

The Chatham Daily Planet.

VOL. XII

CHATHAM ONT.. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1903

NO. 301

Where to Buy FURS.....

A Fur lasts a long time. A Good Fur means the spending of quite a few dollars. You want to be sure that the fur you buy is going to give you satisfaction.

In fact you want to feel safe in buying furs and that is just where this store comes in. We have been fur traders in Chatham for over fifty years and we have yet to learn of any complaint to us of our furs not receiving prompt and satisfactory attention. Our assortment of Furs for the Holiday Trade is tremendous. Beas, Stoles, Collarettes, Storm Collars, Ruffs, Capelines, Fur Lined Capes, Jackets, Etc. Good Value and prices not to be beaten.

UMBRELLAS

Special holiday showing of Ladies' and men's umbrellas. Fine coverings, light rollers, elegant new style handles, just the thing for a gift. Extra values at \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

TABLE LINENS

Bleached tabling at \$1.00 a yard, with napkins to match, at \$3.00 a dozen. Our own special quality, guaranteed pure linen, Irish grass bleached, warranted for satisfactory wear and richness of appearance, snow drop pattern, shamrock designs and the new rose stripe effect. Very special at a yard.

MEN'S TIES AND GLOVES

You can't see a suiting a gentleman if you give him a silk tie or a pair of kid gloves. He never has enough of either and can always make good use of them.

Men's new silk ties, just arrived for the holiday trade in dark, medium and light shades, special at each 50c and 25c.

Men's lined and unlined kid gloves in black, browns and grays, extra values at a pair, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

SILK UNDERSKIRTS

Never a lady who did not covet a handsome silk undershirt. Satisfy her longing with one of our selection: black, sky, rose, cardinal, and green at \$5.00, \$6.00, and \$8.00.

KNITTED SHAWLS AND FASCINATORS

An almost indispensable article of dress for any young lady now is a shawl or fascinator. They are here in immense variety of styles and colors, and at prices to meet any idea of expenditure.

Fascinators in cream, sky, pink, and in pretty combinations, at 40c, 50c, up to \$1.00.

Knitted shawls in square shapes and umbrella styles, in cream and opera shades, at 75c, \$1.00 and up to \$3.00.

INFANTS' KNITTED WEAR

Knitted wool jackets for infants, 65c. to \$1.25.

Knitted booties for infants, 12-16, to 25c.

Knitted leggings for children, at 25c, and 35c.

Knitted mittens for infants, 12-16, to 25c.

LACE COLLARS

In round and stole effects, in the new heavy thread effects, very special values at 50c, \$1.00, \$1.35 and \$1.50.

BLANKETS

The finest wool blankets made in Canada are to be found in this store. Made of imported Australian wools, made on special looms—the only machinery of the kind in Canada—soft, lofty finish, with pink or blue borders. They would make a gift to delight the heart of any housekeeper. Very special, at per pair, according to weight and size, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$5.75.

KENT FORESTERS ENTERTAIN DISTINGUISHED FRATERNAL GUEST

Hon. Dr. Oronhyatekha Visits the Maple City and is Entertained by the I. O. F.—A Splendid Banquet in the Auditorium Address of the Supreme Chief Ranger and Others.

One of the most important events of the year took place last night when Hon. Dr. Oronhyatekha, Supreme Chief Ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, paid an official visit to the Maple City and the local Foresters.

Dr. Oronhyatekha, who may be called the founder of the Foresters, is the grand old man of that Order. He is a brilliant speaker, and last evening he delivered a masterly address to the Foresters and public of Chatham and vicinity. The doctor is a very pleasing speaker and the distribution a good amount of ready wit through his address, which adds to their interest. In his speech last evening he gave a history of the Order from its beginning to the present time. He gave out many interesting statistics, which show that the Foresters are in every land where the English language is spoken.

