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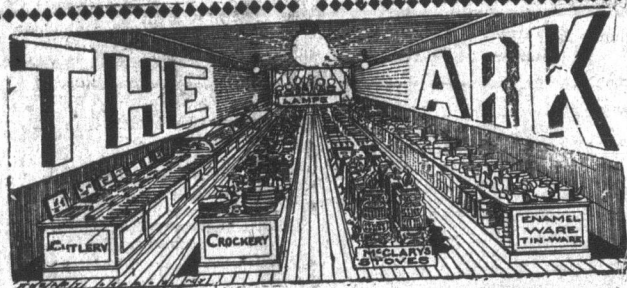
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### CELEBRATED THE JUBILEE

Splendid Concert and Banquet  
Signalize the 50th Anniversary of Chatham Lodge.

Local Oddfellows Observe Interesting Ceremonial—Veterans' Jewels Presented—Splendid Addresses

Fifty years established in Chatham and at present one of the best standing lodges in the city.

This is the splendid record of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., and the event of the golden anniversary was duly celebrated last evening with a concert and banquet.

There were about 300 people present at the concert and a most enjoyable time was spent by everyone who attended.

O. L. Lewis, who is one of the most entertaining platform speakers in the city, occupied the chair during the program and opened the evening with a short address, giving the history of Chatham Lodge from the time it was first established in Chatham.

"This Lodge," said he, "was established in Chatham on December 26, 1853, and at present we have not got one of the six charter members. Five of them are deceased, and the sixth, J. L. Davis, was, when last heard from, living in Detroit. Among the first members were the following well remembered citizens, Geo. Turnbull, Thos. Stone, Miles Miller, James Higgins and Seymour Stephenson, whose photo can be found in the library of this building."

"The Lodge was installed by Isaac Smith, who is still an honored member, and its first home was in the third story of the old building opposite The Planet Office. Until 1871 it had its up and downs, and on the 9th of November of that year it branched out and took up quarters in the old library building above the present Bell Telephone Company's office. A few years ago, as you all know, it branched out again, and this splendid building was then erected. The Grand Lodge held its meeting in St. Catharines, and it was then that we sent out first representative to that meeting, Bro. James Henry."

"Our funds then consisted of \$117.50. Now we have a building, alone which cost \$25,000. We are all proud of our building, and we are pleased to be able to invite you here and have you enjoy yourselves with us."

"Oddfellowship has now been in existence for 80 years. Last week I was standing in the first lodge room of this Order. It was a small room 13 x 8 ft., with a slanting roof, in the fourth story back room of the Seven Stars Hotel in Baltimore, where Washington Lodge, No. 1, was organized. They had at first five members. Now the Lodge has a fund of \$31,000,000, and a membership of 1,300,000, an annual revenue of eleven millions."

"We now have here a membership roll of 250. Western City Lodge, No. 93, also has a membership of about 120, and our Encampment and Rebekah Lodges are all sound, healthy growths."

Mr. Lewis was greeted with much applause at the conclusion of his address.

During the evening Veteran Oddfellows' Jewels were presented to three Veteran Oddfellows who have been members of the Lodge for 25 years—A. E. Sheldrick, Jas. L. Oldershaw and J. J. Evans, formerly of Dover, now of Ann Arbor. The committee who presented the medals were J. Turner, J. McCorvie and W. H. Carswell.

Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, always a delightful platform speaker, gave a very interesting fifteen minute address on his European travels. Other numbers on the program were—Selections I. O. O. F. orchestra; recitation, Miss Viola Marshall, the popular girl elocutionist; recitations, Mrs. A. Merrill and Jas. Ridley, and vocal solos by Miss Van Zant, Leamington; Miss Belle Ridgall, Harry Flowers and Jas. Gillespie.

After the concert a banquet was given and a dance followed to conclude the very pleasant evening's entertainment.

The committee who had the entertainment in charge were Messrs. Jno. McCorvie, C. McArthur, Jno. Turner, Chas. Austin, M. Sides, Wm. Sprentall, and Secretary A. W. Gould.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet's carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 33a.

### A WINNER

Arthur J. Dunn, the enterprising young business man who seeks election as Alderman.

Arthur J. Dunn, whose picture is here given, is one of the bright and progressive young men of this city. He was placed in such a position when 12 years old as would have prevented any young man ever making a career for himself. Despite this discouraging handicap, Mr. Dunn has shown indomitable pluck and energy and has taken advantage of every opportunity until to-day he stands in the front rank of the younger men of this city. By his own efforts he has built up a



ARTHUR J. DUNN.

good business in the commercial world and has gained both the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He has shown that he has all kinds of ability and has push and perseverance to back it up. Mr. Dunn is now offering himself as a candidate for alderman, and the ratepayers can rest assured that they have in Mr. Dunn a candidate in whom they can place every confidence. He has shown himself a man among men.

### NO CLEMENCY

In reference to a petition sent in some time ago for clemency in the case of Paul Rose, who was sent to Central Prison on the charge of stealing clothes from the Meridian boarding house, Centre St., Mayor W. E. McKeough received the following communication this morning:

Sir,—Having reference to a petition from yourself and other residents of Chatham and vicinity in behalf of one Paul Rose, now confined in the Central Prison, of Ontario, I am commanded to inform you that His Excellency the Governor-General does not see fit to exercise the prerogative of clemency in the case of that prisoner.

JOSEPH POPE,  
Under Secretary of State.  
His Worship Mayor McKeough, Chatham.

### STABBING AFFAIR

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 30.—A serious stabbing affair occurred last evening on the St. David's Road, near St. David's village. Two Italians, Jim Rosso and Antonio Barlo, employed at Lowery's stone quarry, quarrelled, and during the fight Rosso stabbed Barlo twice in the back and once in the shoulder and near the kidneys. He also slashed Barlo twice in the face and across the hand. Rosso had his face badly punched by Barlo. Officers arrested Rosso and locked him up. Barlo is in a serious condition and may die.

### SOCIAL TIME

Last evening Court Hope, A. O. F., held its quarterly meeting, at which some fifty of the brethren were present. The usual routine was gone through when a program was given, Bro. J. W. Mann, acting as chairman.

Chairman's address—J. W. Mann. Selection—Orchestra. Song—All. Tringle. Cornet and Trombone duet—Messrs. Moffatt and Gonne.

Song—Wm. Bowles. Brass quartette—Selection. Selection—Orchestra.

Selections on the Zon-o-phone. After the program the committee served light refreshments. The concert held its last meeting in the I. O. O. F. block last night, and are now located at the A. O. U. W. rooms, where they meet next Wednesday evening.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered all those who assisted in the program.

### THE TACTICS OF A TRICKSTER

Hamilton Spectator's Vigorous Exposure of "Honorable" Mr. Ross.

What Does He Hope to Gain by Repeated Efforts to Defeat the Will of the People.

The question, "What will Ross do?" has been answered. And the answer shows that Ross still believes in the efficacy of tricks to keep him in power a little longer, in the hope that something may turn up to stem the tide of public opinion which has set in against him. And Mr. Ross has not only answered the question by adopting a trick, but he has been guilty of the smallest, meanest and grossest partisanship in the doing of it.

The cabinet met yesterday, and it was decided to call the legislature on Thursday, Jan. 14, the day upon which, according to the schedule, the first of the Tory protests against Liberal members-elect is set down for trial.

When the ministers came forth from the meeting their faces were all smiling, showing them to be tricksters, one and all, who were made happy by the prolongation of their tenure of office by dishonorable means. And these smiling tricksters told the waiting reporters that there was nothing for publication—that nothing had been decided. Then the real information was carried to the Globe office, giving that journal an advantage over its local competitors! It is not likely that there is a township council in Ontario small enough to be guilty of that piece of small-souled partisanship.

No man can be deceived by the announcement as it appeared in the Globe. The government knows very well how to raise money for necessary expenses without calling the legislature together. It has done it before. It knows very well how to call for tenders in advance of legislation. It has done that before.

The fact is, that the calling of the legislature for the 14th of January is a trick to defeat the trial of the Tory protests against five Liberal members-elect. Mr. Ross knowing very well that some of these Liberals would be sure to be unelected, and being quite certain that, in the present condition of public opinion, the resulting bye-elections would inevitably result disastrously to the government.

But Mr. Ross can no longer deceive the public. They know well why he has done this thing, and they will set to work with him so sure as opportunity offers.

An honorable man—a man having the least spark of honor in his makeup—would in Mr. Ross' present position, promptly resign, and go to the country. But Mr. Ross, the Trickster, seeks only to hold himself in power, utterly careless of public opinion. He utters the people and grasps at every and any trick for the purpose of defeating the popular will, that he may ignore the mandate of the people—Hamilton Spectator.

### AT "THE PINES"

The teachers of the Ursuline academy held a very pleasant, instructive convention at The Pines Tuesday and Wednesday. All of the teachers belonging to the Ursuline Academy, including those from Tecumseh and Tilbury.

Mr. Powers, Inspector of Separate Schools, presided over the convention and delivered excellent addresses on the different branches of Separate School work. The convention was opened Tuesday morning by Mr. Powers, who in the afternoon gave an instructive address on teaching in general.

Yesterday afternoon, J. W. Plewes, principal of the Central School, and Robert Park, Inspector of Public Schools, addressed the teachers on grammar, arithmetic, composition, the higher branches of rhetoric, and the higher studies of the academy.

The convention closed yesterday afternoon with all pleased and satisfied with their successful convention.

### FARM FOR THE EMPIRE

London, Dec. 30.—The Montreal Witness said that with agriculture in a flourishing condition in Canada, the demands which this industry must make in a scanty population must necessarily turn the energies of the country from the other branches of trade, since it is more profitable to exchange food for British manufactures than to manufacture themselves.

The St. James' Gazette quotes this and says this is precisely what Mr. Chamberlain expects to occur under a system of Imperial preference.

### BURGLARS BUSY

Numerous Glencoe Stores Broken into and Money and Goods Stolen in the Night Time.

London, Dec. 31.—The city police authorities yesterday morning received a telegram from Glencoe stating that Tuesday night several stores in the village had been burglarized and goods and money carried off. The thieves escaped without leaving any trace behind, but it is conjectured in police circles that they are the same gang who have been carrying on a series of similar depredations in Napier, Mount Brydges and other places in the neighborhood. The robbers have been hitherto so skillful in covering up their tracks that the authorities have been unable to lay their hands upon them.

A special despatch to the Free Press from Glencoe states that in the present instance the burglars forced open the front doors of the stores with chisels. At Mr. J. M. Tait's dry goods and grocery store they secured plunder to the value of \$50, at Mr. P. D. Keith's \$45 in cash, and at the premises of Mr. H. C. Dixon, harness manufacturer, two valises. The chisels with which the burglars worked their way in were stolen from Gordon's planing mill, the office of which they had also entered, but found nothing of value. An attempt to break into Mr. J. E. Roome's crockery and shoe store was unsuccessful. The work seems to have been that of an organized gang of robbers, and their nocturnal raid on the business premises of the village has caused considerable excitement. The peaceful village of Glencoe has been undisturbed by such crimes for over a year, but merchants and others are now on their guard, and the local police are keeping a sharp look-out for suspicious characters who have been loafing in the vicinity.

### MADE A HAUL

South Buxton, Dec. 30.—Burglars entered the house of Jas. Wellwood on Thursday evening last, while all slumbered, and carried off \$130 found in a drawer. No clue. We also learn that on Christmas night L. A. Pardo was relieved of \$50 in the same manner.

### TO PRESERVE LORD'S DAY.

Alliance Deputation Wait on Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Dominion Lord's Day Alliance have renewed their application for the enactment of a Federal law for the preservation of the Sabbath as a day of rest. The application was made to Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick by Rev. Dr. Potts, President, and Rev. J. G. Shearer, Secretary, of the Lord's Day Alliance.

The question has been introduced into the Federal arena owing to the judgment given on the 14th of July last of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, to the effect that the Province had not the power to enact legislation such as the Ontario Lord's Day act. This judgment invalidates all Provincial Sunday observance laws enacted since Confederation, and, accordingly, led those who believe in the sanctity of the Sabbath to turn their attention to Ottawa.

On August 13th the delegates from the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada interviewed members of the Dominion Government and intimated that they desired to see the introduction of a Lord's Day act at the coming session of Parliament. The Premier received the delegation most sympathetically, and indicated a disposition to meet their views. Today's interview with the Minister of Justice was in the direction of supplementing what had been previously urged. The two delegates submitted to Mr. Fitzpatrick a draft of the measure which they thought should be enacted. Mr. Fitzpatrick seemed disposed to look favorably upon the proposal. He said that he would submit the draft to his deputy, Mr. Newcombe, who had been present at the argument before the Judicial Council of the Privy Council on behalf of the Government, and would write the association within a week, delimiting the extent to which he was prepared to advise the Cabinet to go.

### COTTON "LONGS" SCARED.

Panic in New Orleans Cotton Market—Big Drop in Prices.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—It was field day for the bears in the cotton market yesterday. After futile attempts to break the market a panic was caused in one way or another, and with ten minutes prices went down about 60 points, or \$3 a bale. Hundreds of "longs" were wiped out, and their efforts to get out with as small loss as possible caused prices to go lower and lower. It was one of the worst stampedes of frightened "longs" ever seen in the local market.

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## BALLOT-STUFFERS BARRED OUT.

On the day before the North Renfrew election the Globe made the interesting announcement that there was to be no ballot-stuffing. It said, to quote its words: "The election will be absolutely clean so far as at least as the ballots are concerned." After the election the assurance was repeated. "The election," said our contemporary, "was absolutely clean so far as the ballots were concerned." The singular announcement and its remarkable verification have an important bearing on our provincial politics. They show that the ballot-stuffing campaign has been entirely controlled from headquarters. Otherwise, how was it known in advance that there was to be no ballot-stuffing in North Renfrew? Mr. Ross has all along maintained that the ballot frauds were the mistakes of overzealous friends who could not be restrained. It appears now that his agents are in a position to advise the public when and where ballot-stuffing is not to be the Government's weapon. We need not, however, grow enthusiastic over the machine, because it was not given full scope in North Renfrew. Nobody suspects that the machine has suddenly developed a conscience. On the contrary, it has taken advantage of the North Renfrew election to show to the hangers-on how necessary its operations are to the continuance of the Ross Government. The machine, and its organs, have since the election been endeavoring to blame the Government's defeat on Mr. Lorne Hale, who made a gallant and clean fight against heavy odds. This is not generous, but we can understand how bitter the Ross Government feel towards Mr. Hale if it is true, as is more than suspected, that he barred the ballot-stuffers out of North Renfrew. If more Liberal candidates would adopt that course our politics would be cleaner.—Mail-Enterprise.

