

## THESE PRE-INVENTORY PRICES MEAN A BIG SAVING FOR YOU

Men's Suits at \$10.00; \$12.00; \$13.50; \$15.00—

35 Suits in all—Sizes 35 to 44; these suits are made from High Class Tweeds and Worsteds; well made and trimmed—not a suit in the lot could be bought for \$18.00 to-day—pre-inventory prices \$10.00; \$12.00; \$13.50; \$15.00.

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Sizes 26 to 34—Extra Heavy Tweeds with Convertible Collar; these Coats are very warm and have lots of good style; easily worth twice what we are asking for them.

Men's Wool Underwear at 79 cents—

11 doz. Extra Good Quality Wool Underwear—odds and ends from Stocktaking; not a Complete Range of sizes in any one line but all sizes are Represented in the lot—your choice per Garment 79 cents.

Ladies' Coats at One Third Off—

A Few Left of This Season's High Grade Coats—All Wool Mixtures and Broadcloths; Sizes 36, 38 and 40—One Third Off.

**A. BROWN & CO.**  
THE STORE THAT SATISFIES

## COMMUNITY SILVERWARE

*in a new pattern—*  
"THE PATRICIAN"

- Tea Spoons.....\$5.50
- Dessert Spoons..... 9.50
- Table Spoons.....10.50
- Cold Meat Forks..... 1.50
- Berry Spoons..... 2.25
- Tomato Servers..... 2.50

*We still have a large stock of OLD COLONY and IRVING patterns in ROGERS' goods.*

The N. B. Howden Est.

## THE MERCHANTS BANK

OF CANADA  
CAPITAL AND REST OVER \$14,000,000.00

### LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Times may change and work become less plentiful for you with advancing years and you will have no such help anywhere as your nice little few hundred dollars saved in some sound Canadian Bank.

Begin now with only one dollar. Make a hobby of it. See how far behind you can leave trouble and hard times. Above all things do not look backward in your run to the harbor of comfort.

WATFORD, ONT., BRANCH - F. A. MacLEAN, Manager.

## CONTRACTS TALKS---

THIS is not the month for building, but it is the time to get ready. Come into our office and let's talk it over. We have been in the lumber business for a great number of years and we are thoroughly conversant with every line of it. We have laid up a large stock of lumber and shingles, these have advanced in price this last month; we will give our customers the benefit of this good buy.

### Our Aim---

To supply the public with builders, supplies cheaper, and to give better service than can be had, in any other place in the West. See our wheel barrows with solid oak frame and handles.

**G. CHAMBERS ESTATE**

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of the first meeting for organization of the Watford Board of Education, held in the Library Board room, on Wednesday, February 6th, 1918, at 7.30 p. m.

Present—Dr. Newell, Wm. Harper, Dr. Howden, Jacob D. Brown, E. D. Swift, J. W. McLaren, John McKercher, Dr. Hicks and Principal Shrapnell.

The Secretary, D. Watt, took the chair and called for nominations for chairman. Harper—Swift, and carried, that Dr. Howden be chairman for the ensuing year.

Newell—Swift, and carried, that D. Watt be secretary at same salary. McLaren—McKercher, and carried, that Wm. McLeay be Treasurer at same salary.

McKercher—Brown, and carried, that W. C. Howden be appointed a member of the Public Library Board.

Howden—Harper, and carried, that we appoint Mr. R. J. Campbell, Principal of Petrolia School, as our representative on the Junior Public High School Entrance Board for 1918.

Harper—Brown, and carried, that we procure our High School supplies from Taylor & Sons, and Public School from J. W. McLaren.

McKercher—Newell, and carried, that we meet in the Public Library board room the last Monday in each month at 7.30 p. m.

Hicks—Swift, and carried, that we continue our High School account in the Sterling Bank and our Public School account in the Merchants Bank.

Howden—Hicks, and carried, that we ask the Municipal Council for \$300.00 for Public School purposes.

Brown—McKercher, and carried, that the following committees be appointed: Finance—Dr. Newell, John McKercher, E. D. Swift.

School management—Dr. Hicks, C. W. Vail, Jacob E. Brown.

Repairs and supplies—Wm. Harper, Dr. Siddall, J. W. McLaren.

The Principal's report for January was read.

Howden—McKercher, and carried, that the Public School report for January be received and filed.

A communication was read from the Petrolia School Board, advising that Principal Shrapnell had been appointed their representative on the Junior High School Entrance Board.

Brown—McLaren, and carried, that the communication be received and filed.

Vail—Hicks, and carried, that Lockie McLean's account of \$56.00 for wood for High School be received and paid.

Newell—McKercher, and carried, that we adjourn.

### A Correction

The undersigned, as chairman and secretary-treasurer of the Committee on Finance of the union special services, wish to correct the statements of some ignorant or misinformed or evil-disposed person as to the money that the ministers of the town were receiving out of the offering and also as to the amounts paid the assisting ministers. In the first place not one of the local ministers has received a single cent of remuneration or gain from these meetings and in the second place there was no contract or promise given to any assisting pastors, nor was anything asked by any of them, nor has anything been paid them to date, but they will be remunerated for their faithful and efficient services as the Committee feel disposed and find themselves able, and such remuneration will be neither mean nor prodigal.

J. MCKERCHER,  
D. A. MAXWELL,  
Watford, Feb. 12th, 1918.

### RECEPTION TO RETURNED SOLDIERS

Capt. Ernest Lawrence, Lieut. Moir and Sergt. Owens Arrive Home Monday

Word was received Monday morning that Capt. Lawrence who has been on the firing line, and Sergt. Owens who has been in England, would arrive home on the 12.31 train. Arrangements were at once made to receive them in a fitting manner.

