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SHOPPING Characterizes the Situation in South Africa--Britain on the Defensive.

-The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communication have been cut. A correspondent the Daily News, telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday, says: - The Boer position, already formidable, on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods through i is entire length; wire fences have hen placed before the trenches at every point; guns have been brought into position and there is every intimation that the Boers are rell supplied with ammunition. Only

pen of a military expert, lamenting the position of the British troops, quotes the maxim of Napoleon in concentrating and regrets that Lord Methuen did not retire to Orange river

a week ago,
The latest despatches seem to show
that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the regular column. Absence of news from him leads to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by at flank move-

ment.
The Daily News this morning has th e following despatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 16:-"The Boers in tend to make a big stand at Storm berg and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One commando of 2,000 consists chiefly of

gent Decided Upon.

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tie Reviled tils Judges and Denounc ed the President of France.

Paris, Dec. 21.-In the Senate yes terday, sitting as a high court of justice, M. Deroulede, who, though ill, was present, virulently denounced the was present, virulently denounced the senators and law officers for being "subservient to the government's orders." Amidst immense uproar, M. Deroulede added:—"I wish to be condemned. I will say what I think of these scoundrels. This assemblage is infamous and dishonors France and the Republic." During increasing din M. Deroulede continued:—"I include in my denunciation both the Senate and the president of the Republic." The my denunciation both the Senate and the president of the Republic." The prosecutor with difficulty made himself heard in the tumult which ensued, and demanded the prompt punishment of M. Deroulede, who continued to harlinsults at the high court, coupled with the assertion that he desired punishment. The session was eventually suspended and the court retired to consider the situation. They decided to impose a sentence of two years imprisonment on Derastlede for libelling senators.

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ficers and men. They will be mobilized and recruited at the headquarters of the different batteries. London is the headquarters of the Sixth Field Battery. Nothing has yet been done about the command. Meantime the Department of Militia is busily engaged in getting everything ready for outfitting and equipping the contingent. It is feared that there may be some delay in securing transports. The Allans have offered the Laurentian and Parisian for transport purposes.

The Northwest companies may have half-breed scouts attached to them.

HARD SIDE OF LIFE

For Themselves

By Heartless Parents-Taken Charge of by the Children's Aid Seciety.

The enquiry was put to a representa-tive of The Planet on Thames street yesterday from a little lad, illy cloth-ed and of pinched and stunted appearance, who shivered as the brisk December breeze whistled through non-regulation rents of his well-worn cloth ing. He was accompanied by a midget brother, perhaps a little more comfort-ably though erratically clothed.

The reporter was on his way to the police court and the two youngsters accompanied him to the Chief's office.

accompanied him to the Chief's office, where they immediately huddled by the heat register, while the elder briefly told the officer his story.

He was 17 years of age, he said, although he did not look more than 12 or 13 and his name was George Comer. He was born in Chatham, but had resided nearly all his life near Thamesville. His father had left them nine years ago and they did not know where he was, while their mother had described the family some three months ago ed the family some three months ago and had gone to the States with an Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, gave out officially to-night the composition of the contingent to South Africa. This was after the Cabinet had adjourned. It does not change materially from what has already been published in this correspondence. It will be altogether 1,044 in strength. There will be three squadrons of mounted rifles, numbering 531. One-half of this number will be taken from the Northwest mounted ed police, and the other half recruited from the different cavalry corps of the country. In addition to this, there will be three field batteries, selected from the batteries all over Canada. They comprise in all 513 of-

"I've been a-workin' fall ploughin and sawin' wood," he told the Chief. "an' keepin' him just as well as I could till now. Paid my way in on the freight from Kent Bridge this mornin'. They let him ride free, you know. He's such a little un."

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The boy said he had work farming with Albert Aikens, near Petrolea, at \$6 a month and he wanted to get his little brother a home.

On learning his story Chief of Police Young referred the lads to Dr. R. V. Bray, executive officer of the Children's Aid Society.

Dr. Bray at once busied himself in their interests. He knew the case, having investigated it as early as last

having investigated it as early as last February, when the mother refused to give the lads up to the society, and told The Planet that the lad's story was perfectly true. The doctor had a photograph taken of the two lads, just as they were when they visited him, yesterday morning, and told George he would see that his little brother got a good home.

away?"
"How are you going to go?"
"Oh, walk," was the cheerful reply.
Dr. Bray told the lad to remain and he would secure him railroad transportation, whereat the youngeter was

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Three Little Boys Left to Shift

"Say, please sir, will you tell me where I can find Chief Young?"

other man. There were three children, himself George, and his brothers Lou, aged 11, whom he had domiciled with George McKenzie, of Mull, and Ed., 9, for whom to find a home was his mission to the Chief.

"And you will write him sometimes. sir?" was the anxious enquiry.
"Oh, yes, certainly," was the doc

tor's prompt response.
"And I can leave for Petrolea right

in great spirits."
"He's just all right," he told The Planet describing the kindly executive officer, 'Just the right sort, you know. I'd like to do somethin' for him.'

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BAILY AND WEEKLY

A PROVINCE RUN IN THE INTER-EST OF PRIVATE CORPOR TIONS

Fault is being found with the opposition in the local legislature for not making a more aggressive campaign against the trusts, combines, corporations and monopolies which have been dictating the policy of the Ontario Government for years past. The point is well caken. It is quite true in most cases the Conservatives voted against the monstrous measures which were designed to make speculators rich at the expense of the public. But they should have done more. They should have fought them, not only in the legislative chamber but on the stump, and forced the electors to say whether they would vote for Hardy, Ross and the sharks who own them, or for government of, by and for the people.

Take as an instance the Conmee act relating to electric light companies. Could a more scandalous measure in the interest of private corporations have possibly been devised? Yet it was put through with the sanction of the Hardy-Ross Government. The opposition voted against the measure and they deserve credit for so doing, but they have since neglected to make the province ring with the iniquity of a measure which should properly have been entitled "An act for the robbery of municipalities desiring to operate their own electric light plants."

To-morrow is municipal nomination day; get your candidates ready.

One thing can be said for this year's council: Whether it did little or much, it did it in a business-like way.

We are glad to see our friend, the Banner, backing us up in the agitation for good roads. Every little influence helps, no matter how small.

The Transvaal constitution specifically forbids civil rights of any description to illegitimates, Roman Catholics and negros or persons of color. Is this the reason these specimen's of idiocy like Davitt, Redmond, and the rest of the Fenian gang are so much hurrahing over the Boer successes?

Fighting on the defensive won't win wars, and the failure of the Boers to take either Kimberley, Ladysmith or Mafeking shows that they are not much good in offensive operations. The moral of all this is that if Buller lets them alone in their defensive positions until they all die of old age he can safely relieve the beleaguered garrisons and being the war to a glorious termination.

If the duty is removed from coa out the oil fields of Bothwell and wipe out the oil fields of Bothwell and Petrolea. If it is not removed the retail price will undoubtedly go to 25 cents a gallon. That means that it will pay the residents of cities and POETIC DESCRIPTION OF THE WAR towns to use gas and electricity in place of oil. But the farmers have no such alternative. Is this retribution? It was the rural vote that elected Archie Campbell.

The hitch in calling for recruits for the second contingent, the Mail says, is again due to Mr. Tarte and a small minority in the cabinet who are kicking over the traces. Sir Wilfrid, declares the Mail, has made two trips to Montreal to try and secure Israel s. consent to go ahead. The premier and the minister of militia are honestly endeavoring to push matters but are thwarted by Tarte's obstinate opposition. Had they taken the advice of this great family journal and fired the troublesome little minister out of the cabinet when the first difficulty arose all would now be clear sailing. It can't be pleasant for a erime minister to be bullied with threats of a governmental wreck every time he doesn't fall in line with the views of a masterful subordinate.

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We now know the worst. It is always darkest before dawn. Possibly brains are more needed just now than men. However that may be we are going to supply both.—Windsor Record.

That is very patriotic of you, dear boy, but really you must not rob yourself. Send only what you can spare, in the way of men. Let Joe Chamberlain hustle for the brains where they are more plentiful.

The war of "fads" in Detroit schools has resulted, the reformers think, in an almost complete purification of the system from fancy frills. Corsets as an article of female apparel have not been classed exactly as a Mad, but war is nevertheless being made upon them in a quiet but insistent way. The school ma'ams have been asked to doff them and it remains to be seem how many will obey. Should the teachers submit, there is no telling where reform may stop, and this reflection is sausing a deal of alarm.

Toronto Star. Each day I read the bulletins, Quoth little Peterkin, And I am much perplexed by them, To guess I can't begin

How many British troops were How many Boers they slew; really couldn't reckon up, Nor gaffer, dear, could you.

mule stampeded once, I'm told-We lost the Ninth Hussars; And Windston Churchill got the jail

For running armored cars; The British lost a dog,
And somewhere else, 1 saw we left to A battery in a bog.

And, gaffer mine, the eyes are filled With patriotic tears, then I reflect how we misspent Our Dublin Fusiliers.

There's Gatacre, the heartless brute Who walks his tired force For thirty hours at a stretch, While he rides on a horse. There's Methuen, that gallant soul,

Who leads his leaguered men Unto the Modder River Banks, Then leads them back again; And deuntless Buller hovers round Just where, I haven't heard, hope he may be sawing wood. He never says a word.

And Clery, the tactician, where, Pray, tell me, where is he? What portion of the army fights? What part is in the sea? They say we have in Africa Five seasoned army corps, Then why in thunder don't they pot The fifty thousand Boers?

Still, gaffer, when I read about The way our soldiers fight.
I cannot help believing that
The war will come out right.
We might have better generals,
We might have better guns,
But there are no better men alive,
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A FAMOUS BEAUTY DEAD. Exchange.

One of the famous beauties of the Second Empire, the Countess de Castiglione, died in recently in Paris. She came from Italy and at court attracted the attentions of Napoleon III. and the jealousy of Eugenie. At a costume ball in the Tuileries, she outdid anything that Paris had seen in scantiness of dress by appearing as Salammbo, clad in her hair, which reached her feet, her jewels and very little else. When she came before the Emelse. When she came before the Empress, Eugenie declared that she must feel cold, insisted on her wrapping herself in a mantle, and never invited her again. At that time, Paul Vaudry painted her full-length nude portrait. This she tore to pieces when her beauty began to fade. She then shut herself up for more than twenty years in her house in the Rue de la Paix, near the Place Vendome, where the shutters were closed to exclude daylight, and where her meals were brought from where closed to exclude dayinght, and where her meals were brought from a restaurant, preductions being taken that the waiter should not see her. There she has just died, alone.

PRAYERS FOR A RACE HORSE

According to a London correspondent, the Very Rev. Dean Hole, of Rochester cathedral, in a recent address, told the following story: A very nice and gentle curate went to Yorkshire parish, where the parish ioners bred horses and sometimes, raced them. He was asked to invite the prayers of the congregation for Lucy Grey. He did so; They prayed three Sandays for Lucy Grey. On the fourth the clerk told the curate he need not do it any more. "Why?" he need not do it any more. "Why?' said the curate. "Is she dead?" "No, said the clerk; "she's won the steeple chase." The curate became quite a power in the parish.

A Kite Regatta.

The kite season is almost here, and there is an old time sport which is still carried on by the boys who live in the little town of Shawano. Northern Wisconsin, that may be interesting to boys who live in the East. In this town there is held each spring a kite regatta and prizes are offered for the winners. There are several races, and this is the way they are caried out.

There are two things necessary in this kind of sport. One is a light skiff or canoe, and the other is a lake or body of water large enough to sail it in. Each contestant in the race takes five kites, all of large size, and these are the only motor power used. First one kite is flown in the air, and after some fifty yards of twine hard been paid out the end of the string is kied to one of the other kites. This is repeated until all of the kites are in the air, flying at a distance of about fifty yards apart. When this is done each contestant gets in his boat, and at a given signal all are off for a certain bouy or some other point agreed

This may read like very tame sport on paper, but the real thing is excit-ing enough to require the best kind of nerve and a cool head. If there is a heavy wind blowing it will be found necessary to have two boys in the boat -one to look after the kites and one to do the steering. Of course, it goes without saving that the strongest kind of twine must be used. In Shawano, where the sport has obtained a strong footbold, fish line is used, and for the last two or three kites three, four and five lines are twisted together. This sport is not without danger, and is no kind of amusement for a boy not accustomed to the handling of a boat or able to swim. It is uncertain sport, to, for, of course, it is necessary to have the wind favorable, but given the requirements, and there are all kinds of opportunity for skill and enjoyment.



