

YOUR Christmas Shopping

If you would have the best service and buy useful gifts, shop early and often at this store. We have planned to have this store at its best for the holiday shopping. It has donned its holiday attire, and from the displays you'll get numerous suggestions that go to make holiday shopping easiest at this store.

Neckwear for Ladies

Our holiday neckwear was never more beautiful than the line we are showing for the Christmas trade. You can choose dainty neckwear from per piece 25c, to the elegant neckwear, prettily boxed at each

\$1.50

New Gloves

In dressed and undressed kids, for gifts.

Our stocks of Alexandra kid gloves was never more complete than at the present season. All sizes in the new shades are here for your choosing.

Alexandra Dress Kids per pair \$1.00

Eugenie Dress kids, per pair \$1.25.

Celeste undressed kids per pair \$1.25.

Alexandra undressed kids, black only, per pair, \$1.50.

Dress Fabrics

BOXED FOR GIFT GIVING.

Can you think of anything more suitable for a gift than a handsome dress pattern. We've planned to make dress patterns more like gifts than ever this season. Every dress pattern of six yards or over, and costing per yard 75c or over, is boxed in a dainty white box trimmed with gold.

Silk Blouses or Dress Lengths, costing over 75c. per yard, boxed in dainty boxes.

Linens

BOXED FOR GIFT GIVING.

You'll find it hard to find a gift that will please the practical housekeeper better than a piece of linen. Our stock of high grade linens was never more complete than at the present season.

NAPKINS

Cloths with napkins to match. Damask Towels. Centres. Lunch Cloths, etc.

Wm. Foreman & Co.

A Few Hints

To help you choose your Christmas Presents. Do your purchasing now and get first choice.

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs for ladies' and gentlemen, plain, hemstitched, in lawn and linen special value at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c.

Ladies' lace and embroidery trimmed handkerchiefs, in new designs, very special values at 5c, 10, 12 1-2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 50c, 75c up to \$2.25.

Full range of silk handkerchiefs cheap, in plain, initials and lace edges, from 25c to \$1.00.

Umbrellas

Umbrellas for ladies' and gentlemen, natural wood and fancy gold and silver trimmed, steel rods and interlocking frames, the best assortment in the city, from \$1.00 to \$6.00; see what we have; we can suit you.

Ribbons

A complete stock of ribbons for fancy work, trimmings, neck and hair ribbons.

Dress Patterns

A splendid assortment of new dress patterns, suitable for Christmas presents, at from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Kid Gloves

Forrin's Celebrated French Kid Gloves, the best made, in nice box, all colors, from \$1.00 to \$1.50; every pair guaranteed.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES

WILL INSPECT BALLOTS

Scrutiny of Those Cast in No. 2, Clarendon and Miller.

Wrestler Hawkeye Heard From—Writes a Letter to the Press Denying Use of Improper Methods—Tells How He Held and Conducted the Frontenac Poll, and is Prepared to Swear to His Statements.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—In Chamber, before Judge Anglin yesterday, upon application of George E. Shepley, K. C., representing the Dominion Government, an order was issued allowing Commissioner Shepley of the Dominion Police and counsel for the Crown, to inspect all ballot papers returned from polling sub-division No. 2, Clarendon and Miller, after the Parliamentary election, held on the 3rd November last in Frontenac. These ballots are now in the hands of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa. The judge's order directs that the production and inspection of the ballots shall take place in the presence of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery and of counsel for such of the Parliamentary candidates in this same election as may desire to be present. The examination of the ballots will probably be made to-day in Ottawa.

HAWKEYE HEARD FROM.

Writes From Chicago About Conduct of Frontenac Poll.

Kingston, Dec. 16.—The Whig prints the following letter from Joseph Hawkeye, the Chicago wrestler who had charge of the poll at Clarendon and Miller, No. 2, which is stated a bogus ballot box was used on Nov. 3:

I came from Chicago of my own accord, and paid my own way and expenses, and for the purpose of wrestling a match in Gananoque on Nov. 1. I never knew anything of my appointment as a D.R.O. until I came from Chicago.

Again, on election morning at Ardoch, when I opened the poll, I gave the gentlemen present every chance to examine my box. In the evening, when I closed the poll at 5 o'clock, after I took the ballots out I took the box off the table, turned it upside down, and said: "Gentlemen, you see the box is empty." If Mr. Tapping got information, as he claims he did, that I was using a bogus box, why did he not examine my box more carefully? From the time I put the box on the table, until it was sealed, no man ever looked inside of it or moved it, because it was dark, and we only had a small oil lamp, sitting on the table, which was not nearly as high as the box. After we were through, George Hamilton, my poll clerk, said to Tapping and Thompson, "Well boys, are you satisfied?" and Mr. Thompson said, "Yes." I do not understand what they are kicking about now.

I can see nothing peculiar about our movements around Clarendon. As far as the private room was concerned, Mr. Sproule did invite Taylor and I up to have a drink, and to change his collar. He had a bottle of wine and one of whiskey. I wish to say right here, that I will give any man \$100 who can prove that I took a drink of whiskey on that trip, for people who know me know that I never indulge.

It has also been insinuated by certain papers that I have bought and sold wrestling matches in Canada. I also understand that certain papers swore that I am a professional wrestler. Such is not so, but I am a wrestler enough for anything in Canada, and I have from \$100 to \$1,000 that says so.

I had no intention, whatever, of contradicting any statement made in regard to myself by those implicated but when they begin to shove it on a little too hard it is time to call a halt. I am prepared to swear to those statements. I remain, yours respectfully, Joseph Hawkeye, 3618 Lake Avenue, Chicago.

EXPECTS A LANDSLIDE.
Mr. Gurney Has Had Strenuous Time and Knows the Country.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—R. R. Gurney, who has been staying at the Walker House, goes home to-day, but will return after Christmas, and may address meetings in the province during the last week of the year. He desires to consult with the workers in his own riding before making any engagements for outside meetings, but will spend about ten days in the province during the campaign. He has addressed 80 meetings in Ontario during the past 13 months. Mr. Gurney from his experience through the country is very sanguine of the results of the election and expects 15 of a majority for his party. He considers his own constituency safe, and says the Conservatives will carry West Nipissing and the Sault.

"I know that from 10 to 15 of a majority are expected, but I would not be at all surprised if there was a landslide. Liberals are going to vote against the Government that they have no suspicion of."

A Minister of Mines.
Mr. Whitney told me to-day that if he came into power one of the first things he would do would be to pass legislation creating a Minister of Mines. This would be in accordance with the resolution of the conference. The Liberals will do nothing in this direction, and it is a matter on which the northern constituencies are largely interested. In my own riding we have two of the largest nickel mines in the country, and the mining interests all through Ontario are most important.

J. P. Whitney is still at the Queen's, and is expected to remain until to-morrow.

The Province's Cash.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Provincial Treasurer Ross reports a balance to the credit of the Province of cash in the banks amounting to \$2,952,272.

NOVA SCOTIA LIBERALS WIN.

Result As Expected Though One Independent Beat Government Candidate.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 16.—By-elections to fill the vacancies in the Local House were held in five constituencies in Nova Scotia yesterday, and, as was expected, all went Liberal. There were seven vacancies in all, but in Lunenburg and Guysboro, C. W. Mader and Dr. J. P. Ellis, respectively, were elected by acclamation.

The only comfort the Opposition has from yesterday's election is the fact that Boyd, the Government candidate in Richmond, was defeated by the Independent, Bissett, by 350 majority.

In Pictou, R. H. McGregor had a majority of about 100 over A. C. Bell, the Conservative candidate. John Suckling was defeated by H. A. Laurence by 150. In Cumberland, E. B. Paul, ex-minister of Springhill, defeated Mayor Day of Parrsboro by over 500.

In Cape Breton the fight was between the Government and the Labor party, the Conservatives taking no part, and it resulted in Dr. Kendall being elected over James Boyd, the Labor candidate, by about 2,100, the greatest majority ever rolled up in Nova Scotia.

As a general thing the vote polled was a small one, and there is not the least doubt but what Pictou and Colchester would have gone Conservative had the party worked as they should have done.

HO IORED HIM

The congregation of Bethel church met last evening and presented their retiring pastor, Rev. Dr. Jamieson, with a gold watch and a suitably worded address as a mark of their esteem and their appreciation of the work he had done by the church. Mrs. Jamieson also was presented with a well filled purse. Before the presentation a social time was spent and a splendid supper was served. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson were beloved by their people.

The following is a copy of the address as presented:
To Rev. W. H. Jamieson, Ph. D., B. D., D. D.:

Dear Sir,—It is with deeply mingled feelings that we now address you, our dearly beloved pastor.

For more than thirteen years we have been benefited by your weekly ministrations on the Sabbath by your sympathetic attention to us in time of sickness, by your presence and words and consideration in times of bereavement and by constant intercourse with you on more ordinary occasions.

It is impossible for us adequately to express our thoughts regarding your departure. We can assure you of the sincerest feelings of love and respect which we entertain towards you, and which we know are also felt by many others who are not members of the Bethel congregation, but who have learned to admire and respect you as a model Christian gentleman, as well as a preacher of power, feeling and depth.

We have also learned to esteem highly Mrs. Jamieson, your daughter and your sons, for all of whom there has been revealed in our hearts strong feelings of affection.

Many of us acknowledge with deep gratitude that by God's blessing you were the instrument of an entrance into the higher life, and to all of us there has been revealed the things of life eternal, in a way, and with a thoroughness we never knew before. We have realized as never before was it to be sisters and brethren in Christ and putting aside the things of this life to look more steadfastly and certainly to those which are beyond, where our mutual faith assures us,

we shall all gather again.

Naturally then, it was with deep sorrow that we learned of your intention to accept the invitation to labor in another corner of the Master's vineyard, a decision which involved the separation of ties formed when you came amongst us and strengthened by our many years of association in laboring for the cause of our Saviour, and by our common endurance of the joys and sorrows, we have together passed through.

In consenting to your departure, we do so with the heartiest belief that in your calling you will be as successful in your new home as you have been here; that health and happiness may be the lot of you and all yours, and that you may be appreciated as highly by your new friends as you are by your old ones.

We ask you to accept for yourself this watch, as a memento of your friends here, and for Mrs. Jamieson, this purse with its contents.

Signed on behalf of the Bethel congregation—J. J. McColg, Neil McVicar, Wm. Saddington, John Whittington, Neil Watson, Miss Nell McCorvie, Miss Fanny Saddington.

Mail, Dec. 15, 1904.

GREAT SALE OF CLOTHING

Right in the heart of the Christmas Season we are introducing a sale of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits and Overcoats that will make the clothing business hum for the next two or three weeks.

We are making big reductions right and left all through the stock. We are offering no reasons, but just marking down prices.

Here are some of the reductions:—

8 Men's Black and Blue Beaver, single breasted Chesterfield, fly front Overcoats, well made and lined, sizes 33 to 37, regular price \$5.00, sale price, \$3.95

16 Men's Plain Gray and Fancy Patterned Cheviot, fly front Overcoats, fine Farmers' Satin Linings, velvet collars and correct styles, sizes 33 to 40, regular price \$10.90, sale price, \$8.00

25 Men's Fancy Cheviot and Plain Gray Montebac Coats, cut in the latest styles, long, loose luxurious garments, excellently tailored, sizes 34 to 42, regular price \$15.00 and \$17.00, sale price, \$10

8 Young Men's Fancy Cheviot Overcoats splendidly trimmed and made, sizes 31 to 35, regular prices \$6 and \$7, sale price, \$4.98.

18 Boys' Fancy Cheviots and Plain Gray Overcoats, in a variety of lengths and styles, sizes 22 to 29, regular prices \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$4.50, sale price, \$2.95

8 Boys' Long, Loose Gray, Raglan Overcoats, stylish little garments, sizes from 23 to 27, regular price \$5.00, sale price, \$3.95

10 Men's Fancy Tweed and Worsted Single Breasted Suits, cut in the latest styles and tailored in our very best manner. There are all sizes from 37 to 44, in the lot, regular \$10, and \$12, sale price \$7

6 Men's Fancy Tweed Suits, serviceable and stylish, sizes 39 to 46, regular prices \$6.50 to \$9.00, sale price, \$5

18 Boys' 3-Piece Fancy Tweed and Navy Serge Suits, for boys from 10 to 14 yr. sizes, reg. prices \$4 to \$5, all reduced to \$3.50

6 Little Boys' Fancy 2-pc Suits, sizes 12 to 28, reg. price were \$2 to \$2.75, all reduced to \$1.95 and \$1.50

The above price list can only give you an inkling of what we are doing, the only way to realize what these reductions mean is to see the garments. See them when they are advertised. Don't wait till they are gone.

Thornton & Douglas LIMITED

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THE SITUATION IN EAST KENT

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ed Liberals and Patrons of the riding.

The machine, however, is scarcely willing to concede the seat to Mr. Bowyer without a fight, however hopeless that fight may be. Some claim that David Caughill, who at Blenheim agreed to stand provided no one else would do so, is in consequence of Mr. Howat's retirement, the candidate. To others Mr. Caughill is no more welcome than Mr. Howat was. An effort will, it seems, be made to rally another convention, when the machine will endeavor to induce some one to yield himself a futile sacrifice at its altars.

DRESDEN

Dec. 16.—Roy Wells, Ernest Wells and Will Brewer were among the

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See Samples of Christmas Cake and Plum Puddings

IN SOMERVILLE'S WINDOW
Cakes in endless variety. Grapes, Oranges, Nuts and Candies. Fresh Oysters in bulk. Lunches at all hours

Every day is bargain day at Somerville's.

Come early and avoid the rush. Compliments of the Season.

Wm. Somerville
PHONE 36



SMART SHOES

FOR CHRISTMAS

at our store. Every pair a demonstration of how little it costs to dress the feet stylishly, comfortably if bought here.

Specials in Men's Patent Colt Shoes at \$3.50.

Specials in Men's extra fine Douglas and Box Calf good-year welted at \$3.00.

Special in Slippers for men. Slippers for Ladies.

Slippers for Misses and Children, suitable for Christmas presents, at prices easy on the pocket.

J. L. Campbell
BOSTON SHOE STORE

Dresdenites who took in the production of the opera "Egmont" by the Chatham Choral Society in the Grand Opera House, Chatham, on Wednesday night last.

Miss Leah Davies, who has been employed in the millinery department of the Northway Store, Chatham, is home for the winter holidays.

Mr. Page, electrician, is seriously ill with appendicitis.

The many friends of Miss Grace Laird will be glad to learn that she is convalescent after her recent attack of la grippe.

T. B. Parkinson, of London, was in town last night in the interests of the Equitable Life Assurance Co.

Christ Church Sunday school will hold their annual Christmas entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 19. As usual, this promises to be one of

the best of the season and will well repay all who attend.

Managers Rudd and McIntosh of the Grand, have secured the Bijou Comedy Co. for a one night's engagement, next Thursday, Dec. 22. This is the original Rowland & Young Bijou Co., which has visited our town before and earned such a good name for itself. The play will be the thrilling drama "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," so a good evening's entertainment is assured.

Nominations for County Commissioners will be held in Dresden, next Monday afternoon, Dec. 19th, in the Council Chambers. J. E. McGhiehon has announced his candidature, and Messrs. Sturgis and French, the present members, are both in the field again, so a good contest is looked for.

Did you buy your hair at an auction?

At any rate, you seem to be getting rid of it on auction-sale principles: "going, going, g-o-n-e!" Stop the auction with Ayer's Hair Vigor. It checks falling hair, and always restores color to gray hair. Sold for over sixty years.

J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

"A MIX-UP" ...CHRISTMAS GIFTS...

At The Urban Store

Besides our dainty lot of small Smallwear for Christmas Gifts, such as

SILK NECKWEAR BELTS HAND-BAGS
HANDKERCHIEFS SHIRTWAISTS KID GLOVES
BELTS and FURS. We will now make a

Clearance of Jackets at \$5.00 and \$10.00

No reserve—no old styles. Any Jacket \$20.00 and under for \$10.00. Any Jacket at \$10.00 and under for \$5.00. Also any Astrachan Jacket in our place worth \$50.00 and \$65.00 for \$35.00, and all \$40.00 and \$35.00 at \$25.00. We beat the World in Fur Neckwear and Muffs.

THE URBAN STORE

Quality and Style

are not only things back of the Clothing we make. Our PRICES are RIGHT.

SUITS AND OVERCOATS from \$18 up.

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Extraordinary Sale of Ladies' Jackets

Too large a stock—must be reduced before
January—prices cut in two.

\$6.50 Jackets for \$3.95
11.00 Jackets for 5.50
15.00 Jackets for 7.50

Ladies' Jackets

Made of check back tweed, in mid grey shades, new sleeves and cuffs, cloth stitched collar and lapped seams, regular price, \$6.50, on sale for

\$3.95

Made of heavy Tweed, lined throughout, double breasted, self-buttoned, new sleeves and cuffs, 26 inches long, tight fitting, regular price \$8.50, on sale for

\$3.80

Made of heavy reversible tweed in grey and black, collarless, deep cape, fly front, tight fitting, regular price \$11.00, on sale for

\$5.00

Made of finest quality black Kersey cloth, lined throughout, new double skirt effect, trimmed with buttons and silk piping, new leg of mutton sleeves, regular price \$15.00, on sale for

\$7.50

Misses coat, made of check back tweed, box back, trimmed with metal buttons, regular price \$6.00, on sale for

\$3.00

Ladies' Jackets

Made of heavy check back tweed, in good brown effects, stitched cloth collar, piped cuffs and seams, tight fitting, fly front, regular price \$7.50 on sale for

\$4.25

Made of extra heavy check back khaki cloth, in dark grey, strictly tailor made and finish, tight fitting, 26 inches long, regular price \$12.00, on sale for

\$6.50

Made of good heavy black Kersey cloth, lined throughout, tailor collar, new sleeves, belted, lapped seams, regular price \$12.00, on sale for

\$6.50

Made of fine oxford grey covert cloth, tailor made, belted, lapped seams, lined throughout, fly front, tight fitting, 26 in long, regular price \$12.00, on sale for

\$6.25

Made of fine black Kersey cloth, lined throughout, trimmed with fancy black silk braid and buttons, tight fitting, lapped seams, regular price \$11.00, on sale for

\$5.50

This is a great Jacket opportunity. A high class jacket for a low price—almost like finding one. All sizes are represented, and plenty of styles to select from. Sale commences Saturday morning.

Thos. Stone & Son



Everyone likes nice Dishes; each year brings something new. The very latest this season in China is **Royal Vienna Cobalt, Blue and Gold Band.** The edges are cut and filled with gold on white body. We have these goods in . . .

Cake, Tea, and Bread and Butter Plates, Cups and Saucers, Trays and Odd Pieces

See them on the Fancy China Tables.

Many are taking advantage of our suggestion in making their selections quietly before the rush.

We are ready for you with the large variety to select from for which "THE ARK" is noted.

PLEASE COME EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH!!

H. MACAULAY...

See our Window for Nice Carving Sets.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

We have over 1000 pounds of it made in all sizes from one pound to fifteen pounds each, and it will pay anyone to come and look and sample them and buy one and save money and trouble. We will guarantee them to be the best that can be made.

Try Our "BUTTER SCOTCH"

W. S. RICHARDS, KENT BAKERY.
TELEPHONE, 186.

LET US HAVE A PROVINCIAL HOUSE-CLEANING

RETROGRESSIONAL

To Irish Jack:

(The state of the Ross machine's affairs having changed from bad to worse.)

O, Master of the Ross Machine, Resplendent on thy bar-room throne,
By reason of whose grace divine
We hold those things we did out own—
Lord of the Kents, and prophet
Henceforth we'll believe in you.

The Blenheim nominations o'er,
McGully, Rutherford and Lee
To Howat wisely left the floor—
They did not calculate on thee.
Thou saidst: "John Howat ne'er will do."
Lo and behold! thy word is true.

Howat has cast the sponge in air—
Forsooth, thou wouldst not let him run—
And he, for his part, sorrows ne'er,
How could he stand the landslide's sweep—
The people's wrath is fierce and deep.

Will there be gathering of the few
Who still against the people stand
A hope bedraggled and forlorn
Crouching beneath thy iron hand—
The East Kent sky with clouds is black—
Have mercy on thy people, Jack! V. L.

CHATHAM TP. AFTER RECORDS

Popular Township Farmer
Predicts a Magnificent
Clancy Majority in the
Township

Municipal Prospects in this Township
—A Strong Series of Names to go
in Nomination.

C. W. Haviland, of Chatham Township, was in the city to-day, and in conversation with the Planet said that he will in all probability be a candidate for the position of councillor for the township of Chatham this year.

Mr. Haviland is not an aspirant for the position but his friends are pressing him to come out, and it is quite probable that they will induce him to allow his name to stand. Other men in the field so far are Messrs. W. Abraham, R. A. Tompkins, Tom Griffiths, Dan French, Wm. George, W. Templeton and others. The contest for reeve will probably be between Hugh Cummings and L. Stephens.

"In the political field," said he, "Clancy is the popular man in Chatham Township. There is a general feeling among the farmers of Chatham township that it is time for a change. The most of the old Liberals are voting to put Ross out. They do not look at this election as a race between Liberals and Conservatives, but between right and wrong. It is the best thing that could happen to the Liberal party to put Ross out."

