

GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING

The closing weeks of this month are always marked by a crush of Christmas trading. We therefore invite you to call and select at once. We are ready with a large and varied array of choice Staples and Fancy articles suitable for Holiday buying. Those who have a keen appreciation for GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THE LEAST MONEY will find our large stock new and desirable and at prices the lowest for qualities the best. The wise ones will do their Christmas shopping here.

Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

Ladies' Handkerchiefs	Men's Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen..... 16c	Men's all Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished..... 15c	Men's Plain Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 25, to 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c and..... 25c	Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to..... 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs, 25c to..... 68c	Men's Fancy Colored border Japanese Hdkfs, 19c to..... 38c
Ladies' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c to..... 25c	Men's large Silk Muffler, all colors and styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50 and..... \$2.25
Ladies' Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, 25c to..... \$1.35	A large and complete assortment of Ladies' and Gents' fancy Plaids, Checks, Parisian, Polka Dot and Oxford, Silk Mufflers.
Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 16c to..... 25c	
Ladies' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 1c to..... 5c	
Children's White and Fancy Handkerchiefs 1c to..... 5c	
HOLIDAY APRONS	
Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, and..... 50c	Men's Imperial Four-in-hands, Puffs, Bows, Flowing Ends, Graduated Derbys in choice variety of colors, from 50c to..... 20c
Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 50c to..... 72c	
Children's White Mother Hubbard Aprons, 42c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c	
Children's Fine Gingham Dresses with yokes, embroidery trimmed, 50c to..... \$1.25	
Children's Percale Dresses, with yokes embroidery trimmed, 80c and..... 90c	
Something new in Lace Dresser Covers just received.	

DRESS GOODS

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Box than a Black Crepon Skirt Pattern, our Blistered Crepon at \$1 a yard are a wonder to our customers. Special prices for two weeks in Fancy Dress Patterns.

Ladies' Dress Skirts, in variety, all colors and materials, \$5 to..... \$2

Plaid Bias Skirts, heavy..... \$1.50

Ladies' Tailor made Suits, in variety, from \$7 to..... \$10

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, from \$7 to..... \$10

FINE FURS

Finest Holiday Presents—Caprices of every description, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$35.00.

Foreign Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Seal combination, Seal and Astrachan combination, Electric Seal and Tibet combination, Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc.

For Caps, Gannets, Muffs, Boas, Heads, Tails, Pelts, etc.

Fur Caps, Astrachan, \$18 \$17..... \$12

Cloth Caps, Fur Lined, \$30 to \$12.50

Fur Coats and Jackets, from \$30 to \$252

Electric Seal Jackets, dainty..... \$35

Christmas Silks and Satins

Handsome English Silks, bargains—50c for 25c, 75c for 50c, \$1 for 75c per yard, in plaids, stripes and brocades.

Japanese Silks, 27 in. wide, helio, pink, blue, red, etc..... 50c

Satins, all shades, for fancy work or linings, etc..... 50c

Special Peau-de-soie..... \$1.00

New Tinsel Chiffon for dress fronts.

Beautiful Silk Waists—For gifts, nothing pleases your mother, sister, wife or daughter like one of these beauties, we sell them in all colors and black..... \$3.50 to \$5.00

Super Eider Down—Comforters, \$5, \$10 and..... \$15.00

WHITE CROCHET QUILTS

And Marcella Coverlets

79, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2, \$2.50 up to..... \$5.00

Gorgeous Lounge Rugs—Unsurpassed in coloring and design, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2

Ladies' Night Robes—In white long cloth, Lonsdale Cream, pink and fancy Flannellette, lace and embroidery trimmed or plain, from 50c up

Men's Night Wear—In white towel cotton braided at..... 75c

Flannellette Night Shirts..... 50c up

Natural Wool Night Robes.

HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

Two tone Cream Table Damask, 69 in. wide..... 25c

Cream Satin Table Damask, all widths and qualities, 3c, 34c, 40c, 50c, 60c, to..... 75c yd

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 60c and..... 50c yd

White Satin Table Damask, with Napkins to match, from 50c to..... \$1.50 yd

Pearl white Irish Linen Table Cloths, superb goods, \$2, \$2.75, \$4, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, up to..... \$13.50 each

Table Napkins—Gentlemen's at 72c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25, up to..... \$5.00 dozen

Towels—Fine Damask, size 44 x 20, knotted fringe..... 25c



Holiday Kid Gloves

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Ladies' 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good colors, tan and black..... 60c

Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black..... 75c

Ladies' 2 dms fasteners, colors or blood navy, green, plum, tan and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted..... \$1

Fownes pearl fastened Kid Gloves, tan or drab, warranted..... \$1.25

Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Chastress Gabriella and Hypatia.

Ladies' finest Mocha Kid Glove..... \$2

Ladies' Fancy Gaiters and Ladies' Hose Supporters, etc.

Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, 50c, 75c and..... \$1

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling at..... \$1.50

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest popular shades, \$1 and..... 75c

Men's Celebrated Kangaroo..... \$1.50

Men's heavy Wool Mitts, knit, leather faced in variety, 25c and..... 50c

Special Xmas Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, etc.

Gents' Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, Calf Buttons, etc., in pearl or gold variety.

Instead of Calanders we have secured several hundreds of Souvenir Song Books, containing 72 of the gems of song of the century, with the Music for Piano or Organ; and we hope as they ring in harmony through your homes they will contribute to your happiness.

WILLIAM GORDON

The Standard Patterns For Dolls Clothing on hand

Make your Children's Clothing from Standard Patterns

Christmas Crackers

There's lots of pleasure and amusement in our Christmas cracker. So many novelties—such funny caps and toys. There's nothing nicer for Christmas—so much fun they will make you laugh heartily—aid your digestion.

35c, 40c and 60c a box.

For the children we have a small cracker—a dozen in a box—containing funny caps, bonnets, etc. They will amuse them immensely and the price so small—10c a box.

Mixed Candy, 4 pounds for 25c.	Creamy Almonds, 30c a pound.
Mixed Candy, 3 pounds for 25c.	Good Chocolate, 15c a pound.
Cream Candy, 2 pounds for 25c.	Crawford's Taffy, 15c a pound.

Our special 1 lb boxes of good candy—25c

Table Raisins, 20c a lb.	Grenoble Walnuts, 20c a pound.
Table Figs, 20c a pound.	Valencia Almonds, 20c a pound.
Mango Grapes, 20c a pound.	Sweet Filberts, 15c a pound.

Our choice Mixed Nuts—15c a pound

Sweet juicy Oranges—25c, 30c, 40c a dozen

H. Malcolmson Grocer

Perfumes for Xmas

Our perfume counter in well laden with some of the choicest odors that money can buy. The stock is complete with the finest cases, including all the popular odors and styles.

Perfume Atomizers

Call and take a look at our line of Cut Glass and Fancy Colored Atomizers. They are beautiful and make nice gifts.

A. I. McCall & Co. DRUGGISTS & OPTICIANS

BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Holiday decorations in the churches are in order now for Xmas.

Miss McCornock's case against Dr. Bell, of Merling for alleged assault on at the police court to-day.

The bright weather of yesterday brought crowds of people into town and Xmas shopping was booming.

Robt. Shaw has been a subscriber to The Planet for fifty years, and says he would be lost without its news.

A wandering harper added to the music at last night's hop, making an enjoyable time to all those who attended.

Much surprise was felt yesterday when it was known that Fred Anderson, of the L. E. & D. R. R. was to sever his connection with the company at the first of the year. The business men of the town and the public generally have always found Mr. Anderson kind and obliging. So much so, in fact, that Mayor Haggart, who was yesterday circulating a petition or testimonial in Mr. Anderson's favor, did not meet with a single refusal to sign.

