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# Wednesday, Mar. 23

AND FOLLOWING DAYS

We take this opportunity to thank our patrons for their past patronage, and cordially invite every lady in Chatham and Kent County to witness our Annual Display on Wednesday and following days.

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Buff Plymouth Rocks, the Overbaugh strain, a few young stock for sale. Also Eggs in season, \$1.50 and \$1.00 per setting.

REDFORD ST. POULTRY YARD.  
RALPH McCUBBIN.

Minkard's Liniment for Sale Everywhere.

### DISTRICT DOINGS. BLENHEIM

March 21.—Mr. Fairman conducted the services at Trinity church yesterday. He leaves for New York this week. At the evening service Mr. C. O. Wragg sang in splendid style the baritone solo "Gentle Shepherd."

Mrs. McKenzie of Shedd, is visiting at Mrs. VanVelsor's. The entertainment War of the Roses given by the E. L. of the Methodist church on Friday evening last was a huge success in every way. In the debate the negative won. Rev. G. Gilmore, W. J. Baird, Wm. Findlay, Ridgeway, visited friends in town over Sunday.

The death occurred on Sunday morning early of Duncan Nettles, son of Mr. J. A. Nettles. He died of heart failure. He has been in ill health for a number of years, but not seriously ill until about six weeks before his death. The funeral will take place on Tuesday from the Baptist church and will be in charge of the I. O. F. The deceased was a member of the order of the lodge stationed at Blenheim.

### DISMISSED ACTION

Toronto, March 19.—Chief Justice Falconbridge has given judgment in favor of the board of health of the town of Ridgeway, dismissing the action brought by Arthur Ward, proprietor of the Arlington hotel of that place. The plaintiff sought damages for the quarantine of his hotel, following a case of small-pox a year ago.

### EDUCATIONAL SUNDAY

Yesterday was Educational Sunday at Park street Methodist church and the services throughout the day were exceedingly well attended. Rev. F. H. Wallace, D. D., Professor of Victoria University, Toronto, occupied the pulpit both morning and evening and delivered stirring addresses on both occasions. He put forth a strong plea for the educational interests of the Methodist church, describing the present conditions of the universities.

The collections, both of the church services and Sunday school, go to the educational fund.

The music was of an especially good character. Joseph Brown sang very acceptably in the evening.

### SHOT HIMSELF IN N. Y.

Toronto, March 21.—A despatch from New York says: "Despondent because the girl he loved had entered the Ursuline convent, and had not replied to the letters that he sent to her, urging that she reconsider her resolve to devote her life to religious work, Edward N. Nealon, of Toronto, who recently came here, shot himself within a block of the convent in which she had sought retreat. Nealon died instantly. So far as the coroner could discover Nealon, while visiting this city on business, fostered the Ursuline convent. For the last two days Nealon had been haunting the vicinity of the convent grounds."

Edward J. Nealon lived at 102 Dufferin street, Toronto, where he lived with his brother Martin, who received a telegram announcing his death. He was about 23 years of age. He left Toronto two months ago, and since that time has written home, telling of his inability to secure employment.

### UNCLE SAM'S PENSION SYSTEM.

Montreal Star.

We do not admire a system under which conscienceless pension agents acting on the stupidity of other men drum up fraudulent claims against the national government. To the pension agents of this country, who receive a telegram announcing his death, he was about 23 years of age. He left Toronto two months ago, and since that time has written home, telling of his inability to secure employment.

### ONE EYE ON THE JURY.

St. Thomas Times.

At Woodstock Justice Ferguson instituted a new order of things at the Assize Court. "It seems to be the fashion now that people crowd up around the jury," he said. "Now this has got to stop. I want to be able to see every juror with one eye." His lordship ordered two constables, who were standing near the jury box, to move just four feet to the north, and then, pointing the other end of the stick at the jury box, he instructed him to move also. When there was a perfectly unobstructed view of the jury, his lordship ordered the case to proceed.

Trust not to appearance; the drum which makes the most noise is filled with wind.

Minkard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

## NEW DEPARTMENT. CLOTHING TO YOUR MEASURE.

SUITS \$15.00.

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TROUSERS \$4.50.

On Thursday Morning, March 24, we will introduce an entirely new feature into our Clothing business.

We will make Suits and Raincoats to your Order, in any style you may desire, at the unique, we might say ridiculous price of \$15.00.