Three private fire alarm boxes have arrived in the city, two for the Wagon Works, and one for the Opera House. They will be installed as soon as it is possible. One has been ordered for the Chaplin Wheel Works, and it will be sent as soon as it can be made.

Lewis Rankin, of Toronto, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

SPECIAL MESSENGER FOR ROSS OR EAST KENT IS HOPELESSLY LOST

Delegate Leaves for Toronto With Anxious and Imperative Summons to the Premier—Special Convention on Thursday—Sturgis Now Mentioned—Bowyer's Great Reception at Thamesville.

Special to The Planet.

Ridgeway, Dec. 17.—The executive of the East Kent Ross Association held a long, anxious and very stormy session here yesterday. They were in session all afternoon and part of the evening.

There was much plain speaking. One member frankly told his conferees that the constituency was lost now and there was little use in further attempting to oppose Phil H. Bowyer.

There were two wordy wars and at times the argument was very heated. The proposal to allow the seat to go to Mr. Bowyer by acclamation was finally negatived, but the second difficulty was met in the inability to secure a candidate to face him. County Commissioner S. P. Sturgis was the man most talked of, although he declined to attend the Blenheim nomination that nominated Howat.

It was decided to call the second convention at Ridgeway for next Thursday and after several messages by wire it was deemed absolutely necessary to have the presence of

Special to The Planet.

Thamesville, Dec. 17.—A rousing organization meeting in the interests of good, clean Government was held here last night. The popular candidate, P. H. Bowyer, was present and was accorded an enthusiastic reception. He delivered a splendid address.

Short stirring speeches were also made by Dr. Stewart, John Davidson, T. M. Syer and Richard Fish. Capt. Bradley was elected president and Dr. Currie secretary.

Mr. Bowyer is billed to hold an organization meeting in Dresden on Tuesday night, after which his friends there will entertain him at a smoker.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Richard Pritchard, Selkirk St., has received the sad intelligence of the death of her aunt, Miss Mary McMillan in Belleville.

Miss McMillan was a former resident of Chatham, and as one time conducted a laundry, just back of the Rankin House, on Fourth St. The laundry firm was known as Hogg & McMillan. She will be remembered by many of the older residents of the city. Deceased left Chatham fourteen years ago and went to Toronto, where she was manager of the laundry in connection with one of the Toronto Ladies' Colleges, and recently she went to Belleville to take over the management of a laundry. She was 61 years of age and died from an attack of paralysis yesterday morning. The funeral takes place to-day at St. Peter's church, near Toronto.

Some of her relatives living are Mrs. Pritchard, niece; Mrs. George Keony, Taylor Ave., a sister; John E. and Miss Lizzie McDougall, of Wallaceburg, nephew and niece; Mrs. Etta McDougall, of Wallaceburg, a sister; Mrs. Sawyer, of Mt. Clemens, a sister; and Frank Sawyer, of Tilbury, a nephew.

AT WORK

The Young Men's Association Held a Splendid Meeting Last Evening—Mr. Clancy Present.

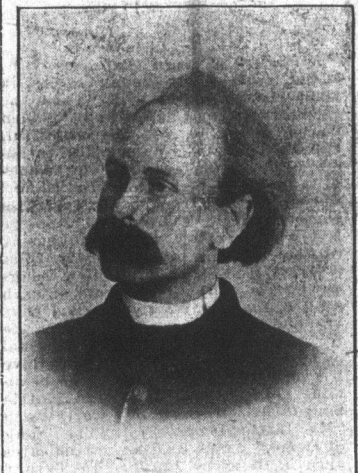
President Fred H. Brisco occupied the chair at the largely attended and busy inaugural meeting of the Young Men's Association in their club rooms last evening.

It was a splendid meeting and the members present got right down to work organizing and systematizing the various sub-divisions to be covered. Mr. Clancy, who was greeted with hearty applause on his entrance, gave the young men a brief and inspiring address.

The rooms will be open all the time and every evening, Albert Cable being in charge, and all young men are cordially invited to drop in at any time.

The next meeting of the Workers will be held Monday evening, when all the workers are asked to be present and report.

Mr. and Mrs. Gott leave to-day for Amherstburg, where they will spend Sunday.



PHILIP H. BOWYER.
The Popular and Esteemed People's Candidate in East Kent who is Causing the Rossite Apologists So Much Anxiety.

Premier Ross to save the situation. An earnest appeal is being sent out for the presence of delegates and it is conceded that unless Ross can bring effective pressure to bear on the convention, it will result as hopelessly as its predecessor.

A special delegate was appointed to personally interview Ross and place the gravity of the situation definitely before him. A convention without his presence and dictation would be fruitless was the verdict.

This special messenger left for Toronto on the night train to interview the Premier.

The strength developed by the popular P. H. Bowyer is wonderful. Liberals and Independents from all parts of the riding are sending in messages of co-operation and support. His victory in any event is here deemed certain.

THE ROSS GOVERNMENT AND THE MAN WHO SUPPORTS IT

"Definitely and positively I will not be the candidate. I couldn't if I would and I wouldn't if I could."

"What use would it be to me to go down to the Legislature and sit in some back bench in opposition? And what use would it be to my constituents to have me there?"

"I think the Ross government is a goner. They've been there altogether too long and they've got too many heelers and hangers-on."

"The whole thing is corrupt and rotten, and I believe they should be turned out."

"No; I tell you solemnly and honestly, I wouldn't be their candidate if I could."—A. B. McCOIG, November, 19, 1904.

HOW COULD HE!

J. S. Willison, late editor of the Globe and life-long Liberal, says editorially in yesterday's Toronto News: The Liberal nominee in West Kent is Mr. A. B. McCoig. He is apparently a reluctant candidate, if the statements credited to him are correct. The Chatham Planet has repeatedly published in a well displayed form what purports to be the declaration of intention by Mr. McCoig on November 19, and the remarks attributed to him he has not denied. He is quoted as saying, "Definitely and positively, I will not be the candidate. I couldn't if I would, and I wouldn't if I could. What use would it be to me to go down to the Legislature and sit in some back bench in opposition? And what use would it be to my constituents to have me there. I think the Ross Government is a goner. They've been there altogether too long, and they've got too many heelers and hangers on. The whole thing is corrupt and rotten, and I believe they should be turned out. No; I tell you solemnly and honestly, I wouldn't be their candidate if I could." The accuracy of Mr. McCoig's diagnosis cannot be questioned. The only point that requires explanation is how could a man holding such views be induced to enter the contest.

OPEN LETTER TO ELECTORS

Civic Industrial Committee
Recommend the Passing
Of a Splendid By-Law.

Every Ratepayer Should Vote to Secure Establishment of Fine Industry Here.

To the electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—You will be called to vote on a By-law at the next Municipal elections, to be held on Monday, Jan. 2, 1905, to grant aid to the Defiance Iron Works Co. Limited, who propose to locate in our city, and employ 50 hands in the manufacture of bolts, nuts, manure spreaders, gasoline and wind engines for farm and other purposes, and other lines of manufactured products. This company ask us for a loan of \$20,000 with interest at 3% per annum, to be repaid in fifteen annual instalments, and a free supply of water from our City Water Works, not to exceed 3,500 gallons per day, also exemption from taxation, other than school taxes, and frontage rates of their plant. This company will have an authorized capital of not less than \$50,000.00, of which \$40,000.00 shall be subscribed and not less than \$30,000.00 shall be paid in cash. As security for the above advance we will have the first lien on their plant and site, which is to cost not less than \$25,000.00 and a personal guarantee from the directors for the first five payments. This factory would be a well recommended, and I know that the men who have charge of the different departments, as Mechanical superintendents have had practical experience and are artists in their profession, and are taking the business terms out as they are confident it will only be a few years till they are employing four times the number of hands that their contract calls for, and the works will be over double the size, so on that basis we would be receiving revenue from them, if their assessment is increased, by the collection of school taxes for fifteen years. I have looked into the details in connection with this proposed by-law and can safely recommend it to every elector in our city. When we get a manufacturing institution on the above basis, we are forging ahead, and are not paying out our city's funds to induce new industries to locate here, as I know of a number of cities not far from Chatham who have

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Christmas
Stock
Is
Now
Complete...
Call
And
See
It...:

Never has there been
such a collection of

TOYS AND
CHRISTMAS
GOODS

OF EVERY
DESCRIPTION

in the City of Chatham
as can now be
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P.S.—No matter
what you want for a
present for old and
young, WE HAVE
IT. CALL AND SEE



School Rubbers

The school
children should
be provided with
SCHOOL RUBBERS

We have them
in all styles and
of the best quality.

Storm Rubbers
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All sizes, prices from
40c to \$1.75, according to style and size.

It's wrong to let the
children go without rubbers
at this season of the year.

TURRILL
The Shoe Man

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SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

The ministers are with us. We'll win.

King Dodo is an entertaining monarch.

The usual scrap between the city and county is on.

That \$667.84 looks mighty good to the C. C. I. Board.

The C. C. I. Board doesn't give any 20 per cent. discount for cash.

Wonder which of the local organette's "winners" is going to quit next.

John Howat—l'd sooner back out than be thrown out. You fight easier.

He who is nominated and runs away, will live to be nominated another day.

If Irish Jack only would, he could tell me who the new candidate in East Kent will be.

John Lee and John Howat are both good men and wags. They knew what they were up against.

The Banner said that John Howat couldn't possibly stand. He must be a little "weak" kneed.

"Pretty Peggie" is a remarkably fine name for a show. I know several of them—girls, not shows.

If one of the "dauntless three" is not enough for a Ross candidate, we'll link them the whole job lot.

The next Ross-Sullivan nominee in East Kent will probably get Irish Jack's written permission to run.

The local organette said that Howat was a "winner." Now we can tell what all its other "winners" are like.

Perhaps Howat resigned in order to work for Bowyer, too, when he found that all the rest of the good Liberals were doing it.

I suppose the local Ross organette would like to compliment Walter Mills and the Rev. Mr. Hunter but it's afraid to.

If Archie McCoig were only as far sighted as John Howat the West Kent Liberals would be looking for a candidate, too.

The local Ross-Sullivan-Sullivan advocate says The Planet is electing Archie McCoig. They also said the same about this G. H. J. and George Stephens you will remember.

Two weeks ago the Alpena D. I. & Gas Co. struck a flow of gas and oil on the Russell farm, 13th concession, Raleigh. The Banner got onto the fact yesterday. Vide The Planet, Saturday, Dec. 3, 1904.

"What does Y. M. C. A. stand for?" queried an inquisitive one of the Satellite. "Is it Young Men's Christian Association or Young Men's Christian Association?" "Why" was the reply, "it stands for both."

COLLEGIATE BOARD

S. B. Arnold arrived at the meeting of the C. C. I. Board yesterday a little late and somewhat out of breath. The chairs around the table were all taken but Dr. Thornton pointing, remarked, "There's a chair over in the corner, Doc."

"I object," broke in Colonel, quickly, "I object to any member of this board being put in a corner."

Chairman Dr. Battisby, ex-Ald. John Liddy, and Robert Smith, the other members of the Board present, joined in the laugh.

The Board didn't waste any time, but quickly decided to endeavor to collect by process of law the 100 per cent. of cost of maintenance of county pupils from the county.

The secretary, Mr. Harris, reported that as per instructions he had waited upon the county treasurer and presented him with an account for \$2,389.65. The county treasurer had tendered him a check for \$1,772.11, in full for all amounts due.

S. B. Arnold said there was only one thing to do, place the matter in the hands of the solicitor, and instruct him to take proceedings to secure the whole amount.

It was moved by S. B. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Thornton, that this be done—Carried.

Dr. Thornton—We'll have to find out where we're at. We've reported that as per instructions he had waited upon the county treasurer and presented him with an account for \$2,389.65. The county treasurer had tendered him a check for \$1,772.11, in full for all amounts due.

S. B. Arnold thought the electors of the county should know something about this matter, when they were voting for members of that body. The election would take place at the first of the year.

Dr. Battisby—The people in Dresden and Wallaceburg aren't going to send their children to Ridgeway, and if they do it will cost the county just as much as at Chatham.

Colonel Rankin said they were keeping them home now on account of the Pere Marquette time-table. S. B. Arnold remarked that something might be done about that, too.

S. B. Arnold said that the county had settled last year rather than go into the courts.

Dr. Battisby said that bad odors emanated from the break.

The matter was referred to the Property Committee.

The following accounts were passed:—

FLESH BUILDER

The liver of the cod fish produces oil that is a wonderful flesh builder. No fat or oil can compare with it in that respect. To get the best out of it, it must be emulsified and made like cream. In Scott's Emulsion it is prepared in the best possible form to produce the best possible results. Thirty years have proven this.

We'll send you a sample free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto, Ont.

The Banner, \$2.80.

John Piggott & Sons, \$1.

Steinberger, Hendry Co., \$10.48.

The Ark, \$11.90.

J. J. Campbell, \$25.00.

The Blonde Co., \$22.39.

Westman Bros., \$140.21.

Thousands upon thousands of the best known people in Canada have greatly benefited by the use of Allen's Lung Balm. It cures deep-seated coughs and colds as well as all cases of Croup, Quinsy, Bronchitis, and similar affections.

LITTLE ONES

Charming Christmas Closing Exercises by the Kindergarten of McKenough School—Presentation of Awards.

That the kindergarten has won a place deep in the hearts of the people of Chatham was evidenced by the large attendance of friends and parents at the McKenough School Kindergarten Closing Exercises yesterday afternoon. Not only did this testify to public interest in the kindergarten, but it also showed in a gratifying manner the general and wide spread appreciation of the excellent work being done by Miss McKenough and her capable staff of assistants. This testimonial was amply deserved.

It was a gala afternoon. The commodious hall room of McKenough School was tastefully and prettily decorated for the occasion. Evergreen and holly festooned the walls and draped the ceiling, whilst a fine Christmas tree, prettily adorned with flags, bore a multitude of dainty souvenirs, gifts from the little tots, their own handiwork, to their parents. A large number of these had already gathered, when, shortly after 2.30, the little tots, to the number of 38, guided by Miss McKenough and her assistants, Miss Crafts and Miss Stripp, marched in, two and two, keeping correct step to the admirable piano accompaniment of Miss Rose Morrison. The tots, seated on their circle of tiny chairs, the exercises commenced in the singing of a "Greeting" to the parents. This was followed by a pretty Christmas Hymn.

The following were the songs: Christmas Hymn. September. The Sleepy Leaves. Jack Frost. The Wonderful Weaver. The Blacksmith. The Sandman. Santa Claus.

The Family.

The prettily touching effect of the lisping voices was enhanced by appropriate gestures. The leaves, rustling and falling, the shiver at the coming of Jack Frost, the snowflakes coming their merrily, the hammer and anvil—these, and a dozen other imitations, could not have been excelled by trained actors.

These various numbers, received with deserved applause, were followed by marching and other exercises, as follows:—

The Tournament—with ring and sword.

Marches.

Song—Christmas is Here.

The Bird's Nest.

Pigeons.

Skip Tag.

Feeding the Chickens.

Snowballs.

The tournament was cleverly done, and the various impersonations which followed were delightfully entertaining and amusing. "Feeding the Chickens" especially so; whilst, where only a few of the children were, all displayed a manifest eagerness to take part. "Snowballs" was not only entertaining, but exciting.

That Whoop!

Have you had it in your house? It's cough and cough and cough, and then that terrible whoop! Don't let it upset the stomach more by giving nauseous medicine. Just let the child breathe in the soothing vapor of Vapo-Cresolene. It goes right to the spot that's diseased. Relief is immediate, and in a very few days the cure is complete. You can't say the same of any other treatment. For asthma, catarrh, and colds it's equally good.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by drugists, or sent express prepaid on receipt of order. A 25-cent bottle of Vapo-Cresolene, complete \$1.00. Send for free illustrated booklet. Lescage, Montreal, Que., Canada. Agents: 200 St. James St. Montreal.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Harry Jacques has installed a telephone No. 240.

If buying Christmas perfumes or obnoxious goods, try Radley's.

Bricos' Toyland is the home and headquarters of Santa Claus.

Miss Lillian Pratt leaves to-day on a visit to Tweed, where she will spend her holidays.

Bricos' is the place to buy Christmas toys and games.

Wellington and Parthenon Lodges, A. F. & A. M., will attend divine service at St. Andrew's church to-morrow evening.

Good prices on Christmas perfumes and obnoxious goods at Radley's.

G. A. Miller, principal of the Dresden public school, who has been presiding at the Model School exams, returned home last night.

Two dining room girls wanted at once. Apply at Merrill House.

An opportunity to get a neat and useful Christmas present in a right time. Monday next at VonGutten Bros. See their ad in this paper.

A choir of the best male voices in the city, will furnish the music in Victoria Ave. Methodist church to-morrow night. Special sermon to young men.

It is your loss, not theirs if you don't get a move on Monday next at the VonGutten Bros. Cut Sale of useful and neat sterling silver articles at 15 cents each. See their ad.

Mirrors are a nuisance in the house of a man whose face is branded with eczema. His own reflection shames him. Let him anoint his inflamed, itching skin with Weaver's Eczema and purify his blood with Weaver's Syrup.

At the Park street paragon on Thursday evening last Miss Lottie Francisco, of the town of Alma, Mich., and Mr. Bert Riptredge, of Imlay City, Mich., were married by the Rev. G. H. Cobblehead.

Do the Right Thing when sore chest and tickling throat warn you that an all-winter cold threatens. Use the staunch old remedy, Perry Davis' Peppermint, and get rid of the pest in twenty-four hours, and 50c.

The closing exercises of the Central School Kindergartens will take place Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, the 20th and 21st, at 2.30 p. m. The exercises of the afternoon Kindergarten will take place on Tuesday, and of the morning Kindergarten on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oldham and Mrs. Knapp, of Sarnia, are spending to-day with the former's son Walter, who is at present in St. Joseph's Hospital as a result of injuries received in the recent wreck on the Pelee. He is doing as well as could be expected.

For Christmas and New Year's W. E. Rispi, General Ticket Agent, advises the following arrangements: tickets issued at single fare Dec. 24, 25 and 26 good to return 27th on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 good to return Jan. 3rd, and fare and one-third issued on Dec. 23, 24, 25 and 26 and Dec. 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 and 2, all good to return Jan. 3rd, special rates for vacation to non-resident students and teachers. For further information call at the office of W. E. Rispi, 115 King street.

A PAINTING WORTH HALF A MILLION DOLLARS.

Titian's portrait of Ariosto, recently acquired for the British National Gallery by Sir George Donaldson for \$20,000—the sum for which it was purchased for some years ago from Lord Darnley—is by no means the costliest of the national pictures. That distinction belongs to the "Aniela Madonna" of Raphael, bought in 1885 from the Duke of Marlborough for £70,000—more than three times the highest price ever before paid for a picture, and equal to more than 214 per square inch. Ruskin spoke of it as "quite the loveliest Raphael in the world." It had been valued by the director of the National Gallery at £115,500, and Gladstone was wont to find satisfaction in having saved the taxpayers £45,500 in this purchase.

Other costly acquisitions include Van Dyck's "Charles I." (£17,500), Holbein's "Ambassadors," Velasquez's "Admiral Pantoja," and Morone's "Italian Noblemen" from Lord Darnley, which together cost £55,000—£30,000 of which was derived from private gifts and Rembrandt's "Portrait of a Burgomaster" and "Portrait of an Old Lady" acquired in 1899 from Lord de Saumarez for £15,000. For the Peel collection, comprising 77 pictures and 18 drawings acquired in 1871, £75,000 was paid. An interesting offer of a quarter of a million sterling was made for the Peel pictures in 1884.

Can Eat Anything Now.

How many Dyspeptics can say that?

Or perhaps you are dyspeptic and don't know it.

Have you any of these symptoms?

Variable appetite, a faint gnawing feeling at the pit of the stomach, unsatisfied hunger, a loathing of food, rising and souring of food, a painful load at the pit of the stomach, constipation, or are you gloomy and miserable? Then you are a dyspeptic. The cure is careful diet; avoid stimulants and narcotics, do not drink at meals, keep regular habits, and regulate the stomach and bowels with BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS.

Nature's specific for Dyspepsia.

Miss Laura Chabois, Belle Anne, Que., says of its wonderful curative powers:—"Last winter I was very thin, and was fast losing flesh owing to the run-down state of my system. I suffered from Dyspepsia, loss of appetite and bad blood. I tried everything I could get, but to no purpose; then finally started to use Burdock Blood Bitters. From the first day I felt the good effect of the medicine, and am now feeling strong and well again. I can eat anything now without any ill after-effects. It gives me great pleasure to recommend Burdock Blood Bitters, for I feel it saved my life."

THE STAGE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

King Do-do—Dec. 17.

Citizen's Band Course—Dec. 19.

A. H. Wilson in "The Watch on the Rhine"—Dec. 20.

Alice Neilson, "The Fortune Teller"—Dec. 27.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

A. H. WILSON.

A feature of more than special interest, especially to music lovers, in the performance of A. H. Wilson, the celebrated comedian, and "golden voiced singer," are the beautiful, melodious and catchy melodies introduced by this clever singer.

"The Watch on the Rhine," Sidney R. Ellis' charming romantic comedy, which received its premiere last season under the management of Chas. H. Fisher and Sidney R. Ellis. Mr. Wilson staged six new songs during the play, the success of each song being so strongly marked that the question as to which one is the best is purely a matter of personal opinion. There is the charming love ballad, "My German Rose," the beautiful heart song, "The Tea Kettle Song," the irresistible waltz song "My Little Deutscher," "The Song of Home," which as its title indicates appeals to every heart, "In Tyrol," a yodel especially fitted to Mr. Wilson's marvelous voice, and "When Parading," a bright and snappy march song of unusual attractiveness.

