

## Store Closed Friday..

To celebrate the commencement of a new year. During the past year we have tried to study the interests of our customers. By careful attention to their needs, by careful delivery, and by cheerfully making right whatever may be wrong. We never expect to reach the point where we do not make mistakes, but we do expect to make the next best thing, and carefully make those mistakes right.

We hope by even more careful attention to these things to give you better service still next year.

The early closing movement has been a glad one. The clerks appreciate it, and work better and more carefully. The public have backed us up in this, in a way we appreciate. We ask your support in this matter in the year to come. Commencing the first of the year, we shall close at 6.15 every evening, Saturdays excepted.

We thank you most heartily for your kind patronage in the past and hope to merit your confidence in the future.

Wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. Malcolmson

## The Old Year AND The New.

Just now it is fitting that we express our appreciation of the highly satisfactory business that has been accorded us during the past year. We thank our patrons for their interest and loyalty, and while expressing our appreciation, we wish, also to extend our best wishes for a New Year of happiness and prosperity for all. Your best interests shall be our interests during the coming year.

Our service will, if possible, be better than ever before, as a practical acknowledgement of our appreciation of your continued favor and patronage.

## Red Cross DRUG STORE.

W. W. TURNER.  
28 King St., - Phone 1221

## MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS

By Annual Subscription. At lowest rates to the public. If you are a subscriber to one or more periodicals, I can save you time and money. A post card will bring price list.

G. W. SPRAGUE,  
CHATHAM, ONT



Let Us Persuade You  
to do yourself a favor. Shakespeare was great in clothing ideas in fine language; like the bard of Avon we are also great.

CLOTHIERS

not of ideas, but of—men of style. Why not look like a resident of Prosperity Ave., and put yourself at once inside of a safe and open model of Dame Fashion's latest creation in woolen?

W.N. Morley & Co.

## TO-NIGHT.

Catholic Order Foresters, in their hall at 8.  
Watch night service, Holy Trinity Church, at 11.15.  
Watch night service, Park St. Church, at 10.30.

Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Temple, at 8.  
Mass Meeting of citizens, Oddfellows' Auditorium, at 7.30.

Bugle Band excursion to Blenheim, C. P. R. Station at 7.05.

Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. F., will meet in their rooms at 8.

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Concert, in Christ Church Sunday School, at 7.30.

## TO-MORROW.

Non-Coms. celebrate in the Mesa Rooms.

St. Andrew's Church Y. P. Society, lecture hall, at 8.

Services in St. Joseph's Church at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m.

K. O. T. M., No. 8, in their rooms, I. O. O. F. Temple, at 8.

Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra, Grand Opera House, at 8.30 p.m.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League will meet in the S. S. Hall at 8.

Young People's Society, lecture hall William St. Baptist Church, at 8.

Peninsular Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., in their rooms, opposite Rankin House, at 8.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Smoke Quail on Peas Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made. In The Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra, New Year's Night!

W. H. Westman will be a candidate for the council on Monday next.

Brisco's store will be open all day New Year's, for those wanting tickets for the Grand at night.

Mrs. James Marshall, Jeffrey street, had the misfortune to slip and fall, breaking her left arm.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

"Mac" McLachlan, of Bay City, an old Chatham boy and lacrosse player, has returned to Bay City after spending a few days in this city.

We are giving away money. Read how to get \$4.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Concert, in Christ Church Sunday School. Hall to-night. Silver Collection at the door. All come!

Mrs. C. B. Oliver, of Merlin, and Miss Vanzant, of Leamington, are the guests of Mrs. John Turner, Richmond street.

Lost!—Between C. P. R. Hotel and Fifth St. Bridge, a Morocco Pocket Book, containing a sum of money, a note and bill-heads of J. W. Leveik, John Hallan, Toronto. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to D. J. McDonald, C. P. R. Hotel, or to this office.

Mr. V. toria Hunt, remanded to jail with her husband on the charge of assaulting Chas. Hunt, Sr., was released because of her condition. When she went to her home she found that all the furniture had been removed by the old man. The father was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing and remanded for trial. He was released from custody on bail furnished by Silas Knot and Mr. King.

Have you any spare room in your house? If so, why not take some boarders for the winter? It would help to pay your fuel bills. The Business College expects to require accommodation for a number of young ladies and gentlemen for the beginning of the year. If interested, call at the College office and leave your address.

MASS MEETING

A meeting of the ratepayers will be held in the Auditorium, Thursday evening at 7.30, to discuss the three by-laws now before the electors. All citizens who desire to promote the city's welfare, and wish information concerning the by-laws, are requested to be present.

W. A. HADLEY,  
President Board of Trade.

W. E. McKEOUGH,  
Mayor.

If you are run down  
You are an easy prey to disease.  
Build yourself up with

D.L. Emulsion

Greeting!

We wish you all a

Happy and

Prosperous

:-: New Year

To every one who has assisted

in any way in making our

1902 business so successful.

We beg to extend our sincere

thanks, and we hope

that the year we are about

to enter upon may be one of

PEACE,

HAPPINESS and

PROSPERITY.

