

Williams
...Pianos
THE QUEEN'S CHOICE
143 Yonge St. Toronto

The Daily Planet.

VOL. VII

CHATHAM, ONT., TUESDAY MARCH 15, 1898.

NO. 74.

- New -
WALL PAPER
At Kenny's
NEXT TO COLTART & WILSON'S

THIS WILL INTEREST HOUSE- WIVES.....

It is about a new arrival in our Carpet Department, of the largest shipment of Matting ever brought to Chatham, from far away Japan. Two things distinguish the Japanese artizan, his exquisite artistic skill and the low wages he is content to work for, need one say more about the matting except that there is a pleasing surprise in store for you in the prices.

Beautiful Matting at 12 1/2, 15, 25, 30, 35 and 40c.

EVERY WOMAN IS INTERESTED IN MILLINERY

This is another way of saying that every woman in Chatham and vicinity is interested in our Millinery Department. Our Millinery news to day is about our opening which will take place on

Tuesday, March 22nd
And Following Days

Mark the date down in your hat and don't forget to come and see the grandest display of Pattern Hats and Bonnets ever shown in this good city of ours.

Thomas Stone & Son

I=4 off

ON WINDOW BLINDS

We are giving one quarter off regular prices on
Window Blinds. 25 per cent saved Is this not
worth your while considering.

J. Oliver Peck,
A. J. E. Belleperche

A. E. Ham & Co's Stand
The John Wall Corner



Mock Turn

OUR LADIES

\$3.00

MOCK TURN KID BOOT IS A
BEAUTY, EITHER LACE OR BUT-
TON. CALL AND SEE THEM.

Turrill's

Repairing Done.

MAMMOTH CLOTHING HOUSE

Although our sales during the past season have been in excess of any previous one. Yet we find that we have many more heavy goods on hand than we wish to carry over. We feel that we can afford to make some terrible sacrifices during the balance of this month and will continue to sell regardless of value during March as well. Just see the following:—

Prices

100 Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, worth \$7, \$7.50, \$8.50, and \$10, now only... \$5
100 Boys' Overcoats and Ulsters, worth \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$7, now only... \$3
50 Men's heavy Suits, worth \$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.50, \$12.50, now only... \$7.50

Robes, Fur Caps, Heavy Boots and Shoes and every
line of winter goods in proportion.

Scott & Co., 56 King Street

IT IS A GREAT FLOOD

Nothing Like It Seen for Thirty Years Here.

Valley Residents had to be Taken Out of Their Houses in Boats—The Business Section of Thamesville Submerged—Flood Notes

The Valley of Brooklyn is flooded. Kent street being the scene of several busy boating parties and every house is more or less in the swim. From Mrs. Cochrane's, near the Third street bridge down to the Prince Edward house every floor is flooded; the sidewalks are flooded and very questionable things to walk on; crossings are submerged, and the entire yards about the houses are somewhat more than knee deep with water. The people are prisoners in their homes, and in some instances were confined to their beds this morning until rescuing parties called upon them and removed them in elegant dishabille to drier quarters. In the meantime the small boy was in his glory rafting about the submerged section upon great sections of sidewalk.

From Kent street back to Dover street, all is water studded with little dwellings, many Dover street residents being also prisoners in their houses. The Courtenay House is surrounded as by a little lake and is unapproachable without wading.

The Erie & Huron near to the Kent Mills is the only means of reaching that establishment without boating. The track is under water and the wind washes the ripples over rails. To get to the office and back dry shod one requires to be more of less of a tight rope gymnast.

When The Planet called at the office, N. H. Stevens was found perched upon a couple of sticks of stove wood, a number of which were scattered on the floor to facilitate getting about without climbing over the desks. There are about three inches of water on the office floor and the water, Mr. Stevens said, was

FOUR INCHES HIGHER

This morning that it had been at any time since the present mill was built. There are four feet of water in the engine room.

"We will lose nothing," said Mr. Stevens, "as we have but a little stock in the warehouses that might be touched, and we are loading it out. The water is within about ten inches of the warehouse floor. We bought no wood lately, in expectation of high water, and consequently have none of that to lose. The co-operative establishment is on the same level as the warehouse."

A boom from the wagon works broke loose during the night and stuck in a heap against the centre pier of Fifth street bridge. Men were at work all morning trying to get the boom away. Mayor Pattison came on the scene, and threatened to have Inspector Delabundy and his men clear away the mess unless the work proceeded faster.

"Suppose," suggested the mayor, "that some floating debris should come down while that obstruction is there. It must be cleared away without loss of time."

Only one pile of lumber belonging to the S. Hadley Lumber Co. is in danger of being carried off and the captain and crew of the vessel below are preparing to meet it if it comes down. A boat house belonging to John Waddell was carried away during the night and is now anchored behind the Kent mills, having been caught by one of the Belairs.

