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Remember we have the finest selection of Christmas Presents in the City.
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From the Manufacturer's another Case of
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The Stock at DAY'S BOOKSTORE is now complete and ready for inspection. I would ask the public to examine my goods and low prices before making their purchases. I have the best stock bought for spot cash and our prices are the lowest in town.

FANCY CHINA CUPS AND SAUCERS FIVE O'CLOCK TEA SETS,
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TOY DISHES, FROM 10c. to $1.50,
GAMES ALL KINDS,
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DOLLS—All kinds and sizes and about one half the usual price.
IRON RAILWAY TRAINS, HORSES,
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TEACHER'S BIBLES, OXFORD, VARIOREM AND BAGSTERS,
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ENGLISH POETS IN MOROCCO AND CALF BINDING,
FINE BOOKS, CHILDREN'S BOOKS, TOY BOOKS,
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NO GOODS EXCHANGED.

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Elegant Goods

Ladies' Plush Dressing Cases
In Terra Cotta, Old Gold, and Peacock Blue.

Cut Glass Bottles,
In Latest Style with best Perfume

Hair Brushes, Combs and Mirrors,
In Celluloid and Hard Rubber to match.

Perfume Atomizers very Choice.

Come and see our Goods.

W. G. SMITH & Co.

We have not time to tell you of all the nice New Things we have for the Christmas season but will be pleased to show them and will only add that the prices are right. We wish every one a Merry Christmas and hope to see them before then at the City Bookstore.

'Phone 45.

Chas. L. Nelles.

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Store Crammed full of Bright New Goods. All the Latest Novelties.

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Sleighs, Doll Carriages, Doll's Trunks, Steam Engines, Trains of Cars, Trumpets, Drums, Tops, Toy Watches, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Toy Dishes, Picture Books, A. B. C. Blocks, Puzzles, Games, Banks and Hundred other things.

Beautiful DOLLS and so Cheap.

Magic Lanterns from 75c. to $5, Plush Cases, Photo Albums, Bibles, Prayer and Hymn Books, Purses, Wallets and a lot of other Goods too numerous to mention. Everybody comes to

PETRIE'S BOOKSTORE

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Fine display of Fancy Candy Boxes, all kind of Animals, Comic Figures, Mottoes, Bonbons, French Candies, Crystlised Fruits, Clear Toys, Walking Canes, Tree ornaments, Candies, Candle Holders.

MERRY

Pure mixed candy our own manufacture, 3 lbs. for 25 cts., Fancy Iced Cakes, a specialty. Choice Pastry, Cakes, Short Bread and Mince Pies, Wedding Cake Ornaments and Trimmings, a large stock.

XMAS.

Florida Oranges, Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Grapes, Dates, Pineapples, Gorgonzola, Roquefort and Stilton Cheese.

Headquarters for Fancy Goods. Come early before the rush. All kinds of goods cheap for the Holiday Season.

Geo. Williams

81 and 83 Upper Wyndham St.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Mixed Nuts 2 lbs. for 25 cents.
3½ lbs. best new off stalk Valencia Raisins, 25c, Ondara Layer Raisins and best Vostizza Currants 10c. per lb, Best Icing Sugar 3 lbs, for 25c. Watson's Famous Royal Mixed Candies, 3 lbs 25c,; Florida Oranges 20c per doz. 3 for 5c.
Eleme Figs in 5 or 10 lbs. boxes, or by the pound, the finest in town. New Hallowee Dates, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, and Cocoa nuts, and all other kinds of Xmas Fruits.
Black, Green and Japan Teas at 25c per lb. equal to anything in town at 40c. Assam and Green Teas at 40c. equal to a 60c. Congou, Assam and Young Hyson Teas at 50c. per lb. equal to what you will pay 75c. for anywhere else.
Remember I handle no old goods, everything I sell is the best of its kind that money will buy.
The only store in town where you can get free presents of quadruple plate silverware with your Groceries.

JOHN GRIFFITHS,
West Market Square.

BRICK HOUSE TO LET.

The Great Bargain House of Guelph.
A. J. FITZSIMMONS.

Big Value in Groceries for Balance of '91

SEE OUR PRICES.

20 lbs. Redpath's Granulated Sugar for $1. 5 lbs. for 25c.; 10 lbs. for 50c. Weight and quality guaranteed.

