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New Goods

Spend a few hours in this store Saturday among the new dress goods, new wash stuffs, new prints, ginghams, chambrays, etc. The stocks were never more complete with handsome goods than they are this season at this store.

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Have you profited by the extra good values in linen offered by this store? Better have a cloth length or two of this beautiful bleached linens. It will be many a day before you'll be able to buy such good linen for such little prices.

72 in bleached tabling, all linen in two beautiful designs, extra value per yard 85c, March linen sale price - - - - - - - - - 75c

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At Gray's China Hall.

Nothing but the best for the least money. You can get suited here in Dinnerware, as the assortment is all you could desire, and our many stock patterns are sure to please you. A new line of pretty China just to hand. See it.

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We are introducing the most excellent Headache Tablet. It comes well recommended from larger cities.

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Just ask your doctor all about it. He will tell you "It is the best blood medicine you can possibly buy."

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

March 11.—Geo. Carey is recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

The handle factory is running overtime.

P. Giroux and family left this week for Fisherville, Mass.

Bishop Baldwin will hold confirmation services in St Andrew's Episcopal church on Friday evening, 18th inst., at eight o'clock.

Robert Adams leaves to-day for Alberta.

A public meeting of the creamery note defenders is advertised to be held in Valetta town hall on Monday evening, 21st inst.

John Beno is recovering from a serious illness.

A concert under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist Methodist church will be given on Tuesday evening, April 12th, in Anderson Hall. The talent engaged for the occasion include Colin McDonald, of Windsor; Miss Deming, soprano in the Presbyterian church, Windsor, and Miss Bond, Windsor's talented elocutionist, assisted by local talent.

A largely signed petition is being circulated in the village asking that the Malott drain be devoted to the King and Whittle. The late flooding of the village was the direct cause of the petition.

Mrs. N. F. Gardiner, of Valetta, after selling the estate, will either sell or rent the farm and move to Chatham.

DRESDEN

Mar. 11.—The degree team of the Diamond Rebekah Lodge visited the lodge at Thamesville on Tuesday night and initiated several new members. Some of the local Oddfellows accompanied the Rebekahs.

The many friends of Mrs. Bolton, Holden St., will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Jane Conliffe, the interment being made in Dresden cemetery.

Alf. Peate, of Chatham, visited Dresden friends on Tuesday.

D. L. Thompson, general agent of the North American Life Assurance Company, spent Wednesday and Thursday in town.

We are indebted to the editor of the Dresden Times for a correction of an error in Tuesday's correspondence. The item in question was the report of the resignation of Rev. S. Bond, pastor of the Methodist church. However, the information was given us by one who we believed would be well informed, and, unlike the Times man, we did not question the authenticity of the report. Under the circumstances it is but fair to Mr. Bond to contradict the report, which we have since found out was not correct.

Robert Conliffe, of Windsor, was in town yesterday attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Jane Conliffe.

Mr. Jackson, well known in Dresden, has moved from Tilbury and taken up his residence in Mrs. Perry's house, Sydenham St.

Norman Simpson, who recently purchased Mr. Leitch's farm, just outside the town, will take possession next week.

Willson & Burns, the flax mill proprietors, are making praparation for a big run next fall. They have advertised for 1,000 tons of flax for next summer.

Your Dealer or Your Baby?

Baby's Own Soap is as pure and safe soap can be.

Why experiment on Baby's delicate skin with other Soaps made by unscrupulous manufacturers to LOOK like Baby's Own, but made as cheaply as possible?

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THAMESVILLE

March 11.—Mr. S. West, of London, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Alice Thompson, of Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson.

Miss May Smith, of St. Thomas Alma College, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Climie.

Mrs. Henry Julien left this morning for Ingersoll, where she will join Mr. Julien, who has accepted a position there.

Mr. Bert Thompson, of Groton, has purchased Wm. Bebington's butcher business and will take possession next week.

Mrs. Wm. Ashwin, who has been spending the past month with her daughter-in-law in Botany, has returned to her home in Holland, Mich.

The degree team of the Diamond Rebekah Lodge, of Dresden, visited the Thamesville Lodge Tuesday evening and exemplified the work. The work was done in a splendid manner and was highly appreciated by the home Lodge. After several interesting speeches a dainty luncheon was served, to which all did ample justice.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Invaluable for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co. Mfrs., Montreal. tf

WALLACEBURG

March 12.—Mr. H. W. Burgess has returned from a business trip to London.