The Independent Order of Foresters, said he, is a fraternal society existing purely for the protection

1892—Accumulated funds pass \$300,000 mark, membership reaches 43,000.
1894—Accumulated funds pass \$1,000,000 mark, membership reaches 70,000.
1896—Accumulated funds over \$2,000,000 mark, membership 102,000.
1898—Order incorporated by special Act of the Parliament of Canada.
1896—Accumulated funds pass \$3,000,000 mark, membership 148,000.
1900—Accumulated funds pass \$4,000,000 mark, membership 180,000.
1901—Accumulated funds pass \$5,000,000 mark, membership 192,000.
1902—Accumulated funds pass \$6,000,000 mark, membership over 200,000.
1903—Accumulated funds pass \$7,000,000 mark, membership 214,000.
C. H. E. Rye, F. R. A. S., A. L. A., gives the following report of the order: "In my investigation of the society's affairs and after exhaustive tests, I have been unable to find one weak spot in the whole fabric." This came from a man who gave the affairs of the order his serious attention and investigated it from the start to the present day.
One remarkable circumstance in connection with the order is that if all of its members were placed in a



HON. DR. ORONHYATEKHA, J.P., S.C.R., I.O.F.

of loved ones and homes of its members. It has had over a quarter of a century of marvelous success in its work. Thus far it has paid to beneficiaries over \$14,000,000, and is now paying out to widows and orphans \$6,500 per day. It has accumulated over \$7,000,000 of surplus funds, all of which is safely invested. This fund is now increasing at the rate of about \$3,000 every day of the year. The total membership of the Order is over 214,000, and the number of Courts exceed 6,000 in all.

The Independent Order of Foresters was founded at Newark, New Jersey, on the 17th June, 1874. In 1881 the Order was re-organized, and changed from a death assessment society to its present plan, and began business under the new system, 1st July, 1881, without a dollar in its treasury. After having paid all benefit claims, and heavy management expenses, incurred chiefly in planting the Order in new territory, there remains the princely surplus shown, over \$7,000,000. To-day the Order extends over the greater portion of the United States, all of Canada, and throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and has been introduced into Norway, Sweden and Australia. The government of the Order is vested in a Supreme Court, and in the High Courts and Subordinate and Companion Courts scattered throughout its jurisdiction, and is not only representative, but thoroughly democratic, and simple in the extreme.

The following table will give some idea as to the advancement the Order has made since its commencement, giving the dates of the different movements taken by the Order and their standing at that time:

1874—The Order founded 17th of June.
1876—Extended into Canada.
1881—Re-organized by the present Supreme Chief Ranger.
1881—Total membership 350, total funds \$3.88.
1881—Incorporated under laws of Ontario.
1886—Accumulated funds reach \$50,000 mark, membership reaches 5,000.
1888—Accumulated funds reach \$100,000 mark, membership reaches 11,000.
1889—Incorporated under laws of the Dominion.
1890—Accumulated funds pass \$300,000 mark, membership reaches 24,000.

sembled in the lodge room in the I. O. F. Temple and then marched to the station to meet the brethren from the south and north. Upon the return to the lodge room the large class of candidates gathered from Chatham and the neighboring Courts was initiated into the secrets of the Order. Before the secret was very common, however, the following address of welcome was tendered the Supreme Chief:

To Oronhyatekha, M. D., J. P., Supreme Chief Ranger, Independent Order of Foresters: Dear Chief—On behalf of the I. O. F. of this city and its vicinity I wish to extend to you a cordial welcome and to assure you of the pleasure your visit affords us on this occasion. We are deeply sensible of the earnest and unflinching interest you have taken in the prosperity of our Order, and we acknowledge the great benefits that have resulted from your wise and tactful management and supervision of your high and responsible office. When we recall the many advantages arising from membership in our Order, both social and material, we cannot avoid the conviction that he who successfully administers its affairs and guides it into ways of prosperity, performs a work of great usefulness and bestows many blessings on those for whom he labors. The great increase in membership, the sound financial basis on which the society rests, and the general esteem in which it is held in this country we believe are in a large measure due to the skillful way its affairs have been conducted during the years of your regime, and we trust you may long be spared in health and vigor to continue the beneficent work you are so admirably qualified to perform.

(Signed) R. A. HARRINGTON, H. C. R.

Oronhyatekha made a very appropriate reply, thanking the assembled brethren for their kindness to him and expressing his extreme pleasure at being able to visit them.

