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896 Yards English Floor Oilcloth

... AT ...
40c on the Dollar

The story is this, we placed an order away last spring for 900 square yards of Oilcloth from a Halifax, (Eng.) manufacturer, to be delivered in Chatham in August, last. The goods arrived in good time, but in a very unsatisfactory condition. Oilcloths before being rolled are covered with thin paper, and this paper rolled up with them. This special lot of cloths were rolled up before being properly dried, consequently the paper stuck to the cloths, we of course refused to accept them, and the entire lot has been lying in our basement until to-day, when the offer of 40c on the dollar was accepted. There is nothing wrong with the cloths, a little water will quickly remove the paper from the surface. We bought these goods with the intention of selling them at 30c a yard. Friday morning the entire lot goes on sale at

12c a Sq.=Yard

There is a large quantity, but they will not last long at such a ridiculously low price—come early on Friday. You will find the goods opened up in our Carpet Department.

Sale of Ladies' Jackets

Finest Kersey Cloth, German make, lined throughout with satin, seams in back and front, strapped silk velvet collar, all sizes in colors lawn, black and navy, regular price \$15.00, placed on sale Friday morning at

\$7.50

Sale of Valenciennes Lace

1100 yds. fine Val. Lace and Insertion placed on sale Friday morning at

2c a yard.

Ribbons for Fancy Work

Christmas is coming. Many of you are planning some dainty little novelty into which the use of ribbon largely enters. The Christmas stock of fancy and plain ribbons are all ready for your selection and marked at special prices.

Wrapperettes

30 pks. best Wrapperettes, our complete stock, regular price 12 1/2c, on sale at

7 1/2c a yard

Tremendous Sale of Black Silks

4 pos. elegant black broadened Lyons silk, wear and color guaranteed, regular price \$1.50 a yard, placed on sale Friday morning at

93c a yard

125 yds. pure silk Merveilleux satin, black, wear and dye guaranteed, regular price \$1.25 a yard, placed on sale Friday morning at

89c a yard

Such a Splendid Opportunity

To buy Christmas Gifts in here for you this season. Thousands of dollars worth of new goods have been placed into stock for Christmas trade and every item of them under necessity marked at low sale prices. There is nothing in a Dry Goods Store not suitable for gifts, and nothing is more acceptable than a

DRESS LENGTH, SILK WAIST, UMBRELLAS, LINENALS, HANDKERCHIEFS, SILK HOSK, PURSES, KID GLOVES, TIES, and everything at prices bringing the best goods within the reach of every person.

Handkerchief Sale

50 dozen Ladies' fine white hemstitched lawn handkerchiefs, placed on sale Friday morning at

2c each

(Not—10 only sold to each customer).

25 dozen Men's pure linen (Brown's make) taped border handkerchiefs, full size, placed on sale Friday morning at

3 for 25c

(Note—Not more than 6 to each customer).

Millinery Clearing up Sale

Trimmed Hats and Bonnets at ONE-HALF PRICE. Ribbons and Feathers, for little or nothing.

Women's Ready-to-wear Skirts

Made of Serge and heavy worsted mostly, one feature about our Skirts is they're well made, worthy garments and at these prices they won't last long:

\$2.00 kind for \$1.48
\$3.00 kind for \$2.00
\$3.50 kind for \$2.50
\$3.25 kind for \$2.25

At 11 cents

Men's Bow Ties, silk and satin, in light and dark shades worth 25c and 50c.

METHUEN IS NOW SAFE

Great Britain Will Call Out Thousands More of Troops.

London, Dec. 14.—Gen. Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 1.30 p. m. to-day, sends the following from Gen. Methuen, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7.30 p. m.:—

As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security. I have gathered from some of the prisoners who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out.

The Boers have been most kind to my wounded. The Associated press understands that the War Office yesterday (Wednesday) decided, in consequence of Lord Methuen's losses at Magersfontein, to mobilize an eighth division in reserve, and to send the seventh division to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with military, and if necessary, volunteers

will be called to take the places of the militia at home. It is also likely that the military reserve will be sent out to join their respective battalions, and the War Office intends to order four more battalions of militia, embodied for permanent duty, to-day. Further offers of troops from the colonies may also be accepted.

