Sale.. .. A Great Bargain

Of Ladie's Hats and Childrens' Bonnets at One-Half Price

For the balance of the week we place on sale your choice of any Hat Half Price. Gen. Bruce Hamilton Surprises or Bonnet in the store at - - - - - -

Children's Bonnets.

For ages from one to five years, elegant goods, the very latest creations—nothing more suitable for Christmas presents.

Blankets.

You need them now, and this is the place to get them. Not only is our assortment larger, but the qualities are better and prices lower than can be found elsewhere.

\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00

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All sizes and qualities, and some very special values, \$1.50, \$1.85 and \$3.00 Eider Comforters, at \$5.50, \$6, \$7, \$8 and \$10

Thomas Stone & Son

Rare Elegance in Holiday = = Gifts = =

For men, both young and old, and boys, too; it is conceded by every one that we have the best, most complete and largest assortment of appropriate gifts in Chatham, a display that is a revelation to all who visit this store. Quality! the highest is assured at The 2 T's, there's no questioning that, and what isn't quality worth to one who really buys to give. Here one is absolutely sure that representations mean something, that The 2 T's label is a guarantee of worth and newness as well. So come and buy his present at a man's store, you can do it as safely as if you were posted as to fashions, styles and quality—perhaps to day's suggestions may assist you. gestions may assist you.

Men's Neckwear

A new lot, more new ones coming, we always have at this time, tho finast and newest lot of the year. And there are not many of a kind, but very many kinds, because a man doesn't want everybody wearing his tie. Four in-hands, Tecks, Imperials, Ascots, all shapes-25c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and

Suspenders

Silk with sterling silver buckles, \$1 and on up to \$1.50 for those quality pattern-ed with gold buckles, all neatly boxed. **Evening Dress Protectors** Our black satin, plain black and fancy patterned black silk. Almost every man needs one—few think far enough to buy it. A chance to make a thoughtful gift, \$1.50.

Sweaters Men's \$2, \$2.50 and \$3. Boys' \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Gloves

Woolen gloves 50c. Silk-lined gloves, latest Paris no-velty, \$1.50. Kid Gloves-Fowne's and Perria's, \$1 to \$3. Lined kid gloves, \$1 to \$6.50.

Lounging Gowns Comfortable ones of soft warm Eider down and blanket cloth, plain and fancy -- \$5 to \$12.

Mufflers

Large square mufflers of plain and procaded silks, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50. The Oxford muffler, at 50c and \$1.

Umbrellas

Not the everyday sort, but a new stock of holiday umbrellas, with fine handles. Mostly one of a kind, but over a hundred kinds. Prices 30 per cent. less than regular dealers, up \$7.50.

New Method Overcoats \$7.50 to \$15. Slater Shoes \$3.50 and \$5.

Xmas Slippers We have some very nice lines varying in sizes from an infants No. 2 to grandpa's No. 11, prices 25c up to \$2.50 Take your choice while selection is good. Turrill The Man PHONE 248

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BOER LEADER

Commandant Louis Botha is Wounded in the Leg--Escaped by Crawling.

and Captures Boer Laager -- Many Burghers Killed.

Durban, Natal, Dec. 15 .- A despatch received here from Nkandhla, Zululand, dated Dec. 5, and delayed in transit by the censor, tells of a recent action near Luneburg, Transvaal, in which Commandment Louis Botha was severely shot through the left leg below the knee. He only escaped capture by crawling into the bush. His present whereabouts is unknown to his own followers.

The despatch adds that the British took eighty prisoners in this action. LAAGER CAPPURED.

London, Dec. 14.-Reporting to the War office from Pretoria, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchener says...-"Bruce Hamilton, after a long night march, surprised Piet Viljoen's laager at dawn Dec. 13, at Witkraens, 25 miles north-west of Ermelo, killed sixteen Boers, and captured 76 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at arms. He also re-captured one of Bensen's guns, the other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order, and was used against the retreating

CONGRATULATIONS Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick,

cretary of State for War, wired the Government's congratulations eneral Bruce Hamilton's brilliant

DESIROUS OF SURRENDERING.

