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FINEST QUALITIES

From the Old Sod....

We passed through the customs yesterday the largest shipment of Dress Goods we have ever received at one time.

Serges, Crepons, Fancy Fig. Blacks, Canvas Cloths, Soliels, Blk. Corduroy, and dozens upon dozens of Single Dress Patterns, no two of which are alike

The early buyer will secure best choice of our immense lot of Dress Patterns, we slike and all confined exclusively to ourselves. Let us show you our

Thomas Stone

NEW DRESS GOODS

Another lot of Dress Goods received to-day, consisting of

....Fine French Novelties in Dress Patterns Only....

Fine Wools and Silk Mixtures in the latest colorings, which cannot be adequately described by printers ink. BETTER LOOK AT THEM—THE PRICES ARE

\$5.25, \$6.75, \$8.00, \$8.75, \$9.50 per dress length, AND NO TWO ALIKE

See our great special at 25c a yd.

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Specials 10 Black Dress Goods

44 inch Back Cashmere, all-

6 inch Black Cashmere, all-

42 inch new make Dress Serges very special - 37 1/2 and 500

Just to hand several exclusive pattern Dresses in Black Crepons, Broche, Brilliantines. Sicilians, etc., etc.

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42 inch Black Satin Cloth, allwool, very special at - 3752c

Revolution Wheels

A. E. Ham & Co. having SECURED the sole control of the Canadian market for The Milwaukee Engineering Co.'s Bicycles. These wheels will be sold in Chatham at the ridiculous

\$39

price of

For Crests

\$49

Examination and closest inspection invited. Take elevator to third floor.

A. E. Ham & Co. GREATEST STORE.

Though not an Offensive Partizan.

How the Postmaster at Buxton has Been Treated.

HE REFUSED TO VOTE LIBERAL LAST ELECTION—NOW A GOOD REFORMER HAS BEEN GIVEN HIS PLACE.

James Gilhula, postmaster at Bux-ton has been dismissed. He hasn't been so notified yet but as his successbeen so notified yet but as his successor has been appointed there can be
little doubt of the fact. No charge of
offensive partizanship could be made
against Mr. Gilhula, as he took no
part in the election further than to
vote. Therefore his dismissal is on
general principles. Mr. Burk who will
succeed him is a good Liberal.

"Mr. Campbell came to me at election time and asked me to vote for
him," said Mr. Gilhula, "but I told
him I couldn't. I added that I would
not do anything against him.

"He asked me what the office was
worth and I said about \$60 a year. He
said that wasn't enough, that I ought
to get \$150 a year out of it.

"Anyway I told him I couldn't support him, but all I did in the election
was to go and vote. I didn't work for
either side.

"However, it is all over now and set-

'However, it is all over now and set However, it is all over how and settled. I'm satisfied the postmaster general did not know the facts when he made the change, and just to show him how he had been misled, I have got both the Reformers and Conservatives of the neighborhood to sign a protest.

It won't do any good except to expose

present location of the post office, as there is no better in the village. Furthere is no better in the village. Furthermore, we wish it to be known that we never intimated to Mr. Burk that we desired the removal of the said post office to his store, as Mr. Gilhula, P. M., and his assistants have always dealt courteously with the public, giving entire satisfaction.

"In witness whereof we subscribe to

"James Brady, S. S. Gilhula, George Handcock, James King, Thos. Hackett, Samuel Wallace, O. F. Bennett, Jeremiah Powell, A. Segree, Franklin Halter, J. W. Tompkins, A. E. Robin-son, John Roe, Andrew Jackson, Wilson, John Roe, Andrew Jackson, William Connor, Andrew Young, James Wellwood, Jno. A. King, Ledson Pardo, Isaac Connor, William Wright, Andrew Broadbent, David Ross, Jos. Bennett, Walter Bennett, John O'Phee, William H. King, Wm. Handcock, A. A. Broadbent, Wm. Pepper, Wm. Hooper, Jas. Merritt, Richard Pepper, John L. Piper, John Goulet, Geo. W. Schrieves, Robert Graham, Hilliard C. Ross, Jos. Simon, Harry Gillam, James Morris, Edward Randall, Horace King, Villiam King, Brock King, John Graham, Edward Gillam, Martin Ryan, Jos. Ryan, Edward Graham, John H. Gillam, Edward Gillam, Martin Ryan, Jos. Ryan, Duncan McKerrall. Paul Thebo, Ransom Conner. Fred. Pepper, John W. Broadbent, Thomas D, Irving, Daniel Haskell, Watson Guy, Riley Pardo, Richard Groce, Josiah Burse, John Morris, George Graham, James A. Hooper, Thomas Ryan, Edward Bloomfield, John Gilhula, R. B. Carter."

