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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

## A GOOD CHOICE.

The selection of Mr. Herbert S. Clements by the Liberal-Conservative of West Kent as their candidate for the coming Dominion election will appeal to the people as a wise choice. Mr. Clements is a young man of exceptional force of character, universally esteemed and enjoying a well-deserved popularity. In addition, he stands on a magnificent platform. The policy of "Canada for the Canadians" is a policy to win upon, and the clear and logical manner in which Mr. Clements yesterday enunciated his convictions along the lines of protection and the development of Canada, will appeal to the minds of the intelligent electors of West Kent.

## WHY CANADIAN WAGES ARE REDUCED.

The Liberals have been finding much needed solace in the idleness of some 8,000 German men and women, who refused to work for 48 cents a day. This is a lesson in protection which should not be lost on Canada, cry the government supporters.

Yes, it is an unhappy state of affairs which should bring Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding to their senses, if anything will. At present Canadian factories are being closed up and the wages of Canadian workmen are being reduced, largely because Canadians are forced to enter into competition with the 48 cent labor of Germany. At Sidney and the Soo hundreds of men are idle or working for what they can get, while the steel works of Germany are turning out thousands of tons of steel rails for Canadian railways.

It is time, therefore, for the government of this country to protect the Canadian workman from 48 cent German labor. The Conservative party has declared most emphatically against such ruinous warfare from abroad, and on page 1495, Hansard, 1903, Mr. R. L. Borden dealt with this very question as follows:-

"To so frame our fiscal policy that labor in Canada shall be paid a fair living wage, remembering always that our laboring classes and therefore our producers and manufacturers cannot be expected to compete on even terms with countries in which the condition of life among the laboring classes is altogether different. We do not desire to reduce our labor population to the low standard of living, to that hard, fierce struggle for existence which prevails in many countries. We do not want our laboring classes to compete without protection against the pauper labor of any country."

## DISGUSTED WITH THE MACHINE.

Unless all signs fail the election of the Conservative candidate in North Renfrew is a foregone conclusion. His defeat cannot be compassed by any combination of circumstances short of wholesale bribery of the constituency. As the campaign has progressed Mr. Dunlop's strength in the riding has developed steadily and strongly. To this consummation his personal popularity has contributed in no small measure, but above and beyond this even has been the potent influence upon the electorate of a free discussion of the issues of the campaign, the besmirched record of the Ross Government and the prospect of a clean administration of provincial affairs under the Conservative party as led by Mr. J. P. Whitney. One of the first results of this feature of the campaign was seen in the public denunciation of the Ross Government by no less stalwart a Liberal than Mr. Findlay, a former member of the Ontario Legislature and supporter of the administration of Oliver Mowat. Now comes the announcement of the defection of another prominent Liberal, Dr. Chennouhou, of Renfrew, an ex-warden of the county and heretofore a staunch supporter of the Liberal administration at Ottawa and Toronto. The influence of these public denunciations of the Ross Government and its machine policies cannot fail to excite a widespread feeling upon the electorate of North Renfrew. They point to a general distrust of the Ross administration and disgust with its political methods. Now in the face of these symptoms of public distrust the candidate of Premier Ross and his shady associates can hope for election? It is not easy to understand except upon the hypothesis of

## For deep seated long standing COUGHS nothing equals Allen's Lung Balsam

a blind reliance on the potency of the machine itself. But malign methods have their limit in influence in any case, and in North Renfrew the machine is operating this time under the disadvantages of a close and searching scrutiny.

Mr. Olney has been nominated by the Liberal Conservatives of West Lambton to carry their banner in the coming contest. One of the people, an eloquent and forceful representative, a debater of exceptional power, Mr. Olney will be a candidate whom it will be an honor to support.—Mail and Empire.

## HUMANISM.

Philadelphian Ledger.  
To err is human. To jump on others when they err is human, also.

NEVER GIVE UP THE SHIP.  
Hamilton Spectator.  
Gagey called Dr. McKay a "rat," although it was clear that the doctor was not deserting the sinking ship.

ADVANTAGES OF PROMOTION.  
Toronto Star.  
Lord Dunsford will not feel hurt if, when the office which he now holds is taken away from him, he should be appointed as governor-general. Work will be lighter and the pay greater.

GENERAL UTILITY LADY.  
Detroit News.  
Kingston, Ont., has a lady whose versatility in a business way is simply unequalled. Her advertisement reads:

MME. BLANK,  
MASSAGE AND DRESSMAKING PARLORS.  
Products new growth of hair at any age, prevents falling and gray hair, cures dandruff, Neuralgia and Eczema. Latest styles in Ladies' Costumes. Tailor-made Suits, Carriage and evening Gowns, Shirt Waists, etc. Prices moderate. Religious readings and recitations for church and parlor. Entertainment (Scotch dialect a specialty).

WHY, OH, WHY.  
Pembroke Standard.  
If the Hon. G. W. Ross has made up his mind to take the advice of the Toronto Globe and a score of other Liberal papers—rid his party of the "barnacles, parasites, grafters, hoodlums and corruptionists"—why does he allow Mr. Hale to bring to his assistance such a discredited and utterly abandoned gang of machine operators and crooks as are at present in this riding? Where does the money come from to pay this band? They are, of course, boarded at cost price at Messrs. Hale & Mackie's Hotel, but who pays their salaries and looks the bill for the wine and cigars?

Why are they here? There is only one answer. They are here endeavoring if possible to secure a subservient supporter for the Ontario Government against the will of the people.

## Read the Initials

And be guided thereby.  
By aiding to eliminate  
Useless and poisonous matter,  
Just as nature does,  
Utterly from the blood,  
The users of this regulator  
Have a sovereign remedy  
Even in cases of severe  
Kidney derangement  
Involving the entire system.  
Do not despair,  
Nor trifle with substitutes.  
Effect a cure—not a temporary relief—and stay cured.  
Put up in boxes, 50 pills, 50c  
In drug stores everywhere.  
Linger not—danger awaits.  
Let not foolish delay be yours.

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## FATHER LARONDEAU

Father Francis Larondeau said his first solemn high mass Sunday. St. Joseph's Church was crowded with friends and relatives of the young priest. High mass was solemnized at 10.30 by Father Francis, assisted by Deacon Father Hurman, Sub-Deacon Father Roberts, Father James assisted the celebrant. Father James also delivered the sermon, which was appropriate to the occasion. He referred to the past life of Father Francis Larondeau and paid a glowing tribute to the clever young priest. Will McRener, an old-time personal friend of Father Larondeau, sang a solo at this service. Mr. McRener has a splendid voice and he came all the way from Chicago to sing at this service.

Father Larondeau also officiated at Vespers and Benediction in the afternoon at St. Joseph's Church at 3 o'clock at the convent at 5.30 and at St. Joseph's Hospital at 8.30. Mrs. Alice Jacques, sister of Father Francis Larondeau, gave a dinner to him and the Franciscan Fathers at her home last evening. The dear relatives of the young priest were all present.

Father Larondeau is a Chatham boy and a graduate of the C. C. I. His many friends in this city wish him every success in his high calling. He is a kindly nature and he will always be found ready and willing to cheer the sick, befriend the needy, comfort the afflicted and do whatsoever his hand finds to do in his Master's vineyard.

"NOT IF IT COST TEN DOLLARS A bottle would I be without Polson's Nervine," writes J. A. Ruth, a farmer living near Trenton, Ontario. "Nervine is the best household liniment I know. We use it for stomach troubles, indigestion, headache and summer complaint. I know of nothing better to take in hot water to break up a cold, or to rub on for rheumatism or neuralgia." Every farmer should keep a few bottles of Nervine handy and have smaller doctor bills. Large bottles 25c, at druggists.

