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Further Interesting..... Reductions

And on goods that are very suitable for Christmas giving. Money saving opportunities all around the store. A dollar saved on a five dollar purchase makes buying easier for you, and our sale prices do that for you and more too. We invite you to come in and look around. You will see nice displays of goods all around. You need not feel it necessary to purchase, you will not be urged. We want you to feel a liberty to spend as much time in the store as you wish whether you purchase anything or not.

For Wednesday morning we place on sale some very desirable goods at remarkably low prices. We give here descriptions and prices as accurately as possible, but you must see the goods to appreciate their true worth. Come early on Wednesday morning.

Kid Gloves

We have left from the past two months back a few odd lines of kid gloves and intend closing them out at these very low prices. As the sizes and quantities are limited it will be wise to come early on Wednesday and make your selections:

Ladies' White Kid Gloves, all sizes, from 5½ to 7½ with white or black stitching, reg. price 50c a pair, on sale Wednesday morning for 27c

Ladies' 4 button Black Kid Gloves, in size 6 only, for per pair..... 15c

Ladies' Black Mouse Mitts, Undressed Kid Gloves, in sizes 5½, 6, 6½, 6¾ and 7, reg. price \$1.50, for per pair..... 49c

Ladies' Colored Mouse Mitts, Undressed Kid Gloves, in gray, moccasins and tan shades, in sizes 5½, 6, 6¾ and 7, reg. price \$1.50, for per pair..... 39c

Also a number of pairs of colored and black in assorted sizes, for per pair..... 22c

The sizes in stock are just as advertised. To procure the size you want come early, but no use asking for other sizes than are stated above.

Corsets

A few odd lines of Corsets in a limited number of sizes—if the size of any suits you now is your chance:

Corsets in sizes 18, 23, 24, 25 and 26, reg. price \$1 a pair, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 24c

A new lot of Ladies' Novelty Cafton Ties and Neck Scarfs, just received to-day direct from the makers, and marked at sale prices.

We have made a special of this season of Ladies' and Men's fine Umbrellas.

Blouse Silks

Here is a silk opportunity for you better than you have ever anticipated. A silk waist length makes a very acceptable present and an opportunity to buy at almost half price is here now. Hundreds of yards for your selection and over 25 different designs and colorings for you to select from. The lot is this:

25 pieces of silk including navy blue, spot foulards and elegant striped pongee, fancy striped Japan silk and fancy brocade, not a piece in the lot worth less than 50c a yard, and some worth as much as 75c, on Wednesday morning on sale at 33c.

Men's Ties

20 doz. Men's Bow Ties, silk and satin, light and dark colors, reg. price 55c each, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 11c

Children's Shaker Night Dresses

These gowns are well made and nicely trimmed, assorted sizes, worth reg. 75c each, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 23c

Winter Window Wear

Nothing nicer for bedroom window decoration than mullin curtains, read our story about what we have:

15 pairs white Swiss Mullin Curtains, 3½ yds. long, handsomely tamed, reg. price \$1.50 a pair, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 95c

10 pairs same style, only more elegant reg. price \$2.50 a pair, for..... \$1.50

Ready-to-wear Skirts

We have about fifty ladies' black and colored made up skirts, to be cleared out on Wednesday. They must all go, nothing reserved. They are all well made, well lined and well bound, fit for any lady to put right on and wear:

Ladies' black Skirts, made of Alpaca, figured lustre, all-wool serge, etc., well lined throughout, worth reg. \$8, on sale Wednesday morning for..... \$1.48

Same styles in lower quality, worth \$2, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 95c

Same styles, better quality, worth \$3.50, on sale Wednesday morning for..... \$1.63

Gray and brown Cloth Skirts, reg. \$3.25, on sale Wednesday morning for..... \$1.55

Children's Sleeping Garments

For all ages, made of good warm unbleached cotton flannel, made with feet and without, worth from 35c to 50c a garment, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 16c

Carpets

148 yds. of a handsome design 8 wire Tapestry Carpet, with border to match, reg. price 75c a yd., on sale Wednesday morning for per yard..... 48c

40 yds. Brussels Carpet, in small design for hall, reg. \$1 a yd. on sale Wednesday morning for..... 55c

185 yds. handsome dark green Brussels Carpet with border, reg. \$1 quality, on sale Wednesday morning for..... 63c

CATACRE MAY RETIRE

And Await Further Reinforcements at Queenston--Stormberg is Impregnable

BRITISH LOSS TO DATE.