## THE GLOBE ON NORTH RENFREW

Our reverend and esteemed contemporary, the Globe, we are pleased to observe, takes a high-minded view of the result in North Renfrew, points out the Guelph Herald. It says:

"The only distinguished feature of the campaign, apart from the personality of the candidates, was the Gagey charges. Both the Provincial Secretary and the member of Manitoulin were active in the campaign and from many platforms the charges against the Minister were discussed with heat and demonstration. The Gagey case was, indeed, made the issue of the Opposition. It is with a sense of shame that one thinks of the degradation of politics, the prostitution of the privileges of our political institutions, which would allow that most disgusting episode in our political history fraught as it is with treason and perjury and the lowest political indecency to be made by the leaders of a political party, the supreme issue in an election, and the discredited man himself the outstanding figure in the campaign. Is there any deeper depth to which our politics can sink or any innermost cell into which the canker of corruption can eat?"

And Echo answers "Is there?" Why—if the Globe will permit us to ask another question—why, in the name of decency, should these Gagey charges be discussed on the public platform? Is it not time "that most disgusting episode in our political history" was forgotten? Why rake to the surface every now and then the "treason and perjury, and lowest political indecency" which were its most prominent characteristics? In other words, can't the Conservative party "forget some things?"

Gagey should never have been permitted to go into North Renfrew. When Ross threw down the gauntlet at Beachburg and virtually challenged Gagey to appear in his own defence the man from Manitoulin should immediately have been placed under arrest for not paying his debts. Then Gagey would have been compelled to keep away from North Renfrew and Ross and Stratton would have been enabled to conduct the discussion of public questions on a high moral plane by calling their arch enemy a liar, a thief, a jail bird and a Judas Iscariot. But shame suffices the Globe's cheek and our own when we turn from what might have been to a contemplation of things as they are. Gagey went into the riding platforms gave the public the benefit of his purchase of the election. Let us pause at to repeat the paragraph we have just read.

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which our politics can sink or any innermost cell into which the canker of corruption can eat."

Once more echo answers, "Is there?"

We all admit—the Globe, of course, included—that our politics would have been elevated and "the canker of corruption" kept out of "the innermost cell" had Ross and Stratton alone been permitted to discuss "the charges against the Minister." But the "sense of shame" fairly suffices us when we remind ourselves that Gagey was allowed to answer the Ross challenge; that he was even given the privilege of a British subject and permitted to say a word in his own defence and confirm the generally accepted view that his support had been purchased and paid for by the Ministers. Well may the sorely afflicted spirit of the Globe emit the agonizing wail:

"Is there any deeper depth to which our politics can sink or any innermost cell into which the canker of corruption can eat?"

Once more echo answers, "Is there?"

But "the deepest depth" of humiliation was not even reached when the "vulpine trader," Gagey, was allowed to cast reflections on the angelic purity of Mr. Stratton and the sterling integrity of Mr. Ross. Patriots for revenue only, like Dr. McKay, "his true, jumped manfully into the breach and tried to break up Gagey's meetings. But in vain. The people insisted on hearing Gagey's story, and, worse still, the people believed him. They heard the "high, clear, ringing notes" of innocence from Mr. Ross; they listened to Stratton in his defence, armed as he was with the whitewashing report of the judges. But they believed Gagey, and when voting day came, they went, hundreds of them good Liberals, to the polls, and by their ballots declared that if it was wrong for Gagey to take the bribe, it was a thousand times worse for Ministers of the Crown to give it.

Not by the disgraceful negotiations between the Ministers and R. R. Gagey is the Globe shamed. The shame comes to our esteemed contemporary in the deplorable circumstance that Ross and Stratton were found out and that the man who exposed the hideous conspiracy is still permitted to tell his awful story to the people. And when he told it in North Renfrew the electors of that riding—mindful though they were of West Elgin and North Waterloo and South Oxford—agreed, and the greater gravity of the invasion by discredited Ministers of the Legislative chamber itself to buy up the people's representatives. And in the language of the Globe they asked themselves:—

"Is there any deeper depth to which our politics can sink or any innermost cell into which the canker of corruption can eat?"

And echo answered through the ballot boxes: "There is none!"

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The alarming increase in this terrible disease is making it evidenced by the columns of almost every newspaper. For not among the lowly of the earth alone does it look for its victims. Statesmen, judges, eminent lawyers and honored divines are numbered among those who in recent months have gone down to their graves with the full marks of this dread disease upon their bodies. In fact, so prevalent has the disease become that a celebrated New York specialist stated recently that not one 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 noticeable, a slight pain in the back that is charged up 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 and of the limbs denote the coming of Dropsy, sharp 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.

## WAY OF ESCAPE.

With this silent, relentless enemy slowly but surely eating its way into prominence and marking that prominence by a yearly increase in the lengths of its death list, the demand of the day, of the hour, 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 reason of this! Go to the people who are practically exempt from Kidney Disease in its worst form, and ask them. With almost a single voice they will reply: "We cure our Kidney ailments with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and they never gave a chance to develop into that terrible disease that carries so many prominent men into the grave."

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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 ward 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 had secured on its victim. Possibly the most talked of case of recent date is that of Alice Maud Parker, of Shubenacadie, Hants Co., N. S. The 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 till 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 other treatment 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."

Mrs. T. G. Parker, Shubenacadie, Hants Co., N. S. DIABETES CURED.

Diabetes is another of the most fatal and feared of Kidney Diseases that has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and by no other medicine. Among those cured of this terrible illness is Mr. Charles Gilchrist, of Port Hope, and afterwards for twenty-two years Fishery Overseer under the Dominion Government. He makes the following statement:

"I was a sufferer 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 till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They cured me, and I am now a healthy 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 first box did me more good than I had taken twenty boxes in all, an all well of my Heart Disease, my Bright's Disease and my Rheumatism.

Dame Louis Provosts, St. Magloire, Que.

## DROPSY CURED.

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

"I was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. In the mornings before 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 had to be tapped to get rid of the water. On the advice of a friend I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I had finished the second box I felt much better. Seven boxes cured me completely. I don't know what it is to be sick since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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 round 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.

## ALL KIDNEY DISEASES CURED.

There are only a few cases taken from thousands to show the efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills in advanced stages of Kidney Disease. In other forms of Kidney trouble, such as Urinary troubles, Gravel, Female Weakness, etc., Dodd's Kidney Pills have the same record. They always cure. As for Pain in the Back—the first symptoms of Kidney trouble—no man or woman has ever displayed the following notice prominently in his advertising matter:

1903

Is just about ended. Our sales for the year were the largest in our whole history.

1904

Must be fittingly met and started right to outdo its predecessor.

We do our share by furnishing the goods and prices. You do yours by showing sensible appreciation of BARGAINS LIKE THIS.

3 Doz. Ladies' Waists, pretty styles Kimona flannel, choice designs and colorings, clearing Saturday at each 46c.	\$1.00 Gauntlets at 69c. Pair—3 Doz. Pair Ladies' Grey Astrachan Gauntlets, kid facings, wool lined, regular \$2.00 a pair, clearing Saturday at 69c.	Girls' Coats—Pretty styles assorted lengths and colors prettily trimmed \$3.00 and \$3.50 coats, clearing at \$2.68.
Ladies' Waists, about 2 dozen, assorted styles in Fancy Kimona Flannels, Black Satin, Cream, Violets, etc., pretty styles, prettily made, sizes 32 to 40 in, regular \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75 each, clearing Saturday at each 98c.	3 Doz. Children's Grey Curl Gauntlets, choice quality, wool lined, regular 50c. pair, clearing Saturday at 33c.	\$4.00 coats, clearing at \$3.48.
French Flannel Waists, fine, pure wool quality, in range of plain or combination colors, handsome styles, regular \$3.00 to \$3.50, clearing Saturday at each 98c.	Clearing prices on Ladies' Coats—\$3.90, \$3.50 and \$7.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$4.98.	\$1.50 and \$5.00 Coats, clearing at \$3.89.
6c. Flannelette at 41-2c. Yard, 600 yards good quality flannelette, 29 inches wide, in large range of light and dark stripes, fast colors, a splendid 6c. quality, Saturday per yard 41-2c.	\$3.50, \$9.00 and \$9.50 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$6.90.	Furs of every description, clearing at Big Reductions.
\$1.50 Gauntlets at 98c—24 pair Ladies' Seal Cloth Gauntlets, superior quality, waterproof, kid palms, wool lined, quilted cuffs, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pair, clearing Saturday at 98c.	\$9.50 and \$10.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$7.48.	Ladies' Wrappers—All our flannel-ette wrappers, in choice patterns and colorings, lined waists, regular 90c to \$1.00 values, clearing at 70c.
	\$12.00, \$12.90 and \$13.50 coats, clearing Saturday at \$9.90.	Ladies' Wrapper—Handsome styles, prettily trimmed flounced skirt, lined waist, regular up to \$1.55 each clearing at 98c.
	\$15.00 and \$17.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$13.90.	Ladies' Wrappers—Regular \$1.50 to \$1.75 values, clearing Saturday at \$1.19.

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## THE STAGE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand—Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1. Marks Bros., Jan. 4-16. Ritchie Co., Jan. 25. A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27. (Sponsored to The Planet by Press Agents.)

## TO-MORROW NIGHT.

We take great pleasure in announcing this magnificent organization of genuine Hungarian musicians. It is the best in this country, and, unexcelled anywhere. There are many so-called Hungarian orchestras and bands offering their services to the public which are Hungarian only in name, and whose inferior performances have brought discredit upon the name of Hungary. The Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra is an organization of ten of the most talented musical artists of their nativity, from a country noted for a class of musicians with its own exclusive and peculiar charm. Mr. Matas, the conductor, is one of the most capable artists and traditional exemplifiers of this school, and for years he was regarded as the authority in the Gilmore Band on all music of the Hungarian nature. He came to America in 1882 with his orchestra, and was the first to introduce the fascinating Hungarian music in this country, and for several months the organization met with the greatest success. The orchestra was sent back to Europe, but Mr. Matas, having become acquainted with the leading directors here, such as Thomas, Danzroth and Gilmore, decided to remain. He accepted a position as the petit clarinet soloist of Gilmore's then very famous band, where he remained for ten years, and during that long period Mr. Gilmore displayed the following notice prominently in his advertising matter:

"Mr. Matas, or rather Matasur, as his own country (Hungary) would style him, is without exception the most wonderful E-flat clarinet player or that ever handled this obstinate

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All at interesting prices and the best in quality.

## WESTMAN BROS. CHATHAM

mite of an instrument. Mr. Gilmore has a standing offer—\$5,000 against \$50—that there is no other performer his equal; and this seems to be the opinion of the entire profession." After P. S. Gilmore's death, Mr. Matas returned to Budapest, Hungary, and upon his arrival there was rendered the conductorship of the Royal Court Orchestra, which position he has so creditably filled ever since.

Mr. Matas is also a very fine composer and arranger, some of the very best of Hungarian music being from his gifted pen. He is a very talented conductor and violinist, and the music furnished by himself and orchestra will prove a revelation of the very finest and most interesting character even to the most conservative of admirers of the classic. Every standard number is rendered with traditional precision, and a finesse and artistic effect marvellously fascinating. There is nothing like this orchestra in America, and nothing of the kind surpassing it in all Europe. It affords an entertainment very unique, pleasing and instructive. Prices \$1.00, 75c., 50c., 35c., 25c.

## MARKS BROS. NEXT WEEK.

The Berlin News-Record says of Marks Bros. Company, who come to the Grand next week at popular prices:

"That the Marks Bros. are favorites on the theatrical boards of this city was amply evidenced by the large audience that greeted that popular company of entertainers at the Opera House last night. 'The Revealed Mystery,' a comedy-drama in four acts, was certainly sensational and replete with humorous and tragic situations. Ernie Marks, as Noah Lot, kept the house in good humor and his every appearance was hailed with delight. Frank Fielder, as Dr. Leslie, and M. S. Goldwyn, as Richard Glenwood, the Shadow, did some very clever work in presenting those characters. Hazel Reynolds, Mabel Grace Purdon, Esther Evans and Edythe Winchester are all attractive young ladies, who proved themselves accomplished actresses in their various parts. Oscar O'Shea, Harry Rooney, Ed. Paul and Robt. Turner were strong in their respective roles. Altogether Marks Bros. have gotten together a galaxy of unusual talent, and may be assured of bumper houses this week. The specialties were first-class. Proboscis, the juggler, performed some very clever feats, many of which were new. You're cured captivated the gallery together, while Hazel Reynolds, in her contortionist acts, made a decided hit. Ferguson and Cramp are clever dancers, and good singers. Among other good specialties the illustrated pictures were excellent, and as the performance is continuous from start

to finish, a tremendous lot of entertainment is crowded into two hours and a half."

"The Revealed Mystery" will be the opening bill here Monday night. Prices 10, 15 and 25 cents; matinees 5 and 15 cents.

Seats on sale at Brisco's.

## PNEUMONIA IS FILLING THE HOSPITALS.

Every day we hear of someone being taken with pneumonia. The only preventive is to get strong and keep your body healthy. Take Ferrozone which makes the rich, red kind of blood that nourishes and stimulates the entire system. "I was all run down and an apt subject for pneumonia," writes A. B. Charters, of Burlington, when I tried Ferrozone. I didn't believe it was possible for Ferrozone to build me up so quickly. In a few days my appetite improved, color came into my cheeks and I felt stronger. I gained eight pounds and regained my old time vigor through using Ferrozone. Try Ferrozone; it assures health. Price 50c.