Mr. and Mrs. Pashby, who reside over the Bank of Toronto, of which Mr. Pashby is manager, were startled on Thursday night last by what was thought to be a burglar. After investigating, however, they found that a pigeon had become fastened to the screen on the window, and upon trying to release itself in shaking the screen and flapping its wings, etc., had awakened them. The pigeon is now a captive at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their child, Katherine, aged one year, eights months and eleven days, who died at their home March 11, Friday.

Some of the air cells in the human lungs are no bigger than 1-150 of an inch. When you have a cold, these are clogged with mucous. Allen's Lung Balsam clears the tiny air-passages and heals the inflammation in the bronchial tubes.

BLENHEIM

March 12.—Mrs. T. P. Warner has rented Mrs. Newson's house and will move there very soon.

Patten and Perry played in the Opera House on Tuesday night to a large audience. Everyone was well pleased with the show and their band.

Joshua Meade, who has been working on the Lake Erie Railway at Port Stanley, is home on a short visit with his family.

The 5th number of the Lyceum Course will be given on Thursday, March 17th, by the Hawthorne Musical Club, which gave such a pleasing concert here last year.

Gilbert Blakely, who has been at Liskeard, New Ontario, since last fall, is home on a short visit to his parents. He speaks favorably of that section of New Ontario.

R. Pegley, of E. G. Thompson's staff, is confined to the house with an attack of la grippe.

Mrs. A. N. Shotwell, of Mt. Clemens, is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Chas. Vivian.

Abbot D. Giffin has bought F. Ford's property on Sheldrick St. Mr. Ford has bought from James Henniker, the late E. Cobourn's residence on Hall St., and yesterday moved into it.

Mrs. Ezra Putnam, Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. W. Pearson.

Miss Nora Clark has a position in Mrs. Ward's millinery store.

A meeting will be held in W. E. Hall's office on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a baseball team. All interested are invited to attend.

The subject for the sermon in the Baptist Church on Sunday evening will be "Blenheim's Opportunity," Rev. G. B. Brown being the preacher.

Mrs. W. Brown is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. B. Brown.

A number of farm sales are to be held during the next two weeks.

The weekly shoot of the Blenheim Gun Club, on Tuesday, was well attended. The shoots are unusually well attended this year. The following are the scores:

F. Gilbert	18
E. Gilbert	12
McIntyre	12
S. Burk	21
Fleming	8
J. Wetherald	16
T. Taylor	17
W. Hartford	3
Sid Burk	13
R. Bannon	11
P. Slater	17
C. Wetherald	8
F. Suitor	15
McMackon	20
Mac Samson	9
W. Samson	19
E. Ramsden	13
Vester	12
Z. Ramsden	15
C. Clark	10
S. Garrod	16
O'Brien	4
L. Cox	8
A. Cox	14
Mont. Burk	19
I. Clark	5

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It Plays Itself

It plays every kind of instrumental music, sings every class of songs, tells you all kinds of funny stories.

SEND NO MONEY. Just your name and address plainly written and we will mail you postpaid, 3 doz. large beautiful packages of fresh Sweet Pea Seeds to sell at 10c. each. (A certificate worth 50c. free to each purchaser.) Every package is handsomely decorated in 12 colors and contains 21 of the rarest, prettiest and most fragrant varieties in every imaginable color. They sell like hot cakes. When sold, return the money and we will immediately send you this real Columbia Graphophone exactly as illustrated, with spring motor, large metal amplifying horn; all handsomely enamelled, gold trimmed and nickel plated. Also one musical and one Prong record—Hiawatha, Dixie Girl, Annie Laurie, Carry me back to Old Virginia, My Old Kentucky Home, Old Oaken Bucket, Sally in Our Alley, My Wild Irish Rose, Kathleen Mavourneen, Poe going Back to Dixie, The Holy City, Home Sweet Home, etc., etc. Understand this is not a toy or a machine that must be turned by hand, but a real self playing Graphophone, with which you can give concerts in any size hall or room, as it sings, talks and plays, just as loud and clear as any $50.00 Talking Machine. Write for seeds to-day sure. Prize Seed Co., Dept. 151 Toronto

LETTER BOX

THE FISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—I see by the paper that Mr. P. T. Bastedo, Deputy Fish Commissioner for Ontario has been trying to get the States bordering on the Great Lakes to adopt a uniform close season for fish in the Great Lakes. At present there is no close season, fishermen are allowed to catch fish in the spawning season as well as out of it. In fact the great objection to a close season on the part of the fishermen seems to be that a close season would be in the spawning season, which is the time when the fish are congregated on the spawning beds, and are more easily caught and in greater numbers.

