

DENTAL.

A. H. BICKS, D. S.—Honor graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and holder of Oral Surgery Philadelphia, Pa. also honor graduate of Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. Office over Turner's drug store, 26 Rutherford Block.

LODGES.

WELLINGTON Lodge. No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p.m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

ALEX. GREGORY, Sec.
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MEDICAL.

DR. OVENS
OF LONDON.
Surgeon, Oculist and Specialist: Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.
Will be at Chatham on SATURDAY, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26. Glasses properly fitted. Office at Radley's drug store.

L. E. CURL,
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,
SPECIALIST IN CHRONIC DISEASES.
Examination Free. Office, Sixth street opposite Fire Hall. Hours—8 to 10 a.m., 1 to 5 p.m., 7 to 8 p.m.

LEGAL.

J. B. RANKIN, K. C.—Barrister, Notary Public, etc., Victoria Block, Chatham.

J. F. SMITH—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Office, King Street, west of the Market. Money to loan on Mortgages.

J. B. O'FLYNN—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Conveyancer, Notary Public. Office, King Street, opposite Mr. Chas. Bank, Chatham, Ont.

SMITH & GOSNELL—Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Harrison Hall, Chatham. Herbert D. Smith, County Crown Attorney, R. L. Gosnell.

WILSON, PIKE & GUNNY—Barristers, Solicitors of the Supreme Court, Notaries Public, etc. Money to loan on Mortgages, at lowest rates. Office, Fifth Street, opposite Wilson, K. C. W. E. Gundy, J. M. Pike.

WILSON, STONE & SOANE—Barristers, Solicitors, Conveyancers, Notaries Public, etc. Private funds to loan at lowest current rates. Office, upstairs in Eldrick Block, opposite B. Macdonald's store, M. Houston, Fred. Stone, W. W. Soane.

MONEY TO LOAN

ON LAND MORTGAGES at lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale. I also sell buggies and carriages. Call and see me and get my price, and you will save money by doing so. Henry Dagueau, Chatham.

MONEY TO LEND

ON LAND MORTGAGE OR ON MORTGAGE. To pay off mortgages. To buy property. Pay when desired. Very lowest rate.
J. W. WHITE,
Barrister
Opp. Grand Opera House, Chatham.

Money to Loan

—ON MORTGAGES—
4-1-2 and 5 per cent.
Liberal Terms and privileges to Borrowers. Apply to
LEWIS & RICHARDS

Trust and Private Funds to Loan

farm and city property. Terms to suit borrowers. Apply or write to
THOMAS SOULLARD
Office lately occupied by Edwin Bell, Victoria Block.

Money to Loan on Mortgages at 4 1/2 and 5 per Cent.

FOR SALE—FARM AND CITY PROPERTY.

Brick house, two stories, 7 rooms, lot 40 feet front by 208 feet deep, \$1100.00.
Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 ft., good stable, \$1100.00.
House and lot, 9 rooms, \$1050.00.
House and lot, 6 rooms, \$400.00.
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 50 acres. All cleared. Good house and barn, \$3100.00.
Farm in Township of Harwich, 200 acres. Large house, barn and out-buildings, \$12,000.00.
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 40 acres. Good house, new stable and barn, \$2250.00.
Ten acres in suburbs of Chatham, \$1500.00.
Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms, with seven acres of land. Good stable, \$6000.00.
Apply to
W. M. SMITH,
Barrister.

SANTA CLAUS HEADQUARTERS

Where Kriss Kringle Purchased his Supplies and Entertaining Features of Maple City Business Places

TILTS.
There is not a more popular man in town than Joe Tilt. No one should miss seeing his excellent array of pictures and frames, which were purchased especially for the Christmas trade and make excellent Christmas gifts.

COOPER'S.
Robert Cooper, stationer, is a man who has conducted a business in Chatham probably longer than any other. His stock of stationery, books, pictures, cards, etc., is very complete, and no buyer who is looking for a tasty gift should overlook Mr. Cooper.

RADLEY'S.
A fine store, a good stock and excellent business. This is a good description of Radley's Drug Store. Mr. Radley is one of Chatham's oldest druggists, and he is also one of the most popular. His reputation as a druggist improves with age. Perfumes which are always popular as Christmas gifts, are found in abundance here, and his stock is well worthy of the inspection of every Christmas shopper.