Even a versatile woman musician may have a propensity for harping on one string.

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

## Suitable Holiday Presents.

A nice line of Perfume in Boxes and Bulk. Nasmith's High Grade Chocolates in boxes. Broomtree Jubilee. Terry's Sweets.

A beautiful line of Ebony Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes and other natural woods.

A large assortment of Shaving Mugs, Brushes and straps.

Cigars in boxes of 10 and 25 from 50c. up.

## Radley's Drug Store.

...IT PAYS TO...

The Best

CANADA BUSINESS COLLEGE, CHATHAM. Ontario's greatest School of Business. Shortland and Remembrance will reopen for the New Year on Monday, Jan. 4th. We shall need some bright young men and women, in addition to those we now have to meet the calls for office help this year, and will guarantee to place the number or more at good wages. We placed 25 in the 11 months ending June 30th at wages averaging \$500 per annum, and nearly as many more good positions had to go unfilled. If you have not seen our Catalogue you are not yet familiar with the best Canadian office help. Write for it. D. McLAUGHLIN & CO., Chatham, Ont.



**Cook's Cotton Root Compound.**  
Ladies' Favorite.  
Is the only safe, reliable  
regulator on which woman  
can depend "in the hour  
and time of need."  
Prepared in two degrees of  
strength. No. 1 and No. 2.  
No. 1.—For ordinary cases  
is by far the best dollar  
medicine known.  
No. 2.—For special cases—10 degrees  
stronger—three dollars per box.  
Ladies—ask your druggist for Cook's  
Cotton Root Compound. Take no other  
as all pills, mixtures and imitations are  
dangerous. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold and  
recommended by all druggists in the Do-  
minion of Canada. Mailed to any address  
on receipt of price and four-cent postage  
stamp. **The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont.**  
No. 1 and No. 2 are sold in Chatham  
by all Druggists.

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A. A. HICKS, D. D. S.—Honorary graduate  
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Hospital of Oral Surgery, Philadelphia, Pa., also honor graduate  
of Royal College of Dental Surgeons,  
Toronto. Office over Turner's  
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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  
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**DR. OVENS**  
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Office at Radley's drug store.

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B. BANKIN, B. C.—Barrister, No-  
tary Public, etc., Victoria Block,  
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chanta Bank, Chatham, Ont.

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Court, Notaries Public, etc. Money  
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ON LAND MORTGAGES at lowest  
rate of interest. I also have a few  
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get my prices, and you will save  
money by doing so. Henry Dugan,  
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—ON MORTGAGES—  
4 1/2 and 5 per cent.  
Liberal Terms and privileges to  
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FOR SALE—FARM AND CITY PRO-  
PERTY.

Brick house, two stories, 7 rooms,  
lot 40 feet front by 208 feet deep,  
\$1100.00.  
Frame house, 5 rooms and summer  
kitchen, lot 60 ft. by 208 ft., good  
stable, \$1100.00.  
House and lot, 9 rooms, \$1050.00.  
House and lot, 5 rooms, \$400.00.  
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 60  
acres. All cleared. Good house and  
barn, \$3100.00.  
Farm in Township of Harwich, 200  
acres. Large house, barn and out-  
buildings, \$12,000.00.  
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 40  
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. F. SMITH,  
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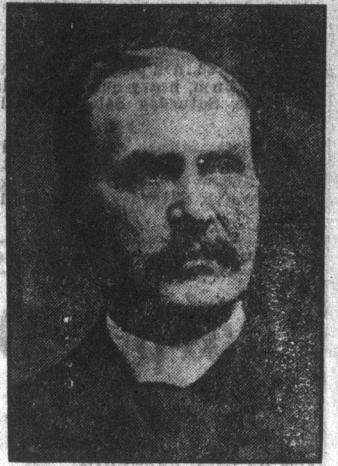
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WILLIAM ST.,  
import direct the finest Ceylon, Assam  
and China Tea, Black Gunpowder and  
Young Hyson, Best English Breakfast  
Tea, 35c. 40c. and  
Minard's Liniment Cures Gout in  
Cows.

#### PATTULLO'S TRAGIC END.

**NORTH OXFORD'S MEMBER  
DIES IN LONDON.**

Had Been Suffering From Nervous-  
ness and Brooding Over Press  
Criticisms.

London, Dec. 30.—Mr. Andrew  
Pattullo, M. P. for North Oxford,  
died here yesterday under painful cir-  
cumstances. For some days past he  
had been in a nervous condition, and  
had cancelled his speech to the Tariff  
Reform League of Ipswich, Mr. Bar-  
low Cumberland speaking in his place.  
Mr. Pattullo seemed to be excited over  
the English press criticism of  
his speech a few days before. His  
nephew, a newspaper man in London,  
stopping with him in Le Montague



THE LATE MR. PATTULLO.

Place, says that Mr. Pattullo woke up  
early on Tuesday morning gasping for  
breath, as though he had heart trouble.  
He administered a dose of  
medicine prescribed by Dr. Ross, son  
of Premier Ross, and Mr. Pattullo  
felt better and went to sleep. Later  
in the morning he woke up, seemingly  
very cheerful, and arranged to at-  
tend a fancy dress ball on Thursday  
with his nephew, who, assured by his  
uncle's strength and cheerful mood, went  
to his newspaper office for about two  
hours' work. On returning he found  
the door locked and Mr. Pattullo dead  
inside, with his throat cut by a razor.  
Mr. Pattullo's speeches were great  
hits. He spoke to the point, and his  
audiences admired his outspoken criti-  
cisms. He was, however, exhausted  
physically after each effort.

#### THE SERVIAN KING.

The Rumors of His Abdication Are  
Persistent.

London, Dec. 30.—A writer in The  
St. James' Gazette, discussing the per-  
sistent rumor that the Servian King  
will abdicate, because he is disappoint-  
ed with the people and they with him,  
says: "The world contains a lot of pre-  
tenders to the throne, who do not real-  
ly pretend, because they prefer to keep  
off that dangerous elevation. The most  
interesting of the pretenders is said  
to be a small Minnesota farmer named  
John Boyne Voulager, who is thought  
to be a descendant of Milosh Obichich,  
and through him connected with the  
last Servian ruler before Peter. Whether  
he is willing to succeed Karageorgievich  
is not known."

#### FRENCH COLLIER LOST.

The Vessel Was Manned by Fifty-one  
Officers and Men.

Paris, Dec. 30.—It is feared that the  
collier *Viennet* of the French navy,  
manned by 51 officers and men, which  
left Rochefort for Toulon, has been  
lost. The vessel is nineteen days out,  
and though in the track of steamers,  
has not been reported.

#### OFF TO HONG KONG.

No. 83 Co. R.G.A., Left Victoria, B.C.,  
Last Night.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 30.—No. 83  
Company, Royal Garrison Artillery, 113  
strong, left for Hong Kong on the  
steamer *Empress of India*, being  
relieved by No. 83 Company, which  
arrived from Halifax last night. The  
change is made in the regular schedule  
of garrison changes, and has no bearing  
on the far eastern crisis.

#### MASSACRE IN LIBERIA.

Story of Tragedy Committed in Afri-  
can Forest.

Washington, Dec. 30.—United States  
Minister Lyon has reported to the  
American State Department from  
Monrovia, Liberia, the details of the  
massacre in an African forest of a  
white missionary named John G. Tate,  
with all of his following, eighteen in  
number. The massacre took place on  
March 15, 1901. The first detailed ac-  
count has just come to hand in an ad-  
visory by Mrs. Mary L. Allen, a white  
missionary in Liberia. She had the  
story from some of the native Doo  
tribesmen. Tate had a large mission  
and farm, and maintained a school, and  
altogether nineteen people were in the  
mission when it was surrounded the  
night by the Doo. All were murdered  
and their heads taken as trophies.  
Minister Lyon has communicated  
with the Liberian Secretary of State,  
with a view to securing fuller informa-  
tion and perhaps the punishment of the  
Doo.

**Price of Oil Reduced.**  
Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—The Standard  
Oil Company made a reduction of five  
cents in the price of high-grade petrol-  
cum to-day and also made a cut of two  
cents in the inferior grades.

**RED.**  
Red is the color of danger,  
whether on the complexion  
or on the skin. When the  
face is reddened by eruptions,  
when boils break out on the  
body, or the angry red of  
sores and ulcers is displayed  
in the flesh, it is nature's  
danger signal. The blood is  
obstructed and tainted by  
impurities, and there can be  
no safety until the blood is  
made pure.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Med-  
ical Discovery purifies the blood,  
and removes the effete matter which  
clogs and corrupts it. It cures pim-  
ples, boils, eczema, scrofula, sores,  
ulcers and other consequences of  
impure blood.

"I feel greatly thankful for what your  
medicine has done for me," writes Mrs.  
Chas. Hood, of Kalamazoo, Mich. "I  
suffered with scrofula of the head for twelve  
years. Tried every kind of medicine that  
I heard of but found no cure. Every one  
that looked at my head said they never  
saw anything like it. The last doctor I  
consulted said I must have it cut out, and  
I was unable to do so. I was taking two or  
three bottles of your 'Golden Medical  
Discovery' and using the local  
treatment you prescribe, and I was  
cured and my head was entirely free from  
scrofula."

Accept no substitute for Doctor  
Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.  
There is no other medicine which is  
"just as good" for diseases of the  
blood and the eruptions which are  
caused by the blood's impurity.

**FREE.** Dr. Pierce's Common Sense  
Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt  
of stamps to pay expense of customs  
and mailing only. Send thirty-one one-  
cent stamps for the book in paper covers,  
or fifty stamps for the cloth-bound vol-  
ume. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Bul-  
falo, N. Y.

#### "ALAS, POOR YORICK!"

From North Carolina comes this  
tale of the whereabouts and the con-  
dition of Leno Willis, the old clown,  
once regarded as an unsurpassed ring-  
master. The writer is a resident of  
the town in which the aged Pierrot  
is ending his days ingloriously, and  
it would appear, has been moved to  
philosophize as one who "met a fool  
in the forest."

This train of thought was suggested  
by the fate of Leno Willis, the veter-  
an clown, who is now serving time on  
the roads in a North Carolina county  
for drunkenness. He was a star in  
an ancient one-act circus, and prob-  
ably thousands of men and women re-  
member the pleasure he afforded  
them in childhood. They would hard-  
ly recognize Leno now—such a wreck  
is he. He is never far from the gut-  
ter—when he isn't behind prison bars.  
Lectures, kindness, moral suasion,  
have no effect. Out of prison in the  
morning, he is purple-faced by  
night. The mocking tribute to his  
former calling is paid by small boys  
who jeer at him when he is in his  
cup, and call him names.

The street scene is familiar in the  
Georgia town; the children crying  
derisively; the old clowns and  
goaded under the taunts. Home-  
less, friendless, cheerless, a confirmed  
dipsomaniac—the poor old jester  
nears the end.

The vision changes, and the humor  
for all its certainty, is not free from  
pathos. Looking back on the centu-  
ries one sees the crumbling castles, eter-  
nal hues above splendor—sees these  
with awe, and then remembers, in  
faint sadness, that even the jesters  
have died.

Which concludes the somewhat pre-  
mature requiem. But the fact re-  
mains that old Leno Willis is in a sad  
condition.

#### A TOTTERING WRECK.

Weak and Shattered  
Nerves Are Rapidly  
Restored to Health.

#### South Amer- ican Nervine.

Three out of every four people who  
suffer from chronic and incurable  
diseases do so because of a disordered  
nervous system. The Great South  
American Nervine Tonic—not a medi-  
cine, but a physiological nerve food—  
restores vigor to the nerves and recon-  
structs the worn-out tissues. Cures Lost  
Appetite, Loss of Flesh, Headache, Pal-  
pitation of the Heart, General Debility,  
Liver and Kidney Disease, Colds and  
Coughs, Nervous Prostration and all  
other diseases of the nervous system.  
A. W. Stephens, a prominent business  
man of Strathaven, Ont., writes as fol-  
lows: "I was a total nervous wreck. I  
almost despaired of ever recovering my  
health, until I followed a friend's advice  
and tried The Great South American  
Nervine Tonic. In a miraculously  
short time, I was entirely well."

A Sallow, Muddy Complexion.  
If your kidneys are not in proper  
condition, your skin will soon tell the tale.  
South American Nervine Cures restores  
normal health conditions, clears the skin of  
every discolouration. Relief in six hours.  
No. 83  
Sold by Messrs. Gunn and McLaren,  
Druggists, Chatham.

#### The Chatham Loan and Savings' Co.

44 Half Yearly Dividend.  
Notice is hereby given that dividend at the  
rate of 8 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  
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Chatham, November 30, 1903.

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#### TO DREAMLAND AND BACK

By W. W. HINES

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Tunes and perfumes have the power  
to waken memories long dormant. Per-  
haps it was the half heard strain of "Il  
Bacio" sung softly by a girl in one of  
the rooms which opened off the piazza.  
Perhaps it was a breeze from the south  
which swept over the sunny waters of  
the bay and seemed to bring with it  
the scent of magnolias. At any rate the  
man who sat huddled in the great arm-  
chair felt himself drifting, drifting  
backward, and he was glad to drift.

All through the illness, when fever  
had made him rave, and afterward  
when weak in body and brain alike he  
had seemed floating in space, he had  
seen the face. Sometimes when his  
eyes were half shut he could see it in a  
half materialized sort of way, but  
when his eyes were fast closed he saw  
it best of all. During the illness the  
face seemed always to smile at him.



THE MAN IN THE BIG ARMCHAIR HEEL'D  
NOT THEIR WORDS.

but now as memory quickened he could  
see that the smile was fading. So he  
wanted to drift.

As the face was becoming fainter and  
fainter each day he hated the life  
which had been coming back to him so  
slowly. Why could he not have entered  
when he stood so near the door of  
death? In time the face would be on  
the other side of that door, too, and  
the smile would never again fade from  
the lips.

So he settled back to a sullen hatred  
of life, and the old doctor who had  
taken a great fancy to his grateful  
patient said that he must be roused to  
an interest in life or lethargy would  
finish the work so strenuously com-  
menced by the fever.