Killed..... 566
Wounded..... 2,027
Missing and Prisoners..... 1,977
Total British Losses..... 4,570

London, Dec. 12.—4.40 a. m.—No further news has been received to remove the mystery overhanging Gen. Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has not yet forwarded the promised additional messages, and the censorship has prevented the correspondence from explaining the matter. Until Gen. Gatacre has given his explanation, it is felt that considerable allowance must be made for the extreme difficulty of getting intelligence in a country whose inhabitants are in strong sympathy with the enemy.

Stormberg is described as a stronger position than Laings Nek. The only road winds through lofty hills and flanking is impossible. Coleberg is said to be an almost impregnable position; and as no troops are available to reinforce columns acting in those directions, it becomes evident that Gen. Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State, perhaps some weeks. It is expected to retire that he will be compelled to retreat on Queenston and to wait for reinforcements, which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the Cape. The first detachment will sail Saturday next. Even if Gen. French is not compelled to retreat, he will be obliged to pause in his advance. It now seems certain that the seventh division, which is being mobilized at Aldershot, will be sent to South Africa.

Nothing has been yet received concerning the Boer report of the capture of 50 prisoners at Modder river from Lord Methuen's column.

It is just two months since the Transvaal ultimatum was delivered. Nine engagements have been fought and the British have lost 566 killed, 2,027 wounded and 1,977 missing or prisoners.

LONG CAMPAIGN.

The war office has issued a notice that after January 1 a deduction will be made from the pay of soldiers serving in South Africa—in the case of privates, four pence per day for wives, and a penny for each child; in the case of sergeants, eight pence for wives and two pence for each child. These sums have thus far been paid by the government. The order indicates a belief that the campaign will be a long one.

It is announced from Cape Town that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Lefontein bridge, between Stormberg and Burgersdorp, which the British destroyed on retreating. Commandant Swanepoel, who commanded the Boer forces at Stormberg, has been replaced by a Scotchman named Robertson.

BRIDGE DESTROYED

A despatch from Frere Camp, Natal, says: "The British cavalry reconnoitered today a stream of Colenso, and exchanged shots with parties of Boers who fell back across the river. The bridges were observed to be thickly occupied by the enemy. The railway bridge at Colenso has been completely destroyed. Two stone piers were blown up last night. The highway bridge is intact."

BOERS SAY THAT ONLY FOUR MILES

Between the Enemy and the Canadian Contingent.

They Took 672 Prisoners at Stormberg

Also Claim to have Captured 50 at Modder River--War Notes.

London, Dec. 12.—A despatch from Pretoria, dated the 11th, says: Six hundred and seventy-two British prisoners were taken at Stormberg.

In the fighting at Modder river yesterday evening, Gen. Cronje maintained his position and captured fifty British soldiers.

The war office has no news of any such loss at Modder River.

The latest despatch is dated Dec. 10 and says that they shelled the Boer position with lyddite. This cleared the ground and showed that the enemy did not intend to defend Spytfontein but a position in rear of it. Apparently, Spytfontein is not defended or the Boers are unwilling to unmask their position there, as the replies to the British artillery were all from guns at Magersfontein.

The Boers claim to have captured three guns from Gen. Gatacre.

WAR NOTES.

The French press is not unduly exultant over the last English reverse. They say Gen. Gatacre has been misled by Boer strategy and Dutch traitors.

News of a general advance from Frere is momentarily expected.

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 his estate 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 showing 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, Dresden, Ont.

Quackery in medicine is a foul practice.

forcements to Lord Methuen as possible, and at the same time retaining complete control of the line of communication, the Canadian regiment has been divided for the present at least.

