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There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$1.00.

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CHATHAM



GREAT 1-4 OFF SALE

From now until the end of this month we will give 25 per cent. off all Suits, Overcoats and odd Pants.

STONE "THE HATTER."

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

No Clue Can Be Found As To The Whereabouts Of
W. T. Rankin

MR. ANDERTON'S STORY

Thomas Anderton, of Baldon St., Dover, who was one of the foremost in the searching party who dragged the River Sydenham in the hope of finding the remains of the missing William T. Rankin, was in Chatham yesterday, and while in town he was interviewed by a Planet reporter.

Mr. Anderton, who was intimately acquainted with the missing man, says that some of the first details given out in connection with the disappearance were not entirely correct.

He says that W. T. Rankin and a man named Jack, left the former's place December 6, with a load of wood, which they transferred to the electric car at the 11th concession. Both afterwards left for Wallaseburg on the car which leaves the 11th concession at 2.30. After arriving at Wallaseburg, Rankin and Jackson, along with two other men, one of whom was Tom Martin, left the car platform intending to go to the sugar beet factory. On arriving at the factory they missed Rankin, whom they thought was following behind all the time.

"The next trace which we found of him," said Mr. Anderton, was at Mike O'Mara's, where he was last seen by Mr. O'Mara between seven and eight o'clock. Mr. O'Mara told him that it was time he was getting his supper, and advised him to go over to Mr. Fryer's restaurant. Rankin left the hotel, and it was supposed that he was going to the restaurant, which is just at the approach to the bridge. However, when we saw Mrs. Fryer she said that she did not remember seeing Rankin in the restaurant on the evening in question. Mr. O'Mara was positively the last man who was seen he saw the missing man. There are many other rumors afloat about Rankin being seen by others at a later hour, but when they are sifted down they mostly all turn out to be nothing more than hearsay with little or no foundation.

"We afterwards dragged the river from O'Mara's to the Pere Marquette bridge, but no trace was found of anything that would indicate that Rankin fell in the river. Just to show how a rumor will go about, I might mention an incident that happened during the search. I found a stiff that while breaking the ice, and I threw it up on the bridge. Someone circulated the tale that we had found Rankin's hat. The hat which we found was probably one which blew off somebody's head while they were crossing the bridge. Rankin wore a top on the day of his disappearance.

"We grappled all day Sunday between John O'Mara's and the bridge, and we broke all the ice in the vicinity, and I think we covered the ground pretty thoroughly. The river is now filled with drift ice, and the search had to be discontinued. There is a very strong current in the Sydenham, and the river has a tendency to wash everything to the sides. While we were grappling, I noticed that the centre of the stream was clear of logs and drift-wood, while up near the shore the places were covered with debris in places.

"The report that Rankin had a large sum of money on him is all wrong. On the day of his disappearance he had about \$35. He had about \$7 or \$8 in his pockets before he left home, and he afterwards got a cheque for \$27."

GLOBES TOO SMALL

Some time ago, Ald. Wm. Potter, chairman of the Property committee, ordered a number of new globes for the electric light department. When the globes arrived yesterday they were found to be too small for local use. The mistake was on the part of the firm supplying them.

The error was rather unfortunate from the city's standpoint, as there are quite a number of lamps on which the globes have been broken. In order that there may be no delay in having the matter rectified, however, Ald. Potter yesterday instructed City Engineer E. B. Jones to telegraph to Montreal at once for a supply of globes the proper size.

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Buy all the clothes now that you can possibly use. The prices at which we offer some of our Suits, Overcoats and Trousers for Men, Boys and Children will hardly pay the cost of tailoring.

All this Season's Goods from Canada's Best Manufacturers.

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\$12, \$15, \$16 Men's Overcoats for \$10.

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Boys' Fancy Tweed Overcoats, 1/4 off regular prices.

Special Prices on Men's Pants.

Boys' 3 pc. Suits, \$4.50 kinds for \$3.

Boys' 3 pc. Suits, \$5.75 kinds for \$3.98.

75c. Cotton Underwear Spring Needle Stitch, winter weight, for 59c.

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BIG OIL PRODUCER

Well On The Tremblay Farm Breaks Loose Filling Ditches For Miles Around With Oil

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 19.—A well broke loose last night on the Tremblay farm, the same well which burst the rigging down two weeks ago.

This well had been drilled down 250 feet, when two weeks ago a sudden rush of gas came up, overthrew the stove, and nearly burnt to death two drillers. Last night this burst out again without warning just as the drillers were ready to commence again. No one was about and in the morning when the drillers went to the well they found oil flowing up out of a ten-inch pipe about fifteen inches.

It was plugged in two or three hours, yet in the meantime about eight hundred barrels of oil are estimated to have been lost.

For three miles round about the ditches are now filled with oil, some of which accidentally caught fire, but has since been put out.

This well is seven miles south and east of Tilbury, and about six miles from the present field, and opens up a new territory of about twenty-five square miles.

It is estimated, while it is shallow production, it yet may mean the discovery of a new pool. A number of land transfers are expected on the strength of it, and Tilbury is jubilant.

WOMEN RULE

East Chatham, O., Dec. 19.—This town is almost entirely run by women, and run well, and the men are proud of the accomplishments of their wives, sisters or daughters.

The Shaw Hotel is run by Mrs. Phoebe Shaw on a strictly temperance basis. The post office is in charge of an efficient post-mistress, Miss Nellie Cleator. The church choir is composed of female voices, led by Mrs. Eva Armstrong. The superintendent of the Sunday school is a woman, Mrs. Nellie Hale, and the assistant also is a woman. The inhabitants of the town are proud of the public school, in which the entire teaching force is composed of women. The superintendent is Mrs. Ann Mawson. There hasn't been a man doctor in the town for several years.

Far from being mannish in their way, the women are charming in appearance and manner. They are not "yellow ribbons," either, as they feel no need of further "rights."

Have you been betrayed by promises of quacks, swallowed pills and bottled medicine without results except a damaged stomach. To those we offer Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It makes clean people. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets.

A. I. McCall & Co.

Shopping For Men

Our's is a men's store, which is made very attractive this week for women shoppers who are looking for presents for men and boys.

From a pair of cuff links to a superb fur-lined overcoat, the range of Wearables here is most comprehensive. Everything a man could want to wear and everything a woman would want to buy him is here.

Cuff Links

Gloves
Canes
Linen Handkerchiefs
Silk Handkerchiefs
Knit Vests
Wash Vests
House Coats
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We have always had the reputation of having the finest selection and the largest stocks of Christmas things for men in the City. This season we have far outdone all previous efforts. Extra Clerks—good service.

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Good Light, Good Service, Great Values.

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A New Dinner Set
\$8, \$10, \$12.50, \$15.

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Set of Carvers, nothing more useful, in satin cases
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Everyone of the family will be pleased with something from China Hall.

A lot of new China just arrived, Haviland and German Goods in great variety.

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The greatest production since "Robin Hood" with a
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