## A HANDSOME SOUVENIR.

The magnificent, two-volume set that was exhibited by the Grand Trunk to the delegates to the Fifth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, during their visit to Canada last August, has still further been acknowledged by the forwarding to the delegates throughout the British Empire, to their home addresses, one of the most beautiful souvenirs that has ever been issued by any railway. The souvenir is in the shape of a book, and includes a series of reproductions from the best photographs taken during the visit through Ontario and Quebec. The reproductions are in half-tone, printed in the two-color process, on the finest, cream-colored paper that could be secured, the design matter being simply the prints of views, and each page is embellished with a vignette symbolical of each individual district and appearing in the bottom left-hand corner. There are sixteen-four pictures in all in the book which, in addition to a view of the splendid train that was tendered by the Grand Trunk to the delegates, shows scenes along the line between Montreal and Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, Windsor, Sarnia to Muskoka, some beautiful reproductions of the scenes in the "Highlands of Ontario," and a very comprehensive set of group pictures that were taken of the party during their trip. The whole is bound in dark green silk, with a beautiful design of the coat-of-arms of the Dominion of Canada, encircled with a band of green silk ribbon tied in a bow at the edges. This souvenir will be greatly appreciated by the delegates, and will not only bring back pleasant memories of their trip to Canada, but will be an additional factor in bringing before the British Empire the great resources and the magnificent scenery in Canada through which the Grand Trunk passes.

Usual special excursion tickets for Christmas and New Year's holidays will be issued by W. E. Baskin, city passenger and ticket agent, to all points in Canada on Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways, also to certain points in United States west of Detroit, to points in Canada at fare and one-third on Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th and Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning until Jan. 5th, and at single fare on Dec. 24th and 25th, good returning Dec. 28th, also on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 5th. Scholars tickets issued to non-resident pupils and teachers of schools and colleges on certificates from Principal on Dec. 5th to 31st inclusive, good returning until Jan. 18th, at fare and one-third.

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## ADA CRANE'S DEATH.

Mrs. Waters (Colored) Arrested at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Miss Ada Crane, a domestic in the employ of Mrs. J. H. Herring, 177 Main street west, died Saturday in the City Hospital, where she had been taken at noon yesterday. Shortly after her death a warrant was issued for the arrest of Mrs. Hattie Waters, colored, 50 Huron street north, and she was taken into custody, charged with having procured a criminal operation on the deceased. The dead girl was about 25 years of age, and had been employed at Mrs. Herring's for several years. She was a good character in this city. A brother of the deceased, who lives in Guelph, is expected in this city to take charge of the remains. Coroner Griffin will open an inquest at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at Blachford's undertaking establishment.

## IT IS HIGHLY INJURIOUS.

To use a cheap drastic physic. Safest remedy for constipation and torpid liver is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut, which loosen the bowels without griping pains. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

The fellow who has dyspepsia usually makes other people suffer for it.

## Drawing Near.

to Christmas. Is there not someone for whom you have not selected a gift. We have the most complete line in the city of watches, clocks and jewelry, also plateware, ebony goods and genuine crocodile and morocco purses, cigar cases, etc. For a handsome Christmas gift, why not one of the celebrated Berliner Gramophones or a beautiful fountain pen, exquisitely carved and mounted with gold and warranted. We have a great variety to pick from. Come and see us before purchasing and we are sure you will be satisfied.

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## The Great Rush is On

In every department of this store a holiday atmosphere prevails. The great array of goods appropriate to the season displayed in a most artistic manner, the great crowds that continually throng the isles, and the incessant hum of business indicate the approach of Christmas. **Don't Delay a Day.** There are only two days left in which to do your Christmas buying. Every minute you delay means a loss to you in reduced assortments and time. Our large and well assorted stocks of staple and holiday goods abound with money-saving opportunities for thirty buyers.

Beautiful Moquette Rugs—Rich, deep pile, beautiful designs and colorings, in 3 sizes, special at \$1.25, \$3.00 and \$4.50

Rich Smyrna Rugs—In rich reversible designs and colorings, large sizes at each, \$2.50, \$2.90, \$3.50 and \$4.90

Lamb's Skin Rugs—In choice crimson shades, long fleecy wool, extra wide, trimmed and lined, three sizes, special at each \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Handsome Tapestry and Chenille Curtains—In range of beautiful designs and colorings, heavy fringe ends, matchless values, at a pair, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.75, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00

Real Down Comforters—Well filled, rich art satin, reversible coverings, closely quilted, special each, \$5.00

New Waist Flannels—Crêpe de chenes, viols, etamines, silk sublimes, silk and wool, Landsdowne, nuns cloth, French twills, Bedford cords, velvet cords, serges, etc., colors cream, white, sky, old rose, pearl grey, pink, royal, etc., extraordinary values at per yard 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

Baby's Dresses—For ages up to 3 years, fine wool cashmere, beautifully made and trimmed, colors cream, sky, and pink, special each \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50

Baby's Silk Dresses—Rich quality, pure wash silk, dainty styles, trimmed with lace insertions, tucks, hemstitchings, etc., sizes for child up to three years, special at \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50

Dolls—We sell dolls as we do all lines of dry goods—on the closest possible margin of profit. We have hundreds of them to choose from, in large range of styles and sizes, at each 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Stik waists, two holiday specialties—Rich French taffeta silk waists, made with fine tucks and hemstitching on back, front and sleeves, lined, laced sleeve and cuffs, sizes 32 to 42, a good \$5.00 waist, special at \$4.00

Ladies silk waists, guaranteed quality, French taffeta, in black and all fashionable shades, handsome styles, beautifully made, with pleats, tucks, hemstitchings, etc., sizes 32 to 42, special at each \$5.00

Ladies new style collars, in rich silk, chiffon, appliques, lace, medallions, etc., in full range of colors, special at each 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

China-ware—A Selected case of Fine "Crown Brand" Limoges French china plates, of all sizes, cups and saucers, spoon trays, salad, colly trays, porridge bowls, fruit dishes, etc., handsome new decorations, marked for quick selling at astonishingly Low Prices

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A CHRISTIAN MAN wanted in unoccupied territory to sell full line of articles of daily consumption, to consumers, at wholesale prices. Address, Cooper, Drawer 531, London.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barrel trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 246 Jefferson avenue, Detroit, Mich.

## FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE—A desirable 50 acres of land, being part of lot 6, concession 2, Chatham; first class quality of soil, well located, within three miles of the city. Terms easy. For further particulars apply to the owner on the premises, or address Chatham P. O. C. W. Haviland.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received at the office of James Yates, Esq., secretary of the Building Committee, up till seven o'clock p. m., Wednesday, December 30th, 1903, for the several branches of works required in the erection and completion of a brick Methodist church to be erected at Goderich, County of Huron, Ont. Plans, specifications and details to be seen at the office of James Yates, Esq., Goderich, and at the offices of James L. Wilson & Son, architects, Chatham, Ont.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Materials for building may be shipped by boat to Goderich.  
REV. GEO. DANIELS, Chairman.  
JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Architects,  
Chatham, Ont.  
Chatham, Dec. 12, 1903.

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Give your wife a chance and she'll bake bread like that mother used to make.  
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Nice dwelling, facing a paved street, heated with coal hot air furnace. Rent \$10 per month. Apply to  
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Reserve funds and profits 9,000,000  
Drafts bought and sold. Collections made on favorable terms. Interest allowed on deposits at current rates in Savings Bank department, or on demand receipts.  
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Will do a wise thing to see  
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about a joint policy in the NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA, the premium on which will be only a trifle more than the cost would be on a single life. This would be a good Christmas gift to bestow on each other. See the agents at Goderich, over Meynell's, King St., or address P.O. Box 125, Chatham. AGENTS WANTED.  
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Owners of property who desire to sell are quick to make a note of this. They are agents for The Monarch Fire Insurance Company; and they have houses to rent.  
A trial only required

## The Chatham Loan and Savings Co.

44 Half Yearly Dividend.  
Notice is hereby given that dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Company has been declared this day for the current half year ending December 31st, 1903, payable at the Company's Office on and after January 2nd, 1904.  
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st December, inclusive. By Order of the Board.  
S. F. GARDINER,  
Manager.  
Chatham, November 30, 1903.

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A Few Doors West of Post Office.

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25c per Bottle  
Is the best preparation on the market for Coughs and Colds.

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There is danger of an early fall and you should be prepared by giving as your order for Storm Doors and Windows. It pays to grasp time by the forelock and have your work done before the rush.  
Lumber, Lath, Shingles, etc. always on hand. Builders' Hardware, Paints, Oils and Glass at close prices.  
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You will be sure of getting your candy fresh and good if you buy here. A very large assortment to choose from, and low prices go with the good candies.