The train was four hours late but when it pulled in, the station platform held a large crowd of citizens ready to do honor and welcome home those who are helping to defend our land and homes. The high school cadets were in line and the public school children were also present and helped to swell the crowd of citizens. When the soldiers stepped off the train they were received with cheers and the school children sang the National Anthem. After a few minutes spent in hand shaking, the Rev. S. P. Irwin, Chaplain of the 27th Regt., on behalf of the citizens spoke a few words of welcome and congratulated them on their safe return. Capt. Lawrence, he said, was a native of Watford. He had nobly done his bit and had helped to carry on the war against the Hun. He had been wounded three times and had won the military cross. Watford was proud of him. He had given a good account of himself and done his bit with credit to himself and honor to his birthplace. Sergt. Owens, the speaker said, while not a native of the town had been a resident of the place for a number of years. While his duties were not on the firing line they were nevertheless important for the successful carrying on of the war, and the people wished to give him a welcome home.

These cheers and a tiger were then heartily given and the soldiers placed in autos gaily decorated with flags and taken to their homes.

On the evening train another returned soldier arrived, Lieut. Moir, who came to see his sister Miss Mamie Moir. He was also welcomed at the depot and taken to his destination in an auto.

### A Tragic Event

It was a town girl—and the same sad story that, alas, has often been told, and checkered many a young life which had its beginning in sunshine, surrounded by luxury and the wealth of the world. Her eyes were now wild and staring, her face was flushed and her hands were nervously working. She was a deeply troubled and injured woman, and we hear her saying: "Oh, cruel one, you have injured the very foundation of my being! Day by day you have tortured me, and yet I could not bear to give you up. When we first met, how your ease and polish attracted me! When you became my own, how my friends envied me. But your understanding is too small for my large soul. You are opposed to my advancing myself. You have injured my standing in society. If we had never met I might have walked in peace. So now begone! We part forever!" There was a moment's convulsive breathing, a gritting of teeth and a sharp sigh. It was all over. By a supreme effort she had pulled off her new shoe.

Several Sarnia people report seeing a robin. Hope it is true and that mild weather is nearer than we anticipate.

## THE AFTER EFFECTS OF LA GRIPPE

Often Worse Than the Disease—Itself—Victims Left Weak, Nervous and Worn Out

La Grippe—the name by which influenza is generally known—is a disease prevalent throughout Canada during the winter and spring months. Anyone who has felt its pangs is not likely to forget the trouble. La grippe starts with a slight cold—and ends with a complication of troubles. It lays a strong man on his back; it tortures him with fevers and chills headaches and back-aches. It leaves him a prey to pneumonia, bronchitis, consumption and other deadly diseases. In fact its after effects are more serious than the trouble itself. You can avoid la grippe and winter colds by keeping your blood rich and red by the occasional use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. If you have not done this and the disease lays you low, you can banish all its evil after effects by that same great blood-building, nerve restoring medicine. This has been proved in thousands of cases through Canada by la grippe victims who have been made well and strong through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Among the cured is Miss Irene Bootes, Portsmouth, Ont., who writes:—"I take much pleasure in recommending Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, because I have proved their worth in my own case. Last winter I had a severe attack of la grippe and it left me all run down. I had severe pains in my chest and under my arms, palpitation of the heart and attacks of neuralgia which left me with the feeling that life was scarcely worth living. I was taking doctor's medicine, but it did not help me and I was much discouraged. I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and began their use only on the principle that I would try anything that might better my condition. I had only been using the pills for a couple of weeks when the pains began to leave me. Gradually my strength returned, my appetite improved, and in a little more than a month I felt all my old time vigor had returned. I am sincerely glad I was persuaded to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I shall always have a good word to say for them."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills not only cure the disastrous after effects of la grippe but are also a specific for all these troubles due to poor blood, such as anaemia, rheumatism, indigestion, women's ailments, and the generally worn out feeling that affects so many people. You can get these pills through any dealer in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

G. M. VanValkenburg of Forest fell on an icy sidewalk and sustained a bad injury to his hip, rendering him unable to get up. The thermometer registered in the neighborhood of 20 below that morning and he was in great danger of freezing, as very few people were on the street, but luckily Mr. McCrae, who left H. Gage's home shortly after noticed him lying on the street, and with other help carried him home.



Family Dr. says:  
Have Medicines  
in your home  
all the time.

A THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED "MEDICINE CHEST" IS A SOURCE OF COMFORT IN EVERY HOME. A SCALD, A BURN, A CUT, A TOOTHACHE, EARACHE OR BACKACHE MAY "HAPPEN" ANYTIME; EVERYBODY BECOMES CONSTIPATED OR HAS DIARRHEA, CATCHES COLD, "BREAKS OUT" OR HAS SOME ILL BEFALL HIM NEARLY EVERY DAY.

THEN HAVE ON HAND OUR "REXALL REMEDIES" WHICH YOU CAN USE UNTIL THE FAMILY DOCTOR COMES. HAVING THESE THINGS ON HAND MAY PREVENT SERIOUS RESULTS FROM BLOOD POISONING AND NOT ALLOW PNEUMONIA TO TAKE HOLD. HAVE REMEDIES IN THE HOUSEHOLD ON WHICH YOU CAN RELY.

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