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LEAVE YOUR ORDER EARLY.

W. S. Richards

THE PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Jan. 31, 10 a. m.—South-
westerly and westerly winds, partly
fair and cold; snow flurries. Friday,
westerly winds and continued cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Boys' 50c. Caps for 25c., at The 2 T's.
Elmo Marshall has returned from De-
troit.

E. M. Coyne, tailor, is still confined to
the house with a gripple.

Miss Ida Rikley, of Taylor avenue, is
visiting Mrs. Will. Graham, of Oungah.

Frank Tschirhart, King street, has
returned from attending the funeral of Geo.
Eberle in Ridgeway.

The mail to-day was so heavy that it re-
quired two wagons to bring it up from the
S. T. R. station.

The butchers of the city have all agreed
to close their shops from Friday evening to
Monday morning.

Friday, choice of the \$1 to \$2 Oxford
Mufflers for 75c.

Friday, Silk Oxford Mufflers \$2.00,
\$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1 quality for
75c. each, at The 2 T's.

E. A. Mounter, butcher, will keep his
place of business open until 11 o'clock to-
morrow night and will close during Satur-
day.

J. C. Patterson, of the Bank of Com-
merce staff here, has received notice to re-
port at Belleville. He will leave immedi-
ately for that place.

The Daughters of Rebekah will give their
At Home in the Odd-fellows' hall this
evening. Amusements of all kinds
will be enjoyed by all. Two prizes will be
given for the winners in progressive pedro
and a prize to the most successful loser will
also be given. It need not be said that all
who are present will enjoy themselves.

All Oddfellows, their wives and
friends will be welcomed at the At
Home given by the Daughters of Re-
bekah in Oddfellows' Auditorium to-
night.

Every member of Court Hope, No.
924, A. O. E., is requested to meet
at the Lodge Room, over the Standard
Bank, on Saturday afternoon at 1.30,
to attend the Memorial Service in the
Opera House.

Members of all the city choirs and
directors are requested to meet at
Park St. Methodist School Room Fri-
day evening at 8 o'clock, to rehearse
for memorial service in Opera House
on Saturday.

The death took place yesterday of
Laura Smith, wife of Mr. Smith, Wel-
lington street. The funeral will take
place to-morrow afternoon to Maple
Leaf Cemetery.

NO DRUM WILL BEAT.

The 24th Regimental Band will not
parade on the occasion of the mem-
orial services on Saturday. Conductor
Harry C. Philp is in receipt of the
government militia order through
Lieut.-Col. Rankin, issued Jan. 22, on
the death of the Queen, to the effect
that "No bands will play or drums
beat until further orders," and de-
clares to act in accordance with the
spirit of them. The British war of-
fice has issued orders that bands tak-
ing part in the obsequies in old Lon-
don will then play, but are restricted
to the funeral marches of Chopin and
Beethoven only.

Too Many

Chamois Vests

We have more Chamois Vests and Chest Protectors, than we
want. The season is getting late and we want to sell them off.

To-morrow, Friday

We offer any Chamois Vest or Chest Protector at HALF PRICE,
One Day Only

A. I. McCall & Co.,

DRUGGISTS.
Phon 178. Night Sell.

RE RADIAL
RAILROAD.

P. D. McKellar Criticises the Re-
cent Action of the City
Council on This Matter.

Citizens Who Have Interested
Themselves in the Pro-
ject Should be Commend-
ed and Encouraged.

Chatham, Jan. 31, 1901.

To The Planet:
Dear Sir,—For some years the citi-
zens and press of Chatham have been
agitating for a radial electric railway
and sometimes it was announced
that capitalists were on the run for
Chatham to commence the immediate
construction of the road. Up to the
present they have failed to connect,
and even if they had arrived nothing
could have been done without a charter.

