#### G W. Cornell

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Jor. 8th and King Street, Over Geo. E. Young's Grocer

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTA. THORNTON.—On Wednesday, Dec. 27th, the wife of Dr. A. W. Thorn, of a daughter.

THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 27, 10 a. m.-Westerly winds, fair and cold. Thursday cold.

Wm. Bruce, of London, spent Christ-mas in the Maple City. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Goodwin leave for Grand Rapids to-day.

Mrs. F. E. Youngs, Vancouver, B. C., is visiting Mrs. Wm. Ball, Cross St. John Sullivan, of St. Thomas, is in the city attending the funeral of his brother.

Hiram Davis, mother and daughter, Leora, who have been in Port Huron, Mich., returned home to-day.

Major Rankin returned last even-ing from a visit with his brother, Archie Rankin, Paisley. The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Cerry, who were married at Port Bu-ron on Saturday, assembled and wel-comed the newly married couple to

Mrs. J. Turner and son, Robert, Lorne Ave., are visiting relatives in St. Catharines. Miss Grace Gammage is spending the olidays with her aunt, Mrs. D. E.

Eckert, Toronto. Miss Carrie Shaw, of Toronto, spent Christmas with relatives in the Ma-

Charles Cole, Robt. Shore and Victor Skirving leave to-day for London to present themselves for examination

present themselves for e for South African service. Arch. Patterson was well pleased at his sentence of three years. He expected seven although he still protests his innocence.

The funeral of the late Chas. Sullivan took place this afternoon and was quite largely attended. The A. O. F. and A. O. U. W. attended in a body. The pall-bearers were the four bro-thers of the deceased-Alfred, Arthur, Fred and Timothy.

Mrs. Latimer, daughter of Mrs. Symington, and a former resident of this city, was brought all the way from Butte City, Montana, to the Public General Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Latimer was so ill that she had to be brought all the way in the baggage car. She is very poorly.



KING STREET EAST.

Candy for Christmas — our rich and pure coulectionery is alv aye so excellent that you will make a big mistake if you do not come you. A one lb, b-x Creams for 20c. } [b. boxes 10c. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages, especially adapt d for holiday trade. Come in and ase them.

W. S. RICHARDS KENTBAKERY

### ALL IS NOW OVER.

Unclassified general work

Grand total, \$23,060.

The above does not include cost

naterial for repairs.

Aid. Martin explained that he pro-

sented this more as a statement than as a report. It was accordingly re-

PROPERTY REPORT.

Ald. Cowan reported on behalf of the property committee as follows:—
Your committee to whom was referred the disposal of the unused desks recently used by the city council, recommend sales for three desks and three chairs at \$7 each, desk and chairs.—

COMMUNICATIONS.

asking reduction on cost of macadam by reason of same having been con-structed in unreasonable weather and an extravagant manner. Referred to

From City Engineer Shackleton sub-

mitting annual report. Received.
From Emily Cumming protesting

against raising of assessment on house from \$400 to \$600. Reduced to \$400.

From C E Milvain asking rebate of amount paid for cemetery lot. Ref. to

parks and cemetery.
From Alfred W Palmer asking transference of cemetery let. Granted.

ACCOUNTS REFERRED.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Police station

City treasurer

los Westmore

Waterworks dept Diamond Glass Co. Canada Electric Co

Bell Telephone Co

City clerk postage

Bell Telephone Co

McKeough & Trotter Jas Cornhill J & J Oldershaw O B Hulin

Burrows Bros
Herb Murphy
Nagle & Hughes
Geo Plumridge
McKeough & Trotter
J H Blackburn
Chatham Bill Poeting Co

FOR S. S. TRUSTEES.

The supporters of St. Joseph's Sep

arate school met to-day and nominated

the following candidates for trustees

for the term 1900-1901, ex-Ald. D. J.

J. T. O'Keeffe, by J. Taff and Wm

Healey. Matthew J. Doyle, by J. Gordon and

Ward No. 2.

Joseph Kenney, by Wm. Healey and H. LaJoie.

Ward No. 3. William O'Brien, by Wm. Healey and

Jos. Kenney. James A. Gordon, by H. LaJoie and

Ward No. 4.

H. LaJoie, by Wm. Kenney and Jos.

Kenney. Wm. H. Curran, by Jacob Blonde and

John Stevens, by Ed. Reardon and

John Welsh, by Jas. Marshall and

Jos. Kenney. Jas. Dillon, by Wm. Healey and Jos.

ceedings were then adjourned until Wednesday Jan. 3rd, when the election

Ward No. 5.

Peter Blonde, by Jas. Marshall and

O'Keeffe acting as returning officer. Ward No. 1.

McKeough & Trotter

Fire dept laundry

Waterworks dept

Wm Rannie

W R Baxter

Park Bros

J A Morton

Burrows Bros

O B Hulin

R C Burt

Pay sheets

H. LaJoie.

Jos. Kenney.

Jos. Kenney.

John Welsh.

will be beld

3,468

Sawyer-Massey Co

From ratepayers on Wellington St.

The Council for 1899 Closes up Business.