A. A. JORDAN.
The sign of the Big Clock is a phrase which is known all over the country. Every person knows that it there that Mr. Jordan's jewelry store is situated. At present his store is one mass of beauty with its display of silver and plate ware, rings and jewelry gramophones, clocks, burst work, etc. Anyone wishing to purchase a piece of jewelry for a Christmas present can make no mistake by calling on Mr. Jordan.

W. J. KENNY.
There are a few of Chatham's merchants who are especially up-to-date and enterprising, and W. J. Kenny is one of them, although he is one of the youngest. Mr. Kenny's store, present is crowded with people from morning till night and those who buy there have an excellent assortment of goods to pick from. Mr. Kenny handles everything in the line of stationery, books, Christmas cards, leather goods, wait paper, games, etc. He has some natty Christmas goods to display to Christmas shoppers, and he would be pleased to have a call from everyone.

MEYNELL'S.
For almost three years Geo. Meynell has been conducting a general furish business in the Maple City, and each year finds him more popular with the people. He has an excellent stock of gentlemen's goods in overcoats, suits, neckwear, fancy braces, mufflers, odd trousers, underwear, gloves, hats, etc., etc., everything for gentlemen. He is offering some special lines as Christmas presents and they are being eagerly picked up. Mr. Meynell is one of our most up-to-date merchants and no one will make a mistake by purchasing at this store.

W. W. TURNER.
Chatham is well supplied in drugs, but there is no place where she is better supplied than at Turner's, Red Cross Drug Store. Mr. Turner is a cooperatively young merchant, as he is now entering on his third year in business, but he has a good business standing in the community, which is shown by his good business. Christmas has also been prepared for here and Mr. Turner has at present very choice lines in Christmas gifts, such as brushes of all descriptions, perfumes, American and foreign odors toilet cases, novelties and fancy pipes in cases. All of these are perfectly suitable for Christmas gifts, and they can be purchased reasonably from Mr. Turner.

W. M. SOMERVILLE.
Fifteen years of successful business has placed Wm. Somerville among the foremost of Chatham merchants. He handles collections of all kinds and the fact that he has been in business for so long proves that he is doing well and most wholesome. Plum pudding are now the chief features of his store, and they are guaranteed to taste as well as they look, which is saying a great deal. Candies of all kinds find a very popular place here. Mr. Somerville is more than pleased with his year's business. It is the largest year he has had in the last ten years. Why go to the trouble of cooking your own Christmas cake when you can buy one just as good at Somerville's.

C. H. GUNN & CO.
One of the most up-to-date stores in the city is that of the central drug store. This store has been overhauled and remodelled recently, and now it is up-to-date in every particular. The interior fittings are very elaborate indeed, in fact it is doubtful if another store in Western Ontario is quite so elaborate in interior fittings. They are advancing the usual drug lines and ebonny goods and choice candies. They have also a very beautiful old glass display which is much admired. Their splendid large windows are both suitably arranged, one with perfumes and the other with fancy goods. No one should fail to call at this popular store.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES.
This firm is noted for its gloves. There is no more popular as a Christmas present than the Berling glove. Messrs. Thibodeau & Jacques have never had a more successful year than they have had this year. Their dress goods trade has been en-

Baby Costs Too Much

When the price paid is the mother's health and happiness. The father doesn't realize as he romps with the child what years of wifely suffering must be set against the baby's laughter. Chronic invalidism is a high price to pay for the painful joy of maternity, yet it is at such a cost that many a woman becomes a mother. Such a price is too much because it is more than nature asks.

By the use of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription maternity is made practically a painless, and a quick convalescence is assured in almost every case. "I am pleased to give my testimony with I could find words strong enough to induce every woman to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription contains no alcohol and is entirely free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics. The dealer who offers a substitute for "Favorite Prescription" does so to gain the little more profit paid on the sale of less meritorious medicines. His profit is your loss; therefore, accept no substitute.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate the bowels. enormous and in lines they rank up with the best. Christmas gifts are a specialty at present, and they are selling very rapidly. They have a special line of washable gloves, which is one of the chief features, while ladies' and gents' umbrellas, handkerchiefs and small wares are selling fast. Their store is very tastefully decorated just now and presents a very inviting appearance.

JOHN MCCONNELL.
John McConnell, the Park St. Grocer, has always made a display of fine groceries, and his present stock is no exception to the rule. He always has in stock the best and the most reliable. You can always rely on getting good value for your money at Mr. McConnell's store. He is selling his stock of crockery at a sacrifice, and those desiring more than value in dinner sets or dishes should call upon Mr. McConnell. The room occupied by the crockery is needed and it must go. There is going to be a clean-up, and all who desire anything in dishes should take advantage of the opportunity.

