

## STYLE and DURABILITY IN NEW METHOD OVERCOATS FOR MEN

Count as much as warmth and comfort do, but all are combined in the elegant garments which bear the New Method label. Our argument is that New Method Clothes equal those which the best tailors build to order, though our prices are more than a third less. We will leave it to your judgment for verification. You might take any of our Overcoats at

**\$7.50, \$10.00, 12.50 and \$15.00**

as examples for your comparison. Not one of them but what's right in every detail—the assortment is varied and extensive—contains the new Costings Frieze and Kersey in blacks, browns or Oxford greys. They're all hand tailored throughout, as a close inspection will reveal.

## THE 2 T's SLAVER SHOE AGENTS.

WEDDING OUTFITS A SPECIALTY

## GIVE US TIME ENOUGH

...XMAS 1902...

## TO MAKE THAT PORTRAIT YOU INTEND AS A HOLIDAY GIFT.

Don't put it off too long and then expect us to get it out on time. Plenty of time should be given the artist if you expect an Artistic Portrait. We can book your order NOW, and deliver the finished Portraits as much later in the season as you may wish.

**WESTLAKE BROS. - Phone 378**

FIFTH ST., CHATHAM, ONT.  
Awarded Highest Honors at Peninsular Fair

## TRULY

We have the nicest variety of good things to eat that it is possible to have. If you have not been to see us lately, don't delay. Give us a call and look us over.

**W. S. Richards,**  
Kent Bakery  
Phone 186 - King St.

## G. W. CORNELL DENTIST

Corner Sixth and King Street,  
Over the Bee Hive.

## PROBABILITIES

Special to The Planet.  
Toronto, Dec. 3.—10 a.m.—West-ly and northwesterly gales, light local snowfalls; weather becoming decidedly colder. Thursday, strong northwesterly winds, fair and much colder.

## TO-NIGHT.

Divine service, Christ Church, at 7:30 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting, city churches, at 8 o'clock.  
Public Library Board, Public Library, 8 o'clock.  
Court House, No. 624, A. O. F., Odd-fellows' Temple, at 8.  
Regular meeting, Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Masonic Temple, at 7:30.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET.

J. W. White went to Louisville this morning.  
Robert Tait, of London, is in the Maple City to-day.  
Mrs. Sam Kovinsky, of a daughter, this morning.  
New styles in Rain Proof Coats, \$10 and \$15, at The 2 T's.  
Regular 65c and 75c kid gloves, black and colored, for 49c at Thibodeau & Jacques.  
Park Bros. are busy repairing oil well tools, and are almost over-run with work in the boiler shop.  
Just 52 years ago to-day Judge R. S. Woods came to Chatham on a steam boat. He moved here from Sandwich and brought his family. The Judge is now 83 years old and is still hale and enjoying unimpaired mental faculties. He still takes a cold plunge bath every morning.

## Xmas is Near

And this year will be no exception in the amount of goods bought for Christmas Giving. Our phenomenal Holiday Trade during the past two years has prompted us to buy very heavily for this year. We bought for OUR THREE STORES, and we bought for cash, so cash and quantity gave us prices not usually given to retail druggists. In many lines of FANCY GOODS we can this year sell at the price we paid the Wholesalers two or three years ago.  
OUR THREE STORES—one at DRESDEN and two in CHATHAM—will be literally filled with Christmas Goods in our line.  
YOU ARE INVITED to call and inspect them.

**A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd. Druggists  
NEW STORE—COR. KING AND FIFTH STS.**

## CHARLES STEPHENS, OF C. C. I. MEETS DEATH AT DRESDEN

Jumped From Train at His Father's Lane and Struck Post  
Placed There that Day—Body Lay all Night  
a Stone's Throw From Home

A deep gloom was spread over the classes at the Collegiate Institute this morning when it was learned that Charles Stephens, of Dresden, a student of the school, was accidentally killed on the Lake Erie track at Dresden last evening.

The unfortunate lad attended school here yesterday and returned home on Conductor Pierce's train, which leaves Chatham about six o'clock. When the train neared Dresden he attempted to jump from the moving car. The last his Dresden fellow-students saw of him was when he left them in the coach.