Friends selected advisedly by the  
doctor and the devoted sister who had  
stood between him and death for seven  
long, weary weeks were called in to  
talk with discretion about the success  
of his novel. The critics had hailed it  
as the novel of the decade. They had  
labeled the author as a man not of tal-  
ent, but of genius.

The man in the big armchair, finger-  
ing the tassels of his robe, looked out  
across the waters and drifted with  
their words falling on unhearing ears.  
Sometimes he frowned, for their voices  
seemed to drive the face from his hun-  
gry vision.

Then the sister who had the gift of  
intuition went alone to see the doctor,  
and when she had finished her story  
she was weeping softly. The old doc-  
tor wiped away the mist which had  
gathered in his own eyes, while he  
answered with a gruffness which his  
gesture denied:

"As you will. The case is now past  
me."

And so that night the sister sent a  
long telegram to a little town in Lou-  
isiana. Then she went back to her  
place at the man's side, and the doctor  
came and went because he was  
paid to do so, and the people who  
heard of the case tried to get a glimpse  
of the now famous young writer and  
shaking their heads, remarked, "What  
a pity, and just at the beginning of a  
brilliant career!"

As for the man, he never spoke of  
the increasing weakness. All he asked  
was to be wheeled each day to the  
piazza. Here he could look out over  
the bay and away to the south where  
the horizon met the sea. Sometimes  
he merely sat and gazed apathetically  
at the expanse of sea. More often he  
closed his eyes and waited for the face.

It seemed to him that the face had  
come into his life so gradually that it  
had always been a part of his very  
existence. It had not always been a  
beautiful face, yet it had dominated  
him. It was an exacting face. It had  
grown hard and fished one day when  
he was but thirteen. He had wanted  
to lie flat on his back and watch an  
army of white clouds marching in the  
blue sky. The owner of the face did  
not care for the movements of  
such distant and unreal objects as  
feathery clouds, and she did want a  
fort built. But it was worth while,  
after all, for when the fort was finished  
and her doll had been duly rescued  
by Indian fighters at the eminent risk  
of the fort the expression of the face  
had been utterly lovable and tender, so

lovable that he had quite forgotten the  
clouds and the blue sky, for even at  
thirteen one may find heaven in gray  
eyes.

But as the years rolled on there were  
always forts to build, and sometimes  
the clouds asserted their power more  
strongly than the gray eyes, and then  
the face remained hard and angry for  
hours. Later the girl did not demand  
forts for herself, but something tangi-  
ble for him, something besides a pur-  
suit of clouds. But he loved the clouds,  
the breath of the dank woods, the  
murmur of the sea. He would sit for  
hours in the heart of a busy city and  
watch people—sit and do nothing. He  
said he did not care that his father and  
his grandfather before him had been  
great soldiers; that another grand-  
father had founded a powerful mercan-  
tile firm. He wanted—what he could  
not say, but there was time, and time  
would tell.

So the face had passed out of his life,  
leaving a greater void than he had ever  
dreamed it could leave. And then he  
had learned that work was good, espe-  
cially to fill voids.

It had been raining in the night, and  
now the veil was lifting from the sea,  
which sparkled in greeting to the tardy  
sunbeams. The man watched the haze  
as it first quivered, then melted before  
the rays of light. The man sighed. He  
felt that the veil was lifting for him.  
He was seeing things too clearly, and,  
seeing thus, he knew that the light of  
reason would banish the face along  
with the mist of weakness. He closed  
his eyes. Perhaps it would come back  
to him once more, and surely it would  
smile now.

Suddenly he pressed his hands to-  
gether, and something like a sob rose  
in his heart. The face had never been  
so distinct. There were the clear olive  
complexion, the great deep gray eyes  
and the wonderful glory of her hair,  
black as night and soft as floss, start-  
ling in its versatility to life. He  
could see the curls which framed the  
face, blown now by the south wind,  
and he could almost detect the odor of  
the violets, which had always hung  
about her.

Affraid to stir and afraid to close his  
eyes, even for a moment, lest the vi-  
sion lose something of its apparent re-  
ality, he fairly held his breath.

"Don't, Leslie; don't look like that!  
It is I, Marion! Don't you know me,  
Leslie?"

Even then it all seemed like a dream.  
Not until he felt the cool pressure of  
her cheek against his and her arms  
about him did he understand it was all  
real. And at last he reached for her  
hands and held them fast.

"Marion, I've been building forts—  
hundreds of them."

She knew what he meant, because  
she murmured: "You were always  
building, dearest. It is I who did not  
understand."

**Proving His Love.**  
They were "winging out" the dance  
when Miss Luvilwun glided silently  
by, waltzing most gracefully.

"Oh, Algy," said the girl, "don't you  
think Miss Luvilwun quite the nicest  
girl in the room?"

"Why, yes, May, darling, if you think  
so."

"And her eyes—aren't they just de-  
lightful?"

"Perfectly, pet!" Algy agreed.

"And hasn't she the prettiest mouth  
and the sweetest face imaginable?"

"Simply charming!" quoth Algy.

"And don't you think she's awfully  
clever too? Knows French, and—do—do—  
Oh—Oh!"

"Algy's face went ghastly white.

"Why, darling," he exclaimed, "what-  
ever's the matter? Are you ill? Shall  
I—"

"Oh—oh," sobbed May, "I—thought you  
loved me—you loved me best, Algy!"

"So I do, darling!"

"W-w-well, how can you talk so  
about that ugly, vulgar Luvilwun girl?"

**Women Who Hate Men.**  
From time to time strange instances  
crop up of women who not merely re-  
main unmarried of their own free will,  
but carry their antipathy to the oppo-  
site sex to most peculiar lengths.

Thus one of these is utterly resolved  
to have nothing whatever to do with  
men on any pretext. All her food is  
bought of women, and consequently  
meat never appears on her table, since  
there is no female butcher in her neigh-  
borhood.

Not long since a handsome legacy  
was refused simply because it came  
from a man; while instances are  
known of women who make it their  
boast that they have never spoken to  
or allowed one of the opposite sex to  
cross their threshold for a quarter of  
a century and upward.

But probably the bitterest man hater  
of modern days was an Austrian lady  
who at the time of her death was en-  
gaged in perfecting an elaborate plan  
for the ultimate extinction of the male  
sex.

**But Pussy Had Nine Lives.**  
The great stage scene of the piece  
was a shipwreck, and after the vessel  
had gone down only the comic man  
and the heroine were to be seen, tuck-  
ing on a frail raft on the boundless  
ocean.

The comedy merchant had expected  
that his weebegone appearance would  
raise a laugh, but even he was aston-  
ished at the roar which went up when  
they saw him.

At last he was able to get a hearing.  
"I wish," he said to the heroine,  
"that we could get out and walk home,  
but it's so jolly wet."

The audience was too exhausted to  
laugh any more, and the voice of the  
man in the gallery sounded painfully  
clear:

"If I was you," he said, "I should do  
it. There's a cat been hopping about  
on the waves for the last five minutes,  
and she don't seem to 'ave suffered  
much!"—London Answers.

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## PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.  
Toronto, Dec. 31.—11 a. m.—West-  
erly winds, fair and cold to-day.  
Friday, light snowfalls, followed by  
strong northwesterly winds and  
colder by night.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

The pay sheets amounted to \$62.14  
this week.

Lost—Navy blue belt, with pearl  
stick pin. The finder will be rewarded  
by leaving at this office.

Charles Mann, of Walkerville, was  
the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Albert Mann, Murray street, to-day.

The new rink will be opened for  
skating New Year's Night. Good  
music and good ice.—Adults, 25c; chil-  
dren, 15c.

Major Coogan, who has been on  
the sick list for the past week, was  
able to come down to his office this  
morning.

Watch-night service will be held in  
Holy Trinity Church to-night, com-  
mencing at 11.15, and followed by the  
administration of the Holy Commu-  
nion.

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dren, 15c.

Pearce vs. Pearce, an application  
for administration in the case of the  
late Wm. Geo. Pearce, for petition  
of sale of real estate, came up be-  
fore his honor Judge Bell this morn-  
ing and an order was made for the  
sale of land by administratrix, C.  
R. Atkinson, K. C. for plaintiff,  
Walter Mills, Ridgeway, for ad-  
ministratrix, and E. Stone for chil-  
dren.

There was all kinds of heat in  
the County Buildings this morning.  
Ex-Ald. John Watt, who has been  
putting in the heating apparatus,  
was trying to make a test this  
morning but didn't. Two thermom-  
eters in the Crown Attorney's office  
registered 78 and 68 respectively,  
while two thermometers in the  
County Clerk's office registered 72  
and 80 respectively. The difference  
in the thermometers in the same  
room is not explained.

## ROBBERS ABROAD

Isaac Bechard's residence at the  
mouth of the river was entered  
some time during the latter part of  
last week and robbed. Two shotguns  
were found afterwards in the house  
broken and some stuff was carried  
off.

Detective McGregor was there for  
two days looking the case up and  
he was joined yesterday afternoon  
by Detective Campeau, of Windsor.  
He returned to the city last night.

There are three or four persons  
implicated in the robbery. They are  
known to the detectives and they  
will be arrested when it is deemed  
advisable. Mr. Bechard was in Chat-  
ham when the robbery occurred.

## TREAT IN STORE.

E. J. MacIntyre is one of the many  
Maple City lovers of good music who  
is not going to miss hearing the Hun-  
garian Orchestra in the Opera House  
to-morrow night, in speaking of the  
event, this morning, he said to The  
Planet reporter:

"When I was in Germany last year  
I heard of P. R. Matius and his or-  
chestra wherever I went and I have  
long wished to hear them. Matius  
stands to-day as probably the greatest  
director of music in the world, and he  
being a Hungarian, the greatest mu-  
sicians come from Hungary. In Bar-  
lin, where I think they are the most  
capable of understanding good music,  
they give it the greatest of praise.  
The Emperor has them at his castle  
when I was in Germany and everyone  
who heard them was perfectly de-  
lighted. It is certainly a big musical  
treat for Chatham, and I can't un-  
derstand how Manager Briscoe got  
them to come here.

"Just to show you what great mu-  
sicians they have in Hungary, my  
daughter writes me that there is a  
Hungarian boy 10 years old, now in  
Berlin who is making the people  
there rave over his violin playing.  
He went there for three engagements  
and they made him stay for ten. He  
was a guest at the Emperor's castle  
while there.

"Any one who appreciates the very  
best of music should not miss hearing  
the orchestra to-morrow night."

## SPECIAL SALE OF

## Ebony Goods

Following our usual custom we shall during this week sell  
the balance of our Ebony Goods at a discount of 10 per  
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## The Letter-Box

## CONSOLIDATE THE DEBT.

To the Electors of the City of Chat-  
ham:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—On Mon-  
day, January 4th, you will be called  
upon to mark your ballots for the  
approval of a by-law to consolidate  
an unprovided-for indebtedness that  
has accumulated during the last ten  
years, and for which no provision  
has heretofore been made and which  
is the floating debt of the city of  
Chatham up to the 31st day of De-  
cember, 1902. It perhaps is not ne-  
cessary that your attention should be  
called to this because of the fact  
that the matter has already been  
explained to you through the medium  
of the press of this city and by  
proper notices and the proper ad-  
vertising of this by-law in the usual  
manner as prescribed by statute.

The Finance committee of this city  
have decided to lay before you and  
to explain to you a few points re-  
lative to this matter. In order to  
place the floating debt of \$49,734.93  
in a more business-like shape than  
it is in at the present time, this  
being the amount for which this  
city is liable to the Standard Bank  
of Canada, and for which no pro-  
vision has been made for the re-  
payment of the same, we wish to  
point out to you that it is quite ne-  
cessary that this by-law shall meet  
with the approval of each and every  
citizen in order to strengthen the  
hands of the Council when applying  
to the Local Legislature for permis-  
sion to consolidate this debt. This  
unprovided-for liability of \$49,734.93  
we now owe to the Standard Bank  
of Canada and this amount is prac-  
tically on call. If, owing to a string-  
ent money market at any time, the  
Standard Bank should demand the  
payment of this money and no pro-  
vision having been made for the  
same and no funds to at once meet  
the demand, it would place the  
finances of the city and the officials  
of the Council in a very unpleasant  
position.

We wish to call your attention  
to some of the causes leading up  
to this over draft floating debt, your  
attention having already been called  
to the facts by the special auditor's  
report under the audit of F. H. Mac-  
pherson, F. C. A., Government Aud-  
itor, who made a thorough examina-  
tion and audit of the city's finances  
up to the 31st day of December, 1902.  
The auditor's report shows that  
there has not been enough money  
raised each year to provide for all  
the expenses and improvements, as  
made by the city, no particular Coun-  
cil but all Councils since the consoli-  
dation of the debt in 1902 being  
blamable therefore, this amount has  
been gradually creeping up at the  
rate of about \$5,000 per annum of  
the shortage of receipts, and the  
amount of such shortage or the  
major portion thereof having been  
carried into the Local Improvement  
Account and being mostly for work  
for which Local Improvement De-  
bentures could not be issued, and  
as it is necessary that this amount  
be provided for in some manner, the  
Council of this year are of the  
opinion that the only proper busi-  
ness-like method is to consolidate and  
issue debentures for the amount  
which may be termed the shortage  
and to spread the payments of this  
sum over a term of thirty years,  
payable in equal annual installments  
of \$2,891.56, being the amount of  
principal and interest necessary to  
be raised annually for the re-pay-  
ment of the principal sum, thus  
making the payment of the principal  
sum an easy payment which will not  
be felt by the electors when spread  
over the term of thirty years, be-  
sides lessening the annual interest  
account of the city by nearly \$500  
per annum by reason of paying only  
4% per annum on debentures instead  
of the higher rate of interest that  
we are now paying the Standard  
Bank on account of this overdraft.