A CREAM MIXED, 3 pounds for 25c.  
PURE CREAM CANDY 10c. a pound.  
A SPECIAL CREAM, 2 pounds for 25c.  
OUR SPECIAL FANCY BOX 25c.  
FINEST MIXED NUTS, 15c. a pound.  
NEW TABLE RAISINS, 20c. and 25c. a pound.  
LOOSE TABLE RAISINS, 2 lbs for 25c.  
GOOD ORANGES, 20¢. Dozen  
SWEET ORANGES, 25c. per dozen.  
TABLE FIGS, 15c. a pound.  
FINE MILD CHEESE, 14c per pound.  
RICH OLD CHEESE, 18c per pound.

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## Our Holiday Line is Here

In variety and novelty our present holiday stock cannot be surpassed. It is unusual too, in the matter of prices. Buying as big a line as we have gave us an advantage in getting bed-rock prices, and all of this advantage we pass on to you. We do this right in the start because

### We must sell the goods

We cannot afford to carry such a over and so have put prices down as they will compel buying. We sell for both old and young.

Time.—The very latest designs in beautiful package, 25c to 35c.

Fine Toilet Articles.—We have added several new lines this year, in ebony, leather, celluloid, etc.

In these lines we have Everything that is new, Everything that is worth giving, and Everything for lowest price.

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### Let Us Persuade You

to do yourself a favor. Shakespeare was great in clothing ideas in his language; like the bard of Avon we are also great.

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not of ideas, but of—men of style. Why not look like a resident of Prosperity Ave., and put yourself at once inside of a spic and span model of Dame Fashion's latest creation in woolen?

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### TO-NIGHT.

Basket Ball practice, drill shed, at 8 o'clock.  
Royal Arch Masons' banquet, Rankin House, at 10.  
Chatham Lodge, No. 22, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.  
"Robin Hood" rehearsal, Auditorium over Standard Bank, at 8.  
Court Companion, No. 521, I. O. O. F., will hold their regular meeting at 8.

### THE LOCAL BUDGET

Taffies at Richards', ten cents per lb.  
See the wonderful new (\$2.00 an oz.) perfume at Ed. Jones' drug store.  
Leave your order for a set of whisk trays at this office.

The Burdick Dancing Club will hold their second assembly on Dec. 24th. Children's fur ruffs, from 5c to 35c. Mrs. J. E. Weldon.

The nicest lot of carving sets in the city at Westman Bros.  
J. H. Ferguson, of Blenheim, was in the city on Saturday.

World's boxes 25c to \$2.50, Mrs. J. E. Weldon's.

Smoke Quail on Feast Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made.  
James H. McVein and Miss McVein, of Dresden, were visitors in the city on Saturday.

Lost—Last night, on King St., a fountain pen. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. McNaughton, of Detroit, were guests in the Maple City on Saturday.

Holly Wreaths, the best, 10c. each. Wreathings \$1.25. per yard, at The Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Phone 181.

Miss Hazel Brown, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. G. F. Scott, Selkirk Kirk St.

Fred H. Brisco, the proprietor of Santa Claus' Headquarters, Opera House Block, has received several letters from little ones, addressed to Santa Claus, in his care.

Mr. Santa Claus call and see our nice line of steel sleighs and skates at Westman Bros.

There will be no Church Parade of the Twenty-fourth Regiment on Sunday next, but the Regiment will parade to Divine Service the last Sunday in January.

Does your husband waste his time in the barber shop waiting his turn? Get him a safety razor set for Christmas. Impossible to cut his chin with the "Real" safety razor—Geo. Stephens & Co.

Sixty-five new members were received into the Park St. Methodist Church on Sunday last, about half of them being adults and half pupils from the Sunday school.

A few of those nice butter cups at 15c per lb. at Richards'.

A pair of otter fur gauntlets were left in the general waiting room of the C. P. R. station last evening. A suitable reward will be paid for their return to this office.

"General D. Bility and a General 'Run Down' state calls for a general tonic to the system. Such is 'The D. & L.' Emulsion. Builds you up, increases your weight, gives health.

"In our climate a fur coat prolongs life. It is necessary. Does father or husband do any driving? Get him a coat. \$12 to \$30. We are closing them out cheap. Geo. Stephens & Co.

### CARVERS.

We want to show you a line of carvers that is not equalled anywhere in the city. Swell, up-to-date, good, new designs, perfectly finished. Here is a few prices. We have plenty more equally cheap.

3 piece set, horn handles, finely finished, in elegant plush lined case, \$3.25  
3 piece set, horn handles, sterling silver mounted, crimson plush lined case, 4.50  
3 piece set, horn handles, highly finished, on cardboard, no case, 2.00  
5 piece set, horn handles, highly finished, crimson plush lined case, 8.00

J. C. Wanless

PHONE 65

Buy your Christmas cakes at Richards'. Large assortment and all sizes.  
Ed. Nasmith's delicious chocolates, at Ed. Jones' drug store.  
Call on Gabe McIntyre at the Montreal House, corner Head and Sandys streets.

Norman Burrows left this afternoon for Strathroy, having received word that his mother is seriously ill with pneumonia and pleurisy.

A full line of McGregor's chocolates at Ed. Jones' drug store.  
A present that will be useful at all seasons of the year for a Christmas present would be a set of Planet whisk trays.

Mrs. John Northwood and daughter, Miss Dor, Blind street, will leave for Wigan (Mound, New Mexico) next week, to spend the winter.

The reserve seat sale of tickets for Christmas night opened with a rush at Brisco's this morning, as this is in particular a good number, chosen especially for Christmas night. No doubt the Grand will be packed. Secure your tickets at once.

Nothing nicer for the small boy or the big man than a nice pocket knife for Christmas. How about skates, silver-plated, nickelled or polished steel? Geo. Stephens & Co.

The Children's Aid Society, after carefully investigating a case of neglect and poverty, have succeeded in having made wards of the society five children. The society wishes to find homes for a girl of eight and a boy of six.

The police have received notice from W. H. Mayne, chief of police, Niagara Falls, notifying them of the arrest of a heavy brought light bay mare from that place. The horse weighed about 1,400 pounds, is 10 years old and 16 hands high, and has a white strip on its nose.

Caleb Wheeler has been summoned to appear at the police court on the charge of breaking the by-law governing the buying by wholesale on the market. Mr. Wheeler comes up for trial to-morrow.

Calab says that he helped to make that by-law when it was in the Council and knows it as well as anybody.

The Sons of England, B. A. F. Society, held their usual meeting last evening. Bro. Geo. B. Clements in the chair. Bro. J. E. Andrews addressed the Lodge on the Labor Question in a "massive" manner.

Next Monday, Dec. 28th, after the usual meeting, a grand Will's Rose rally will be held. Bro. George Mayne and others from a distance are expected to be present with us. God Save the King.

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### OFFICERS ELECTED

Court Chatham, I. O. F., held their election of officers last night. The following gentlemen will hold office during the coming year:—  
P. C. R.—S. Stephenson.  
C. R.—Rev. R. McCosh.  
V. C. R.—J. Cumming.  
Rec. Sec. and Physician—Dr. R. V. Bray.

Fin. Sec. and Treas.—Dr. Munson.  
S. W.—J. Barassin.  
J. —G. S. Hayward.  
S. B.—H. Dennis.  
S. B.—F. Goodland.

Trustees—D. S. Paterson and W. S. Marshall.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members adjourned to Northwood's for oysters, where an agreeable hour was spent.

Notice! Having decided to turn our business into a strictly cash business all accounts now due and owing this firm must be paid before the 24th day of this month. Accounts due must be settled either by cash or note by the above date, as we have a strictly cash business on January 1st, 1939. Respectfully yours, S. Sone & Co.

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## OPEN AT NIGHT CHRISTMAS WEEK.

THE GORDON STORE presents a price list of some sensible and suitable articles for you to select from before hand, which may save you time and money when you come to buy your Christmas presents; mark what you intend to buy and cut this list out as a guide. Read carefully, don't skip a line.

### Handkerchiefs.

in great variety lace, embroidered, hemstitched, colored bordered and mourning handkerchiefs from

1c to 52

### Silk Handkerchiefs

For men and women, plain and fancy hemstitched, initialed, etc., from

19c. to 75c

### Initialed Handker's

A Ladies' special, all linen, 10c  
A Man's " 19c to 25c

### Silk Ties

For ladies in a great variety of new styles and materials from

15c to \$1

### Collars and Stocks

For Ladies, all the new shings, lace and embroidered Collars and Collar Points, ranging in price each from

10c to \$1

### Large Collars

Lace, Silk, Battenburg and net, tasty and fashionable, from

25c to \$2

Ladies' Garters, plain and all styles, per pair 10c to 50c.

