

## TOOLS

We are paying special attention to Machine Tools of all kinds. Our stock is most complete in the city and we would like to show our line of **Hand Saws, Chisels, Spiral Turnscrows, Planes, Ratchet Braces**, and others. To every mechanic our prices will be found satisfactory.

**Westman Bros.**  
Chatham.

G. W. Cornell  
DENTIST

Cor. 6th and King Streets  
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

## Oranges!

CALIFORNIA NAVELS  
Sweet and Juicy

25c, 40c, 50c

Per Dozen.

Delivered to any part of the city.

FRESH OYSTERS received every day.

**W. S. Richards,**  
Kent Bakery Phone 186

## TO-NIGHT.

"B" Company drills at Drill Hall, at 7.45.  
Park St. Methodist League, S. S. Hall, at 8.  
Tent No. 8, K. O. T. M., Maccabees' Hall, at 8.  
The B. Y. P. U. of C. E. will meet at 8 o'clock.  
The 24th Regiment Band will hold a practice at 8.  
The C. E. of St. Andrew's Church, S. S. Hall, at 8.  
Kent Preceptory, Knights Templar, Masonic Hall, at 8.  
A. O. U. W., in their Hall over Public Library, 8 o'clock.  
Victoria Ave. Methodist Church Epworth League, 8 o'clock.  
Lecture, "Malaria and Mosquitoes," C. C. I. lecture hall, at 8.

## PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.  
Toronto, March 20.—10 a. m.—Fair and mild.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

William Regan, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday.  
John N. Gibb, of Wallaceburg, was in the city yesterday.  
James Dillon, of Bothwell, was a city visitor yesterday.  
M. Stanley, of Bothwell, is spending the day in the city.  
Angus Gillander, of Highgate, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.  
The drums and bugles have arrived for the 24th drum and bugle band.  
Roadmaster Harry Morris, of the Lake Erie, was in the city yesterday.  
A. A. Appleford, of the Wallaceburg Herald-Record, spent yesterday in the city.  
W. A. Johnson, H. Callwood and A. Stinson, of Tilbury, were Maple City guests yesterday.  
The Ladies Aid of St. Joseph's church realized over \$200 by their St. Patrick's night concert.  
Mr. Blunt, of Stratford, has accepted a lucrative position with the Wm. Gray & Sons Co., Limited.  
Auction sale of household goods and furniture at the residence of Mr. Thrasher, Raleigh street.  
Mr. Buchanan, representing the Bowman Hardware Company, of London, is spending the day in the city.  
A dance was given in the L. O. O. F. Auditorium last evening, by Pritchard's orchestra. It was a big success.  
Arch. Duddy has purchased from A. J. Pelling the north half of lot 15, Chatham Township. The price paid was \$5,000.  
The daughters of Rebeka have completed their costumes for the beautiful work of the order. They will be used next meeting night.

## Grippe!!

Invariably leaves a cough. If you have it, we have a remedy not to be sneezed at. It always proves efficacious.

If you have difficulty in getting rid of that lingering and hacking cough, try our

**Bloodroot Cough Cure**

we guarantee it,  
25c a Bottle.

**A. I. McCall & Co., Limited**  
DRUGGISTS AND OPTICIANS



Arch. Wemp, Wellington street, for some time an employee of Jno. Pigott & Sons, leaves to-morrow for Toronto, where he has secured a lucrative position.

Chatham Encampment No. 10, held a large meeting last night. The degree team will take a trip to Blenheim on the 15th of April. The degree team from Wheatley will put on the Oriental degree here next meeting night.

## MYSTIC METER

Strange Stories for the Superstitious to Consider—The Dept. Puzzled.

The haunted meter is the mystery that seems impossible for the Waterworks Department to solve. The peculiar actions of the meter have been puzzling the heads of the Waterworks Department for the past week, and the enigma is still unexplained. The facts of the case are these: Mrs. Wm. Walker, Lacroix St., has the waterworks service in her house, and the amount, used is measured by a meter. Between the hours of darkness, that is, during the night, the meter always works and, as a result, always registers at the end of each quarter an extraordinary amount of water—far more than it would be possible for the household to use. The Waterworks Department were notified of the strange antics of the meter, and they advised Mrs. Walker to get a plumber. A man from Westman Bros. was summoned and he tested the meter, but found it to work all right and register truly under test. Then the Waterworks Department tested the meter and found it all right. It was put back and immediately began to cut up again. There is no leak in sight, yet, while the water was shut off at all the taps for two days, the meter registered six cubic feet. Supt. Jones has watched the meter for half an hour during the day and it never gave a sign of a move, but as soon as darkness sets in the meter begins to register. It is impossible for the meter to register unless the water goes through it, and where the water can be going is the mystery.