"The right half battalion—that is, Companies A, B, C and D (those from Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia) were yesterday sent forward to this spot, the scene of Lord Methuen's first victory over the enemy. "The left half, comprising Companies E, F, G and H (including the Montreal and Quebec Companies), were left behind at Orange River. "We hear that the enemy is within four miles of this place, and so the prospect is that we shall soon be in the midst of the fray. All's well."

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES, ETC.

Special to The Planet.
Tilbury, Dec. 12.—Mr. Moffat, the blind orator, in addressing the Sunday school lately, asserted that Canada would soon be annexed to the United States. This was spontaneously answered by the children singing, "God Save the Queen."

PHILIP BLAIR'S FUNERAL.
The funeral of the late Philip Blair took place yesterday morning to Pain Court church and considering the pouring rain was largely attended. The Rev. Father Andreux conducted the obsequies. He also celebrated high mass in the church with full musical services. Peter Robert of Chatham leading a number of friends of the late Mr. Blair were present from this city including Rufus Stephenson, ex-M. P., Theodore Bourassa and Eugene Le Roi. The pall-bearers were John Primeau, Anthony Daniel, Joseph Thibodeau, Moses Caron and Thos. Bredau. The remains were interred in Pain Court burying ground. The late Philip Blair was a man of sterling worth and his death will be much felt in the community where he so long resided.

Books
We want especially to direct attention to our book stock, wherever else in Chatham you will find so large and complete an assortment as here and at close prices too. Standard books for boys and girls and older folks, besides the newest and most popular books will be found here.

Bibles
We make a specialty of Bibles and carry a large stock at prices ranging from 25c to \$7.00. Exceptional value is our

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DAILY AND WEEKLY
CHATHAM, ONT.WHAT THE BRITISH MARKET
MEANS TO CANADA.

Trade returns for the past fiscal year bear ample testimony to the value of the British market to the Canadian farmer. A statement has been prepared by the customs department of the value of the principal articles under the head of "Animals and their produce and agricultural products," exported to Great Britain and the United States, respectively.

According to this statement, Canada exported during the year 1898 horses to the value of \$998,063, of which Great Britain took \$591,200, and the United States \$398,593.

Cattle exports totaled \$8,522,852, being \$7,129,430 worth to Great Britain and \$1,393,170 to the United States.

Sheep, \$1,540,857, of which the United States took \$1,176,687 and Great Britain \$364,170.

Butter was exported to the value of \$3,709,673 in all, Great Britain taking \$2,536,997 worth and the United States but \$39,676.

Of the total cheese export of \$16,776,765, Great Britain took \$16,718,418 worth, and the United States \$17,738 worth.

The export of eggs amounted to \$1,267,063, of which \$1,254,392 worth went to Great Britain and \$6,666 to the United States.

Of fur, \$1,555,237 worth in all were exported, Great Britain taking \$1,165,289, the United States \$389,266.

The total value of bacon exported was \$9,953,582, of which Great Britain took \$9,948,327, and the United States \$3,992.

Other meats, totalling \$834,834, were taken by Great Britain to the value of \$769,979, and by the United States \$24,856.

Fruits, total export, \$3,596,415, of which \$2,773,491 went to the mother country, and \$247,376 worth to the United States.

Oats were exported to the value of \$3,238,358, of which Britain took \$2,811,112 worth and the United States \$39,726.

Of an export of \$1,955,599 worth of peas, \$1,651,192 went to Great Britain and \$279,230 to the U. S.

Great Britain took the bulk of our \$7,781,487 exports of wheat, namely, \$5,458,338 worth, the United States \$2,323,649.

Of flour, Canada exported to the old country \$2,097,773 worth, and \$19,582 worth to the United States.

Unenumerated agricultural products to the value of \$1,832,738 were taken by England, and \$2,056,291 by the United States, out of a total of \$4,889,029 exported under that head.

Of the total of \$69,696,045 worth of farm and dairy produce exported as above detailed, \$60,052,542 worth was taken by Great Britain, \$5,778,219 by the United States, and \$3,865,284 by other countries.

CORLISS' LATEST FREAK PROJECT.