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POPULAR TEACHER.

Louisville People Give Edward Rouse a Doubl- Surprise.

Two Presentations Made Him in On Night-The Acdresses.

Last Friday evening was the occassion of a very pleasant gathering at the home of Edward Rouse who has the home of Edward Rouse who has taught our school very successfully for the past five years. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rouse assembled to show their regard for them and to express good wishes for the success of Mr. Rouse, who is retiring from teaching and entering the Chatham Business College to prepare himself for taking ap commercial work.

In all about seventy were present and after part of the evening had been spent in games and social chat. Mr. Rouse was called forward and presented with a purse of money and

sented with a purse of money the following address: To Mr. Edward Rouse,

Teacher, Louisville. Dear Sir,-At the close of five years of busy, profitable, and we trust, happy, labor amongst us, the time has come when the ties which have bound

come when the ties which have bound us must be severed.

We rejoice in the fact that we can look back with great satisfaction on those years. They were doubtless full of anxious thought and sometimes, may haps of severe trial on your part; but patient, earnest, and conscientious effort, such as we know yours to have been can power fail of its reward. tious ettort, such as we know yours to have been, can never fail of its reward, We assure you that the recollections of your work amongst us in the school, in the church, and in the manifold forms of social life, will always fill a large place in our hearts. Per-mit us to express the hope that your future life may be happy and prosper-ous and that wherever your lot may be east, you and your family may conbe cast, you and your family may continue to have pleasant remembrances of the years spent in Louisville. As a slight token of the esteem in which you and Mrs. Rouse are held in this community, we ask you accept of this purse of money. May Plenty's smiling horn add liberally to it, and may Happy Fortune in your pathway

Not only wealth, but rank and honors, No tear to dim the lustre of your

Except when others woes may claim the sigh.

Signed on behalf of the community, IMNA'M, MERRITT.

Mr. Rouse, although taken by surprise, made a very suitable and feeling reply, but the surprise did not end here for as soon as he had concluded his remarks, Messrs. Frank Traxler and Frank Bedford on behalf of Arkwood Lodge, of Canadian Order of Oddfellows, of which lodge Mr. Rouse had been secretary for nearly five years, stepped forward and made him the recipient of a beautiful writing desk and fountain pen, accompanied by the following address:

Dear Bro. Rouse,—We, the members of Loyal Arkwood Lodge, learning of your departure from us, to better yourself, take this opportunity of expressing our deep regret at this separ-

pressing our deep regret at this separation, and to wish you that success to which your ability and fidelity justly

As a secretary, you have shown exceptional ability, and have had apparently but one object in view, the advancement and prosperity of Arkwood Lodge, and this concentration of purpose, added to the principal methods added to the practical methods on have adopted, accounts to a great you have adopted, accounts to a great extent for your phenomenal and unprecedented success, of which the rapid growth of our lodge in the past four years is an evidence. Your gentlemanly and candid bearing, earnestness of purpose, and faithful performance of every duty towards us, have formed a bond of friendship which shall not be severed by your departure but will ever continue with us as one of those pleasant memories of our lodge meetings.

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We ask you to accept this desk and pen, as a token of our esteem, and as a pledge that the members of our lodge are your life-long friends.

In conclusion we wish to express the hope that the remainder of your voyage on the ocean of life, may be a voyage on the ocean of life, may be yoyage on the ocean of his wherever alm and prosperous one and wherever you may east your lot, you will always find as warm, sympathetic and loyal friends as the members of Loyal Arkwood Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge. F. M. BEDFORD.
L. W. ARNOLD.
JAS. A. MERRITT.
J. F. L. TRAXLER.

Mr. Rouse was for a time overcome y the emotions which this further expression of friendship had evoked, but afterwards, in a few earnest words thanked the brethren for their kindness, and for the truly fraternal spirit that had been evinced towards him by the members at all times.

The ladies then took matters in hand, and for a time all were occupied in the ladies to the awale refresh

hand, and for a time all were occupied in doing justice to the ample refresh-ments that had been provided. Shortly after midnight the friends dispersed to their various homes, feeldispersed to their various nomes, teeling that they had enjoyed a very pleasant evening. We might add that the address in behalf of the community was read in a very acceptable manner, by Miss Olive Arnold.

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Notice to Creditors.

In the matter of William Nelles, of the Town of Dresden, in the County of Kent, harness maker, insolvent.

Notice is hereby given that the above named William Nelles has made an assignment to me under Chap. 147, R. S. O., 1897, and amending acts, of all hisestate and effects, in trust for the benefit of his creditors.

A meeting of the creditors of the said insolvent will be held at the office of G. E. Weir, Solicitor, St. George Street, Dresden, Ont., on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1899, at eleven o'clock, forenoon, for the appointment of inspectors and the giving of directions with reference to the disposal of the estate.

All the creditors of the said insolvent are hereby required to file their claims with me, duly verified by affidavit, and shewing the nature and value of securities (if any) held by them, as provided by statute, on or before the 21st day of December, 1899.

Dated at Dresden this 11th day of December, 1899.

ARTHUR SMITH,

Assignee,

Dresden, Ont.

G. E. WEIR, ESQ., Assignee's Solicitor,

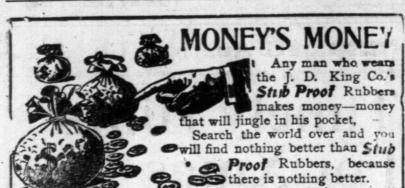
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The officials of the Department of Agriculture are highly pleased with the results obtained by the special agents who have been studying the seeds and plants of foreign countries with a view of introducing them into the United States. This study is being carried on with \$20,000 appropriated by Congress to "collect, purchase, test propagate and distribute rare and valuable seeds, bulbs, trees, shrubs, vines, cuttings and plants from foreign countries for experiment with reference to their introduction into this country."

Walter C. Swingle, of the Division of Botany, has returned from a visit to the Mediterranean countries, where he studied the agriculture of southern Europe and of northern Africa, and gained much valuable information. Before leaving for home he made arrangements with nursery men to send to the United States such seeds and plants as might be called for. While studying grape culture fig caprification, date growing, etc., he came across a number of new vegetables which it is hoped will prove acceptable to American tastes. Of these he says:

"The crosne or stachys is a Chinese and Japanese vegetable. It has white tubers two to four inches long and the size of one's finger, but looking like a crowded string of large beads. They were imported into France, where their value was discovered by the late M. Paillieux, a gentleman of liesure, who devoted his grounds at Crosne, near Paris, to the culture of strange and new vegetables from all parts of the world. He was so pleased with this one that he did everything possible to bring it into notice. After several years he succeeded and the vegetable is now well-known in Paris. It is called Crosne after the name of M. Paillieux's place. Boiled or fried and served with meat it is delicious. The plant is perfectly hardy and grows in all soils yielding as much as five tons to the acre. Two other tubers of deltcate flavor, much esteemed in Paris, are the tuberous-rooted cherville and tuberous-rooted nasturtium (the mayna of Chilel.

"In the Mediterranean countries much use is made of the vegetable marrow, of which many species are much resembles a large green cucumber. Cooked and served with meat it is excellent, and no food is considered more easily digested. Many varieties are known in Italy, Greece, and Turkey as well as in Germany and England. Among other vegetables of great merit might be mentioned two species of asparagus kale, is said to be the most delicious of the cabbage family. The cos lettuces of Italy and Turkey are exceptionally fine."

Mr. Swingle also brought specimens of the pistache nut, which he thinks likely will prove of great value to California and Arizona. Large quantities of these nuts are imported for use in flavoring ice cream, etc., In the Mediterranean regions they are eaten like than the splendid almonds and walnuts other nuts and considered even finer produced there. Mr. Swingle thinks there is a great future for this nut when it becomes known to Americans. The choice varieties are propagated by grafting, and arrangements have been made to secure a quantity of slips for use in this country next spring.

Among novelty obtained by the department is a large-fruited ever-bearing strawberry, which has been brought out in France within recent years. The ordinary varieties of strawberries yield only a few weeks, while this one produces for months on the same stems. The two best varieties of the new plant are called the St Joseph and the St. Anthony, and were originated not by professional growers, but by a modest country priest, the Abbe Thevolet, residing in one of the central districts of France. Lovers of cantelopes will be interested in the in troduction of the kirk agache muskmelon, which has a great reputation for flavor and sweetness in the country around Smyrna. An American missionary who returned home on a visit a year or two ago informed Mr. Swingle that he had been unable to eat the American cantelope on account of its inferiority to the Turkish, to which he had become accustomed. Mr. Swingle visited Smyrna and obtained some of the seed of the noted melon, and it will be cultivated here. Speaking of the artichoke, Mr. Swingle says:

'This vegetab! is highly prized by rich and poor alike in Europe and is cultivated extensively in France and Italy. The plant is a perennial, and the fine varieties are propagated by suckers from the roots of the old plant in the same maner as pineapples. In order to introduce the culture of this much-neglected vegetable we have imported a quantity of carefully potted suckers. In spite of all precautions many died. Enough survived, however to produce a stock which can soon be multiplied indefinitely. The New York market is now supplied from France and Italy. Naples being a heavy, exporter. The absurdity of shipping a delicate vegetable 6,000 miles when it can be grown with perfect success at home is evident. Artichokes have long been grown extensively around New Orleans, where there is a good local market for them, but their use as a vegetable is practically unknows



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The Catboat's Race With the Sea Dogs,



"The dogs are passing us, boys.





"Wow! See us leave them."

tant a place in our domestic arrangements as housemaid, parlormaid or "g eral" often enough takes a pride in her appearance, which, though entirely nat ural, is sometimes irritating to the less reasonable type of mistress, says a Lon-don paper. What would she think if it were necessary for her, as it apparently is in Germany, before taking a place as domestic servant, to provide herself with a special passbook, in which a full description of her appearance must be entered? This description of the German domestic is entered by the police of her native district, and is sometimes dictated more by candor than chivalry. The color of the eyes and hair, and the shape of the nose, are all duly chronicled, and if the constable is of opinion that any of these features are "ugly" he has no hesi-tation in saying so. What possibilities such a system suggests? Imagine the young person about to start a career as cook presenting herself before the local constable to await his verdict on her nose

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Is a River That is Held by the Enemy.

Bridges and Fords Are Easily Detended The Tugela Should Have Been held by the British at Any Cost.

The following by Lieut. G. F. H. Mc-Donald, Third V. B. Essex Regiment, written before the wrecking of the Tugela bridge by the Boers, shows the great loss sustained by the British in the destruction of the bridge and the loss of control of the river. It applies equally to the fords which Gen. Buller is now trying to retake: Everybody knows by this time that

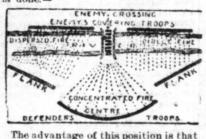
the Tugela bridge is of supreme strategical importance in the Transvaal war, since it is the chief connecting link with the south - and England. A bridge, in tactics is a defile. A defile in military language means any place that can only be passed by troops on a narrow front.

A road between two lakes or im-

passable marshes, a mountain pass with accessible or inaccessible heights on both sides, a railway tunnel, a road between precipitous ravines, a street— all these are defiles. The vulnerability of a defile is that if you try to get through to the enemy's side, he will unrough to the enemy's side, he will pulverise you piecemeal as you de-bouch; if you are compelled to retreat through a defile, he will make things hot for you as you enter it. It is ob-yious therefore that the Boers should have been kept in check as many miles from Tugela bridge as possible, and sufficiently long to allow of the army corps crossing in safety.

Should the unexpected happen, and the trees be driven back and army

the troops be driven back and com-pelled to retire across Tugela bridge before a victorious enemy, then they will have to accomplish a feat which Captain Gall in his fine work on "Modern Tactics" describes as the "most difficult an army can be called upon to perform." The best way to defend a bridge is from the rear—that is, from the end farthest from the enemy. Here is the plan to show you how this

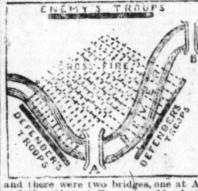


The advantage of this position is that you can concentrate on the bridge the you can concentrate on the bridge the fire of your centre, while your flanks can engage the enemy's covering troops, on whose fire he depends to get him across. His covering troops could only use dispersed or direct fire. If they concentrated their fire on your centre, they would run the risk of shooting their own troops. Your centre would therefore be left unmolested to destroy the enemy in detail as he debouched on your side. Now observe the difference if you tried to defend the bridge in front; thus:—



Here the enemy has the advantage of concentrated fire, while you have to use dispersed fire, which is the least hurtful kind. You also have the pleasure of knowing that if defeated you have to retire across the bridge and submit to the pulverizing process before mentioned.
You would have to defend a bridge

in front at all costs if you were covyour main body across it. This last is practically what the garrison at Ladysmith is called upon to do. Supposing, however, the river was this shape:-



and the other at B; you would select the bridge at A to cross by, because you could place your defending troops as shown in the sketch and deliver a nasty cross-fire, which would effectu-

nasty cross-fire, which would effectually prevent the enemy approaching the bridge.

