

WM. FOREMAN & CO. ...DRESS GOODS...

This Dress Goods Stock is complete at all times with the correct dress fabrics for this season's wear. Each week attractive novelties put in their appearance which are quickly absorbed and replaced by others.

Black Dress Goods	Colored Dress Goods
Black Silk Warp Henrietta, 45 in. wide, at per yd. \$1.25	Satin cloths, 45 in. wide, all-wool rich finish, in shades of castor, brown, blue and cardinal, at per yd. 50c
Black All-wool Henrietta, 45 in. wide, silk velvet finish, at per yd. 75c	Rich Mohairs, for dress and waists, in stripes, in colors navy and steel gray, at per yd. \$1.25
Black All-wool Henrietta, 45 in. wide, velvet finish, extra value at per yd. 60c	Venetians, 54 in. wide, in colors green, castor, brown and gray, at per yd. \$1.25
Black All-wool Henrietta, 42 in. wide, at per yd. 50c	Cashmeres, 45 in. wide, in colors old rose, light and dark fawns, browns, grays, terra cotta, cardinal, scarlet, light blue, navy, wellwood, blue, green, etc., at per yd. 50c and 60c
Black Wool Taffetas, Poplins and Peplinettes, at per yd. 75c, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50	
Black Cheviots, very popular for suits and skirts, 54 in. wide, at per yd. \$1.00 and \$1.25	
Black Venetians and Broadcloths, at per yd. \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00	

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The Health Mattress is made of pure elastic fibre, interlaced to prevent getting uneven, and covered with pure white cotton, guaranteed to be sanitary. Price \$4.50.

The Gill Edge Mattress is filled with pure curled fibre, interlaced to prevent unevenness and covered with white cotton—a perfectly hygienic bed—finest of ticking, price \$5.50.

The Ostermoore Patent Elastic Felt Mattress is a perfect bed, price \$15.

Besides these we have good mattresses at \$2.50, \$2.75 \$3 and \$3.50.

**IRON BEDSTEADS**

Iron Bedsteads which are sanitary, easy to handle and look well range in price from \$4.50 to \$18.00.

**Hugh McDonald** = Opposite Garner House.

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The Excellence and Quality of the New Styles of Our

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Are so attractive that when you see them you will be persuaded to place your order.

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**C. A Cooksley's** - - - Opp. Market

The larger part of our SPECIAL IMPORTATIONS for the SPRING SEASON have been passed into stock. We issue a cordial invitation to gentlemen of taste and discernment to call on us and become intimate with all that is most stylish and novel in the high art of good dressing.

**Woolens for Spring 1901**

**Albert Sheldrick, Merchant Tailor and Direct Importer.**

**DON'T WAIT**

For a cold to catch you. Have a bottle of Radley's Cough Balsam in the house to catch and cure the cold.

A few doses relieves the cough and allays the irritation. Part of bottle usually cures.

If after using half a bottle it fails in your particular case return the bottle and your money will be refunded.

**RADLEY'S** Reliable Druggists

NEAR GARNER HOUSE

BOATS BLOCKED IN ICE FLOE

Fourteen Steamers are Held Fast on Lake Huron Above the Port.

Southerly Winds Needed to Relieve the Situation—St. Clair River Jammed With Ice, While the Flats are Almost Drained.

Port Huron, Mich., April 25. — Surrounded by a field of ice piled high, scarcely able to be seen from the shore, there is a fleet of steamers on Lake Huron. The crews are like rats in a trap. They are caught in the miniature icebergs, and are unable to help themselves or render any assistance to the boats that are within hailing distance.

Not long ago such a scene was witnessed as presented itself at the foot of Lake Huron to-day. Fourteen large steamers, laden with grain, with their noses stuck in the ice, are helpless, awaiting the breaking of the ice flood that holds back not only navigation, but also the current of the river. In the distance, the steamers Tacoma and Aurora, with the smoke curling from their funnels, hold aloof from the ice, awaiting the breaking up of the blockade. The steamer Gordon Campbell is in a dangerous position. Within two blocks of the shore the Campbell has been crowded closer daily, coming nearer to the shallow water. It is thought she would be destroyed if she should go ashore. A north wind serves to crowd the vessels nearer to the beach. The life savers keep a nightly watch on the imperiled fleet, but it is a question if the life savers could be of assistance on account of the height to which the ice is packed. That alone would make it impossible to launch their life boat.

