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## Saturday Night Specials

Selected from our various departments to interest you in making your Saturday evening purchases at this store.

### 25 Cents

Ladies Pad Hose Supporters with belt, pad satin covered, suspenders double clasp, with felt covered buttons. They come in shades of black, white, light blue, pink and yellow, and are big value at the price.

### 19 Cents

Boys' heavy Ribbed Black Hose, well worth 25c per pair, in all sizes from 7 to 10, our Saturday night price for these 19c per pair.

### 2 for 5 Cents

A special purchase of splendid make of Safety Pins, 1 doz. in each card, your choice of three sizes, or if preferred, you can have them assorted, 3 sizes to each card—2 cards for 5 cents.

### 3 Pr. for 5 Cents

SHOE LACES—A very long Black Lace, good fine quality, a splendid wearer. You pay 5 cents per pair for them usually. We sell them 3 pair for 5c.

### 15 Cents

White Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs in fine quality with deep embroidery. A very special value at 15c each.

### 15 Cents

Eyelet Embroidery Deep Turnover Collars, neatly embroidered in fine White Muslin, the latest and most fashionable idea in turnover collars.

### 2 Pair for 25c

Ladies' fast black Cotton Hose, superior for wear, and quality we could not buy them today for the price we will sell them at on Saturday night—2 Pairs for 25 cents.

### 15c. Per Yard

Taffeta Ribbon in a big variety of good shades, 4 inches wide, just the thing for neck ribbons or hair ribbons. See these on Saturday night.

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Carpets and Wall Paper.

Two Important Kitchen Necessities—a good chef and a good range.

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in five different styles will please the chef every time. They are beauties; call and see them at

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## Mason & Risch Pianos

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## White Sewing Machines

We also have GARLAND and SOUVENIR STOVES, and the best quality of GRANITE WARE in the city at low prices.

## GEO. STEPHENS & Co.

## LEVEL CROSSING IS ORDERED BY RAILWAY COMMISSION

Trouble over the C. W. & L. E. Electric Railway Crossing at the Grand Trunk on Queen St., is now Ended—City Solicitor's Good Work.

Judgment has been given by the Railway Commissioners in regard to the railway crossing at William St. over the G. T. R. The judgment was not unanimous in the first instance, the Chief Commissioner saying: "The opinion which I formed upon the hearing of this application, and which I still hold, is that it would be in the interests of the public and of the residents of Chatham and the neighborhood that both William St. and the Electric Railway should be carried under the line of the Grand Trunk Railway Company at Chatham. The evidence does not satisfy my mind that a subway would be frequently flooded. I think that, ordinarily, it could be kept free from water by proper pumps, and that, if occasionally the water should be too high for this purpose, the inconvenience and delay would be amply compensated for by the security and freedom from delay which the subway would ordinarily afford."

However, a final agreement has been arrived at by the Commissioners and a level crossing has been ordered for the Electric Railway on the terms following:—"The Board is of opinion that the man at present in charge of the gates cannot properly watch and guard both the highway crossings which are now subject to a higher position; and the Board thinks that, on that account, the Grand Trunk Railway Company should bear a portion of the cost of erecting a tower for the use of the railway and the highway crossings. Otherwise, the cost of the crossing and of the appliances necessary for the protection thereof must be borne by the C. W. & L. E. R. Co.

The wages of the man or men in charge, for the hours during which the C. W. & L. E. R. Co. shall be operating its line across that of the G. T. R. Co., must be divided equally between the two companies; but the appointment of the man or men shall remain with the G. T. R. Co. The Board is also of opinion that there should be a man in charge to operate the gates throughout the whole twenty-four hours for the protection of those using the streets in the ordinary course, and will include a direction to that effect in the order. In addition to giving this judgment, the Chief Commissioner makes the following very significant remarks:—"The switching tracks of the Grand Trunk Railway over the line of William St. made it an undesirable place for the crossing. From the report of its engineer, the Board is led to fear that there is an unnecessary amount of shunting across, and obstruction thereby, of William St.; and it is found that there is much obstruction of traffic in this way in the future, the Board will feel it necessary to inquire into the subject."

