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Rink Open Friday Afternoon,
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CHATHAM SKATING RINK

DIED.
BELL—In Chatham, on Wednesday, Jan. 23rd, Edwin Douglas Brooke Bell, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bell, aged 12 years and six months.
The funeral will leave the residence of his parents, corner Victoria avenue and Forest street, on Friday at two o'clock for Holy Trinity church, and after a short service will proceed to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.
Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

LOCAL

Mrs. Phelps, Grey St., is seriously ill with la grippe.
Mr. Bowyer, proprietor of the Montreal House, Wallaceburg, was in Pare Dairy Cream, fresh from the farmers every morning. Mounteer's Bakery.

Robert J. Halle of Chicago, formerly of this city, is visiting Warren Lambert for a couple of days.
The funeral of the late Douglas Bell will be held from Holy Trinity church to-morrow at two p. m.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Morrell, Joseph street, has almost entirely recovered from his recent serious illness.

Word has been received in this city that Mrs. Walker, wife of the hotel-keeper at Charing Cross, dropped dead yesterday afternoon. She was walking from one room to the other when she fell to the floor.

At last night's meeting of Court Hope A. O. F., a resolution of condolence was passed to the widow of the late John R. Snell. The lodge charter was draped in memory of their late brother. A representative from this Court was appointed to act in conjunction with other lodge representatives at a joint meeting to be held shortly, suggested changes in the conduct of funerals.

AFTER CANNING FACTORY

Petrolen, Jan. 23.—The Board of Trade met last night and informally discussed with Mr. Moore, of Chatham, the feasibility of establishing a canning factory here.

The majority of those present considered the scheme favorable. A committee, composed of Mayor Grant, Mr. Charles Egan and John Fraser, was appointed to confer with Mr. Moore this morning.

Yesterday was the coldest day this year, and at eight o'clock this morning the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero.

The following men will run for the four vacancies in the council: Messrs. John McRobie, R. S. Williamson, David Hawkins, Robert Stewart, John A. McCort, W. J. Clark, Edward Pollard, James Stewart, M. Kaake. The election will be held next Monday.

WANT PROTECTION

Lewis Wigle, a member of the Essex County Council, gave notice of motion yesterday to memorialize the Dominion Government, asking that the same duty be placed on American raw leaf tobacco coming into Canada as the American Government places on the Canadian raw leaf.

Essex county, especially the southern portion, has become the centre in Ontario for raising tobacco and every year the growers have asked the Government for some modification in the tariff on tobacco in the raw leaf. They claim that the Canadian grower has not an equal chance with the exporters of the American leaf, and have asked for a higher duty on the imported leaf. They also have requested that the label, which marks the Canadian goods, be removed.

Mr. Wigle said that if the duty is raised by the Government it will result in an increase in the price paid for "Canada Green." Windsor Correspondent to Detroit Free Press.

THE PREVENTION OF SMALL POX
Is best accomplished by the use of good disinfectants. Here are several we would suggest:—
Chloride of Lime 12 pounds for 25c.
In ½ lb. and 1 lb. pkgs. 5c and 10c.
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We also have on hand a good supply of Carbolic Acid, Formaldehyde, Etc.
Radley's Drug Store, S. F. PARK & CO., SCANE BLOCK

LEGISLATURE IS OPENED

Many Important Matters Mentioned In Speech From Throne

BILL FOR THE SESSION

Special to The Planet.
Toronto, Jan. 24.—The following is the Speech from the Throne delivered at the opening of the Legislature this afternoon:

It affords me great pleasure to again be with you as representatives of the people in Parliament assembled once more. We realize that our thanks are due Almighty God for the bountiful harvest, the prosperity which has been enjoyed by our farmers for a number of years has been continued for another year, while the steadily increasing enterprise and commercial activity shown by our people afford good ground both for satisfaction and for hope, and are indications of future prosperity.

The sittings of the later provincial conference at Ottawa in October last were attended by the Prime Minister and tempo of his colleagues. The deliberations of the conference will, I have reason to believe, result in an amendment to the British North American Act by which the amount of the annual payment by the Dominion Government to the Province will be increased by about \$800,000. A report of the proceedings of the conference will be laid before you. On the invitation of the Government of Canada certain of my Ministers attended at Ottawa with reference to the proposed extension of the boundaries of Manitoba. The claims of the Province of Ontario to its western land were pressed upon the Dominion Government, my Ministers urging that the boundaries of Manitoba be extended northward to Hudson Bay by producing the eastern boundary of that Province northward until it strikes the Churchill River, and this by following the middle of the channel of the said river and the lake debouches into Hudson Bay, and that for geographical and other reasons the remainder of the territory of Keewatin lying east of the suggested eastern boundary of Manitoba contiguous to Ontario and bounded on the north and east by Hudson Bay and James Bay, be allotted the Province of Ontario. A decision is expected shortly.