Gentlemen who have lost part or all of their hair should not miss seeing Prof. Dorenwend's latest styles in Wigs and Toupees. They are true to nature and no one could tell you had one on. Caff at Garner House, Chatham, on Thursday, March 4.

School Shoes... For Girls

Sizes 11, 12, 13, 1 and 2

For \$1.00,

We will give you a good all solid Oil Pebble Button, leather tips,

We will give you a splendid Glove Grain Button or Lace, nailed botwaterprocf. Sizes, 11, 12, 13,

Boys' shoes, sizes 11, 12, 13, and 2, for 75c.

White Shoe Store ...

TOOK HER CHILD AWAY.

Her Come Back - A Suit Followed.

Boston, Feb. 26.—The full bench of the supreme court handed down a decision in the famous Lasell Seminary case to-day. The seminary is victorious, the court ruling that its officers had the right to control the students and refuse them the privilege of a leave of absence, even at the request of the parent of the pupil. This was an action brought by Mrs. Elizabeth Curry, of Ironwood, Mich., to recover damages for breach of contract on the defendants' part in refusing to furnish board and tuition to the plaintiffs' daughter.

daughter.

The plaintiff placed her daughter as a pupil in the boarding school of the defendant corporation under a contract. At the end of six months the plaintiff asked that her daughter be committed to sevend two days with her plaintiff asked that her daughter be permitted to spend two days with her away from school. The request was denied, but the girl was nevertheless taken away. The Lasell authorities then refused to allow her to stay longer at the institution. Proceedings were then instituted for damages.

POKING FUN AT US

Fund Subscriptions

Over Our Generosity in Famine

hen Again the Thamesville Her ald Doesn't Propose to Permit Any Familiarities. Thamesville Herald.

Because it succeeded in being made defendant in two or three libel suits, is me reason why the Chatham Planet should refer to the editors of two great, moral, family weeklies, such as the Florence Quill and the Herald in such patronizing terms as "Go it, boys."

"There is war between Florence and Thamesville over their respective merits as oil centres. Neither of them have produced any oil, but that, of course doesn't interfere with the war part of it."—Chatham Planet.

And this is fame. Surely the Chatham Planet must have heard of the great flowing oil well struck here last fall. But then, in his efforts to raise the India Famine Relief Fund to \$13.00 all other thoughts have probably been

of the neighborhood to sign a protest. It won't do any good except to expose the whole scheme."

The protest Mr. Gilhula refers to as follows:

THE PROTEST.

"We, the undersigned, residents of the vicinity in and about Buxton, of both political parties, viz., Reform and Conservative, do hereby protest Mr. Burk's movement in having himself appointed postmaster in such an underhand manner, and also the statement made by the Chatham Banner that we were dissatisfied with the present location of the post office as for the city will stand the drain, to pass an order swelling the amount to the grand total of fifteen dollars and no cents. Twenty cents is a large amount in the cents. cents. Twenty cents is a large amount for a corporation like Chatham to withdraw from its treasury, all at one draw, but then the case is urgent, and

And an Ardent Lover of a Good Fast Horse.

The Canadian Sportsman on the Death of Sheriff Mercer-One of Natures

One of nature's truest noblemen passed away when Sheriff Mercer, of Chatham, died on Thursday, the 18th inst. Enjoying the respect of all who. knew him, and the warm affection of his more intimate friends, Kent county never had a citizen within its corpor-ate limits that was more beloved than he. He was an argent sportsman, both with gun and rod, and in his younger days his horses and traps were just what one would expect from a man of such good taste and so thorough knew him, and the warm affection of a horseman. He was for thirty years one of the strongest supporters of the turf in Western Canada, owned a few good ones in his day and up to a very few years ago the portly form and gen-ial face of Sheriff Mercer was one of few years ago the portly form and genial face of Sheriff Mercer was one of the prominent figures on the lawn at Woodbine every May. Though over eighty years of age, he was 'a hale and hearty man to the last hour of his life, and terribly sudden though his end was, those who loved him best should rejoice that no prolonged sickness sapped his wonderful vitaity, that the last tones of his voice were as cheery as in the days of yore, when on upland and marsh he was the foremost hunter of them all, and as around the lodge fire at Mitchell's Bay, after a splendid day's sport, his wit and humor was the crowning glory of the day's enjoyment. For twenty-seven years without a break, he has been a subscriber to the Sportsman and many a pleasant hour has its editor spent with him when visiting Chatham. Now he is but a memory, but what a pleasant thought for the members of his family, that while living he enjoyed the respect of all who knew him, and dead, all classes of his fellow citizens cherish his memory. He was an English gentleman of the highest type.

