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BAKING POWDER.

There is nothing better than Pure Cream of Tartar Baking Powder. There can be nothing better. The very best of the better baking powders are not apt to be as good, because they are never as fresh. Besides, you save on the cost. When you pay more you waste that much money.

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Baking Powder . . .

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Phone 221

## Mud AND Mats . . .

Not very pleasant to have the former. However, as there is so much around at present the only way to do is to get something to help get rid of it. This is where a good mat comes in. We have the good kind. Mats that do the work well and last well.

Cocoanut Mats 75c. and \$1.00.  
Husk Mats, 10c.

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OATMEAL, CORN MEAL,  
SARDINES and SALMON.  
Washing Soda and Starch, Clay  
Pipes, Needles and Pins, all  
fresh and good.

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has Removed to his New Office,  
corner King and Fifth Streets,  
over A. I. McCall's Drug Store.  
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## TO-NIGHT.

R. Y. P. U., S. S. Hall, at 8.  
Tent No. 8, K. O. T. M., Macabees' Hall, at 8.  
Tom Marks and Company at the Grand, 8.15.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League at 8 o'clock.  
St. Andrew's Church Y. E. Society, lecture hall, at 8.

First Presbyterian Young People's Literary Society at 8.

Penitentiary Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., in their rooms over Public Library, at 8 o'clock.

## Local Briefs

John Weldon, Tilbury, was in the city yesterday.

Capt. Asa Ribble, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday.

There has been only one case at police court this month.

Auditor McPherson is still engaged on the county audit.

Remember entertainment in St. Joseph's Hall, March 17th. 3rd.

Miss Mary Simpson, of Mull, was a guest in the city yesterday.

J. Moffatt, of Tilbury, was a guest at the Garner House on Wednesday.

L. A. Deziel, of Windsor, is spending a few days with his Chatham friends.

John Mulholland, of Blenheim, was a visitor in the city on Wednesday.

John Anderson, of Wallaceburg, spent Wednesday with his many Chatham friends.

A. M. Fleming, who is quite ill, has been removed to the Public General Hospital.

The Newest and Best Assortment of Dress Goods in the city is at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Herbert S. Clements household effects will all be offered for sale on Thursday, March 19th.

R. A. Hughes, of Windsor, inspector of weights and measures, is in the city on business.

J. E. Clay, of the I. C. Railway, of Moncton, N. B., is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McLaren, of Ridgetown, were Maple City visitors on Wednesday.

Now is the time to secure a Dinner or Bedroom Set at Snell's—20 per cent. off.

A. J. Davies and son Earl, of Dresden, were in the city yesterday on their way to Detroit.

S. O. Simmons was in Dresden Wednesday attending the funeral of the late S. G. Smith, who died in that place.

The jury costs for the present assizes were—grand jury \$94.50, petit jury \$28.60. There were no jury cases.

J. Hicks, of St. Thomas, who has been in Wallaceburg on business, visited his son Dr. Hicks yesterday.

He left last night for St. Thomas.

S. Davis & Sons, of Montreal, have made Bates Bros. sole agents for the cable, the best 5c. cigar in Canada.

Be sure not to miss the sale of household effects at the residence of Herbert S. Clements, Water street, on Thursday, March 19th.

The Empire Drill by 17 young ladies and an Irish cantata by 11 young ladies will be two features of St. Joseph's Hall entertainment.

School Inspector Colles says that he and Inspector Park find it quite easy to navigate around to the country schools, as Mr. Park utilizes an airship and he is teaching his horses to swim.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's church will give a concert in the school house on Tuesday evening, March 17th, Good program.

King Cyrus Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Leamington, has invited Wellington Chapter, of this city, to exemplify the work of the Holy Royal Arch at Leamington on the 17th, which invitation has been accepted.

James Richardson, for many years a resident of this city and now one of the representatives for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, has been presented with a handsomely engraved gold locket and chain by the company for writing the largest amount of business of any of the Michigan representatives during December. The locket and chain were procured from Wright, Kay & Co., the well-known jewelers.