In all enterprises of this kind
known to me the first step has been
to procure a charter from the legis-
lature authorizing the undertaking,
then a survey of the line, showing
the estimated cost of the road, then
the collection of the statistics as to
the traffic upon which the road must
depend for running expenses, main-
tenance, interest on bonds and divid-
ends on stock. Having secured all
this you are then in a position to
make advances to "the man behind the
money bags" and undertake the dif-
ficult task of convincing him that you
are representing a profitable invest-
ment for his idle capital. If fortu-
nately you succeed in your mission, the
way on is smooth. "The capitalist
takes over the charter, forms his com-
pany, and proceeds to build the road,
and the promoter, having performed
his part retires into the background.
Knowing this to be the proper busi-
ness method of initiating the enter-
prise, securing a radial road for Chatham
a number of leading and influential
citizens held a meeting and decided
to become promoters of the scheme
and to pave the way for the intro-
duction of capital by procuring a charter
or by reviving the old Geo. C. Rankin
charter. It being agreed upon by
all parties to be made out of it by any
of the promoters, but in the event of
a capitalist being found willing to
construct the road, then the charter
should be transferred to him free from
all claims except the actual cash out-
lay for charter fee, advertising, sur-
veys, etc.

Any one would naturally suppose
that the disinterested action of these
gentlemen moving in the matter, not
from any selfish motive and without
the slightest hope of personal gain,
but inspired only with the desire to
confer an important benefit upon the
City of Chatham and County of Kent
would meet not only with the com-
mendation of the length of interest
of all our citizens, and in fact I believe
it has done so with the one exception
of the Civic Council, who hasten to
spike the movement, and for the
purpose of making a profit out of its
sale? If the citizens are more pub-
lic spirited, more unselfish and dis-
interested than the men who have as-
sociated themselves for the purpose
of making a supreme effort to secure
a radial road for Chatham, why did
they not move in the matter and take
the necessary steps for securing a
charter and doing all things necessary
to attract the interest of capitalists
in the scheme? If the citizens con-
sider themselves more honest, capable
and unselfish than the charter pro-
moters, there is still time for them
to come in and join the undertaking
and be in a position to keep a watch-
ful eye upon J. B. Rankin, et al, or if
they have any doubt as to the light in
which the citizens view the movement
towards obtaining a charter, a mass
meeting of citizens would probably en-
lighten them. Ald. Cowan thinks
three years too long to allow for the
commencement of the work.

As we are intimately acquainted with
the early history of the E. & H. Road, I
may remind Ald. Cowan that it required
over ten years of incessant negotiation and
active work to bring that enterprise to a
successful issue. Although large bonuses
had been voted in aid of the road, capital
was coy and hard to entice into the
scheme, and notwithstanding the suspicion
and doubt of capitalists, it at once became
one of the most profitable investments of
this continent, paying from the 6 to 15 per
cent on \$10,000 per mile besides pro-
viding for a large part of its equipment.
Viewing a radial road in the light of the
financial results yielded by the E. & H., it
is most reasonable to assume it will prove a
highly remunerative investment for the
capitalist.

But it is also wise to remember that capi-
talists are still built upon much the same
lines as in the days of the E. & H. promo-
tion. But there is hope in the knowledge
that there are more of them and more cap-
ital looking for investment, and if a united
and determined effort is made by the pro-

ponents backed up by a solid support from
citizens and aldermen, we may look forward
to a speedy realization of the radial road
scheme.
P. D. McKELLAR.

AFTERNOON
DESPATCHES

MONARCHS ARRIVING.

Special to The Planet.
London Jan. 31.—The advance guard
of royal guests has already arrived for
the funeral pageant. The Kings of
Portugal and Greece, the Duke of
Sparta, the Crown Prince of Rouman-
ia and the Grand Duke of Baden are
here, and the King of the Belgians,
the Crown Prince of Denmark and
Sweden, Grand Duke Michael of Rus-
sia, the Duke of Aosta and Arch-Duke
Franz Ferdinand are expected within
the next 24 hours. Each royal guest
is entertained by the King.