It is very doubtful whether the legistures of the different States which touch on the Great Lakes can be brought to see what is for the general welfare. Fishermen in Ohio and Michigan, for instance, say the white fish keep to the New York end of the lake all the season, except when they come up to the western end to spawn, and if they are not allowed to take them then, the New York State fishermen get them all, and that they can't be expected to protect the fish for the other fellows, even if the non-protection does lead to extermination.

And so it goes, and Mr. Bastedo is likely to have a hard time inducing them to protect the fish in the spawning season for their own and our benefit.

Some of the States bordering on the lakes were not represented at the meeting lately held at Detroit, plainly showing that they do not intend to fall into line. This being the case, would it not be best for the Ontario government to do what is for the best interests of the people of Ontario?

It has been stated that if the States interested do not join us and pass laws protecting the fish in the spawning season that it is the intention of our government to abolish the close season on this side of the lakes and allow the fish to be exterminated.

This is not good policy and would lead to loss of a valuable food supply. It has been stated that the fish are of very little benefit to the Canadaian people as a whole, as it is, as the fishing industries are for a great part in the hands of Americans, who hire a few Canadian fishermen to take out the licenses and work for them at ordinary wages. The fish are all shipped to New York and the other large cities of the States. Would it not be of far more benefit to the people if the fish were kept in Ontario, for the use of our own people? There is a large and increasing demand for fish at good prices; a demand which cannot be supplied, as the fish are all shipped out of the country.

By prohibiting the exportation of fish our people would be assured of a regular supply, our fishermen would not be injured in their occupation but assured of it, as under adequate protection fish would increase, and not be exterminated as they will be if they are not protected in the spawning season.

It has been stated that it is of very little use our protecting the fish unless the Americans do also, they cross the lake from side to side, at one time being on the American side and again on the Canadian side. This may be true to a certain extent, but it was found in Lake Superior that white fish which once abounded on the American side were very scarce, whereas on the Canadian side they were quite plentiful. In fact so noticeable was the difference that the Commissioner from Minnesota said at a meeting held at Detroit a few days ago that he thought the fish knew which were Canadian and which American waters. Self preservation is the first law of nature—animals, birds, and fish possess the instinct, and it is safe to say fish, although not as much of them as of birds and animals—know enough to keep away from waters where nets of all kinds swarm, when they have as good waters where they are safe.

The fishing in Lake St. Clair and adjoining waters, including the River Thames is of more direct interest to the people of this vicinity. Anglers have been much disgusted at the practical extermination of the bass in Lake St. Clair. They blame the innumerable hoop nets that have been allowed to infest all the best bass waters. It is true that the law does not allow bass to be taken or sold, but of course they do go into the trap hoop nets. They are supposed to be put back into the water by the fishermen. If they are anglers, are at a loss to know where they get to, as black bass, particularly of the small mouth variety, locally known as the green bass, are practically a thing of the past in the waters about Mitchell's Bay and the mouth of the Thames, where they were only a few years ago in large numbers, and where they afforded profit, pleasure and recreation to large numbers of the people from all sections and of all conditions of life.

Petitions have been forwarded to the Ontario Government from Chatham, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Mitchell's Bay and Big Point, praying that all net fishing be done away with in the River Thames, Lake St. Clair and adjoining waters. But so far no action has been taken, although no licenses have yet been granted for Lake St. Clair.

Those who are fond of recreation on the water, and they number thousands, don't see why all the fish of these waters should be monopolized by a few so-called fishermen, and the thousands deprived of their birthright. The people of this section are not allowed even the privilege of being able to buy their own fish; they are all contracted for at high prices and are shipped to New York.