We wish to point out to the elec-  
tors that we are in a much better  
position than we were at the consoli-  
dation of the last debt. The debt  
as consolidated in 1892 was for the  
sum of \$100,000, payable in thirty-  
five equal annual payments. There  
has been paid off of this debt since  
that date, or provided for, eleven  
payments, reducing the principal sum  
by \$97,427. The amount of the debt  
now to be consolidated being \$49,000,  
we are \$47,427 ahead of eleven years  
ago. Besides having made very heavy  
payments on other city improve-  
ments, one of which was the pur-  
chase of the Waterworks, for which  
debentures were issued for \$175,000,  
off of which we have paid \$40,000  
of the principal sum, and the pur-  
chase of the Electric Light Plant,  
costing the city \$15,000 one-half of  
which has been paid. We have paid  
off of the old consolidated debt and  
the Waterworks and Electric Light

debentures nearly \$150,000, therefore  
we are at the present time, after  
the consolidating of the new amount  
of \$49,000, nearly \$100,000 ahead of  
what we were eleven years ago, and  
it is not necessary to call the at-  
tention of the citizens of Chatham  
to the fact that we are in a much  
better position, financially and as far  
as improvements are concerned, than  
we were eleven years ago, and we  
trust that for the interest of this  
city, that every elector on election  
day will mark his or her ballot for  
the approval of this new consoli-  
dation.

On each \$1,000 of an assessment  
the amount will be about 63 cents  
per annum of a payment to be made  
each year on an assessment of this  
amount.

Trusting that each and every one  
will see that it is very much to their  
interests and to the interests of this  
city of ours, we ask you one and all  
to support this by-law.

We are,  
Your obedient servants,  
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
Messrs. Marshall, McCoig and Scul-  
lard, per W. S. Marshall, Chair-  
man of Finance.

## The Radial Railway By-Law

To the Ratepayers of the City of  
Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At a public meeting called by the  
Board of Trade and Council of the City  
of Chatham, the undersigned were re-  
quested to address a circular letter to  
you calling your attention to the im-  
portance of voting for and carrying  
the by-law to be submitted on the  
4th day of January, 1904, for promot-  
ing the Chatham, Wallaceburg and  
Lake Erie Railway, to be constructed  
from Wallaceburg through this city  
to Lake Erie and to suggest the fol-  
lowing among other reasons why this  
By-law is deserving of your support:

1. One of the greatest necessities of  
any city is cheap and convenient rail-  
way transportation, and this will be  
furnished by a radial railway.

2. This road is not to be considered  
as a competing line with other rail-  
ways, as it will open up new terri-  
tory.

3. This railway will bring Wallace-  
burg and some of the nearest leading  
mediate points with easy, speedy and  
frequent access to this city, and  
branch lines to Blenheim, London,  
Dover, South, Mitchell's Bay, Dresden,  
and other places it will secure to our  
merchants, manufacturers and others  
increased avenues of trade.

4. The railway is intended to carry  
both passengers and freight and will  
afford the very best facility for farm-  
ers to bring their produce to market  
and make their purchases at all sea-  
sons of the year irrespective of the  
condition of the roads or of the weather  
so that there may be a continual,  
uniform and regular traffic every  
day in the year.

5. The Company will employ a  
large number of men and expend  
large sums of money in the construc-  
tion and equipment of their road, and  
in operating it after its completion,  
thus giving employment to a great  
number of our mechanics, artisans  
and laborers, and putting considerable  
money in circulation in our city.

6. By the increased facilities of  
travel and for carriage of goods which  
the road will afford, it will induce  
new industries to locate in Chatham  
and new factories to be built here;  
it will encourage outsiders to build  
and reside in our city and materially  
add to our population and prosperity.

7. The assistance proposed by the  
by-law is not a gift, but a loan from  
the city, part of which is to be ad-  
vanced when the road is completed  
from Chatham to Wallaceburg and  
the balance when completed from  
Chatham to Lake Erie.

8. This loan is to be amply secured  
to the city by the satisfactory guar-  
antee of some reliable trust corpora-  
tion or other approved security to the  
satisfaction of the City Council.

9. The Railway Company will build  
within this city its power house, car  
shops, car barns, repairing house,  
head office and other buildings, cost-  
ing not less than \$50,000.00, but which  
are likely to cost nearly twice that  
sum.

10. The Company will also be re-  
quired to very considerably enlarge  
and improve and thereafter assist in  
maintaining Aberdeen Bridge, there-  
by saving the city a large expendi-  
ture of money.

11. The assistance which will be re-  
quired from the city, under the pro-  
visions of this by-law, will not exceed  
33 cents per annum during the cur-  
rency of the debentures on an assess-  
ment of \$1,000.00 or less than one-  
third of a mill on the dollar.

12. The taxes which will be col-  
lected by the city during this time  
from the assessed property of the  
railway will nearly cover the outlay  
which the City may be required to  
make for the Company, but the rail-  
way taxes will continue to be paid for  
all time, and the sum so paid for  
taxes will be considerably increased  
from new houses and buildings nec-  
essarily erected to accommodate the  
employees of the road, not to speak  
of the new factories, etc., which the  
building of the railway will be the  
cause of locating here.

Every merchant, every business man  
and every mechanic has felt the want  
of such a road, and every citizen who  
gives the subject his serious consid-  
eration must recognize the importance  
to our city of securing its immediate  
construction and, as the adoption of  
this by-law will, in our opinion, bring  
about this much desired object, we  
earnestly urge that all should support  
it by their votes on election day.

Dated December 30th, 1903.  
Yours truly,

W. E. McKeough, Mayor; W. A.  
Bodley, President of the Board of  
Trade; Hugh Macdonald, N. H. Ste-  
vens, J. B. Rankin, Manson Campbell,  
Robert Gray, Geo. W. Sullivan, G. P.  
Scholfield, Fred. Stone, W. H. Taylor,  
T. A. Smith, Henry Dagnan, Geo. A.  
Witherspoon, J. P. Rutherford, S. T.  
Martin, John Piggett, Nathaniel  
Murray, George Stephens, J. A.  
Walker, Wm. Bell, Benjamin Blom,  
Arch. Park, Charles Austin, D. Mc-

Eachan, John Pleasant, J. G. Kerr,  
James E. Oldershaw, A. H. White, J.  
E. Gemmill, W. E. Ripin, Wm. Baby,  
James Dillon, M. Houston, John B.  
Watt, J. McCorvie, Wm. M. Drader.

The most fashionable wedding that  
has been solemnized in this city in  
some time took place yesterday after-  
noon at Holy Trinity Church, when  
Miss Florence Skay was united in  
marriage to George Percival Schol-  
field, Manager of the Standard Bank  
in this city.

The interior of the church presented  
a pretty picture, with the Christmas  
decorations and the bright gowns of  
the guests. A full choir, formed  
from the various choirs of the city,  
under the direction of W. Stanley  
Ball, rendered the music, and Miss  
Nellie Rhody presided at the organ,  
in the absence from the city of Miss  
Rose Morrison.

The bride entered the church on the  
arm of her uncle, Rev. Lawrence  
Skay, of Port Dover, who gave her  
away. The impressive wedding ser-  
vice of the Church of England was  
solemnized by Rev. T. Beverley Smith,  
assisted by Rev. Robert McCosh.

Miss Kate Mercer, Miss Ethel Ball  
and Miss Daisy Rose were brides-  
maids. William D. Hart, Manager of  
the Standard Bank, Kingston, sup-  
ported the groom. The little page  
and the little maid of honor were the  
nephew and niece of the groom, be-  
ing the children of Mr. and Mrs. H.  
C. Scholfield, Guelph. The ushers  
were Burnett C. Laing, and H. T. Mc-  
Millan, Toronto, and J. Frank Mc-  
Keough, city.

The bride was attired in a very  
handsome gown of spun silk over  
white silk, with a very pretty tucked  
effect and trimmed with silk applique.  
She also wore an elegant bridal veil of  
worked white silk. It came from  
England. A wreath of orange bloss-  
oms and a bouquet of white roses  
and lilies of the valley added to the  
charming picture the bride made.

The three bridesmaids were gowned  
in handsome dresses of white voile  
over pink silk, and they all wore large  
black velvet picture hats. They car-  
ried bouquets of pink roses tied with  
pink ribbons. The groom presented  
each of the bridesmaids with gold  
chain bracelets. His gifts to the  
bride were a Persian lamb coat trim-  
med with mink, and a piano.

Amongst the guests from a dis-  
tance were: Mrs. Carr, mother of  
the groom; Mrs. Compin and daughter  
Edith, of London; Mrs. Harry  
Williams, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. H. C.  
Scholfield, Guelph, and Mrs. Macdon-  
ald, Petrolia.

After the wedding at the church,  
a reception was held at Mr. William  
Bell's residence, Victoria Ave., where  
Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Scholfield received  
the congratulations of their friends.  
The bridal party left on the five  
o'clock G. T. R. express for New York  
and other eastern points.

Slippers  
Everyone..

Plenty here to please every man, woman or child.  
Slippers of all kinds and for all purposes. Slipper econ-  
omy and slipper elegance.

Slippers from 25c to \$3.  
MEN'S RUBBERS, all sizes, for 50c.  
WOMEN'S and MISSES' RUBBERS, all  
sizes for 25c

TURRILL'S, 93 King Street,  
CHATHAM

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker North-  
wood Block, Chatham, Dec. 31, 1903.

Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	82	82 1/2	81 1/2	82
May	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
July	79	79 1/2	78	79 1/2

Corn	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
May	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
July	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2

Oats	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	36	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
May	38	38 1/2	38	38 1/2
July	35 1/2	35 1/2	35	35 1/2

Pork	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Jan.	1257	1265	1252	1265
May	1295	1307	1287	1302

Lard	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Jan.	685	685	675	682
May	700	705	697	700

Ribs	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Jan.	642	642	642	642
May	670	675	667	672

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
RANKIN & SCULLARD—Barristers and Solicitors, Victoria Block, Chat- ham, Ont. J. B. Rankin, K. C., Thos. Scullard.	685	685	675	682

GRAND TWO WEEKS. OPERA HOUSE Monday, Jan 4. MATINEES—Wed'y. & Sat'y. The Popular Price Favorites, MARKS BROS., Dramatic and Vaudeville COMPANY	642	642	642	642
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Opening Monday with the Sensational Comedy Drama 'THE REVEALED MYSTERY.' LIST OF PLAYS TO SELECT FROM 'Sin and its Sorrow,' 'The Irish Hero,' 'The Redeemed Pawn Ticket,' 'A Mystery Revealed,' 'The Jail Bird,' 'Mack Mooney's Troubles,' 'His Mother's Vindication,' 'Larry Brogan's Promotion,' 'Resurrection,' 'The Black Flag,' 'East Lynne,' 'Dublin Dan,' 'The Mormon's Daugh- ter,' 'The Prisoner of Windham,' 'A Woman's Revenge,' and others.	670	675	667	672
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ILLUSTRATED SONGS AND PICTURES. 10-BIG SPECIALTIES—10 Prices 10, 15 and 25 cents. Seats on sale at Briscoe's. Matinee prices, 5 and 15 cents.	642	642	642	642
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We Extend TO ONE AND ALL	642	642	642	642
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The Season's Heartiest Greetings	642	642	642	642
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DUNN & MERRITT, Box 52, Fifth St. Phone 295.	642	642	642	642
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Stuffed Dates Glazed Nuts Navel Oranges Oysters Daily by Ex- press.	642	642	642	642
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The Northwood Company, DOMINION ELECTIONS	642	642	642	642
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are expected in the near future and Dunn & O'Charteris want every voter to call at their office over Meyrell's store, King street, and vote for taking out either a Fire, Life or Accident Insurance Policy, or all three. Money to lend on easy terms of repayment. Agents wanted in Essex, Kent, and Lambton, also city of Chatham. Straight salary to good men. P. O. Box 125, Chatham.	642	642	642	642
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J. P. DUNN F. W. CHARTERIS Residence, Phone 201A.	642	642	642	642
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BARGAIN NO. 1—MENS' SCOTCH KNIT WOOL UNDERWEAR BARGAIN—Plain Scotch Knit Wool Heather Mix, good full gar- ments, stamped unshrinkable, sateen facings, pearl buttons, value at 65c each Saturday 48c.	642	642	642	642
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BARGAIN NO. 2—BOYS' HEAVY WINTER UNDERWEAR BAR- GAIN—In odd pieces, Shirts and Drawers, in Fleece-lined, Wool and Union, values regular up to 40c. Placed on sale Saturday at 25c.	642	642	642	642
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BARGAIN NO. 3—BOYS' 50c GLOVES AND MITTS BARGAIN, Suede and Kid Mitts and Gloves, lined, regular value at 50c, on sale Saturday at 25c.	642	642	642	642
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BARGAIN NO. 4—BOYS' \$3.00 AND \$3.50 STORM REEFER BAR- GAIN, made from Heavy All Wool Frieze, plain grey shade, also Heavy Black and Blue Curis, big storm collars, heavy tweed linings, lots of pockets, big values at \$3.00 to \$3.50, Saturday at \$2.50.	642	642	642	642
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BARGAIN NO. 5—MENS' \$1.75 FINE ALL WOOL TWEED PANT BARGAIN—Fine All Wool Tweeds, dark and medium shadings, nice patterns, Grey and Brown effects, good winter weights, Satur- day \$1.48.	642	642	642	642
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BARGAIN NO. 6—MENS' STORM REEFER BAR- GAIN—made from Heavy All Wool Frieze, dark Grey, neat Check, heavy lining, storm collar with belt, buttoned close to neck, a No. 1 working coat, with warmth, all sizes, special \$3.00.	642	642	642	642
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C. Austin & Co.	642	642	642	642
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Fashionable Dressmaking.	642	642	642	642
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LINEN BARGAINS FOR SATURDAY.	642	642	642	642
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One lot cream huck Towels, extra heavy fringed ends, plain white bor- ders 20x40 size, regular 15c value, Saturday sale price 12 1-2c each.	642	642	642	642
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100 yards extra heavy Irish linen crash, towelling, bleached, 18 inches wide, red and blue striped border, pure flax, regular 12 1-2c value; Saturday sale price 10c yard.	642	642	642	642
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One piece 22 inch blue checked glass cloth, all linen, heavy quality, regular 10c value, Saturday Sale price 8 1-2 yard.	642	642	642	642
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Two pieces 24 inch, superior quality red of blue checked glass cloth, extra heavy, fine weave, pure linen. Regu- lar 15c value, Saturday sale
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## Store Closed Friday..