In public affairs we always took Congressman Corliss for more or less of an ass, but he seems to suit Michigan all right, and that state, according to the American constitution, has the right to send any "blithering idiot" to represent it at Washington that it pleases. Corliss' latest freak scheme is to dam the Niagara River. He has introduced a bill in congress for that purpose. He wants to raise

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The Xmas presents have to be bought—you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Dinner Sets, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Sets \$2.50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are low in price. Call and see them.

Our Xmas Fruits are in:

3 lb. Selected Raisins..... 25c
3 lb. New Currants..... 25c
1 lb. Mixed Peel..... 20c
Pure Lard, per lb..... 9c
Mixed Candy 7c lb., 4 lbs. for..... 25c

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perfectly cleaned..... 3 lb. for 25c
They are the largest and best
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good bright fruit..... 2 lb. for 25cTable Raisins,
from..... 12c to 25c lbCurrants, perfectly cleaned,
large blue fruit..... 3 lb. for 25c

New Dates..... 3 lb. for 25c

Cooking Figs..... 5c per lb

Table Figs..... 15c and 20c lb

Malaga Grapes..... 20c per lb

Shelled Almonds..... 35c per lb

Massey & Knight

PHONE 60. Prompt Delivery
Allen's Cider.

the level of Lake Erie, the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and, to a partial degree, the level of Lake Huron. Congressmen Corliss bases his bill on the recommendations of the deep waterway commission appointed by the president in 1897 to suggest means for constructing a deep waterway from the great lakes to tide water.

The bill provides for the immediate construction of the dam after the consent of Canada is obtained and the level at which the water shall be maintained shall have been decided.

The president is authorized to transfer such unexpended appropriations for lower lake improvements to the construction of the dam as he may deem fit, and \$800,000 is also to be appropriated from the treasury.

Now, the difference in levels between Lake Huron and Lake Erie is said to be over 13 feet. Any dam that would raise the water at all in Lake Huron would necessarily raise it 13 feet or more in Lake Erie. How many millions of valuable property would that submerge? Not to go away from home for an instance, what would become of our own beloved Eau with thirteen feet of Lake Erie rolling up on it? Such of us as have summer cottages there would have to use cottages to get at them. Mr. Corliss' crazy project will hardly be taken seriously just yet awhile.

Canada's butter exports have increased to an enormous extent since the late Government first inaugurated its Atlantic cold storage system.

Butter exported in 1894, 32,065
Butter, exported in 1898, 451,050
The farmers of Canada received \$2,000,000 more for their butter this year than last.

The Toronto Telegram classes the Greenway Government as bad, and the Opposition as undeserving. As the present Opposition has only practically come into existence within the last couple of years, it is only fair to give them a trial. If they do not do any better than the Greenways the people of Manitoba will be foolish not to kick them out as they have done the present aggregation. This keeping bad governments in on the assumption that their opponents are no better is poor policy. If the electors would keep turning out bad ministries, without respect to party, they would soon get good ones. But as long as politicians can count on otherwise honest men voting on yellow dog party lines instead of the public interests so long will the country be governed for the

benefit of party heeler instead of for the public.

Don't fail to read the Christmas ads. these days.

If the voters to-day vote as they gray, it will be all up with Ross & Co.

The time is now opportune for the government to tender the services of a second contingent.

Do your holiday shopping now, and then have your purchases sent up when you want them.

Many a Boer goes from his laager to his beer.—Hamilton Herald.

Thus he wins up his career when some Briton pops him over.

This temporary reverse to General Gatsore will give the scrub press of the United States another opportunity to do a little gloating.

The Manitoba government has been abandoned by many Liberals. Why? The question is one which will stand looking into, and by some other governments.—Kingston Whig, Liberal.

Is that a thrust at Ross & Co., or just a hint to the powers at Ottawa?

A good deal of quiet canvassing is now going on. In the cases of aldermanic aspirants, if the electors ever want this city to look different from a country village, they should ask those who canvas them what is their policy regarding new pavements and a respectable looking market house.

THE DEFEATED CANDIDATE.
Chicago Times-Herald.

I'm glad I ain't elected; glad they didn't put me in; I'd never run if I'd thought I had a chance to win; /

You see I couldn't spare the time the office 'ud demand, Because of all the private kinds of business I've on hand— So let the other fellow have the "hon- or"—I don't care— But I'd 'a' got there all the same if they'd 'a' counted fair!

