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And we have marked them about 25 per cent. lower than any such goods have ever been sold in Chatham. In some cases the values are almost half reg. The lot consists of :-

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The goods are all perfect-all hand-drawn and hand-made, and on sale at great reduction on

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The Christmas Bargain Sale At Westman Bros. A GREAT SUCCESS.

LARGE NUMBERS SHOW APPRECIATION

ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

Look at Some of the Reductions.

\$1.00 Carvers	\$0.80	S1 00 Nickle Tennote	0.00
1.20	1.00	1.00 Coffee Pots	0.80
1.50 "	1.20	0.75 Granite Teanote	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives	400	1.00 Leather Mits	0.80
3.00 " "	2.40	0.75 " "	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives	1.40		0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets	1.6
0.50 Nut Cracks			1.40
Safety Razors	0.80		1.00
dient trazors	1.50	10.00 Robes	8.00
	3.50	650 "	5.00

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Plum Pudding Webb's Chocolates

MOUNTEER'S, KENT *********

BRANDON IS WITHOUT FUEL

Situation Is Serious With Thermometer 25 Below Zero

THE WOOD IS EXHAUSTED

Brandon, Man., Dec. 18.—The public schools were forced to close yesterday owing to lack of fuel.

Hotels may also have to close unless there is quick relief. The situation is most serious, with the thermometer 25 degrees below zero.

No fuel of any kind has reached the city for any of the dealers, and their offices are crowded with those looking for fuel in any shape to keep their families from freezing. Dozens of families have been forced to vacate their homes and go and live with their neighbors and friends. The supply of slabs, of which the Hanbury Manufacturing Co. had several thousand cords, has now been exhausted, the last cord being sent out yesterday. Many of the large blocks and stores have been heated with this fuel for the last two weeks, and now this supply has disappeared, it looks as if these stores will have to close.

The Canadian Northern agent states their lines are now open.

Intense Suffering Imminent.

The asylum, hospital, Indian School, jai; Brandon College and other public buildings are becoming dangerously near being without fuel, and it will require large delivertes during the next few days to prevent intense suffering on a large scale.

Other points in Manifobs and the west report much suffering since the cold snap started. Railroads are doing all they can to relieve the situation, but his storms have made it impossible to get cars through.

Dr. McInnis, M.P.P., telephoned Hoa. Robert Rogers yesterday urging him to force the railroads to run fuel trains to Brandon and other, western towns, or else have the Government run the trains itself.

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AN IMPOSING SCENE THE LORDS

Great Gathering Shows Loyalty on the Departure of Archbishop of Paris From the Episcopal Palace.

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Paris, Dec. 18.—Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, yesterday voluntarily vacated the Episcopal Palace and temporarily accepted hospitality of Denis Cochin, the Conservative deputy, at the latter's residence.

The departure of the primate was the occasion for an imposing Catholic manifestation on the part of the majority of the bishops and priests of Paris, many members of the nobility and about 8,000 men, women and children. The gathering blocked the street in front of the Episcopal Palace, and those present sang the creda and other canticles.

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The crowd knelt and chanted as the cardinal seated himself in the vehicle and the venerable prelate, who was much moved, then stood up and bless-

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A number of young Catholics therenpon approached the carriage, detached the horses and with difficulty dragged it through the dense masses of people lining the streets. On all sides were heard cries of "Long live Plus X." and "Long live the cardinals."

Detachments of mounted Republican Guards preceded and followed the procession in order to prevent any possible disorder, but all was quiet.

Interviews with ecclesiastics as well as the tone of the clerical press, indicate a fairly favorable reception of the Gevernment's bill amending the segregation law of 1905, and the prevalence of the belief that it will prove acceptable to the church, as it places the clergy under a real regime of the common law.

Official Mebbed.

Dunkirk, France, Dec. 18.—A local official who attempted to enter a church here yestenday during mass, to note any infraction of the law, was driven out and beaten and kicked by enraged Catholics.

SCOTCH MARRIAGE

Glasgow, Dec. 17.-Scotch womer are now marrying after in life than formerly, according to official statistics covering a period of fifty years. In 1904 the average age of brides in Scotland was slightly ever twenty-six, and that of bridesprooms more than twenty-six.

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Scotland always shows a preponderance of unmarried women of marriageable age—fifteen to forty-five—the eligible spinsters and widows representing 58 per cent.

Cariously enough, while the marriage rate in Scotland is lower than that of the United Kingdom as a whole, the birth-rate remains birther than that in any other part of the British Isles.

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AND COMMONS

Join On The Educational Bill In Conciliatory Mood

CONFLICT NOT DESIRED

Londer, Dec 18.—When the education bill, amended by the House of Lords, sent back to the House committee and returned to the Upper Louse by the Commons, reached the Lords yesterday, the Earl of Crewe, Lord President of the Council, announced that the Government was not prepared to sacrifice the main principles of the bill, but that, with certain modifications, the most imprinciples of the bill, but that, with certain modifications, the most im-portant points might be agreed upon in order to enable the bill to become

a law.

