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THE PROBABILITY

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Feb. 15.—10 a. m.—Strong
north westerly winds, turning colder.
Friday fair and decidedly cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

John A. McKay, of the Record,
Windsor, is in the city to-day.
There was a great run on the book-
stores this year for comic valentines.
There were a number of surgical
operations at the Public General Hos-
pital yesterday.
Richard J. Kearns, agency director
of the New York Life, for Ontario, is
in the city to-day.
James McGregor, Stanley Ave., had
the misfortune to break his leg yes-
terday while stepping from a train.
Mrs. Marquand continues very low.
The services of Miss Bradford have
been secured to take care of her.

DETROIT VS. CHATHAM

The Detroit Curling Club came up
this afternoon to engage in a friendly
contest with the Maple City Club.
The personnel of the Chatham rink
was as follows: Rink No. 1—Robert
Gray, skip; J. Sowerby, Jno. Waddell,
Link Wilson, rink No. 2—Dr. J. L.
Bray, skip; W. D. Sheldon, W. A.
Thurasher, W. G. Richards, rink No.
3—G. G. Taylor, skip, John McCog, J.
C. Pritchard, E. A. Moanster, rink
No. 4—J. P. Dunlop, skip, W. E. Ris-
pin, W. Young, Wm. Gordon.

MR. PARDO'S BACKBONE

A friend of Mr. D. R. Farquharson,
of Tilbury, is in search of the spinal
column of Mr. T. L. Pardo, M. P. P.
He declares that the office of sheriff
in Chatham was filled on the nomi-
nation of Robert Ferguson, M. P. P.,
for East Kent, although Chatham is
in West Kent, and now when another
seat in the same city is to be
filled, Mr. Pardo refuses to name the
man for fear of offending a dozen
other applicants, and he again passes
the patronage of West Kent over to
Mr. Ferguson. The Tilbury contin-
gent consider that they elected Mr.
Pardo, and that he should not thus
leave them and their man, Mr. Far-
quharson, out in the cold while Mr.
Ferguson warms the county court
clerk's seat with a friend from
Thamesville or with his friend's son
from Ridgeway.



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Pastry
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Our Home-made Bread is particularly
nice, and our Cakes rich and light. Our
pastry you will always find fresh and
delicious.

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Society Dress
Hints....

The correct dress for gentlemen for social functions occurring after 6
o'clock is the full dress suit.
There is but one exception permissible, that is the Tuxedo or dinner
coat. These may be worn at theatres and dinner parties respectively (L.
The lavender is worn as an easy top coat over dress suits.
The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while
the frock suit is the correct day dress.

Morley & Co. TAILORS and IMPORTERS

CRONJE MUST SCOOT
And Abandon His Big Guns and Stores to
Lord Roberts.

London, Feb. 15.—Intense satisfac-
tion continues dominant in conse-
quence of Lord Robert's plan of opera-
tions in South Africa, as revealed
this morning.

There is no further news of the
British advance into the Orange Free
State, or activity at Modder River,
but a feeling of quiet confidence pre-
vails that the strong hands of "Bobs
Babardur" and the hero of Khartoum
are shaping matters towards a much-
needed and decisive victory. As the
St. James' Gazette says:

Lord Roberts, with his own line
well guarded and having little reason
to fear—only a counter stroke attacking
his long line as it swings around, will
be able to force the Boers to fight
under very unfavorable conditions or
abandon their heavy guns and stores."

CLERY REPORTED ILL

A special to the Times from Chieve-
ley, Natal, dated Tuesday, Feb. 13,
says:

Gen. Lyttleton has succeeded to the
command of the second division dur-
ing the illness of Gen. Clery, who is
suffering from blood poisoning. Col.

Northcott, of the Rifle Brigade, tem-
porarily commands the Fourth divi-
sion.
The fears regarding a Boer attack
on Zululand are somewhat allayed by
a special despatch from Durban which
says that a column of colonial scouts
after a forced march, has arrived at
Eshowe in splendid fighting form.
They were pursued several times dur-
ing the march by the Boers, but suc-
ceeded in repulsing them.

ROBERTS' BIG ARMY

The British army, for the first time
since the war began, is inside the Boer
frontier. Lord Roberts has at least
10,000 infantry, 7,000 cavalry and 150
guns. Gen. French has fixed himself
on Gen. Cronje's main line of com-
munications with Bloemfontein, and
20,000 infantry with 72 guns are being
pushed up to support him there.