I'm glad I ain't elected—glad I'm out of it and free, Instead of having heeler come in droves to pester me! Let them that likes such "honors" have the worries and the cares, I can always make more money tending to my own affairs, But I want it understood that I'd 'a' won without a doubt, If the crooked and bawny and gangsters hadn't thrown my ballots out.

I'm glad the trouble's over—glad the mad has all been thrown— Glad I'm not somebody's puppet—glad my soul is still my own! I'm glad my hands are clean and that my conscience ain't upset— Glad I've got no cares of office—and I'll beat that shyster yet! I didn't want to run, but there was no one else would go, And the other fellow's boodle was the thing that pulled him through!

CHILDREN'S RAILROADS.

A Great Many of These in existence at the Present Time.

Every boy and girl has seen the great steam engines that carry hundreds of passengers in the great comfortable coaches behind them, and go thundering along the iron rails, whistling a shrill warning to all to keep out of the way.

But how many of you ever saw a little railroad built especially for children, with the cunningest little engine you ever saw, pulling the tiny cars behind it? And yet there are quite a number of such railroads.

You might call them toy trains, and yet they are big and strong enough to carry fourteen or sixteen passengers, not dolls, either, but boys and girls. They are certainly delightful toys.

A gentleman in Ireland once made one of these fine toys for his children. With the exception of the engine, he made the whole train himself at odd moments he had to spare, and he even put the engine together at home. He prepared the way, laid the rails, made the cross-ties, the turntable, and signal-box, built the sheds, and did every thing else that had to be done.

It took, in all, over three tons of rails to lay the track; each rail being about fourteen feet long.

Almost all of the cars are open, and can hold four or five passengers apiece. So with three cars, each having five passengers, and two on the engine, there are seventeen in all. It may be a little crowded but it is fun anyway, and perhaps more fun than if there were more room.

Like a train, this train has first, second, and third-class coaches, and to make even more fun, each passenger must have a ticket if he wishes to travel.

A ticket may be bought from Belmont, one of the stations, to Lime-tree; then if it is only good to Lime-tree, you must get out or else get another ticket to take you further. Or, if you want to go from the Lime-tree back to Belmont, you must have a fresh ticket.

How fast can this toy train go? Ordinarily, with a fairly heavy load, the speed is about six miles an hour—say about as fast as a horse trots. But when the engine has no coaches to pull, it can go much faster. You may sit by the engine-driver on his little seat, and whizz through the air at a rate of ten miles an hour. Not that you could go ten miles—the road is not long enough for that. Altogether it is about a quarter of a mile long—long enough to give the young passengers a delightful ride.

The engine is worked by levers which the young driver or engineer works back and forth.

Naturally, you would not expect a toy train to carry grown-up passengers, but this one does. Not, of course, so many as if they were children; but it can take six comfortably; seven without much difficulty, and eight at a pinch!

The engine-driver has a seat to himself, but he can make room for one beside him if the train is crowded.

Next to the engine is an open car—a second-class coach; next behind it, the first-class—a closed car with windows; and last of all, the third-class coach.

In Central Park, New York City, a railroad similar to this one was built just this past summer. For five cents you can have a pleasant ride between the green trees with the soft carpet of grass on either side of you.

"Oliver Optic's" School.

When "Oliver Optic" was a school-master, away back in the '50's, in Boston—oh yes, he was a schoolmaster, and a good one—he was known by his real name, William Taylor Adams.

It was at this time that P. J. Healy, now a prominent Chicago business man, made his acquaintance. Mr. Healy did not at first have the regard for Oliver Optic which I am sure you would have felt could you have known him. But you see, Mr. Healy was a mischievous boy then, and Mr. Adams was only "the teacher."

However, Mr. Healy still relates some amusing incidents of those school days, which may serve to account for you better with the personality of the rare story teller who has entertained so many thousands of boys and girls.

