



**Y**OU'D think to look in here that good old St. Nick had known just what you wanted—there's sure to be the style that pleases you most. And don't forget how welcome a gift a nice, new pair of shoes is for ANYBODY—or some comfortable slippers.

### MEN'S SHOES

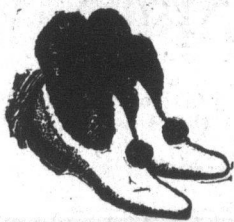
Our stock ranges all the way from the splendid solid shoe we sell at \$1.50 to those wonderful examples of superior shoemaking, the Kneeland shoes at \$3; also slippers in various fancy leathers, 40c to \$3.

### WOMEN'S SHOES

You can begin at \$1.25, for which you get a first-class well-made shoe or you can work along by easy stages to \$4 which gets the very best. Pretty house slippers in patent leather and party slippers of every hue and color.

### FOR THE CHILDREN

The best for each price—from 25c to \$2.00.



**GEO. W. COWAN**

The BIG BOOT Shoe Store

**DR. H. J. SULLIVAN**  
(late residence Surgeon St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto)  
Office: opposite Post Office,  
Chatham, Ont. Phone 348

### Robert Riddell & Sons

—JOBBER OF—  
**Blacksmith and Machine Work**

**SAWS GUMMED**  
while you wait

Shop on King St., opp.  
C. P. R. Depot. Phone 363

### For Christmas Trade

WE OFFER

Finest Almeria Grapes at 20c per lb.  
"Table Raisins," Imperial  
Clusters, at 20c per lb.  
California Oranges, "Navels," at  
25c, 30c and 40c per doz.  
Messina Lemons at 25c per doz.  
Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 qts. for 25c  
Valencia Raisins, re-cleaned,  
3 lbs. for 25c  
Finest Currants, re-cleaned,  
3 lbs. for 25c  
Finest Seeded Raisins in 1 lb.  
pkgs., 10c per lb.  
Imperial Figs in layers at 10c,  
15c and 20c per lb.  
Crosse & Blackwell's Peels, "or-  
range, lemon and citron," at 20 lb.  
Choice Mince Meat, 10 per lb.  
Icing Sugar, 3 lbs. for 25c  
Cut Loaf Sugar, 3 lbs. for 25c  
Mixed Nuts at 15c lb.

### J. H. Bogart

Grocer & Baker, 203 Queen St.  
Phone 40.

### Genuine Gas Coke

#### REDUCTION IN PRICE

For a limited period this cheapest and most satisfactory fuel will be sold as follows:—

NATURAL SIZE—full cart load of 30 bushels \$3.25 delivered.  
CRUSHED SIZE—full cart load of 30 bushels \$3.75 delivered.  
Smaller quantities 10c per bushel Natural Size, 12c per bushel Crushed Size, at Gas Works.

Chatham Gas Company, Ltd.

### NEW BOOKS JUST ARRIVED

#### —FOR THE— HOLIDAY TRADE

Suitable for Christmas Presents:

**LITTLE FOLKS**—476 pages, for young people.

**CHILDREN'S TREASURES**—for younger people.

**THE QUIVER**—for Sunday and general reading.

**HEART IN EXILE**—By John Oxenham.

**JESSE & CO.**—By J. J. Bell.

**WHOSOEVER SHALL OF FEND**—

**HELIANTHUS**—

**ONEIDA**—

**THE LOVES OF MISS ANNE**—

**THE PRISON OF MADE-MOISELLE**—

**DOUBLE HARNESS**—

**LOVE FINDS THE WAY**—

**A LADDER OF SWORDS**—

and hundreds of others by the best known authors.

Watch our list from time to time. Remember if you want any special book we can obtain it for you in two days.

### KENNY, THE Stationer

KING STREET EAST

WANTED.

TEACHER WANTED—For School Section No. 6, Tilbury East. Address, stating salary, Hy. Atkinson, Sec. Treas., Stevenson, Ont.

WANTED—A Good, Respectable Woman, able to do good ordinary cooking and housework. Good wages for good work; two in family. Apply to Mrs. O. L. Lewis, No. 3, Riverside Terrace, King street. Telephone 327.

WANTED—Thoroughly practical farmer and stock man, married man, aged 35, one child, at present in England, is anxious to obtain a position as manager of a farm in Canada, or would work on shares. The best of references, and no better stock man. For full particulars apply to Edward P. Halstead, Veterinary Surgeon, General Delivery, Post Office, New York City, N. Y.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

ROOMS FOR RENT—Good location, near the centre of the city, on King Street; furnished or unfurnished. Apply to Box 511, or telephone 289.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—House or corner Uprairie avenue and Poplar street, contain parlor, back parlor, china closet, pantry, large kitchen, three bedrooms with clothes closets off each, one bedroom down stairs, bath room complete, hot water connection. This is a bargain, as it must be sold at once. Apply to Nelson Emery, city.

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Up-to-date  
Millinery.

**C. Austin & Co**

Fashionable  
Dressmaking

## Store Open To-Night

The watchword for Christmas Buyers—

**"Shop Early and Shop at Austin's"**

You will find here the largest stock of sensible, serviceable Gift Goods shown by any store in Chatham.

### Furs, Furs

Every lady and child appreciates a nice fur. Our 1/2 off the price sale is an excellent chance to secure a good fur at the usual cost of the ordinary kind.

