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BIGNEY—On January 26th, the wife of Wm. Bigne, of a daughter.

Local Briefs

Skating at Rink to-night.
Blanket sale now going on at the Woolen Mills. See ad.
Wanted to Exchange lumber for horses. Apply to Scott Bros., Jam-ber dealers, Chatham.
Girls' and ladies' rubbers in size 2 and 3, in both storm and ordinary shape, 25c a pair at Cowan's.
Stores are going to move if we have to give them away. Come and see us. Geo. Stephens & Co.
The Rev. G. B. Brown, of St. Catharines, local edition promoter for the Dominion Alliance, was in the city today on business.
Coal—Call up phone 54, and leave your order for best Soranton, well screened, also Masson and Canaan, with Steen & Montgomery, lowest prices. Also wood for sale. Opposite the Post Office.

Skating at Rink to-night.
See the T. H. Taylor Co's blanket ad. in this issue.

WEST KENT

The following are the returns for West Kent as nearly as can be ascertained at the time of going to press. There is just one division in Raleigh not yet heard from, and this may change the result a little. There may also be some slight changes in the figures in some of the other polling sub-divisions.

Chatham City.....	136
Chatham Township.....	101
Romey Township.....	49
Tilbury village.....	23
Tilbury Township.....	117
Raleigh Township.....	46
Wallaceburg.....	8
Dover.....	83

McCoig's majority according to returns, 192.

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HAWKES CUT GLASS

A yellow diamond makes a good show until compared with a white one, and Hawkes glass shows up the yellow in other cut glass when placed side by side. We can show you five other makes, Canadian and American, but Hawkes stands out in a class by itself. Come in and let us show you the difference, and it won't take long either. There is comparatively very little difference in the cost but oh what a difference in quality.

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MISSING BALLOTS

Deputy Smith at No 5 Found No Ballots in His Case and was in Quandry

The Missing Package Turned up at No 14—Many Rumors were Rife—The Returning Officers Story

Yesterday when returning officer Ed. Smith opened up his ballot box at Division No. 5, he found that there were no ballots in his box. He at once sent a messenger to Sheriff Gemmill, who secured 10 ballots and sent them over. Sheriff Gemmill was seen this morning and he gave a statement of the facts. "I don't want to shirk any responsibility in the matter," said the Sheriff. "The mistake was mine. Owing to the registration court of appeal sitting so near election, the lists were late and I was compelled to delay getting the ballots bound as I did not know how many would be needed. Boxes five and fourteen were the last two and I put the ballots for five into the 14th division box by mistake. When the returning officer opened the box he found the two packages of ballots. Mr. Smith at No. 5, sent over here, and Mr. Beeston took over ten ballots that we had in the office. Then Mr. Beeston went to Division 10 and I went to Division 11 and secured some ballots at each of these divisions. Ward Stanworth told me that the missing ballots were at No. 14 and Mr. Beeston went over and got them and took the ballots to No. 5 division. The ballots secured from Divisions 10 and 11 were returned. Nobody handled any of the ballots except Mr. Beeston and myself."

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

"The Ross government is a gon-er," Archie knew.

I hope you saw the B. Mistake's alleged morning edition.

The Ross government was "routed horse, foot and artillery."

I is very kind of the Conservatives to let Ross stay in and enjoy his defeat.

Down in North Essex there seems to be a big Conservative majority Resuming round.

No doubt the B. Mistake was proud of its morning edition. It wouldn't know any better.

The returns for Kent furnished by the B. Mistake this morning was a jumble of figures.

The B. Mistake has the plan for figuring up the returns from this riding. They stick the figures in a hat and then pick out a few.

Philip Westmore was the oldest man who voted yesterday. He is in his 98th year and w.n. in and marked his ballot at Division 13. He said that he had cast more Conservative votes than any other man in the riding. There is probably no man in Ontario who has his proud record. Then four of his sons and a grandson followed in the aged Conservative's footsteps. There was six good ballots cast at No. 13.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

People who live in stone houses can throw glasses.

A girl has an awful queer look in her eyes when men talk about building up their muscles.

No woman shakes the ballot to enforce her rights; she can do it with tears and a handkerchief.

If a man gets run over by a street car a woman is never sure that isn't his way of trying to flirt with her.

When a girl gets engaged she is nearly as hopeful of all she is going to get out of it as a man on his way to the races.—New York Press.

LARGE FAMILIES.

The physical and moral advantages of large well families are well recognized. Members of small families, like only children, are poorly equipped for the struggle of life, and the avoidance of obligations and responsibilities on the part of the parent does away with a very powerful factor in the education of the individual.—Lancet.

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The Chicago, Union Pacific and North Western Line runs through first class Pullman and Tourist sleeping cars to points in California and Oregon. Personally conducted excursions from Chicago every week. Lowest rates. Choice of routes. Finest scenery. Special attention given to family parties. For maps, illustrated folders and rates, address R. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King street, Toronto, Ont.

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Consult your nearest Grand Trunk Agents, or address J. D. McDonald, District Passenger Agent, Toronto, if you desire information regarding the delightful Winter Resorts of California, Mexico or Florida. Unexcelled service and equipment.

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A LETTER FROM MORRISBURG

The Hon. J. P. Whitney, the new Premier of Ontario, telegraphed The Mail-Empire from Morrisburg, as follows, last night, when the returns began to come in showing the big change in the political situation in the Province:—

Morrisburg, Ont., Jan. 25.—In the immediate presence of the great political upheaval in the province to-day, I can have out little to say. All must acknowledge the serious meaning of this emphatic expression of the people's will. I fully and gladly appreciate the fact that Liberals in large numbers joined in that expression.