## Fine Assortment of

Tray Cloths, Lunch Cloths,  
Sideboard Covers and  
Pillow Shams, Stamped,  
Ready to Work, and  
Plain, from 25c to \$2.00.

MRS. J. E. WELDON

## Chatham's Millinery Store

## SPRING GOODS

Are coming in fast, and we have a few Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats left that will be sold at a great reduction to clear.

## COOKSLEY'S

Opposite the Market Square,

Arthur Dowsley has returned from Toronto.

New Method Rain Proof Coats \$10, \$12.50 and \$15.00 at The 2 T's.

The Cable at Bates Bros. is 5c. straight. It must be good.

George Baird, Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

The Cable is the best. Bates Bros. keep them.

Rev. Messrs. George and Cobblehead will exchange pulpits next Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emil Erhard and daughters of Woodstock, are spending a few days with Mrs. Wm. Quinn, Prince street.

Buy the Cable at Bates Bros. Smoke the Cable. You buy them at Bates Bros.

A. E. Jewett is in Toronto to-day attending a meeting of the examiners for the purpose of revising the papers for the Normal College examinations of 1903. He is the examiner in methods in science.

The residents of Queen street, south of the fair grounds, are circulating a petition for a glazed pipe sewer from Mercer street to Indian Creek.

Messrs. Gardiner, Findlay and Kelly are most interested in the proposed sewer.

Lockie Kennedy, of Galt, has been appointed Manager of the Dowsley Spring and Axle Works. Mr. Kennedy is a comparatively young man but very energetic and full of business.

He was formerly with the firm of James Warnock & Co., Galt.

John Malady, of this city, owns a farm bordering on the Ohio River, about ten miles above Cincinnati.

He has just received word from his agent that the water in the Ohio River is 53 feet above low water mark and that the greater part of his farm is under water.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the Victoria Avenue Methodist Parsonage, Wednesday afternoon at six o'clock, when Miss Lena Arnold, daughter of Geo. N. Arnold, of Louisville, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Geo. Oldershaw, son of J. H. Oldershaw, of this city. Their many friends join in wishing them unbounded happiness and success in their future life.

THE PROTHRO MURDER.

John Potvin up at the Winnipeg Assizes.

Winnipeg, March 13.—The first case called at Winnipeg Assizes was that of John Potvin, charged with the murder of Capt. John Prothro. It will be remembered that the murdered man in question, Capt. Prothro, of Windsor, Ont., who was captain of the Dominion Fish Company tug Dalry for the last two seasons, was found dead in a shanty at Snake Island, Lake Winnipeg, on Christmas Day of last year. The body was found by two men, and with it the accused, who appeared to the jury wearing a fit. The prisoner had then denied that there had been any quarrel or that he knew anything of the captain's death. An inquest was held by Coroner Ross, the jury bringing in a verdict of wilful murder, upon which Potvin was committed for trial. When the case was called to-day, counsel applied for a mixed jury, as the prisoner was a French-Canadian, and entitled to this under the statute. His Lordship allowed the claim. As only one of the present jury understood the French language, his Lordship proposed to adjourn the trial till Thursday next, so as to give time for a mixed jury to be found, upon which counsel asked for a day to allow the prisoner to decide as to which he would prefer. The trial was postponed till to-morrow.

Declines Senatorship.

Halifax, N.S., March 12.—Rufus Curry of Windsor, N.S., who was yesterday appointed Senator, has authorized the statement that, owing to private reasons, he cannot accept.

The Pope Receives.

Rome, March 12.—The Pope to-day received in the hall of the consistory a number of pilgrims from Nice, headed by the Bishop of Nice. The Pontiff greeted the pilgrims in a few words.

What shrank your woollens? Why did holes wear so soon? You used common soap.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE

Ask for the Sunlight Bar.

## Saturday at The Gordon Store.

BAD ROADS BUT GOOD BARGAINS.