The following are the officers elected Monday night by the Lady Macbeths of Blenheim:

Commander—Mrs. L. V. Vandermere.

Lieut. Com.—Mrs. C. N. Greenwood.

Rec. Keeper—Miss May Bell.

Fin. Keeper—Mrs. E. Coburn.

Sergeant—Mrs. D. Clark.

Mistress-at-Arms—Mrs. Griffith.

Sentinel—Mrs. Witherford.

Picket—Mrs. R. Coburn.

Chaplain—Mrs. Wallin.

Past Com.—Mrs. W. Irwin.

Organist—Miss N. Tedford.

Capt. of Guard—Mrs. Jamieson.

CRAWFORD-BURYING GROUND.

The following extract from the Galt Reformer will prove specially interesting to the many Blenheimites who well know the old cemetery described:

Stephen G. Moffatt, of Beverly, has been enjoying a visit in Kent county and taking in the sights of that wonderfully prolific agricultural district, with its thousands of acres of corn in shock, and beans just harvested, and in wheat, so different to our own bare fields at this time of the year. While being driven through southern part of Barwich township by his cousin, County Councillor C. L. Vandergun, Mr. Moffatt was taken to an old cemetery, called the Crawford burying ground, where they read some of the queerest epitaphs ever carved in stone; even "Old Mortality" would have wondered at the sentiment expressed. One old moss-covered slab had this inscription to all who stood and read:

My dear friend, who now stand by, As you are now so once was I, As I am now so you must be, Therefore prepare to follow me.

Another read:

A faithful friend, a companion dear, A tender mother, lieeth here, Great is the loss that we sustain, But hope in Heaven to meet again. A large marble monument had these lines inscribed:

O! Thomas has gone and left us

Cook's Cotton Root Compound

is successfully used monthly by over 1,000,000 Ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies send your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and laxatives are dangerous. Price, 50c, \$1 per box; No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, \$1 per box. No. 3, 15 degrees stronger, \$1.50 per box. No. 4, 20 degrees stronger, \$2.00 per box. The Cook Company Windsor, Ont. No. 1 and 2 sold in Chatham at Central Drug Store. C. H. Gunn & Co.

During Christmas Week

Our Tremendous Stock of Clothing will be sold at quick selling prices. Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, Pea jackets, Leather Coats, Odd Vests, Odd Pants, Etc.

Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers

Xmas entertainment Victoria Avenue Methodist Sunday school Thursday evening, 21st inst. Xmas trees, choruses, etc. Come one and all, parents and friends. Admission only ten cents.

TO HANG-ON NOT TO HANG.

Hon. David Mills has received from the Sheriff of Brandon additional information regarding the case of Hilda Blake, the murderer, who is sentenced to be hanged on Dec. 27. As already stated in this correspondence, the convict has alleged since her condemnation that a certain man who wronged her promised to marry her if she murdered her mistress, Mrs. Lane. This story was disbelieved, but it was stated by the convict that she had documentary evidence in the form of letters from the man in question to the effect indicated. Hon. David Mills has ascertained by telegraph that these letters do in reality exist, and has telegraphed to the Sheriff of Brandon to send them to Ottawa immediately. They should arrive by Tuesday, and upon the opinion formed on them by the Minister of Justice will depend very largely whether Hilda Blake's sentence will or will not be carried out.

Wear the Harrington hat, \$2.50. The 2 T's, sole agents.

Lieut. Clara B. Schreiber, a nephew of Collingwood Schreiber, deputy minister of railways, was killed in the battle at Tulega river.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. YONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,

ANDREW THOMSON, td

VERY WELL SPENT

Has Been the Money From the Various Entertainments.

Given by the Ricknough School—A Statement From the Trustee of Ward No. 5.