Lord Crewe added that concessions of a most substantial character would be made. In view of this announcement, the House of Lords consented to an adjournment of the debate in order to enable the leaders to reach agreement.

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Crisis Takes a New Turn.

The crisis arising from the edcation bill has taken a new turn as a result of yesterday's proceedings in the House of Lords, and it is becoming clear that an historic conflict between the two Houses is not likely to occur over the question of education. Both Houses are equally desirous of avoiding a conflict, and immediately after Lord Crewe announced in the House of Lords the important concessions the Government was prepared to make, it was foreseen that in all probability the bill would be saved. Immediately after a debate, a round table conference was held, embracing the leaders of both sides, including Lord Crewe, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Privy Seal; Lord Lansdowne, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Archbishop of Canterbury and others. The result of these deliberations is not known, but the general epinion is that a compromise will be arranged.

LIQUOR CAMPAIGN

The liquor interests have started a strong campaign for the repeat of local option in the Township of Raicigh. The temperance people have also commenced to put up a big fight to frustrate the ambitions of their opponents. Both parties are already holding mass meetings to address the electorate.

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This evening a meeting in the interests of temperance will be held in the brick school house on the Middle Road. W. H. Westman, of this city, will be one of the speakers who will address this meeting.

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tries should be shipped at once to insure delivery before Christmas day, Brisco Bros., United States Expless Company's Agents for Chatham, have special parcel pick-up wagons and will call for any goods going express. Phone. 29.

Mrs. B. Roy Jones, of Chatham, acompanied by her son Morton, is isting her sister, Mrs. Arch. Mccaren. Suffelk streat and other results and excitement created by playing for money or valuable prizes deadens natural, wholesome interest in the case. latives and friends during the Christmas, holidays.—Guelph Herald.

Gifts from for the Home

A New Dinner Set \$8, \$10, \$12.50, \$13. French China Tea Set \$14, \$18, \$20.

Beautiful China Fruit Sets \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5.

Set of Carvers, nothing more useful, in satin cases \$3, \$5, \$8, \$10.

Everyone of the family will be pleased with something from China Hall.

A lot of new China just arrived, Haviland and German Goods in great variety.

A FORGERY CHARGE

Frederick Ryckman of London Sen-tenced By Police Magistrate to Three Years In Penitentiary.

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New York, Dec. 18.—Bishop Chas.
C. McCabe, of the M. E. Church, is
dying at the New York Hospital.
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The damage to
the roof of the conservatory at Rideau
Hall will not exceed \$1,000. Only 16
feet of the roof gave way.

London, Dec. 18.—The police magistrate yesterday sentenced Frederick
Ryckman, convicted of forgery, to
three years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

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London, Dec. 18.—A divorce decree has been granted in the Scottish courts against James Elliot, late of Lindean, Galashiels, who went to Canada several years ago.

Woodstock, Dec. 18.—Margaret J. Blevins, daughter of the late John Blevins, at one time city clerk of Toronto, died Sunday as the result of an acute attack of pneumonia.

Hamilton, Dec. 18.—The Government has presented bills totalling up to \$6,875.69 for the services of the soldiers who were called out in connection with the street car riot.

Port Colborne, Dec. 18.—The Welland Canal was officially closed yesterday. The steamer Stratheona, detained a day or two on account of leak, passed down yesterday morning. Guelph, Dec. 18.—Yesterday afternoon an old man named George Kelsey, aged 82 years, who has lived alone in the city for about 50 years, was found dead in his house. Kelsey leaves considerable property.

London, Eng., Dec. 18.—Hamar Greenwood, M.P., left for Jamaics, West Indies, on Saturday and expects to be away till Feb. 1, 1907. He has found that his strenuous adherence to politics and law necessitates a brief respite.

Sandwich, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Florence

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Sandwich, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Florence Goulding, Whitehead, 21 years old, said to be prominent in social circles in Washington, D.C., disappeared from the home of Mrs. Frederick Cook, on Saturday afternoon, and is still missing.

CHANCE IN LIFE

Rev. G. H. Cobbledick, of Wood stock, formerly of the Park street Methodist church here, preached last Sunday evening on Gambling. The

"Gambling is a cross between stealing and speculation, one of which is wrong and the other may be right. Speculation is a looking forward, gambling is a guessing forward. In gambling the element of chance is the filusion that blinds many as to its wrong. The loser in taking his chance takes nothing. The excitement due to the uncertainty as to who has the certainty, and the crazy hope of getting semething for nothing are the fascinations in gambling. Regarding such forms of society gambling as poker and bridge whist, played for valuable prizes, Mr. Cobbledick quoted Bishop Brent as endorsed by the New York Outlook, in saying that but for the mobey risked on it poker would drop out of existence, and that bridge whist played for money or valuable prizes was no better than the cock pit or the roulette tables of Monte Carlo. The effect on children who witnessed the scheming and struggling for the sake of carrying home the prize must be to incline them to gambling. The

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Who find it inconvenient to buy their Christmas presents and toys during the day our store will be open every night this week till 9 o'clock. Our large assortment of Toys and Christmas Presents is still perfect, and we have every thing you can think of in our line of goods. Come to the store with the stock.

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