The intimation at first thrown out by the Commissioners and the opinion expressed by their engineers that there should be a subway at the point in question or a crossing down near the L. E. & D. R. crossing alarmed the citizens as well as the Electric Railway Company. Those who know our level country and the impossibility of drainage were fearful that the Commissioners' railway design to view which would have rendered almost useless the highway at William St. without decreasing the danger and would have made it impracticable to build the electric road to the south if the crossing had been ordered at the eastern limit of the city. The way was a question so much in the interests of the public. We are glad to know that the public view has been maintained and the respect given to public opinion in this instance will go far to commend the Board of Railway Commissioners and to show that they have the public interest in mind. The Chief Commissioner is more than justified in the remarks he makes about the unnecessary switching over these streets. Evidence was given by the Railway Company's engineer admitting that over 100 shunts were made across William and Queen Sts. in twenty-four hours. The obstruction occasioned thereby to the travelling public, who own the highways, is entirely unwarranted and unless this practice is stopped by the G. T. R. further proceedings may be necessary, with the result intimated in the Chief Commissioner's remarks.

It is to be hoped now that the Electric road will be pushed to the lake at the earliest possible moment. Mr. Matthew Wilson is to be commended for securing this judgment, which is so much in favor of the city's best interests.

## GORED BY A BULL

A Farmer Near Merlin Receives Two Broken Ribs and Is Seriously Bruised.

About 5:30 Tuesday afternoon Mr. W. T. Howe, while returning home with cows from the pasture, was attacked by a four-year-old bull and very badly bruised about the face and body, besides sustaining two broken ribs. Only the persistent efforts of Mr. Howe's faithful dog saved his life. The animal which was known to be cross, rushed at Mr. Howe while he was crossing the field, but several times Mr. Howe eluded his attacks. However, a more vicious attack brought Mr. Howe to the ground and the animal proceeded very viciously to gore him about the body and face. The owner, although prostrate, continued to get his dog after the attacking brute, and by persistent efforts the faithful dog drove the animal from his purpose. For some time Mr. Howe was utterly helpless but finally managed to gather himself up and reach the house. The animal has since been despatched.—Merlin Mirror.

## BAND ORGANIZED

Thamesville Will Have Plenty Of Music During The Winter Months

From Our Own Correspondent. Thamesville, Sept. 7.—The Thamesville band has decided to have a competent instructor for the winter months. They are preparing for the Fair, Oct. 2.

Jack Stewart, Merchants Bank, of Berlin, is spending a few days in Wallaceburg and Detroit. J. Hammer returned yesterday from an extensive holiday in Toronto. Will Hubbell is spending Sunday at his home in Chatham.

Bruce Gonne has returned from Toronto. Rev. Mr. McInnis has returned from Terrace Beach. Morley Wilkinson is spending the week and at his home in Morpeth. Miss Hogan, St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham, is on duty professionally at Mrs. Laurio's, River Road. Miss Blair is spending Sunday at her home in Bothwell. Miss Rose Gausgrove has resumed her music class.

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## J. M. PIKE TALKS OF TRIP TO ST. CATHARINES AND FALLS

He Puts Through Application for Incorporation of Large Refinery Establishment which will come here—Some Interesting Power Information.

Mr. J. M. Pike, a member of the law firm of Wilson, Pike & Gundy, has returned from a very enjoyable trip to Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto and Buffalo. The chief object of his trip was in connection with certain necessary legal steps necessary relative to a large oil refining establishment which will come to Chatham. While in Toronto Mr. Pike proceeded with an application for the incorporation of the Ontario Oil & Refining Company, Limited. The company is backed by a number of New York and Chatham capitalists. It is the intention to erect a refinery here at an early date, providing suitable arrangements can be made with the city. The new concern will employ a large number of skilled workmen with a heavy payroll. It will mean a valuable addition to Chatham's list of industries and should be encouraged to every reasonable extent.

Mr. Pike was accompanied on his trip by Mrs. Pike, and they spent the major portion of their time visiting Mrs. Pike's daughter, Mrs. Eckhardt, of St. Catharines. In a short but interesting conversation with a Planet representative Mr. Pike gave some entertaining pointers on his trip. "St. Catharines," said he, "is becoming a very progressive and enterprising city. They are at present undergoing the same ordeal as we had some time ago with petitions, counter petitions and withdrawals in connection with the laying of pavements. They are starting one asphalt block pavement, and the main street will be paved with brick. The chief residential street will be paved with bitulithic. The Packard Automobile Company seems to be doing a good business there. They manufacture an Oldsmobile which is known in Canada as the Packard. The electric power for lights and

## ROW IN THE LIBERAL CAMP DEATH BLOW TO McCOIG

Contract For The Park Piling Is Causing The Overly-ambitious Politician Endless Trouble—Are The Proceedings Regular?

A good hot row has been brewing in the local Liberal camp during the past few weeks, and it culminated the other day with a grand finale. The parties interested have been endeavoring to keep it mum, for obvious reasons, but the cat has been unbugged from some unsuspected quarter, and the details of the case go to show that the man who holds the Dominion Liberal patronage in this county does not sleep on a bed of perfumed roses.