WESTMAN BROS.
Westman Bros., popular hardware merchants, have made a special arrangement for the Christmas trade in one of the finest assortments of English cutlery, consisting of carving sets, pearl sets, table knives, cutlery and silver spoons, and a very fine assortment of silverware, including silver-plated hollow ware, including tea sets, dinner sets, and big dishes. The firm is very pleased to say that the purchasing public have appreciated their efforts and have purchased quite liberally. The fact that Westman Bros. buy their special cutlery goods direct from the manufacturer and at very lowest cash prices, enables them to sell at a much closer price than could otherwise be done. A special sale is being made here on skates and sleds, and the firm has had to re-order several times. Late purchasers are invited to inspect Westman Bros. stock.

DEMONS OF INDIGESTION.

Dyspepsia and Other Stomach Disorders
The Cause of Endless Misery.
Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets—nature's wonderful remedy—speedily relieve and permanently cure Wind on the Stomach, Sour Stomach, Belching up of Food, Gases, Nausea, Vomiting, Loss of Appetite, Nervousness and all symptoms of Dyspepsia and Indigestion. Relief at once—cure positively. Geo. Sunderland, a prominent business man of Welland, Ont., says: "After suffering for over three years with a most distressing case of Dyspepsia, and trying innumerable remedies without obtaining any relief, my druggist persuaded me to try a box of Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets. I was soon entirely restored to health. I am certain they will cure the disease in any stage whatever."

Torturing Aches and Pains. Rheumatism is caused by an acid poison in the blood, and until it is eliminated and the blood purified, the body will continue to be racked by aches and pains. The South American Rheumatic Cure neutralizes the acid. Cures Rheumatism in one to three days to stay cured. No. 39
Sold by Messrs. Gunn and McLaren, Druggists, Chatham.

MEN AND WOMEN.

Use Big G for muscular discharges, inflammation, irritation or soreness of the urinary tract. It is a powerful and effective remedy for all these conditions. Sold by Druggists. Write to J. H. Gunn, 100 St. George Street, Montreal, P. Q., for circular and full particulars.

Colombians Will Fight

Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 18.—Patriotic meetings are being held here every evening at which contingents of men and sums of money are offered to the Government. Even the women demand to be enlisted for the purpose of going to Panama. The Government only wishes to see the Government, and if that news is to the effect that nothing can be accomplished by diplomatic means, then the authorities will continue to send troops toward the Isthmus. The Government and people hope that the United States Congress will avoid a conflict.

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C. AUSTIN & CO.

One of the best decorated stores this season is that of C. Austin & Co. Signs of an artist are displayed in every nook and corner of the large store. The ground floor, from the entrance back is gracefully draped with garlands of evergreens and ribbon streamers, and the walls are bedecked with holly, tapers, and rope portieres. Their store is one mass of people during the present holiday season, and the sales are something enormous. Each department in this big establishment is beautifully decorated, and each is carrying on a business in itself. Fancy goods are the chief goods for Christmas shoppers and the exhibit displayed is varied enough to satisfy the most exacting.

This store is possibly the largest in Western Ontario. Anything you want is almost sure to be found at Austin's, from fur and furs, to fur and furs, dry goods, fancy goods, carpets, etc., to millinery.

The store is made especially inviting by a very pretty window, made up tastefully in red and green.

R. MALCOLMSON.

The H. Malcolmson Store is always bright and attractive, but just now it is even more so. Whether it is the management, the obliging clerks or the tasty display of goods, it is hard to say, but there always seems to be something charming about the interior of this store. In it you can find all the finest and high grade groceries, fresh, canned, cooked and prepared. Nothing that can be desired on the table is wanting.

One feature of this store that resembles the recent foreign policy of the United States is the candy department, so ably presided over by Miss LeRoy. The expansion of this depot of sweets is wonderful, but no more wonderful than the expansion of this department is stocked. Lowney's chocolates, Webb's chocolates, Crawford's butter-cream or any other dainties with a national reputation can here be secured.

The latest in novelties shown this year is a regular menagerie, including bears, lions, cats and donkeys. These are hollow and are filled with atom drops, and have proved very popular with the Christmas shopper. You can always rely on finding the Malcolmson Store in the lead.