WANTS A LIST.

Ottawa, December 14.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain has cabled for a list of the names of the Canadian contingent. A report was circulated through the city that some of the Canadian contingent had been killed in action. No information of that nature is contained in the despatches, and the military department has not heard anything concerning it. The rumor is not credited, and it is difficult to say on what foundation it is based.

Captain Graham, of Government House, has cabled to Cape Town for information in regard to the rumor, but has not yet had any message in regard to it.

HOW THE BATTLE BEGAN AND ENDED.

The British Found the Boers Entrenched With Barbed Wire Which Caused Much Trouble.

London, Dec. 14.—North of the Modder River, Monday, Dec. 11.—The Guards and the Highland brigade early last night moved from the Modder River camp, marching in a northerly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the river, while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the river side.

Just before daybreak the Boers arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill. Suspecting that the Boers were in the vicinity, the British were still marching in quarter column, in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the flank, and were forced to retire with heavy loss. The troops reformed under the shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later the Guards arrived and the troops gradually worked their way to within 300 yards of the Boer positions, displaying the greatest gallantry. In the meanwhile a new gun at the Modder River, the howitzer, opened a terrific fire, enfilading the trenches and searching every portion of the Boer position. The Boer guns of the Boer position. In the meanwhile were entirely the open ground directly in front moved with the object of making a flank attack; but this was frustrated by the guards and artillery. The Boers were driven back in the evening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position. It is expected that there will be a renewal of the fighting tomorrow. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

A MURDEROUS FIRE.

When the Highlanders met the murderous point-blank fire of the Boers, about two hundred were mown down. The Black Watch Regiment, on reformation, was only able to muster 160 men. The Boers also lost heavily in the trenches, and also in the wire entanglements when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank attack on the British. The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer guns, until nearly four o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the Boers close to the place where they lay the dead and wounded comrades of the Highland brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced, and it was physically impossible to take the Boer position. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that Col. Downham fell. The Boers had had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles, even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupy the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The British casualties included the Marquis of Winchester, major of the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham, of the 1st Battalion, Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded. The wounded include Lieut.-Col. A. E. Cuddeford and Capt. Stirling, both of the 1st Battalion of the Coldstream Guards. A detachment of Boers, posted among some thick bushes to the east, maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable talent of taking cover, which the Boers always display, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated, as well as usually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault. At the first advance of the Highlanders, the Boers shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high. Otherwise, the British

losses would have been still heavier.

WORK OF A MINUTE.

London, Thursday, Dec. 14.—Mr. Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein, in a special despatch to the Daily Mail, says:—"The Boers were entrenched at Magersfontein, four miles north of Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches, about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was then suffered in a single minute. Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their positions. This was on the left. On the right the Guards Brigade advanced across the veldt against the other trenches, and fought an invisible foe for 15 hours. At 11 in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with night-fall."

"The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of

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barbed wire. Evidently they fear our storming and bayonet attack. We raked the kopje and the trenches with an intense, well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they inflicted severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete destruction. The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder River, outnumbering us by almost three to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

The position Lord Methuen assaulted is thus described by a correspondent:—"Magersfontein range terminates on the east with an abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchments run around the whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat."

WAR NOTES.

The White Star Line steamer Cymric has been chartered for use as a transport.

The White Star Line steamer Majestic sails from Liverpool to-day for South Africa with 2,000 troops on board.

The Boers are making better use of Portuguese territory than if it were their own. They can get almost anything through it.

Major-General Buller, who conducted the retreat of the British from Dundee to Ladysmith, has been invalided home, and left Durban on Monday on board the Dungeness Castle.

All eyes are now turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who, taking into account the troops with Gen. White in Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000 men. The Standard says:—"At this moment there must be few men in Her Majesty's dominions who have as great a weight of care upon them as Gen. Buller carries on his shoulders."

IT'S A FINE ASSET

The Waterworks System Beginning to Pay Handsomely.