BURNED OUT IN CHICAGO.

Hard Luck of a Former Chathan

Man-An Act of Bravery.

you a good all solid Button, leather tips, e.

A copy of the Chicago Dispatch of the evening of the 24th, has been received at this office, giving an recount of a terrible fire at the Park Gate hotel, by which some fifty-eight families were thrown into the street. The fire started from the bailer room at the foot of the elevator shaft and rapidly spread, defying the efforts of the firemen. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

Among those who were burnt out by the great conflagation were Mr. and Mrs. Dougall McDougall, formerly of this city, both of whom escaped without injury, but whose loss to personal effects will be serious. The Chicago papers also speak warmly of the bravery of Mr. McDougall, who went back into the building and rescued a Mrr. Samuel Furst, who had attempted to make her exit by means of the stairs, but was overcome by the heat and amoke and fell unconscious in the ball. Mr. McDougall is an old Chatham boy and a brother of Alex. McDougall, foreman of The Planet pewsroom.

That is the General Opinion

Premier Hardy's Fake Temperance Measure.

WHAT SOME OF THE LOCAL PRO-HIBITIONISTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT-DOESN'T AF-FECT CHATHAM MUCH.

The Ontario government has brought down its long promised temperance measure. Sifted down the only promeasure. Sifted down the only provisions it contains of any importance are those closing township bars at 10 o'clock, forbidding druggists to sell over six ounces and then only on a doctor's certificate, abolishing salcon licenses during the next two years and raising the age at which liquor can be obtained from 18 to 21. The last clause is the only one affecting the license holders in cities the size of Chatham, and it is a dead letter as far as practicability goes. If a young man claims to be 21 how is the hotel-keeper to know the difference? The whole bill is a miserable farce intended simply to catch the temperance vote for the Hardy-Ross government at the coming election without really conceding the prohibitionists anything. The Planet asked two or three well-known Chatham temperance men what they thought of the measure:

IT IS NOT SATISFACTORY. -4 "Such bills as the amendment to the liquor license act presented on Thursday by Hon. Richard Harcourt are easy enough to put on paper, but their enforcement is an entirely different matter," said Alexander Hall, a prominent member of Tecumseh Council No. 189, R. T. of T. "And besides, these bills are usually changed and amended so that when the time comes for their enforcement there is little to enforce. This one may be that way. I see that the temperance people are supposed to get the best of it, This may please them. But it may be modified to please the liquor dealers and their patrons. Then everyone will be supposed to be 'Such bills as the amendment to the

everyone will be supposed to be harpy."

"In your estimation," Mr. Hall was asked, "is the bill a satisfactory one?
Will it satisfy the temperance ele-

"No," was the reply. "I have not had time to look into the matter as thoroughly as I will; but it seems to me this bill is far from satisfactory in several respects. The bars should be all closed on Saturday before the laboring classes quit their work. How many men do you know," he asked, "who go to the hor room as good as they draw to the bar-room as soon as they draw their wages on Saturday and remain there until they are put out? There is no means of knowing what amount each spends; but there are many doing this that cannot afford to lose anything. For such as these and their families protection should be provided against

their own appetites. their own appetites.

"Another point: The closing hour on week days except Saturdays should be earlier. This is provided for in rural districts; but surely Chatham is rural

enough at times. "And the druggists are limited to the sale of six ounces upon a cer-tificate. Something should be done to better enforce the present law concern-ing drug stores. The law itself is all right, The trouble with the drug stores s that too many of them are as free as saloons and bar-rooms in the sale of liquor; and any man who is known and has a flask or other receptacle can have it filled whether he has a certificate or not. The only essential seems to be the money. As a matter of fact it looks as though charges had been made where none were called for, and slight changes made in other quarters where more stringent measures were called for." OF NO BENEFIT

Miss Reddick, an a tive and energetic worker in W. C. T. U. circles, stated that so far as she bad been able to gather from a reading of the newspaper accounts of the amendment, it would not be satisfactory to the temperance class, nor could she see wherein, as claimed, they were in any way better off by reason of its enactment.

WHAT'S THE USE OF A NEW LAW When the Present One is Not Half

forced Says R. W. Smith.

H. W. Smith, manager of the Chatham Dye Works, also prominent in the R. T. of T., had not yet read the proposed bill carefully enough to be in a position to talk on its merits and to say whether or not it would meet the demands of the temperance people. He seemed to think, however, that the passing of laws restricting the sale of liquor was little better than a farcical procedure, while the laws already passed, are not enforced, and breaches of those laws winked at and commived in by the powers that be.

