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These bargains will be fascinating for those who come to-morrow, and tantalizing for those who cannot come. There never was a time in the history of this big store when he had so many genuine bargains as now. The reason for it is our immense stock of Cottons, Sheetings, Towellings, Prints, etc., every one of them bought before the advance in price—a saving to you on many lines of fully 25 per cent.

- White Bedspread Special**
Honey Comb, full double bed size, fringed all sides, very special value, at \$1.00
- Circular Pillow Cotton**
Special English make, Cambric finish, 40 in wide, on sale very special, at per yard, 14c
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Special, made of superior quality English Cotton, Cambric finish, on sale very special, at per pair, \$2.50
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Special, size 22x44, fringed at both ends, extra quality, very special value at each, 12½c
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Extra special, 36 in. wide, absolutely free from dressing, one of the best cottons made for general wear and durability, special value at per yard, 14c
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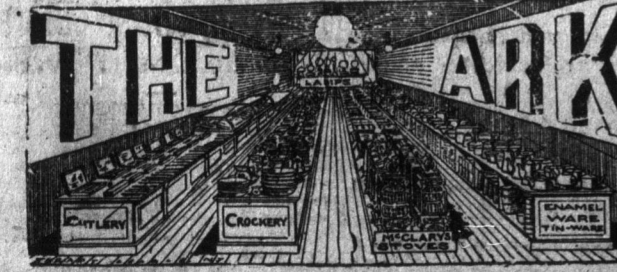
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- Axes, 50c.
- Fur Coats, \$12.00
- Horse Blankets, Lined, 85c
- Copper and Nickel Plate Coffee Pot, 40c.
- Milk Pans 6c.
- Mrs. Potts Sad Irons, 75c
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DOINGS IN



Upsetting prices among the China. Commencing on Friday, Feb'y 19th, we will sell China Cups and Saucers heretofore varying in price from 25c. to 40c., now 18c. You get the choice of anything in the window at this price—18c. on Friday and following days. If you do not get the choicest Cups and Saucers, do not blame us for it. The sale commenced at 9 o'clock This Morning. A word to the wise is sufficient.

SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

BEAR TROOPS MOVE SLOWLY

Russian Army of 40,000 Men Are Still South of Yalu River.

Japan Landed 40,000 at Chemulpo—Russia Makes Formal Protest

Special War Bulletin To The Planet.

Tokio, Feb. 24.—Reliable reports from northern Korea indicate that the Russians have not yet crossed the Yalu river. Their scouts have, it is rumored, penetrated into the country south of Wiju, the maximum distance estimated at 20,000 to 40,000 men, remains north of the river.

Seoul, Feb. 24.—The Russians are keeping communication between Wiju and Anju, Korea, open. Otherwise no advance to the southward has yet been made. Russian spies, however, are reported to be in the vicinity of Pong-Yang.

Tien-Tsin, Feb. 24.—Transportation of 10,000 Chinese troops to the great wall has begun.

Che Foo, Feb. 24.—Trains of 12 cars each with 80 soldiers aboard, are now arriving frequently at Port Arthur. Mines have been laid at Dalny, 17 miles from the shore. Neutral vessels which arrived after the hostilities began experienced great difficulty in clearing from that port, naval officers doing the piloting in the harbor.

Peking, Feb. 24.—Quiet continues here. The Chinese are maintaining order well. They have covered the province with proclamations enjoining the preservation of tranquility. Manifestations of the war evoke little sympathy among the Chinese.

Paris, Feb. 24.—A Port Arthur despatch printed here says the Japanese have threatened the emperor of Korea and annexed the country.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—The railway between Samara and Zlatoust, in European Russia, and the Siberian line, with all the territory appropriated by the Government for the purpose of these railways, have been placed under martial law, in order to insure the regular running of military trains.

Nagasaki, Feb. 24.—A Japanese flying squadron, containing the battleship Hatake, is en route to Vladivostok, with the object of attacking that Russian stronghold. The next naval battle is expected to occur in the Japanese Sea off the north-eastern coast of Korea or near Vladivostok. Much of the ice that has obstructed the harbor is reported to have cleared, and the port is open for either egress of the Russian fleet or the ingress of the Japanese flying squadron.

The flying squadron is composed of one battleship, three first-class cruisers, a protected cruiser and three destroyers. The Hatake is capable of making nineteen knots, and is one of the best equipped warships in the Japanese navy. It is understood that the three first-class armored cruisers are the Asama, Induma and Iwate. The protected cruiser is the Kasagi and the destroyers are the Akatsuki, Kasumi and Inazuma.

Latest reports received here are that the Russian fleet of three armored cruisers, one protected cruiser, one auxiliary cruiser, and ten torpedo boats are in the harbor of Vladivostok.

The vanguard of the flying squadron was reported on Saturday as being off Chek-San, on the eastern coast of Korea, four hundred miles from Vladivostok.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 24.—The Che-Foo correspondent of the Morning Post, under yesterday's date, says 40,000 more Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo, and that he had received confirmation of the report that some Japanese have landed at Pigeon Bay, others at Talien Wan, and that an engagement occurred on the night of Feb. 12. The correspondent at Seoul of the Daily Mail reports a panic at Ping Yang, Corea, which is regarded as heralding the approach of opposing armies.

DASH FOR THE OPEN SEA.
A special from Che-Foo says the bottled-up Russian fleet at Port Arthur is preparing to make a desperate dash for the open sea. As soon as the work of repair on the injured ships is complete the Russian fleet will make a combined attack on the Japanese squadron on guard.

INFLECTED SLIGHT INJURY.
According to the Standard's correspondent at Seoul, the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur at intervals between the 8th and the 14th of Feb., inflicting, however, but slight injuries.

RAILWAY DESTROYED.
The report is confirmed, this correspondent continues, that 70 miles of railroad track and some important bridges have been destroyed between Harbin and Vladivostok. If the latter report is true, it would be a great advantage to the Japanese, as Vladivostok is known to be very badly supplied, and it therefore could not long resist a Japanese attack. There is still, however, no news of actual operations of any kind.

LETTER TO ROOSEVELT

Last Written Words of Late Senator Hanna—A Pathetic Note.

President's Solicitude For Well-Being of Sick Man Touched Tender Spot.

Washington, February 23.—Senator Hanna's last written words were in the form of a pathetic letter to President Roosevelt in which he acknowledged, in a way quite characteristic, the president's thoughtfulness in calling at his hotel to inquire about the senator's condition. The letter was written by the senator on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 29, and was the last business any kind transacted by him. After Senator Hanna's death President Roosevelt sent the letter to Mrs. Hanna, in order that copies of it might be made by the family for preservation. The original will be returned to President Roosevelt, who will treasure it carefully in memory of his dead friend.

Elmer C. Dover, the senator's secretary, returned to Washington from Cleveland this afternoon. Before leaving Cleveland yesterday he was authorized and requested by Mrs. Hanna to give the last letter of Senator Hanna to the public. Mr. Dover says that early in the afternoon of the day the letter was written he was called to the senator's bedside to discuss some business matters with him. That proved to be the last time the senator was able to dispose of any business, either public or private. After transacting some business with him, President Roosevelt had called to inquire about his condition.

"What a nice old man," whispered Senator Hanna. "What a good fellow!"

WHAT THE SENATOR WROTE.
Later the senator again expressed his deep appreciation of the president's courtesy, and a little while afterward called for pencil and paper and wrote the following:

"My Dear Mr. President,—You touched a tender spot, old man, when you called personally to inquire after me this morning. I may be worse, before I can be better, but all the same, such 'drops' of kindness are good for a fellow.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) "M. A. HANNA."

The next day a reply was received from the president with a note stating that it was to be shown to the senator when Mrs. Hanna thought best. Senator Hanna never saw the reply, which was as follows:

"February 6th, 1904—Dear Senator: Indeed, it is YOUR letter from your room which is touching, not my visit. May you very soon be with us again, old fellow, as strong in body and as vigorous in your leadership and your friendship as ever.

"Faithfully yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

LEAMINGTON BLAZE

(Special To The Planet.)
Leamington, Ont., Feb. 24.—The new brick block owned by Wm. McSwenburn was burned to the ground this morning. The block was occupied by Cullen & Bancroft, furniture; Norman & Dawson, dry goods; and Mrs. May's stock, fur. On the second floor were the Leamington business college and the Inland Revenue and Customs office. Loss \$35,000.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

J. L. Wilson & Son, architects, are completing plans for a new hotel for Barney Ballard and Jos. Peltier, of Tilbury. The cost will be \$1,200.

The funeral of the late Arthur Porter, a former resident of Chatham, took place on Monday. The funeral was a very large one, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held. A special carriage carried the flowers, which were numerous and beautiful.

The case of Mason & Beach vs. Geo. H. Thompson, of Benwick, was heard to-day by his honor Judge Bell in chambers. Mr. Thompson signed a contract to take a piano from the company at a valuation of \$275 and \$15 worth of music. Mr. Thompson wrote in the contract "subject to my approval." He shipped the piano back. The piano firm are suing to hold him to the contract. They claim that the words "subject to my approval" referred only to the music. The defendant alleges that it referred to the whole contract. Lewis & Edwards for plaintiff, W. E. Gundy contra.

