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Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

## THE PROBABILITY.

G. N. W. Special.  
Toronto, Jan. 18.—10 a. m.—Unsettled; mild and rainy until Friday forenoon, then clearing with westerly winds.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Saturday will be underwear day at The 2 T's.

W. T. Dockrill, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R., is in the city.

A. E. Drake, travelling freight and passenger agent, L. E. & D. R. R., is in the city.

We have still about 125 yards of cloth left which will be on sale, Saturday only, Jan. 20th, at 50c a yard. Reid the Tailor.

Thos. L. Cochran, travelling agent for the Wabash Ry., left for Wallaceburg this morning.

A Regular Post for Underwear Buyers—The annual January Underwear Sale at The 2 T's will take place Saturday, January 20th.

Earl Drake, cashier L. E. & D. R. R., Sarnia, has accepted a position with T. Kinney & Son, wholesale grocers.

Don't miss this last chance! 125 yards of fine Satinings on sale Saturday, Jan. 20th, one day only, at 50c a yard. Reid the Tailor.

The L. E. & D. R. R. is making a shipment of several carloads of beans from this city and Blenheim, via Shengango, to Cleveland and Philadelphia.

Miss Catherine Novion, aged 22 years, the adopted daughter of F. Villier, Pike Creek, died Tuesday morning. The deceased had been employed for some time as teacher in the Maidstone public school.

Frank Harris and Isaac Groat, the two colored men under arrest for arson, were remanded till Monday at this morning's police court, no evidence being taken.

The 2 T's never carry Winter Underwear from one season to another. Saturday you can buy as follows:

Boys' 50c, underwear for 25c.

Men's 50c, fleeced-lined underwear for 35c.

Men's 75c, and 90c, underwear for 50c.

Men's \$1 and \$1.25 underwear for 75c.

Men's \$1.50 and \$1.75 underwear for 90c.

Men's \$2.50 underwear for \$1.50.

Give this a thought: \$1.50 buys J. D. King & Co.'s ladies' \$3.00 laced or buttoned boots in any size on narrow coin and pointed toes at Cowan's. See them in window.

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## LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

That is the Report From Capetown--  
Australians Ambushed.

London, Jan. 18.—A Cape Town special says it is persistently reported there that Ladysmith has been relieved.

The war office has received the following from Gen. Roberts, dated Cape Town to-day:

I have received a telegram from Gen. Buller, stating that one brigade and howitzer battery have crossed the Tugela river at Potgieter's drift. Five miles further west, at Trichard's drift, Gen. Warren has thrown a pontoon bridge over the river, by this part of his force crossed yesterday. The remainder is expected by this morning to be on the north bank. Warren hopes to be able to turn the enemy's position, which is five miles off to his right front and is being strongly entrenched.

## AUSTRALIANS

Rensburg, Cape Colony, Jan. 17.—A patrol composed of 16 men of the New South Wales Lancers and South Australians was ambushed yesterday by the Boers and overwhelmed, after a severe fight. Eight of the detachment escaped and have arrived in camp. This morning a patrol visited the scene of the fight and found one dead Australian and one wounded. A number of

dead Boer horses also were found, showing that the Australians made a gallant fight before surrendering. It appears that when the Australians encountered the first body of Boers and found their retreat cut off, they galloped for a near-by kopje, hoping to beat off the Boers, but on arriving they found another force of burghers concealed there.

## REPORT IS

London, Jan. 18.—The rumors from Cape Town that Ladysmith is already relieved, are apparently ahead of the facts. In any case, Field Marshal Roberts, whose report was despatched this morning, was not aware of it, and his despatches preclude the possibility that the troops mentioned in his despatch have so soon reached the beleaguered town. Though there are some discrepancies in the telegrams, the whole tenor of the news points to Gen. Buller's

second advance having begun with good prospects of success; but it is generally recognized that with an enemy so resolute as the Boers have proved themselves to be, it is idle to indulge in over-confidence.

The net result, so far as known, is that Gen. Buller occupies two commanding positions north of the Tugela river, thereby securing at least two crossings by which he can bring up necessary reinforcements.

## RE G. T. R. WAITING-ROOM

BURGLARY.

To The Planet.—I think you will find upon investigation, that the colored men Jas. and Wm. Hicks were put into the police station as ordinary lodgers on or about 1.30 last Monday morning (not Tuesday) of course no charge was laid against them and they were allowed to go. They remained in town on Monday, and on Monday night broke into the G. T. R. waiting-room at E. & H. crossing (not L. E. & D. R.) and doubtless decamped immediately afterwards which would be about 11.30 or 12 o'clock Monday night as they have been seen by no one since. As Officer Dezela states they are from Detroit and I am in possession of their full pedigree. They were in Chatham last Saturday and Sunday and were in company with Groat the suspected "frebug."

I ascertained nearly all this information before noon on Tuesday, and I told G. T. R. authorities so that they might take action. Your report is not O.K. and reflects upon local constables, as it conveys an impression that these colored men were in town until 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, or say two days after the burglary, and while the police force were looking for them. You will agree with me that not many criminals escape the meshes of the efficient Chatham police force. I am your obedient servant.

A. H. SKIRVING.

## SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

The new separate school board held its first meeting of the year last night. All the trustees, Jos. P. O'Keefe, Peter Robert, Edward Reardon, John Stephens, Peter Blonnie, John Welsh, James Flynn, James A. King, Frank E. Gerber and William O'Brien, were present.

Joseph T. O'Keefe was re-elected chairman. John Welsh was nominated by Mr. O'Keefe for the position but withdrew in favor of his mover. D. J. O'Keefe was elected Sec. Treas. C. J. O'Neill was elected a trustee of the College for the year 1900 in place of J. P. Dunn who resigned on account of being absent from the city a great deal.

The following committees were elected: Finance—Robert, O'Brien and King. Education—Flynn, Welsh and Blonnie. Supplies—Gerber, Reardon and Stephens.

The first names are the chairmen of the respective committees. W. J. Twomey was re-elected a trustee of the public library.

The board decided upon the first Monday evening in each and every month hereafter as its regular night of meeting. Rev. Fr. Solanus was re-elected local superintendent of the schools for the current year.

Trustee Robert introduced the question of constructing closets upon a more modern sanitary method than at present in use, also the advisability of heating the school building by hot water or hot air.

Trustee Flynn reminded the board that the meeting was for organization only, and upon motion, the board formally adjourned.

## CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Up.	High.	Low.	Closes
Wheat—Dec.	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2
May	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2
July	65 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/4	65 1/2
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