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People are quick to see their advantage. The announcement that we had bought SIX THOUSAND YARDS OF ART DRAPERIES, ART DENIMS, ART CRITONNES, FINE SILKALINE DRAPERY, had a magical crowd-drawing effect. The sale prices added vim to the buying.

Once in a great while you may, But you'll wait many a day to get another chance like this, to get such a bargain in Fancy Goods for fancy work and such a choice of patterns in these Draperies as you don't often see. The goods are worth 15c, 20c, 25c, our price now 10c, 12c, 15c yard.

BARGAINS THAT PASS BY

Like a swiftly flowing river in this great establishment. Vast quantities of goods are ever pouring in and out. Bargains are ever passing by, caught by the wise few, missed by the careless many.

SEE OUR EAST WINDOW for some lines of DRESS GOODS and prices, then come in and see our Dress Goods Department.

GLOVES that look well, fit well, wear well, sell well, at these prices.

Ladies' Ringwood Colored Gloves, worth 25c, for 15c.
Ladies' Black Ringwood Gloves for 20c, worth 25c.
Ladies' Colored Cashmere Gloves, pointed backs, worth 35c, for 19c pair.
Ladies' Black Fleece-lined Cashmere Gloves, worth 50c, for 25c pair.
Ladies' Kid Gloves in all the new shades—Tann, Browns, Red, Green, at 75c, \$1 and \$1.25.

EVERY BREEZE THAT BLOWS

Sings the same song, "Buy Blankets." We say buy them at WHISKARD'S. Quality right, prices right, size right; 59c pair, large size; 85c pair up to \$3.25 for all wool, large size.

THE THREE BECKONING ARMS

of Qualities, Varieties and Prices never beckoned with greater grace and results than at our present sale of LACE CURTAINS AND LADIES' WHITEWEAR.

SPECIALS IN MILLINERY.

Ladies' and Children's Untrimmed Felt Hats, which are so stylish, in all the newest colors, regular price 50c, 75c and \$1, all at one price—25c each.

Birds, Wings, Feathers, Ospreys, Quills—all at cut prices.

One line of Fancy Wool Tams, worth 25c, for 10c each.

Children's Flannel Skirts, large size, worth 25c, for 15c each. Fine line of Ladies' Vests and Drawers just in, new goods, 45c each—special.

Ladies' Fine Saten Quilted Skirts, worth \$2.50, \$3, selling price \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50. Cheap! Call and see them.

WE CAN'T HELP IT. IT'S OUR NATURE TO SELL CHEAPLY.

DOMINION ALLIANCE.

The Latest Address Issued by This Body.

Toronto, Jan. 28.—The Council of the Dominion Alliance for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic have formulated their address to the electors of the province in view of the forthcoming elections. This is the text of the appeal:

To the electors of the Province of Ontario:

A provincial election is at hand, the result of which will be of the utmost importance in its relation to the progress of temperance legislation. This importance is not lessened by the fact that a plebiscite on national prohibition will shortly be taken. Even though we win in that vote, it will be some time before national prohibition law can be brought into operation. Furthermore, the effectiveness of such law will largely depend upon the sympathy and support of the provincial government and legislature, which will matter much to do with the important measure of law enforcement. In the meantime we must depend upon the further needed measures for the curtailment of intemperance.

It is deeply to be regretted that the present legislature has fallen short of the fully representing the advanced temperance sentiment of Ontario. It was elected immediately after the fact had declared in favor of prohibition by a majority of 1,700 votes, and we had a right to expect that the legislature would have responded in effective restrictive legislation. It is true that some progress was made. The license law was improved and made more restrictive. The improvement, however, was not at all what friends of temperance had a right to expect; and legislation was voted down by the House of Assembly.

During the session of the legislature which has just closed there were laid before the house very many important petitions from churches, temperance societies, municipal councils, and other representative bodies, praying for the amendment of the license law, so as to give a majority of the electors in a polling division power to prevent the renewal of an existing license and a majority of the electors in a municipal

power to limit the hours of sale. No response to this reasonable request was made. No action regarding it was taken by any member of the legislature.