Similarly, if there were no bridges, you would select A. as the place for your engineers to bridge over, because you could cover their operations, as shown above, by practically getting between them and the enemy. It is quite obvious that in both these cases the selection of B woold give the enemy the advantages you would have at A. In military language, the bump at the river at B is called a salient and the dent at A is called a re-entrant.

IN MASSACHUSETTS. Tramp (at the kitchen door)-Miss, will you—.

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by the tree. "What a pity father didn't say we might pick some!" sighed Mabel. "He wouldn't mind," said Jack. "He forgot."

At first Mabel was very doubtful, but, letting herself be persuaded, she foined Jack in a raid on the tree.

"Let's take them out in the meadow to eat," suggested Jack, who, now that he had picked the fruit, seemed rather frightened.

"Oh, how sour!" cried Mabel. "Jack, we ought to have tried them first." "It's too late now," said Jack, his face puckering from the acid cherries. What shall we do. Mabel? Dig hole and bury them? But, seeing the baker's boy, they

asked whether he would find the cherries too sour.

"Bless you, no, Master Jack!" he fruit line will hurt me, thank you kindly!" And off he went,

"What's become of Alfred?" asked Mabel of cook a few days later, noticing that the bread was brought by another boy.

"He was turned off for stealing, and served him right!" said cook. "The gardener had his doubts for some time whether things wasn't going, but he didn't say anything, and he caught there Alfred with his cap full of our cherries, why, he went straight to his master and got him turned off."

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Funeral from the residence of C. R. Atkinson, Q. C., Park Ave, to Maple Leaf Cemetery, on Friday, the 22nd instant, at half past two, p. m.

THE PROBABILITIES.

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Remember that you can buy Strawberries, Fancy Florida Pineapples, delicious baskets of Catawba Grapes very cheap, Sweet California Navel Oranges, Sweet Mexican Oranges, at McCorvie & McKerrall's, also Ripe Tomatoes, very fine hot house Cucumbers, Southern Radishes, Green Onions-Friday and Saturday 25 bushels fresh cut Lettuce and two thousands heads of finest white bleached Celery grown by ourselves and sure to please.

Hemiogway's extra standard and extra select Oysters very fine and fresh. A large number of Holly and Evergreen Wreaths at low prices With all orders left on Friday we will if desired give Euglish Holly for your table.

Try us for your Christmas

KING STREET EAST.

PERECT FIT

CHRISTMAS =

\$7.50, \$10, \$12, and \$15 are the prices at The 2 T's for the New Method Suits

Miss Elsie Manning leaves to-day for Jackson, Mich., where she will visit her sister, Mrs. E. Alger.

A. I. McCall & Co. are advertising Gold-rimmed Spectacles and Eye-glasses for Xmas presents. These certainly make fine gifts. Mrs. L. J. Atwater and children left

for Bergon, N. Y., to-day, on a month's Comfortable shoes for old ladies; nice line for the Christmas trade at

Miss Lizzie Broughton, employed by Miss Johanna McNaughton, has re-turned from Windsor, where she has been visiting a sick relative for sev-

Briar pipes, with and without cases, cigar and cigarette cases and tobacco pouches, at Bennett's, opp. new Oddfellow's block,

The Christmas services will be held in Christ church Sunday next. The members of the Young Peoples' Society are busily engaged decorating the church with evergreens and flowers and the church will look very pretty. The choir under the management of Mr. Forsythe will render bright and appropriate music. Miss Jessie Taylor and Miss Ida Colles will sing solos. On Monday there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion in the morning at half past ten. Strangers are cordially invited to all the services.

Cigars, 10 in box and up, put up ex-

Cigars, 10 in box and up, put up expressly for Xmas trade, and a full line of smokers' sundries, at Bennett's, street, opposite new Oddfellow's

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork, how we taxed them with overwork, and then, because they were tired we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

Young men's patent leather and fine kid dress shoes at Cowan's, from

NECKWEAR MAGNIFICENCE. More freeb fancies in neckwear will be thrown upon the counter to-day. Such delights in neckwear have never before been shown; neither have such before been shown; neither have such splendid values ever before been given anywhere. Most beautiful Tecks, in rich silks, and dainty colorings, 50c. Great big English squares of rich satip, in elaborate patterns, 50c, and so on, up to the beavy rich silk importations from Paris, 75c.—The 2 T's. Open until ten o'clock to-night.

THE DEADLY SLING SHOT. An Emma St. lad was before Judge Houston yesterday and remanded till Saturday. It seems that Tuesday he fired a missile from a sling shot, which struck Stanley Lowe, another that, just below the eye, inflicting a very ugly wound. As a result the police court information was preferred.



Candy for "hould be above the ord.mary our rich and pure confectionery is all ayes o excellent that you will make a big mistake if you do not come you. A one lb, b x Oreans for 20c. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ lb boxes loc. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages, especially adapted for holiday trade. Come in-

W. S. RICHARDS KENTBAKER

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ALI. SPECIALLY SUGGESTIVE FOR GIFT GIVING Books Beautifully Bound all prices from fc up

Fancy Goods of all Kinds

TOYS, DOLLS, (ALL PRICES) SLEIGHS, ETC

W. J. KENNY,

Means more to some men than quality of material.

The fabrices we are showing are made from the best wool by the best mills and finished in a su ericr

manner at prices consistent with first class workman ship.

We guarantee that the fit will be absolutely correct.

The patterns are new, attractive and refined

They will sacrifice durability to style.

But why not have both?

Ladies house slippers from 25c.

Stone the Hatter has just returned from Toronto, where he has purchased over \$500 worth of the finest neckwear ever displayed in the city. You must remember that you can get these goods for at least 25 per cent than in any other store in

Here's your opportunity, an elegant line of sterling silver novelties, from 50c to \$1.50, at Central Drug Store.

MISS IDA TICKNER DEAD.

A very sad death took place last evening, when Ida; second daughter of Clark Tickner, Van Allen Ave., was suddenly called away. Miss Tickner was taken ill only about five days ago with peritonetis. Her death, however, was so unexpected that all the members of the family could not be summoned befores, she had passed away. Besides the father and mother a family of nine children survive. They are, Austin, of this city, Albert, of Walkerville; Frank, Clarence, Wesley and Morley at home; Miss Alice, of Tilbury, and Ethel and Laura at home. For some time past the deceased had been employed at William Somerville's confectionery, where she was very popular. MISS IDA TICKNER DEAD.

Stamp your Books and Xmas Presents. It only costs 25 cents to have this done at The Planet Office.

"THE THREE MUSKETEERS. To-night at the Grand Mr. John Griffith will produce for the first time in this city Dumas' masterpiece en-titled "The Three Musketeers." Of all the fascinating romantic novels of the age, this book has taken deserved rank among the best. John Griffith, rank among the best. John Griffith, the best of our romantic actors, impressed by the charm of the book had it dramatized. The new version is highly approved off by the critics, and regarded by them as the most powerful, picturesque drama of the period. The scenery by Mr. Unitt, scenic artist of Daniel Frohman's Lyceum Theatre, New York city, is from photographs of the actual places of action. Four full stage sets are used in this lavish production and required a special car for stage sets are used in this lavish production and required a special car for its transportation. Mr. Grifflith, determined to present not only a splendid scenic and costume play, but also the best dramatic company attainable, has surrounded himself with the strongest

Wear the Barrington hat, \$2.50. The

HAS FALLEN BACK.

After the Battle of the Tugula Buller Retreated

To His Old Camp at Prere-Anxlety About Ladysmith and Kimberley.

New York, Dec. 21. - A despatch to the Herald from Chievley Camp, Dec. 16, says: There is an armistice till midnight to bury the dead and remove wounded. Meanwhile the enemy is placing fresh guns so they may cover our ambulance parties. They express themselves satisfied with yesterday's battle and boast that they cannot be turned out of their present position. The Dutch stripped our

dead.

During the fighting some heroic deeds were performed, the irregulars vying with the regulars for distinction. Lieut. Ponsonby, of Thorny-croft's Mounted Infantry, and Private Farmer, of the Natal Carbineers, attempted to save some of their comrades at imminent peril to their own lives. An injured man carried by Lieut. Ponsonby was mortally wounded while in the arms of that officer.

Another despatch, dated Dec. 17, says: Gen. Buller's camp moved back five miles to-day, the march beginning at 1 o'clock this morning, two brigates going to Frere; in order to defeat a possible attempt on the part of the Boers to execute a flank movement to destroy the railroad on the British rear.

British rear. CAPTURED THE BRIDGE. New York; Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Tribune from London says: 'Further details of the battle of Tugela river continue to dribble. The Post's correspondent affirms positively that the Boers captured 10 British field gans. Col. Bullock, commanding the Devon regiment with 3 officers and 40 men, was surrounded and all were looking for wounded men under a flag of truce.

of truce.

According to the Chronicle's correspondent, the British mounted infanspondent, the British mounted infan-try and irregular corps, with two bat-teries of artillery, managed to take the Colenso road bridge, and eventual-ly crossed the river, but the Boer rifle fire prevented them from push-ing on and the battery was abandon-ed. Seemingly, the guns were lost on the north side of the Tugela, and if so there is little doubt that they on the north side of the rugers, if so, there is little doubt that they were captured.

Boy's house slippers, 25c. a pair, at

Stone the Hatter has a large range of ladies and gentlemen's far gaunt-lets of every description, which he is selling at a sacrifice price.

A CLEVER WRITER. Mrs. George E. Young (Eva Hamilton Young) is to be congratulated upon having one of her pretty stories accepted and published in the Christmas Gobs. Few of our townspeople know that we have in our midst a lady who is so rapicly establishing berself as a popular and successful writer. The rapidly number of the Canadian Magazine will contain another story

from ner pen. Gentlemen's slippers, best value, and biggest lot to choose from at

The Leading Tailos The British war office has placed an order for another 5,000 tons of Canatian buy to be shipped to South Africa.

FOR SOUTH AFRICA. Major Rankin, of this city, has re-

Major Rankin, of this city, has received quite a number of applications for positions on the Canadian contingent. The applications have been forwarded by the major, but as none of the applicants have had training in the cavalry it is barely probable that any of them will get positions on the Canadian force. The prospective recruits are: Leroy Clifford Shepley, Charing Cross; C. F. Gibson, Blenheim; Andrew Fox, good shot, can ride; George Learst, good shot, can ride; George Learst, good shot, can ride; George Learst, good shot, can ride; George William Douglas Turner, good shot, can ride; William Douglas Turner, good shot, can ride; George Conservation of C. F. Gibson was sent in by P. M. Gosnell, of Blenheim. Mr. Gosnell speaks highly of Gibson, who ought to stand a good show. Shore is a big six-footer and formerly lived in Montreal, but lately has been working here. It is also understood that Wm. Campbell, formerly of this city, now of the Imperial Bank, Sault Ste. Marie, has sent in his application. As he is a graduate of the Toronto Cavalry School he is likely to be accepted. The Agricultural Society will meet on Saturday at 2 o'clock, in the old The Agricultural Society will meet on Saturday at 2 o'clock, in the old town hall, to wind up the business for the year.

France is reinforcing her colonies in he West Indias with 5000 men. Premier Greenway and his col-leagues are clearing up affairs prepar-atory to resigning.

H. M. Winter, of Berlin, Ont., was found guilty of attempting to defraud his creditors, has been sentenced to eleven months in the Central Prison and fined \$800.

Mgr. Falconio, the papal delegate, has just received from the sacred congregation of propaganda the official documents, fixing the Dominion capital as his permanent headquarters. Walter Cook, of Arkona, was fined \$10 and costs or 30 days for offering bad meat for sale on the London mar-

ket, and \$10 and costs more for draying a horse with a sore on its shoul-At Racine, Wis., Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of being the attempted murderer of Rev. David B. Cheney and ware two weeks ago, was taken before the Cheneys and positively identified as the guilty man.

