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January Sale

Great Chances for Money Saving.

It is getting near to stock taking and many lines are still here that must be cleared out. If you are in need of them you will never have a better chance. Read every line of this adv. and if what you want is not mentioned here, come to the store expecting to buy it cheaper than ever before, and you will not be disappointed.

Carpets and Curtains.

2-pattern fine English Velvet Carpet, with border to match, regular price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price \$1.18.
One pattern John Crowley & Son's Orient Velvet, regular price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price \$1.18.
One pattern John Crowley & Son's best five frame Brussels, reg. price \$1.40, Jan'y sale price \$1.18.
Two pattern best 4-frame English Brussels with border to match, reg. price \$1, Jan'y sale price 78c.
One piece Wilton with border to match, reg. price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price 98c.
Three patterns best 4-frame Brussels, reg. price \$1, Jan'y sale price 75c.
Three patterns English Tapestry Carpet, reg. price 68c, sale price 58c.
Three patterns English Tapestry, reg. price 88c, Jan'y sale price 49c.
100 pairs Lace Curtains, taped edge, 3 yds. long, 50 in. wide, reg. price \$1, Jan'y sale price 78c.
50 pairs finest Lace Curtains, 3 yds. long, reg. price \$1.25, Jan'y sale price \$1.00.
50 pairs extra good Lace Curtains, reg. price \$1.50, Jan'y sale price \$1.19.
25 pairs Lace Curtains, 3 yds. long, reg. price \$2.25, Jan'y sale price \$1.87.
LINOLEUMS—4 patterns of floral and tile designs, 4 yds. wide, reg. price 55c, Jan'y sale price 46c.
Three patterns finest Scotch Linoleums, tile designs, reg. price 65c, Jan. sale price 58c.
Tapestry and Union Rugs and Squares, in sizes up to 4 yds. by 4 yds, fine designs and best qualities. Your choice during Jan. sale at 20 per cent. discount.
Reduced prices on Floor Matting during Jan'y Sale.

THOS. STONE & SON.

HOW LONG DOES YOUR

GRANITEWARE AND TINWARE

LAST YOU?

Are you getting value for your money? Do you get the cheapest grade and pay a medium price for it? Or do you get a medium grade and pay a high price? Come to us and get the best goods, from imported tea plates made up by hand, not by machines, made up for our own customers, whose interests are ours.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO

Reduction in Gas Coke... FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

To introduce the use of Gas Coke in the home of every fuel user in Chatham, Gas Coke will be Reduced to 10c. per Bushel for Natural Size, and 12 1-2c. Per Bushel for Crushed Size, for orders received in January.

A full cart load of 30 Bushel Natural Size or Crushed Size delivered for \$3.25 or \$3.75 respectively.

Unquestionably the cheapest fuel for Furnaces, Range, Grate or Stove.

Smaller quantities, from one bushel up, will be sold at the above prices at the Works.

THE CHATHAM GAS CO., Limited.

ARCHIE BOWS TO INEVITABLE

Couldn't Longer Dodge the Board of Works—His Graceful Surrender.

Work of the New Council Formally Inaugurated—Officers Appointed for Year.

The matter of the civic plates was finally settled at the Council meeting last evening. The chairmanship of the Board of Works, which has been the cause of the dispute, was finally taken by Ald. McCoo. It was explained that Ald. Piggott could not get permission from his firm to accept the position so the lot fell to Mr. McCoo.

Mr. McCoo thought that he would be failing to appreciate the confidence of the people if he refused to take this position, and he was willing to take it and do the best he could with it.

The final slate is:— Finance—Ald. Marshall, Scullard and Tye.

Board of Works—Ald. McCoo, Mounter and Piggott.

Property—Ald. Edmondson, Martin and Westman.

Parks and Cemeteries—Ald. Mounter, McCoo and Piggott.

Industrial—Ald. Piggott, Scullard, Tye, Martin and Westman.

The seating of the Council from the left is—Ald. Tye, Marshall, Scullard, Mounter, McCoo, Piggott, Westman, Edmondson and Martin.

The regular business of the evening was then proceeded with.

A letter was received from Arthur Green, of Cleveland, applying for the position of caretaker of Victoria Park.

John Flook asked permission to cut down trees. Referred to the Chief of Police.

A letter from the Canadian Corporation Trust Co. was referred to the Property committee.

Robert Pollard, who fell on Wellington street, gave notice that he would enter an action for damages.

Chief Pritchard reported on his trip to London to attend the funeral of the late Chief Roe. His account, \$5, was paid.

D. W. Crow wished to purchase the end of Ursuline street to build a boat. Referred to Finance.

Alex. McDonald wrote, complaining that Mr. Crow is obstructing the passage way on Ursuline street. Referred to Finance.

A letter from the Blaine Harrow Company was referred to the Industrial committee. They wish to locate their new plant.

The clerk reported that in the last election the Pork by-law was defeated and the Railroad and Debenture Debt by-laws were carried.

Ald. Mounter asked that the assessors place on the rolls the assessment of church properties, for local improvement purposes.

This was viewed as a good move, and carried. In this way the owners of church properties will have a voice in the matter of public improvements.

Ald. Westman brought up an important matter in connection with complaints. He moved that the engineer keep a book for complaints, and that these minor complaints come in by telephone from the people instead of having them come up at the Council meeting. This was carried.

The following accounts were passed:—

A. W. Merritt, \$2.
W. R. Baxter, \$20.
Blight & Fielder, \$567.11.
W. A. Dumas, \$15.51.
Chatham Paving Co., \$22.82.
Chatham Paving Co., \$17.43.
Chatham Paving Co., \$38.16.
Chatham Paving Co., \$36.55.
Asphalt Block Co., \$1,316.86.
Blight & Fielder, \$56.16.
Asphalt Block Co., \$2,729.49.
Asphalt Block Co., \$4,011.41.
Bitulithic Paving Co., \$3,222.68.
Paysheet, \$52.14.
Paysheet, \$42.50.
Com. Shea, \$25—Finance Com.
E. I. Dunn, \$2.10.
W. R. Baxter, \$3.
Waterworks Dept., \$302.60.
Waterworks Dept., \$17.58.
R. G. Fleming, \$20.29.
Park Bros., \$1.57.
Insurance, J. R. R. Cathcart, \$30—Property Com.
The Ark, \$2.40—Referred.

A by-law for the appointment of the officers of the year was then passed. The officers are:—

Auditors—Thos. McCoo and W. H. Robinson, at salaries of \$150, and \$100, respectively.

Assessors—W. H. Gonne and Thos. French, at salaries of \$200 each.

Ald. Martin wanted to raise their salaries, but this was denied.

Tax Collector—Wm. Rennie, \$500.
City Clerk—W. G. Merritt, \$1,400.
Treasurer—R. G. Fleming, \$900.
Solicitor—M. Wilson, K. C., \$100.
Engineer and Supt. Electric Light—E. Jones, \$600.
Market Clerk—J. M. Northwood, \$10 per month.

Caretaker Victoria Park—Arthur Green, \$1.25 per day from April to November, and \$3 a month during the remainder of the year.

Ald. Martin and Edmondson wanted to dismiss Mr. Green, who is an old man, and give the job to Mr. McMullan, the present caretaker of Tecumseh Park. This was defeated.

Caretaker Tecumseh, Stanley Egan, and Water St. Parks—Peter McMullan, \$36 per month from May to November.

Caretaker Cemetery—Homer Turner, \$180.

Chambers of Market—John Venables, \$3 per week, under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Representatives on the Court of Revision—Ward Stanworth, \$50; G. O. Scott, \$50.

Medical Health Officer—Dr. W. R. Hall, \$300.
Sanitary Inspector—A. T. Mounter, \$40 per month.
Scavenger—A. Harbert, \$120.

Fire Chief—Richard Pritchard, \$300.
Fire Foreman—A. Jackson, \$200.
Permanent Men—R. Coyle, P. Ryall and A. Holmes, \$1.80 each.

Call Men—Geo. Pritchard, H. Johnson, Jos. Tucker, M. Side, R. Potter and Geo. Forsythe, salary \$108 each.

Call Men (sleep at home)—R. Brown, Joe Side, Geo. Delme, Harry Johnson, \$75 each.

Caretaker River Bridges—Martin Kennedy, \$7 per week.

Humane Officer—Jas. McGregor.
Electric Linemen—Job Moore, \$500; Sam. Moore, \$400.

Representative to Library Board—S. M. Smith.

Representatives to Collegiate Institute Board—J. F. Liddy and J. B. Rankin.

Pound Keeper, North Chatham—Chas. McCall.

Impounder—Chas. Morrell, \$50.
Impounder, South Chatham—J. B. Johnson, \$2 per week.

Fenceviewers—Geo. Pritchard, Thos. Martin and D. C. Clements.

Representatives to the Board of Health—G. B. Hulin and Chas. Haddley.

High Bailiff—John Holmes.
Constables—J. J. Thompson, Thos. Fielder, Pat. Flannery, Jas. Armstrong, Frank McKenzie, Charles La Francis, Moses Robinson, Jas. Bosworth, Wm. Crocker, E. Houston, Jas. Clements, P. McMullan, J. B. McGregor, M. Glassford, John Miller, J. Striker, J. Venables, A. Bryden, H. Dugneau, A. Sarter, Bryson Rankin, Jas. Morrell, A. T. Mounter, W. Laycock, J. Larkin, J. C. Harman, Pat. Gorman, A. Green, J. C. Richards, J. Etches, Hugh Murphy, J. H. Broad, Thos. Martin, C. M. Cooper, Henry Weaver, J. A. Jernyn, W. Allen, C. Morrell, W. H. Sturgis, Chas. Moore, John Johnson, Xavier Roach and A. W. Merritt.

Engineer Electric Light Plant—Hy. Dunn, \$600.

In reference to the auditors, Mr. Muepherson's name was mentioned, but it was thought that our local men would do the work just as well.

Mr. Irwin addressed the Council, asking for their assistance in putting a family out of a house which belonged to him. The people were poor and had no place to go. The Council promised to look after them after they got out of the house.

"Where will they go?" asked Mr. Irwin.

"To the mischief," replied Ald. Martin.

Mr. Irwin—it will cost \$10 to put them out.

Ald. Martin—Come to me and I will put them out for \$16—Laughter.

The Ladies of the Home of the Friendless will look after them.

The Railroad and Debt by-laws were then finally passed, after which the Council adjourned.

PREMIER FEARS SPLIT IN VOTE

Urges North Oxford Liberals to Unite on Candidate—Cuts Loose From Party.

Ex-Mayor of Woodstock, an Old-time Liberal Campaigner, Renounces Allegiance.

Woodstock, Ont., January 10.—The anxiety felt by Premier Ross lest the Liberal vote be split at the forthcoming bye-election in North Oxford is indicated by the fact that within the past few days a number of prominent Liberals of the riding have received confidential letters from the Premier, urging them to use every effort to offset such a contingency. Most of the leaders of the party in Woodstock have received these private letters. In them the Premier points out the grave danger of a split resulting in the election of a Conservative, and the calls upon the leaders to take the stump for the nominee of the convention, no matter who should be in the field. Above all, however, the party were to see to it, if possible, that only one candidate should be out.

It has become known to-day that among those who received such a letter from the Premier was an old-time Liberal and campaigner in the person of an ex-Mayor of Woodstock, who wrote a scathing letter to Premier Ross in reply, criticising the Ross Administration, and stating that he would be a party to no such infamy as had been practised by Mr. Ross and his followers.

OFFICERS ARE DELIGHTED

Col. Rankin Addresses the Big Chorus at the Robin Hood Recital.

Hearty Eulogies on the Magnificent Production—Some Distinguished Visitors Coming.

"The officers of the Regiment thank and congratulate every young lady and gentleman present," said Colonel J. B. Rankin, K. C., addressing the big Robin Hood rehearsal last evening, "you have indeed prepared a magnificent production—something that will amaze and delight every citizen of Chatham. I particularly desire to pay tribute to Mr. Wilson, your director, who is proving himself a veritable genius and to say that, while it has been my privilege and pleasure to hear many of the successful Maple City operatic presentations in the past, I have never heard anything to equal the spirit and excellence of Robin Hood as you have portrayed it tonight. The officers and patrons with me desire to convey their hearty and cordial congratulations to you all."

Continuing Colonel Rankin said the officers were energetically at work on their part of the arrangements. Negotiations were completed for one of the finest orchestras ever heard in this district to play the music of the opera, and Handmaster Walker was endeavoring to have the new Regimental Band, with the excellent Bugle Band, out in full force for that occasion.

The Earl of Dundonald, G. O. C., who has graciously extended his patronage to the production, was expected to be present with Lord Aylmer, Adjutant General; Colonel Otter, who commanded the gallant Canadian contingent in South Africa, and Colonel Peters, D. O. C., and Mrs. Peters, of London.

In concluding Colonel Rankin expressed the thanks of the Regiment to Mr. Frank Babcock, district manager of the Mason & Risch Piano Company, who generously loaned the company one of his excellent instruments—"that which there are no better," commented the Colonel amid applause.