22 lbs Best White Sugar.......... 1 00
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Just in — Another 100 boxes Extra Good Sound Cooking Raisins, better than ever, at $1 per box, costing by the box about three cents per lb. Also, one ton Good Sound Currants at 5 cents per lb.

7 lbs. Good Sound Cooking Raisins	25c
5 lbs. Good Sound Cooking Currants	25c
6 lbs Good Sound Cooking Figs	25c
3½ lbs. Very Finest New Raisins	25c
3½ lbs Very Finest New Currants	25c
3 lbs. Choice Cream Mixed Candy	25c
3 lbs. Best Icing Sugar	25c

Look at our 5c. Line of Goods.
Currants 5c. a lb.; Dates 5c. a lb.; Figs 5c. a lb.; Starch 5c. a lb.; Sago 5c. a lb.; Tapioca 5c. a lb.; Bird Seed 5c. a lb.; Baking Soda 5c. a lb.

Fresh Oysters 35c per Quart.
A. J. FITZSIMMONS
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Don't Buy
A PIG IN A POKE.

One pound Cream Mixed Candy given free with each pound of our 40 or 50c. Tea (any kind), all this week.

Remember with each pound of Tea you get a pound of Cream Candy. You do not have to run any chances in our Great Tea Sale. There is no prize fake about it. It is a clear gift on our part to introduce our Teas. The Tea is well worth the money without the candy.

ARCADE GROCERY,
DAVEY & SON.
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TO THE PUBLIC.

If you want Coal that will burn clean to ashes, a Coal that will make no clinkers, and a coal that will hold a good fire all night and in the morning's during the cold winter season. Get the Scranton Coal, dry and well screened at lowest market prices from

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Also orders taken for the best Hard and Soft Wood in the City.
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FOR
Christmas Decorations
AT
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20 PER CENT
Off the Dollar
FROM
Thursday, December 24th,
UNTIL
Friday, January 1st,
we will give a Discount of
20 PER CENT
on all purchasers of
BOOTS AND SHOES
of One dollar and upwards.
It will pay you to deal with,
J. PARKHILL,
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Sons of England.

THE Regular Meeting of the above Society will be held in the Lodge Room, Tovell's Block, THURSDAY EVENING, at 7.30. Business—General and important.
JOHN COLSON, Pres. d1 WM. GUY, Sec.

A. O. F. Court Perseverance 5866.

THE Regular Meeting of above Court will be held THIS EVENING at 8.00. Business—Election of Officers, and general. Every member expected to attend.
R. HOWIE, Sec. JOHN WILSON, C. R.

WANTED—A reliable woman between the ages of 25 and 40 years to assist a young girl in housekeeping. A good home for suitable person. Address Miss M. B. 601 Michigan street, Port Huron, Michigan. dec16d1m

WANTED at once a good general servant in small family. Apply to MRS. GEO. WALKER, 76 Liverpool St. 17dtf

To Tailoresses.

WANTED—First Class Pants and Vest Makers at once, THE MODEL CLOTHING STORE. nov27dtf

CITY TRAVELLERS WANTED at once. THE MODEL CLOTHING STORE. nov27dtf

What is the Best 5c. Cigar in Guelph? Why, the "IMPORTER," only sold by the Leader.

WANTED—At once a good general blacksmith. Apply to CHAS. THAIN, Cardigan street. d1

FOUND—On December 19th, a purse containing a sum of money. Owner may have it by calling at PENFOLD'S CARRIAGE WORKS. d1

Buy your Pipes and Cigars where everybody buys. The Leading Cigar Store.
Smoke IMPORTER.
dec18d6 R. HACKNEY.

XMAS HOLLY
At THORP'S
Masonic Block, Uptown

Removal.

T. H. CRAIG late of the Commercial Hotel Barber Shop has purchased the business and goodwill of John A. Hudson, St. George's Square, where he will continue the business and guarantee satisfaction to all who may favor him with a call. dec23d6

MISS KATE HALLEY
ELOCUTIONIST,

WHOSE Recitations have surprised and delighted thousands, offers her services to promoters of public entertainments at moderate terms. Address Ponsonby P. O. dec18d6w6

GIRLS WANTED AT THE Shirt Factory
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WANTED—To go to Toronto, a good general servant, small family. Good wages. Apply to MISS STEWART, Woolwich street, next Hamilton's Marble Yard. dec23dtfw1

SHORT-BREAD. **Shortbread.** SHORT-BREAD.