The words of these successful melodies were written by Sidney R. Ellis and the music by A. H. Wilson, and once heard are never forgotten. This has been the attraction at the Grand Opera House on Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

SWEET-VOICED ACTOR HERE.

A. H. Wilson in "The Watch on the Rhine."

A. H. Wilson, the "golden-voiced," began a two-night and matinee engagement at the Grand Opera House last night, appearing in "The Watch on the Rhine," a very pretty comedy-drama.

Mr. Wilson has a good comedy supporting him, and the performance was a pleasing one. He sang several songs, including "Love is All in All" and "My Little Tea Kettle," which appeared to be the favorites.

"The Watch on the Rhine" is similar in some respects to "The Prince of Tatters," in which Mr. Wilson last appeared here. There is a sweet love story running through and about the whole and the climaxes are reached naturally and without undue drawing of swords or flashing of firearms, though these are not wanting. The stage pictures include a scene on the Rhine that is very handsome. The company includes a wee tot who is very clever, and among the support are Ross O'Neill, George A. Wright, Harry H. Fisher, Fanny Bloodgood, Rolinda Bainbridge, Florence Stover, and Amanda Terry. There will be a matinee to-day and a performance again to-night—London Free Press, Dec. 17.

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Do your Holiday Shopping now. In order to induce early buying we have prepared a list of extraordinary values for Saturday Shoppers.

The immense stocks, the great varieties, the matchless values that await you here, makes shopping both pleasant and profitable. Come with the crowds Saturday to the Busy Cash and One Price Store—the store that serves you best.

DRESS GOODS—

3 1/2 Paces pure wool serge, 48 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard wide, good weight, bright finish, colors black, navy, cardinal and myrtle, a regular 35c serge, Saturday.

1 1/2 AND 2 1/2 WAIST PATTERNS AT \$1.39 EACH—

About 40 choice waist lengths in French flannels, satin cloths, de-laines, calicoes, etc., in handsome new patterns and colorings, fast dyes, also plain and fancy lustres, crepe de chenes, fancy velvets, Bedford cord, cashmeres, etc., single waist lengths of each, regular up to \$2.00 each, Saturday each.

SKIRT LENGTHS AT \$2.58 EACH WORTH UP TO \$4.50—

About 35 handsome skirt lengths in chevilles, Harris tweeds, dandy suitings, homespuns, serges, cloths, etc., in mixtures, also black, navy, brown, greys, lawns, and flannels, regular \$3 to \$4.50 each, Saturday each.

YARD WIDE INDIAN SILK AT 58c YARD—

A regular 85c quality, rich pure silk, free from dressing, soft finish, will wash splendidly, full yard wide, cream only, splendid value, regular at 85c a yard, Saturday a yard.

65c BLACK FRENCH TAFETA SILK AT 50c YARD—

200 yards rich heavy pure silk, tafeta, best black dye and finish, 22 inches wide, a splendid wearing quality, none better sold elsewhere in the city at 75c yard, Saturday price.

YARD WIDE BLACK TAFETA SILK AT \$1.00—

Rich pure quality, best dye and finish, will not cut, full 36 inches wide, a regular 1.25 silk, special at a yard.

A SACRIFICE OF LADIES COATS—

86 only ladies' coats, divided into three lots for quick clearance—

Lot 1—Coats at \$3.95, were \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8.00 each, heavy pure wool, grey, black and navy, frieze, rich, soft, stylish tweed mixtures, navy and black beavers, etc., all this season's correct styles, perfect fitting, rich linings, sizes 30 to 44 inches, regular \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.00 and \$8.00, Saturday each.

Lot 2—Coats at \$5.95, regular up to \$10.00 each; they are in a splendid variety of styles, all this season's best sellers, in frieze, beavers, zelines, flannels, mixtures and tweeds, full range of sizes, regular \$7.90, \$8.50, \$9.00, and \$10.00 each, Saturday price.

50c ONLY GREY LAMB COAT—

Choice quality, correct style, 24 inches long, rich satin lining, regular \$5.00, clearing Saturday at \$3.00.

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Five only choice quality Russian lamb, rich glossy curl, cut in latest style, 24 inches long, best satin linings, regular \$5.00, Saturday.

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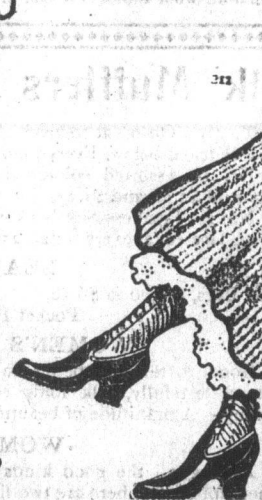


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District Dashes

Bothwell has engaged an engineer
to look after his electric light plant
at \$600 per year.

A young domestic of Petrolia named
Alma Miller committed suicide by
taking carbolic acid. — Thamesville
Herald.

E. M. Holmes, son of Mr. Wm.
Holmes, Tilbury West, returned from
Calgary spent the summer in the
west. — Comber Herald.

J. W. Tackaberry is paying \$5.80
for pork, but to favorite customers
he is reported to have offered 15c
per pound. — Merlin Mirror.

Mrs. Angus McEugan, one of the
oldest residents of the Township of
Ruphema, passed away recently at
the advanced age of 77 years.

The council of Ridgetown decided
not to submit a local option by-law
at the January election, although the
petition was signed by 221 ratepayers.

Mrs. Peter Tacker left here Satur-
day for Chatham hospital, where
she will probably have to undergo
an operation on her eye. — Merlin Mir-
ror.

Robt. Wgle, near Leamington, had
30,000 pounds of tobacco off 18 acres
of land. He has sold this for 12
cents per pound. He thus receives
\$3,600, or \$200 per acre for a crop.

E. L. Mott, who formerly conducted
the Blenheim Tribune, had both feet
cut off while boarding a train near
New York, recently. Mr. Mott is a
brother-in-law of Henry Catton, of
Pontiac, formerly of this town. —
Ridgetown Dominion.

Mr. John McDowell, of Camden, lost
his right hand December 1st. He was
helping to run a corn shredder and
while in the act of cleaning out the
bottom part of the machine his hand
got caught and was literally torn
to shreds. Amputation at the wrist
was necessary. — Hygate Monitor.

While the fishermen at Rond Eau
point were engaged last week in pull-
ing their stakes, they overlooked their
saw and while endeavoring to pull
the last stake it partially turned over
upsetting an upright boiler into the
lake. The men rowed ashore in a
boat and the stakes drifted off. The
boiler will be located and recovered.

Many who were interested in last
year's Tecumseh lacrosse team, will
be interested in the following:—The en-
gagement is announced of Miss Edith
E. Jones, of Brampton, and Rev. A.
Eustace Haydon, B. A., B. Th., pas-
tor of the Baptist church, Dresden,
Ont. The marriage will take place
the latter part of December.

CONSERVATIVE OFFICERS.
The annual meeting of the Conser-
vative Association of Blenheim and
South Hurwich was held in the Town-
ship Hall on Wednesday evening of
last week. The following officers
were elected:
President—Dr. S. G. Story.
Vice-President—H. L. Merritt.
Sec. Treas.—Jas. McVittie. — Ben-
heim News-Tribune.

The 24th Regt. Bugle Band, of
Chatham, put on their deservedly
popular minstrel show here on Wed-
nesday night last, under the aus-
pices of the W. B. Lacrosse Club. The
boys have shown good judgment in
keeping their entertainment well
balanced, the rarely amusing being
well interspersed with really good
songs and patriotic choruses. If the
boys return with another, they may
be assured of a good house. — Wal-
laceburg Herald-Record.

One of Ridgetown's best known and
most highly respected citizens passed
away on Sunday afternoon, the
advanced age of 85 years and 11
months, in the person of R. A. Alex-
ander. B's des the widow the follow-
ing sons and daughters were left to
mourn the loss of a loving husband
and father:—James N. and Arthur, of
Howard; Henry and Walter, of Color-
ado; John, of California; Mrs. Chas
Alexander, in Oregon; and Mrs. Jon-
athan Miller, of Howard. — Ridgetown
Dominion.

A case of suicide took place on
Sunday when Mr. Peter Hall, residing
opposite Mr. John Campbell on the
Rond Eau point, took his life, the re-
sulting in his death early Monday
morning. The man went to the
woods Sunday morning at about ten
o'clock, and was brought back to the
house about noon by his son. He ate
little dinner and shortly afterwards
began to vomit. It was not until two
o'clock that he informed his re-
latives he had taken poison. — Ben-
heim News-Tribune.

DISTRICT DOINGS
DRESDEN

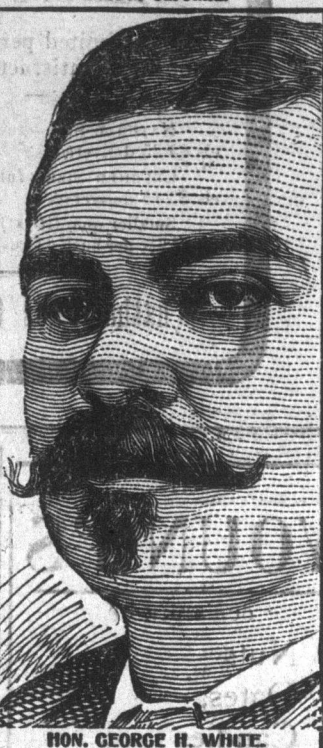
Dec. 17.—The Conservative of Dres-
den and vicinity will hold an open-
ing rally in Hick's Hall on Tuesday
evening, Dec. 20th, at eight p. m.
Mr. E. H. Bowyer, of Ridgetown, the
popular candidate, whose chances of
receiving East Kent are so bright,
will be present and address the meet-
ing, with other prominent speakers.
Among other business the local Con-
servatives will thoroughly organize,
and prepare for good hard and effec-
tive work, the results of which will
be seen when the ballots are counted
on January 25th. Be at the meet-
ing, and bring a couple of friends
with you.

Miss Prayett, who has made her
home with Mrs. Wallace, North Dres-
den, for some time past, left this
morning for Toronto, where she will
reside in the future.

The bachelors of Dresden gave the
second hop of the season in the Grand

PE-RU-NA NECESSARY TO THE HOME.

A Letter From Congressman White, of
North Carolina.



Congressman George Henry White, of
Tarboro, N. C., writes the following let-
ter to Dr. Hartman concerning Peru-
na: House of Representatives,
Washington, Feb. 4, 1890.

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and they all find it in recommending
it as an excellent remedy.

Very respectfully,
George H. White.
If you have catarrh write to Dr. Hart-
man, giving a full statement of your
case, and he will be pleased to give you
his valuable advice gratis.

Address: Dr. Hartman, President of
The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

Opera House last night. A large
number of young people attended and
the usual pleasant time resulted.
The music was furnished by an orchestra
from Chatham.

Be at Hick's Hall on Tuesday even-
ing next and help organize in the
interests of Bowyer, Whitney and
clean honest Government.

Mrs. James Stephens and Miss Mary
Stephens were Maple City visitors to-
day.

Mrs. Arthur Riple received word
yesterday afternoon of the death of
her father, Mr. Whitehead, at Delhi,
Ont. Mr. Whitehead has been ill for
some time so that the end was not
unexpected. Mr. and Mrs. Riple,
with Miss Whitehead, left this morn-
ing for Delhi to attend the funeral.

F. A. McKim was a Wallaceburg
visitor yesterday.

Mrs. John H. McVean entertained
a number of her lady friends last
night.

W. H. Pollock returned this week
from a six weeks' absence in Owen
Sound and the Sault, and is once
more able to serve his numerous
customers.

Dr. J. I. Wiley, Dr. H. S. McDon-
ald, Geo. Forshee and Allan McDon-
ald were in Ridgetown yesterday at-
tending a meeting of the executive
committee of the East Kent Liberal
Association. Owing to the unexpected
withdrawal of Mr. John Howat,
Liberal candidate in East Kent, a
new nominee will have to be appoint-
ed to oppose Mr. Bowyer.

Don't forget the big Conservative
rally in Hick's Hall next Tuesday
night at eight o'clock. Our popular
candidate, P. H. Bowyer, will address
the meeting. Be there to help him
open the campaign in Dresden.

THE BURNISHED PLUMAGE
of the peacock
over a brilliancy
and splendor to a health-
ful condition. Let the
bird be sickly, and the
plumage droops and
grows dull. There is
no exception in na-
ture to the rule that beauty depends on
health.

Women who see their beauty waning
rarely associate the external changes
with failure of the womanly health.
They do not understand the close rela-
tion of the general physical health to
the health of the delicate womanly or-
ganism, until after being cured of womanly
diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's
Favorite Prescription they find the color
returning to the cheek and the flesh to
the body.

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regularity, drives away dizziness, headache,
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I was the picture of health. Your medicine
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CHURCH - CHIMES

HOURS OF SERVICE.

Christ Church—11 a.m., 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian—11 and 7.
Holy Trinity—11 and 7.
St. Andrew's—11 and 7.
St. Joseph's R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7.
William St. Baptist—11 and 7.
Park St. Methodist—11 and 7.
Seventh Day Adventists—3 and 7.
Latter Day Saints—11 and 7.
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.
First Baptist—11 and 7.30.
St. John's A. U. M. P.—11 and 7.
British Methodist—11 and 7.30.
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7.30.

Pastors and others who contribute
news items to this department of
Saturday's Planet will confer a favor
by seeing to it that their "copy"
reaches this office not later than
Friday at 4 p. m. Matter received
later than that hour cannot be guar-
anteed insertion.

Fourth Quarterly Review of the
International Bible Lessons for 1904.

Golden Text—"Thou shalt worship
the Lord thy God, and Him only
shalt thou serve."—Luke 4, 8.

We have gone through the lessons
of the past three months, and found
that with all the grace of God,
the striving of the spirit, and the
warnings of His servants the prop-
hets: the people have descended
from bad to worse, and we leave the
Ten Tribes in captivity in Assyria.
The cause of the decline and fall is
having a heart within them that de-
parted from the true and living God,
and followed the idolatrous customs
of their heathen neighbors, that God
had sent them to punish and destroy.
Across the blackness of apparent failure
"trace the rainbow through the rain,"
and hear the voice of the voice of the
Eternal saying, "I, even I, am the
Lord your Redeemer, the Creator of
Israel, your King, I, even I, am he
that blot out thy transgressions for
mine own sake, and will not re-
member thy sins. For I am the Lord
thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy
Saviors." This is the message of the
prophet to Israel and Judah in their
darkest days. It is the voice of Jesus
to-day to your heart and mine —
"Come unto me, all ye that labor and
are heavy laden, and I will give you
rest." Whatever the distress, whether
of sin or sorrow, even though it
seems to be chaos, darkness, empti-
ness, the Spirit of God moves upon
the face of the waters: God says,
"Let there be light," and light shall
be, only come to Jesus.

CHURCH NOTES.
First Presbyterian.

The pastor, Rev. A. H. MacGillivray,
will occupy the pulpit on both occa-
sions to-morrow.

Bible Class and Sunday School to-
morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on
Wednesday evening at 8.

Young People's meeting on Friday
day evening at 8.

Christ Church.

Fourth Sunday in Advent—Rev. R.
McCosh will conduct the services and
preach on both occasions.

There will be an early celebration
of the Holy Communion in Christ
Church to-morrow morning at 8.30.

Bible class for young ladies at 3
o'clock; Bible class for young men at
the same hour.

Sunday school is held every Sunday
afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Divine service every Wednesday ev-
ening in Christ Church at a quarter
to eight.

St. Andrew's.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will
preach both morning and evening to-
morrow. In the morning he will
preach on "Divine Visitations," and
in the evening on "The Building of
Solomon's Temple." The Masonic
brethren will worship in St. Andrew's
in the evening.

Bible Class and Sunday School to-
morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on
Wednesday evening at 8.

Holy Trinity.

Rev. T. Beverley Smith will occupy
the pulpit morning and evening to-
morrow.

Bible Class and Sunday School to-
morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Victoria Ave. Methodist.

The pastor, Rev. F. E. Malott, will
preach at both services. Morning
theme, "Our Temptations and the
Way to Meet Them." A young man's
service will be held in the evening,
Subject, "Does it Pay?"

Classes meet to-morrow morning at
10 o'clock and 12 noon.

Sunday school to-morrow afternoon
at 3 o'clock.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on
Wednesday evening at 8.

The Epworth League meets on Fri-
day evening at 8 o'clock.

Park St. Methodist.

Rev. Dr. Chown, of Toronto, Gen-
eral Secretary of the Department of
Temperance and Moral Reform of
the Methodist Church, will preach
morning and evening.



Do not blame
the boy for be-
ing dull and
stupid. You are the stupid one!
Stupid because you never thought
about his liver. There is where all
his trouble lies. A sluggish liver makes
a sluggish mind. A boy cannot study
when his blood is full of bile!

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Young Men's Club Tuesday evening
at 8, in S. S. Hall.

Epworth League Monday evening at
8, in S. S. Hall.

William St. Baptist.

Rev. W. E. Norton, Supt. of Home
Missions, will preach in the evening. Subject
"Foolish Girls."

Prayer meeting to-morrow morn-
ing at 10.

Sunday School and Bible Class to-
morrow afternoon at 3.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on
Wednesday evening at 8.

The B. Y. P. U. meets in the lecture
room every Friday evening at 8.

Latter Day Saints.

Services will be held as usual to-
morrow.

Sunday school to-morrow afternoon
at 2 o'clock.

Prayer service at 3 o'clock to-mor-
row afternoon.

Regular weekly prayer meeting on
Wednesday evening at 8.

Religious Society meets Friday even-
ing at 8.

Campbell A. M. E.

Rev. T. H. Henderson, B. A., pas-
tor, will conduct the services, as usual,
to-morrow.

Sunday school will meet to-morrow
at 2.30 p. m.

Converts' prayer meeting at 6.30 to-
morrow evening.

A. U. M. P.

Services will be held as usual to-
morrow.

Church meeting in connection with
the A. U. M. P. Church is held every
Tuesday evening.

Union A. M. E.

Services to-morrow as usual at 11
a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sunday School will meet to-morrow
at 2.30.

Salvation Army.

Salvation Army, Union Depot—Knee
drill at 7 a. m., meeting for promotion
of holiness at 11 a. m., Christian fel-
lowship meeting at 3 p. m., and win-
ning service at 7.30 p. m. All services
for citizens and soldiers.

First Baptist.

The pastor, Rev. T. Jesse Hender-
son, will conduct the services and
preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Sabbath School at 12.30.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday
evening at 8 o'clock.

British Methodist.

Services will be held as usual in the
British Methodist Church to-
morrow.

Prayer meeting will be held in the
British Methodist Church on Wednes-
day evening at 7.30.

GLENWOOD.

Mrs. A. E. Thomson, of Merlin, is
spending the week with her mother,
Mrs. W. C. Estabrook.

Mrs. Annie Newham returned on
Monday from a two weeks' visit with
her sister, Mrs. Dack, of St. Thomas.
Miss Clara Brown is spending the
week with relatives in Detroit.
Mrs. J. Remington, of Blenheim,
spent Saturday and Sunday at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Newham.
Miss Louise Palmer is spending the
week in Chatham, writing on the

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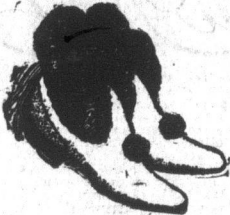
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Toronto, Dec. 17—11 a. m.—Cloudy not much change in temperature; light snow falls. Sunday, high south-westerly winds and cold.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

E. E. Dason, of the Wallaceburg Sugar Co., is in the city.
Read McConnell's advt on page five. It will interest you.
Miss Eric Quakenbush, returned home to Blenheim yesterday.

Sterling silver tea spoons, dessert spoons and forks in great variety. Prices the lowest. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

The jury selectors met this morning and chose the jurors for 1905. The board is composed of Judge Bell, Judge Dowlin, Sheriff Gemmill, Warden Sifton, Mayor McKeough, City Treasurer R. G. Fleming, County Treasurer J. C. Fleming, and Clerk of the Peace, H. D. Smith.

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This afternoon a committee of teachers headed by Harry M. Fleming, President of the West Kent and Chatham Teachers Association, waited upon Inspector Park and on behalf of the association in a suitable address presented him with a beautiful gold watch as a testimonial of their regard. Inspector Park in reply thanked the committee in fitting terms, and expressed his confidence in and appreciation of the work done by the teachers of Chatham and West Kent.

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RELIABLE JEWELERS

OPEN LETTER TO ELECTORS

Continued from Page 1.

given cash bonuses to induce industries to locate in their city. Now I cannot see where any citizen can take objection to the above proposition, which has been endorsed by the Board of Trade, by a letter published in the papers in connection with the by-law, as well as by our city council.