Gift

For Ladies

Purses from 25c to \$3.50.
Portfolios from \$1 to \$5.
Party Fans from 40c up.
Chatelaine Bags, Shopping Bags,
Comb and Brush Sets.
Maniagra Set. Manicure Sets. Handkerchief and Glove Boxes Hand Mirrors. Fancy Boxed Stationery.

For Men

Fountain Pens.
Ink Stands.
Collar and Cuff Boxes.
Neskwear and Handkerchief Bexes.
Pocket Diaries for 1900.
Walking Sticks.
Travelling Companions.
Bill Wallets, Pocket Books, etc.

For Boys and Girls

Winter Evening Games, Picture Books, Month Organs, Fancy Pen Holders, Books of Adventure, Scrap Books.

For Everybody

Books, Bibles, Hymn Books, Prayer Books, Albums, Stationery, Christmas Cards, Calendars, Pictures, etc.



surrounded himself with the strongest array of players that have ever appeared in support of this fine actor, including the beautiful leading lady, Miss Kathryn Purnell. The electrical effects used by Mr. Griffith in "Fsust" when produced here by him in this city caused a sensation, but he promises a still greater one in "The Three Musketeers." For Christmas

FIGS, from 5c to	25c lb.
FIGS, from 5c to	9
RAISINS, extra choice table	20c lb
GRAPES, extra fine	20c lb
NUTS, all varieties	15c lb

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Sulman's

Beehive

GARNER HOUSE BLOCK.

Toys and Novelties

20th Century Stock

Yuletide Gifts

A CALL SOLICITED

Open each night this week till 10 o'clock. Saturday night till 12 o'clock.

Sulman's Beehive,

Garner House

Dress Goods and Millinery | C. Austin & Co. | Carpets Clothing

Suggestions Timely Hints For Xmas Shoppers

Shop early if possible, in the morning will be the best time, but if you can't come then come when you can, this store with the largest staff of salespeople in the city is at your service day or evening this week.

What 25c will buy

Hdkfs—Hdkfs plain or embroidered, 6 for 25c, 3 for 25c, 2 for 25c, or 25c each Fancy Belt Buckles, Silk Bibs for the Baby.
Tortoise Shell Back Combs. Fine Woolen Mittens.
A pretty Veil. A Boys Windsor Tie. Wool Bootees for the Baby.
A Girls Fancy Tam. Warm Underwear for Misses er Ladies.

What 50c will buy

A Serling Silver Thimble. A Purse and Card Case combined.

A Jewelled Top for Shopping Bag. A pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchief.

A Beauty Pin. A fine pair Cashmere Gloves.

A Kemstitched Twilled Silk Hdkf with Initial.

A fancy Linen Tray Cloth, or Sideboard Cover. A pair Linen Towels.

A Child's pair Astrachan Gauntiets. A Fur Ruff. A Wool Bos.

What \$1.00 will buy

Kid Gloves, Black or Colored, the celebrated Roullion Glovs.

10 yds. Fancy Wrapperette. 2 yds. of good Irish Table Lines.

A Child's Fur Set. Ladies' Astrachan Gauntlets, gray or black.

A pair Lace Curtains. A fancy Moquette Rug. A pair Silk Mittens.

A Waist Length China Silk. Fancy Tapestry Table Covers.

What \$1.50 will buy

6 yds. Fancy or Black Dress Goods. A Stylish Wrapper. A Metallic Printed Skirt. The best Trefousse Kid Gloves.

What \$2 50 will buy

A pair Chenille Curtains. A pair Fur Gauntlets.

5 yds. extra fine Dress Goods. A pair of pure Wool Blankets.

Large Tapestry or Chenille Table Covers. A Silk Plane Drape.

What \$5.00 will buy

A stylish up-to-date Jacket.

Extra special Crepon Skirt.

Best Fur Gauntlets. Handsome Smyrna Rugs.

Fur Caperines. Fur Muffs, Ruffs, etc.

Men's Furnishing Department Merry Christmas Time

A time when hearts expand and purse earings lossen. When our greatest mapping is in making ethers happy. At no time of the year is this store (your store) so attractive as now. Time, money and brains have been baxed in collecting this beautiful array of Xmas Noveltles. Full preparation has been made to your gift giving needs. This store has donned its holiday attire and BIDS YOU WELCOME.

What 25c will buy

hat 200 will buy	250
Marie handsome Neck Ties, knots, putts, bows, four in hands	250
Boys' and Men's colored bordered Bilk Houis, the latest.	25e
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The said Man's William Copies of the	
Men's and Boys' 4 fold Linen Collars, 2 styles, 5 for Men's and Boys' fine Wool Mitts, nice colorings, a pair	
Men's and Dole man	

What 50c will buy

American Neckwear novelties, the swellest line shown, all styles.

Mercerized and pure Silk Neck Scarfs, brauties.

Ensmel Ouff Links, the latest, special.

Men's and Boys' Lined Kid Gleves tan and black.

Men's and Boys' white D ess Shirts, all sizes.

Men's and Boys' awall styles in Caps. Men's and Bys' swell styles in Caps.

Men's extra value in Fieece and Wool Underwear, a picee.

B autiful Cashmere and Silk mix Neck Scarfs. Men's fine pure Wool Underwear, special a pece.

Men's Sw. de Dress Gloves, tan shades.

Men's white and colored Dress Shirts, separate collars.

What 75c will buy

What \$100 will buy Men's Swell Dress Gloves, nice shades tans.

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Men's Swell Dress Gloves, alk lined brown shades.

\$1.00

Men's Wool lined Mochetta and Kid Gloves, orewn shades.

\$1.00

Men's Clare down Mufflers, quilted and shaped.

\$1.00

Men's Silk Neck Scarfs, nice pal erns.

Men's Holiday colored Shirts, the nobbiest out.

\$1.00

Men's Holiday - USI II

There's no chance work about buying your Clothing here! You try on the suit or overcoat, examine its fluish and see the exact appearance of the completed garment before you make your decision. Here you see the final appearance and judge exactly, while our standard of excellence is see high that if the appearance pleases you you're while our standard of excellence is see high that if the appearance pleases you you're write in regard to quality and wear, we stand sponser for that side of the case. See set in regard to quality and wear, we stand sponser for that side of the case. See our swell line of Men's and Boys Reefers, Overcoats, Suits, Fancy Vesta etc.

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MORLEY & CO.

THE ASSURANCE OF

GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING REALLY Seen. Holmes Se

The closing weeks of this month are always marked by a crush of Christmas trading. We therefor invite you to call and select at once. We are ready with a large and varied array of choice Staples and Fancy articles suitable for Holiday buying. Those who have a keen appreciation for GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THE LEAST MONEY will find our large stock new and desirable and at prices the lowest for qualities the best. The wise ones will do their Christmas shopping here.

Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen . . Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished.... Ladies' Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c and Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs, 25c to Ladles' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c

Ladice' Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 16c to .. 25c

Ladles' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... Children's White and Fancy Handker-

HOLIDAY APRONS Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 50c

Children's White Mother Hubbard, Aprons, 42c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c Children's Fine Gingham Dresses with yoke, embroidery trimmed, 500 to.....\$1

Children's Percale Dresess, with yoke embroidery trimmed, 80c and..... 90c Semething new in Lace Dresser Covers just received.

Men's Handkerchiefs

Men's Plain Hemstitched Hokfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 25, to 50c Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to...... 50e

Men's large Silk Muffl-rs, all colors and styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1,50 and.....\$2.25 A large and complete assortment of Ladies' and Gents' faccy Plaids, Checks.

Parisian, Polka Dot and Oxford, Silk Kid Mufflers. MEN'S HOLIDAY

NECKWEAR

Men's English Neckwear, Silk and Satin, beautiful Stripes, Checks and Figures, all colors. Men's Imperial Four-in-hands, Puffs,

Bows; Flowing Ends, Graduated Derbys in choice variety of colors, from 50c to...... 20c HOLIDAY SPECIALS IN

Men's and Boys' Suspeaders Men's Silk Embroidered Suspenders, fancy goods in boxes, \$1.50 to..... 500 Freat variety of Braces for Young and old, from 25c to..... 10c Children's and Babies'-Mitt ns, Bootees

Bibs, Infantees, etc.

DRESS GOODS

Nothing nicer for a Christmas Box than a Black Crepon Skirt Pattern, our Blistered Crepon at \$1 a yard are a wonder to our Special prices for two weeks in Fancy

Ladles' Dress Skirts, in variety, all Plaid Bias Skirts, heavy \$4.50 Ladies' Tailor made Suits, in variety, from \$7 to...... \$10 adies' Cloth Jackets, from \$1 to \$10

Ladies 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good

Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black.....

colors, tan and black

Ladies' 2 dome fasteners, colors ox blood navy, green, plum, tau and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted.... \$1

or drab, warranted\$1.25

Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Cha. truse

Ladies finest Mocha Kid Glove \$2

Ladies' Fancy Gaiters and Ladies' Hose

Fownes pearl fastened Kid Gloyes, tan

abrella and Hypathia.

Holiday

FINE FURS

Finest Holiday Presents-Caperines of every description, ranging in price from \$1 50 to \$35 00. Persian Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Scal combination, Seal and Astrachan combina-tion. Electric Seal and Thibet combination,

Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc. Fur Caps, Gauntlets, Muffs, Boas, Heads, Tails, Pelts, etc.

Fur Cepes, Astrachan, \$18, \$17.....\$12 Cloth Capes, Fur Lined, \$30 to. \$12.50 Fur Coats and Jackets, from \$30 to \$22 Electric Scal Jackets, dainty.....\$35

Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, 50c, 75c and.

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling

popular affades, \$1 and

Men's Celebrated Kangaroo......\$1.50

Special Xmas Underwest, Cardigan Jackets, etc.

Genta' Scatf Pirs, Cuff Bettons, Collar Buttons, etc., in peerl or gold variety.

faced in variety, 250 and 50c

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest

Mens heavy Wool Mitts, knit, leather

Holiday

Christmas Silks and Satins

Handsome English Silks, bargairs-50c for 25c, 75c for 50c, \$1 for 75c per yard, in plaids, stripes and brocades.

Japanese Silks, 27 in. wide, belio, pink, blue, red, etc...... 50c Satins, all shades, for fancy work or lin-

Special Peau-de-soie.\$1.00 New Tirsell Chiffon for cress fronts.

Beautiful Silk Waists-For gifts, nothing pleases your mother, sister, wife or daughter like one of these beauties, we sell them in a l colors and black.....\$3.50 to \$5.60

Superb Eider Down-Conforters, \$5, \$10 and......\$15.00

HOLIDAY SPECIALS In Umbrellas

Nothing nicer for ladies and gente, a fine\$5.00 assortment from \$1.00 to.

DAINTY DOLLS

Fine long flowing haired dolls, 9 in. lorg 13 inches long, 9c. 16 inches long, 15c and 23 inches long for.....

They are bean ies Shopping Bags with pockettook at ached 250

Pocketbooks, Jard Holders, Needle Cases, Bracelets, Combs, Brushes, Fans, Belts, Belt Buckles, Etc. Doils, Dogs and Brownles for stuffing, per yd.....

WHITE CROCHET QUILTS And Marsalls Coverlide

Forgeous Lounge Rugs-Unsurpassed in coloring and design, \$1, \$1 25 to \$2

Ladies' Night Robes—In white long cloth, Lousdale Cream, pink and farcy Flanuclette, lace and em-broidery trimmed or plain, from 50c up

Men's Night Wear-In white twill cotton braided at Natural Wool Night Rotes.

> HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

Two tone Cream Table Damask, 60 in. Cream Satin Table Damask, all widths

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 60c

White Satin Table Damsek, with Nap-kins to match, from 50c to . . . \$1 50 yd

Table Napkins Great bargains at 720, \$1, \$1.35, \$1 50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25,

Towels—Fine Damask, size 44 x 20, knotted fringe....

Instead of Calanders we have secured several hundreds of Souvenir Song Books, containing 72 of the gems of song of the century, with the Music for Piano or Organ; and we hope

as they ring in harmony through your homes they will contribute to your has piness. The Standard Patterns For Dolls Clothing on hand

Make your Children's Clothing from Standard Patterns

For Christmas Dinner

Clear Soups, 250 and 40c a can Tomato Soup, 350 a can. Canned Vegetables, 3 cans for 250. French Peas, 20e a can. French Mushrooms, 203 a can Sweet Pickles, 35c a quart. Bottled Pickles, 20c and 25c. Imported Olives, 300 and 50c a bottle. Table Raisins, 200 and 25c a pound. Table Figs, 20c a pound. . Grenchie Walnute, 200 a pound.