When A. R. McCoig, M. P. P., was given the Dominion nomination, the appointment was made early in order that he might handle the Liberal patronage during the time which must elapse before a general election comes off. Through handling the patronage, it was hoped that he might make a few friends who would assist him to make the best run possible in the coming election. Mr. McCoig has not found the task an easy one, and he has tumbled in, trying to handle the very hardest duties of a politician. It is claimed by some of his best friends that in this respect Mr. McCoig has been a miserable failure, and instead of gaining Conservative friends, he has done nothing for the Conservatives, and he has made several enemies among his own friends the Liberals. Some of the Liberals have expressed themselves somewhat strongly on what they term Mr. McCoig's idleness in the Provincial House, and it is generally conceded that as a handler of patronage, he is an unfortunate bungler.

The latest trouble has arisen in connection with the sheet piling on the Tecumseh Park river and creek fronts. This work has been advocated for some time. The attention of the Government has been repeatedly drawn to the need for this work. Chief among those who worked for it was H. S. Clements, M. P., who was most untiring in his efforts to secure this much needed public benefit. The result was that the Government at last realized that it was up to them, and they granted the work.

The letting of the contract was the next move, and this is where Mr. McCoig became conspicuous. It is understood that he recommended that

Riddle & Sons be given the work. His suggestion was accepted, and the contract was so awarded. Then the trouble commenced. It was found that there were others in the riding who would not have refused the job, and Mr. McCoig has been kept busy explaining his position, and trying to keep the dissatisfied ones quiet.

Some ugly rumors got abroad, and Mr. McCoig found it hard to deny all of them. It was hinted that the letting of the contract was irregular, and that it had not been given to the lowest tenderer. It was also said that there was a third man in the deal and that Riddle & Sons were not the men who would benefit from the contract. This third man it was claimed had sufficient patronage now, and it was time that some one else were given a chance. The patronage should not be given all to one man.

Mr. McCoig, instead of making a decision and sticking to it, weakened, and listened to the many complaints which were poured into his ears. The result was that an investigation followed, at Mr. McCoig's suggestion, and things are now worse than they were. No one is satisfied and new enemies have been made.

The Government Engineer was called and through a mysterious trip to London when the interested parties were present, it was shown that the third man mentioned in connection with the rumors had nothing to do with the contract. This is supposed to be the statement made to the Government Engineer, and so nothing could be done by Mr. McCoig towards changing the contract.

The investigation has done practically nothing towards remedying matters, and the work on the piling goes merrily on. It is now hinted that the investigation was not a fair one, as many interested Liberals were not present to give their side of the question. It is also hinted by some that Mr. McCoig never intended to change the contract, and that the "investigation" was a farce, perpetrated to create the impression among the dissatisfied Liberals that Mr. McCoig was trying to act fairly in the matter. If this is the case it would have been better if the trip to London had never been taken, for instead of it having the desired effect it has increased the feeling in the opposite direction.

NOT SO MANY. Yesterday, said the minister, I married five young couples in an hour! How is that for rapid work? Rapid! replied the yachtsman. I don't think five knots an hour much to brag about.

street cars there is all derived from the DeCov Falls, situated about three or four miles from the city. The height of the fall there is greater than at Niagara, and they have a great plant. The water is brought down in huge iron conduits four feet in diameter by the Cataract Power Company, who have installed the very best improved Westinghouse dynamos, and turbines made in Germany. These develop 1,500 horsepower, which when the current passes through the field in the transformers gives 25,000 horsepower. They supply power for the Hamilton Street Railway Company, and for companies in other small surrounding towns. The surplus water comes from the Welland Canal, and is brought over in large artificial reservoirs. Plenty of water is stored there to keep things moving if the supply runs short at the Falls. It is said that they have not reached their limit, and that they can develop there fully 150,000 horsepower of electricity.

"St. Catharines has a good bowling club, and local tournaments there cause much interest in this game. "While we were there we took a drive from St. Catharines to Niagara-on-the-Lake. It is a beautiful drive and passes through a fine country. All along the route are the houses of rich Americans, but few Canadians have realized the beauty of living along this spot. We saw the house where Brock was taken after he was shot, and we also saw the splendid monument erected to his memory. "Another pleasant trip was in Mr. Eckhardt's auto to Niagara Falls and Buffalo. The country is very hilly through there and the drive is a splendid one. We crossed the new Welland Canal going to the Falls. It is all lit up at night, and upon approaching it looks very similar to the electric lights in Detroit when coming into Windsor at night. The traffic on the canal seems to be quite

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