There were present with Colonel Rankin, Capt. J. W. McLaren, Adjutant W. A. Colhart, Lieut. G. I. Lewis, Lieut. H. D. Smith, County Crown Attorney; Lieut. J. S. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Keefe, S. Stephenson, Miss Stephenson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Babcock, Jas. Fleming and many others, all of whom were hearty in their praise of the work done.

The rehearsal was a very successful one. Eighty-six members of the company were present and the music of the first act was gone through in its entirety. Miss Ruby Gordon and Miss Lucy McKellar taking their solos in splendid style.

On Thursday night—the next rehearsal—Mr. Slade will again be present, and the whole production will be introduced by the principals. Every principal is expected to have the libretto on this occasion.

The officers expect to hear definitely from Lord Dundonald by the end of the week, when the date of the production will be formally announced.

EVENT OF SEASON

Rehearsals are going on every afternoon and evening for the Macabre Minstrels, and by January 21st they will be "Dead letter" perfect for the first performance, and the costumes and stage settings are not surpassed by any travelling company in America. The music is snappy and full of finger, yet tuneful. The work done by the eight and men will be a surprise to their many friends. The olio, or second part, will be made up of some up-to-date specialties, using both ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Geo. Solman tells his troubles in this part. Two hours of solid show, no waste, everything up to the minute. Don't forget the date.

FRATERNAL TIME

The Sons of England, after their White Rose meeting last night entertained the brethren with light refreshments.

The following program was given. Songs by Bros. E. A. Moore, Jas. Fryer, W. A. Colhart, Thos. E. Mayne, H. Horstead, Thos. E. Mayne, W. J. Cozens and A. Fenings.

Highland Fling, by Messrs. H. Horstead and Tom E. Fielder.

Bro. T. W. Smythe gave some beautiful selections on an up-to-date phonograph.

Speech by Bro. R. Simmons.

The Chairman was Bro. Ben Longley.

We are giving away money. Read how to get \$4.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ladies Sewing Circle of Campbell A. M. E. church was held at the residence of Mrs. T. H. Henderson last evening. The reports of the year were very encouraging, being better than any previous year. The amount of money raised during the year was \$188.71. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. L. A. Scott.
Vice-President—Mrs. T. H. Henderson.
Secretary—Mrs. M. E. Miller.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Alice Parker.
Treasurer—Mrs. L. A. Duling.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

At a regular meeting of Western City Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F., held last (Monday) evening, the following officers were duly installed into their respective offices by A. Cathbert, D. D. G. M., Dresden, assisted by P. G. A. Heath, P. G. S. Tilley, P. G. H. Garret, P. G. Thos. Smith, P. G. Henry Smith, P. G. Wm. Potter, P. G. A. McCormick and P. G. Alex. McDougall:

J. P. G.—Bro. Wm. Mellish.
N. G.—Bro. Geo. Park.
V. G.—Bro. Chas. Bowers.
Rec.-Sec.—Bro. Gibson.
Per.-Sec.—Bro. A. M. Lafferty, P. G. Treas.—Bro. Thos. V. Challinor.
A. S. N. G.—Bro. P. G. Jas. Pritchard.
L. S. N. G.—Bro. P. G. H. Murphy.
R. S. V. G.—Bro. P. G. Wm. Moore.
L. S. V. G.—Bro. P. G. Arch. McCormick.

I. G.—Bro. P. G. R. Chrysler.
O. G.—Bro. P. G. S. M. McCormick.
Warden—P. G. John Taylor.
Conductor—P. G. Wm. Potter.
R. S. S.—Bro. P. G. A. Zant.
L. S. S.—Bro. P. G. Stephen Tilley.
Chaplain—P. G. John Taylor.
Physician—P. G. Dr. Hall.

This Lodge has been exceedingly prosperous during the past term both as to finances and addition to its members.

After the installation of officers the brethren were invited to Bro. Thompson's, where an excellent oyster supper had been prepared for the brethren, speechifying being the order of the evening and a pleasant time spent.

STILL AT WORK

Grooks Who Operated in Chatham Made Another Haul in St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Ont., Jan. 11.—A daring robbery was committed at the Michigan Central depot here last night, the ticket office being entered and robbed. When No. 37 express pulled out of the station at 6.25, both Ticket Agent Michael and Depotmaster Allen went home for supper, and it appears the robbery was committed shortly afterwards, as D. Gow, the night depotmaster found the ticket office door partly open when he went on duty about seven o'clock. The thief, or thieves, were evidently old hands at the business. The doors bear marks of having been forced open with a chisel, which was found lying near the scene of operations. It was found that the sum of \$30.55—\$34 being in bills, \$3 in coppers, and the rest in silver—was taken from the till, while five tickets, numbering from 0 to 4, good over the M. C. R., as well as 100 Burlington and perhaps the Great Northern, were taken. The thief worked quietly and quickly. The ticket office door opens into the waiting room, while only about 30 feet away and straight across the room is the door leading to the office. The depotmaster and Detective Heenan. The latter was at his desk, busily engaged, but heard no noise whatever.

Two men of a suspicious looking character were noticed during the evening in the dining rooms of the Webbs depot.

Similar robberies have taken place in Stratford, Guelph, Brantford and London.

The Maple City police believe that the men who robbed the M. C. R. station at St. Thomas are the same who attempted to rob the G. T. R. station here, and who made the several attempts on the business places of the King street Merchants, W. N. Morley's and W. J. Kenny's doors were both attempted in the same manner as the door at the M. C. R. station was opened.

NOTED CROOKS WANTED

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 11.—Detectives Campeau and Mahoney to-day sent out circulars to the police departments of cities in Canada and the United States, asking for the arrest of Thos. Bishop and James Pearson, ex-convicts, on a charge of burglarizing W. T. Bell's jewelry store in Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 18 last, when goods to the amount of \$2,000 were taken.

Both men are well-known crooks. Bishop is 41 years of age, and has done time in the Central Prison, Toronto, and in Kingston penitentiary. Pearson is 31 years old, and has lived in Leith, Ont.



JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR

Stationery

Is there anything so annoying as to find bad materials when you start to write a letter. In order to write a letter with comfort and express your thoughts in a happy vein to your correspondent you should have good pens and good ink and good paper.

These are our specialties, and you might as well have a good supply on hand, as the cost is so small when purchased from us.

We have pens to suit every hand.

We have good ink of every color.

We have a variety of paper and envelopes second to none in Ontario.

We make special mention of "Timothy" paper and envelopes in all colors. There is nothing nicer for ladies.

"ASK FOR DIMITY."

15c per quire, or two quires 85c.

Envelopes to match, 15c package, two packages for 25c.

Sent by mail on receipt of price.

Sulman's Beehive

King and Sixth Streets, Opp. Garner House.

A SUGGESTION

Health Inspector Anson Mounter thinks that if people who have complaints to make would report to the proper authorities instead of running to the papers and making the work harder to trace out owing to the fact that the offenders are then on the lookout, much better work could be accomplished.

Mr. Mounter has seized three quarters of beef said to be affected with lump jaw, and he hopes to be able to place the case before the authorities next Wednesday.

Willard Found McKay at Last

That there is a long felt want for an up-to-date Cafe in Chatham, and has made many improvements in the

King St. Confectionery.

A CAFE will be opened in connection with the confectionery on or about Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1904.

Lunches and Regular Meals of all Kinds will be served to Order

Oysters in any style, also a fine line of Hot Sodas will be served. Following is a list of Hot Sodas always ready—served on a minutes' notice—Hot Clarified Phosphate, Coffee Hot, Cream De Menthe Hot, Turkish Tea Hot, Cocoa Hot, Chocolate Hot, Beef Tea Hot, Tomato Baulion Hot, Lemonade Hot, etc. Served in up-to-date styles.

WILLARD McKAY.

Chatham's Millinery Store.

ALL KINDS OF Goffered Chiffons FOR MAKING COLLARS, ALL COLORS AND WIDTHS.

For Thursday, Two Dozen Hais, worth from \$3 to sell for \$1.98.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST., CHATHAM.

The Planet.

S. STEPHENSON - Proprietor.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.

The careful reading of the inaugural address of his worship, Mayor McKeough, will repay every ratepayer—the adoption of its suggestions by the aldermen will benefit the whole city.

It is a thoughtful, conservative, yet thoroughly progressive pronouncement of a policy in accord with the development of our city—a policy which should commend itself instantly to the good judgment of our representatives.

The Planet purposes to say something relative to each of the proposals in the inaugural at a later date. In the meantime let the citizens think over these matters for themselves.

KENT'S WORTHY SONS.

Yesterday's Mail and Empire said editorially:

"Kent Conservatives have nominated splendid candidates. The Chatham Planet says of Mr. Benjamin Willson, who is named for the East Riding, that he is an ex-Warden of the County, 'a man esteemed and beloved by all who know him, a sturdy veteran of the good old days of personal integrity and uprightness in political affairs.' 'His presence in the Canadian Parliament will prove a distinct advantage not only to Kent, but to the whole Dominion.' Mr. Herbert Clements in the West is also a first class man. The two will prove worthy representatives of the County."

The protest entered by the machine against Mr. Hugh Clark, the member for Centre Grey, is doing that influence more harm than good. A Liberal writes to the Tiverton Watchman protesting against the litigation as persecution. "It looks like a determined attempt to ruin Mr. Clark financially in defending his seat in the courts." "If, for one," says the writer, "intend to await the outcome of this protest before I again vote Reform." The fact is the Reform Government protests elections largely that it may harass the representatives whom the people have elected. It wants to make the seat in the Legislature so expensive that no man who is not its servant will aspire to the Assembly. The South Oxford case, in which the Government paid ex-convicts to live in court, cost no less than \$6,000 to defend. Mr. Sutherland, the victim, had to find the money to protest the verdict of the people from the perjurers, and the man who was employed to buy the evidence which was found to be false was rewarded with a \$5,000-a-year job.—Mail and Empire.

Township Councils

DOVER COUNCIL.

The council of the township of Dover met as a court of revision on the Callop drain repair, at Raymond's hall, Mitchell's Bay, Dec. 17th. The members were all present. The several appeals were read, and the appellants and the parties appealed against, who were present, were heard in evidence.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Boyer, that Frank Martin's appeal be allowed.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Crawford, that the court of revision on the Callop drain repair be adjourned.—Carried.

The council met pursuant to adjournment. A report was read from Mr. Lewis re seeing John Kinn in reference to Henry Brown's claim for fence rails alleged to have been burned.

J. W. Shackleton's report was read re proposed steel bridge on the Bear line over Little Bear creek.

Moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Boyer, that \$3.00 postage account be paid.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Crawford, that G. T. Crow be paid \$1.35 for nails and oil for Front Mechanical drain pump.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. King, that the grievance of Geo. Wilber and David Burk be referred to Mr. Lewis with power, and report.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. King, that the grievance of William Asher be referred to Mr. Crawford, with power, and report.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. King, that the grievance of Richard Burk be referred to Mr. Lewis with power, and report.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. King, that grievance of David Steen be referred to Mr. Crawford with power, and report.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. King, that the grievance of Charles Dunlop and Edward Burk be referred to Mr. Lewis with power, and report.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by

Mr. Lewis, that Mr. Crawford's resignation as commissioner on the Bear drain repair be accepted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Boyer, that Len Belisle be paid \$1.75 for furnishing and hauling load of saw dust for the file drain on the winter line in the 8th concession.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Boyer, seconded by Mr. King, that G. T. Crow be paid \$27.13 for oil and coal for Dolson Creek Mechanical drain pump.—Carried.

The council adjourned.

J. WELSH, Clerk.

MR. J. Y. HEMMING Had Inflammatory Rheumatism which Baffled the Skill of Medical Men.

Mr. J. Y. Hemming, London, Ont., writes as follows about his marvellous cure: "I suffered for years with inflammatory rheumatism, which baffled the skill of medical men. I had every form of treatment known to specialists, and visited mineral springs, but obtained only temporary relief. Almost giving up in despair, I was asked to try Paine's Celery Compound, and I thank God such a blessing was brought to my notice. The use of three bottles of the great remedy gave me relief from pain, and I slept better. Ten bottles worked for me a complete cure. I have no hesitation in recommending Paine's Celery Compound to all rheumatic sufferers it cures surely and permanently."

PAINE'S Celery Compound Cured Him

Medical advice free to all who desire it. Address: "Consulting Physician," The Wells & Richardson Co., Limited, 200 Mountain St., Montreal, P. Q.

THE LOGAL BUDGET

J. Francis, of Dresden, was in the city over Sunday. James Kyle, of Pileage, was a Chatham visitor on Saturday. Smoke Quail on Toast Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers, Union Made.

James Ross and E. McKenzie, of Tilbury, were visitors in the city on Saturday.

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

S. B. McCull, who came here some time ago, has moved his family to Chatham and has taken up his residence on Lorne avenue.

The charge against D. W. Crow of blocking Ursuline avenue contrary to the city by-law was dismissed without costs.

The little son of Mr. Chatham's of the 5th concession, Chatham Township, died on Thursday. The funeral was held on Saturday.