Mr. Bastedo under instructions from the Hon. Mr. Latchford, has done much towards improving and stocking the inland lakes in Northern Ontario with bass. It is not necessary that the St. Clair waters be re-stocked; there are enough fish left to re-stock the waters if they are left alone for a few years. Hook and line fishing can do very little harm in the proper season, but bass should not be taken until after June 1st, when they have left the spawning beds and gone back to deep water. Anglers claim that even if the bass are returned to the water after getting into the hoop nets, a thing they very much doubt, the fish are so knocked about by being crowded in a small space with coarse fish that they die.

So the total sweeping out of the nets is the only thing to be done. They also say that Lake St. Clair being a small, shallow lake, should not be classed with the larger lakes and that all commercial fishing in it and its tributaries should be done away with, and the waters kept for the use and recreation of the growing population of the people adjoining these waters.

CANADIAN.

BRANCHES OUT

Thibodeau & Jacques Add a Dressmaking Department to Their Popular Store

There is no surer sign of the prosperity of any place than to see the merchants of that place branching out in their business. Chatham has always been known as a prosperous and busy city and the merchants here are as wide awake and enterprising as they are anywhere.

Thibodeau & Jacques, the well-known dry goods firm, have given their customers and patrons another sample of their enterprise and prosperity. Four years ago they found that their business had grown to such proportions that it was necessary to enlarge their store. This they did and their trade has since become so enormous that they are forced to enlarge still further.

About seven weeks ago they arranged to occupy all of the second floor above their present store, and since then great improvements have been made. The renovations are not yet completed, but it is expected they will be next week.

The improvements are very extensive and were made with the idea of enlarging their dress goods department and installing a dressmaking department. The floor at the rear of the store in the former millinery department has been lowered to make a large comfortable room for the staple goods. About seven feet above this is another floor on which is the millinery department, reached by a broad stairway from the centre of the rear store. This room is very light and roomy and makes an ideal millinery room. It will be fitted up with silent salesmen and special show cases. A large handsome mirror extends across the room on the back wall. The office is situated in one corner of this room and looking down on the store proper.

From the millinery room are steps on either side leading to the millinery work room, the fitting and reception room and the dress making room. It is one of the neatest arranged stores in town. The reception room is very elaborate with a large wall opening, giving a view of the ground floor of the store. Both the millinery room and the reception room are lighted by art glass sky lights.

All of the new improvements are fitted up with polished oak panellings, and floor rugs, etc. They will be complete for their opening, which promises to be exceedingly elaborate this year.

The millinery work rooms will accommodate 15 girls, while the dressmaking department started up last Monday with a staff of twelve dressmakers, presided over by Madame West. They have already orders enought to keep them busy a few weeks ahead.

This firm has a very extensive trade in dress goods, and there many well wishers have every confidence that they will succeed in their new venture.

The contractors who were engaged in the work of remodelling were Blonde Bros., & Co., and the Hazzard Store Service Company, of Toronto.

The Planet's new serial story commences to-day on page six. It's well worth reading.

Spring Suits for the Boys

The best way to increase your boy's self respect and other folks' respect for him and you, is to dress him right. Our clothes are extra good, stylish and strong, and they cost no more than other kinds. They have a snap about them that makes the boy look "just right."

We are ready for the boys with all the new Spring Tweeds, made up in the jauntiest and smartest styles. The most popular will be the Norfolk with many innovations as to yoke, style of pleats and general cut of the coat. There are many pretty fancy patterned tweeds and plain serges to fit boys from 5 to 15 years of age at almost any price you want to pay.

Nothing will please us better than to have a chance to show them to you.

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Spring Suits.

The Spring patterns this year in imported English and Scotch Tweeds and Worsteds are the prettiest and Nobbiest that have been shown for many years.

Our stock is complete; Fit Guaranteed, Prices Right; We invite you to call and Inspect. No trouble to show goods.

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HOT FIGHT AT PORT ARTHUR

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making the egress of battleships impossible. This morning he directed a sortie of the torpedo boat flotilla, supported by part of the Russian squadron, against the Japanese. The details are not yet known except that the encounter resulted in the loss of one Japanese torpedo boat and one Russian torpedo boat destroyer.

RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The Emperor has received a message from Viceroy Alexieff, which says—

"Admiral Makaroff commanding the fleet, reports from Port Arthur under date of March 10:—

"Six torpedo boats which went out to see the night of March 10, four of them being under the general command of Captain Matleussevitch, encountered the enemy's torpedo boats, followed by cruisers.

