and all the motor cars in it, destroyed the plant of a power-house, and smashed the windows of the residences of many Europeans.

Armed police eventually obtained the upper hand and dispersed the rioters.

The town is now patrolled by a squadron of 10th Hussars. The outbreak is attributed to the incendiary influence of a number of well-known agitators, who have been making speeches throughout the Punjab, and who are also held responsible for the recent outbreak at Lahore.

Rawalpindi is a fortified town of the Punjab, capital of the Rawalpindi division and district. It is situated forty-seven miles from Attock, an important strategic position on the Indus, and has a population of about 90,000.

Rawalpindi is the administrative capital of the division and district of its own name between the Indus and Jhilam, on the railway from Lahore to Peshawar. There are an arsenal, a fort, a fine public park, several European churches, and the headquarters of the Punjab Northern State Railroad. Transit trade is carried on with Cashmere and Afghanistan. The Sikhs surrendered there, and in 1886 a great durbar or review was held.

## CORRECTION

Dear The Planet.—Will you kindly correct the announcement of my marriage in your issue of 30th April. While I did not supply the news to The Planet, I readily admit the responsibility of that great paper in gathering news that were well founded in fact. Moreover, I wish to thank The Planet for its flattering and graceful references to myself personally in the published announcement. The old Planet is courteous and considerate in anything the parties entirely satisfactory for reasons entirely satisfactory to me. For the future, I ask for this correction because my arms are nearly worn off with thousands of too previous warm congratulations that may come in handy after a short while.

GEO. G. MARTIN.  
Chatham, 4th May, 1907.

## NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS

DEPOSITORS IN SAVINGS DEPARTMENT OF THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA WILL BE CREDITED INTEREST QUARTERLY IN FUTURE, VIZ. ON THE LAST DAYS OF FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER.

## New Three-Cent Rate.

Ottawa, May 4.—The new three-cent passenger rates of the Grand Trunk Railway will go into effect on May 15. The C. P. R. has not yet filed its rates with the Railway Commission. The Canadian Northern and some of the smaller lines are opposing the reduction in rates.

## CHATHAM'S ONLY MILLINERY STORE

### More New Hats

—OF THE—

### NEWEST DESIGNS

The most captivating styles of the season at the most reasonable prices.

## C. A. COOKSLEY

KING STREET

## TRICTLY PRIVATE

YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE

AND WEDDING RING

VONGUNTEN'S

Real Estate, Insurance and Financial Broker

MONEY TO LOAN

## Wall Paper

AT LESS THAN

HALF-PRICE

FOR ONE WEEK

We have placed on sale 2,000 rolls of Wall Paper at 9c per roll, with Crown Border to match at same price, 9c per roll. This paper is good value at 20c a roll, but we want our customers to get a May bargain. Three colors—brown, green and buff. See it in our side window.

THE GREATEST SNAP WE EVER OFFERED

The Store With the Stock

## SULMAN'S

## BEEHIVE,

KING & 6th STREETS

## Kitchen Goods

A New Supply of beautiful Enamelled ware, white lined on a good steel body with light blue mottled effect on the outside.

Saucepans, extra deep, with special round handle, 30c, 40c, 45c.

Cooking Kettles, special for gas stoves, 35c, 45c, 55c, 65c, 75c.

Water Pails, 50c, 60c, 75c.

Dish Pans, 50c, 70c, 85c.

Pie Plates, 3c, 8c, 10c, 15c.

Pudding Pans, 8c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c.

Pot Covers, all sizes, 5c, 8c, 10c.

See our New Combination Pot Cover, sold all around town at 25c. Our price, 10c, 15c.

Wire Strainers for tea, soup, or gravy, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c.

Asbestos Mats for gas stoves, 8c and 15c.

Graters for all purposes, 3c, 5c, 10c, 15c.

## GRAY'S

## CHINA HALL

## Sweet Cream

Direct from the farm every morning.

## Whipped Cream

Ice Cream in Bricks

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MOUNTEER'S KENT BAKERY

Large, handsome lilacs 25c.; magnificent spiraeas 25c.; at Victoria Avenue Green Houses. All plants delivered.