There is no sign of the water anywhere around the house. A new meter was put in the house this afternoon and an effort will be made to explain the mystery of the haunted meter.

## AT HIGH COURT

The case of Celina Duprat vs. Narcisse Daniel was commenced at the court house yesterday afternoon.

The plaintiff is an unmarried woman residing in the city of Chatham, and the defendant is a farmer residing in the township of Dover East. The plaintiff owns the farm on which the defendant lives. The plaintiff leased the farm to Mr. Daniel, the defendant, for one year, and in this agreement she (the plaintiff) was to have part of the dwelling house, her board and that of her companion, the use of a horse and buggy and one-third of the crop then in the ground. This lease was secured by Napoleon Pisonneau, and signed by the plaintiff, on Sunday, March 11th.

The plaintiff, however, claims that the agreement in the lease were not carried out by the defendant. She was forced to leave the house on account of poor board and the other agreements in the lease were not lived up to. The plaintiff's claim is that the alleged lease be declared void by reason of fraud, misrepresentation and deception practiced by the defendant and Pisonneau upon her. That the lease does not represent the bargain made, and should be set aside or reformed so as to conform to the bargain made by the plaintiff and the defendant since she left her home, and also the value of one-third of the fall wheat crop of this year and give up immediate possession of the property.

The plaintiff is an aged lady and the farm is her only means of support. After the plaintiff's evidence, Dr. McKenough testified that shortly before the plaintiff left Mr. Daniel's she came to him and complained of receiving improper diet. She was troubled with indigestion and rheumatism. The case was not concluded when the court adjourned at half past seven. The plaintiff and J. A. Walker for the defendant. J. B. Rankin appears for the defendant.

The case of Duprat vs. Daniel was resumed this morning and the case will be finished before to-morrow at noon. The evidence of the plaintiff has been taken, and the defence is now being made. Some 12 witnesses are expected this morning and the examination is still in progress at the time of going to press.

## MR. GARROW'S JUDGESHIP.

Ottawa, March 20.—The appointment of Hon. J. T. Garrow as a judge of the High Court of Ontario will be gazetted on Saturday.

## ANCIENT ORDER UNITED WORKMEN.

We do not attempt to build up our reputation upon the abuse of other institutions, but while we work in harmony with other societies, having similar aims, we think the past records of our Order warrant us in believing that it possesses more advantages than any other assessment society, and lastly, because we are the oldest, strongest and best fraternal benevolent association in America. Meeting every Friday evening. Visiting brethren welcome.

W. S. APPLEFORD, J. R. SNELL,  
Master Workman. Recorder.

## DOWAGER EMPRESS' GIFT.

Pekin, March 20.—The Dowager Empress, learning that Mrs. Bainbridge, wife of Mr. W. E. Bainbridge, Secretary of the United States Legation, was starting for home, sent her an immense box of costly confectionery, sharks' fins, and other delicacies, with scrolls expressing her Majesty's personal regards and wishes for a pleasant journey.

## A Beautiful Picture...

Is the Queen of gifts. No matter what the occasion a picture is always received with delight. We have in stock a very choice collection of Pictures, framed and unframed, that would grace any home.

## Picture Framing

House-cleaning time will soon be at hand. Bring us your pictures to be framed. This department is in charge of Mr. Geo. Berube, well-known in the picture framing trade.

**Fine Collection of Mouldings, prices reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.**

## DINGMAN'S Book Store

## Fresh Fish



We expect to have another shipment of fresh fish on Friday, and then we think this will be the last for this season, as the weather is becoming too warm for us to risk bringing it. We had fully decided to give up the fresh fish for this season, but the cold turn in the weather and the great number of requests from customers for just one more feast on that delicious article of food, the Fish, we decided to bring one more shipment on Friday.

## Geo. A. Young Our Grocer Phone 151

Stuart Campbell, marine insurance broker, of Montreal, was found dead with a revolver in his right hand and a wound in his head. The shooting is thought to have been accidental.

## MESSENGER, CAB AND DRAY AGENCY.

Telephone 297, or leave orders at Eetterly & Brisco's office and a messenger boy, a cab or dray will be sent you at once.

## RUSSIA, AUSTRIA AND ITALY.

Berlin, Mar. 20.—The Hanover Courier says commercial treaty negotiations with Russia, Austria, and Italy are almost concluded. The treaties will possibly be laid before the Reichstag at the autumn session.

## RARE WORKS SELL HIGH.

Paris, March 20.—M. Eugene Pallou's library has been sold for 221,891 francs. A Greek edition of "Pastorales de Daphnis et Chloe," by Didot, with original designs by Proudhon and Gerard, brought 35,000 francs for the Demosene-Morgan Library. At the Hamilton sale the work brought 22,008 francs. "Lorraine Virginia," a manuscript of the fifteenth century, was bought by Mr. Quaritch for 35,000 francs.