Breathes there a man with taste so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is the place for Scotch Shortbread.
H. WEATHERSTONE, Quebec-st.
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REMOVED, THE CORSET STORE.

MRS. EMERY has removed to Quebec Street, next to Knox Church, and will carry a full stock of the finest Corsets. Ordered Corsets a specialty. Stamping done and painting taught.
MRS. EMERY, 139 Quebec-st.

Guelph Cartage and Oil Co.

PIANO moving and packing a specialty. Furniture moved. Teaming, &c. Orders promptly attended to.
Telephone 157. Office 95 Macdonnell street nev28dtf

Commercial Traveller's Association of Canada.

THE new tickets for 1892 are now ready, and can be had from D. BARLOW, at the office of AULD & WOODYATT, Guelph. December 10, 1891 d1m

CITY AMBULANCE

KEPT at Wellington Hotel Stable. Telephone No. 59. Charges—One dollar first hour and Seventy-five cents afterwards. At night $1.50 first hour. Indigent patients conveyed to Hospitals at expense of Board of Health.
T. AUCHMUTY KEATING.

Sign of the Big Book, Upper Wyndham-st.

Guelph Bookbindery,
F. NUNAN, Proprietor.

ANYTHING in the book line from the largest ledger to a pocket Bible bound in the BEST style. Our prices ARE the west.

Killed by a Kick from a Horse.

ORANGEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 23.—Yesterday John Sherra, of Mono, attended Orangeville market with a load of produce and left for home early in the evening. A few hours later news reached here that he had been killed by a kick from a vicious horse. The particulars of the accident appear to be that Mr. Sherra, after reaching his home near Camilla, proceeded to put his horse in the stable. One of the animals, a favorite of his, was a high spirited mare. Something caused the brute to kick and the iron shod hoof struck Mr. Sherra upon the head, splitting it open and causing almost instant death. Deceased was about 60 years of age and leaves a widow and grown up family of two sons and one daughter.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A sample lot bought at a bargain of Fancy China antique designs at Day's Bookstore.

DOLLS.—Big 25c Doll for 15c; kid body Doll, large, 35c for 15c; too many things to list—haven't room. Come and see them at Day's Bookstore.

We have thousands of Toys, Games and other Christmas Novelties at Day's Bookstore. Save your money by getting your Christmas presents at Day's.

Best stock of Bibles, Hymn Books, Presentation Books, Toy Books, in fine bindings. Day shows the largest stock and his prices are far the lowest.

If you want a nice Xmas present for your friends buy a pair of Storey's Gloves or Mitts at Shaw & Grundy's.

OYSTERS in can and bulk at George Williams, 81 and 83 Upper Wyndham st.

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(Incorporated by Act of Parliament)
HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO

Capital Authorized - $1,000,000
Capital Paid Up, - - $600,200
Rest, - - - - - $35,000

GUELPH BRANCH—Corner Wyndham and Quebec Streets.
Advances made to Farmers on their own notes at the lowest current rate of interest.
Sales and other notes collected promptly.
NO CHARGE made for collecting.

4 per cent Interest paid on Daily Balances,

Of sums of $1, and upwards deposited in the Savings Bank Department and COMPOUNDED EVERY SIX MONTHS.
Special arrangements can be made for sums deposited in the Deposit Receipt Department for stated periods.
Drafts issued and payable in all parts of Canada, United States and Great Britain at very low rates.
A general Banking business transacted.
A. F. H. JONES, Manager.
Guelph, December 1890. dw

CHRISTMAS
GOODS

In Plush, Leather, Mahogany, &c.
Japanese Ware in variety,
Inkstands in Bronze, Lacquered and Oak,
Dressing Cases, Work Boxes, Desks,
Pocket Books, Wallets and Card Cases,
Photo Albums, Frames, Mirrors,
Toys, Banks, Games,
Jewel Cases, Pearl and other Card Cases,
Oujia, Parlor Croquet, Nine Pins,
China Cups, Plates, Tea Sets,
Children's Books, Drawing Slates, Paints,
Standard Poets in Cloth, Morocco and Enamel,
Booklets, Cards, Scent Bags,
Teachers Bibles, Baxter, Oxford, Cambridge and Queen's Printers,
Notes on Bible-Lessons.

INSPECTION INVITED.

JOHN SMITH
20 Wyndham Street.

MARRIED.