The body was found at seven o'clock this morning by some section men who were going to work. It was lying about three feet from the track south of the Dresden station.

Charles Stephens, father of the lad, is a prosperous farmer of Chatham Township and owns 400 acres of land near Dresden, through which the Lake Erie track passes. His house is situated a few rods south of the Dresden station and a small lane runs from the house to the Lake Erie track. Charles, while he attended the Collegiate Institute, returned home every evening and was in the habit of jumping off the train at this lane, instead of riding to station and walking back. Yesterday, while Charles was in Chatham, the Lake Erie workmen who are still engaged in remodeling the track at Dresden, put down some posts

near the place where Charles usually jumped off. It was quite dark when the train reached Dresden and it is supposed that the unfortunate lad jumped off not knowing that the posts were there, and struck his head against one of them. It is not known whether or not death was instantaneous. His head was badly bruised, but there were no other marks on his body.

He was not missed at home last night as his parents believed that he had missed the evening train and had stayed over in Chatham all night. And the other students from Dresden knowing that he jumped off the train every night thought no more about it. It is the universal opinion that death was quite accidental.

The deceased boy was but 11 years of age and passed his entrance examinations last mid-summer, and since then he has been attending the High school here. He was studying in Form 2B and was one of the brightest pupils in the school. His death is keenly felt by both teachers and scholars in the school. Notwithstanding the fact that he was so young, he was a very successful Sunday school teacher, and taught one of the junior classes in one of the Dresden Sunday schools. Agent and Sydney C. Walker, Merchant, do each of us solemnly declare.

Besides his father and step-mother, one sister and a step-brother survive him. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family by their many friends. Dresden.

The deceased boy is a nephew of E. J. MacIntyre, of this city, who will attend the funeral, which takes place to-morrow. Chas. Stephens, Sr., Geo. Stephens, M. P., of this city, are cousins.

## DODGER WAS PRINTED WHERE?

Landed at C.P.R. Depot Where  
Other Anonymous Publications were Delivered

Reward of \$100 Offered for Apprehension of Author—  
Repudiated by Both Sides.

The circulation of the anonymous and libellous handbills last evening on the eve of the vote on the Prohibition Referendum, has occasioned profound surprise and disgust throughout the community.

The local Temperance Association took the right step early this morning in issuing an unqualified denial and repudiation of all connection, knowledge or responsibility for the publication. The consequent reflection—expressed in some quarters—was that the production was the work of the liquor interests with a view to creating a reactionary effect.

Those who have been engaged in the endeavor to locate their origin express the view that they were not printed in Chatham. It seems that the dodgers were landed at the C. P. R. station in Chatham last night and this point made the distributing centre. As a result, the impression seems to be gaining ground that the bills were printed in Blenheim, where other anonymous dodgers have been recently turned out, and imported here for distribution. Various conclusions are drawn from this view of it. Others, however, still profess it to be the outcome of some so-called "temperance crank," and others a trick on the part of the liquor interests.

The following circular was issued by the Temperance Association this morning:

"The Temperance Association deny and repudiate all connection, knowledge or responsibility for the disgraceful and libellous handbills distributed last night, and will do all in our power to expose the perpetrator. An Enemy Hath Done This. Chatham Temperance Association. A. D. Westman, President."

**REWARD OFFERED.**  
On behalf of the citizens whose names were hawked around in the disgraceful dodger the following announcement has been published:—  
"\$100 REWARD.—The undersigned hereby offer to pay the sum of \$100 as a reward for the conviction of the person or persons who authorized and circulated the libellous dodger headed 'Prohibition Manifesto.'"  
"JOHN PIGGOTT,  
"Chatham, Dec. 3rd, 1902."

**STAND UP PARTIES.**  
This afternoon The Planet interviewed the officers of both parties to the campaign.

Wm. R. Peck, proprietor of the Hotel Rankin and chairman of the local Liquor campaign executive, said,—"If The Planet will say this for me in connection with the slanderous dodger I shall be obliged. We are fighting on the square and have nothing to do with such reprehensible methods. The temperance people are entitled to their views and it is rightly their privilege to work for what they believe is best. We don't abuse them because of their views and we ask the same fair treatment for ourselves."  
"As far as the dodger is concerned, we had nothing to do with it. Anything I do, I will put my name to like a man. Although I may be a

hotel-keeper I'm not ready to stoop to anything like that."

