

Family Gathering

at New Year's? You would like things specially nice for that day. Why not come in and see our stock? We are sure you would find many things that would just suit

- CANNED SOUPS, 12c, 25c and 40c each.
- CANNED PEAS, 10c a can.
- CANNED TOMATOES, 10c a can.
- SPANISH OLIVES, 25c, 40c and 60c a bottle.
- OLD CHEESE, 18c a pound.
- ENGLISH SAGE CHEESE, 30c a pound.
- ROQUEFORT CHEESE, 40c a pound.
- SALTED BISCUITS, 15c a pound.
- PLAIN BISCUITS, 15c a pound.

Our chocolates are the finest that are made, the best of materials and flavoring. 25c, 40c and 50c a pound.

H. Malcolmson

Did You Ever

W. W. LINSOOTT, BRANTFORD, ONT.

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, 8 King St., - Phone 221

TO RENT
Nice dwelling, facing a paved street, heated with coal hot air furnace. Rent \$10 per month. Apply to SMITH & SMITH

Call on Gabe McIntyre at the Montreal House, corner Head and Sandus street.



W.N. Morley & Co.

TO-NIGHT.
Children's banquet, Park St. S. S., at 8.
Ball by the young gentlemen of the city, Auditorium, at 8.
Court Companion, No. 521, I. O. F., will hold their regular meeting at 8.
Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Read The Ark ad. on front page. Wood has taken a drop at Drader's, Queen street.
Miss Ella Herman is visiting friends at Guilds and Egetown.
Miss Maggie Gordon returned from Thamesville last evening.
Wood has taken a drop at Drader's, Queen street.
Miss Dyer is confined to the house through illness.
Will H. Martin is spending the Christmas holidays in the city.
Smoke Quail on Feast Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made, and Mr. P. J. Goodwin, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas day the guest of Mr. P. Miller, Harvey street.
The Bond Lumber Co. have sent a gang of men up to install the seats in the new church at St. Augustine, Ont.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bachelard, of Norwich, are visiting at the residence of John Bachelard, Dover township.
When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 181.

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus, and concert in Christ Church S. S. Hall Thursday evening next at 7.30. All come. Silver collection at the door.
We are giving away money. Read how to get \$1.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.
Thomas Moore, a vagrant, was brought in to the Chatham jail yesterday morning. He was sentenced to 23 months in the Central Prison by Police Magistrate, B. Kimmery, of Dresden.

Alexander McPherson, who was killed by a street car in Hamilton on Saturday, was father of William McPherson, formerly linotype machinist of the Banner here.
Sam Lee's Best Laundry has removed 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 Laundry.

W. B. Wells lost a valuable setter on Sunday. The dog was crossing the Lake Erie bridge when a freight engine came along. The dog was unable to get out of the way and had two legs cut off. The canine had to be shot.

Lost, on Thursday evening, in Thos. Stone's store, or between there and the Garner House, a purse containing a sum of money. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Planet Office.

Clarence Terry, a former member of the Park St. Methodist Church choir, but now of Wilmington, Del., sang a solo Sunday evening in his old choir. When he finished the worshippers were startled by a sudden outbreak of hand-clapping on one of the rear pews. It developed that the young man had been so carried away by the solo that he unconsciously began clapping his hands, forgetting where he was.

For Snowy Weather

You will need some bells for your cutter or sleigh, a blanket for your horse when you get through with him and of course, you'll need a snow shovel. You may also need some weather strip for your doors or windows to keep out the cold or a "Hot Blast" stove to keep the house comfortable. Do you need any? If so, just phone to us and we will see that you receive it promptly. Satisfactory goods. Satisfactory prices.

J. C. Wanless
Telephone 65.
4 Doors East of Market, King Street

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 spic and span model of Dame Fashion's latest creation in woolen?

W.N. Morley & Co.

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.

Miss Lettie Gallagher returned to Detroit yesterday, after spending a spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Gallagher, Adelaide street.
The little daughter of Mr. Pelletier, River Road, Harwich, died on Sunday from diphtheria. The funeral was held the same day.
A Great Builder. — "The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a great builder. It gives weight, adds healthy flesh, and altogether overcomes any downward tendency of health.

The ice on the river is 11 inches thick. J. L. Scott has ceased cutting ice on the river, and has begun operations on the river above the Lake Erie Bridge.
Something New! We will give away to every customer good Canadian money. Of course you don't need it, but your neighbor may. Read our advt. in this issue and tell him about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.
George Stephens, M. P., has complied with the request of the Minister of Education on the opening of the library here, by presenting a set of Parkman to that institution, which have been delivered through W. J. Kenny.

The firemen had a call by telephone to the store of Harry Hill, on the Market Square on Sunday night about 8.35. The floor had caught fire from a stove. The flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Caleb Wheeler, pleaded guilty yesterday at the police court to breaking a city by-law and settled by paying a fine of \$1 and costs, \$1.75. W. E. Rippen, City Ticket Agent at 115 King St., to all points in Canada on Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways at single fare on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 4th, and at fare and one third on Dec. 30th, 31st, and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, City Ticket Office, 115 King Street.