CURRIE—BROADFOOT—At the residence of the bride's father, Belwood, on December 17th, by Rev. P. J. McLaren, B. A., assisted by Rev. S. Woolner, Alex. Currie, to Annie, daughter of James Broadfoot.

TOLTON—ROBERTS—On December 23rd, 1891, by Rev. R. J. Beattie, at Idylwyld Cottage, Guelph, Thomas W. Tolton, Arkell, to Lottie A. Roberts, Nassagaweya.

MCELROY—BARBER—By Rev. R. J. Beattie, at Idylwyld Cottage, London Road, Guelph, on December 23rd, 1891, William Alex. McElroy, to Louie E. Barber, all of Guelph.

PROMOTED.—Mr. H. T. Wills, who has been accountant at the Guelph branch of the Bank of Commerce for three years, has been promoted to the managership of the Orangeville agency. Mr. A. L. Gower, late of the New York agency, will succeed him. Mr. and Mrs. Wills will be much missed in social circles in Guelph.

Furs! See the prices and quality of our Furs before you buy! G. B. Ryan & Co. d1

THE Medical Health Officer and Sanitary Inspector feel good today owing to the fact that all the diphtheria patients have been discharged, and there are now no cases in the city.

Special Silk Handkerchief Sale tonight at G. B. Ryan & Co's. d1

THROUGH some mishap this morning the letters of the east mail got switched off south somewhere, and all the Toronto papers except the World. It would be unfair to presume that Christmas festivities have affected the mail men, so straight has been their record on all occasions.

This evening between 7 and 11 o'clock a lot of Dress Goods at half price. E. R. Bollert & Co. d1

CHRISTMAS services will be held tomorrow in St. George's at 8.30 a.m. and 11 a.m., in S. James' at 8, 11 and 8 p.m., in the Church of Our Lady at 6, 7.30, 9, 10.30 and 7.30 p. m., and in Norfolk street Methodist at 11. The musical service will be special.

This evening between 7 and 11 o'clock all Furs at reduced prices. E. R. Bollert & Co. d1

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION.—The annual distribution of Christmas cheer by St. George's Society among the English poor brings joy into a goodly number of humble homes. This afternoon President Higham, Secretary Guy, Capt. Clark, Ald. Hewer, Messrs. Ryde, Tripp. Newstead and others are busily engaged distributing 450 pounds of beef, 500 of flour, 50 of raisins, 50 of currants, 25 of tea, 150 of oatmeal, 100 loaves bread, and some potatoes. About 56 names have been given in, which will be increased this afternoon, and which in all represent 250 to 300 people. The Society deserve every encouragement in this charitable work.

THE Salvation Army are busily engaged decorating the barracks here today, with evergreens, flowers, etc., for Christmas. There will be a memorial service of the birth of Christ at 7 a.m., and a jubilee in the evening. On New Year's Day they hold their annual banquet and musical festival.

ARRESTED AT FOREST.—Chief. Randall and Harry Devlin arrived home this morning, having in charge the young man Francis Acro, who made off with Mr. Devlin's horse and rig, and some money belonging to Miss Beattie, at Beechie's hotel. Acro had been heading for Port Huron, avoiding the large places and taking in only small villages and towns. When arrested, he had on him the purse, locket and chain, taken from Miss Beattie's trunk, but he had only 80 cents in money. When he had spent the $7 in the purse, he disposed of the brooch at Woodham and the bracelets at Exeter. At Parkhill he traded his buggy, getting $8 to boot, and at Forest he had traded the buffalo robe, getting $4 and another one. He intended to sell the horse at Port Huron, and get across to Michigan. He says that he is a Prussian, his father being a retired dry goods merchant there, but that he became involved in a duel, and nine months ago had to leave the country. His ability in dressing windows, for which he carries high testimonials, he says is a natural gift, and he does not know much about the business. His real name, according to his account, is George Bender. At the police court this morning he was remanded on two charges of larceny till Monday. Mr. Devlin's property was collected together and will be brought down by freight. The horse is not much the worse of wear. His tour was very cleverly planned, as in New Germany he had his long hair cut, his moustache shaved off, and exchanged his big hat for a cap, the whole making such a change in his appearance that the Chief had to get out a new description of him. It would also appear that he had more than nine months knowledge of the country and devious ways, especially as he is wanted in Toronto.