The work of initiation was then proceeded with. The class consisted of 208 candidates, and the secrets of the Order were all administered by the Supreme Chief himself.

After the initiation the doors of the lodge room were thrown open to the public, and the Chief then gave the address of the evening. He spoke for about an hour, and at the end of that time the audience was as attentive as at the beginning of the speech. His made a masterly address. Some of the statistics given are above quoted.

In addition he said that in Manitoba, where he went last year to organize lodges, he met with considerable opposition. Circumstances had been such to the effect that the lodge was extinct in Ontario and he was there to re-organize in Manitoba. He labored faithfully, however, and before he left he organized five lodges with several hundreds of a membership. The Chatham lodge has a membership of 660, the largest lodge in the city, and he was gratified at this.

Lodges are now established in India, Ceylon, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, France, England, Honolulu, the northern part of the United States and Canada. For the last three weeks he has been on a tour to New York, Syracuse and Buffalo, and in five nights 3,000 members have been added to the Order. He thought Chatham had done the best of them all. In Buffalo 817 members were initiated, but Chatham's class, according to the population of the two places, is ten times as great.

After the initiation the members adjourned to the auditorium, where a grand banquet was held, under the direction of Geo. Wands, the energetic and bustling District Supreme Chief Ranger.

The auditorium was too small to accommodate all of the members at once at the banquet, so after all had enjoyed the splendid spread, they adjourned to the lodge room, where the toasts were given.

Those who occupied seats on the platform were Dr. Oronhyatekha, Dr. R. K. Holmes, Matthew Wilson, R. A. Harrington, H. C. R., Rev. Dean Davis, London, H. T., Warden Robinson, Geo. Wands, D. S. C. R., Mayor McCosh, Dr. Mueson, S. Stephenson, Ald. A. B. McCoig, Ald. Mounter and A. C. Woodward.

The first toast was that of the Empire, which was heartily responded to by singing God Save the King. The toast was also spoken up by Toastmaster Dr. R. K. Holmes.

Our Order received attention from R. A. Harrington, H. C. R., and Rev. Dean Davis, of London, H. T.

Both of these gentlemen made excellent addresses, especially Dean Davis, who gave a condensed history of the Order and the benefits to be derived from being a member.

He thought it was the grandest and noblest of human organizations. One of the strong points of the constitution is that the policies of the members cannot be bartered with or sold. They cannot be transferred to anyone outside of the family of the Forester.

Dr. Russell then gave a song: Our City was responded to by Mayor McCosh and Ald. A. B. Mounter. These addresses were very well listened to and were ably given. Each of the speakers paid a very high tribute to Oronhyatekha.

Burnie Weiden, the favorite comic singer, then sang. He was encored several times.

Our Guest was then responded to briefly by Hon. Dr. Oronhyatekha, J. P., S. C. R., after which Dr. McCosh gave a violin solo.

Our Visitors were then responded to by Warden Robinson, and C. L. Woodward, of Hingham.

The Learned Professions was one of the best toasts of the evening. The



SULMAN'S BEEHIVE,
Opp. Garner House.

speakers were M. Wilson, K. C., and A. W. Thornton, L. D. S., D. D. S. They made excellent addresses. Mr. Wilson spoke on the Order and made one of the ablest speeches of the evening, while the doctor spoke in his own inimitable style, which is always enjoyed by popular and intelligent audiences.

Alfred Wrigley then gave a song. The Press received its share of attention and was fittingly responded to by S. Stephenson and A. C. Woodward.

The Ladies were admired and eulogized by Ald. A. B. McCoig and Geo. Wands. Much credit for the magnificent success of last night's proceedings is due Geo. Wands, R. A. Harrington and their able committee—Wm. Simpson, Thos. Stanton, Jr., D. H. Diamond, W. G. Burrows and Alfred Keeley. They have worked well and should be proud of their success.

Wm. Somerville made an excellent host.

MR. WHITE SPOOKS

"Alluding to the problem in yesterday's Planet, concerning the railroad trains," said J. W. White this morning, "I fear this man Tschirhart is endeavoring to mislead the public in the matter."

