

## Great Excitement.

We have all the ladies excited over the fine stone marten and mink boas and scarfs, which we received yesterday, saying nothing about the sables of same descriptions, which reached us this week. Without any exceptions this is the finest and most up-to-date stuff that ever landed in Chatham, and we must sell them, so, to comply with our MUST SELL THEM we have marked all this line so reasonable in price that they sell themselves. Saying nothing of the Urban Shoes we are Primeau & Peltier of :

## The Urban Store

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

### Local Briefs

On Thursday afternoon at half past four o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. auditorium, Mr. Elmer Buffman, who is presenting the "Merchant of Venice" that evening at the Grand Opera House, will give a lecture to the members of the Macaulay Club and their friends on the third act of Henry VIII, which will shortly be presented by the Macaulay Club.

## Soaps & McCall's Drug Store...

If there is any one line of sundries which we have given more attention to than another it is TOILET SOAPS, and the soaps we have pushed most is WHITE CASTILE. There is none better. The older it gets the better it is. When you buy it, we advise you to get a bar and cut it into small pieces and let it dry.

We have just received a fresh supply of the Shell Brand Castile which we are to-day displaying in our King Street Window. We sell it at

**25c. a Bar.**

### OTHER SOAPS—

BABY'S OWN, 10c  
FAIRY, 5c  
GLYCERINE and TAR, 10c  
CASHMERE BOQUET, 25c  
and many others, ranging in price from 5c to \$1.25 a cake.

**A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.**

DRUGGISTS and OPTICIANS.  
CHATHAM and DRESDEN.

### COUNTY COUNCIL

The December Session of the County Council opened this afternoon with Warden Robinson in the chair. The Warden addressed the Council briefly, outlining the work that would come before them this session and thanking his fellow Commissioners for their assistance and aid during the year.

The following communications were received:

I. L. Davis wrote tendering the Council the use of the Public Library during their stay in the city. Received.

D. A. Cameron, secretary of the School Board, Dutton, wrote that the Dutton school had been open to pupils from the County since its establishment and that the County was liable for the maintenance of pupils from the County. Referred to Education committee.

The Grand Jury's presentment for the fall sittings of the High Court of Justice was received and filed.

T. L. Pardo wrote acknowledging receipt of a petition from the Council re the amendments to the Municipal Act. Received.

A similar letter from Geo. Stephens in reference to a resolution of the Council re the street in front of Tecumseh Park was also received. The Clerk of Camden wrote regarding resolutions, by-laws, etc., as asked for by the County Council. Referred to Roads and Bridges.

Edmund I. Scully wrote quoting price on a work, giving important decisions on the Drainage Trials Act. Referred to Finance.

### HOWDEN UNOPPOSED.

Beautiful Plains, Man. Liberals Make No Nomination.

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—Beautiful Plains Liberals decided not to contest the election to be held on December 9th to fill the vacancy in the Legislature caused by the death of Treasurer Davidson. Messrs. McRae and Strick were both nominated by the Liberals to-day, but declined to run owing to the short period before election day. Mr. James H. Howden is the Conservative nominee.

### HISTORIC THEATRE BURNED.

The Brooklyn Academy of Music Utterly Destroyed—Heavy Loss.

New York, Dec. 1.—The historic Academy of Music, the largest theatre in Brooklyn, and built in 1860, was completely consumed by fire. For a time the flames threatened adjoining property, and when the roof fell in part it struck a liquor saloon building adjoining, but no one was hurt, although the saloon was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

### Leading Wheat Markets.

Closing previous day. To-day  
Nov. May. Nov. May.  
Chicago ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
New York ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
Toledo ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
St. Louis ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
Detroit ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
Milwaukee ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
Minneapolis ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2  
Duluth ..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet's carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 534.

### LATEST.

For the American  
Styles in Gentlemen's  
Clothes see

**McBrayne,**

THE TAILOR.

**McCall Block.**

KING ST.

## CHRISTMAS STATIONERY!

The Latest  
Novels  
and Most  
Popular  
Magazines

—AT—  
**Cooper's,**  
King St., Chatham

### FAVOR A LOAN

Unanimous Verdict of Meeting to Consider Methods of Aiding the Electric Railroad.

The members of the Board of Trade and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City Council met this morning to consider the three propositions projected for granting aid to the proposed electric railroad. The three suggestions are, a loan, a bonus or a purchase of stock.