CHATHAM BILL IS APPROVED

Passes Committee in Legislature Without Any Extended Discussion.

The Decisive Popular Vote Causes Parliament to Acquiesce in Its Provisions.

The Toronto News of last evening says:—
The two chief bills dealt with by the Private Bills Committee this morning were those respecting the City of Chatham overdraft, and the agreements between the City of St. Catharines and the Cataract Power Company. Among the bills passed was the following:

No. 33. This is to confirm a by-law of Chatham to permit the city to issue debentures to the amount of \$50,000 to pay off a floating debt of \$19,734, which had accumulated over a series of years. The petition pointed out that the city, besides meeting all its other debenture draft charges, was paying off \$27,874 yearly on its water works debt. The floating debt was found as the result of a special audit. Hon. Mr. Gibson objected to the principle of permitting municipalities to run on by overdrafts and then to come to the legislature to get debentures legalized to pay off these debts without referring the matter to the ratepayers.

It was pointed out that Chatham citizens had already voted upon this by-law and carried it. When this was explained the bill was passed.

His Worship Mayor McKeough this morning received a letter from the City Solicitor, now in Toronto. Mr. Wilson says that the Chatham bill came up unexpectedly in committee yesterday, Mr. Farrow in charge. It was asked that the bill should stand over till Mr. Wilson should get to the House but the chairman said that everything was in such good order and the popular vote had been so decisive that they might run it through just as it was, which was done.

Mr. Wilson says he will be at the House to-day to answer any necessary questions for the third reading.

TALE WITH MORAL

Here's a case which the police might use to advantage in warning citizens to abide by the city by-laws. A man whose by-laws were, may be called just for fun, of course, his wife's husband was doing the morning chores about the house, carrying in wood, looking after the stove, etc. He started to carry out the ashes with the intent purpose of depositing them in the street—an awful thing to do.

"Twas a windy morning.
The sidewalk was slippery.
And the conclusion—
A badly sprained wrist.
Clothes covered with ashes.
Much mortified.
Moral—Remember Maple City by-laws.

'PHONE WOULDN'T WORK

A well-known Frenchman from Pain Court was in town the other day to get some chops. He went to the Canada Flour Mills, left his order for the chops and wandered over town, met some friends and visited a few hotels. The chops and corn juice made him forget the chops.

Shortly after six, however, he came to with a jump—pretty well dazed—and remembered his mission to the city.

The Mills, of course, were closed, and the next place he struck was Crow's coal office.

"May I use de telephone?" he asked.

"Permission being granted him, he began:

"Say, I want dat man Alec Sterling, quick."

"What number?" came back at him.

"To Hades (or similar words to that effect) with de numbers. I want my chops."

There was a burr-r-r in his ear and he hung up the receiver indignantly.

Mr. Crow put him on the right track to find Alec, and he got his chops.

A FINE BAND

The annual meeting of the Regimental Bugle and Drum Band was held last evening in the band rooms at the drill hall with a very large attendance.

The band is re-organizing for the spring and summer and is getting in splendid shape. When the drills begin there will be twenty bugles and ten drums and the Regiment will have one of the best Bugle and Drum bands in the country.

Bugle Major Plumbridge is successfully training the boys and has more applicants for places than vacancies.

The nomination of officers for the Bugle Band Association was held last evening and the election will be held on Friday night.

It is the intention of the boys to have a lacrosse team, which will beat anything else in the lacrosse line that the city can produce.

Beads

Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of roc. each. Call and look them over.

Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Windsor, 3 for 10c, worth 5c each straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House,
King and Sixth Sts.
The Finest Retail
Store in Ontario.

Shoes



We're constantly weeding out of stock all slow sellers and odd sizes, so as to keep assortments in good shape. Nothing wrong with the shoes in any way—simply a clearance of styles we don't intend to duplicate. No more at the prices when these are gone:—

Woman's Empire Kid Bala, leather lined, in new up-to-date lasts, sizes, 1-4 1/2, 1-5, 1-5 1/2, 2-6, 1-6 1/2, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoe for..... \$2.50

Woman's Empire Box Bals, this season's goods, sizes 1-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-5 1/2, 1-6, 1-7, regular \$3.00 shoes for \$2.50

Wish everybody knew how good a store we have here. That's why we make it worth your while to come.

TURRILL

The Shoe Man

The Planet.

S. STEPHENSON - Proprietor. Business Office... 63 Editorial Room... 102

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24. OPPOSED TO HOMEWORK.

Interviewed by the Toronto Star, Mr. John Millar, Deputy Minister of Education, talked on the proposal to shorten the hours of the pupils in school.

PAYMENT OF 800 WAGES.

Says the Guelph Herald: The return asked for by Colonel Matheson, giving details of the payment of the wages to the working men at Sault Ste. Marie, was laid on the table of the Legislature on Monday by the Provincial Secretary.

To the appeal of the unfortunate man who had been so suddenly separated from their means of livelihood, the people of the Province lent a sympathetic ear.

NO CHANCE TO REMINIS. Toronto Telegram. This Russian-Jap struggle is something of a naval combat in which every happening will not remind the

SKIN AND BLOOD PURIFICATION. Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills. Cleanse the Skin, Scalp and Blood.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS. Thousands of the world's best people have found instant relief and speedy cure by the use of Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills in the most torturing and disfiguring itching, burning and scaly humors, eczema, rashes, itches and inflammations.

THE DETAILS THIS BROUGHT TO LIGHT ARE AN AMPLIFIED JUSTIFICATION, IF ANY WERE NEEDED, OF THE COURSE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT. Sad, indeed, it

All Humors

Are impure matters which the skin, liver, kidneys and other organs can not take care of without help, there is such an accumulation of them. They litter the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove all humors, overcome all their effects, strengthen, tone and invigorate the whole system.

True, many of these gentlemen-officers of the consolidated companies—purchased supplies from merchants and manufacturers throughout the province at a time when they knew or should have known, that the company was not solvent.

WASN'T AT THE PAY CAR.

Hamilton Spectator. And where was poor Clegue when the "distress" was being relieved at the Spa?

THE SYREN'S COSTUMES.

Hamilton Herald. Patti mugged and wouldn't sing in Syracuse because the advance sale was small.

ONE W:E:E:K MORE

Then our Great Clothing Sale is over. New Spring Clothing is coming to hand every day.

Special inducements for balance of this month. \$7.50 will buy any Overcoat in the store up to \$15.00.

FOR STOMACH TROUBLES.

"I have taken a great many different medicines for stomach trouble and constipation," says Mrs. S. Geiger, of Dunkerton, Iowa.

Township Councils.

CAMDEN COUNCIL.

The council met Monday, Feb. 1st, with all members present. Communications read. From Wm. Gibson re statute labor) ordered filed.

GOOD RESULTS

Are Sure to Follow the Use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills - They Never Fail When Used for Blood and Nerve Troubles.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

IRWIN. We are pleased to again have regular services. Two weeks ago Rev. Rural Dean McCosh conducted service, and last Sunday Rev. Mr. Collier, former pastor, was present.

McKAY'S CORNERS.

Hugh Cameron, carpenter, is finishing the woodwork of Wm. Parsons' residence.

KENT BRIDGE.

On Monday, to the wife of J. S. Langford, a daughter.

A Good, Stiff Argument

for our laundry work can be put up as just one article—the stiff bosom shirt. If there is any one that launders these as well as we do they are unknown to us.

CHATHAM STEAM LAUNDRY

Perfect finish is not the only thing sought here. Care is taken that the collar band is not stretched out of shape or made uneven or the bosom of open-front shirts ruined or so buttonholes do not come opposite. We do all these things right.

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Meynell's

3 Doors west from Market, King Street, Chatham.

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New Carpets at Old Prices.

We have just received a large shipment of all wool and union carpets and notwithstanding the big advance in prices of wool and cottons, we are prepared to quote you the lowest prices of former seasons on these new goods.

Table listing various carpet types and prices, including Union Carpets, Heavy 2 ply All Wool Carpets, and Japan Matting.

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AT THE GIBSON STUDIO. Cor. King and Fifth Sts CHATHAM.

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NEW BUSINESS

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King St. West. Phone 391.

\$1,000,000 PER YEAR.

This amount, says the New York Times, is spent annually in the United States, for advertising.

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FOR HEADACHE. FOR DIZZINESS. FOR BILIOUSNESS. FOR TORPID LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION.

QURE SICK HEADACHE.
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LODGES.
WELLINGTON Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month, in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p. m. Visiting brethren heartily welcomed.
ALEX. GREGORY, Sec'y.
GEORGE MASSEY, W. M.

LEGAL.
SMITH, HERBERT D., County Crown Attorney, Barrister, Solicitor, etc. Harrison Hall, Chatham.
THOMAS SCULLARD—Barrister and Solicitor, Victoria Block, Chatham, Ont., Thomas Scullard.