Owen Watson, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday on his way to Toronto, where he will resume his duties at the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

A CONTINUAL DRAG

THE EXACT TERM. Only those who have experienced the pain and suffering incident to Piles or Hemorrhoids can know what a drag and handicap this complaint is; how even the mildest forms hinder the patient from putting forth his or her best efforts, while those afflicted with bleeding and protruding piles realize the tortures of the Inquisition.

It may surprise the reader to know that there is a sure, permanent cure for this disease, as the following testimony from Mr. E. A. Leonard, an American resident in the City of Mexico, will show:

"For twenty years I suffered with piles, sometimes being confined to my bed for days at a time. The relief received from doctors both in the United States and Mexico, was temporary, and more frequently I received no relief; other medicines had no effect. It was a continual drag. I was fit for nothing. I finally tried Pyramid Pile Cure; first application was magical; I could not believe I was awake next morning. I experienced a relief that I had not known for twenty years. One box cured me; but not believing myself cured, I bought two more, but they are still in my trunk. I first used the remedy in July, 1902. I have had no occasion to use it since. The world should know of Pyramid Pile Cure. I have no words to express its merits."

Pyramid Pile Cure is in the form of a suppository, which is administered by all physicians to be the best preparation for treating piles; it comes in direct contact with the painful tumors and does its work quickly and painlessly. It is sold by druggists, generally, for 50 cents a package, and there is no other remedy "just as good."

Write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book on the causes and cures of piles, which is sent free for the asking.

January New Year's Number Four-Track News—An interesting Magazine. Only 5 cents, any Newsdealer.

The little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lammman, Dover street, passed away in the Public General Hospital from diphtheria. The funeral was held on Saturday.

Only 5 cents a copy—The Four-Track News for January—New Year's Number. On sale at all News stands.

W. McK. Messer, of McCall's drug store, has returned from Dresden, where he has been managing the firm's branch store during the past week.

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.

Mr. Robbins, of the 8th concession, Dover, died on Friday. He is survived by a widow and one daughter. The funeral was held Sunday to the Maple Leaf cemetery. It was largely attended.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria avenue Green Houses, Phone 181.

No evidence was offered against Chas. Hunt, charged with stealing his son's furniture, and the aged man was dismissed. W. F. Smith defended him.

Miss Blanche Powell, of Calgary, N. W. T., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Fred. Scott, Park street. Miss Powell is a former Chatham young lady but she is much impressed with her new home in the far West. Miss Powell states that Miss Dorothy Sheldon likes Calgary and is enjoying splendid health.

George Hunt and his wife, Victoria Hunt, were each fined \$20 and costs, amounting to \$240, each. The two were convicted of assaulting Hunt's aged father. They had the alternative of two months in jail, but they said they could raise money, and Chief Holmes gave them a week in which to do so.

James Cady, one of the pioneers of South Essex, passed away on Sunday at the home of his son, George W. Cady, Ruthven. Deceased had reached nearly ninety years, and had lived the greater part of his life in Essex county. Deceased was of the Empire Loyalist descent. His father left the state of New York and, with his family, settled with other Loyalists on the Thames river. Jas. Cady, who was born in the small colony, remained with his parents until he reached man's estate, when he decided to make a home for himself on the shores of Lake Erie, and he settled at Kingsville, where for many years he conducted a harness business.—London Free Press.

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an appeal to the people the Ontario program may be modified.

Mr. W. S. Fielding, the Minister of Finance, was in the city yesterday, but had nothing to say regarding the probable date for a candidate in the Commons for St. Lawrence division. One thing, he said, was certain, and that was that Mr. Bickerdike would not be a candidate in that division.

The Mayor displayed a list of five hundred Liberal electors of St. Lawrence division who he said had supported Mr. Bickerdike at the last election, but who would not vote again for the sitting member.

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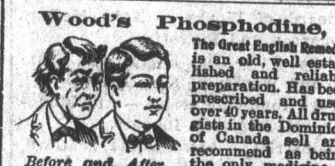
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600 yards Horrockses English bleached cotton, superior quality, even round thread, fine finish, extra bleached, full yard wide, worth 15c a yard, special Wednesday 11c.	10 dozen pure linen huck towels, extra fine, heavy quality, size 43 by 22 inches, pure grass bleached, fringed ends, special each 25c.	Bleached Table Cloths—Fine, pure linen, rich satin finish, grass bleached in elegant designs, size 2 yards by 2 1/2 yards, regular \$2.00 each, special at \$1.50.
English bleached sheeting, 64 inches wide, excellent quality, worth 25c a yard, special at 20c.	200 yards tea towelling, pure bleached, 23 inches wide, with red and blue borders, worth 12 1/2c a yard, special at 10c.	A Bargain in Table Napkins—10 Dozen fine satin Damask table napkins, pure linen, full size, in range of choice designs, regular \$2.50 to \$2.75 a dozen, clearing Wednesday at \$1.95.
Heavy unbleached sheeting, twill and plain, pure soft finish, full 20 yards wide, worth 20c a yard, special at 25c.	4 pieces Pure Bleached Table Linen—66 inches wide, excellent quality, grass bleached, handsome patterns, special per yard 50c.	White Quilts—Extra large size, full quality, honey-comb quilts, pure bleached, overlock edges, regular \$1.25, Wednesday at \$1.12 1/2, Regular \$1.50, Wednesday at \$1.25.
Two yards wide bleached sheetings, fine heavy quality, soft pure finish, extra bleached, regular 30c value, Wednesday at a yard 25c.	3 pieces Double Damask Tableing—Heavy, pure linen, rich satin finish, pure dew bleached, full 20 yards wide in choice designs, worth 90c a yard, special at 75c.	Bed Comforters—6 only, size 60 in. by 72 inches, well filled with reversible chintz coverings, regular \$1.50 clearing at \$1.25.
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LODGES

WELLINGTON Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M. G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p.m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

ALEX. GREGORY, Sec'y.

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EXPLOSION AT MICHEL.

SEVEN CROW'S NEST PASS MINERS KILLED.

Gas in Tunnel No. 3 Said to Have Caused the Explosion—Two Other Men Seriously Injured—The Bodies Recovered.

Winnipeg, Jan. 11.—Private despatches received here state that an explosion of gas occurred in tunnel No. 3 of the Crow's Nest Pass Company's mine at Michel, B. C., on Friday night, killing seven men and severely injuring two others.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Mr. G. G. Lindsey, K. C. Secretary of the company, yesterday received despatch from the manager, announcing that the bodies of the seven killed and two injured had been recovered. The cause of the explosion was not known.

MILNE WAS NOT THE MAN.

His Sleigh Did Not Run William Durell Down.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—An investigation into the death of William Durell on Friday afternoon at Jarvis street and Wilton avenue was opened on Saturday by Coroner Cotton and adjourned till to-night at the City Hall. Peter Milne, who was supposed to have driven the sleigh which knocked Durell down, denies that he is the man. He claims that the fatality occurred a few minutes before he drove past the corner. He heard of the old man's death from children who climbed on the rear of his sleigh.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Registrar, Police Magistrate and Division Court Clerks.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—The following Provincial appointments have been made:—Charles E. Whelan, St. Mary's, to be Registrar for the South riding of Perth; Ernest Cruikshank of Niagara Falls, to be Police Magistrate of that city, and the village of Port Erie; Dr. S. N. Davis, Parry Sound, to be Associate Coroner for the district of Parry Sound, vice David Macfarlan, resigned; Thomas G. Clute, Sterling, to be Clerk of the Fifth Division Court of Hastings county, vice E. B. Parker deceased; A. P. Monaghan, Sault Ste. Marie, to be Clerk of the First Division Court of the district of Algoma, vice M. H. Biggins; T. F. Kavanagh, Bancroft, to be Clerk of the Twelfth Division Court of the county of Hastings, vice D. Kavanagh resigned.

Charters have been issued to the following companies:—The Rainy River Curing Company, to operate a salting rink; Schierholz Zinkum Co., Waterloo, to manufacture and deal in furniture and mattresses; the A. B. Saylor Canning Company, Bloomfield.

EXPECTED AN ALLOWANCE.

Stuart's Reasons For Running Up Those Unpaid Bills.

Toronto, Jan. 11.—Archibald Edward Stuart, who is to be tried this morning in the Police Court on the general charge of vagrancy, has admitted that he is William Brown, who married the Countess of Russell under the name of Prince Athol Stuart de Modena. T. C. Robinson, K. C., his solicitor, on Saturday stated that Stuart had instructed him to communicate with Messrs. Valpey & Peckham, Lincoln's Inn, London, Eng., with regard to the matter. Stuart asserted that an agreement was made, whereby he was to receive £1,000 a year on condition that he did not oppose the suit for divorce instituted by the Countess. The fact that he did not receive his quarterly instalment of £250 due him on January 1 is responsible, Stuart says, for his present penniless condition.

As to the allegation that he departed from Boston without paying his hotel bill there, Stuart declares that the proprietors of the Hotel Touraine are holding some of his personal effects as security for this debt.

CHLOROFORMED PLANTS.

And Forced Them to Flower Earlier Than Usual.

New York, Jan. 11.—A London cable to The Sun says that The Lancet prints interesting details of the result of investigations as to the action of ether and chloroform in forcing plants to flower earlier than is natural. The French horticulturist, Le Blanc, at Nancy on February 19th of last year, chloroformed some azaleas and exposed them to the action of the vapor for 48 hours. Then he removed them to a greenhouse which was at a temperature of 65 degrees Fahr. From March 5th the flowers began to expand, and obtained their full growth on March 8th, whereas the flowers which had not been chloroformed did not expand until March 21st.

The economy in the matter of fuel that can be effected by this method of forcing the growth of plants, etc., it is stated, will cover the cost.

HOCKEY.

SATURDAY'S RECORD.

O. H. A. Senior. Marlboro ... 7 St. George ... 3 Morristown ... 6 Ironville ... 4 Brockville ... 7 Ott. Aberden ... 4 O. H. A. Intermediate. Stratford ... 7 Shelburne ... 5 O. H. A. Junior. Quebec ... 13 Shamrock ... 5 Ottawa ... 10 Victoria ... 6 W. O. H. A. Intermediate. Elora ... 4 Hespeler ... 7 Commercial League. Can. Gen. Elec. ... 16 Can. Foundry ... 4 Wynd. ... 4 Gt. ... 4 Bank League. Dominion ... 4 Commerce ... 1

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Watt had just discovered the principle of steam. "Alas!" he groaned, "one more thing in the power of the junior!" Dashing away a tear, he nevertheless completed his idea.

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Miss Stella Johnson, of Brady St., Dayton, Ohio, writes: "I was troubled with severe pains every month when I wrote to you for advice. After following your directions, I am happy to say that after five years of untold suffering I have not had one more attack. I am now a 'Favorite Prescription' fan. I thank God and Dr. R. V. Pierce for the health I now enjoy. I shall urge other women who suffer as I did to use your medicine."

Take Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets instead of any other laxative.

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FOR THE SAKE OF APPEARANCE

By Hubert McBean Johnson

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"May I not have this one?" said I.

"For the sake of appearance, you know," I added, noting her hesitation. "Well," replied Phyllis in an uncertain way, "for the sake of appearance, then."

The room was hot and stuffy, and dancing in warm work anyhow. "The veranda is a lot cooler," I suggested.

"For the sake of appearance also?" questioned Phyllis, elevating her eyebrows. "Certainly," I answered, glancing in the direction of Mrs. Gillespie. "It might look strange if we didn't, you know."

"It has one advantage," said Phyllis—"one does not need to talk out there."

Phyllis laughed. It sounded kind of good to hear it. Phyllis has a pretty laugh and particularly so when one has not heard it for a while.

"Did you hear the latest?" I asked by way of changing the subject.

"What?" I asked, questioned Phyllis apathetically.

"Of my engagement?" I finished.

Phyllis was interested. She leaned forward in her chair and rested her chin on her palms.

"This time to"—she pursued.

But I was not going to commit myself.

"What do you think of Gracie Rawshaw?" I said.

"I thought you preferred taller girls and blonds," commented Phyllis.

"Beauty is only skin deep," I quoted sentimentally.

Phyllis herself is exceptionally pretty.

"I suppose so," she said dreamily, taking no notice of my remark. "But it's awfully funny," she concluded, with a little laugh.

"I fail to see the humor of the situation," I replied stiffly. "This is not exactly a jesting matter with me."

"I should not imagine so," said Phyllis dryly. "But I'll apologize. I used the wrong word. I ought to have said, 'What a coincidence!'"

"Coincidence? How?" I queried in consternation.

I anticipated something, but I don't think Phyllis knew it. I flatter myself that my cigarette never trembled. I have always prided myself on my nerve.

"I might make a little announcement myself," said Phyllis quietly, with just the faintest suspicion of a laugh in her voice.

I flicked off a sixteenth of an inch of ash as she was so liable to fall on one's clothes, you know.

"And the man?" It's remarkable how tobacco steadies one.

"I believe you will find people congratulating Mr. Dawson Graham this evening," replied Phyllis demurely.

"Lucky devil!" I ejaculated impolitely. I said other things to myself. I never had much use for that fellow anyway.

Phyllis bowed in mock courtesy.