Somewhere About 160 Services Have Been Put in This Year Lacking a Total of Over 100

"It will not be long," said a citizen connected with the waterworks affairs, that this city's best asset will be its waterworks system. It will be an asset which will not only pay for itself but will yield a handsome revenue. "Of course until the mains are pretty well laid all over town there will be no marked surplus but every year this work of extension is going on and it will not be long now until the net work is pretty well completed. After the revenue will largely be profit. If every building in Chatham used city water it would mean about 2,500 services. At present we have in some-where about 1,100. This present year the demand for them has been the most pressing on record, in fact almost more than we could attend to. Some 160 have been laid altogether up-to-date while in former years the numbers only ran about 100 and never more than 130. At the rate services are going in you can easily figure out when the city will be supplied."

"What was the cause of the increased demand?" asked The Planet.

"The dry summer. Nearly all the wells in the city were dry and people had to have water. This increase of 160 for the year meant an addition to the annual revenue, together with the C. P. K. supply, of \$1,100 or \$1,200 while the cost of pumping was not materially increased."

"A rather funny thing happened about the putting in of these services which led to the city saving a good deal of money. Formerly we gave the work out to the plumbers at a certain price. Last spring they came to us and demanded an increase of about 50 per cent. We decided as a result to lay our own services and the consequence was we have saved about 25 or 30 per cent. on the old rate which we were paying and which the plumbers kicked on."

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BOYS' CLOTHING—Boys' 2 pc. Suits, fine all-wool Tweeds, neat patterns, medium and dark colors, mobby styles, well lined, a splendid school suit, our special leader at.....\$2.50

Boys' 2 pc. Suits, fine Scotch Tweed patterns, very stylish make, choice patterns, medium and dark shades, matchless value at \$3.50 and.....\$3.75

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Fine Black Clay Worsted Suits, 3 pc warranted pure wool and best dye, in size 28 to 33, the nobbiest suit in the city at.....\$6.90

Youths' Suits, manufacturers sample lot, sizes 33 to 35, long pants, fine all-wool tweeds, choice patterns, medium and dark colorings, well tailored, A 1 linings, perfect fitting, clearing at \$3.90, \$4.50, \$5.00 and.....\$6.00

Boys' Knicker Pants, good strong tweeds and Serges for boys 5 to 14 years, worth 60c to 75c special, to clear.....48c

Boys' Reefers, sizes 20 to 27 in., black boucle Serge, good heavy weight, double front high storm collar, well lined, guaranteed to give satisfaction, our special leader at.....\$2.89

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Men's Frieze Ulsters, heavy weight pure wool, strong tweed lining, high storm collars, special at \$4.50, \$6.00 and.....\$10.00

Men's Rain Proof Coats, in fast blk. Serge twills, with cape, check linings, sewn seams, worth \$3.00, special at.....\$2.48

The Busy Cash Store

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO., DIRECT IMPORTERS & MANUFACTURERS

Christmas Shopping

Has Commenced at

"THE ARK"

Where Every Attention is Paid to Holiday Needs

By coming now shoppers get through the store with comfort and ease and make selections avoiding the rush of the last week before Xmas. A REQUEST to our city friends and as many from outside as can possibly make it convenient, COME QUICK and make your purchases, as the indication of a BIG CROWD on SATURDAY NEXT. Some very choice pieces of furniture are now on hand. Dinner Sets, and Decorated Lamps on Second Floor, "FAMOUS" Ranges in the rear room. Ask to see our "Moss" Base Burners.

THE ARK BLOCK

89 KING STREET

ONE WAY OF ENCOURAGING GOOD
ROADS.

The Massachusetts laws provide that the highway commissioners shall, upon the request of any municipality in the state, with a population not exceeding 12,000, furnish the municipality with steam rollers, portable stone crushers and other road machines. The machines are to be used in the construction and maintenance of good roads, and the cost of operating them is paid by the state. Under this system nearly every municipality in the state is encouraged to improve its highways. When Ontario has a similar law, there will be some hope of securing good roads in Kent.

A RAILROAD MAN'S GOOD
POLICY.

