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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.  
No two alike and all confined exclusively to ourselves. Let us show you our  
Dress Goods.

## 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  
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THEM—THE PRICES ARE

\$5.25, \$6.75, \$8.00, \$8.75, \$9.50 per dress length,  
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See our great special at 25c a yd.

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A. E. Ham & Co.  
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cycles. These wheels

will be sold in Chat-

ham at the ridiculous

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44 inch Black Cashmere, all-  
wool, special at 29c

46 inch Black Cashmere, all-  
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42 inch new make Dress Serges  
very special 37 1/2c and 50c

Just to hand several  
exclusive pattern Dress-  
es in Black Crepons,  
Broche, Brillantines,  
Sicilians, etc., etc.

3 pieces Black Broche Dress  
Goods, all-wool, special at 48c

42 inch plain or corded Soliels,  
all-wool, beautifully finish-  
ed 48c

42 inch Black Satin Cloth, all-  
wool, very special at 37 1/2c

\$39

For Crests

(Former Price \$65.00)

\$49

For Columbians

(Former Price \$85.00)

Examination and  
closest inspection in-  
vited. Take elevator  
to third floor.

A. E. Ham & Co.

CHATHAM'S  
GREATEST  
STORE.

# The Chatham Planet.

## FIRED HIM!

Though not an Of-  
fensive 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 Gihula, postmaster at Buxton has been dismissed. He hasn't been notified yet but as his successor has been appointed there can be little doubt of the fact. No charge of offensive partisanship could be made against Mr. Gihula, as he took no part in the election further than to vote. Therefore his dismissal is on general principles. Mr. Buxton 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. Gihula, "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."

"Anyhow 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 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 the whole scheme."

The protest Mr. Gihula 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. Buxton's movement in having himself appointed postmaster in such a dishonest manner, and also the statement made by the Chatham Planet that we were dissatisfied with the present location of the post office, as there is no better in the village. Furthermore, we wish it to be known that we never intended to Mr. Buxton, P. M., and his assistants have always dealt courteously with the public, giving entire satisfaction."

In witness whereof we subscribe to the same.

James Brady, S. S. Gihula, George Handcock, James King, Thos. Hackett, Samuel Wallace, O. F. Bennett, Jeremiah Powell, A. Segre, Franklin Hatter, J. W. Tompkins, A. E. Robinson, John Roe, Andrew Jackson, William Connor, Andrew Young, James Wellwood, James King, James Pardo, Isaac Connor, William Wright, Andrew Broadbent, David Rose, Jos. Bennett, Walter Bennett, John O'Brien, William H. King, Wm. Handcock, A. A. Broadbent, Wm. Pepper, Wm. Hooper, Jas. Merritt, Richard Pepper, John L. Piner, John Giesler, W. Schrieves, Robert Graham, H. H. Ross, Jos. Simon, Harry Gilliam, James Morris, Edward Randall, Horace King, William King, Brock King, John Graham, Edward Graham, John H. Gilliam, Edward Gilliam, Martin Ryan, Jos. Ryan, Duncan McKerrall, Paul Thelo, R. H. Connor, Fred. Pepper, John W. Broadbent, Thomas D. Irving, Daniel Hackett, Watson Pardy, Richard Grace, George Burse, John Morris, George Graham, James A. Hooper, Thomas Ryan, Edward Bloomfield, John Gihula, R. O'Brien.

The above list consists of 33 Reformers and 37 Conservatives.

Gentlemen who have lost part or all of their hair, or who are suffering from Prof. Dorenwenda's latest style in Wigs and Toupees. They are true to nature and no one could tell you had one on. Call at Garret 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,

heel or wedge.

For 90c.,

We will give you a splendid Glove

Grain Button or Lace, nailed bot-

tom, and all solid leather. Strictly

waterproof. Sizes, 11, 12, 13, 1

and 2.

Boys' shoes, sizes 11, 12, 13, 1

and 2, for 75c.

Examination and

closest inspection in-

vited. Take elevator

to third floor.

