

The  
Big

\$4

Skirt  
Sale!

Was such a success that we added more styles in black, which we received yesterday, and our \$4.00 skirt sale is to be continued all this week, while preparing for another sale of spring goods that may surprise you!

The Urban Store

PRIMEAU &amp; PELTIER, GARNER BLOCK.

**G. W. CORNELL**  
DENTIST  
Corner Sixth and King Street  
Over the Bee Hive.  
Phone 317.

## PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Feb. 25-11 a. m.—Strong northwesterly winds, fair and cold; temperature zero or below to-night. Friday, fair and cold.

The following figures were registered today at seven a. m. at Toronto's weather bureau:

## THERMOMETER.

Highest yesterday, 22.  
Lowest during night, 1 below.  
This morning, 0.  
Barometer, 29.75.  
Direction of wind, northwest.

## DIED.

**CARNELL**—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Wednesday, Feb. 24, Mrs. James Carnell, aged 74 years.  
The funeral will take place from St. Joseph's church on Friday, at 9.30 a. m., to St. Anthony's cemetery.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

W. Watson, of Mull spent yesterday in the city.

N. H. Balthus left this morning on a business trip to St. Thomas.

John Graham, of Tupperville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

St. Barnham, of Windsor, is registered at the Garner House. He is in the city in connection with the asphalt block pavements.

At Owen Sound a by-law to impose a license fee of \$250 for sale of cigarettes was recently carried by a majority of 450. The above movement has practically abolished the sale of cigarettes in that town.

Sid Northwood left to-day for Wagon Mound, New Mexico, where he has accepted a lucrative position.

Many friends are sorry to see him leave Chatham, but wish him every success in his new home.

The City Engineer has ordered electric appliances for thawing out waterpipes in the city, that are frozen and there is not an electric outfit of sufficient power in the city to thaw them out.

Joseph Cote, who has charge of the French business in the office of the Manson Campbell Co., resides at Alma House, the suburban residence of Col. Sam. Holmes, at Pickville. Mr. Cote is a lover of chickens and raises them for pleasure and profit. He is making a practical test of the Manson Campbell Co.'s incubators and has twelve of them in operation at present at his home. Each incubator has a capacity of 200 eggs. He has 600 old chickens and already has 500 little chicks about 14,000 chickens this year.

## SALE OF

## Chamois Vests.

This week we are selling off the balance of our stock of Chamois Vests and Chest Protectors at a discount of 25%.

A. I. McCall &amp; Co., Ltd.

DRUGGISTS AND OPTICIANS

Corner King and Fifth Streets.

## WORLD OF SPORT

## CURLING

**WALLACEBURG BEATS SARNIA.**  
Wallaceburg, Ont., Feb. 24.—Three rinks of the Wallaceburg Curling Club played a return game with Sarnia yesterday, winning by 16 shots. In the first game the local club won by 12 shots.

## BASEBALL

**REVIVAL OF CANADIAN LEAGUE.**  
A Toronto correspondent of the Sporting News writes as follows concerning the agitation in favor of an international league.

A movement is at present on foot to organize an international league, embracing Hamilton, London, and Chatham in Canada, and Saginaw, Port Huron and Bay City in Michigan. A meeting is to be held in Detroit in the near future to "talk it over."

A league of this nature was formed a few years ago with plenty of money to support it, but proved a dismal failure, lasting one season. By the way, in this league there were several "glowing examples of the 'quack'" managers who "talked" so minutely by their learned friend, Ted Sullivan.

Following closely on the heels of this, a Canadian league was formed, of London, Hamilton, Woodstock, Guelph, St. Thomas and Chatham, cities ranging in population from 10,000 to 50,000, and it met no better results than the international. London, managed by Pete Lohman, now of Oakland, Cal., won that season.

Lohman gathered some players as players as Ed. Stevens, Bill Connelton, "Kid" Mohler, Ed. Schwartz, Charles Jones and George Cooper—a team fast enough for class A baseball—but the management dropped money.

Outside of Toronto and Montreal, Canadian cities are baseball graveyards, and it will greatly surprise me if this project of professional baseball proves a success.