It is impossible to communicate from shore to the blockaded fleet, and as the Pentland and the Campbell have been held fast since last Thursday, their stock of provisions must be growing low, as well as the fuel.

The life-savers are seriously considering this problem in case signals of distress are hoisted. The only possible way to reach them would be with a life-raft and then the sailors would be taking long chances in climbing the ice floes.

At the mouth of the river, the ice is packed so tightly that it reaches to the bottom, retarding the flow of the current, causing the bottom of the river to become riled. The Office of Mills and a number of physicians declare that the cause of the greater part of the sickness in the city is due to the disturbed condition of the water on account of the ice jam.

Pieces of the ice bridge have broken away, filling the river with large moving cakes, but there is no prospect of a general break. The ice bridge appears to grow heavier and higher than ever. Yesterday one large steamer came ploughing down the lake and hit the ice. For a mile she crept ahead and it looked as though she would pass through all right, but her power was soon expended and in a few minutes she was stuck fast.

The present condition of affairs is beyond the recollection of many mariners. Such a situation probably never confronted a fleet of steamers before at this time of the season. Among the boats held fast are the Campbell, Pentland, McClellan, St. Paul, Huron and the Empa. There are at least six other steamers whose names are unknown. One of the steamers has a consort.

Southerly winds would clear the ice fields, but there is no telling when the vast quantities of ice which have piled up in St. Clair river for 60 miles will move. Nothing but north winds again appear on the weather map.

**AT ST. CLAIR FLATS.**

Detroit, Mich., April 25. — Sergt. Charles E. Hard, who is on the retired list of the police department, returned from the Flats yesterday with a thrilling story of his efforts to reach the city after a week's visit with his wife and son, who are shut in by the ice blockaded at a cottage near Gus Traut's hotel. Thursday and Sunday he tried to make his way to the mainland to get back, but with his companion in each case, had to give up the effort after trying for hours to make some headway. The first attempt was made in a sailboat, but the boat was soon caught in the ice, and efforts to continue the trip on foot over the ice failed.

Sunday a horse was hitched to the boat to drag it to open water, but even then the water was too shallow to float it. Yesterday morning, however, Sergt. Hard tried again, and after an exhausting trip over the ice, being nearly drowned once by breaking through, he reached Algona wet to the skin, and after getting dry clothes there, came down to Detroit on the electric cars.

He declares that Detroit people have no idea of conditions at the Flats, and said that the situation amounted

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House and lot in excellent location, 2nd door from Tecumseh Park, rent moderate.

House on Queen street, \$6.00 a month.

House on Wellington street, \$6.00 a month.

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House and lot on Barth street. Modern conveniences. Sell cheap.

House and lot on Park street, bath, sink, etc. Price away down.

House and two lots, Joseph street; will sell at a bargain.

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almost to a famine that cannot be relieved until the ice jam breaks.

**JAM AT MARINE CITY.**

Marine City, Mich., April 25. — The ice moved last night and this afternoon, but soon jammed up again. It is now worse than at any time this winter. The steamer Tempest, number one, was nearly carried away from her dock this morning. The ice was so heavy she parted lines, but was finally taken into her dock.

AT THE THEATRE.

Stella Mayhew's portrayal of Aunt Lindy in "On the Suwannee River" is described as a life-like embodiment of the rolling gait, devoted and affectionate old Southern mammy, abounding in felicitous touches of original humor, portrayed by a spirit that gives it undeniable appearance of reality.

"On the Suwannee River," is now in the fourth year of success, and like wine, judging by press extracts, seems to improve with age.

An entire new scenic outfit has been provided for the present season which has been elaborated and beautified in every particular. The cast contains of last year's company, Fred Truett, East Atkinson, Allan H. Bailey, W. H. Stedman and Miss Willow Francis. The celebrated Clover Leaf Quartette will induce their plantation songs, jubilee dances. The engagement is for one night only at the Grand, Wednesday, May 1.