## THE STOKERS' STRIKE.

Havre, March 20.—The striking stokers and firemen of the French line steamship La Savoie are endeavoring to incite the firemen and stokers of other steamships of that company to join them. The French Line steamship La Savoie, which is scheduled to sail on Saturday, will experiment with the Marconi wireless system of telegraphy on her next voyage. The company will also reopen the pigeon post. The rate for messages will be reduced from five francs to two francs.

## THE CHICAGO MARKET.

Through J. B. McGregor, stock broker, Northwood's block, Chatham: Chicago, Mar. 21, 1912

	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Wheat				
May....	74 1/2	74 3/4	73 3/4	73 3/4
July....	74 1/2	75 1/4	74 1/4	74 1/4
Corn				
May....	60 1/2	61	60 1/2	60 1/2
July....	60 1/2	61	60 1/2	60 1/2
Oats				
May....	43 1/2	43 3/4	43 1/4	43 1/4
July....	35 1/2	35 3/4	35 1/4	35 1/4
Rye				
May....	15 5/8	15 7/8	15 5/8	15 5/8
July....	15 7/8	15 8/8	15 5/8	15 5/8
Lard				
May....	9 45	9 50	9 42	9 47
July....	9 57	9 60	9 52	9 57
Ribs				
May....	8 55	8 57	8 52	8 57
July....	8 65	8 70	8 65	8 67

Chatham's Greatest Store | C. AUSTIN, & CO. | Chatham's Cheapest Store

## Fine Black Dress Goods

Our black Dress Goods are attracting more attention this season than ever before, and we expected it would, for we have never offered such a wide collection or a more striking assortment of such rich goods as we are now showing.

While the soft clinging and open work fabrics which include many novel styles in Grenadines and other sheer materials have become extremely popular. There are other weaves and materials that are equally as dressy, some of which we mention here to-day together with their prices.

GRENADINES	LIGHT WEIGHT ALL WOOL FABRICS
All wool grenadines, wide and narrow stripes, at 75c.	All wool crepe-de chene, 42 inches wide, at 90c.
Wool and mohair grenadines, in stripes and dots, at \$1.00.	All wool endorn, 44 inches wide, double warp, at \$1.25.
Silk and wool grenadines, in stripes and fancy designs, at \$1.25 and \$1.50.	All wool drape de noris, 44 inches wide, at \$1.00 and \$1.25.
All silk grenadines, in a variety of new designs, priced up to \$3.00.	All wool beaglines, in fine and medium cords, at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25.
Silk and wool and all silk transparencies in new designs, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00.	

An unusually attractive collection of English Mohairs, Brilliantines and Sicilians, in both fine and coarse makes at very attractive prices.

## CLOTHING DEPARTMENT | CLOTHING DEPARTMENT

## Stylish Ready-to-Wear Clothing For Dressy Men

One of the most remarkable features noticed in the commercial world at the present time is the gigantic strides made in the manufacture of Ready-to-wear Clothing.

A few years has made a great change in this department of manufacturing, skill, energy and capital, has replaced the old style country store hand-me-downs, with well tailored, perfect fitting, fashionable garments worn by the dressiest people in the city. If you are considering the question of clothing, we are in a position to help you make a profitable investment, as we have a clothing buyer whose whole attention is paid to watching the markets of the world and when anything good shows up we are therefore in a position to give our customers the best values in the market to-day.

## Special Showing of Men's Very Swell Pattern Worsted Suits

Opened up this week, on Display in East Window Saturday

MEN'S SOLID WORSTED SUITS	MEN'S VERY FINE WORSTED SUITS
In very pretty grey effects, neat checks, with over plaids, single breasted sack suits, handsomely tailored, equal to any suits ever retailed at \$12.50; sizes 34 to 44. Special value at \$10.00	The new olive shadings, pretty invisible overplaids, also plaid grey worsteds, nice mid gentled shade, always dressy, with facings, piped edges, sack coats, size 34 to 44, a very handsome line \$12.00.

MEN'S EXTRA QUALITY WORSTED SUITS	SPECIAL ALL-WOOL SERGE SUITS
In the very new olive shading, nobly invisible overplaid. The swell line for this season's trade, single breasted sack coats, sizes, 34 to 44 \$13.50	Of plain all wool blue serges, single breasted sack coats, with double breasted vests, sizes 32 to 44 \$5.00. This quality is equal to any \$7.50 suit ever sold and we are making it special at

**C. Austin & Co.,**  
THE BARGAIN CENTRE