On one occasion young Healy arrived at school very early and placed some pieces of candy in the desks of several little girls who most suited his juvenile fancy. This proceeding was strictly against the rules. After school had been in progress some time a girl raised her hand and said:

"Please, teacher, Master Healy has been putting candy in the girls' desks!" Mr. Adams replied instantly:

"Did he give you any?"

"No, sir."

"Then sit down."

On another morning young Healy and two other boys had given such brilliant recitation that Mr. Adams granted them the very unusual privilege of going home at one o'clock for the day. So delighted were the boys that they rushed pell mell down the wide stairway leading from the upper floor, making, of course, nearly as much noise as a small earthquake. Just as they reached the bottom they ran straight into the arms of the head master, a crusty old fellow named Kimball. The other two boys managed to run the blockade, but the master grabbed young Healy by the hair, and without a word began to drag him back to the room from which he had departed in such triumph but a moment before. Arriving there, he was thrust into a corner by the terrible Kimball, who forthwith entered a complaint of riotous conduct with Mr. Adams. Then he departed leaving the culprit to be sternly dealt with. Oliver Optic had heard the head master's denunciation in silence, and he now asked young Healy for his version.

"Why, we were so glad to be let off early that we just ran down stairs as fast as we could."

"Well," said Oliver Optic, trying hard to look stern, "do you know what I think you had better do?"

"No, sir."

"Go right on," and he pointed to the door.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Friday, December 15th
The Carnival of Fun Presented—The Greatest of Laugh-makers

WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES

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Xmas is Coming

AT THE

RED STAR STORE

We are now ready for the Xmas trade, our goods, such as fruits, candies, nuts and candied peels are first-class and prices right. Also in china dishes—cups, saucers and plates and fancy goods, suitable for presents, and a choice lot of dinner sets and toilet sets, second to none in the city. We ask you to inspect our styles and prices before you buy your wedding present.

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but select for your

Christmas Gifts

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 season'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.

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Home Spun Dress Goods

Are the latest and nobbiest for this season's wear. We ask the LADIES to call and see our up-to-date goods. You will then be convinced that you cannot be without a Tweed Dress for this season's wear, also see OUR DRESSING JACKETS at \$1.50 to \$2.00. SEE THEM AND YOU'LL BUY THEM!

Tailoring Department

We have this season made a special effort in selecting a special range of the best Imported Worsteds, Scotch, English and Irish Tweeds and Overcoatings with a vast range of our own make. We guarantee to save you money and to make your clothes up-to-date and to give you the very best trimmings. OUR CLOTHING IS CASH.

A special reduction in Yarns and Blankets. We have the BEST Underwear for the money in the world. See US for Mitts, Socks, Ready-made Pants \$1.50 per pair. Special line of Ready-made Suits, Ulsters, Horse Blankets, Rugs, etc. Beaver Flans is the best to buy.

Phone 1, Woolen and Flour Mill, William Street.

The T. H. Taylor Company, Limited

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Diocese of Huron, held in London last week, the following resolution of condolence was passed by a standing vote:

Moved by Rev. Canon Brown, that the executive committee of the Diocese of Huron desires to place upon record its deep sense of the great loss the church has sustained by the death of the late John E. Brooke, of Chatham, who for many years was a faithful and conscientious member of this committee, and who constantly manifested a loving and generous interest in the advancement of the kingdom of our blessed Lord in this Diocese, and throughout the world, and that to convey to Mrs. Brooke our heartfelt sympathy in this time of her heavy affliction, and our high appreciation of her late lamented husband's valued services to the church, and to commit her to Him who has said, "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

CHINA PAINTING.

Miss Burns

CLASSES IN CHINA PAINTING

STUDIO - China Fl. ed
Thames Street.

WANTED—Good strong girl to do kitchen work—Apply to Hotel Merrill.

COOK WANTED—References required, Apply to MISS JOHNSTON, General Hospital.

GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply at once to MRS. DE. TVE, King St., West.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

BLACKSMITH SHOP—Doing good business, and tool for sale. 116 4th Con. Camden, 5 miles from any town. For terms, etc., apply to W. L. BOSS, Wabash.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE—Corner Harvey and Laurot Sts., fine gardens attached to each city water. About eight minutes walk from Post Office. Apply to LOUIS STANIEWICZ, Planet Office.