"People are good enough to say so," she assented. "I really can't say that I see it myself, but—"

I laughed. The thing was appealing to my sense of humor. It's a most excellent thing, you know, to possess a sense of humor.

"We wouldn't have believed all this a month ago," said I. "I would have laughed had any one suggested such a thing."

"How fortunate!" said Phyllis, with apparent irreverence.

"Which?" I asked. "That I wouldn't have believed it or that I would have laughed?"

"That we found out in time," Phyllis seemed quite serious. "Afterward it would have been apt to create such a scandal."

"True," said I. "We did quarrel occasionally."

"Occasionally," sniffed Phyllis. "You might better say eternally. Why, I remember one time—"

"When you were staying at Boreas Beach," I interrupted.

"No, not that one," corrected Phyllis—"when I was—"

"And I used to sail up the river to look at you. You wore a yellow dress that summer, you know, and I could see you on the veranda. How I used to wish I could get up the courage to land and go up and talk to you! I don't suppose you ever even saw me."

"Why didn't you?" said Phyllis unreasonably.

I knew why. My imagination gave me a vivid picture of Phyllis turning her back and walking inside. Phyllis knew too. But I had sense enough not to answer.

"Then there was that time—"

"Are you going over them all?" asked Phyllis wearily.

"I suppose there won't be time," said I. "But you have no idea how much I thought of you that summer, little girl."

"And now?" questioned Phyllis softly.

"Isn't it rather late to dream of such things with both of us engaged to other people?" said I.

"Yes," answered Phyllis. "I suppose so."

"You suppose," said I bitterly. "I'd like to punch Dawcy Graham's head. That's what I'd like to do."

"Perhaps," began Phyllis gently.

"Oh, here you are!" interrupted Mrs. St. Clair, coming out of the house.

"I've been looking everywhere for you two. Phyllis, I want to introduce you to Captain MacDougall. Come; I'm

sure Jack will excuse you for this dance."

"If I may have the next," said I, seizing Phyllis' card and jutting down my initials on it before she could remonstrate.

Turning into the hallway I came face to face with Dawcy Graham.

"Hello," cried I, restraining my desire to get a half Nelson on him. "They tell me I'm to congratulate you. You're certainly a royal flush if ever there was one."

"Thanks, old man; thanks," said Dawcy, linking his arm affectionately into mine and drawing me outside with him. "You're the very fellow I've been looking for. You see, it's this way: We've been engaged now for about six months, and this announcement is merely a prelude to an early wedding. I want you to support me in it. Will you? What do you say?"

Six months, thought I! It took my breath away. The little vixen! And me to support him! If that wasn't rubbing it in!

"What's your governor think about it?" I queried to gain time. "I suppose he's known about it all along?"

"Not much," cried Dawcy. "Not much! He just found out it out tonight when it was announced. But he likes it all right. Why, say, do you know, when he heard it he actually made a pun. He said, 'Well, my boy, you're no longer the graceless young scamp you always have been!'"

"I don't see it," said I lamely enough. "Where's the pun?"

"Why, graceless," explained Dawcy. "Don't you see—graceless—Grace Rawshaw, you know?"

"Oh, yes," said I weakly. "Ha, ha, I see now. How stupid of me! I wasn't thinking."

I certainly did see. I saw several things that Dawcy did not.

"And you're going to stand up with me?" asked Dawcy anxiously. "Wedding's in the early part of September."

"Am I?" I said emphatically. "Glad to, my dear fellow. Nothing could give me greater pleasure."

And that wasn't just politeness either. I like Graham. He is really an awfully decent sort, you know.

"Thanks!" he cried enthusiastically. "I knew you would. I must go and tell Grace. Well, see you later."

I walked across the floor to where Phyllis was standing with Captain MacDougall.

"Isn't this ours?" I asked.

"Why, yes," said Phyllis, astoundedly consulting her card. "I believe it is."

"Phyllis," said I a moment later, "Dawcy Graham has just asked me to act as his best man."

There must have been something in my tone that warned her, for Phyllis looked up and caught my eye.

"Jack," she said, "candidly, you're a goose. I told Grace this afternoon that I wouldn't for her."

"Suppose," I suggested, "that we go outside on the veranda and sit it out?"

"For the sake of appearance?" asked Phyllis, looking up at me and smiling roguishly.

"Not entirely," said I.

Fifteenth Century Guns.

In 1427, when the English in Normandy made their last assault on Mont St. Michel under Lord Scalen, they attacked it with several powerful engines and certain machines of war.

Says an old writer, "They trained a battery so furiously against the walls that they made a breach." Among these formidable weapons were two enormous wrought iron guns, which they were compelled to leave behind on being obliged to raise the siege.

They are still on exhibition with some of their projectiles in a railed inclosure just inside the main entrance to the town.

The guns are of the kind formerly called "bombards" and are of different sizes. The larger one has a caliber of nineteen inches, thirty and a quarter inches being the greatest external diameter and twelve feet the total length, of which about three feet four inches belong to the smaller powder chamber in the rear. It weighs very nearly six tons. The other gun weighs about a couple of tons less, is of fifteen inches caliber and eleven feet nine inches long. These weapons are not cast, but "built up" guns, being formed of longitudinal bars about three inches wide, arranged like the staves of a cask and bound closely with wrought iron hoops. The "bombards," as they are called, are most likely of Flemish workmanship. Their projectiles are made of hewn granite, and those for the larger gun have been estimated to weigh 300 pounds apiece. The powder chamber is capable of holding about forty pounds of explosive.

Birds and Insects.

There is hardly a single group of insects which does not suffer from the appetite of one or more species of bird. The eggs and larvae are dug and pried out of their burrows in the wood by woodpeckers and creepers; those underground are scratched and clawed up to view by quail, partridges and many sparrows; warblers and vireos scan every leaf and twig. Flycatchers, like the cat family of mammals, lie in wait and surprise the insects on the wing, more particularly those flying near the ground, while swifts, swallows and martins glean a harvest from the host of high flying insects. When we think humming birds are taking dainty sips of honey from the flowers they are in reality more often snatching minute spiders and flies from the deep cups of the calyxes. When night falls, the insects, which have chosen that time as the safer to carry on the business of active life, are pounced on by crepuscular feathered beings; the cavernous mouths of whippoorwills engulf them as they rise from their hiding places, and the bristly of night hawks brushes them into no less rapacious maws if, perchance, they have succeeded in reaching the upper air.—New York Post.

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The Unpopularity of Whiskers.

Commenting on the fact that Governor Alexander Monroe Dockery has just divested his countenance of a celebrated and almost immortal set of whiskers, the New York "Sun" says: "The twentieth century is beginning somewhat as the nineteenth century began, though, of course, not so strictly and universally smooth, but it is doubtful if it will run parallel through all its quarters with its predecessor. There were no mustaches, no beards, when the nineteenth century dawned. Side whiskers began to curl and sprout before it had run far in its course, and they grew bolder after a time and encircled the throat and chin, leaving bare the upper lip. The lip was submerged about 1860 and in the later years of destruction, had just to yield to the assaults of the barber. The human countenance began to exhibit itself again not long after the war, and from that time down to the very recent past the unsupported mustache was the prevailing mode. Now fashions is changing again, so that the young men are commonly completely shaved, and their fathers have covered lips. The youth of to-day have the weight of civilized precedent with them. An examination of the family albums of the last four centuries will demonstrate that the unwhiskered have had by far the better of it. For nearly two hundred years of that time the beard was not permitted to sprout. A great deal of encouragement for the shaven but ambitious young man may be found in the Presidency of the United States. From the beginning with Washington down to Lincoln's time, whiskers found lodgment

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PROBABILITIES.

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Toronto, Jan. 12.—11 a. m.—Moderately cold, moderate snowfalls this evening and to-night. Wednesday, cold.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Sandy McVean, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Mrs. C. Purser, wife of the Reeve of Dover, is seriously ill.

L. J. Reyer, of Ridgeway, was in the city yesterday on business.

Lost, a patent leather French heel Urban shoe. Finder will please leave same at Urban store.

Alex. Outthbert, of Dresden, spent yesterday with friends in the Maple City.

Best hard coal at cheapest rate from C. B. Hancock, West street, Tel. 303, F. Marx, office, 107.

John A. Kelly, of Cleveland, is spending a few days in the city, attending the wedding of his sister.

Dr. Thornton left this morning for Toronto, where he will deliver a series of lectures in the Toronto Dental College.

A leap year sleighride party was given by a number of Chatham maidens last evening. The load went to Wm. Irwin's, Raleigh, and enjoyed a very pleasant time dancing.

Hockey! The game of the season, Essex vs. Chatham on local curling rink, Saturday night, Jan. 16th, 1904. Admission 25 cents. Skating after the game. See doggers.

The touring university of Toronto, the club of over thirty voices, accompanied by the banjo, mandolin and guitar club, and Miss Weaver, elocutionist, will give a concert in the Park street Methodist church on Tuesday evening, Jan. 19th. To popularize the concert the usual prices, 35 and 50 cents, have been reduced to 25 cents. An evening of splendid music is assured.

UNION CHURCH, FOREST STREET, NORTH CHATHAM.

There will be a grand concert at the Union Church North Chatham, on Forest street, on Thursday evening, Jan. 14th, 1904, in aid of the church. The public are invited to come. A good program will be provided, consisting of solos, duets, quartets, addresses, etc., etc., R. L. Holden, pastor.

ST. CLAIR-ERIE CANAL

Cleveland, Jan. 11.—A Company having for its purpose the construction of a deep water ship canal between Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie has been formed and its plans will be discussed at the meeting of the Lake Carriers' Association at Detroit on Thursday. English and French capital is behind the project. Arrangements are said to have been made with London and Paris Bankers, who purpose to take over the bonds. The passage planned is in a straight line from the foot of the St. Clair flats canal to Lake Erie.

This canal is always brought before the public every time that it is proposed to bridge the Detroit River. The course of the canal would be from the mouth of the river to Two Creeks at Wheatley, in Romney, a distance of about 16 miles. It is pretty generally believed that Detroit will never allow the canal to be built as it would hurt that city very much. The advantages of such a canal are manifold. The dangerous Lime-kiln crossing and the difficulties of the west end of Lake Erie would be avoided.

Chamois Vests

During this cold weather you can have solid comfort by wearing one of our Chamois Vests. Prices from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. **Chest Protectors**, from 25c to \$1.75 each.

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MUST FREE MACEDONIA.

Boris Sarafoff's Warning to the Powers.

Rome, Jan. 12.—Boris Sarafoff had interviews with the leaders of the supporters of the Macedonian cause here. He said he wished to inform the Italian Government that Macedonia was not satisfied with the Austro-Russian action, and that a new revolution would break out next spring if all the powers who signed the treaty of Berlin do not intervene and cause the granting of autonomy to Macedonia. Another of the objects of Sarafoff's coming to Italy is to induce General Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian patriot, to lead an expedition to free Macedonia from Turkish rule, similar to the expedition which Garibaldi headed at the time of the Greco-Turkish war, in case the powers do not act.

Sarafoff also declared the revolutionists were ready for any step, and prepared to go to any extremity. He will try to learn what support the Vatican authorities will give his followers, who, he said, were prepared to leave the orthodox Christian Church and join the Roman communion.

BROUGHT HOME TO DIE.

Young Laurin, Who Shot His Father's Coachman at Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Eddie Laurin, son of Cyrille Laurin of this city, who two years ago was sentenced to fourteen years for shooting his father's coachman, has been released on ticket-of-leave and brought home in very poor health. The doctors do not expect him to recover. A special ambulance brought the prisoner from the penitentiary, and a physician remained with him throughout the journey.

EPIDEMIC OF PNEUMONIA.

Health Department of New York is Alarmed.

New York, Jan. 12.—Deaths from pneumonia in this city last week, aggregating 364, are causing the Department of Health to adopt energetic means to check the disease. "In my opinion," said Commissioner Darling-ton of that department, "the habit of expectoration in public places has much to do with bringing on the disease. Last week's increase of deaths from that cause, nearly 100 more than for the corresponding week last year, is positively alarming."

ALBANIANS UNDER ARMS.

Opposed to Macedonian Gendarmerie Organized Under Reform Scheme.

Vienna, Jan. 12.—According to a despatch from Sarajevo, Bosnia, to The Neue Freie Presse, 4,000 Albanians have closed the road between Priarion (eighty-eight miles from Monastir, Macedonia) and Skutari (capital of the vilayet of the same name), their intention being to oppose the new gendarmerie organized under the Austro-Russian reform scheme. Vienna, Jan. 12.—The situation in the near east is causing increasing uneasiness. It is said that the Government of Montenegro has decided to take steps for the immediate expulsion of all Albanians. According to an unconfirmed report from Uskub, the Serbian Deputy Archimandrite Wassil was shot at the Detchini monastery.

Atlas Loan Building.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—The Master in Ordinary yesterday ordered the Dominion Bank's tender of \$7,800 for the Atlas Loan building at St. Thomas to be accepted. There were several tenders put in, but that of the Dominion Bank was the highest.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Mr. R. L. Borden opened his Quebec tour at Richmond.