Vote of the People on Improving the Leading Thoroughfares Recommended-The Usual Courtesies.

The city council of Chatham for the year 1899, A. D., is now an organization in history. Last evening, the members wound up the business of the year, generously extended to each other the customary cordial closing

ourtesies and adjourned sine die. The business of the evening was largely routine in nature: A number of communications were dealt with and accounts passed upon, the reports of the various civic committees were submitted and approved, while the by-law dealing with the restriction of canines running at large was discuss-ed at some length and finally left

Ing council.

The meeting wound up in a most pleasing manner. Congratulatory and complimentary motions were passed to his worship Mayor Smith, the chairmen of the civic committees, the city clerk, Sergeant at Arms Holmes, and the reporters of the local newspa-

FINANCE REPORT. Ald. Scane reported on behalf of the Finance committee:

That the assessment of Mrs. E. Northwood, block E, lots 1 and 2, be reduced \$150, that being amount of

We recommend placing to the credit of the Library Board \$200, but as this will overdraw the appropriation, the amount overdrawn will be charged to next year's appropriation. Adopted. BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Martin reported on behalf of the Board of Works: That the account of J. J. Couzens for laying asbestine stone walk on Barthe St., and west side of Head St., \$399.68, be paid. There is a discrep-ancy of about seventy square feet between Mr. Couzen's bill and engineer's report. Committee recommends payment on amount of engineers re-

Recommend payment of balance due
W. H. Carswell on granolithic walk
contract, amounting to \$589.01; also
Wm. Chrysler, sprinkling, \$20.
In the matter of communication of

board of health about water in the cellar of J. C. Wanless, your committee instructed the engineer to investigate the situation as to levels, etc., and he reports a fall to Mud Creek drain, a distance of about 500 feet, of 5 feet, this being the nearest outlet to which this drain would have to be constructed and as there iare no funds available for that purpose, re-

In compliance with your worship's order your committee interviewed the city solicitor to get his advice as to the council's jurisdiction in expending public money on the permanent im-provement of some of our leading thor-oughfares and he advises that under the present system of frontage the council have no power to go further than general repairs. To raise money permanent improvements there would have to be a by-law setting forth amount required to be raised and how expended, submit this by-law to a gen-eral vote of the ratepayers and issue debentures in the event of it being approved. This your committee would advise being done to permanently improve at least three street, viz., Park street, St. Clair street, and the wester-

ly end of King street, to the city limits in each case. Your committee beg to further re-port that the following improvements have been made, this year under the frontage system :

Granolithic walks Sewers

Roads, Macadam

GENERAL EXPENSES. Walks, and sewer repairs
Sweeping and cleaning King St
Carting, scraping and grading Cleaning street crossings and cutting weeds Repairing King street

CUT SALE at KENNY'S

Calanders, Cards, Toys and Dolls

What we don't want to carry over we will place at 25 per cent

Now is the chance to secure things at your own figure.

W. J. KENNY,

Dress Well!

It is poor economy to go around in ill-fitting, ready made clothing when you can have a suit made to order for the same

A tailor makes it his duty to remedy your bad points, while the ready-made suit is cut from one model and must serve all A tailor has the advantage as to style, because ready made

clothes are made up at the beginning of the season and thus

## Boers Massing to Oppose Methuen--Winston Churchill's Escape.

London, Dec. 27.-The war office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Dec. 26:

There is no change in the situation. Methuen reports that the enemy's force has increased and is engaged in entrenching three and a half miles from his outlying pickets.

Methuen reconnoitered with two squadrons of mounted infantry for two miles along the line, and drew, the fire of four guns and two Fickers machine guns. Four horses were hit.

The Queen's Christmas message was received with enthusiasm. Gatacre is endeavoring to reopen communication with the Indwe collieries.

CHURCHILL'S BOLD ESCARE.

London, Dec. 27. - Lieut. Winston ( Churchill, who escaped from Pretoria. describes that affair in an interview.

"On the afternoon of Dec. 12 the Transvaal secretary of war informed me that there was little chance of my me that there was little chance or my releave. I therefore resolved to escape, and that same night I left the state schools prison in Pretoria by climbing the wall when the sentries' backs were turned momentarily. I walked through the streets of the town without disguise, meeting many burghers, but was not challenged in the crowd.

AN INTERESTED VULTURE. "I got through the pickets of the town guards and struck the Delagoa Bay railroad. I walked along it, evading the watchers at the bridges and culverts, and waited for a train beyond the first station. The 11.10 goods train from Pretoria had arrived before I reached the place and was moving at full speed. I boarded it with great difficulty and hid under coal sacks. I jumped from the train before dawn

and was sheltered during the day in a small wood, in company with a huge vulture, who displayed a lively-interest in me. I walked on at dusk. There were no more trains that night. The danger of meeting the guards of the line continued, but I was obliged to follow it, as I had no compass or maps. I had to make wide detours to avoid bridges, stations and huts, and so my progress was very slow. Ohoeolate is not a satisfying food. The outlook was gloomy, but I persevered, with God's help. For five days my food supply was very precarious. I was lying up by daylight and walking by night.

by night.
"Meanwhile my escape had been dis covered and my description telegraph-ed everywhere. All trains were search-ed and everyone was on the watch for me. Four times the wrong people were arrested. The sixth day I managed to board a train beyond Middleburg, from whence there was direct service to De-

lagoa."
Mr. Churchill reached Lorenzo Mar-quez Dec. 22, and left for Durban by the steamer Induna.