J. R. O'FLYNN—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Conveyancer, Notary Public, Office, King Street, opposite Merchants' Bank, Chatham, Ont.
HOUSTON, STONE & SCANE—Barristers, Solicitors, Conveyancers, Notaries Public, etc. Private funds to loan at lowest current rates. Office, upstairs in Sheldrick Block, opposite H. Malcolmson's store. M. Houston, Fred. Stone, W. W. Scane.

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

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Company and Private Funds; Farm and City Property for Sale.
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ON LAND MORTGAGE OR CHATTEL MORTGAGE OR ON NOTE.
To pay for mortgages. To buy property. Pay when desired. Very lowest rate.
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Barrister,
Opp. Grand Opera House, Chatham.

WEDDING STATIONERY
—The latest in Wedding Stationery and Cakes Boxes can be had at the PLANET Office.

Nerve Force
It's from the stomach the blood is fed and the nerves controlled. Undigested food ferments for lack of gastric juice. The fermentation and putrefaction in the stomach and alimentary canal are the main causes of disease. It upsets the nerves. It poisons the system.

A GRASSHOPPER RACE.

Mackay Won It Because the Professor Got the Wrong Bottle.
John W. Mackay was an early riser, a hard worker and, although exceedingly hospitable, was himself abstemious and could seldom be induced to play cards for money, and then for only nominal stakes. The only game that seemed to attract him was the "grasshopper races" with which the mining superintendents on the Comstock beguiled a portion of the noon hour while waiting for luncheon at the Savage company lodging house. Boys caught grasshoppers and sold them to the players at 25 to 50 cents each. Each player paid a fixed stake, ranging from \$1 to \$20, into the pool, and the man whose hopper made the longest jump captured the pool. On the day before Christmas it was agreed to celebrate that holiday with a pool the stakes in which were to be \$100 for each player. The terms were "play or pay," and at the instance of a German professor who was a superintendent of a leading mine each man was allowed to use any means that he might devise to stimulate his grasshopper. The professor was so full of his scheme to scientifically capture the \$1,000 pool—for there were ten entries—that he communicated it to a young assayer who was not a grasshopper plunger. The professor had experimented and ascertained that a grasshopper that was touched by a feather dipped in a weak solution of aqua ammonia would jump for his life. The young man also experimented, and as a result he filled a bottle of the same size and appearance with cyanide of potassium and managed to substitute it for the other in the professor's laboratory. The next day, when the professor after much boasting about his scientific attainments dipped a feather in the substituted bottle and touched his insect with it, the grasshopper rolled over as dead as a salt mackerel, amid the roars of the crowd. Mackay's hopper won the big pool, and two widows, whose husbands had been killed in the Yellow Jacket mine, received a gift of \$500 each from an unknown source.



The above cut shows Alexieff, the Japan's grand old man, Ito, together with one of the new warships of the Japanese navy.

INSPIRED BY THE SNOW.

The Boy of the Canadian Woods, the Black Squirrel.
The black squirrel delights in the new-fallen snow like a boy—a real boy, with red hands as well as red cheeks, and an automatic mechanism of bones and muscles capable of all things except rest. The first snow sends a thrill of joy through every fibre of such a boy, and a thousand delights crowd into his mind. The gliding, falling clusters on the hills, the passing sleighs with latches on the runners for his feet, the flying snowballs, the sliding places, the broad, tempting ice, all whirl through his mind in a delightful panorama, and he hurries out to catch the elusive flakes in his outstretched hands and shout aloud in the gladness of his heart. And the black squirrel becomes a boy with the first snow. What a pity he cannot shout! There is his superabundant joy and life in his long, graceful bounds, when his beautiful form, in its striking contrast with the white snow, seems magnified to twice its real size. Perhaps there is vanity as well as joy in his little, bounding motions among the naked trees, for nature seems to have done her utmost to provide a setting that would best display his graces of form and motion.
When the falling snow clings in light, airy masses on the spruces and pines, and festoons the naked tracery and clustering winter buds of the maples—when the still air seems to fix every twig and branch and clinging mass of snow in a solid medium of crystal, the spell of stillness is broken by the silent but joyful leaps of the hurrying squirrel. How much alive he seems, in contrast with the silence of the snow, as his outlines contrast with its perfect white! His body curves and elongates, with regular undulations as he measures off the snow with twin footprints. Away in the distance he is still visible among the naked trunks, a moving patch of animated blackness. His feet, regular footprints are all about, showing where he has run hither and thither, with no apparent purpose except to manifest his joy in life.
His red-haired cousin comes to a lofty opening in a hollow tree and looks out with an expression of disgust and disappointment on his face. He does not like the snow-covered landscape spread out so artistically before him. Another cousin, the chipmunk, no longer displays his daintily-striped coat. Oblivious in his burrow, he is sleeping away the days and waiting for a more congenial season.
But the black squirrel, now among the branches of an elm, is twitching from one rigid attitude to another, electrified by the crisp atmosphere and the inspiration of the snow. Again he is leaping over the white surface to clamber up the repellent bark of a tall hickory. Among the larger limbs he disappears. As he never attempts to hide he must have retired into his own dwelling to partake of the store laid by in the season of plenty. Hickory nuts are his favorite food, and the hard shells know but an appetizing relish. He knows the value of frugality, and gathers them before they are ripe, throwing down the shrivelled and un-filled, that the boys may not annoy him with stones and sticks. In winter he is the happiest of all the woodland family. He does not yield to the drowsy, numbing influence of the cold, nor to the depression of a season of scanty fare, but bounds along from tree to tree, inspired by the subtle spirit of winter and reveling in the joy of being alive.

Many friends may reveal your kindness, but numerous enemies will prove your own courage.
Minard's Liment Cures Colds, etc.

The Poison in Mackerel.

There is no more wholesome food among fish than a mackerel, yet close along the backbone of that same edible there lies a strip of flesh which may bring you to death's door even if it falls to kill you. You may eat it a hundred times and it will be as wholesome as the rest of the fish, but the hundred and first time or earlier it may cause terrible trouble. This is because it occasionally, without any sign or any known reason, distills a powerful irritant poison. There is no difference in the appearance of the fish or in its flavor; nothing to warn you of the danger. The only remedy is to leave the spine of the fish alone and not take the flesh that lies in the angle of the backbone's edges. There is never a year without a few deaths from this cause, though you might eat mackerel scores of times without taking harm. Yet animals have some way of detecting the poison, and a cat will not eat the flesh from the mackerel's spine if it is dangerous. It is not a question of staleness—a perfectly fresh fish may be deadly and a stale one harmless.—London Standard.

Lady Grey's Dull Evening.

Thomas Creevey, who lived in the early part of the nineteenth century, has presented some queer pictures of English court life. During the reign of King William IV, Creevey wrote: "The Greys had just come from Windsor castle. Lady Grey, in her own distressed manner, said she was really more dead than alive. She said all the boring she had ever endured before was literally nothing compared with her misery of the two preceding nights. She hoped she never should see a mackerel table again, she was so tired with the queen and the king, the Duchess of Gloucester, Princess Augusta, Mrs. Lieven and herself had sat around for hours, the queen knitting or netting a purse, the king sleeping and occasionally waking for the purpose of saying, 'Exactly so, ma'am,' and then sleeping again. The queen was cold as ice to Lady Grey till the moment she came away, when she could afford to be a little civil at getting quit of her."

Curious Hunting Custom.

The Labrador Indians will on a hunt stalk on in advance of the train with their arms, while the women, heavily laden with provisions and means of shelter, drag along slowly after. When the lords and masters begin to think of food time or wish in any way to leave some guide as to their progress for the squaws they thrust an upright spear or stick in the snow and draw in the snow the exact line of the shadow then cast. The women, toiling painfully along, note the spear and the progress of the shadow and know closely the difference of time. They know, too, whether they dare to linger for a few minutes' rest or if they must hastily catch the stick or spear and hurry on.

Long Journeys Made by Whales.

The whales that swim about the islands which lie off the coast of Norway and Finland in March and April travel immense distances. In May they turn up at the Azores or even at the Bermudas, and sometimes pay a visit to the Antilles. They swim fast, for in June they are back again off Norway. Some of these whales have been known to bring back evidences of where they have been, for harpoons of the peculiar kind used off the coast of South America have been found stuck in them.—St. James Gazette.

Old Japanese Customs.

The Japanese houses have no chimneys, and you are never warm enough until the house catches fire. The Japanese have beef and no mutton; the Chinese have mutton and no beef. Japanese bells, like Japanese belles, have no tongues; Japanese snakes have no poison; Japanese music has no harmony. The Japanese alphabet is not an alphabet, but a selection of seventy useful ideograms to dispense with the 30,000 in ordinary use by the Chinese.—"Queer Things About Japan."

A Story of Brahms.