FOR SALE—Two shares in St. Luke's Club Lake St. Clair. Apply to A. C. MCKAY, Planet Office.

FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria Avenue, and 4 1/2 lots on Maple Street. Apply to MRS. TUSHMAN, 190 W. Victoria Avenue, or the Planet Office.

FARM FOR SALE—Lot 14, S. H. Con. T. Raleigh 100 acres, all under cultivation. 30 acres fall wheat in the ground. Good water. Good buildings. For further particulars are apply to F. R. LONGMORE, Chatham.

FOR SALE—Five Georgia and Virginia Seagrass—Warranted Pitt Game. Address Importer, care of this office.

SQUARE PIANO FOR SALE, American make, in good repair, very nice use. Address G. P. Hase, 1001.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY PERSONS TO take orders for "War in the Air" and the "Day in the Life of a Soldier" to Chatham, with William Haining, the fun to travel, cable editor, and author. Please send "wonderfully complete, you like descriptions," "brilliantly written," "superbly illustrated," demand remarks! Ask us for price and delivery. We shall ship \$200.00 in cash among our customers by first; don't miss this chance; also highest commissions. Books on 3-day credit. Freight and duty paid; sample one free. Address The Dominion Company, Dept. V, Chicago.

For Sale

Store and dwelling with general stock and fixtures, and two acres of land more or less, together with out buildings; thermos, stables, drive shed, storehouse with brick cellar, multi-house with brick foundation, oil house, etc., horse, harness, carriage, heavy wagon, sleighs, etc., this is a good business stand with a Post Office, and is well and conveniently situated in a good farming and fruit growing section, about 150 yards from James Creek Station, G. T. Ry., where recently a large warehouse has been built. This rare chance will be offered for sale up to 10c. 15th unless sooner sold. Reason for selling going to Calif. For further particulars apply to F. C. PECK, James Creek P. O., Ont.

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Take Laxative, Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature in each box.

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Hay... and Oats

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Tennent & Burke

SCANE BLOCK

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G. W. Zornell

Dentist

Cor. 5th and King Streets,
Over E. Young's Grocery.

LOCAL BRIEFS

See W. S. Richards' window display

of Christmas Cakes!

Prices of all lines of neck-ties simply

cut in two at Stone The Hatters' Bank-

rupt Sale. Now is the time to buy

your ties for Christmas.

A Turkish bath will cure a cold and

is a preventive against colds.

Your choice of any colored shirt at

Stone The Hatters' for 15 cents while

they last.

Canary loof on Saturday. Reward a

Planet office.

Wm. Stone has purchased his former

stock at forty-five cents on the dollar

and will reopen his store on Wednesday

next. The stock was offered for sale

to-day in London.

A pair of gold rimmed eye glasses

with black silk cord attached, were lost

on Saturday last. Finder will be re-

warded by leaving them at The Planet

office.

At Stone The Hatters' Bankrupt Sale

you can buy the balance of his men's

readymade suits at half price.

You will be kindly received at W. S.

Richards if you will call and examine

his Xmas Cakes.

No one should go with cold hands for

you can buy all lines of mitts and gloves

at Stone The Hatters' Bankrupt Sale at

almost your own price.

Don't leave it until it is too late

in ordering Xmas Cakes, but order now

from W. S. Richards.

Pupils of Miss Idle, Mr. V. Carter

and Mr. H. McCaw will take part in

the recital at the Conservatory this

evening.

The annual general meeting of the

shareholders of the Chatham Manu-

facturing Company (Limited) will be

held at the office of the company to-

morrow at 11 a. m.

A recital will take place at the Con-

servatory this evening, commencing at

8 o'clock, and a number of selections

will be given by pupils of Mr. V. Car-

ter, Mr. H. McCaw and Miss Idle. A

corded invitation is extended to the

public to attend this or any succeed-

ing recitals.

We will just mention over coats for

instance, \$16 up; nice heavy tweed

suits, patterns, at prices low enough

to suit poorer goods. We pride our-

selves on our finished garments. They

are always first class. Our \$3.50

first-class coatmaker. Price cuts no

ice, if you can make the article of

work we want, come right away. Gor-

don & Coyne.