One of the first things done by the General Superintendent of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad after a recent accident at Patterson, N. J., was to give these orders to the chief clerk:—"Communicate at once by telephone with every newspaper in New York. Tell them we had a bad accident at Patterson, and that while it reflects seriously on us, we do not care to have it made worse by ignorant misrepresentation and guesswork. Ask them to send reporters, the more the better, to Patterson right away, and tell them that if it is not possible for their men to reach Hoboken in time for our last train at 8:30 o'clock, we will find some way to get them out there. In the meantime, give all enquirers all the information that comes into your possession." These instructions were carried out to the letter. Later, at the scene of the disaster, the officers of the railroad, devoted as much time as could properly be spared from the care of the injured in making clear all the details of the accident. The horse sense of the action is an outward indication of the working of the new western blood that was injected into this railroad a few months ago, says the New York Sun.

DIRECT TAXATION.

Whatever may be the truth about the Provincial finances, it is clear that the government finds difficulty in making both ends meet, says the Weekly Star. If the present surplus of income over expenditure, the treasury would not be driven to increase the number of direct taxes. Succession duties and taxes on banks and loan companies are now familiar with. The latest tax is announced by Mr. Stratton as an increase in the fees payable for the incorporation of limited liability companies. The lowest fee hereafter payable will be \$100, except in the case of cheese and butter companies. By resort to such special taxes as are not at once felt by the general public, the Government staves off the admission that we have at last reached the stage of direct taxation. Though it may bring in revenue, we are not sure that the tax on the formation of limited liability companies is a wise one. It will not be felt by the larger organizations of capital. It is pretty certain to check the formation of small companies. Partnerships and companies are the only methods known to the law by which men can join in commercial enterprise. A partner may lose all he has ventured and be liable at the same time for all the debts of the enterprise, while a shareholder's liability cannot exceed the amount of

EAT MOUNTER'S MEAT
1879—Established 29 years—1899
Twenty years experience selecting and buying my own stock direct from the farmers, we have always on hand the best meat can be had.
Choice Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Fresh Pork, Putney of all kinds.
We now manufacture all kinds of Sausages: Pure Pork Sausages (guaranteed) 15c lb. Fresh Frankfort (same quality) 12c lb. Liver Sausages (very nice) 10c lb. Bologna Sausages (guaranteed) 10c lb. Ribs of Porking (guaranteed) 10c lb. Canned Corned Beef 10c lb. Sausages and Rolled Toils.
Order your meat early and we will deliver promptly.
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Xmas is Coming
AT THE
RED STAR STORE
We are now ready for the Xmas trade, our goods, such as fruits, candies, nuts and conical peels are first class and prices right. Also in china dishes—cups, saucers and plates and fancy goods, suitable for presents, and a choice lot of dinner sets and toilet sets, second to none in the city. We ask you to inspect our styles and prices before you buy your wedding present.
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The Xmas presents have to be bought—you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Dinner Sets, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Sets \$2.50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are low in price. Call and see them.

Our Xmas Fruits are in:

- 3 lb. Selected Raisins..... 25c
- 3 lb. New Currants..... 25c
- 1 lb. Mixed Peel..... 20c
- Pure Lard, per lb..... 9c
- Mixed Candy 7c lb., 4 lb. for..... 25c

—AT THE—

Golden Star, Park St., East
John McConnell
Goods Delivered

his stock. A partnership, unlike a company, requires the personal attention of the investor. Companies have, therefore, made possible the aggregation of small savings for industrial purposes. There are, probably, hundreds of successful companies with a few hundred dollars originally invested, which would not have been formed if their promoters had been obliged to pay a fee of \$100. In England the law is disposed to regard companies as most useful agencies of commerce, and their formation is reduced to the simplest formality.

Another large British force seems to have entered Pretoria without firing a shot.

The resistance that Gen. Methuen is meeting with will probably mean the advance of the Canadians to the firing-line.

Hospitable people those Boers. They seem very anxious to entertain Her Majesty's troops in large sections and for indefinite terms at their capital.