Fine Mixed Nuts, 15e s pound. McLaren's Cheese, 250 a jar. Old Canadian Cheese, 16c a pound Roquefort Cheese Spanish Grapes, 20c a pound.

Preserved Ginger, 40c a pound. Mocha and Java Coffee, 40c a pound "American blend" Coffee, 35c a pound Saited Almonds. Salted Peannts.

H. Malcolmson

Bring Your Crock or Pail and let us fill it with Pure Kettle Bendered Lard, come to us and you will be sure of getting a genuine article at the

Chatham Pork Store P. CHAPLIN. Opera House Block

SAUGEEN MAGNETIC MINEREL WATEK-

Southampton. Is highly recommended by Prof. Pyna. Dominion Analyst, Toronto, for persons suffering from either rheumatic taints of constitution, or habits of constitution, or habits of constitution. It is a most palatable table water, and is absolutely pure. Recommended by leading physicians. A trialwill convince you that it has merit of a high order. For sale by Central Drug Store and F. A. Robert.

The public should bear in mind that they can get neckwear and men's fur-nishings at Stone the Hatter's for about half the price that they would pay elsewhere.

THAMESVILLE.

-The remains of the late Minnie Hinde were brought here yesterday from St. Thomas, A short service was conducted by Rev. G. F. Sherwood in St. Stephen's church and the interment was made in the Mayhew cemetery. The father, Rev. Wm. Hinde, the brother, Edward Hinde, of Toronto, and the sister, Miss Hinde, accompanied

the remains.

Miss Fowlie, of Erin, is the guest of of her brother. R. H. Fowlie. J. R. Hambly has an elegant dis-play of silverware on exhibition just

A number from town attended the school concert in Howard last night and report a very enjoyable entertainment.
Miss Lyda Kathleen Duffus recites
to night in Hensall and in Hamilton on the 26th inst.

LADY LOVES BEAUTY.

Or. Agnew's Ointment stops Skin Blemishes—Leaves it Lity-White and Healthy.

Skin diseases of every nature from he merest pimple on the flesh to the most distressing eczema, salt rheum and tetter, are quickly, pleasantly and permanently cured by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. In diseases where outward applications make a cure Dr. Agnew's Ointment never fails. One application gives instant ratio. gives instant relief. Sold by J. W. McLaren.

TORONTO PRODUCTA

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Eggs-Receipts only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Strictly new laid will bring 20c.; fresh gather-

new laid will bring 20c.; fresh gathered sell at 17 to 18c; and No. 2 at 15c, and limed at 16c.

Butter—Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light, Local demand is good. Local quotations to the trade:—Dairy, tubs, poor to medium 13 to 15c; strictly choice 15 1-2 to 16 1-2c; large rolls 17c; small dairy, lb prints, about 18 to 19c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c; pounds, 22 to 23c.

Potatoes—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keeps prices down. Car lots are sold on track here at 35c, to 40c. per bag, and at farmers wagons about 50c per bag. Cut of store, choice stock brings 45 to 56c per bag.

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c. per lb for 5, 10, or 60-lb tins, and in comb at around \$2 to \$2.25 per dezen sections.

Baled hay—Choice stock in demand No. 1 timothy will bring \$9.50; No. 2 sells at \$8.50 to \$9. Straw—Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, on track.

Hops,—Quiet. Dealers here quete choice Canada '99's at 14 to 16c. Outside holders are asking from 16 1-2 to 17c.

Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 25 to 40c; geese at 5c to 6c; ducks at 40 to 66c per pair; and turkeys at 8 to 10c. per lb.

Children's slippers, nice looking, and for 25c. a pair, all good to wear, sizes, at Cowan's.

Wood for sale.—Blonde Bros. & Co., have for sale a large quantity of hard and soft wood. NO NEWS FROM BELMONT.

London, Bec. 20, 6 p. m.—There is no news whatever of the Canadians at the war office. Over and above Great Britains regular standing army, the present pro-gram includes calling half a million soldiers to colors.

BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM. During Christmas

Jas. J. Thompson, of Chatham, is reg-istered at the Powell House. Jas. Gardiner, the enterprising bak-er, is indisposed with a severe cold. Principal Hamilton, of the Public

school, is suffering from severe indisposition. Mr. Arnold, of Toronto, father of Mrs. J. G. Gibb, of this town, is visiting his daughter here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rudd, of Dresden, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Upper, in town. Dr. S. G. Storey was yesterday call ed to Cedar Springs, where Mrs. Peter Cramb had been taken seriously ill. Mrs. R. M. Thompson leaves for the

north on Saturday to spend Christ-mas at her old home in Invermay, Mrs. Gill. of Con. 15, Raleigh town ship, died yesterday and will be in-terred in Everygreen Cemetery, Blen-

The annual election of officers in the A. O. U. W. was held last evening at a well-attended and enthusiastic

meeting. The annual Ragian Sunday school entertainment was held last evening near Rond Eau. A number from both Blenheim and Chatham attended.

To-morrow night the annual enter-tainment of the English church Sun-day school will be held in the Opera House. An excellent program has been provided.

Last evening Rev. Mr. Higley, rec tor of the English church here, united in marriage Henry Arnold and Miss Eva Bicum, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Mull. The Christmas trade in Blenheim is an exceptionally bright and brisk one,

and all the merchants are making magnificent displays of the choicest holiday goods. Chas. M. Brandt, of Chatham, repre senting the S. Hadley Co., was in town yesterday superintending the work of flooring and mantling Dr. Langford's

handsome residence. On municipal election day the Blen-heim council will submit a by-law to the electors, when they will decide up-on the appointment or non-appoint-ment of a night watchman for the

At one o'clock to-morrow afternoon after the civic nominations, instead of in the evening, as previously intended, the candidates and other citizens interested will speak upon municipal matters in the Opera House, which will be utilized for this purpose.

Special floral decorations are being put up in all the local churches for the Christmas services, and music of a special and appropriate character will be rendered by the various choirs. In Trinity English church the Christmas services will be held on Monday

Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and pro-Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and provision merchant, yesterday gave The Planet the following local market quotations:—Beans, \$1.18 to \$1.20; wheat, 66c.; dressed hogs, \$4.90 to \$5. Mr. Haggart reports that deliveries are exceptionally light.

are exceptionally light.

A. B. Vester, W. D. Samson, W. E. Hall and W. Lane, from this town, attended the live pigeon shoot held by Hotelkeeper Buzzard, of Cedar Springs, yesterday! Notwithstanding the unpleasant weather the marksmanship was exceedingly good and it is a matter for congratulation that the Blenheim representatives carried off a confiderable share of the prize money.

The Blenheim Club now consists of some 25 members and the club-rooms are each evening thronged by many devotees of whist and billiards. Although there are numerous applications for additional membership, the accommodation of the club-rooms just at present will scarcely permit an enlargement of the roll.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscrip-tions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town

Trinity Church Sunday school entertainment takes place Friday night in the opera house. General admis-sion, 15c. Sunday school children, sion, 15c. Sunday school children, free. A real life Santa Claus will dis-tribute the presents from the tree.

Mesars. Toll and Clayton, on behalf of Ouvry congregation, yesterday surprised the rector, Rev. Mr. Higley, by bringing in a load of oats to help fill the new barn; also a sum of money. The rector's horse will no doubt make the trip to Ouvry in better time, having in view the good things in store for him on his return.

Mrs. Jas Springstein returned home nuch improved in health.

Frank Sheldon intends after the

first of the year going to Colorado to try his fortunes in the west. An enthusiastic meeting of the Workmen was held last night in the lodge room, it being the annual election of officers. The following of-ficers were elected:

Bro. G. Thompson, .P M. W Bro. C. W. Clarke, M. W. Bro. C. N. Greenwood, Foreman. Bro. W. J. Grant, Overseer.

Bro. Geo. Taylor, Financier. Bro. Thomas Sample, Recorder Bro. J. M. Burke, Receiver Bro. A. L. Fletcher, I. W.

Bro. J. Durfy, O. W. Bro. Geo. Taylor, Trustee. Bro. C. W. Clarke was elected representative to Grand Lodge, and Geo. Taylor, as substitute.

THE CASE WITHDRAWN. The case against Dr. J. C. Bell, of Merlin, charged with assault by Miss Margaret McCornock, the principal of Union school, Raleigh, which came be-fore Police Magistrate Gosnell yester-day, was settled in a most satisfac-tory manner. O. L. Lewis, acting for Dr. Bell, tendered Miss McCornock an

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apology from the physician, which the lady, through her solicitor, R. M. Thompson, accepted. Magistrate Gosnell then consented to a withdrawalf of the case, the defendant paying the costs. Dr. Bell also personally ex-pressed his regret to Miss McCornock that the unfortunate incident had oc-

were brought to a close yesterday, and the children are now preparing for the annual Christmas vacation. for the annual Christmas Vacation.
Instead of making a formal publication of the results of these educational tests, Principal Hamilton proposes
to follow the new regulation established by the educational department to govern the departmental examina-tions and simply forward the results on promotion cards to the parents.

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What the conversation wit was made up in laughter. Finery is unbecoming to us who the means of decency.

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A NEW SYSTEM. The promotion examinations, which have been going on at the Blenheim Public school during the past week,

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Dec. 21.—A protty wedding took at the residence of Thomas Wells, 1st con., Gore of Camden, when his daughter Cora was married to George Tackaberry, of Camden, Among the many presents received by the bride was an oak extension table and other handsome pieces of furniture, the gift of her uncles, S. Sager and Jos. Wells, of Dresden.

in Dresden for some time, was held in the Grand Opera House last evening. The cantata "Jack and the Bean Stalk," was much enjoyed by all present, Too much praise cannot be given to the patriotic sentiments which were sent, Too much praise cannot be given to the patriotic sentiments which were shown in the tableaux, recitations and songs. Much of the success of the evening was due to the untiring efforts of Robert Rudd. Mrs. J. W. and the Misses Ethel and Clemmie Sharpe acted as accompanyists.

No one has ever seen such bargains as are being offered at Stone the Hat-ter's bankrupt sale. Think of the fore making your Christmas pur-chases. Stone the Hatter, Garner ouse Block

Dresden.

Thomas Lair, who has been suffering from blood poisoning for several weeks is somewhat better.

G. A. Miller, principal of the P. S., leaves for Toronto to-morrow.

One of the best Christmas S. S. entertainments, which has taken place in Dresden for some time, was held

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latended a Mild Protest But a Banner Editorial has Induced

him to turn it Into an Able-bodled,

Twenty-four Karat Fine Kick. "Oh, I say there!"

"Oh, I say there!"
It was again Sam Holmes' stentoran voice that hailed The Planet. "Well, you were good enough to give Mr. Alexander McDougall the little hint from me yesterday. That was hint from me yesterday. That was just a kind of gentle dig in the ribs, you know, only a reminder. Now, to-day I've got a kick coming, one of those dynamic, broncho affairs that our friend George, Gordon Martin gets

'What! You didn't see that Ban-"What! You didn't see that Banner editorial yesterday advocating an election of the present council by acclamation? Oh, well, after all, I shouldn't be surprised at that; I suppose it's really too much like work to wade through them every day. But someone who had strayed across it drew my attention that way way last night. I find we've got another I'm runnin'-this-'ere-town creation prancing around in our midst with the corporation appointments ill fussily stowed away in his ample trouser pocket. Now, A. can't just understand this. Here's the Banner management this. Here's the Banner management only in Chatham for about two or three years, and yet has all to say about it. I've been living here my-self for the past 48 years, but I haven't men been anough for manual meander. got neck enough for mental meanderings of that kind yet, and I hope to

"Be I've got a call to respond to myse to-morrow's nominations and It we to be on hand to do it, to second a couple of nomif it's to second/a couple of nom-ination I got a message from an ex-aide man this morning stating that, after seeing my marks in The Planet y sterday, he had decided to nominate both Mr. McDougall and the manager of the Banner for aldermen, if I'd second his nominations. He also wild held give them 85 per vote for if I'd second his nominations. He also said he'd give them \$5 per vote for every vote either one of them got over 25 in the whole town. I sent word back that he bet I'd be on hand and that I'd one better on his offer and make 20 votes. Just watch me nominate or second, as the case may be, the big two to-morrow. Think I won't, eh! that this is a bluff! Well, you be there and seq.

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Don't forget the Xmas tree at Vic-toria Avenue Methodist S. S to night. Music, drills, etc. Only 10c.