Trusting that the above by-law will meet with your approval, I am, Yours sincerely,
W. T. PIGGOTT,
Chairman Industrial Committee

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL

So far little has developed as to who will enter the contest for election to the County Council. Warden Sifton and George Handy, of the old council, have definitely decided not to seek re-election. Up in the northern part of the county a three-cornered fight is promised, in which S. P. Sturgis, H. J. French and Mr. J. E. McGlothin, will altogether likely figure. In Division No. 1, Joseph Hornal will be nominated. Several other gentlemen are mentioned but there is nothing definite to hand. Ex-Warden Robinson and James Ross may come back but Reeve Campbell, of Tilbury, is mentioned as an aspirant for county honors. In the other divisions all the old councillors are seeking re-election, and there may be some new faces. In the Ridgetown district John Reycraft, Archie Campbell, Edwin Bryan, will very likely be the candidates. Mr. Bryan is sure of election.

O. B. O. NEWS

One of those social events enjoyed so much by the students, was given last evening in the large senior commercial hall, and it is needless to say it was very much enjoyed by the students. Those who took part in the program were: Miss May James, Mr. Wells, Mr. Roy Brown, Dr. DeCowan, Miss Margaret Farquharson, Messrs. Harvey Hicks and H. Spooner.

Misses Vida and Laura Adams left for their home early in the week and will not return until the beginning of the New Year.

Robert Wilson, of Indian Mountain, New Brunswick, and his son Roy arrived in the city on Wednesday and commenced work in the Business Department.

Paul Schendel, of Curt Hill, Assn., is one of the recent additions to our Business Department.

Norman McLachlan, of Palmyra, has accepted a position in Molson's Bank, Ridgetown.

Alma Smith, of Harrow, is among the recent additions to the Shorthand Department.

J. A. McLachlan, Wyoming, entered the Business Department, a short time ago.

Miss Laura McGee, of Wilkesport, is another of our recent additions to the Shorthand Department.

J. C. Brown, Castleton, Northumberland Co., has entered the Business Department.

Roy Brown, of Dresden, recently extended his term to the June closing.

Chas. Colville, of Chesley, Bruce Co., left for Toronto on Thursday last to accept a position with the Toronto Guarantee & Surety Co. Mr. Colville was a member of our Star Football team of this fall.

Flores Hetherington, of Newbury, recently registered for a six months business course.

Wm. Topliffe, of Rutherford, is one of the recent additions to our business class.

Grace Harris, of Dresden, has extended her term in the Business Department.

Bertha A. Ellis, of Langbank, has just registered for a year's course in the Business Department.

The Agency Office is in charge of Harvey Hicks as Senior, with Miss Mary Jenkinson as Junior. They broke the record in getting the books closed for the week. They had the books closed and the balance out by four o'clock on the closing day of the week. Hicks is a hustler and he had an excellent assistant in the person of Miss Jenkinson.

Among the many students registered for mail courses since our last items appeared we have one from Broadview, Assn., Newport Station, N. S., Hespeler, Harrington East, Ont., Nantimo, B. C., Amick Harbor, Ont., with a number of others from points near at hand.

Miss Ouellette, of the Convent, lost a purse yesterday on Fourth street. Honest Joe Tucker found it this morning, and returned it to the owner.

ELECTION CARDS

ELECTORS OF NO. 1 WARD.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for School Trustee for Ward No. 1 at the coming elections and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

W. M. DRADER.
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward 5: Ladies and Gentlemen,—On the solicitation of a number of friends, I have decided to become a candidate for School Trustee in your ward, and, as such, I shall much appreciate the honor of your vote and influence.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I am,
— Your obedient servant,
W. C. McKEITHUR.

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REDUCTION IN PRICE

For a limited period this cheapest and most satisfactory fuel will be sold as follows:—

NATURAL SIZE—full cart load of 30 bushels \$3.25 delivered.

CRUSHED SIZE—full cart load of 30 bushels \$3.75 delivered.

Smaller quantities 10c per bushel Natural Size, 12c per bushel Crushed Size, at Gas Works.

Chatham Gas Company, Ltd.

YOUNG'S

OUR STOCK OF

Nuts
Dates,
Candies
Figs and
Table Raisins

is very large and will be sold at very low prices in order to clear out quickly.

OUR MIXED CANDY at 3 lbs. for 25c. is a winner. Try it.

GOOD GUM DROPS, 10c a lb.

GOOD CHOCOLATE DROPS 10c a lb.

Our 25c. CHOCOLATES (assorted flavors) are extra good value.

CHOCOLATE BURNT ALMONDS, 40c a lb.

CHOCOLATE WALNUTS, 40c a lb.

These are regular 60c. Chocolates.

English Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts, English Holly.

GEO. A. YOUNG,
PHONE OUR GROCER. 151

Christmas Candies

Our stock of Christmas Candies is a very large one this season, in spite of the very high price of sugar. Our prices are as low as ever.

Best Mixed Candy, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Christmas Mixed Candy, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Good Creams, 10c a lb.

Good Chocolates, 15c a lb.
Chocolate Nougat, 20c a lb.
Caramel Nougat, 20c a lb.

Chocolate Chips, 20c a lb.
Cream Almonds, 20c a lb.
Maple Creams, 20c a lb.

Packages Butter Scotch, 5c each.
" Chocolate Chips, 10c each.

" Marshmallows, 10c each.
" Chocolate Burnt Almonds, 10c each.

" Bitter Sweets, 10c each.

Wm. Anderson

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"Likely"
Gift

A bottle of Perfume is the most acceptable of Christmas presents, because it is a pleasing suggestion of luxury. The ordinary necessities of life, people buy to suit themselves, but a dainty package of perfume is something entirely different.

See the Display in our Window.

The best American and French Brands.

Prices from 25c to \$4.00

J. H. DENNIS,

DRUGGIST

Phone 375

Bad Weather Coming....

which demands good strong SCHOOL SHOES for the BOYS and GIRLS.

WE'VE GOT THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES

in stock now that we ever had, and at small prices, too.

Our Lines at \$1.25 and \$1.50 are extra good quality.

P-E-A-C-E

SELLS THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES...

BRISCO'S for DOLLS

Up-to-date Millinery.

C. Austin & Co

Fashionable Dressmaking

The Austin Store Headquarters

FOR INEXPENSIVE BUT... TRUSTWORTHY...

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There are only six more buying days until Christmas. Soon the rush immediately before Christmas will be on, stocks will begin to be depleted and range of choice will lessen each day. There is wisdom in doing your shopping at once. We earnestly recommend morning hours for shopping. Now, as well as at all times of the year, our prices are absolutely the lowest to quote consistent with a quality that will insure your gifts being appreciated.

Holiday Sale of Dress Goods and Waist Patterns

There is no better gift to a woman than a Silk or Wool Waist or Dress Pattern, so appropriate at this time of year, specially priced for the holidays, in plain and fancy weaves, tweed effects, flake and spot effects.

WAIST GOODS.—20 inch Peau De Soie in all shades, 50c per yd.
30 inch Taffeta Silk " " 50c " "
20 inch Louise Silk " " 70c " "
20 inch Taffeta Silk, black and colors 75c " "
42 inch all wool Canvas Cloth, in white, with spot, 75c per yd.
27 in all wool Waist Goods, fancy, 40c to 90c

DRESS GOODS.—42 inch Flake Goods in shades of green, brown, black, grey and red 50c
42 inch Fancy Dress Goods in tweed effects, mixed goods, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50
54 inch Black Broadcloth, prices run from 75c to \$2.00 per yd.
54 inch all wool Fancy Tweeds in lengths of 6 yds., per yd. \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50

Silk Mufflers and Handkerchiefs

To give, Oh what to give? That is the question. One of the answers is probably listed below. Every item deserves to be chosen—handsome and good.

No. 1—Assorted colored silk mufflers, brocaded in very effective flower designs, at \$1.00 and \$1.25.

No. 2—Japanese Silk handkerchiefs with wide or narrow hem or embroidered with lace edge, every initial, 25c to \$1.00.

LEATHER GOODS

Hand Bags, at 50c to \$6.50. Envelope Bags at \$2.00 to \$4.00.
Pocket Books at 50c to \$4.00.

WOMEN'S NECKWEAR NEWS

Good to tell and better to act upon, handmade neckpieces of chiffon trimmed tastefully, silk folds embroidered silk madonnas, beads and fancy stitching. A multiplicity of beautiful pieces to choose from at 25c to \$1.50.

WOMEN'S GLOVES

Among all the good kinds and styles of gloves that critical men and women appreciate, here are two lines especially suited to the times:—
Woman's 2 clasp dressed kid glove in all the new shades at \$1.00 a pair, every pair guaranteed.

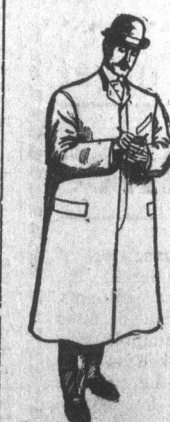
Greylock 3 clasp dressed kid glove in all popular shades, white or self backs, every pair guaranteed, 25c a pair.

For Men's Wear

See Our Christmas Window, King St. East.

See Our Special Holiday Neckwear.

The Twenty-Five Cent Counter.



We have made special efforts to make selling easy and have arranged separate counters for our Neckwear. On the Twenty-five Cent Counter we are showing an immense range in all the new shapes, knots, flared ends, puffs, strings, four-in-hands, bows, etc. The majority of the lines are regular 50c Neckwear, special holiday price, 25c.

The 50c. Neckwear Counter—

Handsome rich silks in the prettiest combinations we have ever shown. A big choice of placed on a separate counter for easy choosing. SPECIAL—Large English Squares, the new four-in-hands—full puffs are the popular shapes. Neckwear you pay in most furnishing stores 75c. Our special holiday values at 50c.

Perrin's Celebrated Gloves for Men.

New shades, tans, browns and greys, in suedes, mochas kid, united, silk lined, noted for perfection in fit and service big choice 75c to \$2.50.
Manufacturers' Samples of House Coats—
And at a big discount off. A snap for holiday buyers—a choice of a big English makers' samples, fresh crisp patterns at a saving of 30 per cent. \$8.50 and \$9 House Coats \$5.95 \$12.00 Dressing Gowns at \$8.50.

Umbrellas for Gifts

Here are some general hints of the variety and price ranges. Men's Fancy handle umbrellas, nice quality tops, prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.50.

MEN'S NECK SCARFS

In mercerized effects and pure silk. The full squares special 50c to \$1.25. The new oblong muffler, handsome quality silk at \$1.25 and \$1.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Initial mercerized Handkerchiefs special 2 for 25c.
Fancy border " " 3 " 50c.
Special all linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, special 15c each.
" " 1 dozen in a box, \$2 a dozen.

MEN'S and BOY'S WINTER OVERCOATS—

An immense range for the little man of 4 years to the big man to 36 to 46 chest measure, boy's overcoats from \$3 to \$7.50, men's overcoats from \$5 to \$16.50. A selection that will suit every taste and please every purse.

This Store Will be Open Evenings Next Week—from Wednesday until Saturday

C. Austin & Co

James Samson, of Blenheim, who has been attending Model here, has returned home.

John McPhail, of Claxton, a student at the Chatham Model School, returned home last night.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1904.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

ARE YOU READY?

Only six more shopping days till Christmas.

The Christmas rush has begun. How often have you made up your minds previous years, never again to leave Christmas shopping until the last day or so. This year put this wise resolution in force, and shop early in the week. Do as much as you can on Monday or Tuesday. Every reason for so doing—you get served properly and promptly, and you get what you want.

SEEDED RAISINS, 10c a lb.

SELECT RAISINS, 3 lbs. 25c

CLEANED CURRANTS, 1 for 25c.

IMPORTED PEELS 20c a lb.

FINE DATES, 3 lbs. for 25c.

SHELLED ALMONDS 10c a lb.

MIXED NUTS, 18c a lb.

NEW TABLE RAISINS, 25c a lb.

SWEET ORANGES, 20c and 25c a dozen.

MALAGA GRAPES—20c a pound.

TABLE FIGS, 15c and 20c a lb.

Our Christmas decoration will help to make your home cheerful and Christmas-like. The cost is small. Come in and see what we can do for you.

H. Malcolmson

SANTA-MIDY
Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runnings in 48 HOURS. Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

"If you buy it of Poile it's right"

A Most Reliable Place

to purchase Used Jewelry, is the place where you know of when you are buying—you have the assurance of a business reputation and guarantee that goes with every sale. Every article purchased of Poile proves its worth and the reliability of the store, and the customer always comes again.

"You have the most accommodating store, Mr. Poile," said a lady customer the other day. "I always feel satisfied with what I get here," she added.

It is our idea of storekeeping to make people satisfied; they come again—they send others—we think it pays.

T. W. POILE

"Jeweler"

Always your money's worth

1904-Christmas-1904

..LOOK..

See Samples of Christmas Cake and Plum Puddings

IN SOMERVILLE'S WINDOW Cakes in endless variety. Grapes, Oranges, Nuts and Candies. Fresh Oysters in bulk. Lunches at all hours

Every day is a bargain day at Somerville's.

Come early and avoid the rush. Compliments of the Season.

Wm. Somerville
PHONE 36

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

Leather Goods & Christmas Gifts

We have a splendid assortment including—

Purses	Knife Cases	Ticket Cases
Card Cases	Bill Folds	Change Furses
Note Folds	Oigar Cases	Wallets
Tobacco Pouches	Wrist Bags	Tourist's Bags
Travelling Comp's	Music Rolls	Collar, Uff Cases
Cigarette Cases	Postage Stamp Cases	Letter Cases
	Port Folios, etc.	

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DENTIST.
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Telephone, Office 164, Residence 285.

TO-NIGHT.

"King Dodo," Grand Opera House, at 9 o'clock.
Macaulay Club, Free Library auditorium, at 8 o'clock.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

P. L. Ashton, of Cleban, is a Maple City visitor to-day.

Gold stamping is quickly done at The Planet Bindery.

Neil Watson, of Mull, spent yesterday with his many Chatham friends.

Good man wanted to place Marconi securities, and other stocks. Box 337, London, Can.

All styles of Mason & Rich pianos can be seen in our new piano rooms. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Mac Everett and Pearl Johnson, of Ridgetown, are registered at the Garner House to-day.

Wanted—A good pair of curling stones. Apply at this office, or address P. O. Box 137.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Newman, of Ridgetown were guests in the city to-day. They were registered at the Garner House.

A Sale of Hand-painted China, suitable for Christmas presents, will be given Thursday, December 15th, at Miss Burns' Studio, Thames St.

Norman Mallot, of Leamington, is visiting Foreman Frank Ryall, of the Fire Department, to-day. Mr. Mallot is an oil speculator of Leamington.

He will buy a heavy sterling silver chime, a neat sterling silver stick pin, a neat up-to-date sterling silver brooch or lace pin at VonGuten Bros. Cut Sale, Monday next. See their ad.

Millinery! As we are moving about January 1st to our new store on Queen street, opposite the Catholic church, we are selling millinery and children's wear at reduced prices. See us before buying; it will pay you. Read our ad. in this issue. Mrs. J. B. Kelly.

Ordered Clothing

We have kept a place for Christmas rush orders. Order this week and we will have your garments ready for Christmas wear. NEW SUITINGS AND OVERCOATINGS TO SELECT FROM

W. N. MORLEY & CO., MERCHANT TAILORS
KING STREET

HAVE YOU A BOY?

Hockey Skates
Hockey Sticks
Pocket Knife
Guaranteed Razor
Shooting Coats
Fur Gauntlets
Carpenters' Tools

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Geo. Stephens & Co.

Useful CHRISTMAS Gifts

We want to name you a few of the articles we have for Christmas giving. They are all very useful and will be sure to be appreciated very much.

A "Grand Idea" or "Empire Queen" range.
A "Brilliant Favorite" or "New Idea" coal heater
A Case of Carvers.
A Set of Roger Bros. "1847" Knives, Forks, or Spoons.
A Pair of Skates.
A Fancy Tea or Coffee Pot.
A Crumb Brush and Tray.
Plenty of other goods, too. Wouldn't it be wise for you to take a look over our stock?

J. C. Wanless

R. A. Hughes, of Windsor, is in town.

Harry Philp spent yesterday at McKay's Corners.

D. Simpson, of Ridgetown, was in town yesterday.

Thomas Day, of Chicago, was in the city yesterday.

Buy your China at a China store and remember that Gray is in the business the whole year around.

Arthur Earl and Lewis Kinne, of Muskogee, were Maple City visitors yesterday.

R. A. Tompkins is again in the field as a candidate for Chatham Township Council.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Sissons and daughter, of Central Lake, Mich., spent yesterday in the city.

The Junior Sunshine Society held a very enjoyable dance last evening at the residence of Mrs. Tobey, Lansdowne avenue.

J. E. Gray says he does not advance the prices on his goods at the holiday season. He will pay \$10.00 to anyone proving such to be a fact.

Will G. Lister returned yesterday from Guelph Agricultural College.

Take a look at our piano rooms. The famous Mason & Rich can be bought before Christmas on easy terms. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Rev. H. P. Davis, Bishop of the A. U. M. P. church, who has been during the past week, reached his home in Philadelphia yesterday.

Victor Lauriston, of The Planet staff, has had several articles accepted by Waverly Magazine, Boston. His story will appear in the January number.

Eleven years of constant use in Blyth, Ont., of Dr. H. J. Milne's experience with "The D. & L." Emulsion. Do you suppose he would have continued ordering it, unless it was the best?

We have been receiving new goods for the past two months, and still have a few of those ladies' solid gold warranted watches at \$8.50. Lailey the jeweler.

Santa Claus wants you to have a new baseburner for Christmas. Our beautiful "Sunburst" would make the dearest home cheerful. Geo. Stephens & Co.

There was a very large attendance at the Canada Business College promenade concert last night and a most enjoyable time was spent. Dr. De-cow's orchestra was in attendance and furnished excellent music.

Among the Japanese constipation is almost unknown in Canada if everybody used Vito Laxative Fruit Pills, Nature's remedy, composed of herbs, barks and fruits. Messrs. Gunn & Co., druggists, keep them in stock; price 25 cents.

Dr. Chown, of Toronto, will address the Temperance meeting to-morrow afternoon on "The Duty of the hour." Dr. Chown is an able speaker, and it is expected that a good crowd will be present to hear this address.

It is reported that several of Chatham local singers are trying to induce Mr. Claire Monteith to locate here and open a vocal studio. It is very probable he will do so if a class of sufficient size can be secured for him. You who are interested in the matter should make application for terms at once and seek to secure the necessary number.

W. C. McArthur has announced himself as a candidate for school trustee in Ward 5, on the retirement of Trustee John McCorvie. Mr. McArthur is an old public school teacher, and has always taken a lively interest in educational matters. He will be a valuable acquisition to the local Board and Ward 5 will be well represented by him.

Mary Lucas called on Judge Houston and Chief Holmes yesterday. Mrs. Lucas has troubles of her own. She has many of them. A couple of weeks ago she had to answer a charge of assaulting Rebecca Duckett. She accused Rebecca of knowing Mr. Lucas too well. The Lucas family is divided. Mrs. Lucas has the children and Mr. Lucas has himself to keep. The mother desires assistance in keeping the children. Her son went to his father a week ago and got 50 cents. He went yesterday and was promised more to-day. The wife thinks 50 cents not enough to keep the children. The authorities promised to consider the matter, and see if they could do anything for her.

I still have a few of those Roger's Bros. 1847 Knives and forks left and you might as well get the benefit while they last. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

Useful CHRISTMAS GIFTS

—AT—
THE GORDON STORE
In accord with the times, we have filled our store with Sensible, Seasonable Goods AT BOTTOM PRICES, which giver and receiver will find to be just what they want in every way....

Fur Bargains

PERSIAN LAMB Jackets sable collars and revers, splendid curl, Special Xmas Price, \$100.00
FUR-LINED CAPES, Matalassa Cloth, tibet trimmed, \$40.00 value, December Sale \$32.00

ISABELLA FOX SCARFS at great reductions and Special Bargains.

TIBET BOAS—A nobby, black Fur, \$8.00, and \$9.00. Boas, \$6.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00, for \$10.00

Fancy Boas, large size, ends squirrel lined, \$5.00 value, \$3.99

GREY LAMB Collars for Children and Misses, Xmas Sale, \$2.75, \$3.75, \$5.00

FUR MUFTS, Special Xmas Values in Coney Mufts at \$2.00

German Outer Mufts, Holiday Sale, \$2.50

Black Tibet Mufts, Holiday Sale, \$4.00

Western Sable Mufts, Holiday Sale, \$6.00

Alaska Sable Mufts, \$10.00 and \$12.00

Stone Martin Mufts, Sale price, \$25.00

Mink Mufts, \$20.00, \$25.00 and \$30.00

South Sea Seal Mufts, \$16.00 and \$20.00

10,000 Handkerchiefs

For Christmas Presents. One for every nose in the City.

CHILDREN'S Fancy Xmas Hdkfs., 1, 2, 5c
Children's Fancy Meterized Hdkfs., 5c

Fine Lawn Hdkfs., hem-stitched, 3 and 5c, 10 for 25c, 6 for 12c

LADIES' Embroidered and Lace-trimmed Hdkfs. 10 and 12c

Ladi's hem-stitched and embroidered—12, 15, 18, 20, 25c

Ladies' fine embroidered Hdkfs. 15, 18, 20, 25c to \$1.50

Ladies' hem-stitched 1 and 1/2 in. Lem—12, 15, 18, 20, 25c

Ladies' embroidered and fancy lace-trimmed—25c to \$1.00

MEN'S Shamrock lawn Hdkfs. 5c

Men's hem-stitched lawn Hdkfs. 10c

Men's linen Cambric hem-stitched, 1 and 1/2 inch hem, 18, 20, 25 to 50c

Great Glove Sale

LADIES' Winter Knit Sewing Silk Gloves, the Florence Golf—in white, black, mode and grey at \$1.75. Mitts, black only, \$1.25 and \$1.75.