The Banner cries, "Ross is master of the situation." So is our old friend Paul Kruger, but the question is, how long can he hold the job?

The crooks slightly overdid their work in South Ontario. As Mr. Tarte is said to have remarked to the Montreal Star, what was the use of buying votes they did not need.

In Christmas advertising and Christmas buying the old adage holds good: The early bird catches the worm. —Hamilton Times.

And the enterprising reader who sees the ad and becomes the early shopper, gets the pick of the stock.

Hugh John's nose is not much uglier than Tom Greenway's chin whisker, and the nose cannot very well be cut off.—Hamilton Spectator.

The two Elgids delivered the blow that almost paralyzed the St. Thomas Journal. The Reformers of that county require a new up-to-date, independent Liberal paper before they can recover their lost prestige. Any newspaper that would try to excuse the machine gang, can only add its party in one way, and that is by going away and suiciding.

A POLICE ITEM.

Ottawa Citizen.
The British at Ladysmith have captured a kop near the town. He had just got outside a laager when he was gathered in.

A VERY BAD MAN.

Ottawa Citizen.
The man who mixes up those deleterious drugs and labels the result Scotch whiskey should be arrested for compounding a felony.

SOCIETY ITEM.

Hensall, Ont., Observer.
An enterprising Hurondale young man came into town on Saturday driving a cow. He was all covered with mud and wore his working clothes. After disposing of the cow he donned a new suit and went to the residence of one of our ministers with his best girl, and they were joined in wedlock. When asked if he were going for a trip he said that he was going home to dig post-holes.

A FRIEND OF WOMANKIND.

Detroit Tribune.
An old bachelor says that some women are born foolish, some achieve folly and the rest marry fools. And some matron may answer that the aforementioned bachelor has kept one woman out of the last-named class.

A POINTER TAKEN.

Toronto Telegram.
The German Emperor need not now rise to remark that it does not propose to be mixed up in England's wars. It indicated some such feeling when the flying squadron took the liberty of cutting off Emperor Bill's correspondence with Oom Paul Kruger.

THE CANADIAN TURKEY.

Toronto World.
Western Ontario will furnish 150,000 Christmas and New Year's turkeys for the British market this year. This is almost double the quantity shipped in 1898. But it is not one-fourth the quantity that might have been exported, if the birds were procurable.

WHEAT THE SOUTH ONTARIO RETURNS SHOW.

Toronto Mail.
The surprise of the series of elections was South Ontario. Yet it ought not to be a surprise, for it was well known that the old system would be pursued to save the Minister, whose continuance in office was dependent upon the result. Mr. Dryden had a vast outside army to elect him, and no expense was spared to accomplish that end. It would be idle to pretend that a riding which rejected Mr. Dryden in 1898, and elected him, owing to corrupt practices, by seventy or eighty at the last bye-election, freely returned him after all the revelations of the past few months by the three hundred odd. The three hundred majority does not indicate that the Minister has grown in favor; it does show, though, that the electioneering outfit has become, if that be possible, more daring than ever.

MOULDER AGAIN.

This Time William Bowen, of Brockville, is Cured of Backache by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Moulder Seems to be Fortunate Trade—Second Moulder Dodd's Kidney Pills Reported Recently to Have Cured.

Brockville, Dec. 13.—Last week the papers reported the case of George Berkeley, a Hamilton moulder, who was fortunate enough to find a cure for Rheumatism. This, it turned out, was Dodd's Kidney Pills, the most famous kidney medicine in the world. There is a moulder in Brockville who also has a word to say regarding Dodd's Kidney Pills. William Bowen suffered with backache in a severe way. Backache is not a mere affection of the muscles or an ache in the backbone. Many people thinking this was the case have spent money and time rubbing liniments into the back. This is quite useless, as no amount of rubbing can reach the kidneys where the ache is actually located. Backache is kidney ache and should be treated as such. Otherwise it may develop into Bright's Disease or some other form of Kidney Disease in its fatal form.