J. E. Stringer & Co. will escape with the loss of about \$100 worth of fuel.

The water rose 18 inches last night. The Courtenay House is surrounded. Mrs. Paton, the woman shot by Dumas, and Mrs. O'Keefe were among those brought to the Prince Edward where Martin Carlyle opened his hospitable doors to these misfortunates.

LUMBER SAILS AWAY.

Said ex-Mayor John Piggott this morning: "There is a good deal of our stuff afloat; but we have it well boomed in, and have lost none. The water is not yet up to our new factory. The water is higher than I have seen it for sixteen years."

But Mr. Piggott spoke about ten minutes too soon. At about nine o'clock this morning a large pile of plank capsized and the greater part of it sailed majestically away. Two men who had been at work with a boat in an effort to secure it got a docking before they could get back into their skiff and by the time they had managed this the pile of plank was rounding the bend.

At nine o'clock this morning it required a further rise of eight inches to reach the basement of Dr. Holmes' residence.

At Oldershaw's line, kille everything is well under water with the exception of several cords of wood which are well boomed in. Their neighbors, Oldershaw and Webber, have their entire stone cutting outfit submerged.

A GREAT FLOOD.

Recollections of Old Residents About the
Floods of 1868.

M. Houston, P. M., speaking of the flood, said that in March '68, the second flood in the history of Chatham occurred. "I was coming home from Ann Arbor," he continued, "It was snowing and bitterly cold. The train was running through water a good part of the

day. The next day every bridge was gone and trains had to go round by the M. C. R. On going up to the homestead in Harwich, I got on the fence at Wilson's place and had to walk the fence as far as Wilson's lane. I came to Chatham the next day and Edward Smith ferried me across, the same place on a raft of logs, the water being too high to take the fence. The flood in the town was even worse. I got in a boat this side of the Merchant's bank, and rowed all round by the old tannery over to Joe Northwood's. The people were rowing around the Harvester works, and Jim Verral's house on King street.

Chief Young says this is about the highest the water has ever been since he came here in 1854.

John Piggott, of the firm of Piggott & Sons, stated this morning that this was the first time he had been forced to shut down his mill on account of the water. The water was higher now than it had been in 20 years. Then it was two or three feet higher.

Kenneth Urquhart says that in 1868 the water was flowing on King street in front of George Stephen's store.

"High? Yes, it is pretty high," said John Brady, as he watched the workers at the bridge, "but not nearly as high as I have seen it. Why, I can remember the time when the water was up to the sidewalk in front of the Rankin House, and four inches more would have put it over the floor."

James Richardson also grew reminiscient of the time, about thirty years ago, when the Fifth street bridge was carried away and he on it.

Pat Gorman, drayman, says that in 1868 there was a huge jam-down the river and the water lapped up here at Chatham. Thomas Rutley then ran the Idelwild and his guests had to leave by boats.

J. W. Sayer, florist, says this flood does not reach the flood of 30 years ago, when the sidewalk along by Tinsman's was floating and the people in the buildings on the north side of the Thames up as far as Dover street, had to get out of their upstairs windows.

SAVED THE BRIDGE.

A Reminiscence of the Big Flood of 1868
at Chatham.

On the morning of March 12, 1868, the River Thames was the highest ever known. About the first of March that year we had a heavy snow storm, about three feet of snow falling. As soon as the snow stopped falling a warm rain set in. The ice in the river was 18 inches thick, and by the 12th of the month the water was at its highest. The ice had blocked against the Fifth street bridge, and about nine o'clock in the morning the water lifted the bridge off its bearings and the whole mass, bridge, ice and driftwood, started down the river. At N. H. Stevens' mill—then Robert Lowe's—vessel, the Str. Dominion, then owned by Capt. James Steinhoff, was lying at the dock, and when the bridge got this far on its journey one end struck against the vessel, slowing the other and saving the Third street bridge during the Fifth street bridge, which had been swung open. It seems when they saw Fifth street bridge coming, Joseph Northwood, O. R. Hulin and William Martin (now of St. Thomas) went out on Third street bridge and swung it open. It was a great risk. If the floating debris struck the bridge it was certain to carry it away. But it didn't. The Fifth street structure passed safely through endways. Then the three young men swung the bridge to again and got off.

PUBLICLY THANKED.

This was the cause of the following resolution being passed by the council: Moved by Dr. J. S. Askin, seconded by Douglas McNaughton, and resolved, that inasmuch as the ratepayers of this municipality feel that they owe a deep debt of gratitude to the three young men who, at the risk of their lives, saving the Third street bridge on the morning of the 12th inst., March, 1868, thereby saving it from certain destruction; this council hereby on behalf of the town beg to tender their thanks to Mr. Joseph Northwood, Mr. O. R. Hulin and Mr. William Martin, for the valuable services rendered by them to the town on the occasion alluded to, and further; to show that this council are not insensible to the benefits received from the exertion and plucky conduct of the parties named.

The council then consisted of the following: Dr. Askin, Douglas McNaughton, Wm. McKenough, D. R. VanAllen and Henry Smyth. Israel Evans was mayor.