## New Tablings.

54 in. Cream Damasks, 25c  
60 in. Cream Damasks, 34c  
International Damasks—English, Irish and Scotch, heavy Pure Linen, 50c  
Turkey Red Snow Drop 50c  
Table Damasks, 35c

## Towelings.

Cotton Huckaback Rolling per yard, 5c  
Striped Crash Rolling per yard, 4c  
Linen Huckaback for Fancy Work and Rolling, from 10c. to 16c

## Duck Overalls,

Regular 16 and 18c. goods for 12½c  
Brown Duck Overalls, regular 50c. goods at 35c

## White Mercerized

## Waistings.

The most dainty White Fancy Waistings ever offered in the trade at per yd, 25c. to 60c

## New Lace Collars,

Very stylish in White, Cream, Fawn and Coffee of Battenburg Silk, &c., each from 35c to \$2.25.

## Embroidery and Insertion,

600 yards, regular 6c. and 8c., Saturday Sale 5c  
New Medallion Insertions.

## Ribbons.

New Satin and Taffeta Ribbons, all widths.

## Silkine,

For Crochet and Embroidery, all colors, 5c

## Umbrellas.

Twil Laventina Covers, Paragon Frames, dollar goods for 75c

## Handkerchiefs.

1 lot, all linen, fancy hem-stitched handkerchiefs regular 25c. goods, Saturday 3 for 25c

## Children's Vests.

All sizes, regular 15c. to 25c. for Saturday, 2 for 25c

## Children's NIGHT Gowns

Pink or Blue Shaker Flannel, 50c. and 68c. quality Saturday 40c. and 50c

## Raincoats.

Ladies' Cravenette Tweed Raincoats, all sizes, from \$15 to \$50.00

FURS—We will clear out every Fur and Fur Garment in stock, and not carry any over if low prices will do it.

WM. GORDON

## OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

A BRILLIANT SCENE IN THE SENATE CHAMBER.

Important Matters Mentioned in the Speech—Introduction of New Members and Senators—Safety of Steamer Stanley.

Ottawa, March 13.—Unpromising weather threatened at first to mar the ceremonies connected with the opening of Parliament yesterday, and during the forenoon, and until long past the noon hour, fine, misty rain fell, and banks of heavy clouds in the skies seemed to denote an approaching downpour. The air was raw and unpleasant, and the streets were thick with mud and slush. Altogether the weather was of the most dismal character. Shortly after 3 o'clock, however, all this changed as if by magic. The sombre clouds rolled away, the sun peeped out, and the atmosphere became more springlike. The opening of Parliament always attracts very large crowds. This year was no exception to the rule. People gathered outside the main entrance as early as 12.30, although the ceremony did not commence until 3, and patiently stood in the cold, awaiting admission. Contrary to the customary practice, the doors were opened much earlier than usual, an act of thoughtfulness which was much appreciated.

The Senate chamber presented a charming picture. Ladies wearing gowns of the latest and most artistic styles were seated in rows extending down each side of the red-carpeted chamber. To right and left of the throne stood brilliantly uniformed officers of the militia headquarters staff and the several city corps. The Senators themselves had a limited number of seats in the centre of the chamber, which they shared with the Judges of the Supreme Court, ecclesiastical dignitaries and consular officials. The scarlet and ermine of the Judges' robes, the violet hues of the garments worn by the Papal Delegate and the Archbishop of Ottawa, and the gaudy uniforms of the Consuls imparted vivid touches of color to the scene. Several of the galleries were occupied by ladies in evening dress, their radiant costumes contrasting with the conventional everyday dress of those of the general public who secured admission. Lord Minto and Lady Minto were escorted from Rideau Hall by a squadron of the Body Guards, and received by a guard of honor from the G.G.F.G. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. R. W. Scott were present at the Senate chamber in the uniform of Privy Counsellors. Among the dazzling array of officers who attended his Excellency were the Earl of Dundonald, Sir Charles Parsons, commanding the Imperial troops at Halifax; Lord Aylmer, Adjutant-General, and Lieut.-Col. Hubert Foster, Military Attache at Washington.

His Excellency, having taken his seat on the throne, read the following speech, first in English and afterwards in French:—

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate:—Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—

I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity that prevails throughout the Dominion.

Canada has received many blessings during the past year which call for the expression of our heartfelt gratitude to a kind Providence.