### Babies'

Mitties and Booties from 10c to 25c.  
Bibs in variety from 5c to 25c

### Ribbons,

Baby and Hair Ribbons from 1c to 10c  
Fine line of wide 18c and 25c goods at half-price.

### Hose,

Babies' fancy Cashmere Hose, all colors, 25c  
Girls' Cashmere Hose, ribbed and plain from 20c  
Women's fleeced and heavy wool hose from 12c  
Heavy Cashmere and worsted Ribbed Hose, from 25c to 75c  
Women's Silk Hose, White, Pink, Blue and Black, \$1

### Belts,

For Ladies, Black and White, from 25c to 1.50  
Belt Buckles, 15c to 50c; Sets 38c to 60c

### Pocket Books,

10c to \$1.50  
Wrist Bags in variety, 25c to \$1.66

## FURS.

Ladies' new Seal jackets from \$25 to \$64

Astrachan and Rocharan Coats from \$14 to \$50

Persian Lamb Jackets, choice \$50 to \$150.

Grey Lamb Coats, a special, \$35

Muffs \$2.50 to \$30; Ruffs \$2.50 to \$50

Capelets \$1 to \$30; Gauntlets 40c to \$5; Men's Fur Lined Coats and Fur Caps; Children's Furs.

### Coats

Ladies' Jersey Cloth, satin lined \$18

garment for \$10

Fawn Jersey Coats, velvet collar, lined and stitched, \$25.00 for \$25







## DENTAL.

A. A. HICKS, D. D. S.—Honor graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., also honor graduate of Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. Office over Turner's drug store, 28 Rutherford Block.

## LODGES.

WELLINGTON Lodge, No. 45, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.

ALEX. GREGORY, Sec.  
F. D. LAURIE, W. M.

## MEDICAL.

**DR. OVENS**  
OF LONDON  
Surgeon, Oculist and Specialist: Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Will be at Chatham on SATURDAY, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26. Glasses properly fitted. Office at Radley's drug store.

**L. E. CURL,**  
OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,  
SPECIALIST IN CHRONIC DISEASES;  
Examination Free. Office, Sixth street opposite Fire Hall. Hours—8 to 10 a. m., 1 to 5 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m.

## LEGAL.

**J. B. HANKIN, K. C.—Barrister,** Notary Public, etc., Victoria Block, Chatham.

**A. F. SMITH—Barrister, Solicitor,** etc., Office, King Street, west of the Market. Money to loan on Mortgages.

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

**SMITH & GOSNELL—Barristers, Solicitors,** etc., Harrison Hall, Chatham. Robert D. Smith, County Attorney, R. L. Gosnell.

**WILSON, PIKE & GUNDY—Barristers, Solicitors,** etc., of the Supreme Court, Notaries Public, etc., Money to loan on Mortgages, at lowest rates. Office, Fifth Street, Matthei's building, R. C. W. E. Gandy, J. M. Pike.

**HOUSTON, STONE & SOANE—Barristers, Solicitors, Conveyancers,** etc., Notaries Public, etc., Private funds to loan at lowest current rates. Office, upstairs in Spalding Block, opposite E. Macdonald's store, M. Houston, Fred. Stone, W. W. Soane.

**MONEY TO LOAN**  
ON LAND—MORTGAGES at lowest rate of interest. I also have a few farms for sale. I also sell bugles and carriages. Call and see me and get my prices, and you will save money by doing so. Henry Dagnan, Chatham.

**MONEY TO LEND**  
ON LAND MORTGAGE ON CHATHAM MORTGAGE OR ON OTHER PROPERTY.  
To pay of mortgages. To buy property. Pay when desired. Very lowest rates.  
**J. W. WHITE, Barrister**  
Opp. Grand Opera House, Chatham.

**Money to Loan**  
—ON MORTGAGES—  
4-12 and 5 per cent.  
Liberal Terms and privileges to Borrowers. Apply to  
**LEWIS & RICHARDS**

**Trust and Private Funds to Loan**  
Farm and city property. Terms to borrowers. Apply or write to  
**THOMAS SOULLARD**  
Office lately occupied by Edwin Bell, Victoria Block.

**Money to Loan on Mortgage at 4 1/2 and 5 per Cent.**

**FOR SALE—FARM AND CITY PROPERTY.**

Brick house, two stories, 7 rooms, lot 40 feet front by 200 feet deep, \$1100.00.  
Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 ft., good stable, \$1100.00.  
House and lot, 3 rooms, \$1050.00.  
House and lot, 5 rooms, \$900.00.  
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 24 acres. All cleared. Good house and barn, \$900.00.  
Farm in Township of Harwich, 200 acres. Large house, barn and outbuildings, \$12,000.00.  
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 22 acres. Good house, new stable and granary, \$2250.00.  
Ten acres in suburbs of Chatham, \$1500.00.  
Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms, with seven acres of land. Good stable, \$3000.00.  
Apply to  
**W. R. SMITH, Barrister.**

## OUTLOOK GLOOMY.

## JAPAN WILL NOT BE SATISFIED BY WORDS.

Russia More Defiant—Resources of Diplomacy Not Exhausted—Russia May Have Already Overstepped the Boundary.

London, Dec. 21.—In an editorial The Times says it fears the situation in the far east is not improving, but says that so long as negotiations are not formally broken off there is hope for a peaceful settlement. "The Japanese," says The Times, "have made up their minds not to be satisfied with words. Doubtless they are ready to come to a compromise on certain points, but they are quietly resolved that whatever they insist upon as a minimum, compatible with the interests of the country, must be secured to them by something more tangible than promises. A compromise ought not to be impossible, but it must be an honest compromise, and not a mere device for securing all the advantages on one side."

Reuter's Telegram Company has learned that considerable anxiety exists in the best informed circles of London regarding the possible outcome of the situation in the far east. It says, are expressed that the Russian Government may have overstepped the boundary which would make a continuation of peaceful negotiations with Japan possible. It may be regarded as quite certain, it asserts, that Japan will not accept the principles of the last Russian note, which are altogether at variance with Japan's main contention, and that Japan's reply must necessarily be cast along this line. Apart from the delicate state of the negotiations between the two nations, Reuter says, it is also known that Russia is assuming a more defiant attitude, and the outlook may be regarded as more gloomy than it hitherto has been, although it cannot yet be said that the process of diplomacy have been completely exhausted.

It concludes by saying that there is no actual news of fresh developments, and that no ultimatum has been sent by Japan to Russia.

Some British officers have volunteered their services to Japan in the event of war. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, points out that the rules of the Japanese service preclude the employment of foreigners on active service.

## AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

**Labor Leader Favors Preference to Britain.**

London, Dec. 21.—The London Daily Mail, referring to the Australian elections, says that the result is a menace to Australia. The labor party is ready to sell its vote to the highest bidder and has loaded the country with debt. The Sydney correspondent of The Morning Leader says the Federal elections are a blow to Mr. Chamberlain. The Chronicle's Melbourne correspondent wires that the election has caused widespread consternation among the more conservative portion of the community, and says The Melbourne Age, the Government organ, declares there can be no peace so long as the free traders maintain a vestige of the fiscal flag. J. C. Watson, the labor leader, has denounced the naval subsidy, and has favored a preference to Britain.

## PANAMA WILL PAY.

**Will Voluntarily Bear Part of the Debt of Colombia.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—In official circles it was stated that Panama, while disclaiming any obligation to Colombia for the payment of a portion of her debt, will voluntarily and as an act of comity assume such share of it as in her judgment may be deemed proper. It is understood that the formal expression of that Government on that subject is delayed pending completion of the statement of General Reyes, the desire being to note just what demands Colombia makes.

## SHOT AT MAX NORDAU.

**One Bullet Slightly Grazes the Famous Author.**

Paris, Dec. 21.—About midnight Saturday a miserably-clad man fired two shots at Max Nordau, Vice-President of the Congress of Zionists, at a Zionist ball at the Salle Charras. One of the shots grazed Nordau, while the second wounded a guest named Assowelski. The man who fired the shot was immediately arrested. He said he was a Russian, that his name was Chaim Seik Louban, that he was 23 years old, a revolutionist, and had been chosen by lot to shoot Nordau. Louban also said that the revolutionist congress, which had chosen him to kill M. Nordau, and which was made up of Nordau's political adversaries, was held in Bern.