White Shoe Store...

G. J. Peace

## TOOK HER CHILD AWAY.

The Seminary Authorities Then Refused to Let  
Her Come Back—A Suit Followed.

Boston, Feb. 26.—The full bench of the supreme court handed down a decision in the famous Lowell Seminary case today. The seminary is victorious, the court ruling that its officers had the right to control the students and refuse them the privilege of re-entry 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 defendant's part in refusing to furnish board and tuition to the plaintiff's daughter.

The plaintiff placed her daughter as a pupil in the boarding school of the defendant corporation under contract. At the end of six months the 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 Lowell authorities then refused to allow her to re-enter the institution. Proceedings were then instituted for damages.

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Canadian Typograph Co. (E. & D.)  
Windsor.

Comet Cycle Co., Toronto.

E. C. Stearns & Co. (American Rat-  
tles), Toronto.

WILL BE A GRAND PAPER.

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 con-  
tain illustrations of its many advan-  
tages, and ought to prove no unimpor-

tant 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 Lon-  
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## IS NO GOOD.

That is the General  
Opinion

Of 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. Slifted down the only pro-  
visions 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 saloon  
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.

"Such bills as the amendment to the  
liquor license act presented on Thurs-  
day by Hon. Richard Harcourt are easy  
enough to put on paper, but their en-  
forcement is an entirely different mat-  
ter," said Alexander Hall, a prominent  
member of Tecumseh Council No. 158,  
P. O. T. "And besides, these bills are  
usually changed and amended so  
that when the time comes for their en-  
forcement there is little to enforce. This  
Chatham case is a case in point. It is  
one may be that way. I see that the  
prohibitionists 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  
happy."

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

"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 la-  
boring classes quit their work. How many  
men do you know," he asked, "who go  
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  
these men are spending, and they are  
not supposed to afford to lose anything.  
For such as these and their families  
protection should be provided against  
their own appetites."

"Another point," Mr. Hall continued,  
"is the closing hour. 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  
is 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  
respected in the community should be  
able to get a certificate. The bill as  
it stands whether he has a certificate or  
not. The only essential seems to be the  
money. As a matter of fact it looks as  
though changes had been made where  
there were no changes needed."

OF NO BENEFIT.

Mess Reddick, an active and energetic  
worker in W. C. T. U. circles, stated  
that so far as he had been able to  
gather from reading of the newspaper  
accounts of the amendment, it would  
not be satisfactory to the temperance  
class, nor could she see wherein, as  
proposed, 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 En-  
forced Says H. W. Smith.

H. W. Smith, manager of the Chatham  
Dry Goods, also prominent in the  
P. O. T. U. had not yet read the bill  
in its entirety, but he was 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 farce. He pointed out that the laws  
already passed, while the laws  
already passed, were not enforced, and  
breaches of those laws winked at and  
connived in by the powers that be.  
"There are temptations every night in  
this city," said Mr. Smith, "long after  
the present law requires them to be  
closed; and the police are openly  
evident in the streets at midnight stretch-  
ing away out towards morning; and as  
for the law requiring them to close at  
seven o'clock on Saturday night, 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  
heard and heard voices and the clinking  
of glasses. Meeting a policeman, I  
told him what was going on.  
"It is not after twelve, is it?" he  
asked innocently.  
"I informed him that it was, and that  
even 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, "I'll 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 tem-  
perance 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 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  
whenever.

## THROUGH THE ICE

Ex-Warden Vogler Drowned Near  
Bothwell.

His Body Not Yet Recovered—He was  
an Old and Respected Repre-  
sentative 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 ice hole, while crossing the river  
between Chatham and Bothwell, 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 county's ablest  
and most experienced parliamentarians.  
He entered the county council as reeve  
of Zone in 1879 and sat, with the ex-  
ception of two years, until 1890, when  
he took a prominent part in bring-  
ing about the erection of our civic build-  
ing known as Harrison Hall. In 1888  
he was elected warden of the county  
and filled the office with credit alike to  
himself and the municipality.

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