To celebrate the commencement of a new year. During the past year we have tried to study the interests of our customers. By careful attention to their business, by careful delivery, and by cheerfully making right whatever may be wrong. We never expect to reach the point where we do not make mistakes, but we do expect to make the next best thing, and carefully make those mistakes right.

We hope by even more careful attention to these things to give you better service still next year.

The early closing movement has been a glad one. The clerks appreciate it, and work better and more carefully. The public have backed us up in this, in a way we appreciate. We ask your support in this matter in the year to come. Commencing the first of the year, we shall close at 6.15 every evening, Saturdays excepted.

We thank you most heartily for your kind patronage in the past and hope to merit your confidence in the future.

Wishing you a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. Malcolmson

## The Old Year AND The New.

Just now it is fitting that we express our appreciation of the highly satisfactory business that has been accorded us during the past year. We thank our patrons for their interest and loyalty, and while expressing our appreciation, we wish, also to extend our best wishes for a New Year of happiness and prosperity for all. Your best interests shall be our interests during the coming year.

Our service will, if possible, be better than ever before, as a practical acknowledgement of our appreciation of your continued favor and patronage.

## Red Cross DRUG STORE.

W. W. TURNER.  
28 King St., - Phone 1221

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Let Us Persuade You to do yourself a favor. Shakespeare was great in clothing ideas in fine 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 safe and sound model of Dame Fashion's latest creation in woolen?

W.N. Morley & Co.

## TO-NIGHT.

Catholic Order Foresters, in their hall at 8.

Watch night service, Holy Trinity Church, at 11.15.

Watch night service, Park St. Church, at 10.30.

Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Temple, at 8.

Mass Meeting of citizens, Oddfellows' Auditorium, at 7.30.

Bagle Band excursion to Blenheim, C. P. R. Station at 7.05.

Court McGregor, No. 6, I. O. F., will meet in their rooms at 8.

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Concert, in Christ Church Sunday School, at 7.30.

## TO-MORROW.

Non-Coms. celebrate in the Mess Rooms.

St. Andrew's Church Y. P. Society, lecture hall, at 8.

Services in St. Joseph's Church at 8.30 and 10.30 a.m.

K. O. T. M., No. 8, in their rooms, I. O. O. F. Temple, at 8.

Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra, Grand Opera House, at 8.30 p.m.

The Victoria Ave. Epworth League will meet in the S. S. Hall at 8.

Young People's Society, lecture hall William St. Baptist Church, at 8.

Peninsular Lodge, No. 2, A. O. U. W., in their rooms, opposite Rankin House, at 8.

## THE LOCAL BUDGET

Smoke Quail on Peas Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made.

The Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra, New Year's Night!

W. H. Westman will be a candidate for the council on Monday next.

Brisco's store will be open all day New Year's, for those wanting tickets for the Grand at night.

Mrs. James Marshall, Jeffrey street, had the misfortune to slip and fall, breaking her left arm.

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

"Mac" McLachlan, of Bay City, an old Chatham boy and lacrosse player, has returned to Bay City after spending a few days in this city.

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

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus and Concert, in Christ Church Sunday School. Hall to-night. Silver Collection at the door. All come!

Mrs. C. B. Oliver, of Merlin, and Miss Vanzant, of Leamington, are the guests of Mrs. John Turner, Richmond street.

If you are run down  
You are an easy prey to disease.  
Build yourself up with

D.L. Emulsion

## Greeting!

We wish you all a  
Happy and  
Prosperous  
New Year

To every one who has assisted in any way in making our 1902 business so successful. We beg to extend our sincere thanks, and we hope that the year we are about to enter upon may be one of

PEACE,  
HAPPINESS and  
PROSPERITY.

J. C. WANLESS

4 Doors East of Market,  
King Street, Chatham.

Wood has taken a drop at Brad-

er's, Queen street.

Miss Florence Knott, stenographer of the Wm. Gray & Sons Co., left this afternoon for the east.

Miss Dora McKerrall, Appleton, is visiting at the residence of Con. E. Shea.

W. H. Westman, hardware merchant, solicits your vote and influence for a seat at the council board.

Don't miss the treat of a life time when it is within your reach. The Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra at the Grand to-morrow night is the best yet.

The annual entertainment of the William street Baptist S. S., will take place New Year's night (Friday) doors open at 7.30. Admission 10c.

Oliver Labadie, who is foreman on W. E. Risplan's new block, has secured the contract for E. E. Wing's new house, Raleigh St.

A purely local skin disease is cured by Weaver's Cerate alone. But where the blood is loaded with impurity, as in Salt Rheum, Weaver's Syrup also should be used.

Do Not Forget that Saturday is the last day of the Cut Price Sale at The Ark. Read ad, on first page.

Sam Lee's Best Laundry has removed to his new store in the Opera House Block. Friends will please bring parcels to the new store a few doors east. Sam Lee, Best Laundry.

Miss May Freeman, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Freeman, of Thamesville, who spent Christmas with Miss Florence Knott, has returned to her home.

Two men tried to break into Chas. Austin's store one night this week. Fortunately, the night watchman heard them and scared them away. He, however, didn't report the occurrence till yesterday.

It is to be hoped that the people of Chatham realize the importance of the engagement at the Grand New Year's night in the Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra.

The police closed up this year rather tamely. Everything has been quiet and peaceful at the Police Court this month. There were only six cases tried this month and three of these won't be finished till next year.

Lost!—Between C. P. R. Hotel and Fifth St. Bridge, a Morocco Pocket Book, containing a sum of money, a note and bill-heads of J. W. Leveik, John Hallan, Toronto. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning to D. J. McDonald, C. P. R. Hotel, or to this office.

Mr. V. toria Hunt, remanded to jail with her husband on the charge of assaulting Chas. Hunt, Sr., was released because of her condition. When she went to her home she found that all the furniture had been removed by the old man. The father was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing and remanded for trial. He was released from custody on bail furnished by Silas Knot and Mr. King.

Have you any spare room in your house? If so, why not take some boarders for the winter? It would help to pay your fuel bills. The Business College expects to require accommodation for a number of young ladies and gentlemen for the beginning of the year. If interested, call at the College office and leave your address.

## MASS MEETING

A meeting of the ratepayers will be held in the Auditorium, Thursday evening at 7.30, to discuss the three by-laws now before the electors. All citizens who desire to promote the city's welfare, and wish information concerning the by-laws, are requested to be present.

W. A. HADLEY,  
President Board of Trade.

W. E. MCKROUGH,  
Mayor.



## IN BUYING RUBBERS REMEMBER

That Rubbers will not give satisfaction if fitted too tight.

That Rubbers fitted tight over the instep are liable to break.

That A short fit will ruin any rubber.

That Our Rubbers are the best fitters manufactured to-day.

That You will never have cause for complaint, if you buy your Rubbers here.

That We have all kinds of Rubbers for every member of the family.

That Your Rubbers will cost you less, if you buy here.

That You had better come here and see.

GEO. W. COWAN

## Chatham's Millinery Store.

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

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

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Residence 25.

## GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Hospital beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of a cheque for \$100 from T. L. Parodo, M. P. P. The Sisters are extremely grateful to the generous donor.

## L. E. & D. R. HOLIDAY RATES.

1903-4.

Christmas—At Single Fare, going Dec. 24th and 25th, returning 25th.

At fare and one-third going Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, returning Jan. 5th, 1904.

New Years—Single Fare going Dec. 31st, and Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 4th.

Fare and one-third, going Dec. 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 5th, 1904.



## NEW YEAR'S TASTES

Should incline toward the candies sold here.

The exquisite flavor and genuineness of our

Confectionery

place it in a class. There is none other as good; none others so welcome.

Any of these flavors will afford pleasing entertainment for New Year's guests.

All 40c. and 50c. Bon Bon and Chocolates for 25c. a Pound this week; Kisses, 15c.; Taffies, 10c.

## Willard McKay

Garner House Block.

and Our Richmond & Queen

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APL.

30-DEC. 1, 1904.

"The Pike," (Midway Plaisance) one mile long, concessions cost \$5,000,000.

Novel features.

## JANUARY STOCK-TAKING SALE THE GORDON STORE.

will begin a Clearing Sale and continue during the month, prior to taking stock. Everything that smells of winter will be pushed at such reductions in price as will prevent us carrying these goods over. It will pay you to read and heed our descriptions and quotations. You can't find our whole bargain batch here. A friendly visit will open your eyes far better than printers' ink.

## Ladies' Cloth Jackets

13 ONLY FINEST CLOTH COATS—Silk, satin and fur lined, all sizes, \$16.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00, sale price

\$10.00

23 ONLY LADIES' JACKETS—Silk and mercerized, lined, fancy stitching and braiding, regular \$10.00 and \$12.50,

\$7.50

10 ONLY LADIES' CLOTH COATS—Mercerized, lined throughout, prime, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00, sale price

\$6.50

11 ONLY LADIES' COATS—Mercerized, lined throughout, \$6.50, \$8.75 and \$7.00, sale price

\$5.00

16 ONLY CLOTH, CURL AND TWEED COATS—Lined throughout, \$5.00, special, on sale

\$3.75

## Cloth Dress Skirts

25 ONLY GREY CHEVIOT SKIRTS—Well and tastefully made, \$2.50 goods at

\$1.72

25 ONLY LADIES' CLOTH SKIRTS—Black, grey and blue trimmed, with buttons or straps, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$2.90 goods, at

\$2.00

12 ONLY DRESS SKIRTS—Fancy made and trimmed with buttons or straps, \$3.75, \$4.50 and \$5.00 skirts, at

\$3.00

11 ONLY FANCY CHEVIOT SKIRTS—grey or black, \$5.00 goods at

\$3.75

3 ONLY GREY VICUNA CLOTH SKIRTS—regular \$5.00 value, at

\$4.00

## FUR SALE

One \$18.00 ELECTRIC SEAL CAPERINE at

\$12.50

One \$20.00 GREY SQUIRREL and GERMAN OTTER CAPERINE for

\$15.00

One \$25.00 PERSIAN LAMB and SABLE CAPERINE for

\$18.00

One \$32.50 SABLE CAPERINE for

\$25.00

Two \$10.00 ELECTRIC SEAL CAPERINE for

\$7.00

One \$8.75 ASTRACHAN and SEAL CAPERINE for

\$6.50

One \$9.00 BLACK CONEY CAPERINE for

\$4.75

Two \$5.75 ASTRACHAN CAPERINES for

\$4.75

Two \$2.50 CONEY COLLARS for

\$1.75

One \$10.00 JAP BEAR BOA, 117 in. long for

\$6.50

One \$14.00 TIBET BOA, 108 in. long for

\$10.00

One \$17.50 SABLE SCARF, 100 in. long, for

\$13.50

One \$40.00 MINK BOA for

\$32.00

One \$29.00 STONE-MARTIN BOA for

\$25.00

One \$35.00 STONE-MARTIN BOA for

\$28.00

One \$24.50 CUB BEAR, (Bernhard) for

\$17.50

## Fur Coats.

Three \$50.00 Persian Lamb Coats at

\$37.50

Three \$50.00 Russian Lamb Coats at

\$37.50

Four \$40.00 ASTRACHAN COATS at

\$30.00

Six \$32.00 ASTRACHAN COATS at

\$25.00

Five \$25.00 ASTRACHAN COATS at

\$20.00

Six \$20.00 ASTRACHAN COATS at

\$14.00

Remember all cotton goods are advancing in price. Buy now.

## William Gordon.

## WABASH WEST SHORE ROUTE.

For comfort, speed and allround satisfaction on a trip to New York, you can choose no better route than the above. Consult your ticket agent.

## WIDE AWAKE

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

## GROCERIES.

8 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c.

6 lbs. Tapioca, 25c.

Maple Syrup, Imp. qt., 20c.

Fresh Ground Coffee, 15c. per lb.

7 lbs. Rolled Wheat, 25c.

Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c. 1-lb. tins.

Corn Starch, 7c. per package.

Pickles, 10c. per bottle.

GREAT VALUES IN TEAS AND COFFEES

John McConnell,

Phone 190, - Park St.

## Heavy Dress Goods

44 INCH LADIES' CLOTH—Brown, black, blue and grey, sale price

12 1/2c

54 INCH WIDE SERGE CLOTHS—Brown, grey, navy and black, sale price per yard

25c

44 INCH PERSIAN TWEEDS—All wool, brown, blue, grey, green, at

35c

SCOTCH TWEED SNOW FLAKE SUITINGS—All wool, \$1.20 goods at

75c

SNOW FLAKE ZIBELINES—Brown and garnet, \$1.75 goods, sale price

\$1.25

IMPORTED PEAKED STRIPES ALL WOOL SUITINGS—\$2.00 goods at

\$1.50

25 ENDS OF FINE 50c ALL WOOL FRENCH FLANNEL WAISTINGS, at

25c

SILKS—Fancy figures and stripes, in waist silks, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, sale price per yard

50c

## Golf Jackets and Vests

Knit All Wool White and Colored—just what you need, at

95c and 75c

EIDERDOWN DRESSING JACKETS—on sale from











WM. FOREMAN &amp; CO.

To our Patrons  
and Friends.

We wish you a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

During the coming year we shall strive to serve you better than ever. We have planned to do more business, planned to have goods richer, planned to have assortments greater. Summing it up we have planned to have this store nearer perfection.

Wm. Foreman &amp; Co.

Timely  
TIPSFor the  
HOLIDAY  
TRADE.

Shoppers come to our store. Come early, and get the pick of our great showing of Holiday wear.

Slippers  
Leggins  
Overgaiters  
Boots.

How can you please any member of the family better than coming to the Boston Shoe Store.

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North Side King St., Chatham.

Boston Shoe Store.

You Can Depend on Two Things  
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The price is right always and the quality of the goods the best for the money. Our aim is to get good goods and sell them as cheaply as the law allows. Our efforts are being appreciated more and more each day and our trade is gradually growing greater. Honest efforts, honest goods, honest prices, honest clerks. Our trade is bound to come. Come in and get acquainted.

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

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral  
for the children. One dose at bedtime quiets their night coughs and prevents croup. Ask your doctor.