It was later learned that Louban is one of the Zionists who insisted upon the acquisition of Palestine, and that he and his co-conspirators at Bern were antagonistic to the plan advocated by M. Nordau and others to establish the new Zion in Africa.

**Switchmen's Strike at Portland.**  
Portland, Me., Dec. 19.—A strike of fifty switchmen employed in the yards of the Grand Trunk Railway here, for an increase in wages, seriously interfered with traffic to-day. Only four of the entire working force remained at work. The strike delayed the loading of two steamers, the Cervena and the Manxman, scheduled to sail for England to-day.

CATARRH  
Is An Open Gateway for the  
Great White Plague

Because it is such a slowly progressive disease and lingers along, year after year, now better, now worse, but on the whole getting more deeply and firmly seated, people are prone to overlook its destructive tendencies and neglect catarrh. It is hard for one whose constitution holds him up for years against the progressive encroachments of catarrh, to realize that he is in the time when he should reach, or some acute cold will fan the smoldering fire of catarrh into that devastating systemic conflagration.

So many neglect the beginnings of disease and allow it to become firmly seated and very difficult to dislodge. Only physicians who are familiar with the history of all, that in a large number of fatal sicknesses, has led to a supposed trivial complaint neglected brought about the condition that cost life. Case after case of consumption can be traced to neglected catarrh.

Catarrh is a prevailing plague, the foremost scourge of America. Its stealthy approach and lingering stay make it a dread to the physician and a pest to the patient. It is vastly more than just a filthy and disgusting disease, making the breath odious and repulsive, causing one to choke, snuff, blow, sneeze, cough, gag, hawk, spit and do the disagreeable things catarrh sufferers are obliged to do, but if allowed to run its course or later becomes dangerous to life.

Because catarrh is not alarming in its early stages, it is commonly allowed to progress until many, so many other and various names but of which catarrh is the primary or basic cause. Catarrh is the beginning of more diseases than all other diseases combined. It is capable of attacking the most fluids, tissues and organs of the body. The poisonous secretions following up the mucous tract get into the throat and impair the voice, into the stomach and produce dyspepsia, into the bowels and result in chronic diarrhoea, into the blood and become as eczema, into the skin to be known as many organs and entail Bright's disease and bladder troubles, into the pelvic organs and develop various annoying and distressing conditions generally referred to as "female weaknesses."

Catarrh of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, bronchial tubes, lungs, liver, stomach, bowels, kidneys, bladder and other organs, but a local manifestation of the disease, hence the catarrh of the system, the catarrh of the blood, the catarrh of the nerves, the catarrh of the brain, the catarrh of the heart, the catarrh of the stomach, the catarrh of the bowels, the catarrh of the bladder, the catarrh of the uterus, the catarrh of the vagina, the catarrh of the cervix, the catarrh of the rectum, the catarrh of the anus, the catarrh of the skin, the catarrh of the hair, the catarrh of the nails, the catarrh of the teeth, the catarrh of the mouth, the catarrh of the throat, the catarrh of the lungs, the catarrh of the liver, the catarrh of the stomach, the catarrh of the bowels, the catarrh of the bladder, the catarrh of the uterus, the catarrh of the vagina, the catarrh of the cervix, the catarrh of the rectum, the catarrh of the anus, the catarrh of the skin, the catarrh of the hair, the 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**THE POPE'S WEALTH.**

OVER EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS LEFT BY LEO.

Story of the Finding of Vast Summs in His Apartments Has No Foundation.

Rome, Dec. 21.—The Associated Press is authorized to announce that the present Pope, immediately after his accession, received \$8,400,000. This was bequeathed in a part of Pope Leo's will which was not made public. The money was transferred by Cardinals Gotti, Rampolla and Cretoni, Pope Leo's executors, who brought the larger part of the funds from the Propaganda, where they were kept. The Vatican authorities deny the story, printed in yesterday's Tribune, which said that Cardinal Gotti had transferred a bequest of \$9,000,000 four months after Pope Leo's death, and also the report that a large sum had been found in a wall of the Pope's room. The sum thus found was \$100,000, kept for emergencies. The financial condition of the Holy See is somewhat unsatisfactory and causes the Pope concern. When the temporal power fell, Pius IX., partly because he was generous and partly because he thought the occupation of Rome would not last long, maintained the salaries of all the clerks, officers and soldiers who did not take service under the Italian Government. Recently salaries and pensions were reduced, but even now the annual expenditure of the Vatican amounts to about \$1,400,000.

It is further denied that Pope Leo left less money than was said when he assumed the tiara. At the death of Pius IX. the amount at the disposal of the Holy See did not reach \$3,000,000. Pope Leo might have left much more if several financial enterprises had not failed. In addition, the subscriptions known as Peter's Pence, which have been one of the chief resources of the Holy See, have gradually diminished, especially where Catholics did not approve of the political attitude of the Papacy, as in France.

**FANNY MCGARVEY'S STATE.**

Glad to Hear of Her Uncle Upton's Death.

London, Ont., Dec. 21.—A jail official states that Fanny McGarvey, whose attack on her uncle, Patrick Upton, ended fatally, does not show any regret or concern in the matter. When informed of her uncle's death her reply was: "Oh, you don't say! Well, I'm so glad."

"You are glad he is dead?"

"Oh, my, yes, very glad. You see, he is out of the way of harm now. I only wish I had killed him at the time."

Being told that an inquest would be held, Miss McGarvey said such a proceeding was unnecessary. "I don't know why they want to hold an inquest," she said; "there is no doubt about who killed him, and I am willing to tell all about it. Whatever they want to do to me I am ready for."

**CHRISTMAS PASTORAL.**

Bishop Sweetman's Appeal on Behalf of the Clergy.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A Christmas pastoral from the Lord Bishop of Toronto was distributed in the Anglican churches yesterday. After a reference to the unprecedented prosperity the Bishop regrets that experience does not conduce to religious progress, and the needs of the Church, the cause of Christ in the world, at home and abroad, meet with less support in good times than in bad. The financial position of the clergy, wholly dependent upon the voluntary contributions of the laity, has been growing worse, especially in country parishes and missions generally. The idea that an income of \$600 a year is adequate for the maintenance of a married clergyman with a family, who has also a horse to keep, shows an absolute disproportion of things, in view of the greatly enhanced cost of living.

**FEAR BLOOD-POISONING.**

Condition of Ernest Driver, Assaulted by a Pupils.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—The condition of Ernest Driver, the Grimsby school teacher, who was so severely injured by being struck with a slate by a scholar named Fisher, is causing his physicians and friends considerable alarm. It is feared that blood poisoning will set in, and for that reason it has been decided to reopen the wound and remove particles of slate which were left in it. It has not yet been decided what proceedings shall be taken against the boy Fisher. The school board is looking into the case and it will largely depend on the conclusion arrived at by the trustees whether or not the boy will be prosecuted.

**A PRETTY CLOSE CALL.**

Drunken Indian's Team Stuck on a Railway Bridge.

Brantford, Dec. 21.—A serious accident was narrowly averted on the Buffalo and Goderich line of the G. T. R. Saturday night. A drunken Indian, driving home got his team on the track, and before he had gone very far the horses got fast in a rut. Some boys noticed the predicament and succeeded in stopping the train just twenty feet from where the horses were stuck. The train was held there for about two hours while the animal was being extricated. If the train had not been stopped it altogether likely that it would have been a disaster.

**SCOURGE OF THE AGE IS KIDNEY DISEASE**

Terrible Increase in the Number of Deaths From this Ailment

It Is Common to All Classes and Conditions of People

It Creeps Stealthily into the System and Develops into Many Diseases

Bright's Disease, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, and Rheumatism are Among the Forms it Takes.

Dodd's Kidney Pills the One Remedy That Nerveless Cure It, No Matter How or When It Is Found.

Of all the diseases the human body has to combat in its struggle for health, the one that is steadily growing in strength and numbers is Kidney Disease. Quietly, stealthily as a serpent, it creeps into the system and the greatest physicians of the world have ever known stand helpless around it. As the last fold goes around the struggling victim and the doctor shakes his head in despair, "Bright's Disease," he fades to nothing, and the suffering friends feel that death has marked their loved one for its own.