On May 8, 1868, it was moved by Dr. Askin, seconded by D. R. VanAllen, that the clerk be instructed to notify the young men who were instrumental in saving the Third street bridge during the late freshet that the testimonials awarded by the council will be ready for presentation by his worship the mayor at the next meeting of the council.

On May 20th following the gold rings awarded by the council were duly presented by his worship.

FLOOD NOTES.

The flood road is impassable for teams. The water has risen so high that it is impossible to cross except by boat. The land around and between W.

G. Collee's house and McKenzie Bros. looks like a miniature lake. The fence, platform and outbuildings in connection with George Merrian's boat house at Fifth street bridge have all been carried away and the boats are floating round in the interior. The loss which will fall on the landlord Mr. Reynolds, of Berlin, will be considerable.

Superintendent Jones, of the water-works, is having trouble keeping the water out of the boiler room. The sewer connections have been stopped up and a pump has to be constantly kept going. A further rise may leave us without light and with stand-pipe pressure only for our water supply.

In the diary kept for years by the late City Clerk John Tinsman, is found the following entry: "Fifth street bridge carried away by high water, Thursday morning, 12th March, 1868." A subsequent entry shows that "Fifth street bridge carried away by the ice, 13th March, 1868. O. R. Hulin, Joe Northwood and Wm. Martin let it through the Third street bridge."

AT THAMESVILLE

The Main Street and Many Stores are Submerged.

They Never Experienced Anything Like It There Before—The Sufferers.

(Special to The Planet.)

Thamesville, Ont., March 15.—Never within the memory of our oldest residents has this section of the country suffered so much from the high water as at present. Since yesterday morning the Thames has steadily risen and is still rising. Many families are this morning being removed from their homes in boats. Our main streets London and Victoria are deeply covered and our sidewalks are floating. The following is a partial list of the stores at present under water:

Central drug store and C. P. telegraph.

J. C. Secord, grocer.

J. Vincent, dry goods.

McEachern & Tompkins, furniture.

Reading rooms.

Post office.

H. S. Johnson's office.

Dr. Beckett's office.

R. Fowle, jeweller.

T. Davis, grocer.

H. E. Harmer, grocer.

D. J. Davis, general store.

The steam laundry.

J. A. Dickson's implement house.

Business is of course paralyzed. It will be impossible to estimate the amount of damage done until the water subsides.

The town is in such a position as it never has been before, being completely cut off on all sides from any communication except by rail, and business is totally suspended. Those roads not shut off by the river are submerged by the junction of the two creeks. The bakeries are flooded and the bakers are receiving their supplies from Glenora.

The main street is one unbroken sheet of water from Syer & Mayhew's mill to Watt's hotel at the corner of Victoria and London streets. In Fraser's drug store there is about three feet of water.

All the western part of the town is under water and the sidewalks are floating. The town's loss will amount to probably \$1,500 or \$2,000. Many dwellings are deep in the water and residents were removed from the houses, and even from their beds, in boats this morning. The water is still rising rapidly and many are moving out to higher places. In many of the houses there are two or three feet of water.

WOMEN'S SHOES

\$1...



We've gone through our stock of ladies' shoes and picked out all the out-of-style shoes we could find—the old stock pairs—and find just 113 pairs in all. They are most all plain toes, most all button boots, in small sizes, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, and a few 4—none larger.

See Them in Window

Some of them are marked \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.00, but if you're not particular about the style and your size is in the lot, you can take your choice for \$1.00.

GEO. W. COWAN

Your Wants Supplied

We have 14 departments in our Jewellery and Art Establishment.

Diamond Department.
Jewellery Department.
Sterling Silver Department.
Silver Plated Ware Department.
Watch Department.
China Department.
Cut Glass Department.
(Foreign and Domestic).
Clock Department.
Leather Goods Department.
Art Goods Department.
Fine Furniture Department.
Stationery Department.
Rug Department.
Optical Department.

Wherein is contained the most desirable goods obtainable. Our factory is thoroughly equipped for manufacturing and repairing all classes of work.

Wright,
Kay & Co.

148-142
Wesward
Ave.,
Detroit.

The Chatham Loan & Savings Co.

INCORPORATED A. D. 1881.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000

MONEY TO LEND ON MORTGAGES OF PRO-
DUCTIVE REAL ESTATE

Farmers wishing to borrow at best rates, should apply personally.

No Delay. Expenses Low.

SAVINGS BANK.

Deposits of \$1 and upwards received and highest current rate of interest allowed.

Debenture issued bearing interest payable half yearly for three or five years.

S. F. GARDNER, Manager.

There is Nothing

That looks so attractive in any household as nice, dainty dishes, and

Odd

pieces of chinaware. We have just opened out a special lot

In New Goods

Comprising Jardinieres, Vases, Plates, and odd pieces of Chinaware.

Pretty goods and not costly.

At The Ark