The forces immediately at the dis-
posal of Lord Roberts are placed at
50,000 in a general way. These figures
are revealed by the commands men-
tioned in the despatches as having
been added to the divisions known to
be with Lord Methuen. Quiet possibly
Lord Roberts has 10,000 or 20,000 more.
It is reported that a Boer powder
factory has blown up killing from 60
to 70 workmen.

THE C. O. F. BANQUET

Some 200 Foresters and Their
Friends Enjoy Themselves.

A Pleasant Time—Patriotic Toasts
Speeches and Songs

The twenty-first annual banquet of the
members of the Canadian Order of For-
esters was held last evening at Hotel
Merrill and was attended by some two
hundred of the brethren and their
friends. The banquet hall was beauti-
fully decorated with foliage and flags
of the British Empire and an excellent
and sumptuous menu was provided, a
high tribute to the enterprising host
and accomplished chef.

Dr. Hall presided over the toast list
and, after the hearty singing of the Na-
tional anthem, paid a high tribute to
Forestry, the value and benefit of frater-
nal organizations and the rapid and
substantial progress made by the
C. O. F.

In responding to the toast of The
Empire Dr. Duncan, in his stirring pa-
triotic address. After eloquently al-
luding to the "Greatest of Empires," the
doctor said there was no necessity of
enlarging upon this from a territorial
standpoint. But ours was an Empire
upon which the sun of prosperity and
righteous government would never set
so long as there was a wrong to right
and a dark place that needed the light
of true civilization and the gospel.
It was not necessary to dwell upon the
commercial greatness of the Empire or
to its magnificent army or navy. The
greatness of the Empire was largely due
to the fact that the universal brother-
hood of man was so distinctly recog-
nized. The chiefs of man were the
same whether his skin was black, red,
yellow or white and the rights were re-
cognized of woman as woman. This
was the peculiar strength of the British
Empire. It conquers, promotes in-
dustry, elevates and finally fits its
subjects for loyal, strong, faithful ser-
vice to the Empire.

"The question between Briton and
Boer," continued Dr. Duncan, "is not
altogether a question of franchise and
taxes. The real question is shall we
treat the black men as men or not. The
Briton says yes, the Boer says no, they
shall be treated as beasts of burden."
Now, which principle is right? Funda-
mental, deep eternal truth stands with
Britain.

There are minor matters
which give a gloss of apparent right-
eousness to the Boer cause, but Right
is with Britain, God is with Right and
Right must win.
John Milson Pike followed on the
same line and eloquently reiterated
the sentiments of the gentleman who
preceded him. Amid hearty cheers he
predicted the day when our Empire
should control the whole earth.
John N. Edmundson's address was a
magnificent effort. In patriotic lan-
guage he sketched the progress of Em-
pire, her past successes and brilliant
accomplishments, and made the earnest
prophecy of an eventful struggle. Mr.
Edmundson alluded to England's co-
lonial strength and paid a high eulogy
to the Canadian volunteers now at the
front. "If, as is said," he concluded
"The Canadian Order of Foresters was
coupled with the names of J. U.
Thibodeau and F. W. Ward, both of
whom did honor to the occasion."
Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, the vice-
president, in taking over the toast list,
gave an appropriate expression of his
pleasure at being present and voiced
the hearty patriotic sentiments of the
evening.

The toast of municipal institutions
was coupled with the name of Alder-
man Geo. W. Sulman. Ald. Sulman
was in a poetic view and eloquently re-
cited to the large audience a poetic
creation of his own, of sterling merit
and loyal tribute. It was received with
enthusiastic applause.
F. B. Stevens was called upon again
to respond to the toast of the learn-

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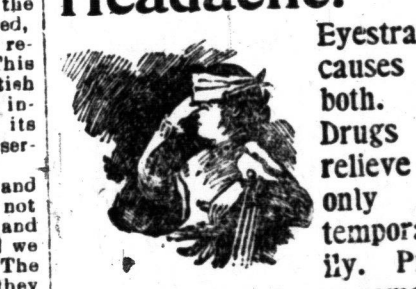
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CHATHAM, ONT.

ed professions and did ample justice to
the occasion.
The toast of the press was responded
to by H. W. Anderson and N. G.
Dixon.
During the evening the audience
were favored by selections from Over-
ton's graphophone and stringed music by
Messrs. Eberts and West. The ban-
quet broke up at 3 o'clock this morn-
ing.