**BIRTH DAYS MISSING.**  
Little Gracie Moore, daughter of W. H. Moore, St. George street, enjoys the remarkable distinction of being eight years old, but so far has never had the privilege of celebrating her birthday. She will have that opportunity next Monday, February 29th.

Little Miss Moore was born on the 29th of February, 1896. The end of the century, coming in the next four years robbed her of an opportunity to celebrate the first anniversary of her birth, so that Monday will be the only chance she has had to enjoy that privilege.

## VOTE OF THANKS

At a meeting and representative special meeting of the Quarterly Official Board of Park St. Methodist Church the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Chas. Austin and seconded by Daniel Jordan, that:

We desire to express our appreciation of the work of Rev. W. H. Moorehouse as evangelist. As a result of his visit every department of our church has now been strengthened.

Our adult members have been strengthened and quickened into higher spiritual life, and work of regeneration amongst our young people and children has been a wonderfully blessed one.

We heartily commend Bro. Moorehouse to any church which requires the assistance of an evangelist and we pray that God's presence may continue to be with him in his future fields of labor.

Signed on behalf of the Board, W. TAYLOR, Secretary.

## CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. R. Proctor, Broker, North-west Block, Chatham, Feb. 25, 1904.

Wheat..... 107 1/2 to 107 1/4 108 1/2 107 1/2

July (new)..... 96 1/2 to 96 1/4 96 1/2 96 1/4

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## CLEVER JAPS' KEEN DIPLOMACY

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London, Feb. 24.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. from St. Petersburg sent at 11 o'clock to-night says that on Feb. 23 the Japanese attempted to send four steamships filled with explosives among the Russian fleet in Port Arthur harbor. These fireships did no damage and were themselves destroyed, two being sunk and two going ashore. Two Japanese boats attempting to land were destroyed by Russian guns.

A despatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg gives another version of the reported Japanese attempt to land at Port Arthur, according to which the Japanese planned to sink some of the Russian fleet in the harbor of Port Arthur, thus blocking the exit. The Russian gunfire, however, sank the barges before they arrived at the intended spot.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The Russian embassy here has received a communication to the effect that a Japanese squadron, during the night of Feb. 23, tried to block the entrance of Port Arthur harbor, and the same time attacking Russian vessels there with torpedoes and trying to set them on fire. The battleships Retvizan, supported by the coast battery, repelled this attack, forced the Japanese to retreat, and succeeded in sinking four of their vessels.

The news of this Russian victory was posted in the lobbies of the chamber of deputies and the senate during the sitting to-day, and caused great enthusiasm.

**DID JAPS BOTTLE UP RUSSIAN FLEET.**  
London, Feb. 24.—Victory Alexieff's despatch to the Czar of Russia clearing up the doubts caused by the numerous sensational versions of the last Port Arthur affair was received in the early edition of the morning papers, but it confirms the opinion as founded upon earlier rumors that Admiral Togo made a daring attempt to bottle up the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and although Victory Alexieff asserts that the entrance to the harbor of Port Arthur still was open, the fact that Admiral Togo's fleet, minus the vessels injured in the courageous exploit was seen steaming at full speed on a southeast course from Wei-Hai-Wei is interpreted as an indication of the Japanese admiral's satisfaction with the accomplishment of his design.

It is pointed out here that it would be difficult for the Russians in the darkness of night to ascertain just what had happened to Japanese vessels or to distinguish between hulks it was their intention to sink, and torpedo boats. As two injured vessels were observed steaming slowly away from Port Arthur, and as the Japanese fleet was going at full speed off Wei-Hai-Wei, it is presumed that the two injured vessels might have gone elsewhere to repair.

Another explanation of the incomplete destruction of Admiral Togo's squadron sent off Wei-Hai-Wei is that the vessels left some vessels to watch off Port Arthur.

Further details of this engagement from independent sources are awaited with the greatest interest, but it is believed that the reports that Japanese battleships or transports were sunk should be taken with a degree of allowance.