Special excursion tickets will be sold for the New Year holidays by W. E. Rippen, City Ticket Agent at 115 King St., to all points in Canada on Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways at single fare on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 4th, and at fare and one third on Dec. 30th, 31st, and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, City Ticket Office, 115 King Street.

A very pleasant time was spent at Park St. Methodist League last evening. Rev. G. H. Cobbledeick, the pastor, took the topic, "Christ in the Home." An excellent quartet selection was given by Misses Sandison and Draper and Messrs. Wilson and Doherty. James Broad, Jr., gave a fine address on Epworth League Work in Lansing, Michigan.

Lost—On Dec. 23rd, between Williams' Nursery and the Market Square, or on Williams St., a mink muff. The finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

The Anglican Young Peoples Society of Christ Church distributed forty well filled baskets of Christmas cheer to the poor of the city a day or two before Christmas. The baskets were well filled with meat, groceries, fruit and vegetables. A bag of flour was given with each basket. The teachers and scholars in the Sunday School contributed generously towards the good work. The young people desire to thank all those who donated money, groceries, flour, etc.

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., Mrs. Montreal.

WEEK OF PRAYER

At a meeting of the clergymen of the city, held on Monday, 28th inst., arrangements were made for a week of prayer, beginning January 4th, 1904. No meetings were arranged for the First Presbyterian Church nor the William St. Baptist Church, because of their having no resident pastors, but the congregations of these churches are cordially invited to attend the services.

The following is the program of the week:—
Monday night, Jan. 4th, Holy Trinity. Subject, "Confession and Thanksgiving." Speakers, Rev. G. H. Cobbledeick, M. A., B. D., and M. Houston.

Tuesday night, Jan. 5th, St. Andrew's Church. Subject, "The missionary work of the church at home and abroad." Speakers, Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., and Alderman T. Scullard.

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, Christ Church. The annual meeting of the Bible Society. Speakers, Rev. T. Beverley Smith, B. A., and Dr. J. J. O'Connell.

Thursday, Jan. 7th, Park St. Methodist Church. Subject, "Proper observance of the Lord's Day." The speakers will be Rev. Rural Dean McCosh and Dr. Duncan.

Friday, Jan. 8th, Victoria Avenue Methodist Church. Subject, "The spiritual interests of the church universal." Speakers, Rev. Dr. Battisby, and Matthew Wilson, K. C.

The public are invited to all these services. On Wednesday evening a collection will be taken for the Bible Society work. All the meetings will begin at 8 p. m. The choir of each church will furnish the music for the evening.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

DR. A. W. THORNTON
DENTIST.
has removed to his New Office, Corner King and Fifth Streets, over A. I. McCall's Drug Store. Telephone Office 154. Residence 255.

RALEIGH NOMINATION

The Raleigh Municipal nominations for 1904 resulted as follows:—
For Reeve—
R. J. Morrison.
James Clayton.
For Councilors—
(William) H. Irwin.
S. F. White.
John A. Stringer.
E. A. Dillon.
George McKay.
John Dowling.
Edward Murdock.
Alex. Thomson.
Edward Sykes.
Of the above, Irwin, Stringer, Dillon and McKay are ex-councilors; White, Dowling, Murdock, McPherson and Sykes are new blood.

BLENHEIM

Dec. 29.—Mr. John Blewett, of Toronto, is visiting friends and relatives in town and vicinity.
The extreme cold weather of Saturday and Sunday has made the ice at the skating rink in fine condition. It is being enjoyed by a great number of our town people.
Mr. William Halpenny, of North Dakota, is spending the winter with his grandmother, Mrs. Wedge.
Lorne H. Holland, of London, who has been spending Christmas with his parents here, returned to London last evening.

Mr. Mrs. and Miss Nona Ferris, of Ridgetown, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. Dool.
Mr. John Townsend, of Calgary, is home for an extended holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stillington and family, who spent the holidays in Windsor and Detroit, returned on Saturday evening.
The Rev. D. W. Collins officiated on Sunday last as rector of Trinity Church for the last time. He leaves this week for London.
Mr. and Mrs. Senior were Chatham visitors on Christmas day.

CORNS GROW BETWEEN THE TOES

But can be cured without pain in one day by Putnam's Corn and Wart Extractor. This standard remedy never burns the flesh, it is entirely vegetable in composition and does not destroy the flesh. Use only Putnam's, it's the best.

TILBURY

Dec. 28.—Dr. Milligan is visiting relatives in Toronto.
Mr. and Mrs. Nicol, of Detroit, are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reaume.

Wyandotte, Mich., are visiting relatives here.
Miss Minnie Dusty, of Windsor, spent Christmas with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. London, of Montpelier, Ohio, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sloan.

