

GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING

REALLY KICKING.

Sam. Holmes Says he First Only Intended a Mild Protest

But a Banner Editorial has Induced him to turn it into an Able-bodied Twenty-four Karat Fine Kick.

"Oh, I say there!" It was again Sam. Holmes' stentorian voice that hailed The Planet. "Well, you were good enough to give Mr. Alexander McDougall the little hint from me yesterday. That was just a kind of gentle dig in the ribs, you know, only a reminder. Now, to-day I've got a kick coming, one of those dynamic, broncho affairs that our friend George Gordon Martin gets eloquent over.

"What you didn't see that Banner editorial yesterday advocating an election of the present council by acclamation? Oh, well, after all, I shouldn't be surprised at that, I suppose it's really too much like work to wade through them every day. But someone who had strayed across it drew my attention that way way last night. I find we've got another 'I'm running this ere town' creation prancing around in our midst with the corporation appointments. I'll fustily stowed away in his arse, and I suppose he'll be on hand to see that he gets his nomination. He also said he'd give them \$5 per vote for every vote either one of them got over 25 in the whole town. I sent word back that he was better on his offer and make 20 votes. Just watch me nominate or second, as the case may be, the big two to-morrow. Think I won't, eh? That this is a bluff? Well, you be there and see, that's all."

The closing weeks of this month are always marked by a crush of Christmas trading. We therefore invite you to call and select at once. We are ready with a large and varied array of choice Staples and Fancy articles suitable for Holiday buying. Those who have a keen appreciation for GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THE LEAST MONEY will find our large stock new and desirable and at prices the lowest for qualities the best. The wise ones will do their Christmas shopping here.

Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

Ladies' Handkerchiefs	Men's Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen..... 16c	Men's all Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished..... 15c	Men's Plain Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 25, to 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c and..... 25c	Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to..... 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs, 25c to..... 68c	Men's Fancy, Colored border Japanese Hdkfs, 19c to..... 38c
Ladies' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c to..... 25c	Men's large Silk Mulls, all colors and styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50 and..... \$2.25
Ladies' Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, 25c to..... \$1.35	A large and complete assortment of Ladies' and Gents' fancy Plaids, Checks, Paisians, Folkie Dot and Oxford, Silk Mulls.
Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 16c to..... 25c	MEN'S HOLIDAY NECKWEAR
Ladies' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 5c	Men's English Neckwear, Silk and Satin, beautiful Stripes, Checks and Figures, all colors.
Children's White and Fancy Handkerchiefs 1c to..... 5c	Men's Imperial Four-in-hands, Puffs, Bows, Flowing Ends, Graduated Derbys in various colors, from 50c to..... 30c
HOLIDAY APRONS	HOLIDAY SPECIALS IN
Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, and..... 50c	Men's and Boys' Suspenders
Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 60c to..... 72c	Men's Silk Embroidered Suspenders, fancy goods in boxes, \$1.50 to..... 50c
Children's White Mother Hubbard Aprons, 42c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c	Great variety of Braces for Young and old, from 25c to..... 10c
Children's Fine Gingham Dresses with yoke, embroidery trimmed, 50c to..... \$1.35	Children's and Babies' Mitts, Booties, Bibs, Infant's etc.
Children's Percale Dresses, with yoke embroidery trimmed, 80c and..... 90c	
Something new in Lace Dresser Covers just received.	

DRESS GOODS

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Box than a Black Crepon Skirt Pattern, our Blistered Crepon at \$1 a yard are a wonder to our customers.

Special prices for two weeks in Fancy Dress Patterns.

Ladies' Dress Skirts, in variety, all colors and materials, \$5 to..... \$2

Plaid Bias Skirts, heavy..... \$1.50

Ladies' Tailor made Suits, in variety, from \$7 to..... \$10

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, from \$1 to..... \$10

FINE FURS

Finest Holiday Presents—Caprices of every description, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$35.00.

Persian Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Seal combination, Seal and Astrachan combination. Electric Seal and Thibet combination, Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc.

Fur Caps, Gaunlets, Muffs, Boas, Heads, Tails, Pelts, etc.

Fur Caps, Astrachan, \$19, \$17, \$12, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$1.50, \$1, \$0.75, \$0.50, \$0.25, \$0.10, \$0.05, \$0.02, \$0.01.

Fur Coats and Jackets, from \$30 to \$222

Electric Seal Jackets, dainty..... \$35

Christmas Silks and Satins

Handsome English Silks, bargains—50c for 25c, 75c for 50c, \$1 for 75c per yard, in plaids, stripes and brocades.