A despatch received here from Tokyo this morning explains the recent suspension of Japanese naval operations to have been due chiefly to bad weather prevailing in the Gulf of Pe-Chi-li, where there have been heavy winds, snow storms and fog. The general opinion in London is that Admiral Togo, after possibly returning to Japan to effect repairs, will next devote his attention to the Russian Vladivostok squadron.

It is officially announced from St. Petersburg that the Russian government has expressed its warmest thanks to Great Britain for the help given the crews of the cruiser Varang and the torpedoed gunboat Koreitz by the British cruiser Talbot at Chemulpo.

In a despatch from Che Foo a correspondent of the Daily Mail says 5,000 Russian troops have moved from Mukden to Hsin-Min-Ting and that skirmishes are reported between Chinese, regulars and Russians near Shan-Hai-Kwan.

It is announced from Peking this correspondent continues, that Paul Lesar, Russian minister to China, has offered written assurances that the Russian government and army shall not leave Shanghai until the conclusion of hostilities, but Japan insisted that this vessel be disabled.

Cable from Tokyo a correspondent of the Times says the Russian movements on the Yalu are not considered serious in Japan, where the town of Ping-Yang, Korea, is considered safe.

It is reported that the constant exodus of Chinese coolies from Manchuria, the Tamsa correspondent goes on to say is causing great inconvenience to the Russians.

## GUILDS.

Miss Ethel Humphrey, of Palmyra is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. Hastings.

George Guilds had a very narrow escape a few days ago, with a corn shredder. His hand was caught and severely hurt.

Mrs. Burchill gave a party to her Sunday school class. A most enjoyable time was spent.

John Arnold has purchased a new horse.

Many in this neighborhood are suffering from the grippe.

T. B. Shillington will conduct the services here next Sunday, 28th.

W. Clow, is working up quite a trade with his London bread.

Last Tuesday was the coldest day of the winter, the thermometer registering sixteen degrees below zero.

Skating is the rage to-day.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

## YOUNG'S The Reliable Grocer.

## FLOUR

We can supply you with either Taylor's or Stavens, and as you are the one that has to use it, we would like you to say which make you prefer, and we will see that you get it. Our advice to you is to buy now, the price is \$2.75 per 100. There is no doubt but what it will go higher.

Whole Wheat Flour.  
Stone Milled Graham Flour.  
New Buckwheat Flour.  
Corn Flour and Cornmeal.

SNAPS.  
California Prunes \$1.50 per 25c.  
California Dried Peaches, 10c lb.  
Jelly, 10c per gallon.

Cheap and Good.  
A jelly powder that makes a gallon of jelly, 2 packages for 25c ask to see it.

**Geo. A. Young**  
OUR GROCER. PHONE 141.

**A KINCARDINE FAILURE.**  
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 23.—John Kincardine & Son, clothing merchants, King street, Ont., have assigned to C. B. Armstrong, London, Ont.

**A JOURNEY OF PLEASURE.**  
The Wabash-West Shore route is the quick and comfortable one to use to New York. See your ticket agent.

L. DRAGO,  
Canadian Passenger Agent.

Wiggs—Yes, I realize that she is a woman with a past, but she told me herself that the past was dead.

Wiggs—Better look out, old chap. Maybe it's just only one of those cases of suspended animation.

**WANTED.**  
Wanted—At once, pantry girl. Apply Hotel Merrill.

**GIRL WANTED.**—At the C. P. R. Hotel. Apply at once.

**WANTED.**—Girl for general housework; highest wages paid. Apply to Mrs. John Waddell, Water St.

**AGENTS WANTED.**—For the best selling medicine on earth. Can make \$12 to \$15 per week. For particulars, address, Prof. H. Root, Lumber Co., Chatham, Box 999, 2c.

**A YOUNG MAN.**—With ambition, looking for an agency, with a chance of establishing himself in a permanent business of his own, will do well to send a P. O. to Cooper, Drawer 531, London, Ont.

**WANTED.**—Men, wanted to learn barber trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diploma given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 48 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

**FOR SALE OR TO RENT.**  
HOUSE FOR SALE.—On Grant street. For particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, or at this office.