Pretoria, Dec. 14.-It is reported that the burghers under Gen. Delarey held a meeting at which they requested their commander to offer to surrender on condition that the British would undertake to rebuild their homes. Gen. Delarey told the men that it was useless to offer surrender, except unconditionally. It was decided to take the matter under consideration for a week, when another meeting will be held.

Illinois Central Trains Collide Head on as at Seneca-Loss of Life.

Flames Consumed Wreckage in ten Minutes--Eight Among Dead and Missing.

Rockford, Ill., Dec. 15. - Fallure n the part of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have been the use of a head-end collision on the Illinois Central between, Irene and Perryville, early this morning. two trains were the east-bound par senger train, and a through freight from Chicago going west. sult, eight people are dead or missing, and 11 injured.

The trains met in a slight bend in

the track, both running at full speed. The smoking, express and baggage cars were piled on the locomotives, penning in the occupants of the smoker. Only three of the half dozen in that car escaped. The others, if not instantly killed, were roasted to death and their bodies, with those of the engine crews, were entirely consumed. All efforts of the survivors to reach

he victims were unavailing. The temperature was 20 degrees below zero and an icy wind was blowing, the point where the wreck oc-curred being in a shallow cut, affording no protection. The injured were without hats and wraps and suffered terribly. By the united efforts of the survivors, one car was pushed back from the wreckage to escape the flames, and the wounded were placed on the bunks inside.

A relief train was started from Rockford at 1.30 a. m. with medical aid. It arrived at the scene of the aid. It arrived at the scene of the wreck 20 minutes later. In the meantime the injured had been brought back from Irene and were transferred to the relief train and brought to Rockford. All the injured are doing well areast. H. G. Wall. are doing well, except H. G. Wellman, of Chicago, who is in a critical

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Branch No .8, C. M. B. A., held their regular meeting in their Hall in the I. O. O. F, on the 10th inst. After routine business the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The following officers were elected: President, Peter Robert, reelected; President, Peter Robert, re-elected; 1st vice-president, D. Canary; 2nd vice-president, John Rohan, re-elected; rec.-sec., John Welsh, re-elected; assistant rec.-sec., Wm. Primeau; financial sec., Nap. Pinson-neault, re-elected; treasurer, R. Reaume; marshal, Owen Dillon; guard, Jno Bennett; trustees, Jas. O'Rourke, D. Canary, and R. D. Payne, Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff. The Branch is in a flourishing conSONS OF ENGLAND.

Thomas Lodge No. 101, Sons of Engand Benefit Society, held their usual weekly meeting last Monday even-ing, Bro. W. A. Moore, Worthy Presiing, Bro. W. A. Moore, Worthy President in the chair. The election of officers took place and resulted as follows:—Worthy President, Bro. B. Longley; Vice president, Bro. Henry Green; Secretary, C. F. Chanter; Treasurer, T. W. Smythe; Chaplain, A. Fennings; Surgeon, Dr. Hall; 1st Guide, G. B. Clements; 2nd Guide, W. J. Martin; 3rd. Guide, B. Moore; 4th Guide, H. Rundall; Inside Guard, J. W. Draper, Trustees, W. A. Moore, B. Langley, A. Fennings. It is certain Langley, A. Fennings. It is certain that Thames Lodge has a first class set of officers, and great things are expected of them during the coming year. The year 1901 has been a fairly successful one, and it is to be hoped that 1902 will be even a greater success and we will have initiations at every meeting. Look out for Monday evening, December 23rd, and be pres-

TAKING ALL **PRECAUTIONS**

City Board of Health Will Protect Chatham From any Outbreak of Smallpox.

An Important Meeting of Board -- Physicians Notified to Report all Cases.

A special meeting of the Board of Health was held Saturday afternoon at four o'clock in Harrison Hall for the purpose of dealing with the smallpox contagion in Dover.

Dr. Hall, the Medical Health Officer of the city, reported that, accompanied by Dr. Bryce, the secretary of the Health Board of the Province, he had visited a number of the cases in Dover, seeing the disease in its different stages, and that Dr. Bryce was of the opinion that there was no doubt of it being a mild form of small-pox. Also that Dr. Bryce had said it was the same as what they had in the lumber camps down east.

"This disease," continued Dr. Hall, 'is mose severe in cold climates. It is supposed that it was brought to the United States by return soldiers from the Philippines or Cuba and carried the colder climates.