On Christmas afternoon "What Harpened to Jones" will be produced at the Grand while at night the attraction will be "Why Smith left Home. Both plays are by the same author and good. During the holiday trade F. A. Robert will sell you the choicest wines

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and whiski blane. Ald. Cowan positively announces hat he will not be a candidate for of-fice this election. His business de-mands all his attention and he intends

to retire from office. The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Boyce, Lacroix St.', will take place to-morrow at 2 p. m.

Don't forget John Griffith at the Grand to-night in The Three Musketeers. It may be some time before Chathamites will again have an epportunity of seeing a player of such undoubted ability.

A GOOD SHOWING. The following is a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Chatham Waterworks:

Assets :-Waterworks plant Extensions and improve-34,339.72 ments 5,743,45 Material and tools 703,53 Unpaid accounts, water, Unpaid accounts, sundries, City of Chatham, sundries, 5.832.73

Liabilities :-Purchase debentures paid 134,021.29 unpaid
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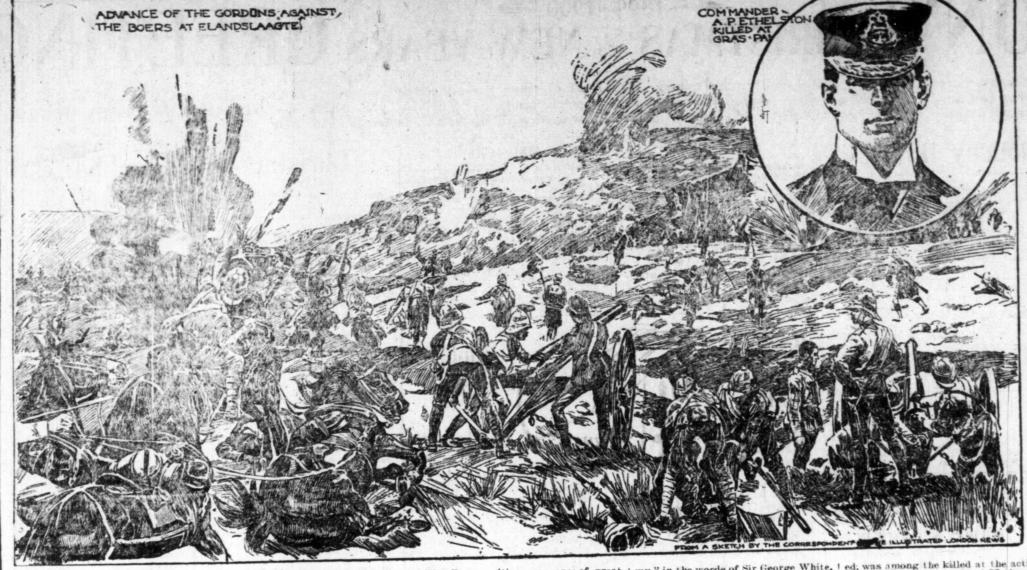
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Animals too Fat are not Always Desirable for Market.

THE BLOCK TEST APPLIED TO SHEEP-PIOS WHICH WON WHEN ALIVE HAD TO TAKE A LOWER PLACE WHEN DRESSED -THE DISPLAY OF CATTLE.

Stock, Dairy and Dressed Poultry Show, which was held in the Live Stock and Machinery Buildings of the Western Fair, London, Ontario, from Deone in many respects. The departments were all generally above the average, both as regards numbers and quality, and the only weak feature was the attendance, which was very unsatisfactory, and quite unworthy of such a city as London and the excel-lent agricultural district around it. In attendance, both Brantford and Guelph can put London to shame. Sheep in the Block Test.

But while the attendance was poor But while the attendance was poor, the show itself contained so many interesting features that it groved a wonderful educational medium to the thoughtful, advanced breeders and feeders who were sufficiently interested to attend. The block test, that final court of general, which settles the value ourt of appeal, which settles the value court of appeal, which settles the value of an animal from the consumer's point of view, was this year extended to the sheep classes, with the result that some surprises were in store for ex-bilities whose animals had wen in the hibitors whose animals had won in the hibitors whose animals had won in the classes for live stock, but in some cases were obliged to take a lower place in the block tests. Some did not take kindly to this in the sheep department, but the decisions evidently were well in line with the present requirements of the market. It was a quirements of the market. It was a quirements of the market. It was a revelation to many to see on some carcasses a mass of useless fat, which lowered the price obtainable for such, even though the quality and conformation of the carcass were otherwise unimpeachable. Consumers call for lean interspersed with fat, and it is a simple waste of feed to use it for putting fat on a carcass and thus spelling it.

it.

The experts who judged the carcasses and who gave addresses, which they illustrated by some of the carcasses, were explicit on this point. Of the four sheep hung up they preferred the Shropshire lamb, which won first in its class in the block test. It was owned by R. Gibson, Delaware. Next came an Oxford Down and a Suffolk, while the Southdown carcass, which was of excellent quality, was set back fourth on account of the extraordinary amount of fat on the back, tail and over the kidneys. One of the judges stated that the legs of mutton of that animal; would have to be sold at 25 cents a pound in order to make up for the waste on the fat, which would all have to be stripped off.

Bacon Carcasses. Bacon Carcasses.

Bacon Carcasses.

The dressed hogs were also very instructive and were consequently surrounded by a large crowd, which listened to the addresses of experts on the various carcasses, or drew out information from the owners as to their methods of feeding to produce such cascasses. In several cases pigs which had won alive had to take lower place when dressed. Some carcasses showed that they were overdone; some were too heavy to rate as bacon of first quality; others had been underdone by their owners in the hopes of this method of treatment enabling them to rank as "baconers," with the result that the bacon would be soft when

The Sixteenth Annual Provincial Fat cured; some were of a prime quality of meat, in others, the texture was coarse. It did not follow that because a pig was of a breed considered as an ideal one for the packers' trade it ranked as A 1 when dressed. Some of the representatives of these "bathe representatives of these con pigs" ranked lowest as regards
the proper amount of fat on back,
thickness of shoulder, width of back,
quality of flesh and thickness of flank.
Breed is not everything; feed is just as important, and it is evident that the proper method of feeding has yet to be acquired by many. Next years show will probably see a great improvement in the dressed hogs, as it

was evident that this year's show has set feeders thinking. Among the carcasses exhibited were some capital Yorkshires, Tamworths, Berkshires, and grades of the Tamworth-Berkand grades of the Tamworthers's shire cross. To a pair of Yorkshires shown by J. E. Brethour, Burford, fell the grand championship for hogs. The average per centage of dressed carcass to live weight, of the 73 hogs carcass to live weight of the logs slaughtered was a trifle over 76 per cent. The highest percentage of dressed carcass of any single pig was 85 per cent. This was attained by a Tamworth-Berkshire cross shown by Andrew Elliott, Galt, which won second in the block test for grades. Fat Cattle.

The Shorthorn classes were moderately well filled, with fair representative animals. Outstanding winners here were Harry Smith's white twoyear-old steer, Free Trade, which has been a first prize winner from a calf, having won first at Guelph the week previous to London, and Capt. T. E.
Robson's four-year-old cow, Rosina
II. Grades were better than the
Shorthorns, the exhibitions being more on a par and more numerous. Polled Angus were dery good, Walter Hall's grand two-year-old steer being especially worthy of notice, while Galloways were above the average, the mossy coats of the latter and their rotund appearance attracting favorable comment. Devons were only a few in number, and there were no Herefords entered. The sweepstake prize in the cattle classes was one by Harry Smith's free Trade, with Hall's Angus a good second. more on a par and more numerous

Jairy Cattle. There was a good number of Hol-steins entered in the sections for that breed. Prominent among these, as not only winning first in her class, and first in the milk test over all breeds, but as establishing a new record for butter production on a fair record for butter production on a fair ground, viz., 8.48 pounds of butter in two days, was Aaltje Posch, IV, own-ed by James Rettie, Norwich. Ayr-shires were good though not numer-ous. Jerseys had only one represent-ative, while there were some very creditable representatives of Dairy Shorthorns and a few Grades.

Sheep. The display of sheep was splendid, and a most notable feature in this department was the number of sweep-stake prizes won by ewe lambs of the various breeds. Costwolds and Lincolns were good; the Leicester ewe lamb saction was said by competent judges to be better than anything ever seen at the Royal. Shropshire ewe lambs and yearling wethers were



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also grand. Southdowns made an excellent display. Dorsets, Suffolks and Hampshires were fairly well repre-Hampshires were fairly well represented. Grades were numerous and well up to the average. The grand sweepstakes for sheep went to a yearling Southdown wether shown by Jno. Jackson & Sons, Abingdon, and the Prince of Wales' prize for five pure sheep to John Campbell, Woodville, Swine.

All the swine breeds except Suf-All the swine breeds, except Sur-folks were fully represented, and the exhibits were all well fitted, and as a rule, typical pigs. There were more Chester Whites out than any other Chester Whites out than any other breed. The grade class was rather weak but the quality was good. The classes for bacon hogs were well filled. The sweepstakes for two best carcasses of any breed went to J. E. Brethour's pair of Yorkshires.

Dressed Poultry.

Dressed Poultry.

Though not large, this department was fairly filled. Bronze turkeys were strong. Among the chickens a great many of the birds on exhibition would have shown to much better advantage had they been properly dressed. One interesting feature of this department was a coop of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens (grades) in in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Yuill, of Carleton Place, that were fed every day by the cramming process and killed on the last day of the show and dressed in the manner required for the export trade. The process was fully charge of Mr. and Mrs. Yuill, of these proceedings were watched with gerat interest by a large number of people. Another was a case of birds from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, which showed a couple of chickens bought on the Guelph market in the condition that the average



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farmer markets his poultry, and birds fattened for different periods and on different foods at the college, making a good object lesson. A crate of birds was also bought on the London mar-ket and killed and dressed by Mrs. ket and killed and dressed by Mrs. Gilbert in the manner proper for home trade. Lectures were delivered at different times by Prof. Gilbert, Mrs. Gilbert, W. R. Graham, Poultry Lecturer at Guelph, and J. E. Mayer, Kossuth, on subjects connected with poultry, Incubators were shown by J. E. Meyer and John S. Pearce & Co.

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"Gulch Bill, the once notorious train robber had been raising Cain with the night express of the Air Line, before 1 took the run some years ago," remark-ed Steve Williams, a retired western engineer, "but somehow after I was put on the train his hold-ups ceased. He had made several successful at-tempts at the game though and had succeeded in taking the nerve out of most of the engineers before he stop-ped operations. None of them wanted the train after Jake Leach got scared out but I was young and looking for excitement so I said I'd try my hand; on her. After Bill's last appearance the company gave the crew of the train strict orders to go armed and be on the alert always, which had a sort of a lock-the-barn-after-the-horse-is-stolen twang to me. Bn+ as everything went along swimmings, and no train rob-bens appeared for a month or so we began to fall back into the old rut of things and leave our ordinance departments home.

"The night express was generally made up of twelve or thirteen blind, or sealed, baggage and express cars with a couple of coaches on the rear for the accommodation of the crew and the few passengers the train carried. All the crew had to do in times of peace was to sleep, as the trains made only a couple of stops on the di-vision for water. The Way Gulch Bill and his two pals usually operated was to secrete themselves in some way on the head of the train at one of the water plugs and at an out of the way place they'd surprise the engineer and firemen, cut off the head car, which usually was the through San Francisco car, and make the engineer haul it down to some obscure spot where they would crack it open and take out what express packages they thought valuable and make the engineer get the car back to the train as best he could.

"After I had been on the run about six months and no robbers appeared, the older men on the road began to get sorry at being so chicken-hearted and made kicks for the train, as it was a snap-few hours on the road and big money. But the Superintendent said that as I had taken the train in troublesome times when all the rest were afraid, I could stay on there and he'd stick by me. One night as we were leaving 'St. Loo,' Sam McCracken, my fireman, says to me:

"It feels kinder like train robbers to me, to-night. Shouldn't wonder if we'd have a visit from Gulch Bill somewhere on the division. He must have blown in about all the swag he got from his last haul by this time."
"'Ah, gowan,' I says, 'he's far out of this country by this time. I heard the other day that he'd been seen in Chi-

cago.'
"You just mark my words.' says Sam, 'he's jest layin' low to throw us off the scent. He'll show up soon.

'Sam's guess didn't come true that night, but a couple of nights later 1 felt a crawly feeling down my spine a few minutes after we had pulled away from Stony Hollow water plug, and turned to see three tough looking customers drop over the coal boards in the front end of the tank an Sam and me quicker'n a wink.