"The Man From Mexico" in which Walter E. Perkins and his comedy company will be seen at the Grand next Monday evening has two seasons of uninterrupted success in the principal cities of the country and is admittedly the funniest play of its kind now being offered to theatre-goers. It is the work of H. A. De Bouchet who wrote "My Friend From India," but is generally considered far in advance of that comedy in the fun evolved from its humorous situations and lines. Mr. Perkins in his quiet method in comedy is especially well adapted to the role of Benjamin Fitzhew and during his recent performances in this character in critical Boston was warmly praised for his artistic work. The piece is one of those prepared for the sole purpose of creating laughter and how successfully it performs its mission is shown by the fact that audiences are kept in constant roars of laughter from its beginning to its ending. The company aiding Mr. Perkins is said to be a wholly competent one among those who take part are:—Nagle Barry, Donald Brine, Philip Vale Drew, Augustus E. White, John E. Peck, Jerome Harrington, Theo. Johnston, Maud A. Scott, Florence Templeton, Marion Longfellow and Pearl J. Ford.

**"NELL GWYNNE" AT THE GRAND**

Few bills presented at the Grand have met with such universal approbation and eulogy as did last evening's production "Nell Gwynne," with the leading role, berta Gallatin in leading role. The presentation was first class from start to finish. Miss Gallatin is admirably adapted to the part, and is an accomplished, versatile and altogether charming actress. Her support, too, was good, and the costumes were excellent and the stage effects striking. The play was well worth the patronage extended and Manager Cairns is to be congratulated upon the securing of it.

GREAT LIGHTING FEATURES

**PAN AMERICAN EXHIBITION**

People who expect to attend the Pan-American exposition should remember: First that the number of lights and the quantity of light will exceed that of any other equal area ever arranged; second, that the illumination is to be so graded as to climax in keeping with the decorative lights at the Electric Tower; third, that the Electric Tower basin will be the stage of the display of a combination of 1,500,000 gallons of water per hour in fountains, with the light of 100 large sized search-lights—a scene which will certainly be impressive.

Realizing that this grand illumination will be leading feature of the Exposition, the Grand Trunk Railway System are arranging for a series of popular price excursions to Buffalo, twice a week, during May and June, by special trains, so timed that passengers will reach the exposition grounds about 10 a. m. of the day they leave home, and the special trains will leave Buffalo after the illumination is over the same night. This will afford an opportunity of viewing the principal attractions during the day as well as the wonderful night display at the minimum cost, and it is believed a great many persons residing within say 250 miles of Buffalo will prefer to make frequent visits to the Exposition in this manner, rather than incur expense of remaining over Buffalo several days in succession.

**The Druggists are Busy.**

Druggists report great demand for the new 25 cent size of Catarrhoxone, and to-day's sales almost cleared out their stock. They really do cure Catarrh, Bronchitis and Asthma. It relieves quickly, is pleasant and convenient to use, and guaranteed to cure, or your money back. Readers suffering from Irritable Throat, Bronchitis, Catarrh, &c., are strongly advised to try Catarrhoxone; it never fails to cure when the worst cases.

TENDERS.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned up to and including May 10th, 1901, for the erection of a brick school in the Town of Wallaceburg. Plans and specifications can be seen at clerk's office.

The brick are upon the ground and are to be taken by contractor at the price paid for them by the corporation, namely five dollars per thousand.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**H. E. JOHNSON,**  
Town Clerk,  
Wallaceburg,  
April 23rd, 1901.

**Dr. A.W. Thornton**  
Dentist  
L. D. S. Toronto University.  
Office—First Door East of Standard Bank Telephone 154

**PROBABILITIES.**

Special to The Planet.

Toronto, April 25—10 a. m.—Moderate northerly to north-westerly winds, fine and very warm to-day and on Friday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

See Morton's Saws and Chisels. If N. H. Stevens was in Blenheim to-day on business.

A. E. Stites, of Thameville, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. Bishop, Baxter St., left on Monday to reside on his farm in Dover.

Buy your Carpenters Tools at Morton's Hardware Store.

Private Fred Bartlette is the regimental hair dresser for A company, 24th regiment.

Miss Otley Macgregor, of Blenheim, is visiting her cousin, Ira Burk, St. George street.

Miss Allie Samson, of Blenheim, returned home to-day after a short visit at the residence of Ira Burk.

Helper, on bread, one who can mould and pan; young man preferred. W. S. Richards, Kent Bakery.

A meeting of Court Kent, No. 304, Canadian Order of Foresters, will be held tonight at which important business will come up.

Messrs. Henderson and Cumming, of the Chatham Binder Twine Co., have awarded the contract for supplying engine, boiler, shafting, pulleys and boltings to Park Bros., of this city.