PARIS PLAYHOUSE BURNS.

Special to The Planet.
Paris, Thursday, Jan. 31.—The The-
atre Robert Houdin is burning. The
minutes of the neighbouring houses are
put at risk owing to the delay in the
arrival of the fire brigade.

HAS DE WET GOT THERE?

Special to The Planet.
Cape Town, Jan. 31.—It is reported
unofficially that Gen. De Wet has en-
tered Cape Colony with a fairly
strong force.

FAST DAY IN CAPE TOWN.

Special to The Planet.
Cape Town, Jan. 31.—Governor Sir
Alfred Milner has proclaimed Satur-
day a solemn fast day. All public
business will be suspended.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S GOVERNOR.
Special to The Planet.
London, Jan. 31.—Sir Cavendish
Boyle, government secretary of Brit-
ish Guiana has been appointed Gov-
ernor of Newfoundland.

PEACE ENVOY SHOT.

(Special despatch to The Planet.)
Cape Town, Jan. 31.—A Boer attack on the
Bokeburgines resulted in damages amount-
ing to \$300,000.

The commissioner at Kromstadt reports
that Andries Wessels, one of the peace en-
voys, was shot at Klipfontein Jan. 28, by
order of Gen. Dewet.

DEATH IN A MINE.

(Special despatch to The Planet.)
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—An explosion
of gas occurred in the Fernwood mine, near
here, this morning, in which it is believed
a number of lives were lost. Two bodies
so badly mutilated that it was impossible
to identify them, have already been taken
from the mine. Ameliasburg and phys-
icians have been sent from here to the scene.
The mine is owned by the Erie Railroad
Co. and nearly all the men employed there
are Italians.

The identity of Andries Wessels can-
not be definitely established. Roberts,
July 4, reported that Methuen had
captured the commander of De Wet's
scouts, two other prisoners and, ac-
cording to the cable, Andries Wessels,
head of the Afrikaner Bond. It is
possible that Andries Wessels and
Andries Wessels are the same.

WILL LIKELY
CLOSE BARS.

Local Hotelmen Generally in
Favor of Unanimous Action
for Saturday,

Meeting Will Probably be Held to-mor-
row Night to Discuss the Proposal.

The local hotel proprietors will
probably meet to-morrow evening to
decide upon what action will be taken
relative to the closing of their bar
rooms and wine parlors on Saturday.
This morning The Planet interviewed
a number of the leading hotel men
and asked their intentions. It was
found, however, that they had not yet
decided upon any definite action.

"I will close with all my heart if
such is to be the concerted action of
the hotels," said Wm. R. Peck, prop-
rietor of the Hotel Rankin, "because
I think it a fitting and appropriate
action. Even should the others not
see fit to close, my blinds will remain
drawn during the day and the rooms
suitably draped."

Frank T. Merrill, proprietor of the
Hotel Merrill, said, "Yes, I would be
pleased to close if all the others will
do likewise. I think the occasion is
such that hotelmen should act with
all other merchants. And when I
close, our bar will remain closed, with
no side or back doors open."

The Garner, C. P. R. and other ho-
tels were also visited, but would make
no statement until such time as a
decision was arrived at.

Chatham's Greatest Store | C. Austin & Co. | Chatham's Cheapest Store

This Store Closed Saturday
Friday Will be Market Day
Railway Will Give Market Rates FridayVERY SPECIAL
VALUES

For the last week of January 1901. A visit to our Staple De-
partment will convince you of the fact that the Merchandise
you buy here, is of the HIGHEST STANDARD QUALITY
and at moderate prices. Here are a few suggestive notes.