This evening between 7 and 11 o'clock a special lot of Boy's Overcoats at $2.00 each. E. R. Bollert & Co. d1

THE postoffice will be open for box holders tomorrow from 11 to 1 o'clock, and for the general public from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Local News.

THE MERCURY wishes its many readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COURT Perseverance, A.O.F., meets this evening for the election of officers. Progress Lodge I O O F nominate officers this evening.

Go to the Fashionable West End Livery. Nothing but first class horses and rigs. Telephone 168. Give me a call. Wm. McLachlan. d1

MR. Isaac Scott, a graduate of Ontario Veterinary College, has commenced the practice of his profession in Guelph, having opened an office at the Western hotel.

ORDER OF FRATERNAL GUARDIANS.—Ontario Lodge, No. 199, Order of Fraternal Guardians, held a very successful meeting on Monday night. Two candidates were initiated and the following were elected to hold office for the year 1892:
W. H. Ziegler, P.C.G.
John Worsfold, C.G.
Mrs. Geo. Webber, sr., V.G.
Robt. Mackenzie, Fin. and Rec. Sec.
John Mitchell, Treas.
W. E. Martin, Chaplain.
W. H. Toule, Guide.
A. Bardwell, I. E.
Geo, Webber, O.G.
Trustees—J. Worsfold, D. Scroggie and Geo. Webber, sr.

LOUIS XIV ware, Venetian ware, Japanese ware, English, French and American goods are on exhibition at Waters Bros. See advt. fd6

MRS. Baughman, widow of the late Rev. F. W. Baughman, has been appointed teacher of the primary school in Bowmanville at a salary of $275.

EXTENSIVE Sale of Crockery, China, Glassware, and Fancy Goods for the holiday trade. In order to reduce our stock of the above goods, we offer twenty per cent. off all goods in these lines before Christmas. Remember what ever you buy in Crockery, China, Glassware and Fancy Goods, we will give you twenty per cent. off every dollar. J. E. McElderry, Noted Tea Store. d4 dw4w

MR. C. L. M. Harris, Hamilton, director of the Conservatory of Music at the Ladies' College, organist and choirmaster of St. Paul's Church, and conductor of the Harris Orchestral Club, was married on Wednesday at Toronto to Miss Mary Thomson, oldest daughter of David G. Thomson, Berkeley street, Toronto. Mr. Harris's friends in Guelph offer congratulations.

SILK Plush Dressing Cases, new design, very cheap, at Smith's Drugstore. d6

UNLAIMED MONEY.—According to the new Banking Act the Government will, on Jan. 1, possess itself of all unclaimed sums that have been lying in any of the chartered banks for five years. It therefore behooves all parties who have funds in any of the banks, and have not made any claim thereon, or had any transaction therewith, for five years, to call at the banks and make good their claims. There are a great many persons in this situation, some of them parents who, on the birth of a child, have laid by a small sum to gather interest for ten or twenty years, and who never imagine that it is in any danger of disappearing.

PERFUME in Cut Glass Bottles, all the go now, at Smith's Drugstore. d6

MR. J. E. Patmore, who learned his business on the Elora Observer, after considerable agricultural and military experience, is now on the staff of the Lincoln, Neb., News.

FOR a real choice Xmas present go to Smith's Drugstore. d6

JOHN Douglas retires from the Woodstock School Board owing to advanced age, after fifty three years almost continuous service.

One third of our Plush cases sold already. If you want a really choice case you had better secure one at once. Going fast. All new design. Smith's Drug Store. d3

MR. Richard Hatcher, an employee of the North American Mill Building Co., Stratford, who had a piece of steel driven into one of his eyes recently was taken to Toronto last Saturday and the removal of the eye was found necessary.

THE rush for photos of all sizes continues at Debereiner's Studio, which is simply the result of doing good work at reasonable rates, and letting the public know it. dw

MR. Robt. Cuthbert, who formerly carried on a jewellery business in Guelph, has been appointed assistant appraiser of jewellery in the Toronto Customs House.

HANDSOME Window! Have you seen the elegant Goods for Presents in Smith's Window? Smith's Drugstore. d6

THERE was a good supply of poultry on the market this morning and the prices asked were a little over the regular. Considerable business was done, however.