Only twelve failures have been reported in Ontario since January 1.

Joseph Ganter, yardmaster at St. Thomas, was run down and killed.

Henry Bellinger, a farmer near Attlebridge, was struck by a train and killed.

Mr. A. J. Anderson, Toronto Junction, was chosen Liberal candidate for South York.

The timely arrival of officers at Franklin, La., saved a negro from death by burning at the hands of a mob.

Six men were killed and four others injured, perhaps fatally, in a boiler explosion in a sawmill at Hicks Lake, Mich.

Eighty-four horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the stable of Peoples Brothers, contractors, in Philadelphia.

Postmaster W. H. Ingram of St. Thomas was charged with assaulting C. B. Price, one of his clerks. On expressing regret that he acted so hastily the charge was withdrawn.

Mr. Patrick McDermott of South River has issued a writ against Mr. Peter Ryan, claiming \$25,000 damages for failure to accept Mr. McDermott's bid at the recent timber sale.

Mr. Nosse, Japanese Consul-General at Montreal, says the Japanese military authorities will accept no Canadian or other volunteers, as their army is made up by general conscription.

The London Council have received a letter from the Corporation Trust Company of Montreal, offering to furnish the city with electric light, heat and power at half the present cost.

Within the last six days Detroit has suffered an epidemic of fires that has resulted in a property loss of \$200,000, or nearly one-half of the total loss by fire during the whole of 1903.

Two smallpox cases were reported yesterday, one in Carleton township in Bruce County, and one in Wellesley Township in Waterloo County. The infection is alleged to have come from North Dakota.

RE-ORGANIZED

Inaugural Meeting of the Public Library Board—Committees Drafted.

The inaugural meeting of the Chatham Public Library was held in the library last evening with the following members present, Dr. Charteris, A. Sheldrick, J. W. Humphrey, W. J. Twohey, I. L. Davis, Mr. Thibodeau and F. Stone. The following officers were elected for the present year:

President—A. Sheldrick.
Secretary—I. L. Davis.
Treasurer—J. W. Humphrey.
Library committee—Messrs. Stone, Twohey and Charteris.
Room committee—J. W. Humphrey, Mr. Thibodeau and S. M. Smith.
Finance committee—Dr. Charteris, Mr. Davis and F. Stone.
Building committee was re-elected.

Mrs. Robinson was re-engaged at a salary of \$360.
Miss Barassin was appointed assistant librarian.

In reference to the appointment of Mr. Davis as secretary he has consented to the appointment, but he does not intend to drop out from the Board.

Mr. Davis then read the annual report of the secretary. It was a very lengthy one and went fully into the details of the year. It was received and Mr. Davis received the thanks of the Board for his excellent report.

Herb Macpherson was thanked for his donation of a thermometer to the library.

A communication from Robert Burns, of Toronto, was referred to the library committee.

The Educational Department asked for some facts concerning the Chatham library, also some photo of the building, to be included in the annual report of that department.

The following accounts were passed:

Gas Co., \$21.50.
L. L. Davis, \$3.55.
The Ark, 25 cents.
Con. E. Shea, \$1.50.
LePage, \$17.28.
An account of James Watt was referred to the Building committee.
J. W. Humphrey purchased some newspaper files from Richmond & Backus, and the action was approved.
The Librarian's report was adopted as follows:
New borrowers..... 52
Books given out..... 1103
Received for fines..... 4.51
Received for cards..... 2.80
Received for papers..... 1.50
Received for fees..... 1.00
Expenses..... \$8.61
Balance..... 65
It was decided to give up the idea of art classes and the thanks of the Board were given Wilson Taylor for his trouble in the matter.
The treasurer was authorized to draw on the City Treasurer for \$100.
The salaries were ordered paid.
A vote of thanks was passed the retiring chairman, Dr. Charteris, who responded by inviting the members of the Board to a dinner at his home on Sixth street, where a very pleasant time was spent.

CLOSE CALL

Mrs. J. M. Northwood, William street north, has received a letter from a friend, Miss Sheldon, of Chicago, who was in the Chicago fire catastrophe with a small child. When the fire occurred Miss Sheldon had some presence of mind and told the little boy with her to crawl under the seats toward the door while she climbed over the tops of the seats instead of going into the already crowded aisles. When near the rear of the half Miss Sheldon heard the little boy call for her and in trying to get to him was knocked down and trampled upon. How both she and the boy escaped death or serious injury is more than the writer could tell.

Miss Sheldon was a visitor in this city last July, being a guest of Mrs. Northwood.

MORNING WEDDING

A very pretty wedding was celebrated this morning at 8.30, at St. Joseph's Church, when Miss Gertrude Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly, Wellington St., was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Leo Walser, of Chesaning, Mich. Miss Blanche Kelly, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Frank Campbell, of Tilbury, was best man.

Rev. Father James performed the ceremony, after which a sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents. The happy couple left on the noon train for western honeymoon trip, after which they will reside in Chesaning.

Mrs. Walser was a very pretty and popular Chatham young lady and Chatham loses another fair daughter.

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Boys' Fine Alligator, sizes 1-5, regular 75c, for 50c
Women's Fancy Felt, sizes 3-7, reg. \$1.50 for 1.00
Women's Fancy Felt, \$1 for 75c

Many others reduced accordingly.

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The Shoe Man

QUEEN WOOD HEATERS..

We have about 1 dozen "Queen" heaters and about the same number of other styles. We take stock Feb. 1, but we don't want to have them at that time. In order to clear them out we name you for the next two weeks a discount off regular prices of **10 Per Cent.**

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TILBURY

Jan. 12.—Chas. Marshall and family of Tilbury East, left yesterday for Calgary.

Quinn Epworth League took charge of the League meeting in the Methodist church here on Sunday evening.

Mrs. James Powell has returned from a few days visit in Detroit.

Miss Brockie, of J. S. Richardson's millinery department, left yesterday for her home in Chesley.

Rev. Mr. Linton, of Harrow, conducted services in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday last.

Miss Pearl White, of Chatham, sang a solo in the Presbyterian church here on Sunday evening.

MONEY TO LOAN—Company and Private Funds; Farm and City Property for Sale. W. F. Smith, Barrister and Solicitor, Chatham, Ont.

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The Furniture Sale

AT ITS BEST.

The actual value of the furniture in this store has not been considered in putting on the green sale tags. "What price will sell it now?" was the question that guided us in marking down the cost. You can buy an entire household of the finest furniture at a price that usually would furnish a few rooms.

But opportunity is fleeting. Every day brings us nearer the end of January, nearer the windup of this January sale.

Buffets and China Cabinets Underpriced.

Buffet, latest design, made of select quarter sawed oak, highly polished, hand carved, British bevelled mirror, good value at \$30.00.

January Sale Price \$25.00

Buffets, large size, more elaborate, doors bevelled glass, set in copper frames, worth \$37.00.

January Sale Price \$31.50

China Cabinets, made of select quarter oak, polished solid oak shelves, oval shaped glass door.

January Sale Price \$15.00

\$5.00—Couches—\$10.00

Extra strong, well made couches, full spring seats, well stuffed and covered with figured French Tapestry, fringed all round and castored complete.

Choice of ten different colors, January Sale Price \$5.00

Solid oak frame couch, 26 inches wide, spring seat and head, full spring edges, covered in best quality figured velour, extra good value at \$12.00, but they go in our January sale for only \$10.00.

We make all our couches and thus when you buy from us you buy from the maker.

SPECIAL VALUES IN

Bleached and Unbleached Sheetings, White Quilts, Pillow Cottons, Bleached Cottons and Cambrics, etc.

All at last season's prices.

White Quilts

White Marseilles bed spread, extra heavy, soft make, choice designs, full 10-4 size, regular \$2.00 value, for \$1.50 each.

Honey-comb Quilts, soft make, choice patterns, finished ends, 9-4 size, 60c each, 10-4 size, \$1.00 each, 11-4 size, \$1.25 each.

Unbleached Sheetings

8-4 plain or twilled unbleached sheeting, clean yarns, good heavy quality, worth 18c yard, special 16c.

Extra heavy unbleached sheeting, nice clean yarns, full two yards wide, special at 20c yard.

9-4 plain, unbleached sheetings, extra heavy and fine, worth 28c, special 25c yard.

Bleached Sheetings

9-4 plain or twilled bleached sheeting, soft make, best quality, special per yard, 28c, 30c.

Special 72 inch bleached sheetings, soft make, per yard 20c.

8-4 plain or twilled bleached sheetings, best make, 25c yard.

Pillow Cottons

40 inch plain, best quality 12 1/2c yard.

40 inch circular, best quality, 16c yard.

42 inch plain, best quality, 16c yard.

42 inch circular, best quality, 18c yard.

44 inch plain, best quality, 15c yard.

44 inch circular, best quality, 20c yard.

46 inch plain, best quality, 18c yard.

46 inch circular, best quality, 20c yard.

Bleached Cottons

Special bleached cotton, soft make, suitable for undergarments, 36 inches wide, per yard 8c.

Extra value 36 inch bleached cotton, fine soft make, best value in the trade, 10c yard.

Fine English cambrics, for fine undergarments, full yard wide, at per yard 12 1/2c and 14c.

Unbleached Cottons

Special 36 inch factory cotton, heavy quality, even yarns, regular 9c value, for 8c yard.

Extra value fine weave factory cotton, 40 inches wide, suitable for sheets and pillow slips, per yard 8c and 10c.

Clothing Dept.

More values added to our

Great Overcoat Sale

now in full swing.

Young Men's Overcoats, 32 to 35 chest.

\$6 to \$7.50 Young Men's Overcoats, \$4.95.—Made from nice quality all wool chevots, mid shade of grey and dark Oxfords, long full Raglanette style, good velvet collar, vertical pockets, all sizes, 32 to 35, a big snap at \$4.95.

\$5 to \$6 Boys' Raglanette Overcoats, \$3.95.—25 to 31 chest, the season's most popular sellers, in plain black and Oxford grey chevots and nobby tweeds, long full swell garments, good velvet collar, vertical pockets, well lined, full range of sizes.

\$3 and \$3.50 Boys' Raglanette Overcoats, \$2.50.—22 to 30 chest, in nobby pattern tweeds, nice dark shading, neat velvet collar, vertical pockets, extra values at \$3.50 reg., clearing at \$2.50.

\$5 to \$6 Boys' Russian Overcoats, \$3.95.—Ages 4 to 9 years, in handsome novelty blue and grey cloths, made to button close to neck, double breasted effect, neat velvet collar, patent leather belt, very nobby, big sellers all season at \$5.00 and \$6.00, clearing at \$3.95.

Clearing the Men's Overcoats

VALUES THAT SELL THEM.

Men's blue beaver dress overcoats \$5 to \$6 reg., sale price	\$3.95
Men's Oxford grey Raglanette " \$6 to \$7.50 "	\$4.95
Men's fine chevot " " \$10. to \$12.00 "	\$7.50
Men's imported chevot " " and dress overcoats, " \$12 to \$13.50 "	\$10.00
Men's fancy chevot and tweed " \$15 to \$18, "	\$12.50

PLEASE NOTE

Assortment still good but advise our customers to move quickly, as first selection is always most satisfactory. All reductions marked in plain red figures.

C. Austin & Co.

Now For Prunes

They will be a change for you, and they are rich in flavor. Fine blue black California Prunes. Soaked in water for twenty-four hours, then cooked slowly without any sugar—they are delicious.

3 Pounds for 25c.
10 Cents a Pound.
2 Pounds for 25c.

The difference is in the size—the quality is all good.

H. Malcolmson

ESCAPE Winter Discomforts

Most of the annoyances of cold weather are easier avoided than they once were. For those who easily take cold there are

Chest Protectors.

For those who have taken cold there are remedies that cure in a day. For coughs there are harmless specifics that cure promptly and protect from danger. For chapped and roughened skin there are lotions that cure in a night. We have all these items.

Red Cross DRUG STORE.

W. W. TURNER.
28 King St., - Phone 221

GRAND OPERA HOUSE...

Thursday and Friday,
Jan. 21-22.

MACCABEE MINSTRELS!

Costumes and Stage Effects Grand.

50—People—50

8—End Men—8
6—Up-to-date Specialties—6
Gags All New.

Admission—75, 50, 35, 25c

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend.

Dressy Chathamites.

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Chatham has had her share of these occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. Morley & Co. claim a speciality in the making of these garments.

W. N. Morley & Co.

TO-NIGHT.

Marks Bros., Grand Opera House, at 8.15.
Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.
Court Companion, No. 521, I. O. F., will hold their regular meeting at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Maccabee Minstrels.

Mrs. Harry Stevens is very ill. J. A. Wilson is in Wallaceburg today on business.

Matthew Milson, K. C., returned yesterday from London.

Marks Bros. to-night. Another big house. Prices 10, 15 and 25c.

Dr. R. G. Rutherford left yesterday for the old land, via New York.

The pupils of Miss A. McLean will hold a leap year assembly on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13th.

Mrs. Ripley of the House of Refuge, and daughter Bessie, who have been visiting in Dresden, returned home last night.