Japanese Silks, 27 in. wide, helio, pink, blue, red, etc..... 50c

Satins, all shades, for fancy work or linings, etc..... 50c

Special Peau-de-se..... \$1.00

New Tinsel Chiffon for dress fronts.

Beautiful Silk Waists—For gifts, nothing pleases your mother, sister, wife or daughter like one of these beautiful, we sell them in all colors and black..... \$3.50 to \$5.00

Superb Eider Down—Comforters, \$5, \$10 and..... \$15.00

WHITE CROCHET QUILTS

And Marcella Coverlets

79c, \$1, \$1.20, \$1.30, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2, \$2.50 up to..... \$5.00

Gorgeous Lounge Rugs—Unsurpassed in coloring and design, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2

Ladies' Night Robes—In white long cloth, Lonsdale Cream, pink and fancy Flannelette, lace and embroidery trimmed or plain, from 50c up

Men's Night Wear—In white twill cotton broad and fine..... 75c

Flannelette Night Shirts..... 50c up

Natural Wool Night Robes.

HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

Two tons Cream Table Damask, 60 in. wide..... 25c

Cream Satin Table Damask, all widths and qualities, 30c, 34c, 40c, 50c, 60c, to..... 75c yd

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 60c and..... 50c yd

White Satin Table Damask, with Napkins to match, from 50c to..... \$1.50 yd

Pearl white Irish Linen Table Cloth, superb goods, \$2, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, up to..... \$13.50 each

Table Napkins—Great bargains at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25, up to..... \$5.00 dozen

Towels—Fine Damask, size 44 x 20, knotted fringe..... 25c

Holiday Kid Gloves

Ladies' 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good colors, tan and black..... 50c

Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black..... 75c

Ladies' 2 dome fasteners, colors or blood navy, green, plum, tan and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted..... \$1

Fownes pearl fastened Kid Gloves, tan or drab, warranted..... \$1.25

Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Ch. truse Gabriella and Hypatia..... \$2

Ladies' finest Mocha Kid Glove..... \$2

Ladies' Fancy Gaiters and Ladies' Shoe Supporters, etc.



Holiday Kid Gloves

Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, 50c, 75c and..... \$1

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling at..... \$1.50

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest popular shades, \$1 and..... 75c

Men's Celebrated Kangaroo..... \$1.50

Men's heavy Wool Mitts, kuli, leather faced in variety, 25c and..... 50c

Special Xmas Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, etc.

Gents' Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, etc., in pearl or gold variety.

Instead of Calanders we have secured several hundreds of Souvenir Song Books, containing 72 of the gems of song of the century, with the Music for Piano or Organ; and we hope as they ring in harmony through your homes they will contribute to your happiness.

The Standard Patterns For Dolls Clothing on hand

WILLIAM GORDON

Make your Children's Clothing from Standard Patterns

For Christmas Dinner

Clear Soups, 25c and 40c a can.
Tomato Soup, 35c a can.
Canned Vegetables, 3c a can for 25c.
French Peas, 20c a can.
French Mushrooms, 20c a can.
Sweet Pickles, 35c a quart.
Bottled Pickles, 20c and 25c.
Imported Olives, 50c and 50c a bottle.
Table Raisins, 50c and 50c a pound.
Table Figs, 25c a pound.
Greenish Walnuts, 20c a pound.
Fine Mixed Nuts, 15c a pound.
McLaren's Cheese, 25c a jar.
Old Canadian Cheese, 16c a pound.
Roquefort Cheese
Spanish Grapes, 20c a pound.
Preserved Ginger, 40c a pound.
Mocha and Java Coffee, 40c a pound.
"American Blend" Coffee, 35c a pound.
Salted Almonds.
Salted Peanuts.

H. Malcolmson

Bring

Your Crock or Fall and let us fill it with Pure Bitter Serravallo's Tonic, come to us and you will be sure of getting a genuine article at the

Chatham Pork Store

P. CHAPLIN, Opera House Block Phone 230.

SAUGEEN

MAGNETIC MINERAL WATER—Southampton.

Is highly recommended by Prof. Fyfe, Dominion Analyst, Toronto, for persons suffering from either rheumatic taints of constitution, or habits of overeating. It is a most palatable table water, and is absolutely pure. Recommended by leading physicians. A trial will convince you that it has merit of a high order. For sale by Central Drug Store and F. A. Robert.

The public should bear in mind that they can get neckwear and men's furnishings at Stone the Hatter's for about half the price that they would pay elsewhere.

THAMESVILLE.