The committee in charge were Geo.
W. Simpson and Robt. Weaver, of
Court Chatham, and S. B. Arnold and
F. C. Dunne.

AT THE C. C. I.
The songs of "Merrie England" will
be charmingly sung by the English
Glee Singers (in costume) to-morrow
night at the Collegiate Institute. Such
favorites as "My Bonnie Lass she
Smileth," "The Flowers in the Val-
ley," "The Fine Old English Gentle-
man," "Tom Bowling," "The Death of
Nelson," "The Jolly Waggoner," "A
Midsummer Carol," "Constant John-
ny," "Widdercombe Fair," etc., etc.,
will make up a delightful and varied
program.

The Sons of England will, no doubt,
be out in large numbers. General ad-
mission, 50c; pupils, 25c. No charge
for reserving at the Central Drug
Store.

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Looming Up

And in the near future to—that's what spring is doing and you'll
want to be ready, you won't want to put off all your preparations
till the last moment—at least, wise people won't.

We wish to emphasize the fact that our Wash Goods De-
partment is filling up rapidly with the latest American, French
and English wash novelties. We could mention in scores of new
lines, but space will not permit. Here are a few of them as key
notes and reminders:—

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25c
Per
Yard

Merlawn Novelties
A new French Shirt Waist Material, in light blue, rose and
mauve, colored stripes, also black and white and blue and
white, fancy designs, the fabric is a correct imitation of
silk, fine soft silk finish, alike on both sides and guaranteed
fast colors. Ladies! these goods are selling rapidly. First
choice is the desire of every woman. Come early and secure
your patterns. This cloth is 27 in. wide and only requires
2½ yds. to 3 yds. of material and will cost at the most for
a waist only 75c.

Talk of The Town
Is Our Great
12 1-2c Print Value

We have had the reputation of selling the best 12½c print in the city for the past
five years. What we have will hold and continue to give the best value for the
money, not only in PRINT, but in all OTHER STAPLE LINES. Remember Feb-
ruary is the print selling month of the season, you can get the best choice of patterns.
In order to secure a good choice come at once and have a look through our big assort-
ment of the choicest wrapper patterns in Chatham. The patterns you see here are
exclusive, no duplicates in the city.

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25c
Per
Yard

English Dress Sateens
Beautiful patterns and choice goods is the least we can say
about this cloth. Any person wishing a dress or fancy
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the best patterns are sold. This cloth has a fine satin finish,
new blue and black ground with fancy and cluster polk dot
patterns. This material is 27 in. wide and absolutely fast
colors.

Watch this space for latest news of our special
offerings in new wash fabrics, it will interest all
ad. readers.

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- 4 pcs. 38 in. Novelty Tweed, good weight, in colors black and blue, black and
green, purple and black, brown, reg. 20c, clearing at..... 17c
- 4 pcs. 40 in. wide, Plaid Tweed, strong cloth, in black and red, blue and black,
myrtle and black, bright green and black, reg. 3½c, clearing at..... 20c
- 6 pcs. 42 in. wide, odd line in Check Plaid and Novelty Tweed, heavy goods and
pretty for dresses, you should see them, reg. 35c, to clear at..... 25c
- 4 pcs. balance of a line in All-wool Tweed Suiting, in mixed coloring, will make
a good wearing skirt, reg. 40c, clearing balance at..... 25c
- 4 pcs. 38 in. wide, Habit Tweed, in heavy cloth, in colors black, brown, green
and navy blue, reg. 20c, to clear at..... 17c
- 4 pcs. 38 inch wide Friere Cloth, an elegant cloth for skirts or tailor made suit,
the best of wool, see them, reg. 60c., to clear at..... 50c
- REMNANTS, REMNANTS, REMNANTS: the balance of some 50 or 60 ends
of Dress Goods, in black and colored, must be cleared out soon at cost and less than
cost, you should call and secure some for your school girls.
- 6 pcs. short ends Heavy Tweed Suiting, 22 in. wide, in light and dark mixed col-
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