J. L. CAMPBELL.

The Boston Shoe Store, J. L. Campbell, is noted for handling nothing but reliable and high grade footwear. This store has the sole right of sale for Chatham of Queen Quality, the famous shoe for style, fit and wear, together with the sole right of sale of the noted J. D. King Co. Ladies' Fine Shoes, of Toronto; also Krohn, Fehlehaber & Co. of Cincinnati. Carry on with the firm has no doubts of suiting the eye and fitting the feet of the ladies of this city and vicinity.

In men's high grade footwear this firm has the sole agency of Walker & Co. of New York, N. Y., and the patent colt kid shoes, warranted not to crack, together with the sole right of sale of the well known Sovereign show for men, noted for good wear. The firm also leads in the handling of the famous "Crown" and "Crown" shoes, of which they do an extensive business on the small profit basis.

Mr. Campbell says the foundation and success of his business is laid to buying and selling for cash, straight, honest dealing, and one price for all. Mr. Campbell wishes all a Merry Christmas.

CANADA'S AMBITIONS.

Glasgow Herald's Tribute to Our Nationality.

London, Dec. 23.—The Glasgow Herald says that Canadians are talking of annexing Newfoundland and Greenland in order to become big enough for the field of treaty-making powers. The main object is the magnifying of Canada as a nation. The argument that the United States does not cover barren Greenland is weak when one remembers that the state of Alaska, Denmark, however, is no more likely to sell Greenland to Canada than she was to sell the West Indies to the Americans, but the probability of Newfoundland being sold to the United States is a fact which bears testimony to the self-consciousness of the widely-scattered and not always congenial members of the Canadian federation.

The Morning Post's Copenhagen correspondent writes: "The report that Canada is anxious to obtain Greenland is not seriously taken here. The Danish Government would not give a willing ear if the proposal was made. Sir Edward Clarke, speaking at the Carleton Conservative Club at Manchester yesterday, said the tariff commission had nothing to do with the relation of the colonies to the motherland. At present Britain has no preference to give them. The questions upon which Britain had spent much money in different parts of the eastern world were insignificant compared to maintaining the splendid Canadian loyalty. Britain should be keen upon helping Canada to secure Newfoundland and Greenland. He hoped that colonial questions would be dealt with without waiting for the decision upon fiscal reform, and that we would not be niggardly in dealing with colonial wishes."

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Read the Initials

And be guided thereby.

By aiding to eliminate Useless and poisonous matter, Just as nature does, Utterly from the blood,

The users of this regulator Have a sovereign remedy Even in cases of severe Kidney derangement Involving the entire system. Do not despair, Nor trifle with substitutes. Effect a cure—not a temporary relief—and stay cured.

Put up in boxes, 50 pills, 50c In drug stores everywhere. Linger not—danger awaits. Let not foolish delay be yours.

The Claplin Chemical Co. LIMITED
NEW YORK, N. Y., AND WINDSOR, ONT.

UNION LABEL FUNERAL.

Strange Scene Witnessed in the City of Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Members of the Livery Drivers' Union met and voted to consider an arbitration plan to settle their strike. While arbitration was being considered news was received of the first "union label funeral" since the strike began. The funeral was arranged by Undertaker G. M. Marks, the body of the deceased being removed in a "dead" wagon bearing a placard proclaiming the vehicle to be owned by an undertaker paying the union scale. It was also the first funeral in which a procession of carriages was supplied to carry the mourners. There were six carriages labelled like the improved hearse.

The body of Mrs. Catherine Masterson, the mother of Rev. John Masterson, was borne through the streets on a hand truck while undertakers and laymen and their drivers argued as to whether they ought to submit the matter to arbitration. The coffin was carried to the Church of the Holy Family on the truck while six pallbearers walked bare-headed beside it.

SEALS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR.

Attempt to be Made to Propagate Fur-bearing Seals.

Marquette, Mich., Dec. 23.—Preliminary steps for the formation of the "Lake Superior Seal Propagation Society" have been taken at Ashland, the object being to stock Lake Superior with fur-bearing seals. The principals of the organization are Seben Malloff, a Russian, with thirty years' experience as a sea seal, Lieut.-Governor Fife of Wisconsin and J. S. Robbins of Rhineland. It is estimated that ten male and forty female seals in the lake will increase to 1,000 in twenty years. The Apostle Islands, together with Isle Royale and the rocky shores of Lake Superior, would, it is believed, be ideal breeding places.

BUILDINGS SINKING.

Salt Plant of Sandwich Erected on Soft Ground.

Windsor, Dec. 23.—The \$100,000 plant of the Saginaw Salt and Lumber Co. of Sandwich is said to be gradually sinking into the marsh ground upon which it is erected. Sandwich officials say that the buildings have sunk six inches already.