We are preparing for a big crowd tonight. Our centre tables will be crowded with Fancy Goods suitable for Christmas Presents! G. B. Ryan & Co. d1

Until Christmas Day I offer a large Stock of Church Prayers and Roman Catholic Prayers at a reduction of one third from regular prices. All goods marked in plain figures. John Smith Wyndham St. d4

BAD CUT.—While Fred Gibbs was assisting in the decoration of S. James' church lecture room last night, his axe slipped and cut through his knee cap. The wound had to have four stitches and he will be laid off for two or three weeks with his leg in splints.

This evening between 7 and 11 o'clock 25 per cent discount on Gent's Fine Underclothing. E. R. Bollert & Co. d1

THE DEAF MAY HEAR.—There is hope that the phonograph may be instrumental in teaching a large proportion of the deaf-mutes to talk. This is the view arrived at by Superintendent Johnson of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Indianapolis, after various experiments with the wonderful instrument. He finds that the instrument concentrates the sound at the drum of the ear in such a way that many of the pupils otherwise deaf are enabled to hear. He intends to carry the experiments further, and thinks the phonograph may become a means of teaching the use of their voices to some mutes whose inability to speak is due to the fact that they have never heard speech. He tried the phonograph with 27 boys and 29 girls. Of these only three girls were unable to hear something. Twenty boys and girls could hear instrumental music, while 11 boys and 15 girls could distinguish spoken words. Of the 56 whose hearing was tested 28 could hear better with the left ear and 14 with the right, while 11 heard alike in both.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and take no other kind. jy27dw1y

The Conspiracy Case Sent up for Trial.

(Special to the Mercury)

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Judge Ross today in the conspiracy case decided to commit Hon. Thomas McGreevy and Michael Connolly for actionable wrong in the crosswall contract and admitted them to their own recognizances of $2,000 each.

Redmond Elected for Waterford.

(Special to the Mercury)

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—The election in Waterford city yesterday to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Richard Power resulted in the return of John E. Redmond, Parnellite, over Michael Devitt, McCarthyite, by a majority of 496. This is the first election won by the Parnellites since the break in the Irish party occurred,

Featherstone Unseated for Peel.

(Special to the Mercury)

BRAMPTON, Dec. 24.—The Peel contested election case resulted in the unseating of Mr. Featherstone, Liberal, on account of an agent of his having given a voter $10.

Murky Weather.

Generally unsettled with rain.

TOMORROW being Christmas Day, the employees of this office will celebrate with the rest of the citizens, and will not be on duty.

THE Oyster Benefit of the season will be given at Buckle's tonight. 30 cents per quart for solid Oysters. Not a water benefit. You an get green lettuce also. d1

POLLED ANGUS CATTLE IN THE STATES.—The New York Tribune says: One of the noteworthy features of the Washington market this year will be a showing of Christmas beef made by Peter J. Hickey, a well known butcher. Mr. Hickey killed 34 Polled Angus steers and the beef will be on exhibition in Washington market next week. These cattle, though only two years old, averaged over 1600 pounds each and cost $7.15 a cwt wholesale in Chicago. They were corn fed and were said to be the finest lot of cattle seen in Chicago for several years.

Ryan's Store tonight! That's where the crowd will be! d1

FIFTY YEARS A MASON.—The Hamilton Times says:—The Masonic hall was not large enough to hold the number of craftsmen who gathered on Tuesday evening to do honor to Rt. Wor. Brother Richard Bull by presenting him with a token of esteem and affection on the completion of his 50th year since initiation into Masonry's sublime mysteries. Old members who are seldom now seen at Lodge, Past Masters who have left a name on the Masonic scroll for good work, and whose names are now but only known through their deeds of past days, were there, and the whole affair partook of a kindly reunion. The chair was taken by the Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Hon. J. M. Gibson. At his left sat the District Deputy Grand Master. Rt. Wor. Bro. John Hoodless, and on his right the honored guest of the evening, surrounded by the eminent in the craft. The D.G.M., Col. Gibson, opened with a few pleasing remarks, and called upon the secretary, who read congratulatory telegrams from high officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and District of Montreal. Rt. Wor. Bro. George Russell then read an address from the Hamilton brethren. which was accompanied by a purse of gold and two elegant framed portraits, one for the Lodge room and one for the Rt. Wor. Brother's own home. The Rt. Wor. Bro. was too much overcome to make a lengthy reply, but made a few happy and kindly remarks amidst the continuous applause of the brethren.

Special Sale tonight! G. B. Ryan & Co. d1

VANDALISM.—On Tuesday as two young men were passing the property of Mr. John Platt, corner of Suffolk and Arnold streets, they amused themselves by pulling down about 20 feet of the fence. As they are known they are requested to settle the damage or have an interview with Police Magistrate Saunders.