A rather celebrated composer asked to be allowed to play his very latest composition to Brahms, and did so with tremendous vigor, the perspiration streaming down his face as he pounded the piano. Brahms at the end of the performance picked up a sheet of the manuscript and, feeling it between his finger and thumb, enthusiastically exclaimed: "I say, where do you get your music paper? It's first rate."

Plants Without Roots.

The "flower of the air" is a curious plant found in China and Japan. It is so called because it appears to have no root and is never fixed to the earth. It twines round a dry tree or sterile rock. Each shoot produces two or three flowers like a lily—white, transparent and odoriferous. It is capable of being transported 600 or 700 miles, and it grows as it travels, suspended on a twig.

Thorns.

"Do all roses have thorns, pop?"
"Yes, my son."
"I can't feel any on those roses on ma's hat."
"You would if you had to pay for the hat, my son."

Bobbie's Metaphor.

"What do you think now, Bobbie?"
"I don't think," replied the boy. "My train of thought has been delayed by a hot box."

Both.

Little Willie—Pa, Pa—Well, what is it, Willie? Little Willie—is writing a profession or a disease?—Illustrated Bits.



Cut glass and bric-a-brac should always be washed with Sunlight Soap. Shave enough Sunlight Soap into a pan, one-quarter full of lukewarm water and whisk into a lather. Wash the articles thoroughly and dry with a soft cloth. This insures that brilliancy and sparkle so much admired in cut glass articles. Sunlight Soap can be used to clean and brighten all through the household. It is the purest and best soap made.

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until spring to let your contract for your new residence, if you intend erecting one, or repairs to your old one if you propose remodeling same. Remember if we receive the contract now we will be able to do it much cheaper than if you wait until our spring rush. Every part of the work done under our personal supervision. Leave particulars of work at office or phone 35 and we will be pleased to call on you and give you our estimate. Grilles, mantles and all interior fixtures supplied on shortest notice.

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PROBABILITIES
Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Feb. 24, 11 a. m.—Strong northwesterly winds, fair and cold; snow flurries, Thursday; westerly winds, fair and cold.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Blankets, robes and coats, at Patterson's.
George A. Taylor is confined to his home through illness.
Miss Bert Cassidy, of Windsor, is visiting in the city.
Mrs. Cheff, of Big Point, has returned from visiting friends in Windsor.
R. M. Thompson, of Blenheim, is in the city to-day on legal business.
Mrs. Carroll, Head Street, is very low in St. Joseph's Hospital.
Allie Drake of the Lake Erie, Walkerville, is in the city to-day, on business.

The new asbestos fire proof curtain is being placed in the Grand Opera House to-day.
Business Officer James McGregor is looking for the person who tortured a dog on Sixth St. yesterday.
Three young men paid \$3.50 each into the city coffers for creating a disturbance on King St. the other night.
W. M. Drader's North Chatham, making coverage supplies, with a profit of about \$5 hands.
In Last evening, between Park St. Methodist Church and Hilliard St., a ladies' gold watch. Finder please return to this office.
The funeral of the late Mr. Roberts, who was accidentally killed in Raanck, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.
Rev. and Mrs. McNairst, who have been conducting revival services in Dresden are in the city. Mr. McNairst was formerly Methodist minister at Tibury. They are attending the local revivals.

The funeral of the late John Henderson, whose death was announced in yesterday's Planet, will take place to-morrow to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Deceased was 64 years and 11 months old, and was a member of the Workmen, Foresters and Maccochons.
Mrs. W. J. Bennett and three children arrived from Toronto yesterday. Mr. Bennett has secured a position as foreman in the Hadley Co's factory. The family will reside in the Milner house, next to Fred Wood's grocery, Head St.

FOR SALE

Three acres of land, with new house, containing double parlors with sliding door between, dining room, three bedrooms, kitchen, pantry and large stone room, veranda, etc. Small stable, for sale cheap.
Two story frame house in good location, containing double parlors, dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms and hall. Brick foundation, woodwork all finish, lot 50 by 122. Price right.

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NOW KOREA IS ANNEXED

Japanese Victorious in a Fierce Engagement at Port Arthur.

Four Japanese Cruisers and two Transports Sunk—Japanese Warship Retain Cover with Glory.

Special to The Planet.
Paris, Feb. 24.—A special bulletin has just arrived creating a profound sensation.
The Japanese to-day dethroned the Emperor of Korea and annexed the country to Japan. This is from Port Arthur Russian headquarters and is authentic.
Another Russian despatch from Port Arthur (authentic) announces a fierce engagement this morning. Four Japanese cruisers and two transports were sunk and the loss suffered by the Russians was heavy. The attack was repulsed after fierce fighting.
The Japanese warship Retoizen, which took part in the first attack, carried herself off in glory.

DISTRICT DOINGS

BLENHEIM

Feb. 24.—The lecture entitled Our Heritage in the West, given in the Methodist church, school room, on Monday evening by Rev. Dr. John McQuill, was very interesting and instructive. The reverend gentleman was very eloquent in his praise of the great Northwest. He with his father, the Rev. Geo. McDougall, was one of the pioneer missionaries of that great land. He thought it one of the finest lands for producing wheat, cattle, minerals and all kinds of coal. The attendance was very small owing to the dangerous condition of the streets.
E. J. VanVelsco left yesterday for Chicago, Ill.
Mr. W. E. Stanley, of Gordon, McKay, Toronto, and W. Earley, of F. B. Scott & Co., London, were in town on business yesterday.
The Mill Social Club held a ball at the assembly rooms over Watson & McGov's store at Mill last evening. A very enjoyable time was spent by all. Finca's orchestra furnished the music.
Mrs. H. B. Marshall has returned from Chatham, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Gimmsell.
Mrs. Asa Putnam is very sick. Mrs. Haggart is also confined to the house with an attack of grippe.
Mr. and Mrs. George Ogilvie have returned from Port Colborne. Mr. Ogilvie is very poor health. They expect to move to town in the spring.

AS BALTIMORE FIRE AFFECTS THEM.

Companies Represented by W. H. Harper Have Splendid Reserve to Pay all Losses.

A good deal of concern and anxious feeling has been displayed both by stock and policy holders in insurance companies since the great fire in Baltimore. Whether or not some of the weaker companies will be wiped out by the time claims have been settled remains yet to be seen. Mr. W. H. Harper, who represents some of the largest and strongest fire insurance companies, has published on page 16 a list of the probable losses sustained by his companies, and a statement from head office as to how the payments of these losses will be met. A peculiar feature of these statements is the apparent gloating over the enormity of the loss in each case by each company, a sort of disappointment that the insuring public how easy for them to pay out a million or fraction of a million of dollars without any inconvenience. At any rate Mr. Harper's statement can be congratulated themselves that they are underwritten in institutions of sound financial standing.

NECK BROKEN.

Galt, Ont., Feb. 23.—Abner Humphrey, a farmer about 50 years of age, who lived near Sheffield, in Beverly township, while teaming a load of wood to Galt yesterday, was walking alongside the load when a wheel broke, and he fell on Humphrey's neck, and fell on Humphrey's neck. A neighbor who saw the accident, came to the rescue, but Humphrey was dead when released from under the load. Deceased leaves a widow and seven children.

CANADIAN FORESTERS

The members of Court Chatham, No. 6, and Court Kent, No. 804, will please meet in the lodge room over telephone office, to-morrow, Thursday, at 2 p.m., to attend the funeral of our late brother, John Hendershott. Bring badges.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker, North Wood Block, Chatham, Feb. 24, 1904.

What	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat	108 3/4	109 1/4	108 1/2	109 1/8
May (new)	89 3/4	90 3/4	89 1/2	90 1/8
Sept. (new)	88 3/4	89 3/4	88 1/2	89 1/8
Corn	66	67 1/4	65 1/2	66 1/8
May	54	55 1/4	53 1/2	54 1/8
July	54	55 1/4	53 1/2	54 1/8
Sept.	53 3/4	54 3/4	53 1/2	54 1/8
Oct.	45	46	44 1/2	45 1/8
May	41 1/4	42 1/4	41 1/2	41 3/4
Sept.	38 3/4	39 3/4	38 1/2	38 3/4
Pork	1580	1625	1570	1625
May	1580	1640	1580	1640
Lard	7 7/8	8 1/2	7 3/4	8 1/8
May	8 1/8	8 3/4	7 3/4	8 1/8
July	8 1/8	8 3/4	7 3/4	8 1/8
Ribs	7 5/8	7 7/8	7 1/2	7 7/8
May	7 7/8	7 7/8	7 1/2	7 7/8
July	7 7/8	7 7/8	7 1/2	7 7/8

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Chas. Whooten, Mulgrave, N. S.
Rev. R. O. Armstrong, Mulgrave, N. S.
Pierre Landry, senior, Pokemouche, N. B.
Thomas Wasson, Sheffield, N. B.