W. A. Hutton has been visiting his mother at Napier the last few days. Mrs. Koway, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Couits, returns to her home in Toronto to-day.
Essex junior hockey team defeated Tilbury juniors at the rink here on Friday night by a score of 3 to 2.

Nominations for the village Council and Public School Board will be held in Anderson-Hall this evening at eight o'clock.

FOOLS USE WASHES AND SNEEFS.

Thinking perhaps they will cure Catarrh, but no one ever heard of a genuine cure following such senseless treatments. There is just one prompt and thorough cure for Catarrh—it is fragment, healing Catarrhzone which goes right to the root of the trouble. It destroys the germs, heals the inflamed membranes and cures any case no matter how obstinate, or long standing. "I experimented on my wife with Catarrhzone remedies but found Catarrhzone the most rational and satisfactory" writes W. J. MacEachern, of Waterville. "It cured me for all time." For a sure cure use only Catarrhzone. Complete outfit, \$1.00; trial size 25c.

DRESDEN

Dec. 29.—Osborne Neely returned to Toronto yesterday, after a short visit to his home in town.
Nominations for the different municipal offices were held yesterday morning. The following were the nominations for Mayor: R. P. Wright, Capt. Asa Ribble, I. B. Webster and Eli Hazlett. For councilors there were twenty nominees, as follows: Henry Bessett, Wm. Ward, Geo. Rice, J. E. McLaughlin, Chas. Stephens, John Turner, Wm. Hughes, Jas. McNeen, John Hart, S. Shaw, J. Lawrence, L. Houston, Thomas King, R. P. Wright, J. W. Greco, J. D. Stott, Ed. Watson, H. Weston, Geo. Greco and N. B. Caracallen. For trustees there will be contests in two wards. In the North ward the fight will be between E. Heyland and Thomas Steper, and in the South between Dr. H. S. McDonald and J. B. Caracallen. In the centre ward John Robinson is elected by acclamation. After the nomination the meeting adjourned to meet again at 8 p. m. in Wright's Hall, when the issue of the day was discussed by several candidates.

A. M. Mason was elected reeve of Camden Township yesterday, by acclamation.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will give their annual entertainment on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, it will

THE GORDON STORE

TO 1904

As a leader on the Track of Trade will continue to set the pace. We shall offer Special Drives the last week of the old year putting the spurs into Fine Furs and Dress Skirts with a regular wind up of DRESS GOODS

Bargains All Over the Store

William Gordon.

consist of the Christmas cantata, the new Santa Claus.
Invitations are out for an assembly to be given by the young men on New Year's eve.

RALLY ROUND THE FLAG.

All Union Men in this city are requested to attend special meeting next Friday at 7.30 p. m., in Federation Hall.
Signed COMMITTEE, 2td

GOOD MUSIC

Christmas services were celebrated in William street Baptist church Sunday. The music was very special and a credit to the leader, Miss Baxter. The services were:

- MORNING.
- Deology.
- Invocation.
- Hymn.
- Scripture Reading.
- Anthem—The New Barn King.
- Prayer.
- Hymn.
- Sermon—Rev. A. W. Torrie.
- Anthem—And There Were Shepherds.
- Hymn.

- EVENING.
- Lessons.
- Invocation.
- Hymn.
- Scripture Reading.
- Offertory—The Organ.
- Anthem—White Shepherds Watched.
- Hymn.
- Sermon—A. W. Torrie.
- Anthem—Holy Night.
- Hymn.

Solo parts throughout both services by Misses Baxter, Stanton, Oldershaw, Cameron, and Mrs. J. Oldershaw, and Messrs. Brown and Reeve. Choir leader—Miss Baxter. Organist—F. Phelps.

Wood has taken a drop at Drader's, Queen St.



TAKE A DROP

in our store and get a box of our delicious candy as a New Year greeting to her. No matter whether she prefers chocolates, marshmallows, caramels, kisses, or any other kind, we have them. You can have them done up

IN A BOX
lined with dainty lace paper and tied with delicate ribbon. They will look so tempting that she will not be able to resist them—or the giver. Aren't these sweet thoughts?

Willard McKay
Garner House Block.
and Our Richmond & Queen



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

If You Have Forgotten . . .

Any of your friends in the matter of Christmas Gifts we would remind you that we have still many desirable Holiday Goods that we will sell at close prices.

- UMBRELLAS
- HANDKERCHIEFS
- FANCY LINENS
- DRESS GOODS
- MILLINERY

All at after Christmas prices.
THIBODEAU & JACQUES

F. B. PROCTOR, BROKER, Northwood Block, - Phone 240. CHATHAM, ONT.

Young Hyson, Best English Breakfast Tea, 35c. 40c. and Minard's Liniment cures Distemper

The finest carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 53a.

Smoking is the principal cause of the deterioration. He suggests that the Government imitate the United States and Germany in preventing children from indulging in the use of tobacco.

As she thinks she looks, but it looks as she thinks she looks.

So strong is Bank of England note paper that a single sheet will lift a weight of 100 pounds.