"Bars are kept open every night in this city," said Mr. Smith, "long after the present law requires them to be closed; and it is done openly. The eleven o'clock of week nights stretches way out towards morning; and as closed; and it is done openly. The eleven o'clock of week nights stretches way out towards morning; and as for the law requiring them to close at seven o'clock on Saturday nights, it doesn't amount to anything. They are virtually open at all hours. Why, not very long ago I was passing one of the leading hotels of the city late Saturday night—as a matter of fact it was after midnight. The blinds of the bar were closely drawn, but I could see above and around them, that there was a light in the room. This, in itself is a breach of the law. I istened and heard voices and the clinking of glasses. Meeting a policeman, I told him of what was going on.

"It is is not after twelve, is it? he asked innocently."

"Informed him that it was, and that 'seven was the Saturday night closing

hour, and that midnight had nothing to do with the case.

"'Guess I'd better go and tell them, he said, "He went; but in all probability he would go in, give them the wink, get a horn of liquor for himself and go on. That is the way they do things in Chatham.

"Then we have an inspector who doesn't amount to a row of pins, so far as the performance of the duties of his office are concerned. We have no inspector—that's it. If we can get the man appointed that we want in there things will be different. That man is E. E. Parrott, a strong temperance man, and one who is not the least bit afraid of those fellows."

Speaking of the restriction placed upon druggists to sell no more than six ounces of liquor on a certificate. Mr. Smith concurred in the statement made by Rev. Mr. Taylor, the temperance lecturer who recently visited Chatham, when he declared that all spirituous liquors should be labelled "Poison, kept on the shelf with all the other poison, and a record of each sale kept as is done in respect of any poison whatever. The Big C. W. A.

Ex-Warden Vogler Drowned Near Bothwell.

his Body Not Yet Recovered -He was an Old and Respected Representative of Zone.

A sad and fatal accident occurred yesterday afternoon by which Kent county loses one of her oldest and most respected residents.

Lawrence E. Vogler, ex-warden of the county and for many years reeve of Zone, was drowned by falling through an air hole, while crossing the River Thames opposite his farm, about two miles from Bothwell. Mr. Vogler has made a habit of crossing the river on the ice during the winter season, and was deceived by the film of ice which the recent cold snap had frozen over a dangerous air-hole. When he fell in his body went under the ice and had not been recovered according to the latest news. It is possible it may not be found until spring.

The deceased gentleman was for many years one of the country's ablest

found until spring.

The deceased gentleman was for many years one of the country's ablest and most experienced parliamentarians. He entered the county council as reeve of Zone in 1879 and sat, with the exception of two years, until 1890, when he took a prominent part in bring about the erection of our civic building known as Harrison Hall. In 188 he was elected warden of the county and filled the office with credit alike to himself and the municipality.

Witnesses of the Ridgetown Shooting Affair.

They Testity Against the Prisoner Hall-Monnix is Dangerously

(Special to The Planet.) Ridgetown, Feb. 27.-The preliminary hearing of the Hall Mannix shooting scrap occupied the attention of the Police Magistrate McKinlay this afternoon and evening. Dr. F. H. Marr testified that Mannix had been shot in the left shoulder, the bullet striking the head of the humorus, traversing a a distance of nine inches, finally lodging in the back to left of spinal column, where it was cut out. The wound was dangerous on account of closeness to the shoulder joint and the upper point of the left lung.

Chief Grant swore to finding the prisoner in the doctor's office and exmining the revolver. He extracted the shells. Hall had eard "he had fixed him" or "he had done the job." On being asked by the chief where the revolver was the prisoner said he still had it in his possession. It was found in his store and produced in court.

THOSE WHO SAW THE DEED. THOSE WHO SAW THE DEED.

Edward Hermann testified to being in the livery barn when Hall came in. He asked if Mannix was there and on Hermann pointing him out, Hall shot him. He testified that he was perfectly sober and was lying asleep on the floor. James Page also lay on the floor, while Pat Mannix, John Hamilton and James Grey occupied the bed. The shooting was done while Mannix was getting out of bed.

John Hamilton, James Page and James Grey, corroborated this evidence. Dr. Deliski Marr, testified that Hall hid told him that he suspected Mannix of having attempted to rob his (Hall's) brother's house, also that Mannix had attempted te rob him a week or so ago.

The court then adjourned till Tuesday next, to take the evidence of Mannix,

whose condition is dangerous.

Walter Mills, Q. C., is defending the prisoner, while H. D. Smith, is acting prosecutor.