The alarming increase in this terrible disease is evidenced by the columns of almost every newspaper. For not among the lowly of the earth alone does it look for its victims, but among the great and the noble, and among those who in recent months have gone down to their graves upon their bodies. In fact, so prevalent is the disease become that a celebrated New York specialist states recently that not a single person in a hundred was free from some taint of Kidney Disease.

**WORKS IN SECRET.**

It is the secrecy of Kidney Disease that makes it the more dreaded. You can fight an enemy in the open with some chance of success, but if he is lying in wait to take you at an unwary moment your chances of successfully fighting him are terribly diminished. So it is with Kidney Disease. Its first warnings are so faint as to be hardly worth notice, a slight pain in the back that is charged up to over exertion, a slight discoloration of the urine or a burning sensation while urinating attracts attention. That is all. But that means that Kidney Disease is at work gradually eating its way into your system. The pain in the back grows more severe, the urinary trouble more complicated, swellings under the eyes, the limbs denote the coming of Dropsy, and the shooting pains in the joints and muscles that Rheumatism has you in its grasp, or perhaps a day or two's illness leads to the calling of the doctor, and suddenly the terrible truth is forced upon you—Bright's Disease has you in its grasp.

With this silent, relentless enemy slowly but surely eating its way into prominence and marking that prominence by a yearly increase in the length of the day, the demand of the way of escape. "Show us the way of escape," is a cry that is put mankind in a critical condition without providing a way of escape—providing mankind were wise enough to take the way provided. In this case the way of escape is a simple vegetable remedy. It has been before the people of Canada for thirteen years, and like all the great relievers of nature, has been first received and first appreciated by the lowly in life, those known as the common people of Canada.

Is it the common people of Canada who die of Bright's Disease? No, it is the bright and shining marks, those who are stationed above the heads of the masses. Ask the pastor of this town, or the people who are practically exempt from Kidney Disease in its worst form, and ask them. With all the cure of our Kidney ailments with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and there never get a chance to develop into that terrible disease that carries so many prominent men into the grave.

**ON WITH HIS WORK.**

Ana so it is; the man who does manual labor must heal his slightest aches or they hinder him in his work. When he has a backache he puts up with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work; when he feels a twinge of Rheumatism he drives it out of his body with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work. Necessity has taught him that he must cure his kidneys to get rid of his pains, for he must work to live. He has not been educated to that standpoint where a prescription to cure must be written by a specialist at a cost of dollars to every letter. He may not even know that there never was a disease that took in all classes of the community. What he does know is more to the point than all this. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure all aches which ex- come from the kidneys, and goes on with his work.

**SOME EXCEPTIONS.**

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Even among common people there are those who neglect the early warnings of Kidney Disease. It takes exceptions to prove the rule—but many of those exceptions prove more—they prove that no case of Kidney Disease is too far gone for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Heart Disease—all the varied forms of Kidney Disease in its advanced stages—have been met by Dodd's Kidney Pills and never once has Canada's great Kidney Remedy had to admit defeat. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and

from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay, Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, and wherever used they have triumphed over Kidney Disease in its every form. Thousands of Canadians are shouting their praises of the conqueror.

Just a few of those who have neglected the early symptoms, reached the more advanced stages of Kidney Disease, and found a cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills are given below. There are thousands of others. Ask in your own immediate neighborhood. You will not have to go far to meet men, women and children who have either warding off or cured the terror of the present age by using the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

**BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.**  
Bright's Disease has invariably yielded to a treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills, no matter how firm a hold it has gained on its victim. Possibly the most talked of case of recent date is that of Allice Maud Parker, of Shubenacadie, N. S. The full story of this case will be found in the current number of Dodd's Magazine. Herewith a short statement from the young lady's mother is appended:

Two doctors pronounced my daughter's illness Bright's Disease, and gave her up to die. Her eyelids swelled and she could hardly see, her legs from her ankles to her knees swelled. Her back in health was twenty inches, when she was at her worst it was 48 inches. Then she gave up all her food and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. By the time she had taken the first box I saw a change. It took a long time to bring her back to perfect health, but Dodd's Kidney Pills did it. To-day my daughter is in perfect health.

Shubenacadie, N. S. G. G. Parker.

**DIABETES CURED.**  
Diabetes is another of the most fearful and fatal forms of Kidney Disease that has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and by no other medicine. Among those cured of this terrible ailment is Mr. Charles Gilchrist, for fifteen years Chief of Police of Port Hope, and afterwards for twenty-two years Fishery Overseer under the Dominion Government. His remarks are as follows:

I suffered for ten years with Diabetes and Kidney Disorder. At times my urine was of a dark brick color, and I would suffer something awful while passing. I tried doctors and medicines, but could get no help at all. I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They have made me a new man. The citizens of Port Hope all know me, and can vouch for the above.

Chas. Gilchrist, Ex-Chief Const. and Fishery Overseer, Port Hope.

**HEART DISEASE CURED.**

Heart Disease is a result of Kidney Disorder. Bad Kidneys mean impure blood, the action of impure blood on the heart causes Heart Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure it.

I suffered for years with Heart Disease, Bright's Disease, and Rheumatism. I was so feeble I was unable to do anything. There were three months I abandoned all medicines, and resolved to let myself die. Then I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the good the first box did surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes in all, and my Heart Disease and my Rheumatism.

Dame Louis Provost, St. Magloire, Que.

**DROPSY CURED.**

Dropsy, another disease cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, failing to do their work and remove the surplus water from the blood, is another ailment Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure. Here is an example:

It was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. In the morning I got out of bed I could hardly put my feet to the floor they were so much swollen from Dropsy. My arms used to swell at times so that I could not put on my coat. I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the good the first box did surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes in all, and my Heart Disease and my Rheumatism.

George Robertson, 392 St. James St., Montreal, Que.

**RHEUMATISM CURED.**

Rheumatism and kindred Kidney Diseases, such as Lumbago, Sciatica, and Gout, are caused by uric acid in the blood. If the kidneys are put in working order they strain all the uric acid out of the blood, and the Rheumatism goes with it. Take the case of W. G. Cragg, of Dresden, Ont. Here is his statement:

For eight years I was troubled with Inflammatory Rheumatism. I could scarcely get around to do my duties in my store. I had some of the best doctors I could get, but nothing I tried would ever give me relief. I was also troubled with Gout. I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills and had only taken six boxes when I was completely cured.

W. G. Cragg, Ex-Reeve of Dresden, Ont.

**MR. CLOUSTON'S RETURN.**

NO DIFFICULTY IN RAISING MONEY FOR G.T.P.

The Grand Trunk's Guarantee—Mr. Clouston Thinks Mr. Chamberlain's Policy Will Eventually Triumph.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Mr. E. S. Clouston, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, who has just returned from England, has announced that the Grand Trunk Pacific guarantee deposit of \$5,000,000 had been made on Saturday in the London branch of the Bank of Montreal. When asked if the securities were of a satisfactory nature, Mr. Clouston said that was a question for the Dominion Government to decide. Regarding the company's ability to back the undertaking, Mr. Clouston said: "I know nothing personally about the company's plans, but from what I was told in London, I think there will be no difficulty in securing all the money required to build the road."

Referring to the tariff reform movement in England, Mr. Clouston said that the movement in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's policy was making good headway, and he was convinced that, although there was great opposition to it, it would eventually triumph.