Mrs. George Boyce, Grey Street, gives a dance to-night in honor of her guest, Miss Grace Martin, of Detroit.

Jerry Murphy, of Fletcher, is in the city to-day. Mr. Murphy intends to sell his farm at Fletcher in the spring, and move to Chicago.

Hear Dwight Edwards, this country's greatest baritone, also Mr. Martin, pianist, Canada's best interpreter of Chopin, in the Auditorium on the 21st.

The Women Folk will give a grand time on the eve of the 22nd of January at St. Andrew's Sabbath school, what we Scotch airs and songs and oat cake forebys.

Chief Holmes was notified this morning that a safe had been blown open at Bothwell last night. He, however, received no particulars beyond being asked to look out for about six strange men.

Bert Riddell, son of Robert Riddell, has returned from North Yakima, Washington State, and is visiting his father. Mr. Riddell has been a builder and contractor at Yakima. He says the climate is delightful and there is no rain during seven months in the year.

Rev. C. W. White, missionary from China, is known as one of the ablest and most earnest missionaries in the Church of England. Mr. White has labored in China for many years and tells a thrilling and encouraging story of Christian work in that land. He will deliver an address on his work in Christ church, to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

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Mrs. Harry J. Stevens is much better today.

Rev. Geo. H. Cobblestick, went to London this morning.

Harry Stevens, of the Canada Flour Mills Co., has returned from a trip to Montreal.

Thirty-five \$12.50 and \$15.00 New Method overcoats, \$10.00 each at The 2 T's.

Miss Pearl Taylor, Queen street spent yesterday with friends in Fletcher.

The Crown Attorney, Herbert D. Smith, was in Ridgeway today on business.

John Cotter, of Chicago, who attended the Murphy-O'Mara nuptials here yesterday, has returned to Chicago.

William Green, of Fargo, was tried in the County Court yesterday before Judge Houston, on a charge under the Charlton Act. The case was adjourned till Monday.

A telephone was installed today at the Grand Trunk depot with direct communication with St. Thomas. The telephone is of a new style.

Sidney Northwood is quite seriously ill. He took a convulsion on Sunday night and has since been suffering from acute indigestion and nervous prostration.

The two largest loads of cedar posts that ever left the Blonde yards were taken away to-day by a farmer from near Thamesville. On the two loads were 420 cedar posts.

"The light at the corner of Edgar and Queen Sts. is an eyesore to the people in the day time and out of sight at night. The city will be up against a damage suit first thing it knows," R. S. Dunlop complains.

Miss Shaw-Hellier is a splendid speaker from the British Viavi Co., of London, England, and has spoken before titled ladies of England, such as Lady Wolsey, Lady Somerset, Lady MacKenzie, Lady Cecil Brown, and has always attracted great interest.

A number of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oldershaw, Richmond St., dropped in on them Saturday evening quite unexpectedly. A most pleasant evening was spent. The occasion was the crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oldershaw.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHEIM

Jan. 12.—A united temperance meeting will be held at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13. Everyone interested in the work are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. D. Stephenson, who has been relieving on the L. E. & D. R. R. express between Ridgeway and St. Thomas, is home for a week's vacation.

On Saturday morning Arthur Pickering succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever. He was sick about a month. The pall-bearers were his brothers, James, John and Archie, and cousins Theo., William and Albert Pickering. There were two witnesses on the coffin, one of them from T. B. Shillington & Co., and employees. The funeral was in charge of the Erie View Tent, No. 115, of the Maccabees. His adopted daughter, Lillian, is sick with the same disease.

Mr. N. H. Miller left on Saturday for Merlin, where in future he will reside with his daughter, Mrs. Doyle.

Mr. P. Morrison, who lately purchased Mr. Miller's property, is moving in.

On Saturday morning, between ten and eleven, Mr. Silas Rumble's out-buildings and straw stack were burned to the ground. He had two horses, calf and pig burnt to death, and most of his feed was destroyed. It is rumored that there is no insurance on it.

The annual meeting of the Library Board was adjourned for one week, Jan. 18th, the attendance last evening was very small.

Miss Ethel Armstrong, of Ridgeway, is visiting friends and relatives in town and vicinity.

WALLACEBURG

Jan. 12.—A masquerade ball was given by Mr. Frank Lewis, in Stonehouse Hall, on Saturday evening last. A large number attended and there were many unique and handsome costumes.

The Baptist Young People's Union entertained the high-school pupils in their new church last evening. A very pleasant evening was spent in games, etc., after which lunch was served.

The Free Methodists are holding special revival meetings in Robinson hall.

"Mrs. S. Platt is visiting friends at Galt.

A party of young people of this place will spend this evening at the home of Miss Mabel McDougall, at her home at Walpole Island.

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A Monopoly in the Fastest Sense—Paris Which the Cam Munters Face in the Wild Forests of Formosa—Chief Cause of Present Great Demand is Found in the Manufacture of Smokeless Powder.

Since the acquisition of Formosa by Japan at the close of the Chinese-Japanese war Japan has controlled the camphor product of the world. Japan, China and Formosa are the only countries in which the camphor tree grows in profusion. The Chinese yield has never exceeded 220,000 pounds a year. Japan produces about 3,000,000 annually. The production of Formosa is over 6,000,000 pounds and would if uncured increase rapidly.

To take full advantage of this situation the Mikado's Government four years ago declared the camphor forests of Formosa to be crown lands and made a monopoly of the sale of the camphor taken from them. Quite recently both houses of the Japanese diet passed a bill extending the monopoly over the whole Empire.

Permits are necessary before any one can engage in the manufacture of camphor in Formosa, but these permits are freely granted. The Government, however, names the maximum amount of camphor to be produced annually, and every pound must be sold to the Government at a fixed price.

Camphor enters largely into the composition of celluloid and similar products, and the moths get away with a good deal of it, but the chief cause of the great demand for it at present is its use in the manufacture of smokeless powder. However, the monopoly and the increasing demand are not entirely responsible for the high retail price. The dangerous character of the work of gathering camphor and the consequent need of costly military protection of the camphor camps, is a large element in the regulation of prices.

The east coast of the island of Formosa has been inhabited from



BRANCH OF THE CAMPHOR TREE.

an unknown time by savages of the most bloodthirsty and treacherous sort. It has been the great dread of sailors, for one shipwrecked there, if he escaped the sea, was sure to be murdered by the natives, who were on the constant lookout for loot. The camphor forests are located in the mountains back of the east coast, and it is among these wild hills that the gum gatherers have to work. They are sent up into the mountains, pitch their camps and gather camphor with one hand while they hold a gun in the other. Though their wits are sharpened by the ever present danger, whole parties of them are sometimes slaughtered.

The savages are very dark and go about nearly naked. They are armed with bows and arrows, knives and swords and not infrequently with rifles. They are as crafty as the North American Indians. Though armed guards stand over the men while they are felling the trees and getting out the gum, they may be attacked at any moment unless the savages consider the force too large for them to overcome.

The task of transporting the gum to the plains is even more dangerous than that of collecting it. The paths are narrow, and the carriers cannot present a broad front to the enemy. A strong escort, front and rear, beating the bushes and scrub for savages who may be lurking there, is always essential to safety. As a preliminary step the Government has detailed 1,500 soldiers to guard the camphor camps and convey the carriers. If this is not enough the Government will send a larger force to Formosa, for it means to put the camphor business on a safe basis, whatever the cost.

The camphor tree looks something like a linden. It grows to great age and size if left alone. A tree centuries old and fifty feet in diameter is not remarkable. But to get out the gum it is necessary to kill the tree. Every part of it, including the leaves, contains its share of camphor. The first process is to reduce the tree to chips, which are put into iron vessels having cone shape covers lined with rice straw. The vessels are then heated until the camphor is volatilized. The vapor condenses on the straw lining of the vessels' covers and is scraped off in the shape of tiny lumps of camphor. These lumps are refined and pressed into blocks and are then ready for shipment.

The Government has lately introduced an advanced system of forestry in the interests of the camphor trade, and now for every tree cut down another must be planted. Violation of this rule means the revocation of the manufacturer's permit.

Chinese Seamen. Seamen on native river craft in China get \$3 a month and on sea-going Chinese vessels \$5. They furnish their own food.

ABNER DANIEL...

By WILL N. HARBEN
Author of "Westerfelt"

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"Oh, he has!" Miller laughed out uneasily. "But surely you wouldn't hold anything against me that I said before I met you in Atlanta and fell head over heels in love with you. Besides, I was simply stretching my imagination to save him from making a serious mistake. But I know what it is to care for a girl now, and I have wanted to tell him so, but simply could not face him with my confession—when—when his own sister was in question."

"I have tried to believe," Adele hesitated, "that you had changed in your ideas of love since—since we learned to know each other, and I confess I succeeded to some extent, but there was one thing that simply sticks and refuses to be eradicated. It sticks more right now than ever. I mean this morning, since."

"Now you do surprise me," declared Miller. "Please explain. Don't you see I'm simply dying with impatience?" "You pressed the point in one of those talks with brother," said Adele quite firmly, "that it was impossible for two people of unequal fortune to be happy together, and—"

"Now, you wouldn't surely hurl that rubbish at me," broke in Miller. "I never would have dreamed of saying such a thing if I had not thought Alan was about to butt his head against a stone wall in the hostility of Colonel Barclay. If he had been fairly well off and she had been without money, I'd have said sail in and take her, but I knew what a mercenary old man Barclay is, and I thought I could save the boy from a good many heartaches."

"That—even as you now put it—would be hard for a girl in my position to forget," Adele told him, "for if this enterprise fails today I shall—just think of it—I shall not only be penniless, but my father will owe you a large amount of money that he never will be able to pay. Oh, I could not bear to go to you under such circumstances! I have always wanted my independence, and this grates on my very soul."

Their eyes met in a long, steady stare. "Oh, you must—you really must not see it that way," floundered the young man. "You will make me very miserable. I can't live without you, Adele. Besides, I shall not lose by the loan I made to your father. The land will bring the money back sooner or later, and what will it matter? You will be my wife, and your parents will be my parents. Already I love them as my own. Oh, darling, don't turn me down this way! Really I can't help the turn matters have taken, and if you care for me you ought not to wreck our happiness for a silly whim like this."

She sat unmoved for a moment, avoiding the fervid glow of his passion allied eyes.

"If this thing fails I shall be very unhappy," she finally said. "Its success would not make me rich, but it would remove a debt that has nearly killed me. I have never mentioned it, but it has been like a sword hanging over my happiness."

"Then it shall not fail," he told her. "It shall not fail! If those blockheads vote against it, I'll buy the right of way if it takes the last cent I've got."

This forced a smile to Adele's lips. "Then we'd be as deep in the mud as we now are in the mire," she said. Just then Pole Baker came to Miller.

"I don't want to make no break," he said, "but I've got a idea I'd like to work on them hill Billies in the jury room if you hain't no objections. I hain't got time to tell you about it, but as you are a-runnin' the shebang I thought I'd ask permission."

"Go and do what you think best, Pole," said Miller recklessly. "We can

trust to your head, and anything is better than nothing just now. I really think it's gone by the board."

"All right, thank you," said Pole as he shuffled away. He marched straight to the jury room and without rapping opened the door and went in, closing the door after him. He found the men all discussing the matter and was delighted to find that the strength of the opposition now rested chiefly in Bartell and a few men who seemed afraid to pull away from him. Pole slid up to Bartell and said as he drew him to one side, "Say, Mr. Bartell, what on earth have you got agin' Alan Bishop?"

"Why, nothin', Pole, as I know of," said Bartell rather sheepishly. "Nothin' as I know of."

"Well, it looks to me like you got a mighty pore way o' showin' good will. Why, he's the best friend you got, Mr. Bartell, an' totes more votes in his vest pocket fer you than any man in this county."

"Huh! You don't say?" grunted Bartell in slow surprise. "Well, he never told me about it."

"Because you hain't announced yore self yet," said Pole with a steady eye and a set face. "Why, he said t'other day to several of us at the log rollin'—you remember you rid by on yore bay, leadin' a milk cow by a rope. Well, after you passed Alan Bishop said: 'Boys, that goes the only man in this county that has convictions an' the courage to stand by 'em. They say he's goin' to run fer the legislature, an' ef he



Dolly stopped before Alan.

does I'll do all I kin to elect 'im. He'll make the best representative that we ever had. He's got brains, he has."

"You don't say!" Bartell's face beamed, his eye kindled and flashed. "That's jest what!"

"I hain't the least idea he was fer me," said Bartell, drawing a deep breath. "In fact, I loved he would be agin' anybody but a town man."

"Alan never talks much," said Pole in a tone of conviction; "he acts when the time comes for it. But, la me, Mr. Bartell, this is a goin' to break him all to pieces. He's in love with old Barclay's gal, an' she is with him. Ef he puts this road through today he'll git his daddy out o' debt an' Barclay will withdraw his opposition. I don't know how you feel, but I'd hate like smoke to bust a man all to flinders—that thought as much o' me as Alan does o' you."

"I never knowed he was fer me," said Bartell's next tottering step in the right direction.