The McKeough school teachers feel it due to the public who have so generously patronized school entertainments in the past that a statement showing the purpose to which the proceeds are applied should be rendered them. We, the undersigned trustees of ward 5, have carefully audited the books of the treasurer, Miss Abram, and have found a correct and very full account of all receipts and expenditure, and to lengthily for publication. We also find that over \$800 has been expended on the school by way of improvements or necessities, and consisting of the following sums—not one cent of which has ever come out of the public funds:

Band stand \$27.

Lamps \$1.80.

Lanterns \$2.50.

Painting hall floors \$1.50.

Piano cover \$3.14.

Library table \$3.

Linooleum for office and library \$17.

Pictures for halls \$24.15.

Flugs for decoration, etc., \$35.07.

Large flag and staff \$35.

Curtains for windows \$25.45.

Cork matting for hall floor \$31.

Linooleum for upper hall \$32.80.

Flowers for flower-beds for ten years \$115.

Sined \$100.

Piano \$155.

Prize-books for pupils for four years \$180.12.

Total \$805.14.

The band has also been liberally furnished out of these funds with music and tuition, this being its only source of revenue, the money for engagements going to the boys themselves. After every liability has been met there is a balance still on hand of \$75 which will be expended in playing, raising and gratifying the fund.

We would also state that the books giving an itemized account can be seen at any time in the school library where they will also be open to the scrutiny of the public. A certified copy of the accounts is now on deposit with T. C. MacKinnon, secretary and treasurer, for the benefit of the public school board.

The teachers desire to thank the public for their hearty co-operation in their past entertainments and trust that the money has been spent in such a way as to merit their support in the future.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN McKEOUGH.

JOHN E. JOHNSTON.

Trustees and auditors.

Chatham, Dec. 19th, 1899.

\$7.50, \$10, \$12, and \$15 are the prices at the 2 T's for the New Method Suits and overcoats.

TILBURY.

Dec. 20.—George McLeod, of Philadelphia, Kansas, arrived here yesterday on a visit at his home.

Miss Laura Kinley and Mr. Haggart will be married to-day by Rev. T. Dobson, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Geo. Chalmers, Middle Road.

Ed. Leguin will open a grocery store in Lepiane's old stand.

A. Essmer has returned from a short visit at his home in Guelph.

Will Warnock, of Tilbury North, returned yesterday from the States.

Wood for sale.—Blonde Bros. & Co. have for sale a large quantity of hard and soft wood.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, of Hamilton, has been offered the position of field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. He is considering the offer.

While Dr. S. M. Jenkins was being tried for murder at Dallas, Texas, the brother of his alleged victim shot the prisoner dead in the court-room.

The Lake Mead Cement Company is asking a bonus of \$5,000 from the corporation of Watertown to establish its plant there.

The National Cycle Company has begun the work of moving the machinery from the Indiana bicycle plant in Indianapolis to Hamilton.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Agents for canvassing male or female, room away. For further information call at 24 William St. St.

New Fruits

Tender's Selected Raisins, perfectly cleaned..... 3 lb. for 25c	
They are the largest and best flavoured fruit that can be sold.	
Golden Raisins, good quality..... 2 lb. for 25c	
Table Raisins..... 12 1/2 to 25c lb	
Outcasts, perfectly cleaned, large fine fruit..... 3 lb. for 25c	
New Raisins..... 3 lb. for 25c	
Cooking Figs..... 5c per b	
Table Figs..... 15c and 20c lb	
Malaga Grapes..... 30c per b	
Shaded Almonds..... 35c per b	

Massey & Knight

PHONE 60.

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes

This Fall we have the best lines of Two Dollar and Two and a Half Shoes we have ever shown in Ladies wear.

Our \$2.50 is an AMERICAN made shoe by one of the B ST BOSTON MAKERS. Women shape—Fine Vici hid—Laced—Kid Top—O: the different widths—Exquisite soles—IT'S A BEAUTY and you'll be surprised when you see the quality and style for \$2.50.

Ladies' King Quality in either Button or Lace in any size for..... \$1.75

Geo. W. Cowan..

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