I had the pleasure of visiting London last summer in anticipation of the coronation of his Majesty and to meet on that occasion representatives from all parts of the empire, bringing with them assurances of the loyalty and contentment that prevail throughout his Majesty's widely extended possessions; and, though at one time fears were entertained that the King's illness would have involved a further postponement of the ceremony, it was a source of much joy and happiness to

No Hair? The trouble is your hair does not have life enough. Save your hair. Feed it with Ayer's Hair Vigor. If the gray hairs are coming, Ayer's Hair Vigor will restore color every time.

## THE ASSISES

The County Court resumed yesterday morning with the Sutherland-Innes Co. vs. Shaver. Case still in progress.

The grand jury made their presentment and were afterwards complimented and discharged by the Judge. The following is the presentment: To His Lordship the Honorable Justice Falconbridge:

We, the grand jurors of the County of Kent for the 1903 spring assize court, beg leave to present and report as follows—

We congratulate your Lordship and the County on the total absence of criminal cases at this court. We first inspected the jail and court house and found everything in good order; the jail clean and well kept. There are at present only three prisoners confined in the jail; one of them is from the Central prison, returned here on account of ill health, and we are of the opinion that he should either be sent home or removed to the hospital, where he can receive proper treatment. We would also recommend that an electric light be placed at the west entrance to the court house, as on dark nights we think it unsafe as at present.

We visited the Home for the Friendless, the House of Refuge, the Public General Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, all of which institutions we find in first class order, and they are in our opinion a decided credit to the County and all concerned in their management.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

A. R. McDONALD, Foreman.

The case of Dickenson vs. Scamman has been postponed on account of the non-arrival of two of the most important witnesses for the plaintiff. Kerr & Kerr appear for the plaintiff, and W. F. Smith for the defendant.

The following judgment was given out by Justice Falconbridge at the commencement of the afternoon session.

In re John W. Morris will; application under rule 938 for construction of the will of John W. Morris, late of Chatham, cooper, deceased, heard at the London sittings of the weekly court.

The testator by clause 3 of his will devised all his real and personal estate to his wife Elizabeth, absolutely. By paragraph 4 thereof he stated it to be "his will and desire" that such portions of his estate "as his wife should not require for her necessities during her life" should be divided equally among certain brothers and sisters in certain proportions. This clause 4 was immediately followed by a paragraph that nothing therein contained should in any way be construed to vary the true legal effect of clause 3 so as to prevent his wife from making sale of any property should she see fit to do so.

Held that clause 4 is repugnant to clause 3 and void. That Elizabeth Morris (the wife) took the estate absolutely and not for her lifetime, and that Fanny Anderson, the residuary devisee and legatee under the will of Elizabeth Morris (now deceased) takes all the estate in question. Costs of all parties as between solicitor and legatee to be paid out of the estate of John W. Morris.

Fred. Stone for applicants and O. L. Lewis for the executors under the will and for Fanny Anderson.

"Better out than in"—that humor that you notice. To be sure it's out and all out, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is never to forget it.

Mineard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

## RECORD BREAKER

G. T. R. Station Agent J. C. Pritchard states that the local freight department was never so crowded with business as it is now, and the office force are rushed to keep up.

This month already promises to be a record breaker, and already more freight has arrived since the first of the year than for any corresponding time since Mr. Pritchard came to Chatham.

## RECALLS A FLOOD

The River Thames has at last started to go down, having risen a little over 14 feet above low water mark.

Robert Milner recalls the flood of 27 years ago when it was so great the creek backed up with such a current that all adjoining streams and drains backed up and overflowed.

Boats were utilized at the time for going in and around the Idlawild hotel. The old wooden bridge was then at Fifth street, and one could sit on the bridge and dangle his feet in the water.

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## We Stand

By every bit of work we do. If unsatisfactory, we are here at any time to make it satisfactory. An unsatisfied patron would worry us more than the unsatisfied patron would be worried. We have a standard to which we adhere unflinchingly—that standard is to do the very best work at moderate prices—to keep every one who once comes to us, and above all perfectly satisfy every one.

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