There will be a large and carefully selected range of all the Newest Spring English, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds, Worsted and Raincoatings, beautiful goods, which we have bought direct from the mills in full pieces, thus saving about one-third the regular price.

We will guarantee the cloths, trimmings, workmanship, fit, style and finish of these garments to equal, in every respect, the clothes for which you have been paying your tailor from \$20.00 to \$25.

The cloths will be on exhibition in our Window Thursday Morning. Come in, examine them and hear what we have to say about them.

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## THORNTON & DOUGLAS, LIMITED.

### MUST DREDGE THE THAMES

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be sent down. I thought that the work I did get done was giving satisfaction, but if it is not more should be done. If it cannot be done this year it is not too early to ask it for next year.

Capt. Williscroft then addressed the meeting. He said:—

"From the standpoint of a mariner I can say that I have been turning down good cargoes both in and out of Chatham because the water in the river is too low and it would not either come in or go out without a loss to myself. I am anxious to handle the business of Chatham because it is good and would profit me, but I cannot do it with the river in its present shape. The cut at the mouth of the river was too narrow and was bound to fill in. A 150 foot cut there would last for ten years. At McKellar's along the river the depth is ten feet six inches, it is thirteen above for half a mile and fourteen feet for 200 yards below it. There are only places along the river where the dredging would be necessary for a lot of the water is quite deep enough. If the river were made fourteen feet deep all along it would be sufficient to accommodate the biggest of boats. The Welland canal is only fourteen feet deep. In that case 300 foot boats could be used instead of 270 foot ones. The freight by water is about one-quarter the freight by rail, so you see what an advantage it would be to your shippers here. Even if they did not ship at all by water it would enable them to talk rates to the railway companies. Last year shippers here paid more freight than the people of the Georgian Bay district for shipping lumber, and then it was shipped at a loss. Your business here is at great value to me for I would gladly contract to ship at 25 cents less than the rate paid last year if the river is made deeper. If you get the water you already have the business waiting for you. You have good business, but in freight rates you are behind the times. The freight rates to Chatham are 25 cents higher than to Windsor, because boats coming in cannot carry their full cargoes. Not long ago a boat which could carry 20,000 bushels of grain came to the Camille Flour Mills Company with 14,500 bushels. All it could carry up the river. This cuts the profit of the mariner and as a result no seaman will accept cargoes to Chatham."

Mr. Stephens—We got all we asked for but I see now we did not ask for enough. I assume you may leave the matter with the Government engineer and not accept the report of any captain or shipper. If the shippers will see that the money is properly expended I will make an effort to get the engineer.

Mr. Piggott—What we want is 14 feet of water from the mouth of the river to Chatham.

Mr. Landon—The Government may

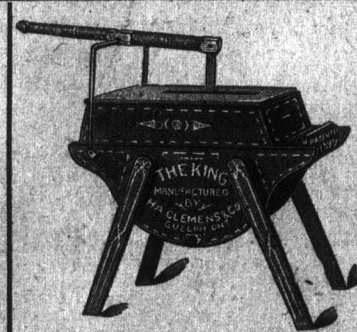
### OUT PRICE SALE ON GRANITEWARE

Pots, pans, kettles, pails, dish pans, wash basins, etc. "WENT LIKE HOT CAKES" describes our sale of some weeks ago. Bigger and better bargains than before. See window.

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not know that we handled fifteen million feet of lumber here last year, besides possibilities for enormous quantities of grain and bricks and farm produce which we could handle at a profit. I have had letters from Parry Sound asking for bricks, but we here cannot get boats to carry them. The trade of the north shore belongs to us as much as it does to Owen Sound, Collingwood, and the places along the Georgian Bay.

As a result of the meeting Mr. Stephens promised to do his best with the Government, and Messrs. W. R. Landon, Will Hadley and Harry Stephens were appointed to furnish Mr. Stephens with statistics of the business that is now done, and also of what business could be done with proper navigation facilities.

### PRESENTATION

T. H. Walters, Raleigh street, who has been in the employ of John Piggott & Sons for the past 15 years, resigned his position last Saturday. At five o'clock the employees of the factory gathered in the shop and Mr. Garvie, on behalf of the men, presented Mr. Walters with a gold headed umbrella as a token of esteem by his fellow workmen. Mr. Walters was taken completely by surprise and found it impossible to express his thanks for the kindness shown him. Mr. Walters has excepted a position with Mr. Wm. Drader, Queen street.

It is much easier to make predictions than to pay debts.