After hearing Major Scholfield's clear and comprehensive statement of the situation, the meeting favored only the one method of assistance, and that was a loan.

The following representative citizens attended the meeting, which was held in the Council Chamber, Harrison Hall—President Will Hadley, of the Board of Trade, Mayor McKeough, Major G. P. Scholfield, N. H. Stevens, Ald. Marshall, Ald. Robinson, Ald. Pigott, D. McLachlan, Chas. Austin, Ald. Mounteer, ex-Ald. G. W. Cowan, John Turner, ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson, Geo. Stephens, M. P., Ald. Thomas Scullard, Geo. G. Martin, and Messrs. Warburton, Dunn and Mackendrick were also present.

N. H. Stevens was elected chairman. He briefly outlined the object of the meeting.

President Hadley, of the Board of Trade, said that he had come for information and would like to see the railroad.

Ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson said that there was no use putting a proposition before the electors that wouldn't carry. The Council and Board of Trade should meet and decide upon something definite.

Mr. Mackendrick said that the people who furnished the bulk of the money weren't going to take all the risk. They wanted to know that the people themselves were interested.

He and his colleagues had spent their time and money in promoting the road and would build it if they got assistance.

On motion of Mr. Austin, seconded by Ald. Mounteer, G. P. Scholfield was heard. He said he thought there were no two opinions about the need of the road; all were in favor of it. It was simply a question of what was the city prepared to pay, what would it like to pay and what was it able to pay. There were methods of assisting the road had been suggested, namely, a bonus or a purchase of stock. After this had been decided it was purely a matter of the amount the city could afford to pay. As far as a bonus was concerned the city could not afford to give it. The railroad didn't ask it or they wouldn't have given the other citizens.

Mr. Scholfield was entirely opposed to the idea of the city purchasing stock. It wasn't necessary to weigh whether it would be a good idea or not, because the citizens had no right to take the city's money to vote public money for a speculative venture, and the citizens should know just what they would have to pay before they voted. He personally was entirely in favor of a loan and the amount should be decided upon at once. The electors should have something definite before them.

Ex-Ald. Cowan was asked to speak. He, however, said that this was the first meeting he had attended and would prefer to hear what the Board of Trade had to say.

Mayor McKeough said that what the Mayor and Council wanted to find out was the opinion of the ratepayers. They didn't wish to submit a by-law that would be defeated. The Board of Trade had done Yeoman service in securing other industries and the Council desired their advice on the present issue.

Mr. Stevens remarked that this was very fair and he was glad to see the Council acting in unison with the Board of Trade. He believed it hadn't always been that way.

D. McLachlan said that Major Scholfield had put the whole matter before the meeting in a very practicable shape. Before his speech Mr. McLachlan had favored the idea of purchasing stock, but now he couldn't support such a method of assistance.

Mayor McKeough said that all the citizens were of the opinion that the Chaplin factory was a good thing for the city. Would the railroad be as great an advantage as the Chaplin Wheel Works? George Stephens replied that the electric road would be as much benefit as four such factories.

A committee composed of Messrs. G. P. Scholfield, Hugh Malcolmson and Will Hadley of the Board of Works, and Aldermen Marshall, Mounteer and Pigott from the Council, was appointed to confer together and prepare an outline as to what they would recommend the citizens to vote on. They were instructed to confer before the 11th of this month.

The unanimous verdict of the meeting was that the aid should be in the form of a loan.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GIRL WANTED—A competent girl to do general housework. Apply to Mrs. C. Austin, King street, west. 10c

FOR SALE—Excellent farm for sale in the Township of Harwich, County of Kent, west half of west half of lot 16, concession 6, from Thames River. Good buildings. For particulars enquire of James L. Wilson, proprietor, Box 511, Chatham P. O., Ont.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

## SOX, RUBBERS AND OVERSHOES



No matter how cold or slushy the weather is, your feet will be snug and warm in a pair of socks and rubbers. Thick, warm, fleecy-lined socks and stout snag-proof rubbers—that's a combination that can't be beat for out-door winter work. We have them in all styles and sizes. They are priced down to rock bottom, too. This is how we sell them.

Men's Gums, from  
\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00,  
\$2.50 and \$3. Over-  
shoes, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.