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE

I am expecting a big flood when the river breaks up.
Silence is golden, speech is silver. Maple City Aldermen kindly note.
I had heard that houses were scarce in this city but I never knew that matters were so bad that 25 persons and two dogs had to live in one small room.
Harry Clarke has got something up his sleeve. It's a whole company of artists. Harry must have a regular Japanese costume sleep.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players."
ANNOUNCEMENTS
At the Chatham Grand:—
Harry Clarke's Vaudeville Co'y—Thursday, Feb. 25.
George Grossmith—March 1.

Harry Clarke's high class Vaudeville Company will be at the Grand to-morrow evening, and should be greeted with a splendid house. The general manager of Robin Hood knows the best and those who know him to "deliver the goods."
His program includes twelve excellent numbers and concludes with a charming comedy sketch, "Ambition," with Mr. Clarke in the leading role.
Another feature of the production which will interest Chathamites will be the first appearance of the popular Jar Burney Weldon in a professional company.
The reserve seat plan is now open at Broncos.

Lever's T-T (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.

DIED.
CARROLL—At St. Joseph's Hospital, Wednesday, Feb. 24, Mrs. James Carroll, aged 74 years.
The funeral will take place from St. Joseph's church on Friday, at 9.30 a. m., to St. Anthony's cemetery.

WANTED.
GOOD COOK WANTED—High wages. Apply Aberdeen Hotel.

GIRL WANTED.—At the C. P. R. Hotel. Apply at once.

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

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Christies' Soda, Butter Crackers, Oyster Crackers, all fresh.
A Ginger Snap for 10c that is really worth 15c.
Christies' Spiced Jam,
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Heavy or fine makes in light and dark fancies, lilacs, pinks, reds, seals, cardinals, antlines, regatta stripes and small spots, extra value. The present mill prices for this cloth is \$1.25 a yard; our price per yard 10c.
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Queen's cambric, an extra fine bleached cotton for ladies' fine undergarments, linen finish, 36 inches wide, regular 12 1/2c value, for 10c.
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Fine English cambrics and long cloths from 12 1/2c to 20c yard.

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Our spring stock now in. Best quality 10-4 honey-comb spread, finished ends, choice patterns, regular \$1.25, for \$1.00.
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Heavy apron gingham, 36 inches wide, dark or light colors, regular 12 1/2c, for per yard 10c.
Printed factory cotton apron cloth, black, navy, and cardinal ground with small designs, fast dye, regular 15c value, per yard 12 1/2c.

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25 only bleached table cloths, bordered all round, assorted designs, extra heavy, 68 x 90 inches, regular \$1.75, for \$1.35 each.
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TO-NIGHT.

Prayer meeting, city churches, at 8 o'clock.
Revival Services, Park St. Methodist Church, at 7.45.
Divine service will be held in Christ Church at 8.
Divine service will be held in Holy Trinity Church at 8.
Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. E., in the A. O. U. W. Hall, at 8.

DIED.

HENDERSHOTT—On Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, 1904, John Hendershott, aged 54 years and 11 months.
The funeral will take place from his late residence, Emma street, on Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., to Maple Leaf Cemetery.
Friends will please accept this intimation.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Judge Bell held Division Court yesterday.
Trunks, grips and valises at Campbell's at cut prices.
M. Wilson, K. C., is in Toronto on business.
Big \$4 skirt sale continued this week.
S. J. Sullivan, of Glouce, was in the city yesterday.
It will pay you to fit your feet at Campbell's shoe store.
A. McInyre, of Blenheim was registered at the Rankin House yesterday.
Millinery Preparer Wanted!—Apply The Northway Company Ltd. Tw Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Thornton and family spent last night with relatives in the Maple City.
A box full of new instruments has arrived for the 24th Kent Regiment Band.
A. T. Gurd, of Petrolia, well known in the Maple City, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Ross, W. Bradford has returned from Dresden, after having been the guest of Mrs. Myron Backburn.
Mrs. Wallace Simpson, of Walkerville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bert Shepherd, Delaware avenue.
Visit Campbell's shoe sale. Reduced prices on all lines. Boston Shoe Store.
James Heath, who has been suffering for over a month with a poisoned hand, is now on the fair road to recovery.
It is reported that there is not a ton of coal in Dresden. The citizens there are experiencing a severe coal famine.

On Thursday, the 25th inst., Mrs. C. G. Bell, will receive at the home of her mother, Mrs. Hugh MacDonald, Raleigh St., from 4 to 7 o'clock.
Elizabeth Griffin (colored) has laid a charge of using insulting language against Susan Calvert (white). The parties live on Prince street.
The Blomde Co., have the contract for new \$3000 residence for Hugh Gerrard, 2, 1/2 with side porch, on Duluth street, facing Dufferin ave.
You don't have to buy narrow-gauge shoes when Campbell's is selling new goods at cut prices. Boston Shoe Store.
"We will soon have the city scales in good condition," said Ald Westman this morning. "We are having new stock scales made and in the spring we will have stock pens made. J. R. Moran, of London, A. W. Stephenson, of Toronto, and J. Stone, of Essex, all Wm. Gray & Sons Co. agents, were in the city Monday."

Herbert Terry, the Brooklyn barber, pinched the end of the little finger of his left hand yesterday. Mr. Terry, was closing a door and caught his finger.
Mrs. Will Graham, of Dover, who has been dangerously ill is not improved. Little hope is entertained for her recovery. Mrs. Richard Fitchard, of this city, is attending her.
Dealers say that sufficient coal has not yet arrived to supply all demands. It will take about 20 carloads more to put Chatham on "east street" again.
No old box lots at Campbell's cut price shoe sale. Boston Shoe Store.
Emergency meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., G. R. G., next Monday evening at 7.30. The third degree will be conferred, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance.
James W. McLean, nephew of C. Purser, Reeve of Dover, who was married on Saturday last, has rented his uncle's farm for a term of years and will take possession at once. Mr. Purser has moved to the farm, lot 18, River Thames, Dover, near the old homestead, three miles from Chatham since the death of his wife, and intends giving up active farm work and will devote more of his time to municipal work than he has been able to do in the past.

Robert Hoig is in Detroit to-day. F. Lewis, of Wallaceburg, is a Chatham visitor to-day.
It will pay you to go to Campbell's shoe sale to fit your feet.
G. P. Schofield returned this morning from a business trip to Toronto.
Handsome patterns in Ladies' Short Waist Cloths. No two alike. The 2 T's.
Dr. McMurrich, of Bothwell, was in the city yesterday and today, calling on his Chatham friends.
Grand Trunk and Wabash auditors are at work auditing the books at the depot ticket and freight offices.
Geo. Heyward received 9000 gallons of Canadian oil, and 5075 gallons of American oil yesterday. It is being unloaded to-day.
Rev. Mr. Moorehouse, evangelist, closes his four weeks' engagement here to-night, and leaves to-morrow for his home in Jackson, Mich.
R. A. Harrington and Geo. Wands were in London last night instituting a new company-court in connection with the Independent Foresters there.
The defendant in Lozon vs. Machete was examined yesterday before the local County Court Clerk. A. B. Carr acted for plaintiff, Ward Stanworth contra.
Byron Farrier, of Berlin, has accepted a position in the factory of William Gray & Sons Co. He will play solo euphonium in the Regimental Band.
J. Pleasance, proprietor of the Rankin House, was in Toronto yesterday. He succeeded in having the assessment of hotel keepers under the new assessment act reduced from 50 per cent to 25 per cent.
There was an examination to-day in the case of Reid vs. Snobelen, which will be tried at the water assesses which opened on Monday. Thomas Scullard for plaintiff, R. M. Thompson, contra.
The case of Knox vs. Patterson is the only jury case so far entered for trial at the Winter assesses and spring sittings of the High Court, which open Monday before the Hon. Mr. Justice Burton, W. F. Smith for plaintiff, Lewis & Co. contra.
Drainage reference J. B. Rankin, has given his decision in two drainage cases recently tried at Petrolia. The cases are McClelland vs. Brooke and Bryce vs. Brooke. As soon as copied the document will be filed with the court clerk at Sarnia.