Golf Gloves, fancy and plain, 36c value, 25c

Extra quality Fancy Backs, 50c value, 40c

GENTS' grey Scotch Knit Seamless Gloves, 50c

Gents' Kid Gloves, wool lined, 50c

Gents' fine Mocha Gloves, \$1.50 and \$1.75 for 75c

Gents' Jammitt's fine, heavy Kid Gloves, \$1.00

ODD LINES of Kid Gloves, \$1.00 and \$1.25, at 50c

Mocha Gloves, fine lined, \$1.75, at \$1.25

Mocha Gloves, silk lined, \$2.00 value, \$1.50

POWNE'S fur lined, fine Kid Gloves, \$2.50

BOYS' Kid Gloves, wool lined, 50c

Boys' Mocha Kid Mitts, lined, 50c

Boys' lined Kid and Curl Mitts, 25c

Kid Glove Presents

With too large a stock of Kid Gloves, we sell from now until Xmas all our Kid Gloves at reduced prices.

GORDON'S JOAN in black, white, grey, mode and brown, a guaranteed glove, all new style of stitching and combinations, always \$1.00 pair, our special Xmas price \$1.10

JAMMETT'S DAPHNE best guaranteed French Kid, in black, brown and mode shades, all new stock, always and everywhere sold at \$1.25 Xmas price \$1.10

JOUVIN'S celebrated undressed Kid Gloves, finest made, in light shades of fawn, grey, and tan, special \$1.50 value, our special Xmas price \$1.25

VALLIER'S washable Kid Gloves, black, white and tan, guaranteed to retain their original lustre and softness after washing. Best glove money can buy, \$1.75 always—often \$2.00, our special Xmas price, \$1.50

FELIX GODY'S washable Kid Gloves, greys, tans, whites, sizes 6 and 6 1/2 only, regular \$1.50, our special Xmas price, \$1.00

Mocha lined Kid Gloves and Mitts.

Dressing Jackets

Handsome Eider Down Dressing Jackets, dark and fancy shades, sizes 32 to 40. \$2.00 and \$1.75

Eider Down Flannellette Dressing Jackets, 90c

LADIES' Wrappers, heavy winter, fleece back, splendid dollar values and upward.

WOMEN'S Heavy Golf Jackets.

Silk Sellings

Silk Crepe DeChene for Waists, in black, white, pink, blue and cream, at 50c

White Habito Japan Fancy Wash Silks for suits or waists, 75c value, Xmas Sale 39c

Xmas Shirt Waist Lengths are beautiful presents, in Dresden, self-figured, dark stripe, and pin-check, d Shot Taffeta Silks.

Chennille Spot Velvet Waistings, in brown, green, navy, blue and black, \$1.75 values for \$1.25

A Belt Present

LADIES' Taffeta Silk-corded Girdles in black, navy, cardinal, brown, an Xmas Bargain at 25c

Ladies' velvet, satin and taffeta Girdles, v ry tasty, black, white and colors 50c

A Collar Present

LADIES' fancy Silk Collars, all descriptions, styles and prices 19, 25, 36, 50, 75c, \$1 to \$1.50

Fancy Waistings

All wool Serges, Printed Cashmeres, fancy French Flannels, Stripes, &c, splendid bargains at half-price

50c for 25c, and \$1 for 50c yd.

WILLIAM GORDON

Coal Stove Wanted; second hand. Apply at this office, or address P. O. Box 137.

DON'T SAY NO!

Come take a look at the Pretty China, Lamps, Glassware

Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets.

If you are going to give a Christmas Present to Wife, Daughter or Best Girl, we can interest you in prices and quality.

10 per cent. off the first three, 5 per cent. off the last three above named articles; a large variety to choose from

We sell Groceries and would like to fill your order. The quality and prices are all right

1 lb. Packages Seeded Raisins, 10c
Balled Cider, 25c a Bottle
Mince Meat, 10c a Pound
Sweet Oranges, 20c per Dozen
Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c per lb
1 lb. Tins Sunlight Baking Powder 10c
6 Bars Beehive Soap, 25c
Sugar Syrup, 10c per Quart
7 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c
A large assortment of Christmas Candies and Nuts at lowest prices.

John McConnell
PARK STREET.
Phone 190.

CHRISTMAS HINTS TO OUR LADY FRIENDS

This is the season of the year that we all always have the pleasure of waiting on hundreds of Lady Patrons.

We enjoy it, too. Wish there were more holiday seasons—for the Ladies can't come too often.

We are aware that GOOD OLD SAINT NICK finds it very hard work filling Men's Sox with suitable gifts.

A Man Likes Something He Can Wear
But, have a care! He doesn't want "bargain counter" stuff—he won't wear antiquated Neckwear.

Get his presents where he always buys his wearables. Get them here, and then you can't go wrong.

This Store is a veritable Christmas Tree of gifts. Beautiful Ties, Faultless Shirts, "just right" Underwear, Substantial Hosiery, Fine Handkerchiefs, Good Collars and Cuffs, Handsome Umbrellas, Cuff Buttons, Silk Suspenders, Smoking Jackets, Silk Mufflers.

CLOTHING—Men's Overcoats, an extraordinary offer. All our odd-lines of Overcoats—\$10.00 and \$12.00, fine—we are offering them for \$6.50, sizes 34 to 44. This is no humbug, but simple facts. You get for \$6.50 what as sold ready for \$10.00 and \$12.00. We want the money.

Let us be your official "stocking filler," and "He" will be highly pleased.

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3 Doors West from Market, King Street, West, Chatham

LODGES.
WELLINGTON LODGE, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., C. 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.
GEORGE MASSEY, W. M.

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EDWIN BELL—Barrister, Solicitor, etc. Office, Merchants' Bank Building.
THOMAS SCULLARD—Barrister and Solicitor, Victoria Block, Chatham, Ont.

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J. B. O'FLYNN—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Conveyancer, Notary Public, Office, King Street, opposite Merchants' Bank, Chatham, Ont.

WALKER & REEVE—Barristers, Solicitors, etc., Chatham, Ont. Office, Chatham House & Savings Co. Money to lend on mortgages. John A. Walker, K. C., John Reeve.

HOUSTON, STONE & SCANE—Barristers, Solicitors, Conveyancers, Notaries Public, etc. Private funds to loan at lowest current rates. Office, upstairs in Sheldrick Block, opposite H. Macdonald's store, M. Houston, Fred Stone, W. W. Scane.
WILSON, PIKE & GUNDY—Barristers, Solicitors of the Supreme Court, Notaries Public, etc. Money to loan on mortgages, at lowest rates. Offices, Fifth Street. Matthew Wilson, K. C., J. M. PIKE, W. E. GUNDY.

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 Money to loan on farm mortgages, at the very lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale.
HENRY DAGNEAU,

MONEY TO LEND
 ON LAND MORTGAGE
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 To pay off mortgages. To buy property. Very lowest rate.
J. W. WHITE,
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 4-12 and 5 per cent.
 Liberal Terms and privileges to Borrowers. Apply to
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 HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO.
 Branches and agents at all principal points in Canada, U.S. and Great Britain. Drafts issued and notes discounted. Savings Bank Department deposits (which may be withdrawn without delay) received and interest allowed thereon at the highest current rates.
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 Manager Chatham Branch.

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 Capital (all paid up) \$14,000,000
 Reserves \$10,000,000
 Drafts bought and sold. Collections made on favorable terms. Interest allowed on deposits at current rates in Savings Bank Department, or on deposit receipts.

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 Manager Chatham Branch.

Lime, Cement AND Cut Stone.
 We keep the best in stock at right prices.

JOHN H. OLDBERSHAW,
 "James Street, Opposite Police Station."

FOR SALE
 Frame house, two stories, brick foundation, six rooms, \$900.
 Frame house two stories, brick foundation, eight rooms, \$1,100.
 100 acre farm in Raleigh, Ont., large barn, stable and other outbuildings. All cleared. About 300 miles from Chatham, \$7,500.
 100 acre farm in Hawke's Bay, good frame house, barn, stable and other outbuildings. \$4,500.
 50 acre farm in Hawke's Bay, good frame house and barn, \$3,500.
 50 acre farm, River Road, Dover, brick house, stable and granary, \$3,200.
 60 acre farm, River Road, Raleigh, one of the best, good frame house, large barn, stable and other outbuildings; a large orchard of fruit; land all till drained, \$8,000.
 Hotel premises in Chatham, \$7,500.
 Six vacant lots, \$4,000.
 Money to loan. Lowest rates. Terms to suit the borrower.
W. R. SMITH,
 Barrister and Solicitor.

THIS STUDENT WAS IN A BAD WAY

Hene Trudel, of Three Rivers, Que., Tells What Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets Did For Him—A Tale With a Moral.
 "I had resolved to give up my studies when I was led to give Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets a trial. They made me better. Now I have no bad head, no weariness, no pain. I am cured." In these words, Hene Trudel, a student of Three Rivers, Que., gives an experience that is valuable to thousands of students and others in Canada. He suffered from that terror of the student's life, Dyspepsia. It made him discouraged, weak and despondent. Life was not worth living to him.
 But Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets digested his food, and rested up his stomach till it was in condition to supply his body with strength and energy. With renewed energy came fresh courage, and he went back to his work with that vim that brings results.
 Moral—If your work has become a burden and life looks blue, use Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

Left Sixty Dead On Field.
 Berlin, Dec. 16.—Lieut. Gen. Von Trotha, commander-in-chief of the German forces in German Southwest Africa, telegraphing from Windhoek, says fifty or sixty dead Hottentots were found on the field after the natives fight with Col. Deimling's force, Dec. 5. The latter captured 3,000 head of cattle. Thirty-six settlers have been murdered by Hottentots in the southern part of the colony since the rising and five settlers are missing.

THE GERMS OF CATARRH
 Not only attack the passages of the head and throat, but finally reach lungs and cause consumption. Nothing destroys catarrh so quickly as fragrant, healing Catarrhazone, which relieves the cough, stops the discharge, takes all soreness from the throat. "I consider Catarrhazone has no equal as a cure for catarrh and lung trouble," writes Mrs. E. Wetzel, of Brighton. "It cured me after many good doctors failed to even relieve my trouble." Catarrhazone can't fail to cure—it's guaranteed. Two months' treatment \$1.00; trial size 25c.

Town Burning Up.
 White River Junction, Vt., Dec. 16.—The business section of Hartford, two miles from here, is threatened by a fire which has already destroyed the White River chair works, and has extended to a nearby factory. Several stores, residences and a church are directly in the path of the flames, which the local fire department is unable to check. Help has been summoned from Lebanon, N.H.

Lights Out.
 Colchester, Dec. 16.—Colchester Reef-light will be discontinued from this date, Captain John Manson having left yesterday.

HEART PALPITATION AT NIGHT
 Rattles even the strongest man, but to the average woman it is a taste of general purgatory. Take a little Nervine in sweetened water and away goes your palpitation. You'll be saved lots of worry by keeping Nervine on hand, which is a treasure for all sorts of pains and aches. Nervine cures headache, stomach and bowel troubles quickly. Costs 25c. for a large bottle.

AN ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA
 WARDEN OFF.
 "Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Penner, merchant, Annapolis Bay, Yarmouth, West India Islands. The pain in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was (fortunately) wardened off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale by All Druggists.

NOT THE SLIGHTEST DANGER
 In using Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butterfat for constipation or piles. Highly recommended because they cause no gripping or pain. For prompt and certain cure use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25 cents.
 The man who procrastinates struggles with pain.

FAMOUS PATHOLOGIST SAYS

The Soul, Not the Brain, is the Thinking Principle.

The soul is the thinking principle, and at death it moves out of the corporeal body, and then the finest brain ceases to think, because it never was the organ of thought. I have willed my brain to Dr. Spitzka when I got through with it. I expect to use it about ten years longer. Dr. Spitzka said he would like to have it as soon as possible, but that he did not want it until I have no further use for it.
 The brain is a heat producer. The thermometer shows that it is hotter than the blood; hence the largest brains of men are found in cold climates, where more heat is required to sustain life. The brain also secretes a cerebro spinal fluid which gives life to the body, passing through every nerve in the body, even into the skin.
 Doctors have been teaching that the brain is the seat of the mind because they were taught that way. It is not true.—Dr. Joseph Simms.

Irish Challenge is a Duel.
 A scene reminiscent of the duelling days of Charles O'Malley took place at the Trim Quarter Session in Co. Meath recently.

Two well-known horse-breeders, named Dyas and Parr, were engaged in litigation, and some statements made by Mr. Parr were flatly contradicted by Mr. Dyas.
 "I have sworn to the facts," said Mr. Parr. "I'll shoot you!" responded Mr. Dyas, excitedly.
 "What is that you said, sir?" asked Judge Curran, sharply.
 "He threatened to shoot him," said a solicitor.
 "Take him into custody at once," replied the judge.
 Mr. Dyas was arrested and placed in the dock. "Now you must apologise," said the judge. "If you don't I will deal severely with you."
 "I don't care!" shouted Mr. Dyas. "I am prepared to meet him in France in the morning where we can fight. I can meet him at thirty paces. France is a country with better laws."

The judge upon this promptly adjourned the court, and said if Mr. Dyas in the meantime could not find two solvent backs of £50 each, to keep the peace he would sentence him to six months' imprisonment.

Tasmania's New Governor.
 Tasmania is fortunate in its new Governor, Sir Gerald Strickland, says The Sketch, for he has shown that he is admirably suited for such a position. Sir Gerald is a Maltese Count as well as an English gentleman. He comes from one of the oldest of our Roman Catholic families, and he very early joined that branch of the diplomatic service which concerns itself with Great Britain. His first appointment was as a public servant in London, where he was first Assistant Secretary, and then Chief Secretary, and as Chairman of the Malta Cholera Committee he did yeoman service for both Maltese and British. Lady Adeline Strickland is the oldest of Lord De La Warr's sisters. She is a keen sportswoman and made herself very much liked in the West Indies, where her husband lately completed his term of two years' Governorship of the island. Sir Gerald and Lady Adeline have a beautiful place in Westmoreland.

Lord Durham on Sir W. Macdougall.
 The Earl of Durham, president of the Newcastle Liberal Club, told a story at the annual luncheon about the late Sir William Macdougall. He remembered that Sir William was his guest at Lambton on the occasion of his visit to Newcastle, as the president of the Newcastle Liberal Club. He was a very pleasant man, and although they differed in politics, he could see no reason why he should not pay him a visit to Lambton Castle. Sir William wrote back: "I shall be very pleased to come, but I must see that you stipulation if I go, that you will not send me in your carriage to Newcastle." When his guest arrived, he (Lord Durham) asked him why he made this stipulation. Sir William replied: "Well, there it is. You and I are on different sides in politics now, and I don't want to give an impression whatever that you are helping me or trying to further my views in Newcastle. I will not be seen seated behind your liveries going into Newcastle." (Laughter.)

Golf Links in the Desert.
 Golf links are to be found in many out of the way corners of the globe. At Bagdad there has been a golf club for nearly ten years. The eighteen hole course, which is in the desert, three miles from the city, is said to be of a decidedly sporting character, which means, according to some, that one loses an immoderate number of balls there. The Golf may be played at Zanzibar, Bah (the City of Blood), it will be remembered, Crete, Bangkok, Honolulu, Peking and also at Weihaiwei.

The Canary Scot.
 The commercial was calling on the grocer, who was of the canny kind, and it being about the New Year, he presented a box of cigars. "Na, na," protested the other. "I never take a gift, you know; and if you don't care to take it for nothing, give me something in exchange." The Scot inspected the cigars, and then turned again to the grocer. "Verra weel," he said, producing a couple of shillings. "I'll tak' twa." Ally Sloper's Hall-Holiday.

Leisurely Funeral.
 Uncle Josh—Land sakes! How did you ever come to buy that encyclopedia?
 Uncle Silas—Well, I dunno exactly. A book agent came along an' I sort of—well, I bought it.
 Uncle Josh—Well, I'll take you all your life to read through it.
 Uncle Silas—Well, yer don't have to do it all at once. You kin read it when you get it in instalments.

Suffered Intense Pain Around The Heart For Four Years.

Was Very Dizzy.
 Four Boxes of
Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills
 Effected a Complete Cure.

They are a specific for all troubles arising from a weak condition of the heart or from the nervous system. For troubles such as Palpitation of the Heart, Sleeplessness, Nervousness, Faint or Dizzy Spells, Shortness of Breath, Starting in the Sleep, Cold, Clammy Hands or Feet, Brain Fog, etc., we would strongly advise the early use of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, as this remedy, taken in time, has been the means of saving many a life, and restoring strength to those who were weak, nervous, health-shattered invalids.
 Mrs. E. Kilmer, Humberstone, Ont., writes:—"Allow me to tell you of the great results I derived from Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. For four years I suffered intense pain around the heart, and was very dizzy. After using four boxes of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, I was completely cured."
 All dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price.
THE T. MILBURN CO., LIMITED,
 TORONTO, ONT.

The English Face.
 An American woman not long since returned from abroad was heard to say that what chiefly struck her in the English face was their resigned expression.
 "They didn't look sad, and they didn't look happy," she explained, "but they one and all had the air of awaiting the worst and being prepared for it. And that," she added vindictively, "is the only state of mind possible with the English climate."

Sore and swollen joints, sharp shooting pains, torturing muscles, no rest, no sleep, that means rheumatism. It is a stubborn disease to fight, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm has conquered it thousands of times. One application gives relief. Try it. All Druggists sell it.

Did you see anything in Italy that appealed to you particularly?
 Yes, the beggars.
 A grain of sand in the eye can cause excruciating agony. A grain of sand in the place of the grain of sand intensifies the torment. The pain is not confined to the eye, but the whole body feels the shock of that little irritating particle. It is so when there is any derangement or disorder of the delicate womanly organs. The disorder may seem trivial but the whole body feels it. There are freckles, irritability, fullness and depression of spirits. The general health of woman depends on the local health of the organs peculiarly feminine. Remove the drains, deifications, keep down pain and other afflictions, and the benefit, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a specific for the diseases that undermine the strength of woman. It is free from opium, cocaine and other narcotics, poisons which enter into many other preparations for women's use. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

Little Rollo—Pa, what is a villa?
 Mr. Outtaway—A villa, my son, is a house that is sold you by a villain!

Messrs. C. Richards & Co.
 Gentlemen, — I suffered for years with bronchial catarrh. I commenced in January last, with your (ment) to use MESSRS. RICHARDS' LINIMENT. And two bottles made a complete cure and I have had no symptoms of a return of the trouble since March. Gratefully yours,
MARK BURNS.
 Vankleeck Hill, Ont., Oct. 3, '01.

A WONDERFUL JEWEL.
 The most extraordinary pearl—or, rather, cluster of pearls—known as "The Sydney Cross"—is owned by a syndicate of Australians, who value it at \$50,000. So far as known, it occupies an absolutely unique position. It consists of nine pearls naturally grown together in so regular a manner as to form a perfect Latin cross. The pearl was discovered by a pearl fisher at Roebourne, Australia. The first owner regarded it with superstitious awe, and it was buried in it, but it was discovered in 1874 and five years later was placed on exhibition in Australia.

All those suffering with Boils, Scrofula, Eczema
 will find
Weaver's Syrup and Cerate
 invaluable to cleanse the blood.
 Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal.

BANKER BECKWITH PLEADS.

With Mrs. Chadwick in Her Cell But Without Result.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Chadwick's first day in the county jail was a busy and for her. She received several visits from her attorneys, held long conferences with them, conversed with newspaper men and for 15 minutes stood face to face with President Beckwith of the Oberlin Bank. The meeting was dramatic. She met him at the entrance to the corridor of her cell and shook hands with him cordially.
 After some general conversation, Mr. Beckwith referred to their business relations by saying: "Mrs. Chadwick, you have ruined me, but I am not so sure yet you are a fraud. I have stood by you to my last dollar, and I do think now that the time has come for you to make known everything in relation to this thing." Beckwith's voice betrayed deep emotion as he spoke. Mrs. Chadwick did not reply directly to the words of Mr. Beckwith, but her manner and the look on her face were not conciliatory. She made no reply to the appeal.

NEW NAVAL SCHEME.

Orders Received At Halifax To Close the Imperial Dockyard.
 Halifax, N.S., Dec. 16.—Orders were received here yesterday afternoon from the British Admiralty to close up the Imperial Dockyard, which, since 1770, has been the chief repair station of the North Atlantic squadron, and to pay off the employees. A week's notice has been given to all hands.
 All the British ships of war will hereafter repair at Bermuda. This is part of the new scheme concerning the British squadron in Atlantic waters.

How Government Evades Law.

Sarnia, Dec. 16.—Because of the drowning of four persons from a small rowboat on Thanksgiving Day the Canadian Government wants to stop traffic across the river in such small craft at night. There is no law that applies, but it has been decided to do away with the night customs officer and then use any rowboat trying to land passengers.

Mr. Inwood Is Secretary.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The new General Reform Association of Ontario has chosen G. Inwood, former assistant license inspector of the city of Toronto, as general secretary. Mr. Inwood resigned the inspectorship on Wednesday. James Vance, secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association, will continue his connection with the party a few weeks longer.