**TURRILL**  
The Shoe Man

REPAIRING DONE AT STORE.

CHICAGO MARKETS  
Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, Northwood Block, Chatham, Dec. 1, 1903.

Wheat—	OPEN.	HIGH.	LOW.	CLOSE.
Dec.....	82	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
May.....	81 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
July.....	76	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Corn—				
Dec.....	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42
May.....	42 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42
Oats—				
Dec.....	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
May.....	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Pork				
Jan.....	1000	1000	1002	1007
May.....	1117	1125	1110	1112
Lard				
Jan.....	640	642	640	640
May.....	647	647	645	642
Ribe				
Jan.....	682	682	580	580
May.....	602	602	597	600

## 1904 CALENDARS

More Beautiful,  
More Artistic Than Ever  
Before.

As I have had this line for many years, the mere mention of Raphael Tuck & Son's goods is enough to sell them. They cover everything. Beautiful and sublime.  
A call will greatly please you.

Prices, 5c. to \$3.00

**W. J. KENNY,**

Phone 225, King St. East.

## Money to Loan

—ON—  
**MORTGAGES.**

Fire, Life, Accident,  
Plate Glass, Boiler and  
Marine Insurance.

**DUNN & MERRITT,**

Box 53, Fifth St. Phone 295

## Stuffed

Dates ....

Half a Dozen Varieties at

**NORTHWOOD'S,**

KING ST.

The Chatham Loan and Savings' Co.

44 Half Yearly Dividend.

Notice is hereby given that dividend at the rate of 4 per cent per annum upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Company has been declared this day for the current half year ending December 31st, 1903, payable at the Company's Office on and after January 2nd, 1904.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st December, inclusive. By Order of the Board.

S. F. GARDINER,  
Manager.

Chatham, November 30, 1903.

Up-to-date  
Millinery.

**C. AUSTIN & CO.**

Fashionable  
Dressmaking.

### CLOTHING DEPT.

## THE BEST Overcoats to be found.



The man who is really particular about the overcoat he is going to buy will appreciate these overcoats, which we have been so particular about in the making. They can be made in goodness, of course, but not at their AUSTIN PRICE.

For instance, here are dozens of fifteen-dollar winter overcoats that are just in—the best overcoats you ever saw at the price. Made of handsome, fine, all wool, plain black and fancy chevrons, with extra quality Italian jody lining, silk mohair sleeve linings, concave shoulders. See them first of all.

Then, for Twelve Dollars we have our special tailor made, stylish, dressy overcoats, of plain Oxford chevrons and novelty pattern velours, with belt, No. 1 linings, long full Raglanette and Chesterfield styles, with straight pockets and vertical styles with top breast pockets.

Our Special Overcoats at Ten Dollars, in extra quality of dark Oxford grey cheviot and plain black, made in 4, 48 and 50 inch Raglanette style with straight and vertical pockets, very swagger garments, all sizes, 34 to 44.

A new lot of Men's Pattern Suits just in, very handsome dark brown and pretty olive stripes, single breasted sack coats, new military cut and double breasted styles, very well at \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$13.50.

## Cold Weather Underwear for Men.

All Underprice.---Just Opened  
Up Four Big Cases. ....

Not odds and ends, but kinds on which we have made exceptionally fortunate purchases. Don't miss seeing these three great specials:—

Men's 75c Scotch Knt All Wool Underwear at 50c

Heavy weight, all wool, unshrinkable Shirts and Drawers, handsomely finished, saten facings, good pearl buttons, new Heather mix shade, full range of sizes, very special.

Men's 50c Fine Fleece Underwear at 39c

Two big cases just in—nice, clean, silver grey and Jugar shades, fine close gauge, French neck, double knit ankles and wrist, full range of sizes, 34 to 44, very special value at 39c

Men's \$1.00 Fine Underwear at 75c

In Dark Brown Mottled Effect Shading, fine and soft texture, nice medium weight, good value at \$1.00 a garment, on sale at 75c each

**Ways Neck Mufflers.**—In plain black and white and some very handsome pattern combinations, 50c and 75 cents.

**New Holiday Neckwear.**—We have just received a big showing of the very latest English, American and Canadian styles in neckwear, very handsome effects and shapes, 25c to 50c.

New Gloves, New Hats,  
New Shirts, New Hose...

**C. Austin & Co.**  
Reliable Clothiers.