Table Glassware

Just passed the customs direct from one of the best factories in the U. S., a fresh lot of Tableware, cut glass patterns. We get these goods direct from the manufacturers. The prices are so low they will actually surprise

Brantford, However, is Making a De perate Fight.

Meet in Sight.

THE PLANET'S SPECIAL CYCLING EDITION QUANT TO CLINCH THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS AL-READY BEEN DONE. Brantford evidently still thinks it

Brantford evidently still thinks it has a chance to secure the big U. W. A. meet. At least it is not going to lose the event if energy and money will bring it to the Telephone City. A Brantford dispatch says:

"A largely attended meeting was held in the council chamber Thursday night. | Representative men of all classes were present.Mr. Jas. Ruddy, manager of the Slingsby Manufacturing Company, occupied the chair, and large and influential committees were formed to ensure the success of Brantford, now that she has put her shoulder to the wheel, and get the big meet. Brantford is after the C. W. A. meet, and when Brantford goes after anything she generally gets it. The pretisest and most progressive of the smaller cities of Canada is an object of interest to wheelmen all over the dominion. While Brantford bulks largely in the commercial world, she is not a terest to wheelmen all over the dominion. While Brantford bulks largely in the commercial world, she is not a whit behind in her love of the bike, and three strong and prosperous bicycle clubs in a city of 20,000 betoken a wakefulness and a love of wheeling that defies comparison anywhere. The wheelmen and business men of Brantford have joined hands in the effort to get the C. W. A. meet here. In the very heart of Western Ontario, in the home of enthusiastic wheeldom, every facility is at hand to make the meet a success. The people of Brantford give success. The people of Brantford give their word for it that if the C. W. A. come to the Telephone City, the meet of 1897 will stand a mark for others to aim at in the next quarter of a cen-

CANNOT RIVAL CHATHAM.

himself and the municipality.

The deceased was a Liberal in politics and a consistent adherent of the Church of England.

Mr. Vogler leaves six sons. His wife only preceded him to the unseen some six weeks are.

CANNOT RIVAL CHATHAM.

This rosy description of that dusty little inland hamlet, which is side-tracked on a branch railway, will amuse those who attended the last meet there. On the other hand, Chat-ahm is the greatest railway center. in Canada, has every accommodation, the fastest track in the dominion, and the fastest track in the dominion, and is prepared to give visiting wheelmen a reception that Brantford cannot approach. What is more, it will be a great surprise to the local bicyclists if the C. W. A, representatives on Good Friday decide not to come here. President Stephenson, of the Chatham Cycle Club, has just returned from another four or five days trip to Toronto and other eastern points. Everyther four or five days trip to Toronto and other eastern points. Everywhere he went he received the most encouraging assurances of support for Chatham. It is expected that the magnificent descriptive, illustrated cycling edition which is shortly to be issued from The Planet office will clinch the energetic campaign which has so far been carried on in favor of this city. Bicyclists and manufacturers and dealers in bicycle supplies all over Ontario are taking a lively interest in this edition. They are giving it their bus! edition. They are giving it their busi-ness as well as their moral support. So great has been the demand for space in its columns that Mr. Stephenson has lecided to increase its size by four

pages over what was originally intend-LEADING ADVERTISERS. (223) Weiland Vale Mfg. Co. McKinnon, Dash & Hardman Co St. Catharines.
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G. T. Pendrith & Co., Toronto. The Griffith Cycle Co., Toronto Bertram & Co., Toronto. Tangent Cycle Co., Toronto.
Rice, Lewis & Co., Toronto.
Boston Wood Rim Co., Toronto.
Massey Harris & Co., Toronto.
Morrow Screw Works, Ingersoll.
Harold W. Wilson, Christy Saddle,

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Canada Pacific Railway, Toronto. Grand Trunk Railway, Toronto. New York Tire Company, Toronto. Gendron Manufacturing Company,

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tock.
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As before announced this cycle issue will be sent to every member of the C.W.A. prior to the annual meeting at Toronto on Good Friday. It will urge the claims of Chatham, will contain illustrations of its many advantages, and ought to prove no unimport ant factor in determining the verdict in favor of this city. Not only has it been decided to increase the size of the issue, but also the number to be issued. This will enable it to be freely distributed all over the Dominion among both wheelmen and their friends. The importance of securing the meet for Chatham is well illustrated by an item from the London News which was read at the Brantford meeting on Thurs day evening to stir up those present to increased activity. This item said:

"The annual meet of the C. W. A.is a sort of a mid-summer carnival, and it means thousands of dollars in London's pockets, to say nothing of the tun WILL BE A GRAND PAPER.