A rare opportunity to buy kid gloves—224 pairs of Janet's and Pewee's \$1 and \$1.25 French kids received at Thibodeau & Jacques' on sale Saturday at 60c—remember Saturday only.

The annual convention of the East Kent Teachers' Association is being held to-day in Blenheim. This evening the teachers of the Blenheim public school give a social evening to the visiting teachers and their friends.

**A THORN IN THE FLESH.**

Bert Darr, youngest son of P. C. Henry Darr, is developing into quite a mesmerist and he gives a nightly exhibition of his powers on the corner of Van Allen Ave. and Head street. Bert makes his companions imagine they have the toothache, earache, etc. Some one asked Bert why he didn't mesmerize Cuba. "Him," said the lad, contemptuously, "why, paw can't do anything with him."

HE TUMBLED.

The Maple City maidens are the brightest in the world as witness the following conversation—

Maiden—Speaking Wednesday—"Here it is raining again. I wonder if we will have any nice weather this week."

Man—"Well you know it rained Monday morning and what happens Monday morning happens all week."

Maiden, coyly—"Isn't that nice? I had a birthday Monday morning. Will I have one all week?"

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

FOR REMOVAL AND SALE.

The vacant frame building on Sixth street immediately in rear of the Garner House.—Apply to J. G. Kern.

How a Sprain Does Hurt!

But it isn't the pain alone that is dreaded, just think of the loss of time and wages. Sprains without number have been cured by rubbing Polson's Nerviline well into the pores of the skin surrounding the joint. No matter whether it is a sprained wrist, ankle, knee or back, just try Nerviline. There is only one liniment that can be depended upon to cure sprains, strains and swellings, and that is Polson's Nerviline. Large bottle 25 cents.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of James Cleeve of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, Carpenter.

Notice is hereby given that the above named James Cleeve, has made an assignment to us under Chap. 147, R. S. O., 1897, and Amending Acts, of all his estate and effects in trust for the benefit of his creditors.

A meeting of the creditors of said Insolvent will be held at our office, Victoria Block, Chatham, Ont., on Friday the 3rd day of May, 1901, at two p. m., for the appointment of inspectors and for giving directions as to the disposal of the estate.

All creditors of said Insolvent are required to file their claims duly verified with me on or before said meeting.

**BUTHERFORD & DUNLOP,**  
Assignees Solicitors.  
Dated at Chatham, Ont.,  
April 23rd, 1901. L&F 2td

Green neutre shoots, if gathered in spring and cooked as spinach, form a most delicate and wholesome blood-purifying vegetable.

New Neckwear

A FEW new ideas in neckwear are shown about town, but here's a store full. New shapes, new conceptions, new silks—from the black of midnight to the sunrise shades combined in every way that's a right way.

Buttons, in the new shades of blue, with figures and spots, also light grounds with blue and red figures, at..... 25c

Some new things in stock—bows to be worn with high band double fold collars, in pretty combinations of red and gray, black and gray, and blue and gray, at..... 25c

The "King Edward VII" a tie which can be made into the New Windsor bow, Ascot or an Imperial, new silks, at..... 50c

The "Prince of Wales" a long narrow reversible Derby, popular with high band, double fold collars, a variety of colors and patterns, at..... 50c

We are leaders, easy, in elegance, correctness, quantities and diversity—have to be to meet the exacting tastes we ask to buy. Prices—but that sounds too much like other folks, besides you know us.

Thornton & Douglas

**GRAND OPERA HOUSE**

Monday, April 29th

**Walter E. Perkins**

In the Century's Greatest Comedy Hit

**THE MAN FROM MEXICO**

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An Established Laughing Success from Toledo to California.

A Cast of Superior Merit.

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Is successfully used monthly by over 100,000 ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, No. 1, 51 per box. No. 2, 25 degrees stronger, 51 per box. No. 3, 101, mailed on receipt of price and two 2-cent stamps. The Cook Compound Company, Buffalo, N. Y. Sold and recommended by all responsible Druggists in Canada.

No. 1 and No. 2 sold in Chatham by C. H. Gunn & Co., Central Drug Store.

**SPRING**

Into line on April 1st and spend a few months from that date in one of the departments of our School and thus prepare for a better position in life. Education opens the way to success. Try it. Our school with a staff of Ten Teachers, and finest equipment in Canada is worthy of your consideration. Write for Catalogue. No vacations. Spring Term from April 1st.

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Toronto

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