## DISTRICT DOINGS.

## BLENHEIM

Dec. 31.—Miss Morgan entertained her lady friends on Tuesday last. A very enjoyable assembly was held in the opera house last night, a large town and surrounding neighborhood being present.

The last snowfall has made excellent sleighing; the youngsters are enjoying the boisterous rides. The mercury on the 29th last, registered six below zero.

Rev. W. E. Kerr is at Brussels attending the wedding of his sister.

Miss Nita Boushall, of Chatham is visiting friends in town.

R. L. Gosnell has bought the property of Leslie English, corner of Talbot and Victoria streets.

A skating carnival will be held at the skating rink on New Year's night. Admission 15c. Prizes will be given for the following: Best dressed lady, \$2.50; best dressed gentleman, \$2.50; best comic lady or gentleman, \$2.50.

There will be an election held on January 4, 1904, for the purpose of electing six councillors. The following will be the polling places:

No. 1, J. P. Sutor's office on Talbot street, R. M. Thompson, D. R. O.

No. 2, Council Chamber, town hall, I. McVittie, D. R. O.

No. 3, Hall Block, on Talbot street, W. B. Tedford D. R. O.

No. 4, Alden Johnson's store, C. A. Wedge, D. R. O.

J. W. Gibson, returning officer.

Abbott Griffin has bought Mrs. Stevens property, now occupied by Mr. R. M. Thompson.

Mr. H. Drane leaves next week for an extended visit to North Carolina, U. S. A.

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Thinking perhaps they will cure Catarrh—but no one ever heard of a genuine cure following such senseless treatments. There is just one prompt and thorough cure for Catarrh and it is fragrant, healing Catarrh—rhinorrhoea which goes right to the root of the trouble. It destroys the germs, heals the inflamed membranes and cures any case no matter how obstinate or long standing. "I experimented for years with Catarrh remedies but found Catarrh—rhinorrhoea the most rational and satisfactory" writes W. J. MacEachern, of Waterville. "It cured me for all time." For a sure cure use only Catarrh—rhinorrhoea. Complete outfit, \$1.00; trial size 25c.

## DRESDEN

Dec. 31.—Owen Wright, St. Paul, Minn., is visiting his father, Wesley Wright, Sydenham St.

Leigh Fleming, of Owasco, Mich., is spending the New Year's holidays at his parents' home, Brook St.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the Presbyterian Sunday school was held last night in the Grand Opera House and was much enjoyed by the large crowd that attended. The entertainment consisted of the Christmas cantata, "The New Santa Claus."

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church was held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Willson, on Brown St.

Frank Miller left this morning for a short visit with friends in Lansing and Detroit, Mich.

Miss G. Blackburn gave a pedro party Tuesday evening, in honor of her cousin, Miss L. Arnold, Toronto.

The two-year-old son of John Gibson, 6th Con. Camden, died very suddenly yesterday morning, after a short illness of only six hours. Acute indigestion and heart failure was the cause of his taking off.

Dresden councillors and school trustees are elected by acclamation, all but the requisite number having withdrawn. R. P. Wright, N. B. Carscallen, L. Houston, Geo. Grece, Wm. Ward and J. E. McGlochon are the councillors, and J. B. Carscallen, John Robinson and R. Heyland are the leap year trustees.



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## LETTER BOX

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—The Christmas rush of business is now over, and there is usually a slack period during January, February, and March. If any of the readers of your valuable paper are desirous of improving on their present employment, we would like to keep before them the advantages which are offered by a thorough course of training in a well-equipped business school—one that is in close touch with the business public, and is in a position to place all worthy graduates in good positions.

We have been doing business in this city for over twenty-seven years, and there is no question as to the class of work we are turning out. The success of our students is the best evidence in support of this claim. We yearly have many more demands for office help than we can supply and we have always made it a point to place our students in good positions where good remuneration is offered. The well-qualified graduate can always command good pay, and we have placed our graduating standard at a point, that only the capable reach it, and those who are certain of employment at good salaries when they are through.

Those of either sex who will take our double course and thoroughly qualify as stenographers and bookkeepers, will find ready demand for their services and at excellent pay. Thanking you for giving me the opportunity of bringing this matter so promptly before your readers, I am,

Yours sincerely,

D. McEachern,

Canada Business College,

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## SATELLITE

The re-election of the School Board by acclamation is a tribute not only to the trustees but also to the teachers of this city. The latter must be competent and must be giving every satisfaction since no fault is found.

The candidates for aldermen who are worthy of your consideration have their cards in The Planet. Look over the list.

Vote for the candidate who has his card in The Planet. He isn't afraid to state his opinions openly.

Attend the mass meeting to-night and learn all about the three by-laws.

Mr. Ross hangs onto office like a barnacle to a ship.

Editor of water wagon—Kindly reserve a top berth for me on your water wagon and run the wagon so fast that if I fall off I'll break my neck. Yours, T. R. Eater.

Ten thousand good live young men wanted to join the Clements' Club.

I don't see why these three by-laws weren't passed by acclamation also.

The young man for the young men. Dunlop for Renfrew and Herbert S. Clements for West Kent.

Young Conservatives, your party needs you.

The Satellite is getting up in the world. His telephone number has been raised from 68B to 102. This is for the information of the man who desires to call him up to call him down.

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

Vote for W. H. Westman, hardware merchants for the council for 1904.

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Hand bibles for Sunday School classes at low prices.

Full Teacher's Bibles, with help, references, concordance and maps, \$1.

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A full line of Oxford Bibles, from 25c to \$1.00.

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New novelties in all the leading tints and in staple papers, at from 25c to \$3.00.

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## KENNY'S

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the Old;  
Welcome  
the New.

Good Night; Good Morning. The old year out, the New Year in—makes this a time of good resolutions. The glee of the holly and mistletoe is too recent to let anything but brightness into the day that brings new hope into our lives. This business has grown to greatness because it deserved to. Our policy has been to do the best we know by each and every customer. People know that and consider their money safest here. The good will we have won will by no means be forfeited during 1904. Success in 1903 enlarges our aspirations for the future. We look outward hopefully expecting still greater victories with the trade of 1904.

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Briscos' store will be open all day New Years for those who want to purchase tickets for the Grand at night.



# SUPPLEMENT TO THE PLANET

CHATHAM, ONT., DECEMBER 31st, 1903

## FIVE HUNDRED KILLED.

### Holocaust in a Chi- cago Theatre.

### FIRE AND EXPLOSION.

### Many Slain in Mad Fight to Escape.

### FIRE ESCAPED DEATH TRAPS.

### WOMEN AND CHILDREN TRAPPED INTO PULP MAY NEVER BE IDENTIFIED— BODIES PILED UP IN AD- JACENT BUILDINGS AND ON THE STREET.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Five hundred and fifty people were killed and ninety-two injured within ten minutes yesterday during a fire in the Riquitois Theatre, the newest, the largest, and, as far as human power could make it, the safest, theatre in Chicago. The theatre is on Randolph street.

A few of these people were burned to death, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits. There are bodies lying by the dozens in the undertaking rooms, in the police stations, and in the hospitals, from which nearly everything that could reveal their identity to those who knew them best, is gone. Their clothing is torn to rags or burned to cinders, and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable pulp by the crowds that fought and trampled them down as they fled for safety.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Blue Beard," the first production in the theatre since its erection. The theatrical company, which was very large, escaped to the street in safety, nearly all of them, however, being compelled to flee from the show with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none were seriously hurt. The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting, and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop-scenery broke and grounded, setting the scenery ablaze.

The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus who were then engaged in the performance to flee to the wings, with screams of terror. The fire in itself, up to this time, was not serious, and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered, Eddie Foy, the comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain. It descended about half way, and then stuck. The fire was then given, precisely, a free, through which a strong draught set to the doors, which had been thrown open in the front of the theatre. With a roar and a bound the flames shot out through the opening, and over the heads of the people on the first floor, and up to those in the first balcony, catching them and burning them to death. Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof of the theatre from its walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments.

As soon as the flames first appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Fire! Fire!" and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theatre, causing them to burst. Will J. Davis, manager of the theatre, said after the catastrophe that if the people had remained in their seats, and not been excited by the cry of "Fire!" not a life would have been lost. This, however, is contradicted by the statements of the firemen, who found the bodies of numbers of persons sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage, as if the performance were still going on. The opinion of the firemen is that these people were suffocated at once by the flow of gas and fire which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

As nearly as can be estimated, about 1,300 people were in the theatre. Three hundred of these were on the ground floor, the balance being in the two upper balconies and in the hallways back of them. The theatre is modelled after the Opera Comique in Paris, and from the rear of each balcony there are three doors leading out to passage-ways towards the front of the theatre. Two of these doorways are at the end of the balcony, and one being in the centre. The audience, in its rush for the outer air, seems to have for the greater part, chosen to flee to the left entrance, and to attempt to make its way down the eastern stairway, leading into the lobby of the theatre.

Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas, it was in these two doorways, on the first and second balconies, that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found

stretched in a pile, reaching from the head of the stairway, at least eight feet from the door, back to a point about five feet in the rear of the door. This mass of dead bodies in the centre of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the passageway. All of the corpses at this point were women and children.

The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond human power to adequately describe. Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of the bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before. Others lay with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their hands fragments of garments, evidently torn from others, whom they had endeavored to pull down and trample underfoot as they fought for their own lives.

As the police removed layer after layer of dead in these doorways, the sight became too much even for the police and firemen, hardened as they are to scenes of death. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass, and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and walls, that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb, or some other portion of the body, and pull with main strength. Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sobs of the rescuers could be heard even in the hall below where this awful scene was being enacted. A number of men were compelled to abandon their task and give it over to others whose nerves had not yet been shaken.

One by one the bodies were dragged out of the water-soaked and smouldering mass of corpses, and the spectacle became more and more heart-rending. There were women whose clothing was torn completely from their bodies above the waist, whose bosoms had been trampled into a pulp, and whose faces were marred beyond all power of identification.

Bodies lay in the first and second balconies in great numbers. In some places they were piled up in the aisles three and four deep, where they had fallen and others tripped over the prostrate forms, and all had died where they lay, evidently suffocated by gas. Others were bent over backs of seats, where they had been thrown by the rush of people for the doors, and killed with hardly a chance to rise from their chairs.

One man was found with his back bent nearly double, his spinal column having been fractured as he was thrown backwards. A woman was found cut nearly in half by the back of the seat, she having been forced over it, face downwards. In the aisles nearest to the doors the scenes were harrowing in the extreme. Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude, half naked, the look on their faces revealing some of the agony which must have preceded their death. There were scores and scores of people whose faces had literally been trampled completely off by the heels of those who rushed over them.

In one aisle the body of a man was found, with hardly a vestige of clothing or flesh above his waist-line. The entire upper portion of his body had been cut into mince-meat and carried away by the feet of those who trampled him. A search was carefully made, with the hope of finding his head, but at a late hour to-night it had not been discovered, and all will ever tell his friends who he is, is the color and appearance of his clothing on the lower limbs, and this is in such a condition as to be hardly recognizable.

The theatre had been constructed but a short time, and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was, unfortunately, the case with a fire-escape in the rear of the building. The small iron balcony to which the iron ladders were to be attached were up, but the ladders had not yet been constructed. When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they emerged from the doorway upon the little iron platform that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground. Those who reached the platform first endeavored to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed, fought and tore at each other like maniacs. It is believed that a brief time, and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that many of them were crowded off and fell to the granite pavement below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms, and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls, having been instantly killed.

George H. Elliott, Secretary of the Ogden Gas Company, was in a building directly opposite the theatre, across across the alley. When he reached the street the women already were dropping into the alley, and Elliott immediately rushed for a ladder, in an effort to save as many as possible. No ladder was available, and the only method of assistance they were able to devise was to hurriedly lash some planks together and throw them across to the affrighted women on the platform, with instructions to place the end firmly on the iron framework. Women were pushed every instant into the alley, and by the time the bridge was constructed but few remained to take advantage of it. However, about two dozen, it is believed, made their way across this narrow causeway. The members of the theatrical company, being on the first floor, had comparatively little difficulty in reaching the street, although their situation was for a moment highly critical because of the speed with which the flames swept through the mass of scenery in the flies and on the stage.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of to-day. Next to the Chicago fire this is the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here. The news spread with great rapidity, and in a short time hundreds of men, women and children were rushing to- ward the theatre. The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets on the north side of Randolph street. Although every available policeman within the call of the department was hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block, allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied crowd that pressed forward, many of them having friends or relatives in the theatre anxious to learn some thing of them. The conduct of the police deserves all praise. In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through the lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead.

The building was so full of smoke when the firemen first arrived that the extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped until a fireman and a newspaper man crawled up the stairs leading to the balcony, holding handkerchiefs over their mouths to avoid suffocation. As they reached the doorway the fireman seized his companion by the arm, exclaiming, "Good God, man, don't walk on their faces!"

The two men tried vainly to get through the door, which was jammed with dead women piled higher than either of their heads. All the lights in the theatre were necessarily out, and the only illumination came through the cloud of smoke that hung between the interior of the theatre and the street. The two men hurried to the floor below, and informed Chief Musham that the dead bodies were piled high in the balcony and prompt assistance must be rendered.

The chief at once called upon all his men in the vicinity to abandon work on the fire and come at once to the rescue. The building was so dark and the smoke so thick that it was found impossible to accomplish anything until lights had been secured. Over 200 lights were quickly carried into the building, and the work of rescue commenced. So rapidly were the bodies brought down that for over an hour there were two streets of men passing in and out of the doorway, the one carrying bodies, the other composed of men to get more. The bodies were carried into Thompson's restaurant, which adjoins the theatre, on the east. The dead and wounded were placed upon chairs, tables and counters. Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city were pressed into service, they were utterly inadequate to carry away the dead, and in a short time there was a line fifty feet long of corpses piled two and three high on the sidewalk in front of the theatre.