Mr. Bowen says of his cure:

Dodd's Medicine Co., Brockville.
Gentlemen,—I have been troubled with pain in my back and in the region of my kidneys, and I was advised by Mr. Stegg, butcher of this town, to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I was very bad, being hardly able to stand the pain. I am now completely cured, and can now go about my business. I give Dodd's Kidney Pills to anyone troubled with backache. The men in the shop will all vouch for my case.

I remain yours, etc., WM. BOWEN.

"Poor thing," exclaimed one young woman at the theatre. "That girl is beautiful, but she is very deaf."

"How do you know?"

"She has sat all through this French farce without blushing once."

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TO CURE A COLORED ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Groves' signature on each box.

God gives luxuriance of life; every man has more than his necessities. It is nobler to give thanks for faith than for fitness.

Don't Surfeit them with trifles—

but select for your

Christmas Gifts

something that will be of practical utility to the recipient, handsome in design and of the sort that will be sure of genuine appreciation. We have especially for this season's trade, an excellent variety of Leather Upholstered Easy Chairs, Couches and Rockers, deep-seated and comfortable, trimmed in the latest style, with the best of springs and material used in their construction. Our show rooms are filled with the things that have that little touch of originality about them, so much to be desired in choosing a Christmas gift. Purchases made now can be set aside and delivered at any time when ordered.

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Home Spun Dress Goods

Are the latest and nobbiest for this season's wear. We ask the LADIES to call and see our up-to-date goods. You will then be convinced that you cannot buy without a Tweed Dress for this season's wear, also see OUR DRESSING JACKETS at \$1.50 to \$2.00. SEE THEM AND YOU WILL BUY THEM.

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CHURCH OPENING.

Dedication of the New House of Worship

On the Creek Road, Harwich—A Description of the Building—Opening Services.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10th and 11th have become historic with the people of this neighborhood, being the opening and dedication of the new Zion Methodist church. The building in itself is solid and substantial in character, having a stone basement and red brick superstructure, supported by buttresses. In form it is square, with the main entrance at the corner, and a side entrance in the annex. Two large windows running up into gables adorn the two principal sides.

Within, a pleasing effect is given by the circular arrangements of the seats with the pulpit platform and choir gallery in the corner opposite the door. The walls are finished in grey roughcast, the windows are of colored glass of modest but pretty design; ceiling and woodwork are polished ash. The building will seat 200 persons. Fine arrangement and good workmanship are to be found everywhere. Powell & Corwell, Chatham, were architects; John Patterson, of Harwich, and John McKay, Botany, builders. Total cost, thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars.

On Sunday there were three services. At 10:30 a. m. Hannon, of Park St. Methodist church, Chatham, preached on the Drawing Power of Christ. The Huffman choir had charge of the music and the Rev. Geo. Philip, B.D., of Petrolia, made an appeal on behalf of the trustee board with good success.

At 2:30 p. m. Dr. W. H. Jamieson, of the Presbyterian church, preached from the words, Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost? At the close, the Rev. Stephen Bond, chairman of the Ridgeway district, dedicated the building to the service of Almighty God as a place of worship according to the usages of the Methodist church. The Ridgeway choir did excellent service.

At 7 p. m. Rev. J. Philip preached on the Blessedness of giving. The Huffman choir again gave splendid help with their music. On Monday evening, in spite of the bad weather, about two hundred and sixty-five people gathered and sat down to a hot dinner, beautifully arranged in the basement. Half past eight found the auditorium filled to the limit of its seating capacity, with an audience that listened with best attention to the splendid entertainment furnished by Dr. DeCov and his orchestra and Miss Taylor, soloist, all of Chatham; and by Messrs. Smith and Bonham, of Ridgeway. Mrs. (Rev.) J. P. Hira, of Bismarck, gave recitations, charming both young and old. Appropriate addresses were given by Revs. Rice, Jamieson, and Philip. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Vance, occupied the chair.