'Whoa, there, Leach, or I'il make you look like the top of your mother's pepper box,' said a not unpleasant voice that I knew right away belonged to

"'Don't happen to be Leach,' I said, sparring for time with him. "Makes no difference. You just shoke off that steam and stop. I've

been appointed chaperone of this train. Halt, I say.' "There was nothing to do but halt,

so I brought her to gradually and while doing so Bill continued talking. "'Now Hank,' he said to one of his

pals, 'you just cover this gent here and his pard, so they don't run away with us, and Gin and I'll go cut the swag car off. Now look here, young feller, ad-dressing me, 'don't you try any fummy. diddle business, or your family will be pricing funeral layouts to-morrow. When you get the word to go ahead, you just teter right down to Hankins Swamp and stop there. Hank, if he don't obey orders, or goes throwing any hot milk into you, you just get your thirteen-pounders into action See?' With that he and his other chum dropped off the running board.

"All the while he had been shooting off his mouth I had been forming a plan of battle

"I figured out of the tall of my eve that Bill's pardner. Hank, stood just so that a stream of water from the lower stopcock would catch him between the eyes. I could get my hard on the stopcock without Hank's seeing me as I leaned up against the boiler. So, when I thought I had given Bill about time enough to reach the end of the first express car I turned the lower stopcock on full tilt and Hank caught it between the eyes. At the same time I pulled the throttle wide open and the train gave a lurch and began to move.

"The hot water striking Hank so suddenly in the face keeled him right over out of range of the jet of hot waover out of range of the jet of hot water and with a jump I landed on top of him. Then I heard a screech like the cry of a dying man followed by a couple of pistol shots and some cureing. We were moving rapidly now, and Sam and I bound Hank with some bell-rope after taking his pistols away from him. When we got to the end of the division and the galvanizers were looking the train over they found a man's leg and lot of blood on the front truck of the second express car and the first train in after daylight brought the rest of the man's body which was identified as that of Orich Bill. My plan had worked better than I expected. Hank got a long sentence but the third man escaped."

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Clung to a few Available Straps and as Usual There was a Long Line of Men Peacefully Seated

It was a car packed to suffocation. As usual, a long line of women swayed to and fro helplessly, clinging to the few available straps. As usual, there was the long row of men peacefully seated and reading with absorbing interest the evening papers. Near me stood an old lady accompanied by two young girls. She was too short for the straps and found it almost impossible to preserve her equi-librium. Finally after an unusually convulsive plunge on her part a man arose and offered her his seat. She smiled her thanks and was about to sink gratefully into it when-another man made a similar movement, and both sat down to-

You would have thought he would have arisen quickly, burning with shame. Not a bit of it! He gave a final squirm, a twist of his elbow, and the old lady was forced to her feet again. Then he produced a voluminous newspaper and im-mediately became absorbed. The two girls turned pale with indignation, and the taller of the two, with fire in her ye, toucked the intruder's elbow.
"Pardon me." she observed, in icy nes. "but this gentleman gave his seat

to my mother." The man kept right on reading. Then a woman seated by his side arose, and, with a flushed face and in loud tones, so that every one could hear, said, "Pray, take my seat, madam." block there was such a silence that you could have heard a pin drop. At the next street the man arose, and, without looking at anybody, walked hurriedly

OF REAL INTEREST.

Japan has decided to open up twenty-one new ports to foreign commerce. Money in certain cases receives like treatment with men. When it gets tight it is locked up.-Philadelphia

Accuse a woman of extravagance and she will remember that she saves all the strings that come around parcels and feel that her conscience is

Mount Kenia in British East Africa has at last been climbed. Mr. Mackinder of Oxford University is the first man to reach the top, which is 13,000 feet above sea level.

More than 6.500 persons paid 50 cents each for the privilege of inspecting the Oceanic when she lay at her pier in New York. The proceeds will be given to the hospitals of the metropolis. The most famous extant gems are

perhaps the Gemma Augestea in Vienna, a sardonyx nearly a quarter of a yard long, on which the triumph of Augustus is cut in the rarest workmanship by Dioscorides of Rome.

A \$200,000 hotel is being erected on the Collo del Gigante in the Alps of

matic transmission of mail, and on account of its complete failure almost forgotten, has been examined recently and found to be in good order. The opening is four feet high by four and a half wide, and it is now proposed to use it for the transportation of mail by means of a miniature electric rail-

St Columbia's shrine, with the ruins of the cathedral on the isle of Iona has been turned over by the Duke of Argyll to the Scotch Presbyterians. He has handed it over in trust to the Established Church of Scotland, and in case the church should ever be disestablished to three civil representa-

tives of the nation. The late Governor Fuller, of Vermont, had one of the queerest fads on record. He was a collector of tuning torks, of which he had 307 in his pos session when he died. In the lot is one used by John Shore, who in 1711, invented the tuning fork. Another was by Handel and a third was given Mr

Fuller by Patti. During Queen Victoria's sojourn in the vicinity of Loch Vennachar some years ago the Princess Louise had occasion to drive into Gallandar to match some velvet. On rising to leave the shop she was annoyed to find she has not her purse with her; she begged the aper's pardon, and told him she send him the money next day. anna fash yersel," said the trades-nan; "yer mither has an account

Miss Maud Millett had a curfous experience once when acting at the Theatre Royal, Oldham, in a piay called "Sophia." The hero, as usual, said to her, "I have nothing left to offer you-not even the hope of better days to come;" but, in saying so, he reck-oned without his landlady. That very realistic and emotional person was in the circle, and her lodger's pathos was too much for her. "Never heed, lad!" she sang out, at the top of a very shrill voice. "Thee hath gotten a real good sooper waiting at home; thee bring t'wench wi' thee."

In 1889 a law was passed in Germany that every German with an income of \$750 and over must insure his life against sickness and old age, says the Maryland Medical Journal. In 1898 there were 11,200,000 persons in Germany thus finsured, and so many of these had pulmonary consumption that thirty-seven of the insurance companies erected at their own expense a sanatarium for the care of these per-

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This is F. Chaplin's fourth year as proprietor of the large city pork store on the north side of King street. In that time Mr. Chaplin has earned the confidence of the purchasing public to such a large extent that he has found it necessary to greatly increase his stock. Yesterday The Planet visited the store, and was shown through the large cellar, where the quantity of pork being cured is enormous. In addition to this stock, Mr. Chaplain carries the best sausages, head-cheese frankforts, and ham, bacon and lard of the best quality. Canned goods and cheese are also made a specialty. A call on F. Chaplain will repay Christ-

THE CENTRAL DRUG STORE accordance with their well estab lished custom, are making an excellent Christmas display. The whole establishment is tastefully decorated with holiday goods. A full line of ebony goods is shown, with attractive exhibits in sterling silver covelties and leather goods. A specialty is made of the finest imported perfumes, the Roger & Gallet, Lubin, Atkinson, Goldsmith, and all the leading lines in American perfumes, including Selly's and Colgate's. There are rich fancy goods galore, and one of the finest displays of mirrors ever seen in Chat-ham. Fine cigars in boxes of 10, 25, 50 and 100, are specially prepared for Christmas gifts, and a full line is shown of Gormong Bros. famous confections and chocolates, which com-pare very favorably with any American chocolate. Xmas patrons should call at the Central Drug Store.

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MASSEY & KNIGHT. Business with this enterprising an hustling young firm is exceptionally good and their large and varied stock is suffering great inroads from enthus iastic Christmas purchasers. They are carrying an unusually large and well assorted stock of Christmas fruits and are also dealing largely in poul-

McCOLL BROS., DRUGGISTS.

The windows of the large drug establishment of A. I. McColl & Co. at most attractively dressed with tine ebony goods, perfumes and perfume atomizers, exquisitely arranged, while the whole is beautifully set off with rich decorations of holly and palm. A special effort is also being made by this enterprising firm to cater to their large Christmas trade. A very fine line of all the holiday specialties has been accordingly introduced, special among which are brushes, mirrors and fancy goods of all kinds. They are also making a most attractive Xmas specialty of their excellent and varied photographis cameras,

WM. SOMERVILLE.

The large and well-stocked bakery and confectionery establishment of Wm. Somerville is one of the headquarters for Xmas shoppers. He is now disposing of the finest holiday novelties, nuts, bread and Xmas cakes and pasties. In addition the large res taurant in connection is constantly axed by the increasing patronage, where oysters are served in all styles and lunches at all hours. A specialty is also made of wedding cakes and cake ornamentation.

SNELL'S FAIR.

Christmas-tide is always popular a the large and busy establishment of L. G. Snell. Attractive windows and graceful store decorations win many patrons and much attention, while a magnificent and varied display of rich and captivating holiday goods at prices which please and surprise en-sures a busy list of sales. Snell's big Fair is a capital place to do Christmas

shopping.
Entering the door the visitor is greeted with a fine display of chinaware and crockery on the right counters, while on the left are myriads of tasty albums and attractive fancy goods. A specialty is made of the

large and well-assorted stock of cellu-loid and plush cases of every descrip-tion and adapted for the choicest holi-day gifts. There are, also, all kinds of attractive picture books for the young, at quotations phenomenally reasonable. In glassware and lamps a full and very attractive line is carried

and the department is admirably arranged for the best effects.

On ascending the visitor is greeted at what may appropriately be termed Santa Claus' headquarters. Here are found toys innumerable, dolls of all sizes and shapes, games of every kind and an endless variety of dainty Christmas knick-knacks. This department is the children's delight and is constantly filled with little visitors. Snell's Fair is an ideal place for X'ma shoppers.

JORDAN'S STORE. "The Sign of the Big Clock" is the description which has admirably adapted itself to the large jewelry and boot and shoe establishment of Mr. Jordan. At the present time his store is specially attractive, in its prettily decorated show-cases and handsome and attractive windows. Mr. Jordan is abreast of the times with his splendid holiday display of the season's novelties in watches, tasty and attrac-tive jewelry and his elaborate and ex-cellent stock of boots and shoes.

HUGH MeDONALD.

There are few more handsomely ap-pointed and splendidly equipped establishments in the province than the furniture and upholstering house of Hugh McDonald, which is, at this season, in special demand by all Christ-mas patrons. Mr. McDonald's display of magnificent furniture is an exceed-ingly fine and attractive one, and the rich arrangement in his tine windows is especially fine. Mr. McDonald bas many special attractions in stock for his large Christmas trade and is kept very busy by his numerous patrons

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Flashless Rapid-Fire 6: us

It is reported that the new French rapid-fire gun invented by Colonel Humbert gives no flash or sign of fire. If this be true, the French have made an advance in artillery second only in importance to that which marked the introduction by them of smokeless powder. In the operations around Santiago, the only means by which our men could locate the position of an enemy's piece was the flash. If this should be removed, the art of war, especially on land, will become more difficult than ever, for a masked battery of smokeless land flashless guns would be positively undiscoverable. The only description of the gun that has come to hand is rather obscure; but it would seem that an attempt is made to cool the larger portion of the Ry. System but it would seem that an attempt is gases below their flash point before they are allowed to reach the open air. The rate of fire has reached a maximum of twenty shots per minute. To accommodate the increase expenditure of ammunition it is proposed to reduce a single battery from five to four guns and increase the number of ammunition wagons.

The Fastest Vessel Affoat.

Until the new and large torpedo boats of the "Turbinia" type, now building at New castle, England, have been completed, the credit of having turned out the fastest vessel will belong to a German yard. The "Hat Lung," built by Schichau, of Elbing, for the Chinese navy, is credited with having made a run of 181/2 knots at an average speed of over 35 knots an hours. The builder states that the highest speed realized during the run was 36:7 knots or 42:26 miles per hour. The best run of the "Turbinia" for a mile is 35 knots, so that the Schichau vessel has a subtantial lead.

The most remarkable feature of this boat next to her speed is that fact that she is fitted with reciprocating engines. At the time the "Turbinia" made her phenomenal speed, it was popularly supposed that it was entirely due to her new form of motor. In great part no, doubt it was; but there is reason to believe that the excellent steam-raising qualities of her boiler contributed in no little degree to the result. Relatively considered. the performance of the "Turbinia" was more meritorious, for the reason that she is only a 40 ton craft, while the Schichau boat is of 180 tons displacement, or four and one-half times larger. The new and enlarged "Turbinias" will be full sized torpedo boats, and for this it is likely that they will surpass the "Hai Lung" by a considerable margin of speed. Just what the excess will be is a matter which is exciting much speculation in naval quarters.