"Well, vote fer the right o' way, an' you kin ride to an' from Atlanta durin' session all rail. Me an' Alan will pull fer you like a yoke o' steers—me with the moonshiners, an' my mountain clan that ain't dead yet, an' him with his gang. What you say? Put up or shet up."

"I'll do what I kin," said Bartell, a new light on his face as he turned to the others. "Gentlemen," he began, "listen to me a minute. I see a good many of you was affected by Ab Daniel's speech an' sort o' want the road anyway, so ef—"

To Be Continued.

Origin of the Peach.

Nothing is now more universally accepted than the fact that the peach is an improved variety of the almond. The almond has a thin shell around the stone, which splits open and shows the stone when mature. This outer skin has simply become fleshy in the peach, so that it is all that gives it its specific character. It seems now clear from investigation in the history of ancient Babylon that in their gardens, nearly 4,000 years ago, the peach was cultivated then as it is now.

It must have been many years before this that the peach was improved from the almond, and this fact goes to show the great antiquity of the fruit. Possibly gardening in some respects, at least so far as it relates to many of our cultivated fruits, was as far advanced 6,000 or 8,000 or perhaps 10,000 years back as it is today.

Phoenicians, many thousands of years ago, as is proved by the records, had in their gardens almonds, apricots, bananas, citrons, figs, grapes, olives, peaches, pomegranates, and even sugar cane was in extensive cultivation. Certainly this shows how far advanced these nations were in garden culture many years ago.

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Ruskin is said to have been excellent company. He spoke in a tone of "gentle and playful earnestness." He had floods of thought and knowledge to pour forth, if only he could get the right hearers. But there were the barren occasions when listeners were absent.

One day a friend gave a little dinner for him. Doctor Jowett and Dean Stanley. But no sooner had the dinner begun than the host realized his mistake. He had provided no setting for his jewels, no junior men as bearers. "They wanted to meet one another," he said. "It should have gone off brilliantly, but the soup came, and the fish followed, and they simply would not talk. At last I said some stupid thing to Stanley about the architecture of Westminster Abbey, and that drew Ruskin and started us all on; then all went well. But I shall never make the same mistake again."

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A nice thing about Leap Year is that the girl can say yes before the man asks her.

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Dear Sirs,—Your MINARD'S LINIMENT is our remedy for sore throats, colds and all ordinary ailments. It never fails to relieve and cure promptly.

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A True Portrait.
The widow was taking her first look at the bust of her beloved husband. The clay was still damp. "Pray examine it well, madam," said the sculptor. "If there is anything wrong I can alter it."

The widow looked at it with a mixture of sorrow and satisfaction. "It is just like him," she said. "A perfect portrait—his large nose—the sign of goodness." Here she burst into tears. "He was so good! Make the nose a little larger!"

CROUP.
The peculiar cough which indicates croup, is usually well known to the mothers of croupy children. No time should be lost in the treatment of it, for if this disease is not medicated soon it may become fatal.

Is her husband such an awful liar? Absolutely. She says she cannot even believe what he says in his sleep.

ENEEZE AND BLOW.
That is what you must do when you have catarrh in the head. The way to cure this disease is to purify the blood with Hoo's Sarsaparilla. This medicine soothes and heals the inflamed surfaces, rebuilds the delicate tissues and permanently cures catarrh by expelling from the blood the scrofulous taints upon which it depends. Be sure to get Hoo's.

The non-irritating cathartic—Hoo's Pills.
Some women are smart enough to keep their cooks by trying to discharge them.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Greenleaf's Lozenges, ten cents per box. All druggists.

There is no taking a "day off" in 1904 for there is already one "day on."

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Thread) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

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The best 5 cent Magazine on the Market—New Year's Number of the Four-Track News for January. On sale at all News stands.

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VIEWS IN JAPAN.

Concessions Regarding Corea Not Satisfactory.

London, Jan. 11.—The Times correspondent at Tokio on Saturday evening says that the situation appears to have improved slightly, but the indications are not conclusive. In an earlier despatch the correspondent said that an exchange of views was proceeding between the foreign office and the Russian Legation, but the hopes of a satisfactory settlement are slender, inasmuch as Russia is understood to insist on seeking to exclude Japan from a voice in Manchurian affairs. All the important journals urge immediate action by Japan on the ground that Russia's course is evasive, and designed to keep the subject of gaining time. The stock market has recovered its tone somewhat and everything indicates that the nation has quietly resolved to support the Government in a strong policy, but will not brook useless procrastination. Sending American, British and Russian Legation guards to Seoul is regarded as a wise precaution.

London, Jan. 11.—The Times' Tokio correspondent on Sunday night said that all reports about the continuance of negotiations on a basis of the recognition of Japan's preponderance in Corea should be regarded with extreme distrust. He asserted on good authority that the Corea problem never was a source of serious difficulty. The optimistic line of European news was not echoed in Japan, where public opinion despairs of any really satisfactory issue to the negotiations as long as Russia refuses to recognize Japan's right to a voice in the Manchurian problem. A prominent Japanese journal calls the fact that the Anglo-Japanese alliance was originally disappointing as it failed to check Russian aggression in Manchuria, but the value Japan would not dare to engage Russia unless England kept the latter from arraying against her Russia's European friends, while failure would find her without succor. Therefore England has amply fulfilled her duty of ally and Japan owes her a debt of gratitude for her many evidences of sympathy. The allusions of English journals are gratifying to Japan, but evidently there is no expectation of active aid.

The Press says the country now asks leave to fight her own battles.

Cleanliness next to godliness. What an ideal world this would be if cleanliness were the rule everywhere and in everything—clean houses, clean streets, clean bodies, clean hearts, clean accounts and clean characters.

The rumor that turkey is indigestible has been traced directly to the turkeys, who are, of course, interested in circulating the report.

STORY OF GRAND OLD MUSICIAN

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured His Kidney Disease of Years Standing.

Samuel J. Crow, Well-Known as the Leader of the North Pelham and Rosedale String Bands, is Again Enjoying Perfect Vigor.

Rosedale, Ont., Jan. 11.—(Special).—There are few better known musicians in this part of Canada than Samuel J. Crow, for many years leader of the old Pelham and Rosedale String Band, and only his retiring nature has kept him from gaining a national reputation. Consequently his complete recovery from an aggravated case of Kidney Disease of years has aroused much comment here. Interviewed regarding his case Mr. Crow said:

"I do today I enjoy as good health as I did in boyhood and I give the entire credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills. Trouble which became aggravated upon every attack of cold and caused me agony. In the winter of 1898, it developed into gravel, when I was totally unfit for anything. I tried different medicines without the desired results."

"I was in constant misery when I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. To my astonishment, the light immediately began to recover, and after using five boxes the disease had entirely disappeared. I have known others who were great sufferers to be entirely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Fire at Hamilton.
Hamilton, Jan. 11.—A fire early Saturday in the National Chambers, King street east, adjoining the Bank of Commerce, resulting from the explosion of a spirit lamp, caused damage to the amount of \$2,200. Mrs. Gourlay, the owner, is fully insured. Robert Dumlop, insurance agent, who was asleep in his room on the fourth story of the building, was overcome by smoke and when rescued was unconscious. This afternoon he is better.

In a school of chiropody the pupils are all at the foot.

Nothing equals—Allen's Lung Balsam—for Cough, Bronchitis and Croup.

Glenn & Co., WILLIAM ST., import direct the finest Ceylon, Assam and China Tea, Black Gunpowder and Young Hyson, Best English Breakfast Tea, 35c. 40c. and

DO NOT WALK ON THIN ICE

If You Catarrh You are in Danger—It Breeds Dyspepsia, Bronchitis and Consumption.

Aside from the extreme offensive and odious nature of the disease, catarrh is also very dangerous if left to run its course unchecked. The constant dropping into the throat, which are mostly swallowed during sleep cause poisonous disorders of the throat, stomach and lungs, which rapidly develop into dyspepsia, laryngitis, bronchitis and consumption. When these diseases become established, especially the latter, the result is too well known to need pointing out.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are a certain and absolute cure for catarrh in all forms and all stages. Catarrhal conditions are always of the same nature, whether they exist in the head, throat, stomach, bowels or bladder and these tablets act on all alike. They cleanse, renovate and purify the entire system of all catarrhal poisons and by thus going to the very root of the disease, effect thorough and permanent cures. This is the only way to treat catarrh, as local applications, such as sprays, ointments, inhalations, etc., afford only temporary relief and the malady takes hold again with increased vigor.

An Indianapolis physician says: "I prescribe Stuart's Catarrh Tablets on all occasions because I find they are most thorough and effective in their work. I have tried a great many prescriptions, my own and others, during 30 years of practice, but have found nothing quite so satisfactory in all respects as these tablets. I have known the most violent cases of catarrh to yield time after time to Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and I do not hesitate to prescribe and recommend them."

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Our reputation for good linens is woven in every piece of linen that passes from our counters.

We are particular to see that no unworthy number is allowed into stock and you'll find that your money will go farthest if your linen purchases are made at this store.

UNBLEACHED TABLING.

64 in. Unbleached Tabling, double-damask, all pure linen, extra value at per yd.	45c	64 Unbleached double Damask Tabling, all pure linen, A One value, at per yd.	50c
56 in. Unbleached Double Damask Tabling, all pure linen, heavy satin finish, value at per yard.	65c	72 in. Unbleached Table Linen, double Damask, finely woven, extra value at per yd.	75c
72 in. Unbleached Table Linen, satin finish, all pure linen, exquisite in pattern, extra value at per yard.	\$1.00	72 in. Half-Bleached Table Linen, satin finish, finely woven, rich design, and extra value at per yd.	\$1.25

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QUAINT CABINETS for QUAINT TREASURES

If you feel your collection of Curios, Bric-a-Brac, etc., is worthy a home to itself, come in and look at our

CABINETS and CHINA CLOSETS.

We show a well selected line of Cabinets of charming shape, fine workmanship and finish.

We do not forget music lovers, but have on sale for their benefit a good stock of

MUSIC CABINETS—Price List.

Parlor Cabinets, Mahogany—\$11.75, \$15.00, \$17.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$52.00. China Cabinets, Golden Oak—\$13.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$21.00, \$46.00. Music Cabinets, Mahogany—\$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$12.00, \$17.00.

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Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

If your doctor says this is the best cough medicine you can take, then take it. We are willing to leave it with him.

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OF THE SATELLITE

Wait for the Big Show and give it a Big Show.

Are you counting the days till Dundonald night?

Er W. A. Mills does his duty, Irish back will think this is a prohibition sign.

I would like to know who wanted that chairmanship of the Board of Works, anyway.

All is not gold that comes to the Mills, sometimes it's the office of License Inspector.

The Ontario government is very shaky when they are in such a hurry to make appointments.

The most fashionable thing in head-wear just now is Robin Hood's. This is fashionable for Monday and Thursday evenings.

I wonder what W. M. S., E. E. P., P. P. M., J. W., etc., think of the License Inspector appointment. Well they work as faithfully this year!

No, Dear Alright Yes, Hills' escape from Hamilton jail isn't in it with the escape of Robin Hood from Nottingham jail on Dundonald night.

Mr. Martin says that the Labor Union should put the tragedy of Caesar upon the bill boards, with the Al-German as Great Caesar, and the Labor candidates as Cassius and Brutus, this right hand friends, but his left hand assigns.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 53a.

WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

ESSEX COMING SATURDAY NIGHT

The local hockey team has arranged a game here on Saturday night with the team of Essex. The Essex team plays at Tilbury on Friday night and comes right on here.

The local club has arranged with the curlers to have the rink. The club is also trying to arrange a game with Walkerville for next week.

"The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil taken in cases of general debility and loss of appetite, is sure to give the best of results. It restores health and gives renewed vitality.

WIDE AWAKE

People, when looking for Dinner, Tea or Chamber Sets, seek the store where they are positive, they are receiving the greatest value. Many persons purchasing from us have proved to their satisfaction that our prices for China, Lamps and Glassware are the lowest in the city, as we are clearing all out very near the cost price. Lots yet to choose from. Come and buy your goods from us. Remember it is a genuine clearing out sale. Everything in the Crockery Line goes.

GROCERIES.

8 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c.
6 lbs. Tapioca, 25c.
Maple Syrup, Imp. at, 20c.
Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c. per lb.
7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c.
Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c. 1-lb. tins.
Corn Starch, 7c. per package.
Pickles, 10c. per bottle.
Great values in teas and coffees.

John McConnell,

Phone 190. - Park St.

RECEDE OR FIGHT.

JAPAN DETERMINED ON PROMPT RESORT TO ARMS.

Asks China to Preserve Strict Neutrality—War Believed to be Inevitable, and May Come at Any Moment.