Sunday collections and the proceeds of Monday night amounted to nearly \$200. Mr. Philip effected arrangements whereby it is believed the total indebtedness will be lifted in two years hence. So is completed an enterprise that is worthy of a noble people.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Friday, December 15th
The Carnival of Fun Presents—The Greatest of All—

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By Geo. H. Broadhurst, author of "Why Smith Left Home," etc.
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something that will be of practical utility to the recipient, handsome in design and of the sort that will be sure of genuine appreciation. We have especially for this season's trade, an excellent variety of Leather Upholstered Easy Chairs, Couches and Rockers, deep-seated and comfortable, trimmed in the latest style, with the best of springs and material used in their construction. Our show rooms are filled with the things that have that little touch of originality about them, so much to be desired in choosing a Christmas gift. Purchases made now can be set aside and delivered at any time when ordered.

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Are the latest and nobbiest for this season's wear. We ask the LADIES to call and see our up-to-date goods. You will then be convinced that you cannot buy without a Tweed Dress for this season's wear, also see OUR DRESSING JACKETS at \$1.50 to \$2.00. SEE THEM AND YOU WILL BUY THEM.

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FLORENCE.

Leslie Fleming left Tuesday for his home at Lower Onslow, Nova Scotia, after a year's stay in Ontario. Miss Fannie Meliboland, of Mitchell, Ont., is the guest of the Misses Corbett.

The Presbyterian choir furnished music for the Cario re-opening services last Sunday.

Miss Minnie Dobbyn had her Sunday school class photographed last week.

The regular Presbyterian services were withdrawn here Sunday on account of the re-opening of the Cario Presbyterian church.

Anniversary services of the Huff's Methodist church will be held Sunday at 10:30 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7 p. m. Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Dawn Mills, will preach.

We believe MINARD'S LINIMENT is the best.

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BLACKSMITH SHOP—Doing good business, and tools for sale. Lot 6, 4th Con., Chatham, 5 miles from any town. For terms, etc., apply W. L. ROSS.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE—Corner Harvey and Lacey Sts., the parties adjoining, each city water. About eight minutes walk from Post Office. Apply to LOUIS STANISLAWICZ, Planet Office.

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Store and dwelling with general stock and fixtures, and two acres of land more or less, together with out-buildings thereon, stable, drive shed, storehouse with brick cellar, smoke house with brick foundation, oil house, etc., horses, harness, light and heavy wagons, sleighs, etc., this is a good business stand with a Post Office, and is well and conveniently situated in a good farming and fruit growing section and about 150 yards from Jeanettes Creek Station, G. T. Ry., where recently a large warehouse has been built. This rare chance will be offered for sale up to Dec. 15th, unless sooner sold. Reason for selling going to California. For further particulars apply to F. C. PECK, Jeanettes Creek P. O., Ont.

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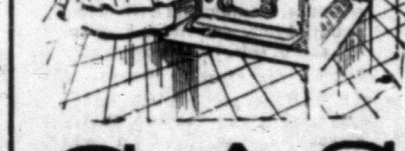
The Chatham Loan & Savings

COMPANY
36th—Half Yearly Dividend—36th

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of SIX per cent per annum upon the paid up capital stock of this company has been declared this day for the current half year, ending December 31st, 1899, payable at the Company's office, on and after January 2nd, 1900.

The transfer books will be closed from the 21st to 31st of December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
S. F. GARDINER, Manager.



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Municipality of Raleigh.

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh will meet in the Township Hall, on Friday, the 15th day of Dec., 1899, at 10 a. m., for despatch of business.

By Order,

A. R. ROBINSON, Clerk.

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Wear the Barrington hat, \$2.50. The 2 T's, sole agents.

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SOME INTERESTING EXPLANATIONS FROM SUPT. JONES CONCERNING IT.

In connection with the waterworks department Supt. Jones sends the Planet an interesting communication. Speaking about the analysis of the city water which the Planet published the other day, he says:

The number of bacteria allowable in a good quality of drinking water is 100 per cubic centimeter. The water furnished to the city contains only 50 bacteria, so it is of a superior and safe quality, insuring immunity from disease to a large extent.

Don't Fear Its Fizz.