Dec.—The remains of the late Minnie Hinde were brought here yesterday from St. Thomas. A short service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Sherwood in St. Stephen's church and the interment was made in the Mayhew cemetery. The father, Rev. Wm. Hinde, the brother, Edward Hinde, of Toronto, and the sister, Miss Hinde, accompanied the remains.

Miss Fowles, of Erin, is the guest of her brother, R. H. Fowles.

J. R. Hamby has an elegant display of silverware on exhibition just now.

A number from town attended the school concert at Howard last night and report a very enjoyable entertainment.

Miss Lydia Kathleen Duffus recited to night in Hansall and in Hamilton on the 20th inst.

LADY LOVES BEAUTY.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment stops Skin Blemishes—Leaves it Lily-White and Healthy.

Skin diseases of every nature from the merest pimple on the flesh to the most distressing eczema, salt rheum and tetter, are quickly, pleasantly and permanently cured by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. In diseases where outward applications make a cure Dr. Agnew's Ointment never fails. One application gives instant relief.

Sold by J. W. McLaren.

TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Receipts only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Strictly new laid will bring 20c; fresh gathered, 17c; No. 2 at 15c, and No. 1 at 16c.

Butter—Market firm. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand is good. Local quotations for the trade—Dairy, tubs, poor to medium 12 to 15c; strictly choice 15 1/2 to 16 1/2; large rolls 17c; small dairy, 18c; about 18 to 20c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c; pounds, 22 to 23c.

Potatoes—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keeps prices down. Car lots are sold on track here at 35c, to 40c, per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 50c per bag. Out of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c per bag.

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c, per lb for 5, 10, or 20-lb tins, and in comb at around \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Choice stock in demand. No. 1 timothy will bring \$9.50; No. 2 sells at \$8.50 to \$9.

Straw—Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, on track.

Hops—Quiet. Dealers here quote choice Canada 99's at 14 to 16c. Out of store holders are asking from 16 1/2 to 17c.

Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 25 to 40c; geese at 35 to 40c; ducks at 40 to 60c per pair; and turkeys at 8 to 10c per lb.

Children's slippers, nice looking, and good to wear, for 25c a pair, all sizes, at Cowan's.

Wood for sale—Blonde Bros. & Co. have for sale a large quantity of hard and soft wood.

NO NEWS FROM BELMONT.

London, Dec. 20, 6 p.m.—There is no news whatever of the Canadians at the war office.

Over and above Great Britain's regular standing army, the present program includes calling half a million soldiers to colors.

BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Jas. J. Thompson, of Chatham, is registered at the Powell House.

Jas. Gardiner, the enterprising baker, is indisposed with a severe cold.

Principal Hamilton, of the Public school, is suffering from severe indisposition.

Mr. Arnold, of Toronto, father of Mrs. J. G. Gibb, of this town, is visiting his daughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rudd, of Dresden, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Upper, in town.

Dr. S. G. Storey was yesterday called to Cedar Springs, where Mrs. Peter Crumb had been taken seriously ill.

Mrs. R. M. Thompson leaves for the north on Saturday to spend Christmas at her old home in Norway, Ont.

Mrs. Gill, of Con. 15, Raleigh township, died yesterday and will be interred in Evergreen Cemetery, Blenheim.

The annual election of officers in the A. O. U. W. was held last evening at a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting.

The annual Raglan Sunday school entertainment was held last evening at the Grand Opera House. A number from both Blenheim and Chatham attended.

To-morrow night the annual entertainment of the English church Sunday school will be held in the Opera House. An excellent program has been provided.

Last evening Rev. Mr. Higley, rector of the English church here, united in marriage Henry Arnold and Miss Eva Biaggini. The residence of the bride's parents, near Mull.

The Christmas trade in Blenheim is an exceptionally bright and brisk one, and all the merchants are making magnificent displays of the choicest holiday goods.

Chas. M. Brandt, of Chatham, representing the S. Hadley Co., was in town yesterday superintending the work of flooring and mantling Dr. Langford's handsome residence.

On municipal election day the Blenheim council will submit a by-law to the electors, when they will decide upon the appointment or non-appointment of a night watchman for the town.

At one o'clock to-morrow afternoon, after the civic nominations, instead of the evening, as previously intended, the candidates and other citizens interested will speak upon municipal matters in the Opera House, which will be utilized for this purpose.

Special floral decorations are being put up in all the local churches for the Christmas services, and music of a special and appropriate character will be rendered by the various choirs. In Trinity English church the Christmas services will be held on Monday morning.

Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and provision merchant, yesterday gave The Planet the following local market quotations:—Beans, \$1.18 to \$1.20; wheat, 60c; dressed hogs, \$4.90 to \$5. Mr. Haggart reports that deliveries are exceptionally light.

A. B. Vester, W. D. Samson, W. E. Hall and W. Lane, from this town, attended the live pigeon shoot held by Hotelkeeper Buzzard, of Cedar Springs, yesterday. Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather the marksmanship was exceedingly good and it is a matter for congratulation that the Blenheim representatives carried off a considerable share of the prize money.

During Christmas Week

Our Tremendous Stock of Clothing will be sold at quick selling prices. Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, Pea Jackets, Leather Coats, Odd Vests, Odd Pants, Etc.

Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers.

DRESDEN.

Dec. 21.—A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Thomas Wells, 1st con. Gore of Camden, when his daughter Cora was married to George Tackaberry, of Camden. Among the many presents received by the bride was an oak extension table and other handsome pieces of furniture, the gift of her uncles, S. Sager and Jos. Wells, of Dresden.

Thomas Lair, who has been suffering from blood poisoning for several weeks is somewhat better.

G. A. Miller, principal of the P. S. leaves for Toronto to-morrow.

One of the best Christmas S. S. entertainments, which has taken place in Dresden for some time, was held in the Grand Opera House last evening. The cantata "Jack and the Beanstalk" was much enjoyed by all present. Too much praise cannot be given to the patriotic sentiments which were shown in the tableaux, recitations and songs. Much of the success of the evening was due to the untiring efforts of Robert Rudd, Mrs. J. W. and the Misses Ethel and Clemmie Sharpe acted as accompanists.

No one has ever seen such bargains as are being offered at Stone the Hatter's bankrupt sale. Think of the store making your Christmas purchases. Stone the Hatter, Garner House Block.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

What the conversation wanted in wit was made up in laughter. Finery is unbecoming to us who want the means of decency.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes

This Fall we have the best lines of Two Dollar and Two and a Half Shoes we have ever shown in Ladies wear.

Our \$2.50 is an AMERICAN made Shoe by one of the BOSTON MAKERS. Newest shape—Fine Vici kid—Laced—Kid Tip—O, the different widths—F exhibe robes—IT'S A BEAUTY and you'll be surprised when you see the quality and style for \$2.50.

Ladies' King Quality either Button or Lace in any size for..... \$2.75

Geo. W. Cowan.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes

LOCAL BRIEFS

Order your Xmas wines from F. A. Robert.

Don't forget the Xmas tree at Victoria Avenue Methodist S. S. to night. Music, drills, etc. Only 10c.

On Christmas afternoon "What Happened to Jones" will be produced at the Grand while at night the attraction will be "Why Smith left Home." Both plays are by the same author and govt.

During the holiday trade F. A. Robert will sell you the choicest wines at rock bottom prices.

Out sale—VonGuten Bros.—To-morrow—Friday—Ebony goods—The finest quality—Sterling mounted—Not the goods sold by some dealers for solid ebony—But the genuine heavy Ebony.

Call on F. A. Robert for choice wines and whisky blanc.

Ald. Cowan positively announces that he will not be a candidate for office this election. His business demands all his attention and he intends to retire from office.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Boyce, Lacroix St., will take place to-morrow at 2 p.m.

Don't forget John Griffith at the Grand to-night in The Three Musketeers. It may be some time before Chathamites will again have an opportunity of seeing a player of such unbounded ability.

A GOOD SHOWING.

The following is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Chatham Waterworks:

Assets:	
Waterworks plant	\$114,939.91
Extensions and improvements	31,339.72
Materials and House Services	5,713.43
Material and tools	1,520.26
Unpaid accounts, water	763.73
Unpaid accounts, sundries	1,914.44
City of Chatham, sundries	5,327.73
Total	\$193,361.85
Liabilities:	
Purchase debentures unpaid	131,021.29
Improvements, debentures unpaid	28,330.25
Bal. due City of Chatham	1,914.44
Bal. due Bank of Montreal	1,914.44
Unpaid accounts, sundries	684.82
Total	\$176,925.34

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Wheat	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Barley	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Corn	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Oats	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Port	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Lead	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Gold	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
Rails	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
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Mr. Tarte denies that he intends to resign as a protest against the winning of the second counting. He agrees, he says, with his colleagues as long as the new contingent is in order the same conditions as the old.

The London Stock Exchange has announced that it will distribute \$500 among its employees as a reward to those who stood by the company during the strike.