THEY ACTUALLY DO THE WORK
Food eaten is Worthless Unless Digested—Some Stomachs Must Have Help.
Food taken into the Stomach which, from the nature of the food or the condition of the stomach, is not digested, is worse than no food at all. This is a true statement as far as it goes and a great many dyspeptics go only this far with their reasoning. They argue with themselves that because their stomachs do not do the work given them, they must be given less work. In other words they must be starved. This would be just as sensible for a business man who is unable to do all his own work to cut down his business to his own capacity as it is for a man to starve himself to relieve his stomach. The sensible business man employs help and goes forward with his business. Likewise the sensible dyspeptic will employ help for his stomach and give his body proper nourishment.
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets actually do the work assigned to them: they relieve weak and overburdened stomachs of a great portion of its digestive action. Their component parts are identical with those of the digestive fluids and secretions of the stomach and they simply take up just the same as if good, strong, healthy stomach "juice" to it.
On this account Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are perfectly natural in their action and effects. They do not irritate the stomach and bowels, and supply the system with the nourishment contained in what is eaten and carry out Nature's plans for the excretion and maintenance of the body.
How much more sensible is this method than that employed by many sufferers from weak stomachs. By this means the body and brain get just as the best, nutritious food they need and the body is properly nourished and equipped to carry on its work and perform its duties. He could not possibly be in proper working condition by starving himself or employing some new fangled, insufficient food that does not contain enough nourishment for a growing baby. A strong man doing strong work must be properly fed and this applies to the brain as well as the body.
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, by relieving the stomach of its work, enable it to recuperate and regain its normal health and strength. Nature repairs the worn and wasted tissues just as she heals and knits the bones of a broken limb, which is of course not used during the process of repair.
Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are for sale by all druggists at 50 cents a box and they give in one article that the druggist does not give. He sell something in the place of the "just as good." Their unqualified merit and success, and the universal demand for them has placed them

CHATHAM WINS GOOD GAME.
One of the most interesting curling games of the season was played on the rink last night when Sarnia and Chatham were the opposing clubs. The game was very close throughout and ended with Chatham three points ahead. There was a large crowd of spectators present and the interest in the game taken by them was wonderful. After the game the victors were entertained at "Northwoods."
The following were the rink:
Rank No. 1:
Chatham: J. E. Stephens, A. Johnson, G. H. Heath, E. L. McDonald, Geo. Fielder, R. W. Fowcett, Dr. Bray, R. McKenzie.
Sarnia: P. S. Oatle, A. S. Burns, W. D. Sheldon, D. G. McEllibon.
Rank No. 2:
Chatham: Kenneth McKenzie, W. S. Richards, W. A. Cross, P. S. Oatle, A. S. Burns, W. D. Sheldon, D. G. McEllibon.
Sarnia: J. G. Kerr, A. A. Almas, L. E. Tilson, W. Ryder, Capt. Willcroft, A. Scott, R. Gray, J. McEllibon.
Rank No. 3:
Chatham: Kenneth McKenzie, W. S. Richards, W. A. Cross, P. S. Oatle, A. S. Burns, W. D. Sheldon, D. G. McEllibon.
Sarnia: J. G. Kerr, A. A. Almas, L. E. Tilson, W. Ryder, Capt. Willcroft, A. Scott, R. Gray, J. McEllibon.

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G. EMBREY, Com.
G. W. SULLMAN, Record Keeper.

GOOD-BYE TO WINTER GOODS AT THE GORDON STORE WHITEWEAR SALE.

February Fur Sale		White Vestings and Waistings		Ladies' Wrapper Sale	
Collars and cuffs reduced one-half—		The best assortment and the finest patterns and weaves we have ever yet shown in these goods. They are selling rapidly. See our window display.		All dollar wrappers on sale at 50c. All dollar twenty-five wrappers on sale at 15c.	
1 Alaskan Sable Cape, price \$35.00, on sale at \$25.00.	1 Western Sable Cape, price \$18.00, on sale at \$12.50.	A good plain skirt tucked and fitted 50c, with a large variety of unmatched values ranging up to \$5.00.		Fine black mercerized arrangements \$1.75.	
1 Alaskan Sable Muff, price \$10.00, on sale at \$7.00.	1 Western Sable Muff, price \$5.00, on sale at \$3.50.	Ladies' White Skirts		Eider Down Sacques	
1 Alaskan Sable Muff, price \$10.00, on sale at \$7.00.	1 Western Sable Muff, price \$5.00, on sale at \$3.50.	A good plain skirt tucked and fitted 50c, with a large variety of unmatched values ranging up to \$5.00.		To clear our stock Down dressing jackets \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$1.60 values for \$1.00.	
1000 Astrachan Coats for \$10.00.	1000 Astrachan Coats for \$19.00.	Ladies' Night Gowns		Millinery	
1000 Astrachan Coats for \$25.00.	1000 Astrachan Coats for \$35.00.	Good tasty robes, neatly trimmed with lace or embroidery at 50c and 75c. Our special Dollar Robes defy competition. See them.		20 ready to wear ladies' hats, good styles, values up to \$3.00, on sale at 50c.	
1 Black Silk Fur Lined Cape at \$40.00, on sale price \$25.00.	1 Mink Brocade Cape, Fur lined, at \$40.00, on sale price \$29.00.	Corset Covers and Drawers		Dress Goods	
1 Black Silk Fur Lined Cape at \$40.00, on sale price \$25.00.	1 Mink Brocade Cape, Fur lined, at \$40.00, on sale price \$29.00.	Ranging in price from 25c to \$1.50. These values surpass in every way last season's.		12c Meltons on sale to clear off 50 inch cloths, navy, grey, black, at 25c.	
1 Black Silk Fur Lined Cape at \$40.00, on sale price \$25.00.	1 Mink Brocade Cape, Fur lined, at \$40.00, on sale price \$29.00.	Ranging in price from 25c to \$1.50. These values surpass in every way last season's.		50c all wool Cashmeres and Serges at 25c.	
1 Black Silk Fur Lined Cape at \$40.00, on sale price \$25.00.	1 Mink Brocade Cape, Fur lined, at \$40.00, on sale price \$29.00.	Ranging in price from 25c to \$1.50. These values surpass in every way last season's.		75c, 90c and \$1.00 values in Serges at 50c.	
1 Black Silk Fur Lined Cape at \$40.00, on sale price \$25.00.	1 Mink Brocade Cape, Fur lined, at \$40.00, on sale price \$29.00.	Ranging in price from 25c to \$1.50. These values surpass in every way last season's.		Camel's Hair Cheviots 90c on sale at 50c.	
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Agent for City and County for Celebrated Novelli Tailored Suits and Skirts, See Windows. March Fashion Sheets and Catalogue Free. March Standard Designers, None Such, only 10 Cents each.

WILLIAM GORDON.

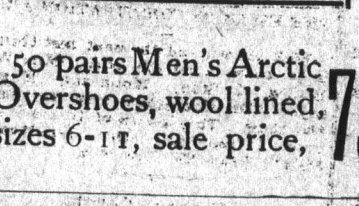
BUY SHOES NOW IF EVER.

\$20,000 Shoe Stock at Cut Rate.

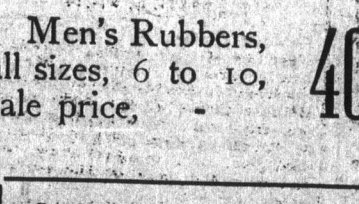
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24. We will commence our GREAT SEMI-ANNUAL SALE. The great crowds that always attend our Special Sales (we have but two a year—one at midsummer and the other midwinter) will prove that it is no ordinary event. THIS IS NO CLEANING OUT OF OLD OR DESIRABLE, or JOE LOT SHOES (we haven't any), but it is a BONA-FIDE SELLING OUT OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK. We don't want to carry over a single pair of shoes if we can help it. So we say to our present stock "Get out of the house." Low prices will be the force to move it. For this reason everybody is interested who who wear shoes. Won't these prices interest you?



200 pairs Women's Rubbers in sizes 2 1/2 to 5, sale price 15c
150 pairs Women's Storm Rubbers in sizes 2 1/2 to 6, sale price 25c



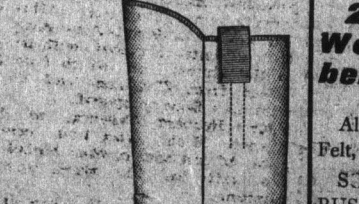
50 pairs Men's Arctic Overshoes, wool lined, sizes 6-11, sale price, 75c



Men's Rubbers, all sizes, 6 to 10, sale price, 40c



100 pairs Boys' Rubbers, size 2 1/2 to 5, sale price, 35c
Women's High Buttoned Over shoes, sizes 2 1/2 to 7, sale price, 75c



20 Per Cent. Cut on all Fine and Medium Weight Shoes; 25 Per Cent. Cut on Rubber Goods; 30 Per Cent. on Winter Goods.

All Men's and Boys' Long Boots, Leather, Rubber or Felt, Peavy Rubbers and Socks are included in the sale. SCHOOL SHOES, WORKING MEN'S SHOES, BUSINESS MEN'S SHOES, any DRESS SHOES, everything goes at cut rates while the sale lasts.

NOTE—These cut prices apply to SPOT CASH PURCHASES, otherwise the regular price will be charged.

REMEMBER—The Sale opens Wednesday, 24th February, and will close on Saturday, March 5th.

These 30 days will be chock full of real shoe bargains. You will be most welcome whether you buy or not. Call anyway, and see people get cheap shoes.

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The Big 4 Skirt Sale!

Was such a success that we added more styles in black, which we received yesterday, and our \$4.00 skirt sale is to be continued all this week, while preparing for another sale of spring goods that may surprise you!

The Urban Store
PRIMEAU & PELTIER, GARNER BLOCK.

It is not too early to consider what to order for the spring season and where to order. We lay claim to your patronage by reason of the possession of the finest line of spring suiting ever shown in Chatham.

Tailors... MORLEY & CO. Importers

Geo. W. Cowan.