Canada At St. Louis.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—William Hutchison, Commissioner of Exhibitions, has returned from St. Louis. He states that the Canadian pavilion, which cost \$30,000, was disposed of for about \$1,105. This is proportionately about double the amount realized for the buildings of other countries.

Fisheries Conference.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The fisheries conference between Mr. Bastedo, Ontario Commissioner, Prof. Prince and the representative of New York State to secure uniformity in the regulation for fishing in the St. Lawrence will likely be held to-day.

For Christmas and New Year's W. E. Rispin, General Ticket Agent, advises the following arrangements: Tickets issued at single fare Dec. 24, 25 and 26 good to return 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, Jan. 1 and 2 good to return Dec. 23, 24, 25 and 26 and Dec. 30 and 31 and Jan. 1 and 2, all good to return Jan. 4, also special rates for vacation. For further information call at the office of W. E. Rispin, 115 King street.

Some men live too fast, but the dyspeptic fasts to live.

The Chatham Loan and Savings Co.

46th Half-Yearly Dividend.
 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 for this day for the current half year, ending December 31, 1904, payable at the Company's Office on and after Jan. 3rd, 1905.

The Transfer Books will be closed from 20th to 31st December, inclusive. By order of the Board.
S. F. GARDNER, Manager.
 Chatham, Nov. 28, 1904.

"The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK"

Is something absolutely unique in this world.—
President Roosevelt.
 The popular route to this delightful spot is via Union Pacific to Monida, thence by stage to all points in the park.
 The stage ride from Monida, by the splendid Concord Coach of the Monida & Yellowstone Stage Co., through scenery hardly inferior to the park itself.
 Very low rates during June, July, August and September.
 Inquire of
F. B. OHORATE, G. A.,
 128 Woodward Ave.,
 DETROIT, MICH.

ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM
 Cures Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis. LARGE BOTTLES \$1.00 MEDIUM 50c TRIAL SIZE 25c

TO DEVELOP THE NECK.

To improve and develop the neck muscles rapidly with warm cocoa butter and practice the following exercises: Bend the head slowly forward, then back; repeat eight times. Bend from side to side until the head touches the shoulders. Make a complete circle with the head and neck bending forward, right, back and left. These same exercises will help reduce a double chin by toning up the muscles of the neck.

HAVE YOU PILES?

Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid is an internal Remedy that entirely removes the cause of Piles, and cures to stay cured any case no matter how long standing.
 If you have Piles and Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid will not cure you, you get your money back.
 A thousand dollar guarantee goes with every bottle of Hem-Roid sold. If you want a perfect and permanent cure, ask for Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid, the guaranteed Remedy. All druggists, \$1.00, or The Wilson-Flye Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Some people insist on referring to flats as apartments.
 It's wrong, answered the discontented man. They are compartments.

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

ELECTION CARDS

For Alderman

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM
 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested by a number of citizens to offer myself for Alderman for the coming year, I have decided to do so, and hereby respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
 I do not intend to make any personal canvass as I believe the electors should be left free from personal solicitation to vote for the men whom they believe will serve the city most efficiently.
 Wishing you all the compliments of the season,
 I remain respectfully yours,
CHAS. AUSTIN

TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for 1905.
 Sincerely yours,
JOHN E. AINSWORTH.

TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I am a candidate for the council of 1905, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.
 Sincerely yours,
J. T. O'KEEFE,
 Produce Dealer.

ELECTORS, CITY OF CHATHAM

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for 1905.
 Sincerely yours,
ARTHUR J. DUNN.

TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I respectfully solicit your vote and influence in my behalf as an aspirant to the aldermanic board, for the ensuing year.
 Yours very truly,
J. W. McLAREN.

TO THE ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I am a candidate for Alderman for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. If I am unable to meet you personally I trust this request for your support for alderman will receive your favorable consideration.
 Your obedient servant,
L. E. TILLSON.

TO THE ELECTORS WARD NO. 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I am a candidate for School Trustee in your Ward for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your support and influence. I have been a resident of the Ward for over twelve years, and having children attending the Public School have constant interest in their welfare.
 J. C. McLEAN,
 St. Clair Street.

TO THE ELECTORS OF RALEIGH

Ladies and Gentlemen—
 I am a candidate for the position of Reeve of your township, and if elected will endeavor to protect your interests to the best of my ability. As the time is short I probably will not be able to call on you all personally, but kindly take the will for all consideration. Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain,
 Yours most respectfully,
L. A. PARDO.
 Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

WANTED.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 10, Harwich, second or third class certificate. Apply by Monday, 19th, to Jas. Hutchinson, Northwood.

TEACHER WANTED — For School Section No. 6, Tilbury, East. Address, stating salary, Hy. Atkinson, Sec. Treas., Stevenson, Ont.

ROOMS FOR RENT — Good location, near the centre of the city, on King Street; furnished or unfurnished. Apply to Box 511, or telephone 269.

WANTED—Responsible man to manage an office, and distributing department for large manufacturing concern. Salary \$150 per month and commission. Applicant must have good references and \$2,000. Capital secure. Address, Sup't. 323 West 12th, Chicago.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

HOUSE FOR SALE—On Great street, For particulars apply to Thomas Scullard, or at this office.

FENCE FOR SALE—In good state of preservation. Apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Avenue.

HOUSES FOR SALE — A house on Great St., and house and lot on Victoria Ave. For particulars apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Block.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—House or corner containing parlor, back parlor, china closet, pantry, large kitchen, three bedrooms with clothes closets off each, one bedroom down stairs, bath room complete, and a large corner lot. This is a bargain, as it must be sold at once. Apply to Nelson Emery, city.

FARM FOR SALE—North east town of lot 16, Front concession, Township of Harwich, 133 acres. All cleared, clay loam, two good sized frame houses. Large frame barn and cattle shed; stable and driveway combined; granary and implement house. Buildings all in good repair; about five acres of orchard; artesian well, with pump; three other wells. Price \$8,000.00. Apply on the premises to Mrs. John J. Walrath, or to W. F. Smith, barrister and solicitor, Chatham, Ont.

Tenders For Pumping Plant.

Tenders will be received up to 4 p.m. Saturday, 17th December, 1904, for the erecting of a pump house, dash wheel, dam and all other machinery and work, for the Fifth Concession Mechanical Drainage Works, of Dover.
 Plans and specifications to be seen at the office of the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
J. W. SHACKLETON, C. E.

City Residence and Farm

For sale at private sale, the Residence and Farm of the late Hugh McKerrall.

The Modern Frame Residence, situated corner of Victoria Ave. and Gladstone Ave., delightful situation; commodious lot and altogether desirable residence.
 The farm, being the North-west half of lot No. nine in the fifth concession of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Kent, containing 100 acres, more or less, a good farm in well settled neighborhood, and convenient to school, church and railway; about 13 acres of fall wheat growing. Apply to J. W. McKerrall, administrator, or to Houston & Stone, his solicitors, Chatham, Ont.

Dec. 5th, 1904.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received by the undersigned at the City Clerk's Office, up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 19th day of December, 1904, for the furnishing of all material and construction of "Wind Break Protection" to be placed on the Fifth St. and Aberdeen Bridges, according to plans and specifications to be seen in the City Engineer's Office.
 A marked check for 25 per cent. of the amounts tendered must accompany each tender.
 The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
W. G. MERRITT,
 City Clerk.

The Misses Hillman.

TEACHERS OF PIANO.
 Studio over A. I. McCall's Drug Store, King St. Classes being formed for the study of the Theory of Music.

MUSIC

E. B. ARTHUR, Organist and Choir Director, First Presbyterian Church. Organ, Piano and Theory. Term opens Monday, Sept. 12th, 1904. Room 19 Alexandra Building, King St. Chatham.

DR. H. J. SULLIVAN

(late residence Surgeon St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto)
 Office: opposite Post Office, Chatham, Ont. Phone 348

DR. OVENS, London.

SURGEON, SPECIALIST, EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT. Visits Chatham Monthly. Glasses properly fitted. Office—Radley's Drug Store.
 Next Visit, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

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Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

WM. FOREMAN & CO. IMPORTERS

Exclusive Silks in Waists or Dress

Lengths Boxed for Gifts

Ours stock of Silks in richer and larger than ever before. We've gathered the rarest novelties for the Christmas trade we have yet shown. You cannot make a mistake if you give your lady friend a Silk Waist or Dress for Christmas, and we box all purchases of \$3.75 or over.

New Plaid Silks for Waists, at per Yard, 75c—New Fancy Silks, exclusive in coloring and design, in individual waist lengths, boxed in dainty white boxes, trimmed with gold, at per yard, 75c to \$1.50

Rich Taffeta Silks with a white cord in new colorings for waists or shirtwaist suits, very special at per yard, 75c

Colored Taffeta Silks in colors Greys, Blues, Pinks, Greens, Resedas, Cardinals, etc., at per yard, 50c and 75c

Japan Taffeta Silk in White, Ivory, Cream, Sky, Pink, 27 in. wide, at per yard, 50c

Wm. Foreman & Co.

1904 1905 Autumn and Winter Evening Dress

We make a specialty of Evening Dress Suits, and carry in stock a full line of Rich and Elegant Materials, suitable for this Formal Evening Attire.

We invite your inspection and comparison of prices with other first-class houses.

ALBERT SHELDRICK
TAILOR and WOOLEN MERCHANT
King St. near Garner House

A Few Hints

To help you choose your Christmas Presents. Do your purchasing now and get first choice.

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs for ladies' and gentlemen, plain, hemstitched, in lawn and linen special value at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c.

Ladies' lace and embroidery trimmed handkerchiefs, in new designs, very special values at 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 19c, 25c, 50c, 75c up to \$2.25.

Full range of silk handkerchiefs cheap, in plain, initials and edged, from 25c to \$1.00.

Umbrellas

Umbrellas for ladies' and gentlemen, natural wood and fancy gold and silver trimmed, steel rods and interlocking frames, the best assortment in the city, from \$1.00 to \$6.00; see what we have; we can suit you.

Ribbons

A complete stock of ribbons for fancy work, trimmings, neck and hair ribbons.

Dress Patterns

A splendid assortment of new dress patterns, suitable for Christmas presents, at from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Kid Gloves

Ferrin's Celebrated French Kid Gloves, the best made, in nice box, all colors, from \$1.00 to \$1.50; every pair guaranteed.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES

...SOCIETY...

Mrs. J. E. Oldershaw, Harvey street, entertained this afternoon.

Miss Nora Stephenson has returned from Ottawa, where she has been spending the past couple of months.

Mrs. F. E. Mulott and daughter have gone to Exeter to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mulott's parents.

Miss Edith Complin, of London, has returned home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Skye and Mrs. Wm. Ball, Victoria avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Glass and daughter Florence will leave shortly for Bermuda, where they will spend a year's vacation.

Major George Massey has been appointed Manager of the Bank of Montreal here. Early in January Mr. Massey will move into the bank house. The appointment is a very popular one with all who know Mr. Massey. He has been a valued employee of the Bank for a number of years and is greatly respected and admired for his ability by everyone of the Maple City merchants. His many friends congratulate him upon his appointment to such a trustworthy position.

The bachelors of Chatham will give the first of their most popular dances on Thursday evening, December 22, in the Oddfellows Auditorium. The lady patronesses are Mrs. Archibald Bell, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. W. A. Hadley, Mrs. T. K. Holmes, Mrs. Geo. McKeough, and Mrs. Wm. Pringle. The committee in charge of the dance are Messrs. M. L. Fraser, F. W. Clarke, G. K. Macbeth, W. D. Elliott, Dr. J. W. Rutherford, C. D. Kent, Dr. Garnet Holmes and H. S. Northwood. These dances are always looked forward to with great interest by the Maple City Society. The Hon. Secretaries are Messrs. F. W. Clarke and G. K. Macbeth.

A Bad Case.

BUT EASILY OVERCOME WHEN THE PROPER REMEDY WAS FOUND.

Alfred Carter writes the following candid letter, setting forth the benefits he derived from the use of Bu-Ju Kidney Pills.

Toronto, Ont., June 4, 1904.
Clafin Chemical Co., Windsor, Ont.
Gentlemen—During the past winter having caught a severe cold in my back and my kidneys appearing to be affected thereby, I was induced through seeing your advertisement in one of the daily papers to try a box of your "Bu-Ju" pills, and am pleased to tell you that after taking only two boxes of them, the trouble entirely disappeared, and I have not been troubled since. Yours truly,
139 D'Arcy St. ALFRED CARTER.

What they have done for Mr. Carter they will do for you. Why hesitate and continue to suffer when a simple remedy can be obtained at so moderate a cost. Bu-Ju Kidney Pills are for sale at all drug stores.

CHATHAMITE KILLED

Charles Van Horne called at Janisse's morgue, Windsor, yesterday and identified the remains of the colored man found dead on the railway tracks east of Walkerville, as those of William Watt, of Chatham. He said Watt had been in Windsor, attempting to secure work, and, being unsuccessful, decided to steal a ride back to his home on a Grand Trunk railway freight train.—Detroit Free Press.

Go to Gray's if you want China for Christmas. New goods are all in, and he is selling the older stock at reduced prices.



Our Holiday Display

EMBRACES GIFTS SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE

We have everything that is new and everything worth giving in: Latest Leather Goods, Shaving Sets, Travelling Sets, Toilet Sets, Mirrors, Fancy Atomizers, Ebony Goods, of all kinds, Perfumes, the finest display ever shown here.

We have put attractive prices on them all.

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Below are our prices for Christmas. Buy your sweets where you can get the best in Chatham for the least money:

Algetta Chocolates per lb. boxes.....30c
Cream Bon Bons per lb. boxes.....25c
Lady Carmels per lb.....40c
Chocolate Chips per lb.....30c
Chocolate Bon Bons per lb.....30c
Hand-made Strawberry Chocolates.....30c
Hand-made Plain Chocolates.....20c
Chewing Taffy.....20c
Cream Candy.....20c
Best Broken Mixed.....10c
Peanut Rock.....15c
Almond Rock.....15c
Walnut Rock.....15c

Mrs. W. McKay

HEADQUARTERS

FOR SWEETS...

COR. QUEEN & RICHMOND STS.

J. W. FLEWES HONORED

Principal J. W. Flewes, of the Model school, was presented with a handsome travelling case yesterday afternoon at four o'clock by the pupils of his Model school class. Mr. Flewes is always very popular with the Model school class and they never fail to show their appreciation of the presentation on behalf of the class. In their behalf, the presentation was made in Miss Hillman's room. Miss Ellenor Wick read a highly complimentary address and W. J. Fletcher made the presentation on behalf of the class. Nearly all the pupils went away on the Lake Erie trains north and south last night and a general reunion of all the pupils was held at the C. P. R. station, where a happy time was spent.

CONSUL AT BURG

Perley C. Heald is safe. He is going to be consul at Wallaceburg, Ont. Early last year, when Dairy and Food Commissioner A. W. Smith, of Alrain, was nursing the young and tender George B. Horton boom for governor, his deputy, Heald, of Midland, was lined up with Fred M. Warner. The situation was the more interesting from the fact that the head of the food department and his deputy were not on speaking terms. Heald proved useful in the campaign for Warner's nomination, and now current report about the Hotel Ste. Claire has it that Heald is to be consul to Wallaceburg. It is really a better job than being deputy dairy and food commissioner. The consulship pays \$2,000 a year, and there is hardly enough work about it to get up a perspiration in July.—Detroit Free Press.

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SUITS AND OVERCOATS from \$18 up.

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GREAT SALE OF CLOTHING

Right in the heart of the Christmas Season we are introducing a sale of Men's, Youths' and Boys' Suits and Overcoats that will make the clothing business hum for the next two or three weeks.

We are making big reductions right and left all through the stock. We are offering no reasons, but just marking down prices.

Here are some of the reductions:—

8 Men's Black and Blue Beaver, single breasted Chesterfield, fly front Overcoats, well made and lined, sizes 33 to 37, regular price \$5.00, sale price, \$3.95

16 Men's Plain Gray and Fancy Patterned Cheviot, fly front Overcoats, fine Farmers' Satin Linings, velvet collars and correct styles, sizes 33 to 40, regular price \$10.00, sale price, \$8.00

25 Men's Fancy Cheviot and Plain Gray Montecarlo Coats, cut in the latest styles, long, loose luxurious garments, excellently tailored, sizes 34 to 42, regular price \$15.00 and \$17.00, sale price, \$10

8 Young Men's Fancy Cheviot Overcoats splendidly trimmed and made, sizes 31 to 35, regular prices \$6 and \$7, sale price, \$4.95

18 Boys' Fancy Cheviots and Plain Gray Overcoats, in a variety of lengths and styles, sizes 22 to 29, regular prices \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50, sale price, \$2.95

8 Boys' Long, Loose Gray, Raglan Overcoats, stylish little garments, sizes from 25 to 27, regular price \$5.00, sale price, \$3.95

10 Men's Fancy Tweed and Worsted Single Breasted Suits, cut in the latest styles and tailored in our very best manner. There are all sizes from 37 to 44, in the lot, regular \$10, and \$12, sale price \$7

6 Men's Fancy Tweed Suits, serviceable and stylish, sizes 39 to 46, regular prices \$6.50 to \$9.00, sale price, \$5

18 Boys' 3-Piece Fancy Tweed and Navy Serge Suits, for boys from 10 to 14 yr. sizes, reg. prices \$4 to \$5, all reduced to \$3.50

6 Little Boys' Fancy 2pc Suits, sizes 12 to 28, reg. price were \$2 to \$2.75, all reduced to \$1.95 and \$1.50

The above price list can only give you an inkling of what we are doing, the only way to realize what these reductions mean is to see the garments. See them when they are advertised. Don't wait till they are gone.

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Besides our dainty lot of small Smallwear for Christmas Gifts, such as
SILK NECKWEAR BELTS HAND-BAGS
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THE URBAN STORE

Good HOLIDAY News

FROM THE CHINA STORE

An unusual collection of Fancy Pieces of Art China-ware. While all our goods are new and attractive, still they will appeal to thrifty gift buyers. The price is unusually low for such goods as we are showing this season.

Royal Vienna Art Pieces—\$1.75, 2.25, 3.50, 5.00, \$7.50
Bon Bon Dishes, Celery Trays, Nut Bowls, Cake Plates, Salad Dishes, Sugar and Creams—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.
Unmatched values in Dinner Sets. This is something that makes an ideal gift at Holiday time.
Our assortment is above the average. Haviland China Tea or Dinner Sets—\$10.00 to \$50.00.
English Dinner and Tea Services at about One-Quarter off regular prices—\$15 Sets for \$11.25, \$12.50 Sets for \$10.
Come early and avoid delays.

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King St., Chatham, Next to McCall's Drug Store

J. L. Campbell BOSTON SHOE STORE

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SUNNY CALIFORNIA

Roy Shaw Writes a Very Chatty Letter to His Father, Wesley Shaw.

Crockett, California, 7, 12-04.
Dear Father,—Well we arrived here all O. K. last Tuesday night and were feeling very tired after so long a trip. We left Pueblo, Colorado, the night that I wrote to you, about 12 o'clock, and next morning at day light we were just at the Rockies. The scenery that morning I will never forget in my life, especially when we reached the Grand Canyon. The railway track followed a stream about the size of Jeannette's Creek, and on one side was the solid rock and on the other side across the stream you could see huge rocks hanging out over the stream and some peaks 14,000 feet high. The railroad track was about between 900 and one thousand feet from the bottom of the stream, and often you could look a thousand feet straight down and see the water foaming and shining over the rocks, and on the other side nothing but rock as far as you could see. Some of the mountains looked so beautiful, they being colors of rock, with seams running through them, and rocks laying layers, just as if they were built up. It was nothing to see a rock weighing hundreds of tons hanging out over the track and up a thousand or two feet high and looking as if a shove by the hand would loosen them and send them down on the track.
After passing the Grand Canyon—which took all day and night—we came through to the Tennessee Pass, which was something grand. On one side you would see a mountain all covered with snow, and the clouds parting around its peak, and on the other side you can see a large volcano sending smoke nearly two hundred feet into the air. Soon we crossed the line into Utah, which is dotted here and there with mountains, and most of the country covered with white sand. You cannot see a bit of grass or a tree growing for hundreds of miles.
We soon arrived at Ogden, Nevada, 1,185 miles from Pueblo. Ogden is a very nice city, about the size of Detroit, with narrow, dirty streets. Before we reached Ogden we stopped for a while at Salt Lake City. It is about the size of Chatham, and everywhere you can see hot or boiling water shooting up out of the ground.
We left Ogden about midnight on Saturday and came across Nevada, which took us two days and a night. Nevada is all prairie, with mountains dotted here and there and nothing grows on the land. While coming through the Grand Canyon we passed through tunnels dug through large mountains of rocks. Tuesday morning found us just coming through the mountains of California. These mountains are unlike those of Colorado or Nevada, for they are all clay and not rock, and are covered with timber. About nine o'clock we came down out of the mountains and went through a lot of hills, and the sights there are not like the sights that we were used to seeing on the way.