It is therefore manifest that stronger efforts must be made by prohibitionists to secure the election of representatives who are known and avowed friends of our cause, and who can be relied upon, regardless of party, to support such further restrictive legislation as the provincial assembly has no doubt power to enact. Earnestly we appeal to our friends to see that there are such candidates in the field, in every part of the province, and that prohibitionists vote only for those who comply with the requirements set out. All local temperance organizations, all churches, all plebiscite committees, and all other organizations favoring temperance, are urged to take definite action towards carrying out this policy as may be found most expedient in their respective localities.

By order of the executive committee, F. J. MACLAREN, President; F. S. SPENCE, Secretary.

Roughly Handled.

Mutiny on Board a British Vessel.

Seven Sailors Shackled—A Plerco Fight—Every Member of the Crew Injured.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 28.—Seven sailors of the British bark Marion Francis right while the vessel was towed to sea Sunday. These seven were arrested in port for desertion, taken aboard ship in irons and locked up in the ship's hospital, where they were held off their shackles before morning. While the captain and the rest of the crew were at breakfast they broke out and took possession. Finding that with the mutineers, the captain took them apart and said if they did not obey him he would land them at Victoria for mutiny at sea, the penalty for which under the British law is death. He then ordered them to hand-furiously, using iron bars and fists. Capt. McDonald was kicked in the stomach and rendered unconscious. Every member of the crew was severely bruised. When the seven were finally overpowered Monday night two of them jumped overboard and made for the shore. The next day the mutineers gave in and resumed work.

JANUARY WHEAT \$1.10.

Reacted Afterwards and Closed at \$1.08—Market Close to Leaders' Selling Price.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—January wheat was bid up to \$1.10 yesterday, 1 cent above the highest point reached during the December squeeze. May at the same time sold up to 56c cents. The bulge advanced at Antwerp on a sharp closing Letter helped things along by bidding up January.

Letter people say that the May price is now very close to the market set for the sale of their line. Some reaction followed the advance, January closing at \$1.08 and May at 57c cents.

Epping Forest is the largest public recreation ground in the world.

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP

Heals and Soothes the delicate tissues of the Throat and Lungs.

... CURING ...

COUGHS, COLDS, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, HOARSENESS, SORE THROAT, INFLUENZA, and PAIN IN THE CHEST.

EASY TO TAKE. SURE TO CURE.

Coughs That Kill

are not distinguished by any mark or sign from coughs that fail to be fatal. Any cough, neglected, may sap the strength and undermine the health until recovery is impossible. All coughs lead to lung trouble, if not stopped.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Cures Coughs

"My wife was suffering from a dreadful cough. We did not expect that she would long survive, but Mr. R. V. Royal, deputy surveyor, happened to be stopping with us over night, and having a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral with him, induced my wife to try this remedy. The result was so beneficial that she kept on taking it till she was cured."

R. S. HUMPHRIES, Sausal, Ga.

"My little daughter was taken with a distressing cough, which for three years defied all the remedies I tried. At length, on the urgent recommendation of a friend, I began to give her Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. After using one bottle I found to my great surprise that she was improving. Three bottles completely cured her."

J. A. GRAY, Trav. Salesman Wrought Iron Range Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Advice free by eminent physician. Letters private. Address Medical Department, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Middlesex County Council.

Treasurer's Statement in Re the County Funds.

Cash Balance Remaining in the Bank After Meeting Liabilities \$38,725 80.

Receipts \$165,252 47 and Disbursements \$126,526 67—Where the Money Went and From Whence It Came—Cost of Council Under the New Act Greatly Reduced.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

This meeting was the busiest one of the session, and the members hustled things through in good style.

Treasurer A. M. McEvoy submitted a statement showing receipts and disbursements of the county of Middlesex from Dec. 31, 1896, to Jan. 6, 1898. The total receipts amounted to \$165,252 47. Of this amount \$22,398 18 was derived from the county rate as follows:

Adelaide	\$3,589 75
Biddle	1,739 55
Carleton	3,269 15
Delaware	1,911 23
Doncaster North	4,093 57
Elkridge	2,839 28
Lobo	4,480 88
London	9,583 64
McGillivray	1,576 75
Metcalfe	2,225 25
Moss	3,918 88
Westminster	4,609 44
Weston	3,269 15
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East Williams	4,609 44
Parishill	4,609 44
Strathroy	1,576 75
Alisa Craig	2,225 25
Glencoe	670 16
West London	818 53
Lucan	2,225 25
Newbury	272 77
Wardville	100 00