"Have these cases had ince?" the doctor was asked. es," he replied, "but I am sorry

ay they have not been reported as they should have been. Dr. Sharp, of Tabury, reported it a week ago last Thursday to the clerk, but no notice was taken of it, and I knew nothing of it until I at once notified Dr. Bryce, who came down and investigated it with me."

A resolution was moved by Chas. Hadley, seconded by Dr. Bray to noti fy the Council to amend schedule B of the health by-law by adding thereto hat chicken-pox be a notifiable dis-Carried.

The Medical Health Officer thought hat a compulsory vaccination of all he school children should be made that they have a certificate of vac-cination before entering school after he holidays, and that the city should provide a vaccination station and do free of charge. He also said that the person vaccinated was not the only one benefitted, but that the community at large was.

Re the quarantining of Dover, Dr. Bray moved that David Dagneau, who knew the people of the infected district, be placed at Labombarde to keep all those from that district out placed at Labombarde to of the city, also that Jas. McGregor be placed on the town line for the same purpose, both to be in their places from early morning until dark, to take their instructions from the Medical Health Officer and to stay at their posts until further notification. It was decided that Dr. Hall and W.

Richards meet with the Dover Council on Monday morning and ar-

range the matter.

The question was brought up about the local doctors notifying the Medical Health Officer of contagious diseases, which had not been as promptly done in some cases as the law quires, and the following resolution was passed by the Board:

That the Board request the inspec tor to personally notify each medical doctor in the city that they wish all cases of contagious diseases to be reported within 24 hours after they have attended them or they (the Board of Health) will be compelled to prosecute under the health act.

The present is the age of fast travel and quick train connections, and the Grand Trunk Railway leads, as always, in this respect. Passengers for Toronto and Montreal and intermediate points should consult the Grand Trunk time tables or the City Passenger Agent, Mr. W. E. Rispin, as they will find that they save two hours and more as compared with other lines to these different points. tf

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neural-

CHURCH WAS RE-OPENED

Successful Sunday at Victoria Avenue Methodist Church -Special Services.

Eloquent Addresses and Good Music the Features--Large Sum of Money Raised.

The Victoria avenue Methodist church reopened yesterday after a thorough renovation of the heating, lighting and designing of the interior. The church has had new furnaces put in and incandescent lighting installed. Rev. H. C. Crews, of St. Thomas, preached the opening services to large audience both in the morning and evening.

In the morning the pastor, Rev. T. T. George, announced that \$400 was wanted as the day's proceeds and instead of that \$450 was realized, thus exceeding the hopes of the most san-

At the evening service Mr. Crews took his text from the 29th and 30th verses of the eleventh chapter of St. Matthew, which reads, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

During his discourse the reverend gentleman spoke of Jesus Christ as One who often surprises but never disappoints. Also as One who never extorts but asks everything to be given voluntarily. Christ, does not come to impose burdens on us but to make our burdens light. He also spoke of how the work of

the churches were left undone so as to allow the most of the people to da. their house and office work. In this connection he spoke of the aims of the great Cardinal Wolsey and Daniel Webster were merely worldly ones. Webster wanted to be president of the United States and in his ambition offered to restore slavery in the South and in so doing lost the esteem of his constituents.

In closing he spoke of how the young men were coming more to church, especially at the evening ser-

During the evening service the from the warmer chimate causes it to be less strong than if it came from Stand Up, for Jesus," and "Oh be Joyful," and also a solo by Miss

Blanche Baxter. jubilee in the church, to which all the members are invited and bring



...Xmas...

Slippers

A MORE appreciable present for your gentlemen friend can not be had than a nice comfortable pair of slippers or a pair of

'Invictus Shoes'

a number of advance spring styles of "Invictus Shoes' just to hand. ::::::::

INVICTOUS SHOES WEAR LIKE IRON



TAXES

All taxes unpaid on January will have 2 per cent added WM. RANNIE,

City Collector.



New Sleighs, 25c, 35c, 50c **75c**

and \$1.00. Skates, 50c and \$1.00, all Sizes. Steam Engines, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.5 Magic Lanterns, 5Qc, 75c, \$1 Dolls from to to \$3 .