The hills were all green, and in the valleys you could see all kinds of fruit, and the strangest looking trees I ever saw. The trees were all out in leaf, and everything looking so green. We arrived in Sacramento about 10 o'clock a. m., and took a walk around the city. It is a very large city, with wide and neatly paved streets and a number of trees can be seen everywhere, such as orange, palm, coconut, fir gum, and hundreds of other kinds, I did not know the names of. It was here I saw the first orange tree with oranges on, which looked so beautiful. We left Sacramento about two o'clock for Crockett, and arrived at 6 o'clock. It is a very nice town of about four thousand inhabitants, lying between a large range of hills and the bay of St. Abdo. The hills are all green and covered with trees, and just back of the town is a mountain thirteen thousand feet high, which John Eberts, of Appin, and I started to climb the next day after we arrived. We took a gun with us and shot a few squirrels and from the summit, which was all covered with snow, we could see San Francisco and the ocean 29 miles from Crockett.

There are a number of coyotes in the mountains and hills, and I had a desperate fight with one. I went in a large valley in between two mountains, and I saw something lying near a large stone sleeping, and thinking it was a deer, I fired when only about a hundred feet from it. Of course I only wounded the thing and had it not been for my revolver it would have fixed me. As it was it gave me a nasty bite on my leg, and took one leg of my pants off. It would not have tackled me, only when I shot I ran right up to it. It measured four feet eleven inches in length and would weigh about 85 lbs. I got \$15 for shooting it, from the county. The climate is so fine here I have not worn my overcoat yet. You can see flowers everywhere and house plants stay in the garden all winter, so it cannot be very cold. Oranges are to be seen growing like apples at home, and figs are very plentiful. Bananas grow very good here, but only a few trees can be seen.

The trees are so funny here. Nothing like they are in Canada. One kind here grows about fifty or sixty feet high and is six or seven feet in diameter, and has not a leaf or a limb until within a few feet of the top of the tree, and then only a large cluster of huge leaves which are about four feet long and from one to two feet wide. I started to work on Monday for \$2.75 per day in a smelter where they take the different kinds of minerals out of the rocks, such as lead, copper, silver and gold. It is very interesting to go through indeed. Board is worth \$4 and \$5 per week here. Give my best regards to all.

From your son,
RAY SHAW.

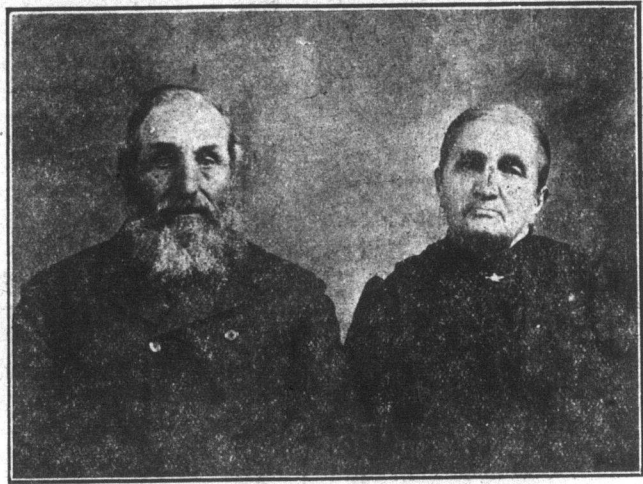
JAPANESE HUMOR.

Here is a typical Japanese humor, as story:
A quack doctor had prescribed the wrong medicine for the only son of a certain family, with the result that the boy had died. The parents determined to have revenge; so they sued the doctor in a court of law.
The affair was evidently patched up, the quack giving the bereaved parents his own son in return for the one he had killed. Not long after this the doctor heard a loud knocking at his door one night. On going to the door he was informed that the wife of one of his neighbors was dangerously ill, and that his presence was required at once. Turning to his wife he said: "This requires consideration, my dear. There is no knowing but that it may end in their taking you from me."—Chicago News.

GOLDEN WEDDING

The accompanying are photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse Pilotte, of Dover South, who celebrated their golden wedding on November 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Pilotte were married at Uxbridge 50 years ago and have been living in Dover for over 40 years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pilotte were born near Montreal and came to Dover nine years after they were

at home. Many gifts were presented to them on their golden wedding day, showing their popularity among their host of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Pilotte are known all over the Township of Dover, where they are highly esteemed and respected by everyone. They have made many friends who all join in wishing them the compliments and good wishes that are in order on this



MR. AND MRS. NARCISSE PILOTTE

married. Thirteen children—blessed the union, seven of whom are living. They have also thirteen grand-children and one great granddaughter. The children living are Mrs. E. Dagnieu and Mrs. E. Dagnieu, of San Francisco; Mrs. G. De Groot, of Bay City; Adeline, of Saxonville, Mass.; Miss James Martin, of Chatham; Miss Pauline, of Chatham; and David

their golden anniversary. Mrs. Pilotte is 68 years of age and Mr. Pilotte is 73, and both are enjoying wonderful good health considering their advanced age. Their many friends hope that they may be spared to enjoy many more years of prosperity and happiness and they look forward to helping them celebrate their diamond wedding.

The Days of Auld Lang Syne

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

From The Planet files from Dec. 14, 1850, to Jan. 4, 1861.

William S. S. Nelson is secretary of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.

John F. Hicks, District Secretary of the Orangemen, calls a meeting at Morpeth.

R. Monck, auctioneer, sold on Feb. 4, 1861, the farm of James G. Shaw in the Township of Camden.

Born—At Chatham, on Tuesday morning, the 18th, the wife of P. B. Brodie, Esq., of a daughter.

Died, in the Township of Chatham, on Thursday, the 27th December, Mary Janet Campbell, aged 18 years.

Born, on the 8th inst., at Grove Farm, Chatham Township, the wife of James Smith, Esq., of a daughter.

Died, on the 29th inst., in the Gore of Camden, Thomas F. Carey, formerly of Chatham, in the 50th year of his age.

There are now five railways in successful operation in Brazil—four of them are finished and still a sixth in progress of instruction.

On Christmas night, last at about nine o'clock a fire was discovered at Baxter and Charteris saw mill, situated in the upper part of the town.

On Saturday, the 22nd of December, 1860, the first and only execution ever held in Kent took place, when an Indian named Sam, was hanged at the jail here.

Married, by Rev. E. Clement, on the 17th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, David Mills, Esq., superintendent of schools for the County of Kent, to Miss Mary U. Brown, of Chatham.

Department of Crown Lands—Notice is hereby given that on and after the second day of January the vacant lots in the village plot of Shrewsbury, in the County of Kent, will be opened for sale at \$8 to \$12 each.

Married, by the Rev. E. Clement, of the Wesleyan Parsonage, Chatham, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, Mr. Peter F. Jenner to Miss Elizabeth G. Fuce. By the same at the same time and place, Mr. Silas J. Harvey to Miss Sarah A. Jenner, all of Raleigh.

The fifth annual ball of Excelsior Fire Co. No. 1 was held on Jan. 16, 1861, in the lodge room in the Elberta Block. The Light Guard Band from Detroit furnished the music. The following were the managing committee: J. G. Sheriff, Jas. Marquand, David Walker, Wm. L. Wil-

son, J. W. Lewis, Thomas McFaul, Wm. F. Martin, James B. Graham, Mr. Sherriff, floor manager.

The butchers' stalls in the market were sold on Saturday last at the following rates:
Stall No. 1, \$150.00.
Stall No. 2, \$150.00.
Stall No. 3, \$75.00.
Stall No. 4, \$80.00.
Stall No. 5, \$31.00.
Stall No. 6, \$31.00.

Mr. John Broadbent, of the Middle Road, has left in our office a sample of the "Globe Turnip" raised on his farm. Three of these turnips weighed 40 pounds. They were as large and smooth as any we ever saw. Mr. Broadbent has produced on his farm, this last fall, no less than four thousand bushels of this crop alone. In Orford the culture of turnips has created no little excitement of late.

Mr. Lafferty, formerly of Amherstburg, has recently opened a general store at the old stand corner of King and Fourth streets, known as Burn's drug store. Mr. Lafferty is an old settler in Western Canada and has always stood high in the estimation of those who have known him best—as an active and correct business man and the fact of him removing to Chatham speaks well for the reputation of this town abroad. Mr. Adolphus Resume, an old inhabitant of Chatham, will be found at the new store ready to serve the wants of customers.

The following are the market prices as quoted by market clerk David Smith:
Flour, per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to \$3.75.
Fall wheat, per bush., 95c to \$1.00.
Spring wheat, per bush., 75c to 80c.
Wool, per lb., 25c to 26c.
Oats, per bush., 16c.
Corn, per bush., 40c to 45c.
Potatoes, new, 18c to 20c.
Butter, per lb., 12c to 13c.
Eggs, per doz., 12c.
Wood, per cord, \$1.00 to \$1.25.
Peas, per bush., 35c to 40c.
Chickens, per pair, 20c to 25c.
Hay, per ton, \$6 to \$7.

At the regular meeting of Excelsior Fire Co. held on Wednesday evening, the following members were elected to office for the ensuing year:
John Dixon—Foreman.
John McDowell—1st Assistant.
J. W. Lewis—2nd Assistant.
Thos. McFaul—3rd Assistant.
J. B. Graham—Secretary.
A. Bolen—Asst. Secretary.
Thos. R. G. Rutley—Treasurer.
W. L. Wilson, D. Walker, E. Fountain—Fire Wardens.

It is stated of the celebrated Bowie that he settled an amicable controversy with a Spaniard about the relative merits of his terribly famous knife and the Spanish long knife by

a knife duel—their left arms tied together. At the ward Bowie, with one powerful jerk turned the Spaniard around, passing his knife into his body and turned it—the Spaniard sinking to the ground a dead man. Bowie then coolly severed the cord and let the dead body fall with as much indifference as though it had been a log. This, of course, was most satisfactory and convincing proof that he had—the best of the controversy.

The following prizes were awarded to the named pupils of the Kent County Grammar School by Dr. Cross: Latin Language—Rowland Cross. Latin Grammar, 1st Division—Walter Crow and J. R. VanAllen. Mathematics—James Samson. Arithmetic—James Laird. Geography, ancient—1st Division, J. Weir; 2nd Division, N. Frederick. Modern—3rd Division, J. McNaughton. English Grammar—1st Division, Jas. Samson; 2nd Division, Philip Andrew; 3rd Division, Isabelle Smith. History—1st Division, John Clements; 2nd Division, Thos. McIntyre; 3rd Division, Agnes Patterson. Writing (boys)—Kenneth Campbell. Writing (girls)—Jane McCall. Good Conduct (boys)—Michael Houston. Good Conduct (girls)—Elspeth Smith.

After the distribution of prizes Mr. Robert Matheson, the teacher, was then presented with a very beautiful Bible by the pupils.

COVERING UP MISTAKES.

One evening last winter, at a dinner given by a Western Senator in Washington, Professor Moore, chief of the United States Weather Bureau, came in for a lot of chaff because of the failure just at that time of his bureau to correctly forecast the weather.

Sitting near the professor was a young physician, who, in a very facetious manner, took special delight in twitting the chief on the failure of his bureau's prognostications. Professor Moore took the matter good naturedly, and each time the sallies of his medical friend.

"Professor," said the doctor, patronizingly, "I, glad of one thing."

"And what is that?" asked the chief of the Weather Bureau.

"That you chaps at last admit that you make mistakes."

"Oh, as to that," responded Moore, carelessly, "we must necessarily. Now, with the medical profession it's quite different. You can bury yours, you know!"

RESPECT FOR OLD AGE IN JAPAN

In Japan there is no such thing as disrespect from youth to age. No Japanese boy or girl would ever think in a light or disrespectful manner of his or her superiors or teachers, and this may account for the earnestness so unusual among young children. When a student enters a master's presence in Japan he bows to the floor, and when the lesson is finished he bows again, with expressions of the deepest gratitude as he takes his departure. The teacher, sitting in his or her little pipe at the inevitable bit of a smoking-box, and waits for his next class. There is no hurrying of masters from room to room, as in some of the schools in our enlightened land. Great imitations as they are the Japanese are remarkable for knowing instinctively those "foreign" customs which would not coincide with their national characteristics.

There are lots of rocky transactions in a chair store.

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CANADIAN WEST

Interesting Letter by W. O. McMullin From the Land of Canada's Future.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Having read Mr. Tobey's letter in your Great Home Journal, giving a description of this western country, and having been in Manitoba and the Territories twice previous to now, I would give you some of my experience for the benefit of my old schoolmates, friends and acquaintances who might wish to better their condition.

Having left Chatham in August I came here and went to work the next day after my arrival, as foreman for one of the biggest contractors and lumber merchants in this district, at over double the wages I was receiving on my last job of building a house for Mr. Albert Langford, at Kent Bridge. Mr. Allan Lundy, of the 4th concession of Harwich, worked with me and went away with a nice bunch of \$5 bills for his short stay.

The weather this fall has been exceptionally fine, and plowing has been going on within the last two weeks. The thermometer to-night registers six below freezing, or 26 above zero. I see no mud here as the air is clear and dry.

The crops this year, although damaged slightly by rust in some districts, were paying, as wheat sold as high as 95c, and is still a good price. It is nothing unusual to see a string of teams at the different elevators, a quarter of a mile long waiting their turn to unload. There are seven or eight elevators here, so you can have some idea of the quantity of wheat marketed.

I have just returned after taking a trip to the Saskatchewan Valley, and think it the place. The district and towns along the Prince Albert Branch of the C. P. R. surprised me very much. Between Regina and Saskatoon, a distance of 160 miles, the principal towns are Lumsden, Davidson, Craik, Hanley and Dundurn. Two years ago there was but one house between Saskatoon and Lumsden, and that was an eating house at Craik.

The districts that I liked best, were adjoining the towns of Davidson, Hanley and Saskatoon. At these points the country is open, free from scrub sloughs, stones or alkali; plenty of good water can be had at from 10 to 25 feet, and lumber and fuel can be had at very reasonable prices. Hay is not plentiful, yet there is sufficient. At Davidson choice wildland can be bought for \$8 and \$9 per acre, close to towns, while at Hanley, where the G. T. P. is crossing, land can be purchased at \$7.50 to \$10 per acre, and homesteads secured adjoining the same within reasonable distance of town and on the G. T. P. survey.

The crops this year were good, being free from rust and frost. I saw wheat that went thirty-three bushels to the acre, graded No. 1 hard and weighed 66 lbs. to the bushel. The average through the country was 25 bushels per acre. The flax, oat and

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A TIME FOR COMMON SENSE

Under the above heading the Woodstock Express has the following to say editorially, and it may be mentioned that the Woodstock Express is an independent paper which supported the Laurier Government in the recent Dominion elections:

The question for the electors is not, which of the political parties is the more corrupt, but what is the best method of dealing with corruption? It is a time for the exercise of a little common sense.

It is probably true that one party would be just as bad as the other if it had the chance; but that is no reason why one party should be kept in power forever. Any party is liable to become corrupt as the result of a long tenure of office. THE REMEDY IS TO TURN IT OUT WHEN IT SHOWS SIGNS OF CONTAMINATION. When the other party fails in its duties and responsibilities, turn it out, too. The same human nature is common to all parties, and similar influences will produce similar results in both. Political parties are but instruments in the hands of the people for the working of the popular will. When one instrument goes wrong, the people should be prepared to take up another and use it so long as it can be used to advantage. No elector is under any obligation to support any party, simply because it bears a certain name. THE ELECTOR'S DUTY IS TO HIS OWN CONSCIENCE AND INTELLIGENCE, AND HE CAN BEST DISCHARGE HIS DUTY BY KEEPING HIMSELF FREE TO JUDGE AND TO ACT.

As a matter of policy it would be well to have more frequent changes of government than has been the custom in this country, and especially in Ontario. It is surely in the interests of the country that the people should have the best that both parties can produce. If one party is to be kept in power all the time, and the other in opposition, the country will not get the best (that is in either party). The party in power will eventually get into a rut, from which it will find it impossible to extricate itself. The power of patronage will take the place of the free choice of the people and the government will cease to be responsive to the popular will. Finally the idea will go abroad that one particular set of politicians has a monopoly of the genius for government, and the other set, which has never been given an opportunity, is without capacity.

Many well-meaning people are willing to admit that the Liberal party has been too long in power in Ontario, and that its continuance in power is not for the good of the country, but what is to be done? They ask. The Conservatives would not be able to form a government that would have any chance of success. They have heard the fiction repeated so often, and they have grown so accustomed to the rule of one party that they have actually come to believe that there is no alternative but to keep one party constantly in power.

The same fiction was prevalent among Conservatives as a result of many years of Conservative government in the Dominion. Many honest Conservatives came to actually believe that capacity for government was the monopoly of one party. But the Liberals have been in power now for eight years, and have just been returned by a popular majority sufficiently large to indicate that the people are fairly well satisfied with their capacity for government.

The exercise of a little common sense would make it clear to any ordinary elector that the fact of a man calling himself a Liberal or a Conservative is no indication of his capacity for the transaction of public affairs. TO FIND OUT WHAT THERE IS IN ANY MAN IT IS NECESSARY TO PUT HIM TO THE TEST. It is an old saying that one never can tell what a man may do till he is tried. Some of the most successful men the world has produced have been men who gave no promise of what was in them till they were actually set to work.

There need be no fear of the consequences if the Ontario Government is defeated. The government of the country will go on just the same, doubtless with renewed vigor. THERE MAY BE GOOD REASON TO DREAD THE CONSEQUENCES IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT BEATEN. A VICTORY WOULD MEAN AN ENDORSATION OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN REVEALED DURING RECENT YEARS. It would be a mandate from the people to continue in the same way.

THE DISTRESSING ABUSE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Many people will sympathize with a writer in the Nineteenth Century points out the Chicago Journal, who complains that the custom of gift-making has degenerated into a system of barter.

How true this is we all must realize with the approach of Christmas and the shopping it entails. Pretty soon we shall sit down some morning, look over our memoranda, find out who sent us presents last Christmas, remember what was the approximate cost of each, and then start on a tour of the shops to purchase gifts about the same value. And these we shall send to our creditor friends with a written message of Christian charity and holiday good cheer, but heaving over each parcel a heavy sigh of relief that this is off our minds and we are even.

Nor is that the worst of it, for very often we seriously embarrass our finances by paying our obligations of this sort and many a bill collector has made a man's life miserable for months because of such meaningless tokens of love and affection that generally do not exist. As a matter of fact, the Christmas present, like the wedding present has become a nuisance. It had its origin in a sweet sentiment, but that sentiment, except in the cases of families that are closely knit in genuine fondness (and how many are they?), has long since been destroyed by the ever-increasing costliness of gifts. The generous simplicity of the past is gone and ostentation has taken its place.

If you doubt this, just try sending no Christmas gifts next Christmas and the Christmas following, and see what happens. You will find that the man who gives no presents gets none. Even the glowing and philanthropic humanity of the Christmas season takes account of the dollars and cents and insists upon value received.

It is time for a reform of the abuses that have surrounded and spoiled the beautiful custom of celebrating Christ's birthday with evidences of peace on earth and good will toward men. As it is practised now it is commercial, sordid and destructive of everything but hypocrisy.

THE KAISER'S INCOME

As German Emperor William II. receives \$650,000 a year, of which, after necessary items of expenditure in the shape of gifts and charity donations have been deducted, only about \$25,000 remains for personal use.

As King of Prussia, however, the Kaiser is treated with greater liberality. He receives from this source an annual sum of \$3,925,825. On this he must keep his family as there is no separate grant for the Empress or the Princess. He also has to make good any deficit in the receipts of the Royal Theatres at Berlin, Hannover and Cassel, pay for Court concerts, and maintain his gardens and castles.

The Kaiser's castles number fifty-two. He also has eighty-three farms. Many of these he has never seen. A year ago his list of castles was increased by one in Switzerland, which was bequeathed to him by a Swiss admirer.

Straight character cannot come out of crooked living.

Little things console us, because little things afflict us.

USES OF CHALK

Precipitated chalk can be used daily with or without castile soap for cleansing the teeth. It would be well for those possessing sensitive teeth if after eating acid fruits or salads they should rub precipitated chalk around the necks of the teeth and between them on retiring. A little chalk used when the teeth are brushed during the day is also excellent for soft and chalky teeth.

Precipitated chalk is also a cosmetic. It can be used in the evening or daytime for whitening the skin in the place of ordinary powders, which are extremely deleterious. A lump dissolved in a little water, to which a drop of glycerine or sweet oil is added if desired, can be applied to the face and neck with a soft cloth. Either before or after it is dry, gently wipe off the visible powder with a piece of flannel. It is absolutely harmless, but will dry the skin unless some good cream food is used at night to repair the drying tendency of the chalk. If applied wet at night, softened with water, on pimples or inflamed blotches, by morning the inflammation will be much lessened.—American Queen.

THE CANADIAN WEST

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barley crops were equally as good as the wheat.

From my own experience and from what old settlers told me, I readily concluded that the climate was preferable to Manitoba, not being subject to frosts, rust, hailstorms or drought. The finest horse, cattle and sheep ranches I ever saw were out there, and the ranchers told me that little or no feed is required during the winter months. About ninety miles north of here is where Mr. Tobey, who has written several letters from Minto, is located.

Now, boys, what I have told you are facts, and you don't need to be in this country long until you have a bunch of bills with a \$100 wrapper. I refer you to Mr. John Campbell, of Harwich and Howard townline, or to Mr. Geo. Thompson, better known as Manitoba Thompson, of Chatham, and anyone wishing to secure cheap land in the west, homesteads, or litigation, can refer them with confidence to Mr. John Jackson, the Saskatoon Valley land man, of Saskatoon, Sask.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for so much space in your valuable paper, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. C. McMULLIN.
Souris, Man., Dec. 10th, 1904.