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| 4 Patterns, fancy striped, real English
Shirtings, nice colorings and good
heavy quality, per yd..... | border, regular 15c., 17c. and 25c.
values, clearing at per yd..... |
| 12c. | 12c. |
| 9 New Patterns in novelty Dress Ging-
hams, in dark colorings only, extra
fine cloth, good washing colors at
per yd..... | 1 Piece special quality, navy serge for
Boys' school clothes, values, per yd. |
| 8c. | 25c. |
| 1 Piece each, Plain or Twilled Factory
sheeting, nice firm cloth, clear color,
8-4 width, per yd..... | 1 Piece dark gray mix tweed, suitable
for Boys' wear, at per yd..... |
| 15c. | 25c. |
| About 20 pieces fancy American Wrap-
perettes, in beautiful colorings and
nice fine material, per yd..... | 2 Pieces, dark Halifax Tweed, fancy
weave, regular 35c. quality, special
for per yd..... |
| 12c. | 30c. |
| 5 Pieces, English Wrapperettes, in black
and red only, extra heavy, reversible
patterns, wide cloth, per yd..... | New American Indigo wrapper prints,
choice patterns, good washing colors
as everyone knows, at per yd 5c. and |
| 10c. | 10c. |
| 3 Pieces dark striped Oxford, for Shirts
or Arpons, very special, per yd.... | 3 Pieces Scotch shirting, Flannellette,
light fancy stripes, fine quality,
looks just like all wool, special per
yd..... |
| 8c. | 12 1/2c. |
| 5 Pieces Flannellette skirting with fancy | 5 Dozen Huck Towels, hemmed ends,
fancy red border, regular 10c. goods,
special at 3..... |
| | 25c. |

Chatham's Clothing Centre.

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The Busy Store on The Busy Corner
Cheapest in Chatham
BETWEEN SEASON BIDS

It's the season of the year when the task of making invit-
ing bids for your trade is not an easy one, but this store is al-
ways prepared with something to bring out shoppers and stimu-
late trade. We'll just give you a few hints of what's here at
your service at this present time. Let us add that the whole
store calls you, and that in one department or another you'll find
something you want.

Men's Fur Coats at
Reduced Prices to Clear

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| Men's Black Rocky Bear Coats, well made and
quilted lining. Reduced to..... | \$14.50 |
| Men's Black Wallaby Fur Coats, well made and
quilted lining. Reduced to..... | \$15.00 |
| Men's American Dog Fur Coats, well made, nice
dark colors. Reduced to..... | \$15.50 |
| Men's Calf Skin Fur Coats, well made. Reduced
to..... | \$19.50 |

Great Buying Chances
On Men's Overcoats

We still show a good selection at special
clearing prices. Note the following list of
prices, then come and see for yourselves.

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| Men's Beaver Dress Overcoats, sold regularly
at \$6.00, now for..... | \$4.50 |
| Men's Beaver Dress Overcoats, sold regularly
at \$8.00, now for..... | \$6.50 |
| Men's President Cloth Overcoats, sold regular-
ly at \$9.50, now for..... | \$7.50 |
| Men's Grey Cheviot Overcoats, sold regularly
at \$10.00, now for..... | \$7.50 |
| Men's Imported Beaver Overcoats, black and
blue, sold regularly for \$12.00, now for.... | \$10.00 |

Men's Storm Proof Reef-
ers at Ridiculous Prices

It will pay you to invest your money now
if you don't need it till next season

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| Men's Heavy Storm Proof Ulsters, made from
good furs, regular \$5.00 coats, now..... | \$3.95 |
| Men's All Wool Proof Ulsters, made from good
heavy furs, regular \$6.50 coats, now..... | \$5.00 |
| Men's All Wool Proof Ulsters, made from fine
furs, regular \$8.00 and \$9.00 coats, now | \$6.50 |

C. Austin & Co.

Time and Money

Cannot bring you better clothes than we're turning out
every day. Our experience, the high grade of all the
material we use and the personal supervision which we
give to every order, help us to give the customer the
satisfaction that we feel he is entitled to.

Morley & Co.

Leading
Tailors