London, Jan. 12.—The Times has the following from its correspondent at Peking:—The Chinese Minister at Tokio telegraphs to Prince Ching, the head of the Board of Foreign Affairs, to-day that at the request of the Japanese Foreign Office he makes the following communication:—"The second Russian reply to the Japanese proposals has been received at Tokio. It is unfavorable, and cannot be accepted by Japan, which, unless Russia recedes, will be compelled to promptly resort to arms. In view of such an eventuality, Japan urges and expects China to maintain the strictest neutrality, to preserve order throughout the empire, to guard foreigners resident in the interior, and to take special care to preserve order in the provinces of Shantung and Yunnan (where the Germans and French respectively claim to have preponderating influence), lest the foreign powers seize the pretext of disorder and make aggressive moves therein." The despatch has deeply impressed the Chinese, who now believe that war is inevitable. Orders for guns, small arms and ammunition to the amount of twelve hundred thousand taels were recently placed in Japan by Viceroy Yuanshikai. A considerable consignment of machine guns and smokeless ammunition is due to arrive at Chaiwangliang to-day.

The ratification of the commercial treaty between China and Japan was exchanged this afternoon.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Lokal Anzeiger gives a much more serious view of the far eastern situation than has hitherto emanated from that capital. The correspondent says those in official circles entertain a greater conviction than they have heretofore allowed to become known, and he suspects that the utterances of the press have been optimistically colored to conceal official disquiet.

Recently Count Lamsdorff, the Foreign Minister, Gen. Kurpatov, the Minister of War, and M. Avaya, Chairman of the Committee on East Asiatic Affairs, assembled to draw up a communication which will soon be published in The Government Messenger. This communication will give the complete story of the negotiations with Japan, including the latest developments.

The correspondent says:—"The czar wishes, as he told Count Lamsdorff, that the whole truth be given to the public. He is personally against war, and refuses to believe that it will come. He hopes to convince Japan that Russia's wishes are reasonable and must be respected. Accordingly the communication chiefly embraces five points:—

"First—Japan will get various concessions in Corea.

"Second—In south Corea the Japan can act not only in their economic interests, but they can adopt strategic measures, corresponding with these interests.

"Third—Russia allows Japan full commercial freedom of action in north Corea, but Japan must not permanently occupy fortified towns either to the north or south, and neither on the coast nor in the interior.

"Fourth—A neutral zone of fifty kilometres broad is to be created between Corea and Manchuria along the Yalu and Tumen Rivers, in which neither Russia nor Japan can establish fortified positions; also that the strait between Japan and Corea shall be neutral, thus giving free ingress and egress to Russian vessels.

"Fifth—In reference to Manchuria, Russia accepts no conditions, but declares that she is ready to permit Japan and other powers to represent their interests, embracing the 'open door' for Mukden and Newchwang."

The czar personally edited and corrected the above points of the communication.

London, Jan. 12.—Premier Balfour, speaking at Manchester last night, referring to the far eastern situation, said: "No one can contemplate hostilities between two great civilized countries without feelings of misgiving and depression." Premier Balfour added that Great Britain would carry out to the fullest extent all her treaty obligations.

Mr. St. John Brodrick, Secretary for India, speaking at Guilford, said he hoped war would be averted. The Government, he said, would do its utmost to promote a peaceful solution of the difficulties, but that if its effort failed Great Britain would seek to localize the effect of the conflict.

Premier Balfour's guarded statement is commented on by this morning's newspapers as an intimation of the intention of the Government to accord full support to Japan in the event of circumstances arising which would call into action the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

FIRE IN A COAL MINE.

Canada Coal Company's Property in a Blaze.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12.—Fire broke out last night in the Canada Coal & Railway Company's mines at Joggins, causing great excitement in that vicinity. It is confined to one section and damage may not be very serious. The fire is 200 feet below the surface. Several horses were suffocated.

UPON MURDER CASE.

True Bill Against Fanny McGarvey at London Assizes.

ONE THOUSAND KILLED.

CRUSHING DEFEAT OF THE MAD MULLAH'S FORCES.

Two British Officers Killed and Nine Wounded—Dervishes Could Not Face British Fire.

London, Jan. 12.—The War Office last night gave out the following despatch, which has been received from Major-General Egerton, commanding the Somaliland expeditionary force, and which is dated from Jidballi, Somaliland, January 11:

"Advanced this morning eleven miles to Jidballi. First brigade commanded by Manning, second under Faskin, and mounted troops under Kenna. Total strength of the regulars, 2,200; irregulars, 1,000. Jidballi held by 5,000 Dervishes. Mounted troops enveloped enemy's right and infantry advanced within 750 yards of his position. Dervishes advanced, but were unable to face frontal fire, coupled with flank attack. Enemy broke and fled, and was pursued ten miles. Dervishes killed estimated at 1,000, mostly in the pursuit. Many prisoners and 400 rifles taken.

"I regret to report that two officers of regulars were killed, and nine officers wounded; five of the rank and file wounded; of native troops, seven killed and sixteen wounded. Of irregulars, two killed and two wounded. Am inclined to think this the Mullah's main force. The Mullah himself was not present, but was expected at Jidballi to-day."

Major-General Egerton's force is camped to-night two miles beyond Jidballi.

A later despatch from G. N. Egerton says that one officer, Captain Lister, is missing. Captain Lister is Lord Ribblesdale's son and heir.

UNSEAWORTHY BOAT.

The Ill-fated Clallam Said to Have Leaked.

Victoria, Jan. 12.—So great is the indignation in this city over the collapse in only a moderately rough sea of the Clallam, a vessel which had not been in commission a year, that the Board of Trade council held a hurried meeting and waited on Senator Templeman in a body with the request that the Dominion Government order an investigation into the matter, and that Mr. C. H. Lugin, whose son-in-law, N. P. Shaw, perished in the wreck, watch proceedings at the inquest.

The C. P. R. will also be approached and petitioned to place on the run their fine new craft, Princess Beatrice, which was built here during the summer, and which is stout enough for ocean work. This is the first storm in which the vessel was ever tested, and public opinion seems unanimous that the wreck only illustrated her total unfitness for ordinary demands on ferry boats.

No. 1 life-boat of the steamer "Clallam," which was picked up here above, when the boat was launched from the sinking steamer the plug was removed. Examination shows that water must have come in through the open plug-hole. She did not capsize, as two iron rowlocks, unfastened, were found in the boat, together with a gold watch and a purse containing \$41, belonging to Millie Murdoch of Seattle.

Bodies that were unidentified have been shown to be Minnie Murdoch, Seattle, and Mrs. Hattie Moore of San Juan Island.

WHITAKER WRIGHT ON TRIAL

Wrecker of London & Globe Corporation Faces Court.

London, Jan. 12.—The trial of Whitaker Wright, the company promoter, on the charge of making and circulating false statements of accounts while director of the London & Globe Corporation, was commenced in the King's Bench division of the High Court of Justice before Justice Bigham and a special jury. The court was crowded. The trial is expected to last a week or longer if Wright goes into the witness-box. Wright was arrested in New York March 15 and extradited.

TO EXCLUDE THE CHINESE.

New Zealand Premier Invites Colonies to Co-operate.

Wellington, New Zealand, Jan. 12.—Premier Seddon has invited the Premiers of Australia, Canada, Cape Colony and Natal, to unite in protesting to the Imperial Government against the introduction of Chinese labor in the Rand mines, Transvaal Colony, South Africa.

BRIBERY AT MILWAUKEE.

Several Aldermen and Civic Officials Are Now Under Indictment.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 12.—The Grand Jury have returned indictments against the following:—Chas. J. Cooke, ex-Alderman; Wm. Oker-shauser, ex-Alderman; Wm. Murphy, Alderman; Arthur A. McCormick, Alderman; Peter J. Meade, ex-supervisor; Charles Bottenberg, supervisor; Hans Stoffel, a private citizen. The Aldermen and ex-Aldermen are charged with soliciting bribes, and the supervisor and ex-supervisors with taking bribes. Stoffel is charged with bribery.

H. R. Emerson for the Cabinet.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Hon. H. R. Emerson is on his way to the capital to be sworn in as a member of the Cabinet. The presumption is, but upon this point there is no official information, that he will be given the Department of Railways and Canals.

OVERCOATS SALE

Big Reductions.

While it is yet midwinter we have decided to inaugurate a sale of up-to-date, stylish overcoats that will eclipse anything of the kind that we have ever attempted.

Our entire stock of mens, youths and boys' overcoats will be placed on sale at astonishing reductions. This is not a clearing of broken lots and fag ends, but every overcoat in the store is on the reduction list, not one reserved. There are dozens and dozens of the most stylish and up-to-date garments to choose from, including Raglanettes, Chesterfields and the popular Prince Henry with the half belt, and many other styles that have held sway this season.

The following list will give you some small idea of the reductions, but we invite you to come in and see that we are doing as we say:—

REDUCED PRICES.

Men's black and blue Beaver, single breasted, fly front overcoats, with velvet collars and good strong linings, three-quarter length, all sizes, regular price \$5.00, sale price \$3.95.	Men's plain gray, twilled and fancy striped cheviot overcoats, three splendid lines of coats that have been leaders with us this season, cut loose, roomy and extra long, with vertical, velvet lined pockets and silk velvet collars, regular price \$10.00, sale price \$7.50.	The Prince Henry, a very stylish garment made from dark fancy checked back overcoating, silk lined yoke, velvet lined vertical bellows pockets, and made with a half belt. This has been one of the leading styles in New York, sizes 33 to 38, regular price \$14.00, sale price \$10.00.
Men's fancy cheviot, Raglanette overcoats, vertical pockets, velvet collars, medium long, very stylish, regular price \$8.00, sale price \$5.75.	Men's fine dark gray cheviot overcoats, cut from the new Raglanette pattern, correct collar, pockets and lapels, regular price \$13.00, sale price \$10.00.	Men's fine, dark gray Montenac overcoats, dressy and luxurious, three quarter length, cut from the gentlemanly Chesterfield pattern, cuff on sleeve, regular pockets and extra quality of lining, regular price \$15.00, sale price \$12.00.
Men's fancy cheviot Raglanette overcoats, with velvet lined vertical pockets, silk velvet collars, extra good linings, an extra bargain, sizes 36 to 40, regular price \$12.00, sale price \$6.50.	Men's fancy striped, gray cheviot overcoats, cut in the new Chesterfield style, strap velvet collar with narrow lapels, velvet lined cross pockets and beautifully lined with extra fine quality of farmers' satin, sizes 35 to 40. One of the most swaggar coats in the stock, regular price \$15.00, sale price \$10.00.	Men's extra fine, fancy cheviot overcoats, with silk lined yokes and bellows pockets, one of the most stylish and up-to-date over garments shown this season, all sizes, regular price \$17.00, sale price \$12.00.
Four only, fancy cheviot Raglanette overcoats, with vertical, velvet lined pockets, silk velvet collars, splendid linings, and cut the correct length, size 33, 34, 37 and 38. This is a sample of the cuts on broken lots, regular price \$12.00, sale price \$4.95.		

Prices quoted above are for almost complete lines. Where there are odd coats or broken lots the reductions are greater. All boys and youths' coats are similarly reduced.

First choice is always the best, and while to-day there are plenty of coats it is safe to wager that these prices will create a great clearance during the next few days. You have nothing to gain and all to lose by delay.

Thornton & Douglas, LIMITED.

ON THE FRIAR

Burney Weldon Tells a Good one on Himself—How he Spent Two Good Dollars

Burney Weldon, the clever comedian who is killed to take the part of Friar Tuck, in the opera Robin Hood, likes to tell of an experience he had in chicken raising a couple of years ago.

"Two years ago," says Burney, "I thought I'd like to raise game chickens so I could take little trips to Detroit like the other Maple City sports. I bought a cock and half a dozen hens, but I got no eggs. I fed those hens oyster shell and corn and mixed their feed but still I got no eggs. The chickens were vigorous and healthy but my visions of Detroit began to fade.

"To remedy this state of affairs, I answered an advertisement in an agricultural magazine. This advertisement said that for two dollars an infallible way to make hens lay would be communicated. I saved up the two bucks and forwarded them in postage stamps and in due course I received the advertiser's reply. It was a printed slip that read:—

"To make hens lay—Tie a stout string around the hen's body, lay the bird on her side on a board, and fasten the string underneath. If it is thought desirable, a pillow may be placed under the hen's head."

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, If

ODD DISHES At Gray's China Hall

MEAT DISHES—plain and decorated—15c. to \$1.50.
CUPS, without saucers—plain white, colored and gold lined, doz. 60c, doz. \$1.50.
ODD PARTS to Match Toilet Sets—Ewers, Basins, Chambers, Soap Dishes, etc., 25c. to \$1.00.
GLASS TUMBLERS—3c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c—large variety to choose from.
ODD PLATES to match anything almost that you may have—5c, 7c, 8c, 10c, and 15c.
ODD BOWLS and VEGETABLE DISHES—10c. to 25c.
ODD JUGS in many sizes, colors and shapes—5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c.
All sizes LAMP BURNERS and CHIMNEYS at very lowest prices.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, King Street, Opp. Merchants Bank.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
Marks Bros.—Jan. 4-16.
Ritchie Co.—Jan. 25.
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.

HIS MOTHER'S VINDICATION.

Marks Bros. played "His Mother's Vindication" last evening to a well crowded house, and they seemed to thoroughly delight the audience.

Miss Agnes Archer, the new lead-

ing lady of the company, made a decided hit as Faith Farnum. The specialties were capital, as usual.

USHERS' BENEFIT.

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