FOR INSURANCE MONEY.

Mrs. Rogers Coolly Murdered Her Husband.

Bennington, Vt., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Mary A. Rogers was found guilty of murdering her husband. While sentence against Mrs. Rogers is expected before the court adjourns, it will not be carried out before 1905, as the law provides that a session of the Legislature, which has the pardoning power, must intervene between sentence of death and execution. If the death penalty is carried out, it will be the first execution in the State in more than a dozen years. Mrs. Rogers was alleged to have killed her husband by giving him chloroform. She met Rogers, with whom she had not been living, on pretence of effecting a reconciliation, and, assisted by Leon Perham and Stella Bates, while embracing Rogers, gave him chloroform. The body was then thrown into the river. Love for another man, and a desire to get her husband's life insurance and begin housekeeping, was the alleged motive.

MAY EAT MEAT FRIDAY.

Dispensation Granted to Catholics New Year's Day.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Archbishop Bruchesi, in a circular letter to the clergy of his diocese, officially announces that by virtue of a dispensation of His Holiness Pope Pius X. all Catholics are permitted to eat meat on Friday, New Year's Day.

A Chicago Tragedy.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—While walking along a crowded street to-day Albert Altenhofen, a saloonkeeper, suddenly shot and killed Marie Rasch, his common law wife, and then quickly killed himself. Jealousy is the supposed cause.

Parisian Steam Laundry Co.

Young wife was almost distracted for he would not stay a night at home so she had his LAUNDRY done by us, and now he ceases any more to roam.

Parisian Steam Laundry Co. TELEPHONE 20.

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CONSUMPTION OF SPIRITS.

Quantity Used in Canada on the Increase—Less Beer.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The consumption of spirits in Canada is on the increase, while the use of malt liquors is falling off. That is the unmistakable evidence derived from comparison of the inland revenue returns for the fiscal year ending June 30th last with those for the same period of the year previous. In 1902 there were 27,623,767 gallons of malt liquor manufactured. For the last fiscal year the quantity manufactured was 25,755,154 gallons, or a falling off of 1,868,613 gallons. In the fiscal year 1901-02 the quantity of spirits entered for consumption was 2,031,182 gallons of the value of \$5,613,395. During the last fiscal year 3,207,748 gallons of the value of \$6,158,275 were entered for consumption, being an increase of 274,566 gallons in quantity and \$44,980 in value. A larger consumption of spirits than of malt liquors is not a healthful indication. To put the figures in another way: In 1902 the per capita consumption was as follows:—Spirits, 796 gallons; tobacco, 2,404 pounds. In 1903 the per capita consumption was: Spirits, 870 gallons; beer, 4,712 gallons; wine, 996 gallons; tobacco, 2,548 pounds. In 1902 the revenue per head was: Spirits, \$1.653; beer, \$0.214; wine, \$0.283; tobacco, 0.915. Last year the per capita revenue receipts were:—Spirits, \$1.812; beer, \$0.205; wine, \$0.351; tobacco, \$0.992. The number of cigars taken for consumption in the last fiscal year was 151,780,516, as against 141,096,889 for the year previous. There were 22,677,302 pounds of tobacco taken for consumption, compared with 21,543,301 in the preceding year.

HE WANTED BUFFALOES.

Canny Scot, New to Canada, Gets Arrested for Vagrancy.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Detective Mackie picked up William Stewart on the street yesterday and took him to police headquarters on a charge of vagrancy. Stewart said he had arrived from Scotland the previous day, and it was his first visit to Canada. He had a revolver in his pocket and looked surprised when the officer told him he was liable to get into trouble for carrying it. "Well, mon, isn't it the praper thing to carry a pistol in the country?" asked the Scot.

"Not much, it isn't," said Mackie. "I suppose ye couldna tell me where I could shoot a brace o' buffaloes before breakfast?" inquired Stewart after a pause.

Stewart was allowed to go by Col. O'Donovan, but the police kept the revolver.

NEW CHURCH AT M'GREGOR.

Building Costing \$25,000 Dedicated by the Bishop.

McGregor, Dec. 23.—The dedication of the new Roman Catholic church, which has been under construction here for the past six months, took place to-day. A large gathering of people being present. Mass was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by about 200 priests and monks from the surrounding parishes. The building in many respects ranks equal to those of the cities, but of stone, with a seating capacity of 600 people, at a cost of about \$25,000.

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