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Your obedient servant.
J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3

Ladies and Gentlemen: I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trastee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3 Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of rate-payers, I am a candidate for the po-sition of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely, ALEX. VONGUNTEN. To the Electors of Ward No. 4

Ladies and Gentlemen :

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4. Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

ANDREW THOMSON.

Special for Saturday

Oream Cake, Oream Rolls, Oream Puffs, Oharlotte Russ

Gorrie's

Financial History of the Water works Dept. For This Year.

Considerable Increase in Revenue Saving in the Cost of Services

The following statements show how well the finances and general affairs of the waterworks department have been looked after during the year just clos-

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Statement of receipts and expenditure

for years ending 30th Nov. 1899 Receipts Water sales \$10,142 54 \$ 9,581 66 City of Chatham, ogl for electric lighting..... County of Kent, pipe line, House of Refuge..... 1,249 55 1,275 95 1.188 35 403 50 Sundries Bank of Montreal. 1,920 34 overdraft 14,603 49 13,756 79 Total receipts Expenditure:-

Maintenance.... Extension of 1,300 67 works.... Extension of 1,251 85 house services. 1,493 99 Re funds and sun-379 96 dries. 651 65 Bank of Montreal, 2,207 77 \$13,756 79 \$14,603 49

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Operating

By reason of all the coal consumed by both the waterworks and electric light departments being purchased and paid for by the waterworks, the operating expenses shown above exceed the actual, as follows: Operating ex-penses, 1899... Less coal for elec-

tric lighting 1,249 55 department ... to other 1,471 04 parties \$ 6,749 39 Net operating '99 perating expenses 1898... ess coal for electric lighting department 1,275 95 Coal to ether par-1,443 18

JAS. C. WEIR, Secy. Treas. Waterworks. COST OF SERVICE.

Report for the year ending Nov. 30, From Nov. 30th, 1898, to Nov. 30, 899, 157 house services have been

The plumbers put in 21 services during the first part of the year. As material of all kinds was advancing in price the plumbers submitted to the poard an increased scale of prices for putting in house service. In former years they received for a service on the long side of the (treet \$9, and for the short side \$6.50, the new scale sub-

mitted was as follows:— Long side of street \$11.50.

Short side of street \$8.75. At a full meeting of the board the matter was fully considered, and it was decided to have the services put in by the results have fully justified the wis-dow of this course. the employees

Cost of services as put in by water Average cost of services, long side, \$7.50. Average cost of services, short side,

Eighty long services \$607.60. Fifty-six short services \$302.72. Total \$910.32.

At the prices proposed by plumbers: Eighty long services \$920. Fifty-six short services \$190.

Total \$1,410. One hundred and thirty-six services as put in by waterworks \$910.32, making a saving up to Nov. 30, 1899, \$499.68.

The total number of services put in from Nov. 30, 1896, to Dec. 14, 1899:— Put in by waterworks since Nov. 30, to Dec. 14....

Total number of services put in dur-Increase in 1899, 41.

Total cost of 125 services in 1898. Total cost of 136 services in 1899, \$910.32.

The price of pipes in 1899 was from 70 to 80 per cent. higher than in 1898. Extension of Mains. Length of ft.572 \$ 55 23 311 87 409 94 .2480 6 in. 92 97 00 00 424 6 in. 74)

5762 964 62 A new fence was put around the basin, cost \$363.56. A new fence was put around the lot,

A new furance was put in No 2 boiler and many other minor improvements have been made. cost \$36 INCREASE IN REVENUE.

1,512 03 Total 1,512 03
The number of meters put in during

the year was 29. E. B. JONES, Supt. Chatham Waterworks

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

GOOD SHOWING. Where Santa Lurks

Continued from Seventh Page.

J. L. CAMPBELL The proprietor of this large and well equipped boot and shoe establishment reports, trade as very good generally, and fully as good as last season and the stock is now filled up with Christmas novelties. Mr. Campbell is the sole agent for the Florsheim men's fine shoes, and also handles the Laidlay. Watson Co. and Whittom head a the snoes, and whittom shoes. In ladies' goods a specialty is made of the Krohn Fechheimer make: Mr. Campbell also makes an especial bid for patronage in his fine stock of trunks and valises, handling the best American Goods.

MR. MORLEY'S SUITS SUIT. "Yes," said, W. N. Morley, "business has been brisk this fall, awing! I think, in part to the good roads and excellent weather. Business at present is lively and prospects point to a good trade even during the dull months."

months."

A nice line of suitings is always kept and a great many of them are displayed so that purchasers can tell what they will look like made up. Mr. Morley takes considerable pride in his range of handsome and durable serges which are such as you will find sold for double the money in any place but Chethem. The overcentings, worsteds. months. for double the money in any place but Chatham. The overcoatings, worsteds, Scotch tweeds and homespuns are the cheapest and best to be found in the west. The material, workmanship and coloring of these goods is greatly to be admired. Mr. Morley takes special pains to please all customers, and he cuts the suits to suit the suitor, and will even press his suit for the self-same suitor. Christmas shoppers might possibly learn something to might possibly learn something to their advantage by giving Mr. Mor-

THE BARGAIN CENTRE. One of the busiest business centres One of the busiest business centres in the city just now is the large establishment of C. A. Austin & Co. The store has been handsomely decorated and presents a bright and lively appearance every day. There is on display a nice line of fancy linens, consisting of five o'clock tea sets, centre process and fancy of fancy fancy. pieces, sideboard covers, and fancy

scarfs The beautiful bobbintette goods consisting of spreads, pillow shams, etc., are the recipients of glowing words of praise from all who inspect them. The stock of curtains,

inspect them. The stock of curtains, lace wraps and chenille, are especially suited for Xmas presents and are adapted to all purchasers. They sell at from \$1 to \$10, in value and prices to suit all purchasers.

The smallwear department certainly is coming in for a well-merited share of attention. A glance through this quarter of the store at once reveals the fact that this department well deserves the attention it receives, the chief seat of interest being centered in the handkerchiefs, where may tered in the handkerchiefs, where may be found kerchiefs of all kinds. There are beautiful silk and linen kerchiefs. Then there are embroidered and hemtitched ones with or without the in itials. The glove department is stocked with styles the latest and the best. ed with styles the latest and the best. The Trefousse kid glove is already a favorite in Chatham, and it well deserves its popularity being the best glove imported into Canada.

The ladies' wrappers shown by this firm make excellent gifts. They are complete in style and finish and can be purchased at from \$1,25 to \$2.68. In the same department is a nice range of ladies' black skirts. These are also received as excellent presents. In regarded as excellent presents. Ion the same counter is also a display of small furs, warm and soft capes, cap-erines, muffs in Astrachan, Persian lamb, and combinations of electric seal and sable. The dress goods department is elaborately stocked with a beautiful range of dress novelties. Some very neat and natty camel hair plaids are attracting a good deal of attention. These are sold in skirt lengths and are much in demand.

lengths and are much in demand.
The fancy silks for waists and evening wear are exceedingly pretty and tasty. These silks are much admired by all the Christmas shoppeers.
In the second story is a fine range of carpets, tapestry, curtains, and fancy rugs. A nice rug is always appreciated as they make a fine present. preciated as they make a fine present.
In the clothing department, presided over by Geo. Gray, assisted by Messrs.
Griffith and Briscoe, is to be found everything that a well-dressed man requires, shirts, underclothes, socks, coats, pants, hats and caps in all the latest and best styles. A call at the Apstin eters will well recovery when Austin store will well repay you, when you are doing your Xmas shopping.

500 Curry Combs, at

Our Removal

Gents' and Ladies' Watches

The Big Clock_

All are invited. Don't forget the Bign of

A Great Success-This Week we Offer

Horse Blankets from - 50c to \$2.00 each

Cross-Cut Saws, Axes, Lanterns, Leather Mitts, all at

SALE PRICES. Remember the place.

CHATHAM.

And to secure the most for your money buy at the Sign of the Big Clock-Our stock is more complete than ever, and new up-to-date goods.

Ledies' Gold Chains, Bings in endless variety. Just received a lot of Diamond and Opal Rings of the latest style. Solid Gold Gem Rings for \$1.00. Silverware the cheapest in the city. Our prices in Fine Shoes and Fancy Slippers is far helow anything ever offered before.

Highest Honors, World's Fair Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health

FILBURY.

Dec. 31 .- Mrs. W. P. Welsh, late of Tilbury, died suddenly on Tuesday evening at her home in Windsor. Miss Tickner, dressmaker in J. S. Miss Tickner, dressmarer in Richardson's establishment, was summoned to Chatham yesterday owing to the serious illness of her sister there. Miss Carrie Scriven leaves to-day on a

Miss Carrie Scriven leaves to-day on a visit with relatives in Tilsonburg.

Miss Nellie McLeod and Arnold Wilson, both of Tilbury, were married in Detroit on Tuesday last.

A. Casaidy is moving his harness shop to the Bon Marche old stand.

The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

WALLACEBURG.

Dec. 21.-The L. O. T. M. gave asupper to the members of the same lodge; also to the K.O.T.M. last evening. Don't miss the separate school con-

cert to-morrow evening.
Christmas night the Methodist S. S.
give their annual entertainment in A large incandescent has been placed in front of W. D. McRae's residence n the church.

on Elgin St. Geo. Jenner has returned from Brandon, Manitoba, where he has been during the harvest months.

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Table Raisins, Table Figs

Xmas M xed and Cream Candies TELEPHONE 212,

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D. D. S. Terente University. Associate Dr. C. A. Suell, Honor Graduate Toronto University. Office - Frat Doo E-soc! Standard Bank. Telephone 164

A SUCCESSFUL SALE. A SUCCESSFUL SALE.

The sale which was conducted by the ladies of St. Joseph's church in their room, corner of Queen and Orose Sts., was well attended and was a decided success. The walls were prettily decorated with red and white bunting and hung around with all the pretty articles that were for sale. Refreshment tables were placed here and there and the whole presented a very attractive appearance. In the evening, commencing pearance. In the evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, a concert was given, the different parts being taken by the mandolin club, six young ladies from the convent and girls from the Separate school together with Master Alphonse Thibodeau. Miss Stamelin presided at the piano throughout the afternoon. A complete financial statement will be complete financial statement will be made at the end of the week.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The run on the western cattle market was heavy—70 loads; made up of 850 cattle, 1,000 sheep and lambs and 2,000 hogs.

Export cattle—Trade was fairly good at steady prices. good at steady prices; choice cattle sold at \$4.50 to \$5 per cwt. and probably a trifle higher for a few loads; light cattle sold at \$4. to \$4.50 per

Bulls—Feeding bulls sold steady at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for bulls weighing 1600 lbs. or more; lighter bulls sold at \$3.25

bs. or more; lighter bulls sold at \$5.25 to \$4 per cwt.

Butchers: cattle not wanted, local market being well stocked for Christmas trade; quotations, choice, \$3.50 to \$4; good, \$3.25 to \$3.50; mitxed, \$2.75 to \$3; common, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Feeders—Good demand for heavy, short-keep steers, \$3.60 to \$3.89 was the average range, but a few lots equal to light exporters, sold higher; light feeders ranged from \$3.25 to per cwt,

per cwt, Stockers-Trade was fair and prices Stockers—Trade was fair and prices steady, at \$2.25 and 2.70 for cattle weighing from 500 to 700 lbs., and \$3 to \$3.40 for heavier weights.

Bulls—Feeding bulls sold steadi at \$2.25 to \$2.75 per cwt; light stock bulls at \$2 to \$2.25 per cwt; and light bulls for Buffalo at \$1.75 to \$2 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady at \$3.50 to \$4 per cwt., for lambs, and export ewes \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Lambs—Picked ewes and wethers sold at \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt.

Hogs advanced 12 1-2c per cwt., to \$4.50 per cwt., for picked lots of 100 to 200 lbs., natural weight; \$4.12 1-2 per cwt., for light fats; thick fats sold at \$4 per cwt.

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

Hugh McDonald

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Of Celluloid, Plush, and Leather goods, in Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Manioure and Smoking Setts, Cuff and Collar Boxes, we have the finest display ever made in Chatham. We want every one to see them. The store is full of all kinds of Xmas goods for young and old. Come and see for

Perfumes for Xmas

Our perfume counter in well laden with some of the choicest odors that money can buy. The stock is complete with the finest cases, including all the popular odors and styles.

Perfume Atomizers

Call and take a look at our line of Cut Glass and Fancy Colored Atomizers. They are beautiful and make nice gifts.

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