**MOVEMENT AT OTTAWA.**

To Add Newfoundland and Greenland to Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—There is good reason to believe that the Canadian Government have under consideration the institution of negotiations having for their object the admission of Newfoundland and Greenland into confederation. Whether the subject has yet come formally before the Cabinet is not known, but the unmistakable inference is that the acquisition of the territory on our eastern and northern shores promises to become a live topic before long. Attempts to elicit information from an official quarter failed, the present time not being regarded as opportune for disclosing the Government's plans. There are many prominent Canadians who believe the Government would be taking a wise and statesmanlike course in promptly opening negotiations with the Government of Newfoundland and Denmark, in the former case for the admission into the Dominion of the island itself and the strip of the Labrador coast over which it exercises sovereignty, and in the latter case for the purchase of Greenland. The decision of the Alaska Tribunal, giving permanently to the United States a strip of territory on our northeastern border, and the direction in which the foreign policy of the United States Executive seems of late to be gravitating, have awakened in Canada the feeling that unless proper precautions are taken we may have a repetition of the Alaska incident on the shores of Hudson Bay and on the Atlantic seaboard. To be forewarned is to be forearmed. The Government have already taken measures to police and patrol the great inland sea to the north and assert our authority there. Would it not seem to be a prudent act to take the necessary steps that will place it beyond the power of any nation to deprive us of free and uninterrupted access to the Atlantic Ocean? Newfoundland made a bid for entrance to confederation in 1895, when Sir Mackenzie Bowell was Premier, but the terms she demanded were deemed at that time to be excessive. Perhaps a reopening of the matter would have more successful results, and cause Newfoundland to become a Canadian Province. It is true that the French shore question remains unsettled, but it is equally true that Britain and France are on more cordial terms than formerly, and this would not be the first international problem which has been settled by the two nations meeting and talking the matter over. In a fair and conciliatory spirit. As in a fair and conciliatory spirit, the Danish Government may be disposed to part with a presumption which is of no special value to it, provided a satisfactory inducement were offered.

**SCHEME FOR AN ALIBI.**

Canadian Lawyer Said to Have Made a Startling Proposition.

Detroit, Dec. 21.—It is reported that a proposition has been received by a firm of lawyers from Calgary, Man., to provide an alibi for a man who is under arrest there on a charge of bigamy. Wife No. 2, it is alleged, has caused her arrest on learning that her husband had a wife living in New York State. The solicitor for the accused, it is stated, has written to the local lawyers, asking them to get his first wife to consent to a divorce, dating the papers prior to his second marriage, and if she cannot be found, to procure some one who will act as a dummy.

**FIVE PER CENT. TARIFF.**

Sufficient, Says Hon. G. E. Foster, With Prohibition.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—At least two thousand gathered in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon at the meeting of the Canadian Temperance League. The chair was occupied by Hon. George E. Foster, ex-Minister of Finance, who said he was known as a protectionist, though he did not intend to take that question of a tariff change to the country. But back of all this, and of vast more importance, was the matter of "Give me" said Mr. Foster, "one generation of people who were total abstemious and I will, with a 5 per cent. tariff, undertake to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country."

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### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas entertainment of Shreeves' Sunday School, 5th concession, Raleigh, was given last evening. There was a goodly attendance, and a splendid program was provided. The features of the evening were the solos by Miss Gertrude Potter and Miss Lucy McKellar, and the duets by Miss McKellar and J. Will Wilson. Miss Mamie Lee, is a very clever elocutionist, and her numbers were greeted with great applause. The duet by Mr. J. W. Mann and Miss Mann was very pleasing. Miss Pansy Mann deserves the greatest credit for training the participants in the drills

and the marches and drills were indeed a credit to the able young instructor and her companions.

The Program—  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.  
Prayer by Chairman.  
Chairman's Address—Rev. Mr. McCormick.

Instrumental duet—Messrs Kearns and Robertson.  
Solo—Mr. Rhue.  
Recitation—Miss Mamie Lee.

Duet—Mr. J. W. and Miss Pansy Mann.  
Speech—Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Solo—Miss Potter.  
Drill—Christmas march.  
Duet—Miss McKellar and Mr. Wilson.

Instrumental duet—Messrs Kearns and Robertson.  
Solo—Miss McKellar.

Dialogue—The Dental Operation—Messrs. Chipp, Kearns, and Rhue-worth.

Drill—Hoop Drill.  
Duet—Miss McKellar and Mr. Wilson.

Mouth Organ Solo—Mr. Moorehouse.  
Solo—Miss Potter.

Recitation—Miss Mamie Lee.  
Solo—Mr. Wilson.

Speech—Mr. Garrell.  
Solo—Mr. Rhue.

Drill—Good Night.  
God Save the King.

Miss Flossie Bogart and Mr. T. V. Challinor, of Chatham, very acceptably filled the position of accompanists for the vocalists, and Miss Ada Shreeves for the drills.

Supt.—John Bell.

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The municipal election this year looks like a dead one.

I hope that ham factory by-law won't get its bacon cooked.

He's only 39 but George Stephens will think that he is a hundred.

The G. H. J. is willing to boost the municipal candidates—but where are the candidates?

No anxious one, Herbert S. Clements does not run the Farmer's Sun but he runs as a Farmer's son.

George Stephens may have the size now. He will also have the sighs after election.

I think that ham factory by-law will be on the pork unless something is done.

H. S. C. may stand for Herbert S. Clements but it also stands for "Bill, Sir Conqueror."

Look at the fun we'll have if the police force is dismissed after the defeat by-law fails to carry.

The new candidate has something to tell the voters about free corn wool and coal oil. Wait for it.

Wanted—A crime to arrest Gagey on. Any old thing will do. Apply to E. W. Ross, Toronto—Hamilton Spectator.

Did you see his picture in this G. H. J.? This Conservative candidate for West Kent isn't a bad looking fellow.

I feel lonesome. My friend Bill of Down the Line has gone to "New York." I hope John Henry won't get him.

"Of course I'm an independent voter," remarked the Grip heeler. "Why I have voted for both Liberals and Reformers."

There were good men nominated, but they all withdrew to give Herbert S. Clements, the young man, a chance.

In the name of heaven, aldermen, hold a public meeting and discuss those by-laws or they will be beaten as sure as mice.

Herbert S. Clements won't need to press his own suit. There are enough Conservatives in this county to do it for him.

Herbert S. Clements has raised his name of blue ink on the Chatham Township. He is the standard-bearer of Liberal-Conservatives.

The young man's candidate is the whole ticket. He ought to be able to draw the wool over his opponent's eyes. That's his business.

What is the Industrial committee doing to ensure the carrying of the ham factory by-law? I never saw a 100 lb interest taken in the matter.

Ald. Piggo, in 1905 at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. "Waiter, bring me ham and eggs. Be sure the ham is that fine article put up by the Chatham ham factory."

Editor of water wagon—Kindly reserve a place for me on your chariot. For reasons, not necessarily for publication, I would like to ride on the skip. Sam Bannister, residing in Michigan.

HE BOUGHT A STAMP.  
Harry Marsh was a business caller at the post office Saturday evening. Carriage (111) Democrat.

NOT A PARLOR GRAND.  
H. Vrooman is building a fine hog kitchen on his upright hog pen—Harvard (111) Independent.

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## DISTRICT DOINGS.

### THAMESVILLE

Dec. 21.—Miss May Smith, of Alma College, St. Thomas, is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Clunie.

Miss Ethel Ripley, student of the Normal School, London, is home for Christmas.

Mrs. G. J. Watts visited Chatham Saturday.

Mr. Tom Syer has returned home from a four months' trip to the North West.

Mr. John Hardy arrived home yesterday from North Dakota.

The skating rink was opened Saturday for the first time this season.

Mr. Noble Ripley, of London, is spending a week with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Ripley.

Miss Fairy Watts, student of the Chatham Convent, is visiting her parents here.

Miss Laidlaw, of St. Thomas, is the guest of Mrs. Clunie.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Available for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Montreal, Q.

Dec. 21.—Harold Watson, who has been working in Detroit, is visiting his parents here.

Miss Eva McVean, of S. S. Margaret's College, Toronto, is home for the Christmas holidays.

Owen Watson, of the Ontario Dental College, is home for the holiday season.

Among the Chatham visitors on Saturday were Miss Mary Hazlett, Mr. and Mrs. Allan McInnes, Mr. and Mrs. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Baker, Miss Muggie Farnsworth, Miss Grace Huff and Harry Huff, Miss Estella Stinson and Mr. Roy Baxter, Earl Davis and Mr. Walter Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson and son Harold visited relatives in Florence yesterday.

P. Hughes, of Huron College, London, is home for the Christmas holidays.

James McVean returned on Saturday from a trip to Toronto.

Miss Sarah McVean, who is attending the medical college in Toronto, is spending the holiday season at her home here.

Miss Grace Irving, of Chatham, was the guest of Miss Grace Huff yesterday.

Miss Beatrice Davis, Tupperville, visited her home yesterday.

Captain John McDonald is home for the winter.

Miss Clemmence VanAllen, of Alma College, St. Thomas, is home for the Christmas season.