It was found necessary, in order to convey the bodies rapidly to the morgue, to press the various undertaking establishments to press trucks into service, and in these the dead were hauled away. The merchants in the vicinity of the theatre rose to the emergency in splendid fashion. Marshall Field & Company, Mandel Bros., Schlesinger & Meyer, Carson, Pirie, Scott & Company, and other large dry goods stores sent waggon loads after waggon loads of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to be used in binding up the wounds of the injured and to cover the dead. Doctors and trained nurses were on the ground by the score within half an hour after the extent of the calamity was known. A number of doctors waited at the entrance to the theatre with stethoscopes in hand to examine the bodies which were brought out for signs of life.

One large truck, ordinarily used for conveying freight to depots, was so heavily loaded with dead in front of the theatre that the two large horses attached to it were unable to start, and the police were compelled to assist by tugging at the wheels. It was the presence of the children, hundreds of them in the audience, and the efforts of their frantic mothers to save them, that caused much of the pandemonium. A young girl, who had sent his little daughter, Margaret, with a little friend, in charge of a maid, to see the performance, drove frantically to the burning theatre, but the children had been saved. Mr. Revell then hastened to the theatre and participated in the rescue.

"I worked in the upper balconies," said he. "The sight of those women and their little children, with their clenched fists raised as though trying to beat their way to safety, and stricken down by the flames, is too horrible to attempt to describe. I assisted the policemen and firemen in carrying down more than twenty bodies."

Two bodies, tightly locked in each others' arms, those of young ladies apparently about 25 years of age, were found in one end of the orchestra pit. They must have fallen there from the balcony above. The body of a dark-haired girl, apparently 12 years of age, was found impaled on the iron railing of the first balcony. She evidently had been thrown over from the second balcony above. With all of its clothing torn from it but a pair of baby's shoes, the body of a child about one year old was found in a far corner of the second balcony. It had evidently been knocked from its mother's arms and was trampled beyond all recognition.

The following is a partial list of the dead, the residence, when not specified, being Chicago:—Hortense Lang, aged 16; Irene Lang, aged 11 years, sister of Hortense; E. A. Wilson, Mrs. W. T. Marsh, Miss Gladys Streeton, Alpena, Mich.; Louise Bushnell; Mrs. A. Lake, 35 years old; Miss A. Donaldson, 18 years; J. Rattey, died at hospital; two boys with him thought to have perished; Mrs. Patrick O'Donnell, wife of President of O'Donnell & Duer Brewing Company; Mrs. Bessie Clinger; Otto Wattman; R. H. Coutts; Miss D. Howard; Miss Horton; Helen McCaughan; Mrs. E. A. Morrill; Mrs. A. Sullivan; Mrs. Minwegen; Mrs. Harbaugh; Ann Fitzgibbon; C. W. Forbush and family; Anna Sterling; three stage hands; Floraine, a German aerial performer; Mel Blackman, 13 years old; Mrs. Cavanaugh; unknown boy, eight years old; two unknown women met death jumping from rear fire escape; Louise Burchray; Marie Walsh; Mrs. James D. Maloney; Miss Spencer; Ethel Jones,

daughter of S. P. Jones, attended the theatre with brothers and sister, two of whom are missing and three accounted for; reported at Vaughan's seed store, where body was taken, that the mother, an invalid, dropped dead when she received the tidings of daughter's death; Mrs. John C. Kling; Lillian Phillipson, six years old; boy, lived at Lafayette, Ind.; Mrs. Foreman, Wm. Rattey, J. C. Johnson, Wm. M. Reed, Waukegan, Ill.; Hoyt Fox, Mrs. L. R. Butler, S. Ward, Edmund W. Morton, — Newby, J. A. Kockens, Mrs. Stern, H. Donaldson; the Rev. Howard Studley, pastor of All Saints' Church; Mrs. I. H. Dodd, Delaware, O.; Miss V. Delee, daughter of the late lieutenant of police; W. W. Hooper, Kenosha, Wis.; five children of H. S. Van Ingen of Kenosha (probable); father became separated from them and is among the injured; C. W. Turbush and family; Mildred Merriam, three years old, rescued by her father, but died on reaching the street; Bernice Bailey, A. Mende; C. A. Wells, Burr, Scott, Furnetta Peterson, Harvey Kieley, St. Louis, Mo.; Thomas J. Flannigan, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. M. A. Henry, Rose K. Rogers, H. P. Moore, C. I. Cooper, May Curran; Martin, a boy of fifteen years; E. Moses, H. W. Williams, B. Reagenburg, Ellen Linden; Henning, a boy; Walter, B. E. Rich and Allen Holst; Harold Martin, Pullman, Ill.; John Holland, Lul Shabard, W. N. Sprang, Charles H. Koll, Mrs. Dawson, Whitefox, a boy.

One of the marvellous escapes was that of the members of a theatre party given by Miss Charlotte A. Plamondon of Chicago. The party was made up of a number of prominent society people. Miss Plamondon said: "I could see little girls and boys in the orchestra chairs pointing upward to the slowly-moving line of flame along the curtain. One of the stage hands and Eddie Foy requested the audience to keep their seats. Pieces of the smoldering curtain fell into the orchestra pits. I looked over the faces of the audience and remarked how many children were present. Their faces were filled with interest as they watched the burning curtain. Just then the people in the balcony rose to their feet and crowded forward to obtain a better view of the fire. Eddie Foy rushed to the centre of the stage and waved his arms to the people to be seated. At that instant a woman in the rear of the place screamed 'fire,' and the entire audience of women and children rose to their feet, filled with uncontrollable terror."

"In another instant there was a roar made by thousands of people as they rushed madly from the danger. On the stage the chorus girls turned to flee. Several of them fell to the floor, and I saw the men carry them off the stage. Miss Elsie Elmore was the first to leave our box. The upholstering on the railing was then on fire, and we were compelled to brush fragments of the burning curtain from our clothing. Then there came a great roar and a great draught of air, and the flames shot out over the parquette, until it seemed to me as though they must reach the front walls. There were but few men in the audience, but I saw several of them pulling and pushing women and children aside as they fought like maniacs to reach the exits. I saw a number of little children trampled under foot and none of them arose again. In the balcony the scene was beyond my power to describe. There was a big, black crush of human beings, each one apparently fighting everybody else. The balcony was so steep that they fell before they had left the first four rows of seats. The exits to the fire escapes were choked, and those in the rear rushed with all the strength they possessed upon those who were nearer the doorway. It was almost incredible the speed with which the flames ran through the scenery, and although I was but a second after Miss Elmore in jumping over the railing of our box to the aisle in front of the stage, it was a mass of flame."

"As I started up the aisle a man rushed into me and knocked me down. I was so terror-stricken that I gave way and sank into one of the orchestra chairs, and after that I hardly remember anything. I saw my way reached the main entrance, where men were kicking against the door and shattering the glass and panels in their attempts to afford a large space for exit. Many fell as they reached the doors, where a few steps more would have carried them to fresh air and safety. As I look at it now, I must have been walking on prostrate bodies as I struggled through the opening. All of our party escaped in about the same manner as I did."

### THE SALOON EVIL.

An Appeal by Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Archbishop Bruchesi has written a letter to the Police Committee making an appeal for the lessening of the saloon evil. He suggests that it would be a great benefit if saloons were to close earlier, especially on the eve of feast days or of Sunday. He closes as follows:—"In the name of our people's most sacred interests, I entreat you, gentlemen, to make a strong effort to check the progress of intemperance, and of the evils which are its inevitable consequences. In doing so you will secure the gratitude of our families, of our whole city, and particularly of yours very truly, Paul, Archbishop of Montreal."

### AN ITALIAN STABBED.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 31.—A serious and probably fatal stabbing affray occurred yesterday afternoon on St. David's road between Marsh's wine factory and St. David's village. Two Italians named Jim Rosso and Antonio Barlo, employed at Lowery's stone quarry, quarrelled and Rosso stabbed Barlo several times, twice in the back about the shoulder and near the kidneys, also in the face and across the hand. Rosso's face was punched by Barlo. The fracas took place about 4.30 o'clock. At 7.30 last evening officers Kelly and Monahan had Rosso locked up. Barlo is in a serious condition and may die.

### BRIDES WAITED IN VAIN.

### TWO BROTHERS INJURED ON WAY TO BE MARRIED.

One Died in the Hospital at Ottawa and the Other May Not Recover.

Arnprior, Dec. 31.—Alex. Drummond, a prominent young farmer of Bristol, is dead, and his brother George lies between life and death in the hospital at Ottawa, as a result of an accident that occurred while they were driving across country to be married this afternoon to two well-known ladies living some miles from this town.

The cutter containing the two young men was approaching the Hugh street track, when the team, becoming frightened at the approaching train, became unmanageable, and, despite the efforts of the drivers to cross, dashed into the engine, throwing one brother on the cow-catcher and the other over the baggage car. Both were picked up in an unconscious state, and were so badly mangled and bruised that after an examination by the local doctors they were taken on the train to the General Hospital, Ottawa. Alexander Drummond died in the hospital during the afternoon, his skull having been fearfully crushed. George, also injured, was thought at first to have suffered only a slight scalp wound, but later examination revealed that a piece of bone was pressing on the skull. An operation was performed, and, while he has a chance for recovery, his case is serious.

### DRIFTING INTO WAR.

Official Reports Show Crisis Has Been Reached.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—Yesterday's ordinance empowers the Government to employ for war purposes all the funds in special accounts, amounting to over one hundred million yen. The ordinance also sanctions short loans and exchequer bonds.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The foreign despatches received here yesterday afternoon are reflected in more pessimistic editorials. The Novoye Vremya begins its leader with "There is no war to-day. To-morrow there may be war." The paper rather fatistically directs attention to the fact that wars marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The Novoye Vremya, nevertheless, still professes faith in a peaceful settlement, saying: "We believe Japan will not place Russia in a position where to yield would appear to be a renunciation of the defence of her vital interests in the far east. Russia does not desire war, but nobody in Russia will permit the Japanese or other friends to execute a diplomatic dance upon Russia's peaceful disposition. In firm consciousness of her power, Russia will await events."

London, Dec. 31.—The Times states that the two cruisers built at Genoa for Argentina were sold to Japan for one million and a half pounds sterling. Japan last evening completed the purchase of the Argentine warships Moreno and Rivadavia, building at Genoa, Italy, for which Russia also was negotiating.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, said he was aware the French Foreign Minister was making strenuous efforts for peace. So far as Baron Hayashi knew, the war had not yet been crowned with success. Referring to the statement in Paris that war would be averted, he said:—"If they are honest in saying they do not believe there is danger of war, they must be pretty certain Russia will agree at least to the spirit of the Japanese proposals. Up to now we have had no indication of this, and unless Russia does agree, there scarcely seems any way of averting war. I only trust that M. Delcasse will be successful."

Minister Hayashi definitely said that the Russian evacuation of Manchuria is not one of the Japanese cardinal demands.

### TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Three stores at Glencoe were robbed. The damaged steamer Amur has arrived at Victoria, B.C.

The Government has decided in favor of two-story steel sheds at the Montreal wharves.

Spain is hesitating as to whether she should enter into an alliance with Britain or France.

Ottawa cashmen are reaping a rich harvest owing to the street railway power plant being disabled.

Rev. David Watson, M.A., D.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Beaverton for nearly fifty years, is dead.

A son of Mr. John Easton of Glenora was burned to death during his mother's absence from the house.

Dr. James McClurg has been appointed jail surgeon at Sault Ste. Marie in the place of Dr. Adams, who resigned.

It is reported that the White Star Line has ordered a steamer 755 feet long, thirty feet longer than the Baltic, now the largest steamer in the world.

After three days' debate in the Transvaal Legislative Council, a motion in favor of the introduction of Asiatic labor in South Africa was carried by a vote of 22 to 4.

The Temiskaming Railway Commissioners have awarded the contract for steel rails to Chas. Cammell & Co., Sheffield, Eng., notwithstanding a lower tender from the United States Steel Trust.

Two additional writs have been issued by Ames & Co. against former clients of that firm, the claims being made for balances due on stock transactions. Benjamin F. Honsinger is sued for a balance of \$2,867. His transactions with Ames & Co. were in Canadian Pacific and Twin City, and totalled \$81,400. H. P. Ostrosser is also sued by Ames & Co. for \$312, a balance due on stock transactions totaling \$84,418.

### RATS DIED OF PLAGUE.

Therefore German Steamer is Held in Quarantine For Developments.

Hamburg, Germany, Dec. 31.—The inquiry into the mortality among the rats on the German steamer Cordoba, from Santos, Brazil, confirms the report that they died of bubonic plague. The vessel has been towed to Strandhufen and quarantined. There is no sickness among the crew.

### THE MARKET REPORTS.

Wheat is Firmer.—The Live Stock Trade.—Latest Quotations. Wednesday Evening, Dec. 30.

Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

Receipts were again light at St. Lawrence market and trade was quiet. The grain sold on the street amounted to 600 bushels.

Wheat.—Three hundred bushels of goose sold with an easier tone at 74c to 74½c per bushel.

Barley.—One hundred a.4 fifty-bushels sold about steady at 48c to 49c per bushel. Oats.—Two hundred bushels sold unchanged at 35½c to 36c per bushel.

Dressed Hogs.—Quotations are unchanged at 77 per cwt for choice lightweight \$6.50 for heavier.

Hay.—About 25 loads were on the market. No. 1 timothy sold firm at \$10 to \$11 per ton and mixed or clover at \$7 to \$8. Straw.—One load sold at \$10 per ton.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There was very little business done to-day at the East End Cattle Market. About 300 head of butchers' cattle were offered for sale, but as only a few local butchers turned up at the market there was little demand. A few good medium beasts sold at 4c per lb. while common stock sold at from 3½c to 3½c. Bulls sold at from 2½c to 2½c per lb. and lean cows at 1½c to 2c per lb. Young calves sold at from \$2.50 to \$4 each. Sheep sold at 3c to 3½c per lb. and lambs at 4½c to 4½c per lb. Fat hogs sold at from 5c to 5½c per lb.

East Buffalo Cattle Markets.

East Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 10,000 head; sheep steady and lambs 10c higher at \$5 to \$6.75; yearlings, \$4.50 to \$5; wethers, \$4 to \$4.50; ewes, \$3.75 to \$4; sheep, mixed, \$3.25 to \$4.25.

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