Better accommodation has been provided in this city for the increasing number of immigrants, and my Minister intends to make additional efforts to induce the farmers and farm laborers to settle among us.

You will be pleased to know that the loan of three millions of dollars authorized by the Act of last session for the completion of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway was successfully floated at par and without any expense other than that of advertising.

After the close of the last session of the Legislature my Government, in accordance with the precedent, appointed a commission consisting of certain members of the judiciary, the members of the Executive Council, and others for the consolidation of the statutes of the Province, and subsequently a supplementary commission was issued extending the powers of the commission, substantial progress has been made by them, but owing to the great volume of the work and the care and thoroughness with which it is being done the revision cannot be completed earlier than next year, certain of the changes recommended will, however, be submitted to you at as early a date as possible during the present session. Owing to the steady increase of population in Northern Ontario it has become necessary in the interests of the proper administration of justice to create an additional judicial district.

In accordance with the Legislation of last session, the Railway and Municipal Board has been constituted. Although it has been in existence only a few months, the Board has already considered and disposed of many questions coming within its jurisdiction. It has also proven an efficient agency for enforcing the electric railway rates specified by this legislation and for adjusting disputes between labor and capital in respect of street railway operation.

A report of the work of the board since its formation will be laid before you. I am glad to be able to inform you that under the provisions of the Act of last session, very satisfactory progress has been made in the direction of procuring cheap electric power for consumers. Tenders have been called for the extension of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway to a point of junction with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and the receipts for passenger and freight traffic show a large increase over the preceding year.

The great value of the mineral de-

posits in the Cobalt district is becoming more and more evident, and the future is full of promise, both to the investor in mining properties and the people of the Province.

The right of the Province in these deposits have been kept steadily in view by my ministers, and accordingly a measure providing for the taxation of mining properties will be submitted for your consideration. I think it will draw your attention to the fact that there is a tendency to hasty and reckless investment and speculation, and it is to be hoped this will be kept in check by the good sense of our people.

The amendment of 1st session to the Public School Act have given general satisfaction. The experience of the past year with reference to the working of the Act has shown certain amendments to be desirable. A measure embodying these will be laid before you. The education department is now dealing with the present session to make satisfactory arrangements with reference to this very important matter. My ministers have for some time past been considering the question of prison labor, with a view to avoiding all possibility of its being put into competition with free labor. It is a subject of the utmost importance, and cannot be dealt with hastily. Some facts with relation to it will be laid before you.

It will be laid before you relating to the colonization on roads, providing for the taxation of mining properties. Consolidating and amending the Companies' Act, amending the Act creating the Railway and Municipal Board, the Motor Vehicle Act, the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and the Volunteer Grant Act. It affords me great pleasure to inform you that revenues of the Province are largely in excess of the estimates and more than sufficient to meet the provincial expenditures during the year.

The Public Accounts will be laid before you for your consideration at the earliest moment, and the Estimates for the coming year will be also submitted for your approval at an early date.

FREEZE TO DEATH

Galicians Who Leave Snowbound Train, Meet Death on Prairies.

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—News reached the St. Boniface police yesterday that on Saturday night last a party of Galicians were on a C. N. R. train bound for a settlement near Starbuck, Man. The train became snowbound, whereupon the Galicians left the train, thinking they had no more than a mile to reach their homes. Apparently they misjudged the distance, and five men and a woman are believed to have been frozen to death. The body of a Galician woman with a child in her arms, still living, and the body of a man have been found. Search is being made for the missing men.

YOUNG LIFE CUT OFF

The funeral of the late Douglas Bell, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bell, Victoria Ave., will take place to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock to Holy Trinity Church, and thence to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. This is one of the saddest deaths which has occurred in Chatham for some time. Douglas was 12 years of age and was one of the brightest little fellows in Chatham. He was little more than a month, but not until a week ago was his condition considered serious. He suffered with appendicitis, which was the cause of his death. Everything possible was done to save his life, even to the extent of securing the services of a specialist, Dr. Metcalfe, of Detroit, to perform the operation. His mother, father, two brothers and one sister survive. The brothers are Norman and Brooke, and the sister Beattie.