There are complaints of the water in every city, and of course, our city is not exempt. One of these is, the water is white and not clear when drawn from the tap and apparently carrying some white matter in suspension. The cause of this is due to the aeration of the water under pressure, the effect being to produce a bright and sparkling water. If the water could be observed when under pressure in the mains, it would appear perfectly clear, but when the pressure is relieved by drawing the water from a tap. The air compressed in the water expands and becomes visible, causing the water to have a white appearance, similar to soda water when uncorked.

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Useful Gifts for Xmas..

JUST PLACED IN STOCK TO-DAY A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

Battenburg Lace With and Without Linen Centres

A manufacturers' sample bought at 40 per cent less than usual wholesale price and will be sold accordingly.

Ladies' Fancy Collars and Ties

All the latest novelties for Xmas.

800 Dolls, all Prices and Sizes

Don't fail to see these goods, they are very interesting.

Thibodeau & Jacques..

ter fixtures may not be frozen; do not forget to have all leaky taps and fixtures repaired at once, as many leaks mean a great loss for which you directly or indirectly have to pay.

If you wish to become a water taker and there is no main on the street upon which you reside, apply at the waterworks office for a form of petition, sign it yourself and get as many of your neighbors to sign as possible. Any further information will be supplied at the office.

Hoping the above slight information will be of use to the patrons of the waterworks and others, I remain, Yours truly,

E. H. JONES,

Supt. Chatham Waterworks.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 14.—Large quantities of dressed logs were brought into town yesterday.

Clifford Graves, a nephew of Nelson and Elias Graves, of this town, died in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. His home was in Detroit and he had only been east a short time. The remains will be brought here for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford returned to their home in Bay City yesterday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Gillespie died on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, 1899.

The proclamation for the nomination of the village council is issued for Dec. 22nd, 1899.

WALLACEBURG

Dec. 14.—The pupils of the Separate will give their annual concert on Friday night, the 22nd.

Geo. McKelvey has returned home from Cleveland.

Chas. Moore and Arthur Doyle are home after a season's sailing.

A large stock in the piers of the North Branch bridge Tuesday, blocking traffic for about an hour.

A. Bourne has received a large load of wood for his wood yard.

The different stores are beginning to put on their Christmas attire.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES?

George H. Broadhurst, the author of "What Happened to Jones," which will be presented at the Grand Opera House on Friday, Dec. 15, is in receipt of a letter from Charles Arnold, in which is described a remarkable performance of that farce which was given on board the steamship Thermopylae on June 21st, during the voyage from England to South Africa. Mr. Arnold and his company appeared on a stage especially built for the occasion on the deck of the vessel. The sailmaker and ship's carpenter constructed a box setting that was admirably painted by an officer of the ship. The stage was supplied with all necessary fittings and was well lighted by electric foot and border lights. The receipts, which amounted to several hundred dollars, were presented to a seamen's orphan's fund.

NERVES ALL SMASHED.

Indigestion and Dyspepsia are the Arch Destroyers, but South American Nerve Proves the Never-Failing Health Builder.

Mrs. Ellen Butler, 37 Callahie St., Toronto, suffered from indigestion in a severe form for several years, was unable to eat meat or vegetables, was threatened with nervous prostration as a result of chronic dyspepsia. After many remedies had been tried and failed, she began using the South American Nerve. When she had taken three bottles, to use her own words, "I can eat anything set before me, and enjoy it without any bad after effects. I think it a wonderful remedy for dyspepsia and nervous prostration."

Sold by J. W. McLaren.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term. Respectfully yours,

ANDREW THOMSON.

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ANOTHER CALL FOR CANADIAN TROOPS

Some 30,000 Additional Men Must be Sent to South Africa Says the London Times—Press Comments on the Situation.

London, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1899.

Each important battle seems to bring a reverse for the British, and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced.

The Times says:—"At least 30,000 additional men must be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called upon and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made to increase the local colonial forces and further offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accepted."

The Standard, which comments upon the "seemingly astonishing numbers of the Boers," is driven to the conclusion that a substantial portion of the Boer commandos has been recruited from the Cape Dutch."

The Morning Post says:—"We have had our day of humiliation appointed to us. Let us accept it humbly and soberly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt of Europe. There was never a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth."

It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men, and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been received. They are believed to have been at least 450.