#### WAR NOTES.

Ladysmith heliographs that it can hold out indefinitely. The Boers at Modder River say Gen

Oronje sjamboks (whips) them into fighting. There is much dissatisfac-The shells which wrecked the Tu

gela bridge on Dec. 19, probably struck a Boer mine, as the damage done exceeded that which could have been inflicted by a single shell. The Times makes a warm attack on the war office, which it accuses of glaring errors. It says the war is being managed in the interests of the war office instead of in that of the

The Bank of Montreal has subscrit \$10,000 to the soldiers fund and the directors personally \$7,500 more.

The report that a detachment Canadians has been cut off is probably untrue. Col. Otter cabled "all well" two days after the affair is supposed to

MARRIED IN MICHIGAN

The Holland (Mich.) Daily Sentinel:-The marriage of Dr. George Baker, of Holland, Mich., and Miss Hattie A. Shaw, was solemaized at the home of the latter, 386 Fountaine St., Grand Rapids, Rev. Mr. Beckwith, an Epis-copal clergyman, performed the cere-

monly.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only the immediate friends being present. Dr. Fred. Bets, with whom Dr. Baker is associated in the practice of medicine, was the only witness from this city present. At 10.40 this morning Dr. and Mrs. Baker left for Detroit, and from there they will go to Chatham, where Mrs. Baker's parents. troit, and from there they will go to Chathain, where Mrs. Baker's parents reside. They will make a tour of various Canadian cities, stopping at Windsor and London, and will return here January 3. They will reside temporarily at 16 W. Sixth street.

Mrs. Baker is a professional nurse and has been employed in the U. B. A beceived at Grand Banids. She is Jas. Dillon, by Wm. Healey and Jos. Kenney.
Eugene Thibodeau, by John Welsh and M. J. Doyle.
In ward 1 Mat. Doyle withdrew in favor of J. T. O'Keefe, and in ward 4, Homer Lajoie and William Curran withdrew in favor of John Stevens so that J. T. O'Keefe and John Stevens were declared elected by acclamation.
Ex-Ald. Jas. Dillon also withdrew from the contest in ward 5. The proceedings were then adjourned until

A. hospital at Grand Rapids. She is very popular, and has a large circle of friends.

of friends.

Dr. Baker has been a resident of Holland for five years. He came here from Hopkins, where he was a very successful practitioner, and during his residence here, assisted by Dr. Betts, has built up a large practice. He controls a very extensive practice among the cottagers at Macatawa Park during the summer, and has always been ramarkably successful in ways been remarkably successful in The congratulations of the doctor's many friends in Holland are extended to him.

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Fountain Pens.
Ink Stands.
Collar and Cuff Boxes,
Neckwear and Handkere
Frocket Diaries for 1900. Walking Sticks. Travelling Companions. Bill Wallets, Pocket Books, etc.

For Boys and Girls

Winter Evening Games.
Picture Books, Month Organs,
Fancy Pen Hoiders,
Books of Adventure, Scrap Books.

For Everybody

Books, Bibles, Hymn Books, Prayer Books, Albums, Mtationery, Christmas Cards, Calendars. Pictures, etc.



Lost 1—On Sunday, a glove between Fifth St. Bridge and the Wagon Works. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the Planet office.

The Tantallon Castle with artillery corpe, seige and lyddite ordnance has arrived at ('ape Town. These guns are equal in range to those of the Boers. Roberts and Ketchiner have sai

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All through our store stand out items of interest to buyers, interesting because of their reasonable price and good quality.

## Here are some prices for the winding up days of the year:

A Bonanza in Men's Ulsters

Heavy all-wool friezes in fawn, black, gray and claret, regular values at \$6.50 and \$7.00, put in at

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Great \$7.50 Suit Sale-a hum

Over 100 Suits to choose from, made from all-wool tweeds, worsted and novelty rough goods, sold all season at \$9, \$10 and \$12, clearing at

\$7.50

Men's Dress **Overcoats** \$13 00 worth for \$10 00

Men's special all-wool Beaver Dress Coat in black and blue cloths, imported by ourselves, made equal to any oustom made garment, all French faced and silk piped edges, perfect fitters, all sizes 34 to 44, our great special at

\$10.00

Boys' special 2 pc. Suits-\$2.50

Make from solid wearing Tweeds, double breasted style, dark colorings, values at \$3.50, all sizes for ages 7 to

**Boys' Pants** 

200 pairs Boys Tweed Pants, heavy, for ages 5 to 16 years, very special 50 cts.

Men's Pants

See our specials at 983, \$1 25, \$1.50 \$1.75

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Men's Underwear—a big tet of Men's heavy O.K. rib Shirts and Drawers, in gray and flesh, good value at 60c and 75c, to be cleared at

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Men's leather faced Mitts, 25c and 50c

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