BE sure and read Parkhill's advertisement and then go and examine and buy. 2

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—Princess Circle, No. 108, Companions of the Forest, held a good meeting Wednesday evening, when the election of officers for the ensning term resulted as follows:—

Com. Mrs. E. Ryde. P.C.C.
" Miss M. E. Belson, C.C.
" Mrs. Kenning, S.C.
" J. F. Wilson, Treas.
" A. A. Anderson, R.S.
" U. Ryde, F.S.
" Miss G. Lagoe, R.G.
" Thos. Powell, L.G.
" Miss Slumkuski, I.G.
" W. J. Leigh, O.G.
Auditors { Chas. P. King. E. Calvert, Miss M. E. Clark.

Presentation to Mrs. Boothroyd.

Mrs. Boothroyd, one of the forewomen at the Williams, Greene & Rome Co. branch here, was pleasantly surprised this morning by a handsome Christmas gift from the employees. Mr. Richard Goold read the following address, while the piece of plate was presented by Miss Bertha Wood:—

"CHRISTMAS, 1891."

To Mrs. Boothroyd:

Dear Friend,—The girls wishing to give you some little token of regard for you have met this morning to present you with this "silver plate," to show that you are not forgotten by them at this festive season of Christmas. Your many little acts of kindness toward us have made you dear to all who are daily associated with you, and we all hope that you may long be spared to occupy your present position.

The employees of the Williams, Greene & Rome Co.
Guelph, Dec. 24, 1891.

Mrs. Boothroyd suitably replied, expressing her heartfelt thanks for the gift and the good feeling towards her.

Highwaymen in Waterloo.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 23.—As a young man named Shoemaker, who drives the Ontario express wagon, was returning home last night from a neighboring town he was suddenly called upon to halt by a number of men who demanded his money. He showed fight, however, and scared the men off. He then drove to town where he told his startling experience with the highwaymen.

Excitement over the murder at New Germany has almost wholly abated. The prisoner is taking things very coolly at the jail. He sleeps well every night and seems as calm and serene as if he had not the awful charge of murder hanging over his head.

CHRISTMAS MEAT.

The Magnificent Display of the Guelph Butchers.

The butchers market was thronged this morning by admiring crowds of sightseers and customers, and truly the knights of the cleaver have done themselves honor by the splendid and tasty display which meets the eye. Various ornamentations and decorations set off the long lines of dressed meat and give it a bright and attractive appearance. In quality and quantity, the enterprise shown by the local butchers must be a source of pride to the citizens, and retains for this city and neighborhood the high standard and front place as a fat stock centre.

"Tyson Bros., established 1860," stretches over the extensive exhibit of Stall No. 1. The display is lavishly and prettily ornamented and is much admired. They show 17 head of prime cattle, among them being the first prize two year old heifer and gold medal sweepstakes winner at Provincial Fat Stock Show, bred by Jas. Oke & Son, Alvinston, weight 1,725 lbs., dressed beef 1,200 lbs.; also first prize cow at Provincial Fat Stock Show, and first at Western Fair, purchased from Jas. Short, Alma; four fine heifers from John Carter, Brock Road; two each from John McAteer, Geo. Taylor, Rockwood, and Geo. Coughlin, Eramosa; and one each from Robt. Shortreed, Guelph township and Joseph Heffernan. In lambs they show 25 choice Oxford and Southdowns, six fat sheep from Wm. Hardy, Woolwich, 3 fat calves and ten choice hogs, with goats and poultry, game, etc., in great variety. No. 1 in name, and No. 1 in rank, is the aim of the enterprising proprietors of this stall in the market and the shop on Norfolk street, next Green.

J. & R. Millar, stalls 2 and 4, and corner Woolwich and Norwich streets, have their stock very neatly and nicely set off with holly, mistletoe and evergreens, and the quality of their meat hroughout is of a very high order. Their display consists of four steers and heifers from Thos. Arkell, Arkell; second prize heifer at the Provincial Fat Stock Show, from Wm. Rae, Arkell; one very choice heifer from John Arkell; 2 heifers from R. Jackson, Fergus; 2 heifers from Geo. Clayton, Marden; 17 Shropshire Down lambs from Gideon Hood, Guelph township; 10 Southdown lambs from Walter West, Guelph township; first and second prize lambs at Provincial Fat Stock Show, from Robert Douglas, Aberfoyle; first prize hog over 1 year, bred and fed by themselves; also the second prize hog over 1 year, from D. Linderman, Eramosa, an immense animal; also a lot of very fine turkeys, game, &c., &c. The Millar Bros. are noted for keeping first class meat at all seasons of the year as well as for having something special on festive occasions.