From wild lands tax the receipts were \$2,397 67; provincial government, re-aid administration of justice, \$5,853 51; re-aid provincial government grant re schools, \$18,101; jail maintenance, \$3,419 21; license fees, \$228; proceeds from sale of debentures, \$45,000; premium on debentures, \$2,041 40. The disbursements were \$126,526 67. Of this \$22,398 18 was paid on redemption of debentures, \$22,398 18; general account, \$8,638 32; to jailors, \$2,839 28; constables, \$734 25; crown witnesses, \$734 25; constables, \$2,839 28; jail maintenance, \$3,419 21; legislative grants to schools, \$18,101; county grant to high schools, \$5,000 00; maintenance of the destitute insane, \$1,018 75; maintenance of patients in joint hospital, \$2,159 54; maintenance of house of refuge, \$6,175 67; municipal government, \$2,225 25; expense of bridges, \$2,041 40. The balance remaining, including the sinking fund, in the bank is \$37,725 80.

In response to Mr. C. C. Hodgins' motion, Mr. A. M. McEvoy submitted a statement of the cost of maintaining government of the county of Middlesex for 1896 and 1897, relating to the pay of councillors and committees:

Pay list of council—1896.	1897.
January session.....	\$658 10
June session.....	556 20
December session.....	297 90
Pay list of committees.....	560 20
Houses of Refuge.....	231 80
Miscellaneous matters	37 90
Totals.....	\$2,157 90

From this it will be seen that under the old county council act of 1896, when there were 48 members, the three sessions cost \$274 80 more than under the amended act passed by the Ontario

government reducing the number of county representatives. In 1896 the cost was \$1,774 20, in 1897, under the amended statutes, the cost was reduced to \$899 70, or, in other words, about half.

The statement of the amounts paid county sheriff, clerk of peace and county attorney for services per quarter during the year 1896 was ordered to be printed in the minutes as follows:

	Sheriff.	Clerk.	Attorney.
March.....	\$638 41	\$241 14	\$253 99
June.....	1,051 62	329 00	358 40
September.....	638 30	359 70	283 70
December.....	669 84	411 24	511 07
Totals.....	\$2,998 17	\$1,371 17	\$1,382 07

The first report of the finance committee was adopted and a grant of \$100 to Col. Irwin for the Twenty-sixth Miss Doyne, jail matron, was granted.

The Children's Aid Society was granted \$50, and the warden elected to represent the county on the board of management. The sum of \$17,700 amount of taxes due the county by the sufferers from the recent cyclone, was remitted, and made payable to the superintendent on the order of the receiver.

The salaries of county officials for the current year will be: \$200; bridge commissioner, \$3 50 per day actual service; and for services re small bridges, \$200; janitor, \$50; keeper of house of refuge, \$350; matron of jail, \$750; first turnkey, \$550; second turnkey, \$450; third turnkey, \$400; jail matron, \$400; assistant matron, \$300; jail surgeon, service and medicine, 10 members of council, \$3 per day and 10 cents per mile mileage; county judge, \$4 per day; other auditors, \$2 per day, and 10 cents per mile mileage.

The sum of \$202 21, being the cost to the county under the act for elections, was ordered to be paid.

On motion of S. McLeod and D. F. Stewart, Mr. John Wilson was appointed trustee of the Parkhill high school. On motion of C. C. Hodgins and D. P. Stewart, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Hardy, Bradley and Commissioner Talbot, was appointed, with the purchase of the piece of land adjoining the house of refuge.

Mr. M. McEvoy, on behalf of Constable Wilson, of Strathroy (who was prosecuted during the summer for having shot an escaping prisoner named Burns, and whose trial showed that the constable had acted strictly within his power), asked that Mr. Wilson be removed the expenses of his trial. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The report of the joint committee re the County road bridge, recommending that the bridge be rebuilt of wood plank drawn and tenders called for, was adopted.

The first report of the board of road directors was adopted. It recommended that Andrew Ferguson be inspector of the Kilworth bridge, regarding the bridge between Parkhill and Williams, a committee, consisting of Simon McLeod, John Morgan, Thomas Duffin, R. W. Jackson, John Bragg and Commissioner Talbot, will decide whether it is a county bridge, or is maintained by the township. The same committee will also confer with the township of Lambton county re the road between the township of Strathroy and the township of Williams, a committee, consisting of Simon McLeod, John Morgan, Thomas Duffin, R. W. Jackson, John Bragg and Commissioner Talbot, will decide whether it is a county bridge, or is maintained by the township.