Advertisement for 'SURPRISE SOAP', described as a pure hard soap that makes children's play of wash day.

Table of train schedules for the Canadian Pacific Railway, listing routes like OING EAST and GOING WEST with departure times.

Table of train schedules for the Lake Erie & Detroit River R.R., listing routes and departure times for various destinations.

Advertisement for 'OVER THE WABASH' featuring the Great World's Fair, St. Louis, with descriptions of the fair and the railroad service.

Advertisement for 'GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM' and 'WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APL. 30-DEC. 1, 1904'.

Advertisement for 'World's Fair, St. Louis, APRIL 30-DEC. 1, 1904. Special Colonist One Way Excursion Fare'.

RIEL QUAILED TO DEATH

WHEN THE REBEL CHIEF FEARED ASSASSINATION. Interesting Chapter of the Drama Enacted in the Northwest Eighteen Years Ago.

A Wife's Stragemer. A London Journal tells an admirable story of beautiful Kesa, who loved her husband, but who was herself sought by her wicked and powerful cousin.

TENDENCY OF THE TIMES. The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given to the subject.

Christmas Bells. The practice of ringing the church bells to announce the coming of Christmas originated no doubt with the old rule of the Catholic church.

A BLOATED STOMACH. Distention and pains from indigestion are cured quickly by Nerviline. When you get an attack of stomach trouble take a stiff dose of Nerviline.

Advertisement for 'CANADIAN PACIFIC' and 'Settlers' One-Way Excursions, 1904'.

Doesn't look so young and pretty as she used to. If her cheeks are hollow and pale, if she is tired and nervous she needs Ferrozone.

Could Not Sleep At Night. Had No Appetite. FOOD WOULD NOT DIGEST.

Advertisement for 'Burdock Blood Bitters' with the tagline 'IT CURED HER AND WILL CURE YOU.'

Advertisement for 'Lime, Cement and Cut Stone' by John H. Oldershaw.

A BARGAIN. Two Storey Frame House, 7 rooms, and lot 200 x 100 feet, desirable location.

Advertisement for 'Dunn & Charteris' General Insurances and Loans.

POSSIBLY YOUR WIFE. 'Children don't seem to have as much respect for their parents as formerly.'

Advertisement for 'Burdock Blood Bitters' with a testimonial from Mrs. I. W. Warner.

Advertisement for 'Lime, Cement and Cut Stone'.

Advertisement for 'A BARGAIN' house for sale.

Advertisement for 'Dunn & Charteris' real estate services.

STATUES IN ITALY.

When a Monument is Not a Monument in Home or Florence. Rome is in the absurd condition of possessing a monument which the municipal authorities declared nonexistent.

Advertisement for 'Burdock Blood Bitters' with a testimonial.

Advertisement for 'Lime, Cement and Cut Stone'.

Advertisement for 'A BARGAIN' house for sale.

Advertisement for 'Dunn & Charteris' real estate services.

Advertisement for 'Cure Boils, Eczema, etc. Weavers' Syrup'.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Chatham, intend to pass a By-law or By-laws under the provisions of the Municipal Act.

Advertisement for 'Burdock Blood Bitters' with a testimonial.

Table titled 'SCHEDULE "A"' showing Description of Work, Actual Amount, and Estimated Amount. Includes items like 'A Vitrified Brick Pavement on William Street'.

Invitation Cards, Programmes, Pencils, etc. can always be obtained at THE PLANET OFFICE.

WM. FOREMAN & CO., Importers

THE GREATEST LINEN DISPLAY And Sale Ever Held in This Store.

In our Show Room at any time between now and the First of March you may witness the greatest combination of beauty and value in Linens that ever originated at this Linen Store.

Unbleached Tabling

- 50 inch Un on Damask tabling, in a regular pattern, per yard 25c
- 52 inch all linen unbleached tabling, extra value at per yard 37 1/2c
- 50 inch unbleached Tablings, in a regular pattern, very special at per yard 40c

Sale of Napkins.

- 22x22, all linen Napkins, portraying water lilies, primroses, etc., extra value per dozen \$1.25
- 5-8 Napkins, all linen, assorted patterns, very special at per doz. \$1.38
- 5-8 Napkins, already hemstitched, very special, per doz. \$1.50

Lunch Cloths

A brilliant assortment in double damask and embroidered lunch cloths at each 90c, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

MASSAILE QUILTS in a rich assortment of patterns, satin finished, sizes 104 and 114, extra values, at each \$2.25, \$2.90, \$3.25, \$3.60, \$4.25 and \$4.50.

LETTER BOX

LOCAL OPTION IN HARWICH TP.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Editor,—No topic is of more interest to many of the readers of your valuable paper in Harwich at the present time than "Local Option," the campaign for which is now on and no doubt will be on shortly in other Townships.

May I ask a favor of you to use a portion of your valuable space to give your readers a glimpse of the provisions of the Act and say a few words thereon.

We have no reflection to cast upon the men engaged in the business. They at present are licensed and have a perfect right by law to sell. We must admit that arguments for and against the continuance of the business, but we believe, as do many another man here, that the evils resulting to the Townships far offset any good that ever has or can result from its existence.

A very common expression we hear is that the country tavern has had its day and the Township can very well get along without them if they cannot exist without the sale of liquor.

A great many of the best citizens of the Township are of the opinion that the time has come when we as a people should free ourselves from the traffic. At present there are four taverns in the Township—two at McKay's, one at Fargo, one at Charley Cross, and one at Cedar Springs.

It is believed that the moral and social order of the Township would be improved by the stopping of the sale of liquor there, as great improvement has followed in other parts of the Township where license once existed.

The enactment giving municipalities power to absolutely prohibit the sale by retail of liquor is found in the revised statutes of Ontario, 1897,

chapter 245, section 141, the substance of which we give, but not in detail for want of space:

What it is.—This Act gives the Municipal Council power to pass a by-law prohibiting the retail sale of liquor in the Township, provided the electors approve of the same by majority vote of the votes polled. The by-law, if it passes, cannot be repealed for three years, and not then unless a similar by-law for repeal is approved of by the electors. If not repealed it remains another three years, etc.

The Harwich Township Council have acted upon a petition from the temperance people and others to submit the by-law. The voting takes place Friday, March 4. The temperance party have no doubt, the extra expense of the election. If the by-law carries it will come into force on May 1, this year, and the four bar-rooms in Harwich will be closed as far as the sale of liquor is concerned.

The enforcement of the Act.—All the machinery and authority of the present license law are available under the Act to enforce it, as they are now to prohibit selling without a license.

Section 143, 49 and 50.—These sections of the Act clearly show there's to be no selling, keeping for sale, or consuming of liquor at these public places. The buyer also lays himself liable.

Sections 129, 130 and 134 go on to show that every officer appointed under this Act, or any constable, or inspector must investigate when information is given him that there is cause to suspect that some person is violating any of the provisions of the Act, and inquire into the truth of the same and enter complaint before the proper court without giving the name of the person, giving the information, and the Crown Attorney shall attend to the prosecution.

Every part of the premises may be searched as the officer may deem necessary. The finding of appliances for sale of liquor are sufficient evidence to convict. The finding of liquor, or proof of consumption of the same on the premises is sufficient to convict.

Sections 115 and 116 give power to summon any person required to give evidence in case of suspected violation of the Act.

Under previous prohibited laws a great deal of trouble was caused by the formation of clubs in which liquor was supplied by the members so as to evade the law. Section 53

DR. A. W. THORNTON

DENTIST, Removed to his New Office, Corner King and First Streets, over A. J. McCall's Store. Telephone Office 124. Residence 285.

of the Act prevents such violation and makes each party liable.

PENALTIES.

Section 72 states that the fine for selling or bartering liquor shall be— For first offence not less than \$50 and costs or more than \$100, and default of payment three months or more with or without hard labor.

Second offence, no fine, but imprisonment for four months, with or without hard labor.

Third offence, no fine, but six months imprisonment with or without hard labor.

Section 86—For having or keeping liquor for sale in like places— First offence, not less than \$20 and costs.

Second offence, not less than \$40 and costs.

Third offence, no fine, but imprisonment for three months at hard labor.

Section 130 states that persons refusing to allow the premises to be searched are liable to penalties as stated in section 72.

Section 134 states that any officer who neglects or defaults to prosecute offenders shall incur a penalty of \$10 and costs for each case.

Section 86—Any officer of the municipal corporation convicted of violating provisions of the Act shall vacate his office for at least two years.

Sections 46 and 90 set forth that if an inspector or Government officer prosecutes an offender the fine is paid into the license fund, to be used for paying for enforcing the law. But if any other person is the prosecutor the fine goes into the treasury of the Township, and one-third of the same to be used if necessary to aid in carrying out the Act.

Section 86 covers any other violation of the Act not specified in the penalties.