"A hot action ensued in which the torpedo boat destroyer Vlastini discharged a Whitehead torpedo and sunk one of the enemy's torpedo boats. On the way back the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschtchi, commanded by Lieut. Serguereff, sustained damages her engine being disabled and she began to founder. By 8 o'clock in the morning five of our torpedo boat destroyers had returned. When the critical position of the Stereguschtchi became evident I hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novic and went with the Novic and the cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But as five of the enemy's cruisers surrounded our destroyer, and as their battleship squadron was approaching, I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschtchi, which foundered. Part of the crew were made prisoners and part was drowned.

"On the ships which participated in the night attack one officer was seriously and three others were slightly wounded, but two soldiers were killed and eighteen were wounded.

THE BOMBARDMENT.

"At 9 o'clock 14 of the enemy's ships assembled before Port Arthur, and a bombardment was begun with the heavy guns of their battleship squadron at long range. This lasted until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated the enemy fired 154 twelve-inch shells. The damage to our vessels was insignificant, and they are again ready for battle. Our losses were one officer slightly wounded and one soldier killed and four soldiers wounded.

"The illumination of the sea by the searchlights mounted at our batteries was mosta atisfactory, and several times isolated shots from our batteries forced the enemy's torpedo boats to retire. With the commencement of the bombardment at dawn the guns of the fortress replied to the enemy's fire.

"The crews of all the ships engaged gave proof of remarkable coolness in action. Below decks the work of the day followed its ordinary course, in spite of shells falling between the vessels and covering them with fragments.

"A bombardment at such a distance must be considered ineffective, but the Japanese cruiser Takasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage,—the extent, however, it is impossible to ascertain at a distance of five miles. Many shells were fired at a range of seven and a half miles.

"I have the honor to report the foregoing to your Majesty.—Signed—Alexieff."

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

WORLD OF SPORT

CURLING

THISTLES WON.

Four rinks of the Thistle Club visited Chatham Thursday afternoon and defeated the local team in a most interesting game by 21 shots. The score:—

Chatham.

Rink 1.—W. Gordon, D. A. Hutchison, J. Fleming, Dr. J. L. Bray, skip 10.

London.

Rink 1.—J. W. McIntosh, H. Blackburn, C. D. Swift, H. Gilles, skip—19.

Chatham.

Rink 2.—Massey, Rispin, Williscroft, McCoig, skip—13.

London.

Rink 2.—J. McNee, W. Miller, J. Purdom, C. Graham, skip—17.

Chatham.

Rink 3.—A. H. Vongunten, L. A. Tillson, W. D. Sheldon, Rev. A. H. McGillivray, skip—11.

London.

Rink 3.—C. H. Ward, W. Fulton, Dr. McDonald, Robt. Reid, skip—17.

Chatham.

Rink 4.—J. Gosnell, W. E. Merry, P. S. Coate, R. Gray, skip—14.

London.

Rink 4.—J. J. Cox, W. S. Cox, W. Strong, M. E. Holden, skip—16.

Safety For Your Children

When a mother finds it necessary to give her little one medicine she cannot be too careful as to the remedy employed. The so-called "soothing" medicines always contain poisonous opiates, and these should never be given to a child. Strong drugs and harsh purgatives should also be avoided. An ideal medicine for young children is Baby's Own Tablets, which cure all the minor ills of childhood, and the mother has the guarantee of one of the foremost analysts of Canada that this medicine contains no opiate. Milton L. Hersey, M. A. Sc., demonstrator in Chemistry, McGill University, says: "I hereby certify that I have made a careful analysis of Baby's Own Tablets, which I personally purchased in a drug store in Montreal, and said analysis has failed to detect the presence of any opiate or narcotic in them." Analysis is proof, therefore mothers know that in giving their little ones Baby's Own Tablets they are giving them an absolutely safe medicine. Sold by all druggists or mailed at 25c. a box by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Before a man is married he pays compliments; afterward it's all he can do to pay the bills.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the Clerk of the City for a new rack and weigh scales, also a pen for stock. Plans and specifications will be found at the City Engineer's office. All tenders to be in by Saturday, 19th inst., at noon. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

JOHN EDMONDSON, Chairman Property Committee.