### Ladies' Jackets

Think of it, Half-Price for Jackets before Christmas. This season's bright new up-to-date styles, at half price.

### When in doubt Give Gloves

But be sure you give Trefousses Gloves, the best imported in Canada, prices \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 at Austin's.

## FURNITURE

The Gift of Thoughtfulness

Just to help you Remember

#### ODD PARLOR CHAIRS—

Some polished wood seats others upholstered with fancy silks, at prices from \$2.50 to \$17.50.

#### MORRIS CHAIRS—

And rockers; a dozen different designs, prices from \$5.00 to \$12.50.

#### ROCKERS—

A large stock to select from, prices from suit every purse, 25c up.

#### MUSIC CABINETS—

In birch and genuine mahogany, at \$7.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00.

#### BUFFETS AND CHINA CABINETS—

Selected quarter cut oak, best glass doors, \$15.00 and up.

#### SECRETARIES—

And Combination Book Cases \$4.50, \$7.00, \$8.50, \$11.00 and up

#### A BIG SPECIALTY—

Macey Sectional Book Cases; let us show them to you. Try giving two or three sections this Christmas and adding a few more next year.

## A Sensible Gift FOR A MAN



Perhaps your husband really needs a new Dress Suit or a Business Suit; but is making the old one do. We suggest that making him a present of a new suit on Christmas will be a pleasant surprise, and will probably be much more appreciated than a gift of less serviceable qualities.

The Austin Ready-made Stocks of these important suits are made in the same careful and skillful style as custom-made clothing. All of the important work is done by the most skillful workmen; the materials are carefully selected, and the garments are finished in the smart manner, characteristic of fine clothing. We can help you in discovering the proper size by measuring any of his present suits, and, of course, the suit can be exchanged and the man properly fitted after Christmas.

#### BLACK WORSTED SUITS

made of fine imported West of England Black Clay Worsted in skirt coat and the popular duck coat styles, full range of sizes, handsomely lined and made, suits you pay the tailors from \$18 to \$24 \$10 to \$13.50 for no better materials, our special offer at . . . . .

#### MEN'S BUSINESS SUITS

Of reliable All Wool Tweeds and Pattern Worsted in the popular styles of three button D. B. & S. B. Sack Coats, serviceable linings and well made, nobly effects and quiet patterns to suit every taste, prices range . . . . . \$7.50 to \$13.50

### Dress Overcoats for Men

In Plain Black and Novelty Patterns, the long coat is the popular garment—some with belt, others plain, also the Three-Quarter Dress Coat for the conservative man, cloths are of Cheviots, Tweeds, Beavers and Meltons.

Prices range from  
**\$5.00 to \$16.50.**

### Boys Suits and Overcoats in Big Variety.

For all sizes and ages, from 3 years to 16.



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### DRS. CORNELL & FISHER

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Over the Bee Hive.

Phone 317.

### Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.

ATKINSON—On Tuesday, the 20th instant, Arabella, wife of C. R. Atkinson, Esq., K. C., in the 74th year of her age.

Funeral on Saturday next at 10 a. m. from Holy Grove to Holy Trinity Church, North Chatham, thence to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. "Requiescat in pace."

### THE LOCAL BUDGET

County Commissioner John Vester, Blenheim, is spending the day in the city.

There will be a meeting of the workers in division No. 14 at the committee in the Young Liberal-Conservative Club.

The exact amount of taxes collected up to Tuesday night and returned to Treasurer R. G. Fleming was \$92,354.76. This is the largest amount ever collected so early.

The dates for the winter and the spring sessions have been fixed. Justice Idington will preside here at the jury sittings on Monday, March 6th, and Justice Teetzel at the non-jury sittings on Monday, May 8th.

In the game last evening between the Sons of Scotland and Court Hope, A. O. F., the Robin Hood men won by 7 shots. Rink No. 1—A. O. F. 16, S. O. S. 17. Rink No. 2—A. O. F. 18, S. O. S. 10. Reference, Ben. Longley.

The results of the Final, Intermediate and Preliminary examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario have just been announced. Among those successful are: Primary Examination—J. R. Serson, Morpeth; R. E. Wodehouse, Blenheim.

At the meeting of the Young Men's Club of the Park St. Methodist Church, last evening, Ald. Harry Westman delivered an address on his recent trip to St. Louis. The rest of the evening was spent in games.

Robert Riddell has been confined to his home for the past three days with a severe cold. This is the first time this hardy Scotchman has ever been confined to his room for an hour from illness, and his many friends will be pleased to hear of his early recovery.

The fine new and modern heating system has been installed in the post office building and is proving a splendid success. "The system is a grand one," declared the popular caretaker, W. W. Mitchell, to The Planet, "it gives excellent satisfaction in every respect."

Dr. T. L. McRitchie, of McKay's Corners, was in the city to-day. Speaking of the East Kent campaign the doctor says the outlook for the people's candidate, Phil H. Bowyer, is the brightest and the general impression prevails that he will redeem the constituency against any coming representing Rossion.

It is rumored that Rev. Mr. Brown, of Blenheim, who diverted himself of his coat at the Liberal convention in Toronto a few weeks ago while making a torrid speech in favor of the Government, will deliver several addresses in Essex County in the interests of the Liberal candidate, Detroit Free Press.