J. C. WANLESS

4 Doors East of Market,  
King Street, Chatham.

Wood has taken a drop at Brad-

er's, Queen street.

Miss Florence Knott, stenographer

of the Wm. Gray & Sons Co., left this

afternoon for the east.

Miss Dora McKerrall, Appleton, is

visiting at the residence of Con. E.

Shea.

W. H. Westman, hardware mer-

chant, solicits your vote and influence

for a seat at the council board.

Don't miss the treat of a life time

when it is within your reach. The

Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra at

the Grand to-morrow night is the

best yet.

The annual entertainment of the

William street Baptist S. S., will take

place New Year's night (Friday) doors

open at 7.30. Admission 10c. 2

Oliver Labadie, who is foreman on

W. E. Risplan's new block, has secured

the contract for E. E. Wing's new

house, Raleigh St.

A purely local skin disease is cured

by Weaver's Cerate alone. But where

the blood is loaded with impurity, as

in Salt Rheum, Weaver's Syrup also

should be used.

Do Not Forget that Saturday is the

last day of the Cut Price Sale at The

Ark. Read ad, on first page.

Sam Lee's Best Laundry has re-

moved to his new store in the Opera

House Block. Friends will please

bring parcels to the new store a

few doors east. Sam Lee, Best Lau-

ndry.

Miss May Freeman, daughter of

the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of Thameville,

who spent Christmas with Miss Flo-

rence Knott, has returned to her home.

Two men tried to break into Chas.

Austin's store one night this week.

Fortunately, the night watchman

heard them and scared them away.

He, however, didn't report the occur-

rence till yesterday.

It is to be hoped that the people of

Chatham realize the importance of

the engagement at the Grand New

Year's night in the Royal Hungarian

Court Orchestra.

The police closed up this year rather

tamely. Everything has been

quiet and peaceful at the Police Court

this month. There were only six

cases tried this month and three of

these won't be finished till next

year.

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Chatham's Millinery Store.

ALL KINDS OF

Goffered Chiffons

FOR MAKING COLLARS. ALL

COLORS AND WIDTHS

For Thursday, Two

Dozen Hats,

worth from \$3 to sell for \$1.98.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST.

CHATHAM.

DR. A. W. THORNTON

DENTIST.

Removed to his New Office

Corner King and Fifth Streets

Over A. J. McAll's Drug Store

Telephone Office 154.

RESIDENCE 25.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital

beg leave to acknowledge the receipt

of a cheque for \$100 from T. L. Par-

do, M. P. P. The Sisters are extreme-

ly grateful to the generous donor.

L. E. & D. R. R. HOLIDAY RATES.

1903-4.

Christmas—At Single Fare, going

Dec. 24th and 25th, returning 25th.

At fare and one-third going Dec.

23rd, 24th and 25th, returning Jan.

5th, 1904.

New Years—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.

Happy New Year

NEW YEAR'S TASTES

Should incline toward the candies sold here.

The exquisite flavor and great purity

of our

Confec ionery

place it in a class. There is none other

as good; none others so welcome.

Any of these flavors will afford pleas-

ing entertainment for New Year's

guests.

All 40c. and 50c. Bon Bon and

Chocolates for 25c. a Pound this

week; Kisses, 15c.; Taffies, 10c.

Willard McKay

Garner House Block.

and Our Richmond & Queen

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APL.

30-DEC. 1, 1904.

"The Pike," (Midway Pleasures) one

mile long, concessions cost \$5,000,000.

Novel features.



## IN BUYING RUBBERS REMEMBER

That Rubbers will not give satisfaction if fitted too

tight.

That Rubbers fitted tight over the instep are liable

to break.

That A short fit will ruin any rubber.

That Our Rubbers are the best fitters manufactured

to-day.

That You will never have cause for complaint, if you

buy your Rubbers here.

That We have all kinds of Rubbers for every member

of the family.

That Your Rubbers will cost you less, if you buy

here.

That You had better come here and see.

GEO. W. COWAN

## JANUARY STOCK-TAKING SALE THE GORDON STORE.

will begin a Clearing Sale and continue during the month, prior to taking stock. Everything that smells of winter will be pushed at such reductions in price as will prevent us carrying these goods over. It will pay you to read and heed our descriptions and quotations. You can't find our whole bargain batch here. A friendly visit will open your eyes far better than printers' ink.

### Ladies' Cloth Jackets

13 ONLY FINEST CLOTH COATS—Silk,

satin and fur lined, all sizes, \$16.00,

\$13.00 and \$20.00, sale price

\$10.00

23 ONLY LADIES' JACKETS—Silk and

mercerized, lined, fancy stitching and

braiding, regular \$10.00 and \$12.50,

\$7.50

10 ONLY LADIES' CLOTH COATS—

mercerized, lined throughout, prime,

\$8.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00, sale price

\$6.50

11 ONLY LADIES' COATS—Mercerized,

lined throughout, \$6.50, \$8.75 and

\$7.00, sale price

\$5.00

16 ONLY CLOTH, CURL AND TWEED

COATS—Lined throughout, \$5.00, spec-

ial, on sale

\$3.75