J. P. WHITNEY

LADY WITH THE LAMP.

Florence Nightingale still With Us in the Twentieth Century, Fifty Years After Beginning Her Great Work.

Oct. 21 is not only Trafalgar Day. It is also on another account a day "worthy of a white stone." Fifty years ago Florence Nightingale and her band of thirty-eight nurses set forth on their mission to the Crimea. The immediate result was the conversion of the great Barrack Hospital at Scutari from "a hell on earth," where, as Sir William Russell wrote: "The sick appear to be tended by the sick, and the dying by the dying," into "a model of all that a hospital should be." But the effect of the one action was as the grain of mustard-seed—from it sprang consequences which are seen and felt throughout the world to-day. In the wonderful municipal hospitals, the quiet cottage hospitals, the neat and self-trained nurse, while inwardly a power for good works side by side with external cleanliness and comfort. Hospital reform has not only achieved fewer deaths per thousands, less individual suffering, but it has also proved a powerful moral agent for good.

Within hospital walls are gathered a large percentage of men, women and children to whom dirt, disorder and ugliness are the chief factors of life. The hospital reveals to them a world of exquisite cleanliness, shining opaline walls, gleaming frelight, soft voices, gentle hands, flowers. On a certain number of these patients these new influences exercise a lasting impression. This testimony every sister will give. There are always many to deny hospital work to dwell on the faults of the system and to depreciate the virtues, but some will find more cause for rejoicing to appreciate, however faintly, the joys of fair and pure surroundings, than over a class of hungry guttersnipes who have mastered a French verb and the Rule of Three.

The Lady with the Lamp—as Longfellow called her in memory of the long nights, when, lamp in hand, she passed along the Scutari wards—is still among us in this feverish twenty century world of ours. She has so strenuously avoided publicity, since she returned broken in health from her labors in the Crimea, that few realize her presence, save those who have profited by her advice and experience in the management and arrangement of our great institutions.

Yet, in spite of her retirement, public interest flames at the mere mention of her name. There clings about her—apart from the practical value of her great work—a halo of pure romance. Nothing that has been said or sung in praise of woman can rival the words, written by one of the many soldiers whom she tendered: "She would speak to one and another, and nod and smile to many more, but she could not do it to all; you know, for we lay there by hundreds, but we could kiss her shadow as it fell and lay our heads on our pillows again content." Save for a few women, born to the people, Florence has achieved the chief place in woman's roll of fame. In days, moreover, when "the frivolous work of polished idleness" was deemed all-sufficient for her sex.

LESS WORK.

She—What did the janitor say when you asked him to clean the ice off the sidewalks?

He—He told me not to be in such a rush; that it was better to wait till a warm day, and they'd clean themselves."

AFTER TEN YEARS.

Mr. G. L. Stephenson, of Peterborough, says: "For over ten years I suffered constantly with Piles, first itching, then bleeding; pain almost unbearable; life a burden. Tried everything in vain till I used Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid.

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NEXT THING IN ORDER.

Comes Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake with the theory that Eve munched a quince, not an apple. We'll be hearing that Joseph stopped that famine with shredded wheat next.—New York Mail.

Appearances often indicate a prosperity which goes no further than the surface.

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Public Notice!

The auction sale of the household furniture of the late Robert Mercer, Esq., will take place on Tuesday, 31st Jan., at residence, next to jail, at 1 o'clock, p.m., also his son's furniture at the same time, all to be sold, no reserve.

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Children's Golf Coats, cardinal and white, navy and white, or light blue and white, blouse style, with full sleeve, Regular price \$1.75

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Petticoats of black satin mercerized finish, deep flounce, finished with five small ruffles and cording, regular price \$1.50

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Ladies' gowns of heavy flannelette, plain white or pink, made with yoke tucked or plain. Regular and outside sizes, Regular price \$1.25

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Walking Skirts—Twenty-five stylish walking skirts, black, navy, brown, grey and green, plain colors and tweed effects, mostly nine gore models, trimmings are of strappings, stitchings and buttons, regular price \$4.75, \$5.00 and \$6.00

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Ladies and Misses Flannelette drawers, in pink, blue or grey stripes regular price a pair 25c.

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Flannelette or wrapette waists, lined waist, wide skirt with flares and narrow braid, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values.

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Made of good sound hardwood, with surface quarter cut oak finish, two drawers and two cupboards, neatly carved and fitted, 14 x 24 inch mirror, worth \$9.00 \$11.50 for only

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Hardwood, golden oak finish, top 20 x 44 inches, one long drawer and two short ones, has mirror 14 x 24 in., To make them move quickly we have reduced \$10.00 the price to

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Top 22 x 50, figured oak top drawers, solid brass pulls, solid brass pulls, 19 x 30, bevelled mirror, regular \$17.50 price, \$20.00, for

See our Solid Oak Extension Top Sideboard at \$20, \$26.50 and \$36.50.

New Propitious Prices on Quarter Cut Oak Extension Dining Tables.

Genuine Quarter Cut Oak Extension Dining Tables, top 48 x 48 inches, very highly polished, 5 1/2-in. legs, turned and fluted, extends 8 ft., worth \$22.00, Special Sale \$16.00 Price,

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