Though Mr. Simpson, stall No. 5, does not have so extensive a display as some of the others, he shows a really excellent range of quality very tastily decorated. At the entrance hangs the long row of red tickets taken by the first prize heifer of W. J. Rudd, Eden Mills, which Mr. Simpson has secured for his customers. There are also at his stall a three year old heifer from Chas. Gerow, Guelph Township, two heifers from Owen Heffernan, six cattle from Farr & King, ten pigs of first class quality, 20 lambs from Levi Lasby, six lambs from Chas. Gerow, fat calf from Owen Heffernan, besides poultry, game, etc.. Lurmounting all this is the motto "A Happy New Year."

The whole south west wing is occupied by Mr. A. Hales, with the largest array in the market. Evergreens, pretty cards, rosettes, etc., in profusion, set off a a great exhibit of Christmas meat, which occupies both sides and the end of the wing. Among the stock is the third prize steer fed by Jas. Oke & Sons, Alvinston, 1650 lbs; third prize heifer from Peter Stewart, Eramosa; cow from Smith Evans, Puslinch, 1680 lbs; fine heifer from Cornelius Darby, Waterloo road; three Herefords from J. Alderson, Puslinch; two heifers from Thos. Bolton, Eramosa; calf from E. Passmore, Pilkington; lambs from Jas. Cowan, Guelph Township, 7; W. Allen, Eramosa, 5; B. Wallace, Pilkington, 16, and Geo. House, Pilkington, 12; John Fry, Pilkington, 7 sheep; three first prize hogs from Thos. Bolton, Guelph Township; second prize hog from D. Barbaree, Nassagaweya; thirty fed by himself, three by Wm. Jackson, Paisley Block, and one, 400 lbs., by Walter Atkinson, Marden. In game he has racoons, black squirrel, pheasants, rabbits, and guinea hens, in addition to the poultry. His live racoon is a great attraction for the boys.

THE outside butchers, Messrs. Geo. Roberts, W. Marcroft, J. W. Easton, J. H. Ellis, Robt. Barber, A. Burt, J. Crossman, and other dealers in meat have also laid in an extra choice supply, and have been at considerable pains to have things in keeping with the holiday season.

Bell's Mutual Benefit Society.

Wm. Bell & Co.'s Mutual Benefit Society held their second annual meeting in the city hall on Wednesday evening, when there was a large attendance of the members. Mr. S. J. Laughlin, President, occupied the chair and explained the object of the gathering.

The Secretary gave a very satisfactory report, showing a—

Balance from last year........		$ 488 26
Collected during the year......		1,032 50
Total....		$1,520 76
Paid out for dividend..	$388 26	
Secretary's salary......	20 00	
Sick and funeral benefit	905 74	
	$1,314 00—	$1,314 00
		$ 206 79
Mr. A. W. Alexander contributed the sum of $88 to the Society's funds..............		$ 88 00
Making a balance to the credit of the Society of............		$ 294 79

$194 of which will be paid out as dividend and $100 retained for emergency. It may be mentioned that Mr. Alexander in giving a donation of $88, stated that if the funds of the Society at any time went below $100 he would make it up again to that amount from the lowest limit once a year.

There are 215 members in good standing, one death having occurred during the year.

The following officers were elected for 1892:—
President, E. Doyle.
Vice, John Worsfold.
Treasurer, Geo. Gibson.
Secretary, A. Cordiner, (by accl.)
Directors—R. Emery, J. McBride, Jas. Johns, J. Hackney, D. Sallows, W. H. Wright, T. Hayes, W. Goodwin, J. Adams.
Auditors—Wm. Scrimgeour, John Smith.

At the conclusion of the procedings a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. A. W. Alexander, the Honorary-President.

This Society is a most deserving institution, and has been a great help to sick members during the year. The liberality of Mr. Alexander, and his handsome offer to keep the yearly balance up of $100 will not be forgotten by the employees. The relations of capital and labor approach nearer a settlement when such a spirit is manifested.