"I won't blame the Temperance Association for the publication. I don't think it was them, as I wouldn't believe it of them, but I think temperate talk may have influenced some crank to do it on his own hook."

"Lastly, I am prepared to donate \$100 to the Home of the Friendless if any hotel man had anything to do with that circular."

John Pleasance, the proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel and local secretary, said,—"If anyone suggests that I had anything to do with the circular I am ready to make an affidavit to the contrary. I don't suppose it's within my rights to suggest who did it. I don't say it was the Temperance Association, but I say they instigated it by publicly and privately condemning the manifesto, leaving it to some crank to take it up."

President A. D. Westman, of the Temperance Association, said,—"So far as the Temperance Association is concerned, it repudiates and condemns most strongly the disgraceful handbill and is prepared to pay its quota of the expense incurred in seeking to bring the perpetrator to justice."

**SWORN DECLARATION.**  
This afternoon, before Crown Attorney Herbert B. Smith, the following affidavits were duly sworn to:

Domination of Canada,  
Province of Ontario,  
County of Kent—  
In the matter of the Referendum Act and Vote,  
To wit:—  
We, Emerson E. Parrott of the city of Chatham, in the County of Kent, President of the Kent County Temperance Association, Thomas T. George, of the same place, clergyman, Secretary of said Association, A. D. Westman, of the same place, President of the City of Chatham Temperance Association, Charles Austin, Merchant, Alexander W. Thornton, Dentist, H. W. Westman, Merchant, Wilson Taylor, School Teacher, G. H. Cobblestick, Clergyman, John W. Humphrey, Agent, and Sydney C. Walker, Merchant, do each of us solemnly declare,

That we deny and repudiate all connection, knowledge or responsibility for the disgraceful, unsigned, yellow hand bills, distributed last night, entitled, "Prohibition Manifesto," who signed it and why it, and that we do all in our power to expose and discover who the author of the said Pamphlet is.

That it was published entirely without the authority, knowledge or consent or approval of either the City or County Temperance Associations.

And we each of us make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and of "The Canada Evidence Act, 1893."

EMERSON E. PARROTT,  
THOMAS T. GEORGE,  
A. D. WESTMAN,  
CHARLES AUSTIN,  
A. W. THORNTON,  
W. H. WESTMAN,  
WILSON TAYLOR,  
G. H. COBBLESTICK,  
J. W. HUMPHREY,  
S. C. WALKER.

Declared before me at the city of Chatham, in the County of Kent, this 3rd day of December, A. D., 1902.  
HERBERT B. SMITH,  
A Notary Public.

**ANOTHER.**  
Ontario,  
County of Kent—  
In the matter of a certain circular distributed in the city of Chatham, and headed "Prohibition Manifesto."

To wit:—  
I, John Pleasance, of the city of Chatham, in the County of Kent, Hotel-keeper, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am a member of the License-holders Association of the city of Chatham.

2. That as a member of such Association and in my personal ca-

the origin of such circular nor its distribution, and that I am neither personally responsible for such circular nor its distribution, nor as a member of such Association, and I know that said License-holders Association had nothing whatever to do with either the printing or distribution of said circular.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act, 1893."

JOHN PLEASANCE.  
Declared before me at the city of Chatham, in the County of Kent, this 3rd day of December, A. D., 1902.  
JUDGE HOUSTON,  
A Commissioner, etc., Co. Kent.

## DR. A. W. THORNTON DENTIST.

D. B. S. Toronto University.  
Office—First Door East of Standard Bank  
Telephone Office 154.  
Residence 255.

## CURRENTS

It is hardly necessary to say that there are different grades of Currants, all Currants of course, but just as much difference in Currants as there is in brown sugar and granulated.

The finest Currants we get are the Vostizza, and still there are different grades of these; the one we have, the Pomeria Vostizza, by far the finest Currant grown in the world. This Currant, like all Vostizza Currants, are small, very dark and exceedingly sweet, although this Currant cost a little more than most Vostizza's, we sell it at 10c.

pound, and for those that want a really fine Currant, you will never regret paying 10c. pound for our Vostizza Currants; they are all machine cleaned and sieve cleaned until it would be a curiosity to find a stem in them.