CALENDARS

The Planet will carry a full assortment of the finest Calendars for next year, and persons contemplating placing an order for next year should wait until they see our sample. They will be better and cheaper than you have been paying for this class of work.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, 28th of January, 1907, for about forty tons of furnace coal, part to be delivered at the Collegiate Institute and part at McKeough School. Tenders to state quality and price. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

THOS. C. MACNABE, Secretary-Treasurer Board of Education.

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18 Desirable Houses and Lots for Sale.
8 or More Houses to Rent.
Office: King Street (opposite) opposite R. C. O'Connell's.

BRIDANT FREED BY THE JURY

Though The Charge Of The Chief Justice Was Against Him

AN INTERESTING CASE

Toronto, Jan. 24.—After a little more than an hour's discussion of the evidence, the jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty," in favor of Edward Bridant, charged with the murder of his wife, by furnishing her with noxious drugs.

In discharging Bridant, Chief Justice Meredith remarked that he did not agree with the verdict, in view of the evidence given.

"It is between you and the Almighty, whether you are guilty or not. You are discharged," were the parting words to Bridant.

The Judge's Address.
Chief Justice Meredith in his address to the jury explained clearly the charge upon which Bridant was being tried, as laid down in the criminal code. He had no doubt Mrs. Bridant had been pregnant for three or four months. Did the prisoner know her condition? It seemed impossible that he did not. After reviewing the evidence his lordship asked, "Would a woman, knowing she was about to pass into eternity, who asked her mother to kneel and say the Lord's Prayer, and repeated the words of the prayer until her strength failed, be liable to accuse her husband falsely?"

Referring to the correspondence between the woman and Driscoll, the only reason it was admitted, was that it might throw some light on the question as to whether there had been any complaints of cruelty to the wife by the accused. The defence had not clearly proven that the letters had been written by Mrs. Bridant. Driscoll was in the Central prison and could easily have been called by counsel for the defence had he so desired.

Is Bridant Unsophisticated?
"You can judge by Bridant's evidence whether is unlettered, ignorant boy, as counsel would have you believe. Did he show care and coolness when in the witness box? If you consider him shrewd, you may not give his evidence as much consideration as if you thought him unsophisticated and innocent," said the justice.

There was no doubt but death was caused by septic poisoning, from the use of an instrument. If a man knew what the pills were for, and they were not effective, might he not go further and resort to the use of an instrument? If the jury consider he had a guilty knowledge of the pills, might he not also have a guilty knowledge of the probe?

The Ominous "If."
If Bridant compelled, aided or assisted in the use of these drugs, knew it was wrong and should have known it was wrong, he was guilty of murder.

Mr. Neville's address to the jury lasted over two hours. He dwelt largely on the correspondence which took place between the deceased and Driscoll, and the deceased and her husband, which was read in court during the morning. His object was to throw discredit on the evidence given by Mrs. Bridant's relatives.

Mr. Lynch Staunton, the crown prosecutor, briefly laid the evidence before the jury, and impressed upon them the necessity of bringing in a verdict in accordance with the testimony.

The case went to the jury at six o'clock.

ELOPING GIRL ARRESTED.

Spends Night In Cells and Is Then Freed to Get Married.

Peterboro, Jan. 24.—Edith Pritchard, aged 16, of Hamilton, ran away from home and came here to marry Ernest Armstrong. Her parents objected and the police were advised to arrest her.

When the officer knocked at the front door she jumped out of a second-storey window.

The girl was arrested and spent the night in the cells and yesterday morning permission from her parents were obtained by telephone and the wedding took place.

NEW WARDENS.

Ontario—John Bright, reeve of Whitby.
Perth—John A. Hacking of Listowel.

Freight Conductor Killed.
Albany, N. Y., Jan. 24.—In a collision yesterday on the Susquehanna division of the D. & H., at Worcester, N. Y., between two freight trains, Joseph Bedford of Ontario, a freight conductor, was killed.

Christian Brothers Burned Out.
Montreal, Jan. 24.—The Christian Brothers' Novitiate at Cote Des Neiges was burned last evening. The college for boys adjoining escaped damage. The loss is \$15,000, insurance \$5,000.