We have given but a brief outline of the provisions, etc., of the Act. It will be seen that if the by-law passes it means absolute prohibition of the retail sale of liquor in Harwich. The machinery for enforcement has been tried and im-

If Money is no Object

to you when buying clothes you might go to the highest priced custom tailor, but you would be just as well satisfied if you bought for a great deal less money one of our custom-made, ready-to-wear suits or overcoats. It should not be difficult for you to see the point. Our clothing is wholesale tailored; where the merchant tailor buys one pattern we buy hundreds, and we guarantee a fit as good as you can get in a made-to-measure garment, and as much clothes satisfaction as you expect for your money.

We stand ready to "make good" if you find any short comings. If you have never worn ready-made garments why not begin now with a T. & D. suit?

THORNTON & DOUGLAS, Ltd.

Ayer's Hair Vigor. A splendid dressing for the hair, keeping it soft and glossy. It prevents splitting at the ends, and cures dandruff.

DR. OVENS, London, SURGEON, SPECIALIST, EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT, Visits Chatham Monthly. Glasses properly fitted. Office—Radley's Drug Store. Next Visit, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24.

HIS FAREWELL

The Rev. F. E. Moorehouse will preach his farewell sermon to-night. The meeting will be held in the body of the church. Rev. and Mrs. McHardy, who have been conducting meetings in Dresden, will be present. A special thank offering will be taken.

Mr. Moorehouse took as his text 1 Kings xviii, 21. "How long halt ye between two opinions. If the Lord be with us, follow him; but if Baal, follow him." These people had been brought up differently. Their fathers and mothers had once been slaves. God had brought them up out of slavery and given them the land of Canaan. They had followed Baal. They had married heathen wives, and were now divided in their worship. They knelt to Baal, but in their hearts knew that he was not the true God. So do people to-day. They follow religion when it is popular, but easily drift into the world. God has no use for lukewarm people; He will spew them out of His mouth. God sent a prophet to ask the people "How long halt ye between two opinions?" or, as it is in the original, "How long hop ye about between two opinions?" The same question is sent to the unsaved of Chatham, and to those who serve God in the revival and the devil outside. Such are "true-love-Christians." They change color to suit the surroundings. Blessed are they who delight to meditate on the Word of God. From it they receive their strength and joy. They are an inspiration to those around. Those who do not have this witness of God's love are on the way backsliding. Backsliding leads to apostasy and apostasy to eternal death. Those are desiring every day whether they will accept Christ and eternal life or refuse Him and go to hell. We need not be concerned about what we have to give up, for God has promised never to leave nor forsake us. But we should settle it for God, because He is God. The meetings will be continued throughout the week.

It is not what a man hears, but what he believes that makes him wise or foolish.

SAY!

Don't you think these prices are all right? If so, we would be pleased to fill your order. Canned, 15c. per dozen. Fresh ground Coffee, 15c. pound. A blend for 18c. Roasting Beans, 6c. per pound. Sifted Baking Powder, 10c. per pound tin. Dates, 7c. per pound. 7-pound rolls of Jam, 60c. The Bars of Soap for 8c. 7 pounds Rolled Wheat, 25c. Sausages, 10c. per can.

CROCKERY.

Tea and Chamber Sets, China and Glassware are still coming out at lowest prices. If you are in need, call and see us. John McConnell, Phone 100 Park St.

LOSS BY FIRE AT BALTIMORE.

Statement of individual losses by Insurance Companies represented in Chatham by W. H. Harper. Splendid financial standing, and prompt settlements made by each Company.

Table listing insurance companies and their respective loss amounts: Liverpool & London & Globe (\$1,000,000), Home Insurance Co. (600,000), Commercial Union Assurance Co. (400,000), Phenix of Brooklyn (225,000), Western Assurance Co. (\$350,000), Connecticut Insurance Co. (250,000), Caledonian Insurance Co. (250,000). Total Amount of Losses: \$3,075,000.00.

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY, Baltimore. W. H. HARPER, ESQ.: Dear Sir: You will doubtless be interested to know that our Company loses one million dollars in the Baltimore fire. In view of the magnitude of the loss and the very large business which the Liverpool & London & Globe does in the United States we are much pleased that the Company gets off so comparatively well. We fear that a number of the companies will not be able to stand the strain. This disaster should enable you the more readily to impress upon property owners the importance of insuring with companies of unquestioned stability and it should also make your path much easier in selling business for the Liverpool & London & Globe which offers security unexcelled throughout the world. The great financial strength of our Company renders it proof against configurations of even greater magnitude than this. You will remember that in 1871 this Company paid losses amounting to \$3,300,000 in Chicago and in the following year \$1,500,000 in Boston. This Baltimore conflagration should impress municipal authorities with the danger to which they are at all times exposed and should incite them to do everything in their power to reduce that danger to a minimum by seeing that the fire protection is as good as can possibly be made. Yours truly, J. GARDNER THOMPSON, Resident Manager.

THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, New York. W. H. HARPER, ESQ.: Dear Sir: In order to prevent needless apprehension and also to satisfy natural and proper inquiry at the time with respect to the Home Insurance Company, New York, we deem it suitable to state the following facts: This company's net loss in the Baltimore conflagration will not exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Its gross assets are over eighteen million dollars. Its liabilities of all sorts (including capital stock) are less than eight and three-quarters million dollars. Its net surplus (not including capital) is over six and a half million dollars. Its surplus, as regards policy-holders is over nine and a half million dollars. From the fact that the amount of our loss is but a small fraction of our net surplus, it will readily be apparent that the Baltimore fire will not in the slightest degree affect the condition of this company, nor its entire preparedness to meet loss claims wherever or whenever they may be presented, even though another great conflagration, or several of them, should occur. It appears to be proper to add that the Home Insurance Company is represented at Baltimore (the day following the fire) by two of its officers and a sufficient corps of adjusters, who will spare no effort or pains to meet the need of the situation, and will afford prompt relief to the policy-holders of this company. Such was our plan of action at Chicago, at Boston and in other cities which have been overtaken by like catastrophes, and such is our idea of the proper function and manifest duty of this company in similar direful emergencies. With this view of the matter, we shall keep ourselves at all times equipped and ready, peculiarly and otherwise, so to meet such emergencies. E. G. SNOW, Vice-President.

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY, Toronto. W. H. HARPER, ESQ.: Dear Sir: You will no doubt be interested to learn the extent to which this company is involved in the Baltimore conflagration, and I am pleased to be able to advise that our loss will not exceed \$350,000. There is naturally some difficulty in arriving at the exact amount which companies will lose in this disaster, owing to the fact that practically all the insurance offices, including our own, were destroyed. Our latest advices, however, indicate that our net loss will be considerably under the figure I have named. The total loss to insurance companies by this conflagration will, it is estimated, be about \$80,000,000, and in view of the fact that this company has had an agency established in Baltimore for the last thirty years with a large and hitherto profitable business, we feel that the amount of our loss by this disaster is less than might be looked for under the circumstances. Yours truly, J. J. KENNY, Managing Director.

CONNECTICUT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Hartford, Conn. W. H. HARPER, ESQ.: Dear Sir: The loss sustained by The Connecticut in the Baltimore fire will probably not exceed \$300,000. These claims will be paid as soon as they can be determined. Had the amount been four times greater it would have made no perceptible difference to claimants, policyholders, or the conduct of the business with its agents. The Connecticut is mindful of the possibility and prepared for such a disaster. Sound insurance, whether for the poor man whose property is limited to a little household furniture, or the great commercial, manufacturing and corporate interests, is a recognized necessity. In the glare of such an appalling conflagration, is it not opportune for you to enlarge your business and increase the premium income of The Connecticut? Very truly yours, J. D. BROWNE, President.

THE PHENIX INSURANCE CO. OF BROOKLYN, W. H. HARPER, ESQ.: The Phenix Insurance Co. of Brooklyn lost \$440,000 in the Chicago fire, \$560,000 at Boston and paid promptly and in full. It will lose about \$250,000 at Baltimore. The company now has assets of \$7,407,091.62 and a net surplus of \$1,670,200.15, with \$783,489.24 cash on hand. All Baltimore losses will be paid promptly and in full. J. W. BARLEY, General Agent.

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, Montreal. W. H. HARPER, Agent, Caledonian Ins. Company, Chatham, Ont. Dear Sir: The loss sustained by the Caledonian Insurance Co. in the Baltimore conflagration will not exceed \$250,000, and will be met promptly through the New York office, although the home office cables authorizing draft. The strength, however, of their United States branch, renders it unnecessary to take advantage of this privilege. LANSING LEWIS, Manager.

COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY, Montreal. W. H. HARPER, ESQ.: Dear Sir: You will be interested to know the probable loss sustained by this company in the recent Baltimore fire will be in the neighborhood of \$700,000, and you will not be surprised to know that this loss will be paid without disturbing our assets. Our head office has instructed us to draw on them for the cash needed. You, therefore, have every reason to feel proud of the fact that you can satisfy your claims that they will have no concern relative to our Baltimore losses. Our adjusters are on the ground and claims are being settled with the least possible delay. JAMES MCGREGOR, Manager.