DOUBLE DROWNING.

Two Brothers Named Lecompte Less Their Lives.

Valleyfield, Que., Dec. 16.—A double drowning accident occurred in the rapids here, just below the Canada Atlantic bridge. The victims were Pierre and Alexander Lecompte, aged 19 and 20, respectively, who were engaged in drawing wood in a scow from Isle aux Pommettes. They were crossing, but unfortunately they had on too heavy a load to handle the scow properly, owing to the quantity of flow ice. Before they could reach the shore the icy water had done its work. Both became so benumbed that they were unable to row. Two young men, Charles and Bid Lavallee, who went to their rescue, only got near enough to see them embrace each other as their boat went into the rapids.

Crushed Beyond Recognition.

Walkerville, Dec. 16.—The badly mutilated body of a colored man was found on the Grand Trunk tracks, three miles east of here, yesterday morning. His head was so badly crushed that it is impossible to estimate his age. He was probably stealing a ride.

Two Dead, Five Injured.

Charlestown, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Two persons were killed and five others seriously injured yesterday by the collapse of a suspension bridge across the Elk River, which connects East and West Charlestown. On the bridge when it went down were six children on their way to school and other pedestrians, together with six teams. Those who went down with the wreckage fell 40 feet into the ice cold waters of the river.

EXPLOSION ON BATTLESHIP.

Five Men Killed By Boiler of Massachusetts Blowing Up.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Three men were killed yesterday and two others were so badly injured that they died an hour later by an explosion of a boiler on the U. S. battleship Massachusetts at League Island navy yard. There were half a dozen men at work on the boiler-room when the explosion occurred.

The gasket on one of the boilers blew out and the suspension of the explosion closed the automatic door thus preventing the escape of the men from the compartment.

Naval Tug Sinks.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16.—The United States naval tug Mohawk sank at her mooring at the navy yard yesterday. One of the deck hands who stuck to the whistle cord, blowing signals of distress until the vessel went down, was rescued with difficulty.

FORGED BY USING CARBON PAPER.

Marteineau On Stand in Government Suit Against Banks.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Action was begun here yesterday before Justice Anglin by the Dominion Government to recover \$75,000, which had been paid by banks on forged cheques drawn in the name of the Militia Department by Abonides Marteineau, a clerk in the Department.

Marteineau, who is serving a seven-year term in Kingston, was called by the Government and told how he had made the forgeries by using carbon papers under a genuine signature to get an outline carbon signature on the cheque, which he then filled out with ink. Marteineau said he lost about \$60,000 of the proceeds of the forgeries in stock speculations.

The case will probably last several days. The Bank of Montreal is the defendant, but the Quebec, Sovereign and Royal Banks are made third parties, as they accepted the forged cheques as deposits.

Diet Turbulent As Ever.

Budapest, Dec. 16.—The Parliamentary truce has been short-lived. The session of the Lower House yesterday witnessed a repetition of the turbulence which has marked most of the recent sittings. The Opposition members declined to recognize the new rules of procedure, and greeted the Premier's attempts to speak with a storm of invectives and other noisy interruptions. Premier Tisza stood for thirty minutes appealing for a hearing, but was finally forced to desist by an unceasing chorus of "resign" from the members of the united Opposition.

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Million Bushels Now in C.P.R. Elevator At Fort William.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The total wheat marketed at the stations along the line of the C.P.R. throughout the season in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories was 20,250,000 bushels, as compared with 18,250,000 bushels last year, an increase of 11 per cent.

Receipts at Fort William during the same period were 12,500,000 bushels, as compared with 10,600,000 bushels last year, an increase of 17 per cent.

Shipments from Fort William were 11,733,000 bushels, as compared with 10,068,000 bushels last year, an increase of 16 per cent.

The balance of wheat left in the C. P.R. elevators at Fort William is 1,000,000 bushels.

DO NOT WALK ON THIN ICE

If You Have 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 droppings 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.

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Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50c. a box. It will pay you to give them a trial and get away from the suffering, humiliation and danger caused by catarrh.

Union Men Found Guilty.

St. Catharines, Dec. 16.—A jury in the sessions last evening found Edward Day, William Hodgins and William Bentle, members of the local union of the International Brotherhood of Decorators and Paper Hangers of America, guilty of a conspiracy to prevent Albert A. Clay, a painter, from working at his trade. The judge said he would not deliver sentence until Jan. 24, and the men were bailed out in \$100 each.

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PREACHER'S UNUSUAL THEME

Society At Large Influenced By the Consistency and Conscientiousness of the Individual On His Daily Walk and Conversation—Unconscious Influence Exerted By the Character and Life of Even the Lowliest of Men.

Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year 1904, by William Baily, of Toronto, at the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 11.—In this sermon the preacher treats of an unusual theme and shows the value and far reaching importance to society at large of individual character and a consistent, conscientious, Christian life. The text is Acts v, 15, "That at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them."

The struggle of the chronic invalid after health is woefully, heartrendingly and overwhelmingly pathetic. To see a child born to a life of inevitable physical pain and torture; to see a young man in the grip of cancer or with bones and joints twisted out of shape by that fiend of inguistatist torturers, inflammatory rheumatism; to see a young woman slowly fading away with consumption, going from place to place for a change of climate, trying first this doctor and that doctor, and then, finally, as a drowning man grasps at a straw, going to the "sure patent medicine cures" and trying the nostrums of quick doctors—ah, these, to me, are among the saddest of all the sad sights of human life.

Yet we may see these pathetic tragedies everywhere. "I cannot live here and die without making an effort to be cured," said a once great lawyer to me in the city of Brooklyn. "There was a time when I had a large income and many friends. But now that I am old and without money and dying with a cancer nearly all my friends have left me alone. The doctors come and say, 'Judge, how do you feel to-day?' Then they propose to cut me with a knife, saying: 'The cancer is growing; judge; the cancer is growing. It must be cut out.' Then when I say, 'Doctor, if I submit to the knife will I get well?' they simply shake their heads and answer, 'Judge, you must die.' It does not seem strange that when a man is fatally ill he will go anywhere and to anybody who promises to make him well.

Poor Robert Louis Stevenson! The doctors said he had to die. But Stevenson said, "If I can only go to a warmer climate I shall get well." So he went. He traveled south. He traveled west. He lived here and there. He was traveling, not for pleasure, but for health. He tried to flee his fatal illness, but sickness kept on his track. It crossed the seas with him. It dwelt with him in boat, in hut, in tent. At last, in far off Samoa, it climbed the mountain with him, and among those tropical woods Death said, "Come, Robert, come." It was a hemorrhage, a little gasp, and poor Robert Louis Stevenson was no more.

The health, what a treasure it is! When it is once lost, how men strive to regain it! In every age the medical profession has been honored and its members held in high esteem. I suppose there was as much disease in Judaea in apostolic times as we have in our day; perhaps more, for diseases which our physicians can cure were then pronounced incurable. We can imagine what a sensation there would be in those times, in every home, where there was a lame child or a cripple or a father or mother suffering from disease, when it was told that Peter, who had cured the lame man of the temple gate, was curing all who came to him. No wonder that sick people sought him and that those who could not leave their beds begged their friends to carry them to him, for we read that "they were healed, every one."

These crowds of chronic sufferers instead of decreasing kept growing larger all the time. At last the numbers of the sick became so great that they could not get near to of

have an audience with the famous apostle. They were too many. Then the friends of the sick said among themselves, "If sufferers are cured when Peter lays his hands on them perhaps they may be cured when his shadow passes over them." So the Bible says these believers "brought forth the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about into Jerusalem, bringing sick folks and them which were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed, every one."

The Bible does not distinctly state whether the sick were healed by Peter's shadow; but, reading between the lines of these two verses, it implies it. We know that under the power of the Holy Spirit it would be no greater miracle for Peter's shadow to heal the sick than it would for the handkerchiefs and the clothes which had once touched the living body of Paul to heal the sick. We read about this miracle in the nineteenth chapter of Acts and of the miracle of Peter's shadow in the fifth chapter of the same book. I think that cures must have been wrought in this way. Perhaps Peter himself was unconscious of it and did not know what his shadow was the means of doing until he was told of the cures afterward. As he passed through the streets touching this one and that and rejoicing that through his touch healing was given his influence reached farther than he knew. We know it so with our lives. The Christian does not know how far his influence does reach. There are some whom he strives to help, but farther off there may be some with whom he never comes in contact who are affected by his very shadow, by the unconscious influence of his Christian life.

Examine first the direct results of a Christian's work. Every man, if he is a true man, has consecrated his mental and physical and spiritual energies to some great purpose. The Christian man, as a minister, is trying to build up a church; as a lawyer, to build up a courtroom or an office practice; as a physician, to have a large number of families as patients; as a merchant, to have a big store. That pulpit or office or store is to the man his chief thought. He works for it by day, he dreams of it by night. If he goes off on a summer vacation his mind and heart are still anchored to that workshop, even as a ship out in harbor tugs at its chains, though it is unable to break away from its moorings. But though a Christian man may work night and day for his professional or mercantile purpose in life do you for an instant suppose he is able to see the infinite spiritual results that may come from that life's work? Do you suppose that physician has any conception of the amount of misery and family trouble he saved when he persuaded that young wife and mother to go to a warmer climate and save her physical life predisposed to consumption—saved it for her husband and her children? Do you suppose that lawyer, when he drew up the will and last testament, had any conception of the amount of family trouble he averted by making that last testament so strong and true that it could not be broken in the courts? Do you suppose that a minister has any true conception of the vast amount of good a simple sermon may do when he arises to preach? Of course some people after a single sermon may praise it to his ears, as some parishioners are almost sure to do, but the greater work of a sermon, as with an author's pen, is never seen or heard by the preacher or writer. Like Peter with his shadow, most of the spiritual results of a sermon appear when a minister has gone back to his home, his bed or his study.

The direct results of a Christian's professional work can never be fully estimated by the agent of a gospel miracle. Let me illustrate my thought from my own experience. I remember some years ago when preaching in Pittsburgh there came up one Sunday a terrific storm. The wind blew and shrieked through those city streets. The snowflakes were piling themselves up so that traffic was impeded. I came out from my study that afternoon and said to a member of my family: "It does seem absurd to preach to-night. No one will be there. If I do preach, I have half a mind to save that sermon I have been so busily writing for the past six days. It does seem a shame for

me to practically throw it away." "No," answered my wife; "you had better preach it. You have always made it a rule to give your people the best you had. If any one comes out to-night he deserves your best. Besides that, God has always most blessed your work on stormy nights." I said: "Yes, that is true. I will give them the best I have. I will preach the sermon." That night the audience was very small. But while the few people were gathering I saw one woman enter the church and come down the aisle to the left of the pulpit. She seemed to be intensely interested in the sermon. When it was finished and the benediction pronounced she came to the pulpit and said, "I will send you a letter soon." Then she passed quietly out.

I went home feeling that the night was wasted. But some time afterward I heard of the result of that sermon. That woman that night was deciding whether or no she should desert her home. Her tempter even then was by her side, urging her to a life of sin. That one sermon on that stormy night, under the power of the Holy Spirit, turned the tide. She says to thank me for what I had said. That letter was one of the most impressive lessons I ever had, for it taught me that no Christian man's work is unimportant, even under the most unsatisfactory and discouraging conditions. Our unsuspected and unreported influences are so great for good that only God's recording angel has a ledger big enough to keep the records. Never, oh, minister, lawyer, physician, neglect your work because of its seeming insignificance. As with Peter's shadow, it may, all unknown to you, reach some whose sin sick soul may be healed by the Holy Spirit's power working through it. The public man has his shadow. The private man has his unconscious influence also. The Christian lawyer, doctor, merchant, minister, have their direct influence when they are doing their public work. They also have their unconscious influence when they are walking through the streets, and sitting in the elevated trains, and eating in their home dining room or in public restaurants, when they think no stranger's eye is watching them and no stranger's ear is overhearing what they say. They have their unconscious influence when, unknown to them, people are weighing them in the balances as they are standing before a jury or prescribing in the sick room or preaching in the pulpit. They have their unconscious influence even when they are "out of harness" and think they can do as they please and that no one will ever know what they do.

Oh, the unconscious influences of every Christian's private life! Like the snowflakes, they bank themselves up into great drifts. Like the grains of sand, they lift themselves into the mighty mountains. Like the little drops of water, they slake the thirst of many valleys and meadow lands. These little influences of private life as despised by some so-called Christian workers, but in the end they result in mighty avalanches for good, in mighty tidal waves of blessings, in mighty east winds that dam back the Red Seas which as impassable barriers, keep the children of Israel from fleeing the Pharaoh hosts and marching on to the brightness of God's promised land.

But I find the Christian's shadows or unconscious influences not only in a man's own gospel seed planting, but also in the Christian example he sets for those who are trying to raise the same kind of gospel harvest. I find a minister's influence, like Peter's shadow, within the four walls of his church. I also find a minister's unconscious influence over ministers who are working in adjacent churches. I not only find a physician's unconscious influence over his patients, but also a doctor's influence over doctors, and a lawyer's over lawyers, and a mother's over her children, and an unconscious influence over her children. I find here that a public school teacher has her unconscious influence over her fellow teachers as well as over the scholars in her own class room.

A Christian man always, to more or less extent, makes or mends the success of men of his own ilk. When I wander among the hallways of history I do not find there the picture of a great soldier which differs in every way from all other soldiers of his day and generation. I do not find in a country's history a great lawyer or poet or statesman or scientist, move through the firmament of the historical heaven in galaxies, in constellations, like the stars in clusters. When I mention the names of scientists I find that there is a scientific Pleiades, with a Darwin, a Tyndall, a Huxley and a Herbert Spencer all existing at the same time. When I mention the name of William Shakespeare I find that a Dacon, a Raleigh, a Ben Jonson, a Sydney, a Spenser, a Beaumont, a Fletcher, a Longueville, all belong to the Elizabethan era. When I mention the greatest warrior of the ages, Napoleon, I find that the French Emperor was a maker of great marshals as well as great armies. I find flanking the "Little Corporal" a Ney, a Bertrand, a McDonald, a Lannes, a Marmon, Napoleon Bonaparte also was a great military obstacle which developed a Wellington and a Blucher. Great soldiers have an unconscious influence over men of their ilk as well as over those who have not brains of the same calibre as themselves.

The unconscious influence of a Christian man over the people of his day and generation is very great, no matter how humble the position he occupies. But if the unconscious influence of a living man upon his contemporaries is great infinitely greater must that influence be upon thousands and tens of thousands of men and women and children after he is dead. How multifold must be

the earthly spheres of an "ancestral" after the speaker's lips themselves have been sealed in the unbroken silence of the tomb!

There is a beautiful Indian legend about the "Land of the Shadows," which relates how the living are influencing those who struggle and fight on this side of the beautiful "river of death." A young warrior was about to be married, but just before the wedding his bride-to-be passed away. Her lover was almost insane with grief. He would not be comforted and could not be comforted. As he was grieving his life slowly away he heard by the camp-fires of his tribe that there was a path leading to the south which if followed would bring a traveler to the land of spirits. No sooner did the young chief hear this than he decided to go and seek his lost love. He journeyed on and on until he left the snow covered mountains of the far north. He journeyed on and on until all the trees of the forests were full of singing birds and all the fields were fragrant with the incense swinging flowers.

In that southland instead of the elk and the moose and the grizzly bear the fawns came out of the woods to lick his hand. He journeyed on and on, until he came to a great gulf of still water. There he found a shining white canoe, into which he stepped and began to paddle out into the deep. No sooner did his canoe leave the shore than another white canoe just like his own came alongside, in which was she whom he loved. They paddled on and on toward a beautiful island, where there was a palace in which dwelt his departed bride. As he came toward the island and was about to land an angel stepped forth and said: "Nay, nay! Thou canst not come as yet. She whom thou lovest will here wait for thee. Go back to the land from whence thou camest. There thou must live and rule over thy people for many years. Live as she would have thee live; then, when thy work is done, and well done, thou mayest return to thy loved one, who here will wait for thee." As in the Indian legend, so it must be with us. If we are here as a minister, an Indian warrior; let us live as our departed ones would have us live. If we are taken away, as was the Indian maiden to the "Land of the Shadows," then those whom we have left behind will be living out the teachings and the examples of our earthly lives. A redeemed immortal's earthly unconscious influence never dies. May Christ help us all to do the work he has given us.

What Sulphur Does

FOR THE HUMAN BODY IN HEALTH AND DISEASE.

The mention of sulphur will recall to many of us the early days when our mothers and grandmothers gave us our daily dose of sulphur and molasses every spring and fall.

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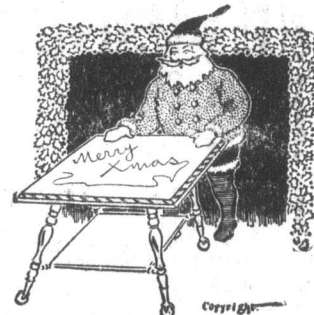
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"Six," was the reply; "it's dull today."

"Boys," said the gentleman, eyeing them scrutinizingly, "I suppose you know there is to be an exhibition of trained dogs to-night?"

"Yes," the boys answered, "that's the one."

"I think I could do it," was his reply.

"How do you propose to make him see it?"

"Through my own sir. That's the way."

"Boy", there was offered every one of you yesterday a chance for lifting yourself up in the world, but on one of you grasped it. My friend, the blind man, has felt for some time that

Mother—Now, Little, we're making up a box of broken and discarded toys to send to the little health boys and girls. Will you send them some of yours?

Little—Well, ma, I ain't got broken ones, but I can break up, I did a few minutes,

When an unrecaptured tax assessment ever paid on real estate in New York was handed in recently, when Mrs. Mary A. Bennett paid it out as taxes on property at the corner of Prospect avenue and Garden street. The rebate distributed by Matthew A. Husson, took the tax bill without grinning at it and prepared to figure out the rebate allowed for taxes paid this month. When I looked at the amount, he quickly decided that no rebate could be regained and the Evans Mrs. Bennett a regular receipt. Assessed on the tax books block No. 3,100, lot No. 24, the assessed

The Australian eucalyptus tree being grown on a large scale in South Europe and Northern Africa because of its tendency to produce a large quantity of gum is a property owned by Mrs. Bennett except this remaining triangular one.

The Prussian authorities are taking steps to prevent the unlawful use of the prefix "von". The police have been ordered to send in lists of persons who prefix "von" to their names. These will be carefully examined, and if found to be untrue, the offenders will be punished. It is highly praised action but not entitled to do so, also informed that unless they will continue its use they will be punished.

RATHER TOO RISKY.

At a prominent works at Birmingham during the dinner hour there was a somewhat heated argument going on, when one man, who hitherto kept silent, was appealed to. "Now, George," said one, "we kn-

"You've a argument, an' can swi' the best on 'em. Now, say your opinion on this tricky question." "I ain't a gon' ter discuss it," George, promptly. "I've threshed matter out a long time."

"An' what decision did ye ar at?" asked one.

"Why," he replied, in a cool manner, "me an' Father chap didn't know. We took different roads an' now we're at the house."

"To speak. He arrived at the house an' I arrived at the police station, an' I ain't gon' to thresh the matter out again."

"Nor did they persuade him to do so."

"Tommy" asked the teacher of grammar class, "what is the feminine of 'vassal'?"

"Vassaline, m'am," replied Tommy promptly.

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A checkered career often ends striped.

LIFE OF A
CHILD IN CHINA.

At birth it is supposed that man is split into good and evil, attending to the good and the evil. In Chinese child. Red candles are lighted as for a wedding, and attending to the good and the evil. The little one must not be frightened. The little one must not be frightened. The baby boy's head is shaved on the twenty-eighth day, but the ceremony is on the thirtieth. If the baby is a girl, and in either case this is done before the ancestral table. Another shrine of the goddess called Mother of a Boy receives altogether forgotten. The little child taking the form of a little cat ornamented with tassels, and bells and gold, silver or copper, and beads, to hang about the neck of Buddha, to hang about the neck

boy, never had years

+++++ BREEDS SPIDERS +++++
 ++++ FOR LIVIN' +++++

In this age of aham, even spiders
 are being robotically attached
 to wine bottles to give them the ap-
 pearance of age. For there is an elder-
 ly Frenchman who makes a comfortable
 competence by supplying microscopical
 wine dealers with specially bred spi-
 dersi, at a fixed rate of \$2.50 per

handed, which may be taken advantage of by the spider. If turned loose amongst the spiders, it will be sure to proceed to spin abundantly. The reason of this is that he keeps a large establishment, which he devotes to breeding spiders. They are kept in dark cool rooms and the spiders are allowed to roam at their will about shelves, on which are placed numerous empty pots and bottles. If a spider spins on the wall or a corner of a shelf, it is promptly destroyed by the owner; but if it spins on a bottle, it is rewarded with a fly. When their education is complete, they are placed in separate compartments in light wooden boxes and

WEST INDIAN "LIFE PLANT."

There is a creeping vine found in Barbados, Jamaica, and other islands of the West Indies, known as the "life tree," or, more properly, the "life plant." Its powdery berries are said to be beyond the power of vitality any plant. It is absolutely indestructible by any means except immersion in boiling water, or immersion in a red-hot iron. It can be cut up and divided in half, and the smallest portion will thrive and the smallest seed will grow.

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