To Dine With Roosevelt.
Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Fitzpatrick left for Washington, where they are invited to dine with President Roosevelt.

\$50,000 Grant Made.
Toronto, Jan. 24.—A grant of \$50,000 has been made for the erection of a hygienic institute at London by the Provincial Government.

Mgr. Sbarretti Coming Back.
Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Mgr. Sbarretti, papal legate in Canada, who is in Rome, will return to Ottawa in the spring.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Good general servant, three in family; another servant kept. Mrs. A. H. Martens, 150 Walmer Road, Toronto.

FARM FOR SALE—North-west half Lot 1, fourth concession, Township of Harwich, R. T. S., one hundred acres, more or less, in a good state of cultivation; barn 80x40; good drive barn and granary; good frame dwelling house; three good wells of water; one artesian well; fruit of all kinds; well located for dairy, one mile outside city limits, on townline between Harwich and Raleigh. For particulars, apply to G. W. Kelly, Queen St., south of Fair Grounds, or address G. W. Kelly, Box 615, Chatham, Ont.

AUCTION SALE

Household Furniture

Andrew Thomson, Jr., has received instructions from Mr. F. P. Baldwin to sell at his residence, Selkirk Street, between Elizabeth Street and VanAllen Ave., on Tuesday, 29th day of January, commencing at one o'clock, consisting of the following:—Two parlor rugs, two oak parlor rockers, one fancy rocker, one rattan rocker, one oak parlor table, 6 dining chairs, one birch table, one extension table, one Singer sewing machine, kitchen chairs, kitchen table, one bedroom suite, complete, mattress and spring; one iron bed, one dresser and commode, two ax-minster rugs, ingrain carpet, hall carpet, couch, one coal case burner, Jewel with oven in fine condition, one coal range with reservoir "Souverin," one refrigerator, gas plat with oven, gasoline stove, lawn mower, wood heater, cooking utensils, tubs, fruit cans, and other things too numerous to mention. All will be sold without reserve, as Mr. Baldwin is leaving for the Coast. The above is all nearly new, and in fine condition. Remember the date, Tuesday, Jan. 29th, 1907.

F. P. BALDWIN, A. THOMSON, Jr., Prop. Auctioneer

NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

Natural Gas will be turned into the mains of this Company on February 15th next, on and after which date no artificial gas will be supplied.

In order to use Natural Gas it will be positively necessary for every gas consumer to have the piping in his house thoroughly tested with a pressure gauge at twenty pounds pressure. This is necessary on account of the Natural Gas being delivered at about three times greater pressure than artificial gas.

All stoves or ranges to be used for Natural Gas must have closed tops, and in every case a flue connection must be made from stoves to chimney.

While the manufacturers of gas stoves state that artificial gas stoves cannot be used for natural gas without being entirely rebuilt, it would appear from tests made at this Company's office that the artificial stove may be made serviceable with natural gas, by having a special closed top and flue connection made for the stove. A stove specially made for natural gas and one specially made for artificial gas may be seen by any consumer at this Company's office, both connected with natural gas, where any explanations necessary will be given by the Company's officers. Any coal range or wood stove may be easily and simply connected by special burner to use natural gas at small expense.

To use Natural Gas for lighting, it will be necessary to use mantles on all jets, since natural gas has practically no illuminating value when used as an open flame.

All connections to stoves or hot plates must be made with iron pipe, and in no case should rubber or other tubing be used for connections.

While this Company will look after as far as possible, any orders entrusted to its care for connections to stoves, furnaces, base-burners, etc., it will be impossible for the Company to take care of all its customers, and the public will find all the local dealers and gas fitters ready to take orders.

Consumers are requested to have their work done as rapidly as possible, so that there will be as little inconvenience as possible when the Natural Gas is turned on.

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Fine Sateen Comforters, quilted throughout, 66x72, regular \$5.00, Sale Price.....	\$4.35
Fancy Sateen, 66x72, filled with pure down, regular \$7.00, Sale Price.....	\$5.75
Best English Sateen 72x72, and finest quality down, regular \$8.50, Sale Price.....	\$6.50
Best English Sateen, large size, diamond pattern, cord edge, regular \$8.75, Sale Price.....	\$6.75

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Every Easel in the Store to be Cleared at Half Regular Price			
\$2.00 Easels for.....	\$1.00	\$1.00 Easels for.....	50c
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Dark Russian Calf Coats, \$28 to \$30 lines, sale price \$24.00.

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