The petition of John Doble et al., re change of roadway between the townships of Elfrida and Minto, was referred to the commission, who will report at the June session.

The house of refuge committee report recommending the payment of accounts was adopted. It also asked the referee be empowered to purchase two cows. Regarding a child taken from the refuge, it stated that the home provided was unsuitable, and that it be handed over to Mr. Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society; also that J. Wainwright be paid \$24 75 for his maintenance for 13 weeks.

The warden, J. Morgan and Thomas select delegates to the Western Fair Association, which meeting is to be held on Feb. 15.

OAK HALL

A frock coat is like a patent medicine, good for both extremes of all cases. It's becoming to tall and short men alike. It's the coat for christenings and funerals. It's correct in daylight and darkness. It's worn by rich and poor. \$13 to \$14 gives you the newest cloths and latest wrinkles. Velvet collars if you want to pay for them. Fit of course. We don't make to order, but we make to fit.

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Best in Years.

Continued Good Reports of Trade in Canada.

Extracts From Dun and Co's and Bradstreet's Weekly Reviews.

R. G. Dun & Co's weekly statement of trade in Canada says: The general at the level of trade is fairly maintained.

Some of the larger drygoods and there is no evident disposition to buy more freely than for several years past. The expected advance in woolen underwear has been noted for the past fortnight. The advance in the shape of a shortening of credit terms. All woolen manufacturers are well employed, and dealers in new wools say that orders are better than they have received for three or four years.

There is some improvement reported this week in general wholesale trade at Toronto. The more reasonable weather has stimulated the demand for heavy wares and prices of the leading staples rule firm. Manufacturers have large orders on hand, which will keep them busy for several months. The increased demand extends to almost all departments—drygoods, hardware, groceries, leather, etc., and merchants generally are hopeful. Profits are fair, the disposition to cut prices not being apparent. Quite a number of small failures have occurred this week, but the comparison is favorable with former years. The railways are still doing a big business, dividends, prices of securities have advanced.

For the third week of January, the gross earnings of the Grand Trunk were \$44,821—an increase of \$2,822 as compared with the corresponding week of last year. The Canadian Pacific earned for the same week were \$39,000—an increase of \$3,000.

Large exports of farm produce continue, and the rate is low rates of exchange, with easy money market. Another advance has taken place in wheat, which is in good demand, and coarse grains are higher. Prices of dressed hogs also show an advance.

Money on call is easy, but is discounted at 6 per cent. Within a few days the London money market is higher, at 2 to 2½ per cent on call, and open market discount rates 2½ to 3 per cent.

The failures for the week were 40, as against 57 for the same week last year. Bradstreet's says: The Canadian trade situation has been improved, rather than hurt, by the very heavy snowfalls throughout the Dominion. Leather, sheepskins and hides are all reported higher, but Canadian pulled wool is lower at Toronto, because of gross imports of foreign sorts. Woolen manufacturing is active; mills, which have been shut down for two years past, are resuming and running over time. The fish market is firmer at Newfoundland, and the spring outlook is a favorable one. Montreal drygoods houses report fairly good orders. Hardware business is ahead of last year.

SURPRISED THE JAILER.

His Wife's Rheumatism Had Baffled the Doctors for Years—But a Bottle of South American Remedy Rheumatic Cure Relieved and Four Bottles Cured Her.

Mr. L. A. VanLusen, governor of county jail, Napawee, Ont., writes: My wife was a great sufferer from rheumatism. She was treated by best medical men, and used many remedies, but relief was only temporary. American Rheumatic Cure we procured a bottle and tried it. Half the bottle brought great relief, and four bottles completely cured her. Its effects are truly wonderful.

Sold by W. S. B. Barkwell and all druggists.

There are in India 200,000 widows aged between 9 and 14 years, and 80,000 less than 9 years, and 80,000.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption.

Or 4,300 applications for divorce in Michigan last year 1,400 were granted.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment 35 CENTS.

And cured in 5 nights.

Dr. M. Barkman, Buckingham, N. Y., writes: Send me 12 dozen more of Agnew's Ointment. I prescribe large quantities of it. It is a wonder worker in diseases and a great cure for piles.

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