"When Mr. N. H. Stevens propounded the power it was new to me, but a moment's thought put me on the track, and I replied 'When the train had passed one another the train going east would be nearer Montreal.' But this fellow Tschirhart was in deep water. He puzzled away for a long time and then got paper and pencil. None of us interrupted the poor fellow, and the ladies in the car blushingly whispered that he was working out the age of Ann. The poor fellow lashed his mind into a state bordering on nervous prostration and Mr. Stevens, out of the goodness and sympathy of his soul, finally told the unfortunate the answer."

"Never in my life saw a man quite so taken back as this Tschirhart," added Mr. White, laughing.

The funeral took place yesterday in London of the late Garnet Egcott, aged 19 years, son of T. B. Egcott, a former resident and business man of Chatham. The deceased had been ill for a long time and passed away on Friday last. He was born in the Maple City. The many Chatham friends of the family extend their sympathy.

KENNY'S

Purses and
Wrist Bags

at greatly reduced prices. As our stock is large we must reduce it.

Every kind of fountain pen made from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Book Lovers

A good book is a comforting kind of Christmas present, and a good book, which you can give, keeps the pleasure of gift-giving always in mind. We shall take care of your order—a pleasing way.

Dolls...

Of every kind and quality to suit every taste and purse—China, Kid, Jointed, Unbreakable, Wool, Bisque, in fact everything that the factories produce, ranging in price from 1c. to \$6.50 each. The same remarks apply to all of our stock of

Tops and Fancy Goods

for Christmas. Every line complete in price, quality and quantity.

Come to the store with the BIG ASSORTMENT.

We have just received a shipment of Palms and Holly for decorations. Palms from 30c to \$2.00. Have a look.

CHRISTMAS

—AT THE—
Central Drug Store.

CUT GLASS

See our window display of Cut Glass. It is pronounced exquisite. You cannot get anything more acceptable for a Christmas present.

BURNED WOOD WORK

We have a good assortment of pieces for burning. If you have not tried this fascinating work, get a set and TRY IT. One of these sets would make a very appreciated present.

C. H. GUNN & CO.

Chatham's Millinery Store.

OUR HATS

Are going very fast—we have reduced them so low. A few hats left at 45c, also a few at 75c. See our \$1.98 and \$2.50 Trimmed Hats. They are extra quality.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST., CHATHAM.

Headquarters for

Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$3.00....

Peace & Co.

IMPORTERS.

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

THOS. STONE & SON.



Santa Claus

—IS HERE IN—
THE ARK WINDOW
TAKING ORDERS

Santa Claus Always Comes to "The Ark"

Because he gets there just the things that he wants—not only for the girls and boys, but for the old folks, too. As there are only seven short days to select things in you must send quickly. We have a lot of people in "THE ARK" to help to get orders out promptly. Those who come early, get waited on first.

We have nice DOLLS, TOYS, SKATES, SLEIGHS, PICTURE BOOKS, BUILDING BLOCKS, GUNS, GAMES, STEAM ENGINES, PURSES, JACK KNIVES, ROCKING HORSES, DRUMS, and everything at "THE ARK."

Send in your orders for things you want, he will be sure to attend to you, as he likes boys and girls.

H. MACAULAY,

89 KING ST. CHATHAM

Prompt delivery of goods.

VISITED FACTORY

The special train which carried the Peterboroughites to Wallaceburg for the purpose of seeing the Wallaceburg sugar factory, made the run from Toronto to Chatham in three hours and thirty-five minutes, notwithstanding several delays along the line. The special went right over the Lake Erie tracks to the "Bing," and was the first G. T. R. engine to go over these tracks. The special returned to Toronto last evening, leaving Chatham at 9:20. There were three coaches and 109 people in the

train. The run from Toronto here was a fast one, as the record is three hours and twenty-two minutes.

L. E. & D. R. R., HOLIDAY RATES, 1903-4.

Christmas—At Single Fare, going Dec. 24th and 25th, returning 28th. At fare and one-third going Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, returning Jan. 5th, 1904.

New Year's—Single Fare going Dec. 31st, and Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 4th. Fare and one-third, going Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 5th, 1904.