**GEO. A. YOUNG,  
OUR GROCER  
Phone 151**



For Every Fool  
there is the right  
Shoe...

## Your Shoe is Here...

We make a point of fitting people rightly. Any one can sell shoes—once. We sell shoes over and over to the same people. Steady trade is the test of a shoe store. We have thousands of such advertisements walking around the city and country—they walk a good deal, the shoes feel so easy and look so well, our customers have no trouble in walking.

**OUR WINTER SHOE  
STYLES are very attractive—and  
so are OUR PRICES.**

**Only the Very Best  
Grades of RUBBERS  
handled—can fit any  
shape or size shoe.**

**Geo. W. Cowan  
Chatham.**

**MEATS.**  
We carry a stock of Fresh and Salt Meats of the best quality.  
Pork and Beans 6c a can.  
A. B. SELVEY

Up-To-Date Dress-Making | C. AUSTIN & CO. | Chatham's Greatest Store

## An Excellent Variety of the Best Styles

Everything ready-to-wear in this well-equipped branch of our business.

Everything for ladies' wear, many lines for children and misses.

A few very convincing examples of the fact that our values are right.

Misses jaunty short jackets, nicely stitched, lined throughout with satana, coat sleeve, pearl buttons, colors tan, navy, cardinal, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50.

Ladies' Capes—  
Of dark grey camel's hair, golf cloth, 40 inches long, full sweep, storm collar, very special \$5.00.  
Black silk broche cape, fur lined, Thibet collar and trimming, at \$20.

Dressing Jackets—  
Silk dressing jackets in plain colors, pink or cardinal, silk lined, plain stitched, \$5.00; embroidered, \$6.00.  
Full length dressing robes, Royal silk lined with cardinal silk, handsomely embroidered, \$12.50.

Ladies' Wrappers—  
Of wraporette, lined waist, plain or flounced skirt, with or without yoke, trimmed with frills and braid, many lines, clearing at \$1.25.

## BARGAIN CENTRE STAPLE ITEMS

These Prices are for the Good  
of Your Purse

**CLEARING OF PRINTS.**  
About 200 yards, heavy factory Cotton Indigo Prints, 32 inches wide, in spots, stripes and fancy checks, regular 12-12c value, for a yard

10c.

**TUCKED APRON LAWS.**

A new stock of Tucked Apron Laws just in, with wide or narrow tucks, insertion or fancy open work, at per yard 17c, 25c, 30c.

35c.

**TOWEL SNAPS.**

24x45 inch Heavy, Solid Huck Towels, all pure linen, plain borders, soft, ready for use, fringed ends, special each

20c.

24x45 inch Extra Heavy Crepe Towels, soft make, red taped borders, fringed ends, special, each

20c.

## IRON BED VALUES

—An Iron Bed, well constructed ornamented with brass vases, in single, three quarter and double widths, one that will appeal to parties looking only toward economy, at only **\$4.00**  
—Substantially constructed Iron Beds made of best malleable iron, brass vases, rosettes, and tips, extra strong spindles, made in 3 ft. 3 in., 4 ft. and 4 ft. 6 in. widths at **\$5.00**  
—Other lines, \$7.00, 9.00 and up to **\$25.00**  
—A full line of springs and mattresses to fit all of the above beds.

## FURNITURE DEPARTMENT UP-STAIRS

**SIDEBOARD SPECIALS**  
No. 1 Golden Finish Polished Oak Sideboard, top 48 inches by 20 inches, bevelled German mirror, 24 inches by 14 inches, like out, price only \$15.  
No. 2 Natural Grain Ash, glass shaped, top 48 inches by 20 inches, bevelled German mirror, 24 inches by 14 inches, height 6 feet 3 inches, price only \$13.50.  
No. 3 Elm Golden Finish glass shaped, top 48 inches by 22 inches, bevelled German mirror, 24 inches by 14 inches, the back, pilasters and doors hand carved, price only \$9.50.  
Furniture department second floor.

**C. Austin & Co.  
The Bargain Centre**