Mrs. Harry Colville, of Chatham, visited relatives in town yesterday and Saturday.

S. S. NO. 2 CHATHAM.

Mr. Editor—Will you kindly allow me through the columns of your popular and widely circulated paper, to thank in the very kindest manner possible, all those who helped to make the school concert held in S. S. No. 2, Chatham, Township, the success it was. On behalf of the pupils I cannot feel too grateful for the efficient assistance rendered by those taking part.

Mr. H. Williams' hearty interest in every possible manner deserves special mention. I myself am greatly indebted to him for his never failing efforts in the work. Being so well known in the county, it is needless to mention that Mr. Williams had been the former teacher of this school and had held many successful concerts in previous years.

Great credit is also reflected upon the organist, Miss V. French, members of the orchestra in attendance; Messrs. Harrison, Eide, Wrigley and Trotter, of Chatham; Miss Forsyth, Darrell's elocutionist; Stanley Merritt, of Chatham; and H. W. Knight, of Wallaceburg, chairmen, (substitute for Dr. Thornton, Chatham).

None the less credit is given the young ladies and gentlemen of the neighborhood for their diligent efforts to prepare an interesting program.

The kindness shown by Mrs. E. French, in preparing a tasty supper for the Chatham participants shall not be forgotten.

A recitation contest was held during the evening's program. The trustees, Messrs. Kennedy, French and Brown, were appointed as judges. Their decision gave Miss Jessie French the prize, a pair of gloves.

The prize was donated by Primeau & Peltier, proprietors of The Urban, Chatham. The net proceeds of the concert were \$12.20.

Signed,  
S. G. KNIGHT,  
Teacher.

ASSAULTED FATHER

George Hunt, a young man about 30 years of age, has been arrested on the charge of assaulting his father, Chas. Hunt, an old man between 70 and 80 years of age. Mr. Hunt, Sr., lived with his son. The old man is in pretty bad shape, being severely bruised and cut about the face and one eye was blackened. Hunt, Sr., said that he received a blow on the head some years ago and that, as a result, at times he goes out of his mind. He was suffering from this some time ago and gave his son \$40 or \$50, all the money he had, so that his mind would be assured.

The son, the father, alleges, put the money in the bank, and when he got better, George refused to "cough." This, it is alleged, led to the trouble. The son will be tried to-morrow for assaulting his father.

It doesn't pay to have too many irons in the fire, unless you are a laundress.

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# CHRISTMAS Is Creeping Nearer.

We are in the midst of the busiest days of the year, with enthusiasm at its highest pitch, and the glow of Christmas is in the air.

Such things as men like and such things as women like to buy for them at Christmas tide are here in plenty.

If we could only hang these holiday things in the newspapers, and let you see them instead of trying to tell you about them.

## SENSIBLE GIFTS

### NECKWEAR—

A beautiful assortment of Christmas silks in all the coloring and shapes. The new wide Derby, the Studholme Puff, Ascots, Imperials and Tecks, 50c and 75c

A very large variety of bright, new silks, all shades and patterns, in bows, four-in-hands, strings, knots and puffs, 25c

### MUFFLERS—

An immense showing of Way's Woolen Mufflers, in plain black, plain blue, plain white, and in fancy colored stripes and figures, beautiful goods, 25c to 50c

English Square Mufflers in silk and cashmere, a very large assortment of black goods, both plain and brocaded, also stripes and fancy colored brocades, from 25c to 50c

Men's Oxford Mufflers, in plain and brocaded black and fancy colored patterns, comfortable and stylish, 50c to 75c

### GLOVES—

Men's imitation and real Mocha Gloves, in all the new shades of tan and gray, wool lined, an exceedingly large range from the best makers in Canada, priced from 50c to 75c

Men's silk lined gloves in all the latest shades, in both kid and mocha, from \$1 to 2.00

A line of beautiful, real mocha gloves, dark tan shade, all fur lined, luxurious and warm, all sizes, 4.00

### HANDKERCHIEFS—

Linen handkerchiefs, both plain and hem stitched, pure Irish, our own importation, each 15c, 20c, 25c and 35c

A range of extra quality pure Irish linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, put up by the half dozen in a handsome fancy box, at per box \$1.50 and 2.00

White silk handkerchiefs, plain and with initial, hemstitched, 25c, 50c and 75c

Men's fancy bordered hemstitched handkerchiefs, in a large variety of colorings, quite the correct thing for the outside breast pocket, 50c and 75c

### COLORED SHIRTS—

New Christmas patterns in regatta shirts, in the new gray and a large variety of fancy patterns with either separate or attached cuffs, 75c and 1.50

### SMOKING JACKETS—

Made from fine imported goods, golf-cloths in check and plaid effects, trimmed with silk cord with Austrian knots and frogs, a very complete display, \$5 and 7.00

### DRESSING GOWNS—

In the correct cloths, rich luxurious garments, bound with silk cord and with silk and wool girdle and tassel, \$8.00 and 10.00

### BATH ROBES—

In fancy patterned eiderdowns, dark and light shades, with girdle and tassels, also made from Turkish towelling, making excellent Christmas gifts, \$3.00, \$4.00 and 6.00

We are serving more people every day now, but plenty of help and well assorted and attractive stocks make it very pleasant work.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

## Thornton & Douglas, Limited.

### Bibles! Busy Days

### GRAY'S CHINA HALL.

A late shipment of Tea Sets and Dinner Sets gives you the chance to buy CROCKERY cheap.

- 9 only pink, blue and green tea sets, with neat floral decoration, bought to be sold for \$5.00 a set, now 54.00
- 20 Dinner Sets that should have been here a month sooner but just have them unpacked now, regular value \$15.00, now 12.50
- 25 Lamps, extra fine finish, large globe, Rochester burner, some tall other low, styles to suit everybody, \$5.50, \$6, \$6.50 for 5.00
- 48 Chamber Sets, in colors light and dark blue and green, just the sets you can use in a spare room if you are expecting company, reg. \$2.50, for 2.25

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, - King Street.

### We are all Children

## CHRISTMAS DAY

We like to be remembered. We feel better for bestowing some little gift on our friends or dear ones. Some pretty thing or some useful one. Let us suggest:—

- SKATES, 40c. to \$3.00.
- NICKEL TEA POTS, 75c. to \$1.25
- BISSELL SWEETEN, \$2 to \$5.
- HOCKEY STICK 5c.
- AIR GUN \$1 to \$3.
- WARM MITS and FUR GLOVES 15c. to \$6.50.
- POCKET KNIFE 10c. to \$3.00
- SAFETY KNIVES \$1.50 to \$5.00.
- SHOOTING JACKETS, \$1 to \$3.25
- TALLY CARD PUNCHES 50c
- PARLOR STOVE \$10.00 to \$50.00
- NEEDLE COMPANIONS, 75c. to \$3
- FORKS and KNIVES, \$1 to \$25.
- CARVING-KETS 50c. to \$6.00
- PAIR SCISSORS, 15c. to \$3.00
- FUR COAT \$12 to \$3.00
- SET OF TOOLS, \$1 to \$5.
- HAMMER and SAWS, 10c. to \$3
- BUTTER DISH \$2 to \$8.
- BUTTER KNIFE, \$1 to \$2.
- PIE SERVER \$1.25 to \$3.00
- FISH FORKS \$1 to \$2.50.
- NAPKIN HOLDERS, 20c. to \$1.50
- A SMALL CLOCK \$1.00
- DINNER BELLS, 20c. to \$1.50
- COOK STOVE, \$12 to \$35

GEO. STEPHENS & CO

## ALL MUST GO..

As we are going out of the Crockery Business.

Dinner, tea and chamber sets, china lamps, and glassware, are being sold at prices that make it easy to give useful Christmas presents. This is a positive clearing out sale. If we realize the cost of the goods we shall be satisfied.

In the future we shall sell groceries only the choicest goods at lowest prices.

- 4 lbs. Mixed Candy, 25c.
- 3 lbs. best currants, 25c.
- 3 lbs. Select Raisins, 25c.
- 3 lb. tin of best sodas, 25c no charge for tins.
- Pickle, 10c per bottle.
- New dates, 7c per lb.
- 2 lbs. pure lard 25c.
- 3 lbs. Mixed Biscuits, 25c.
- 1 lb. Pure Baking Powder 10c.

John McConnell,  
Phone 190, - Park St.