**HOUSES FOR SALE.**—A house on Grant St., and house and lot on Victoria Ave. For particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Block, or at this office.

**FARM FOR SALE.**—Crossed east half of lot 16, Front concession, Township of Harwich, 138 acres. All cleared, clay loam, two good sized frame houses. Large farm and cattle shed; stable and driveway combined; granary and implement house. Buildings all in good repair; about five acres of orchard; artesian well, windmill and pump; three other wells. Price \$8,000.00. Apply on the premises to Mrs. John J. Walrath, or to W. F. Smith, barrister and solicitor, Chatham, Ont.

**OLIVER TYPEWRITERS!**

Exclusively in use in many of the largest Mercantile Houses in Canada. If you intend purchasing one of the best typewriting machines call and examine sample and get our prices.

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**Pineapples, Grape Fruit, Cucumbers, Lettuce and Celery at.....**

**NORTHWOOD'S**

**The Koh-I-Noor Special Fedoras \$1.50 and \$2.00**

The new spring blocks, in the stetson colors and black. This special brand is noted for being the best quality hat and nobbiest styles shown in the market to-day. At most hat stores you will easily pay \$2.00 and \$2.50 for no better and often not as good, full range of all styles in this line.

**The Austin Special Fedoras at 98c.**

The best English wool felt in Christy's celebrated make, big range of colorings, slate, pearl, drab, brown and beaver blacks, three different blocks, flat rim, medium curl and full stetson styles to suit every head, sizes 6 1/2 to 7 1/2.

NOTE.—You buy not better quality hat, not better finished, and often times not as well trimmed hats at \$1.50, our special at 98c.

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**The Reliable Clothiers.**

Up-to-date  
Millinery.

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Fashionable  
Dressmaking.

## Ladies' Tailored Suits

What the Spring Styles Show.

A passing glance at them proclaims their absolute newness and freshness, and the spring styles, fascinating, new eton jackets with smart effects in trimmings, are bound to prove irresistible, and not the least merit of these suits is their reasonable prices.

## FOR INSTANCE:

At \$10.00—

Plain tailored effect, of light or dark grey tweed, double breasted Eton jacket, skirt 9 gore flare of convenient walking length, with decided fullness at the bottom.

At \$15.00—

Stylish shirt waist suit of flaked goods, trimmed with piped tabs and buttons to give a jaunty military air.

At \$16.00—

Suits of broadcloth, black or navy, silk lined Eton jacket with roll collar and epaulettes, skirt and jacket prettily trimmed with silk folds and fancy braid.

At \$16.50—

Shirt-waist suit of tweed, three wide flaps across waist below yoke, collar, cuffs, yoke and tabs trimmed with piping and steel buttons.

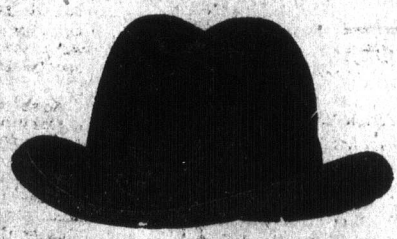
At \$25.00—

Eton suit of robe, silk lined jacket with latten vest, gold braid trimming, box pleated skirt with braid trimming and buttons.

At \$25.00—

Handsome new Eton suit of dark tweed, colored braid over plain blue makes a very smart trimming and produces the popular military effect.

## MEN'S HATS

Spring  
Styles inChristy  
Hats....

**Christy's Hats Stand for Best Quality. Best Workmanship, Distinctive, but Correct Style. --- Thorough Satisfaction or Your Money Back....**

\$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50

Hats that for lightness of weight and absolute comfort on the head have no equals. And, for all that, they retain their shape and keep their color. Of course, we shall sell more of the \$2.00 and \$2.50 grades, but we recommend the Christy Feather Weight Derby and Fedoras, in black and clear nutria at \$2.25 and \$2.50 to the men who want the finest hats it is possible to get. And if the Christy that you buy of us doesn't give you satisfactory service as you think it ought, bring it back and we'll make it right.

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