RIGHT IN LINE.

Winter overcoats is certainly a timely topic these days. Our \$10.00 New Method coats are specially talkable. There is an excellence about 'em both in material and tailoring that makes our little speech vastly interesting. The 2 T's.

A BATTLE-RAZING.

Cape Town, Dec. 12.—It is reported that heavy fighting was heard all day yesterday in the direction of Modder River.

THE GIRL AND THE PIMPLE.

Newspapers contained last year the account of a girl who committed suicide, because she had a pimple on her face. Merrill's System Tonic from its blood purifying and blood strengthening qualities cures not only Pimples but blotches of all kinds, also Scrofula, Eczema and Salt Rheum. Three weeks' treatment 50c. Sold at Central Drug Store.



FOR HIS BEST GIRL

For his best girl, the prize is a young man taking a glass of our fine medicinal wine as an offering. Those who are fortunate enough to receive a box of our delicious and healthful wine will be pleased to find it will be enjoyed. We have a great variety of all kinds and prices that cannot help to please you.

W. S. RICHARDS

KENT BAKERY PHONE

Annual Christmas Sale

Dolls, Toys, Fancy Goods
and BooksBOYS' OWN \$1.75
GIRLS' OWN \$1.75

(and all other goods)

And Special To All (that Xmas cards are sent us for 1900. A most choice selection. Every thing new and up-to-date.)

W. J. KENNY,

KING STREET EAST

CHATHAM, ON

NO MORE LOAFING

The Council Passes the By-law
Against That Nuisance.Ald. Martin Proposes to Pave the
Thoroughfares Leading into
Chatham—General Business.

The city council met last night.

There were present, Mayor Smith and

Ald. Fleming, Marshall, Martin, Mc-

Keough, Seane, Sulman, Cowan, Lid-

dy, Stephens, City Clerk Merritt and

Sergeant-at-Arms Holmes.

R. G. Fleming reported that four

noses, amounting in all to \$17,974.84,

had been paid. Received.

Mrs. E. Northwood complained of an

error in assessment. Referred to finance.

A communication was received from

the secretary of the free library board,

asking that \$200 be placed to their

credit so that the amount of books re-

quired by the Government might be

purchased, and the Government grant

received. There is only about \$100 to

the credit of the library board, so Ald.

Seane asked that the communication be

referred to finance.

The balance due Thos. Martin on the

William St. sewer, \$193.50, was ordered

paid.

Ald. McKeeough presented an account

from J. J. Cousins for \$309.08 for as-

besting stone walk on the south side of

Barth St. Attached to the account was

a report from the engineer, refusing

to recommend the work. A peti-

tion was also attached, signed by Janet

Etches and other ratepayers interest-

ed, stating they were satisfied with the

work. The account was referred to

the board of works to report on.

A SIDEWALK PROBLEM.

Chairman Martin, of the board of

works, reported that 22,256 square

feet of granite sidewalk had been laid

by Wm. H. Carwell. The total cost

of same was \$3,311.49, \$600.48 being still

unpaid. The work laid out the first day

had been any in the amount of cement

required by contract. The board of

works had heard of this, and the rest

of the work had been laid according

to contract. The board of works had

met the contractor and the city engineer

and discussed the difference in

regard to the cement. Mr. Carwell

reported that there were only 4 1/2

bills of cement lacking on the whole

work done, as in some places more ce-

ment was used than the contract re-

quired. Ald. Martin moved that the

balance due Mr. Carwell be paid, less

the price of the 4 1/2 bills, \$11.47.

Ald. Liddy—I make objection to the

payment of that account. Inspector

Plumridge said that for a day and a

half the correct cement was not used,

and the value of what was not used

was \$27.

Ald. Liddy—The Inspector was not

with us at the meeting, but the Engi-

neer was, and the Inspector is another

man. The city has nothing to do with

it.

Ald. Seane—This difference should be

taken from the cost of the part of

John Carpenter and J. U. Thibodeau

were struck off owing to there being no

doses to tax.

A petition from E. Leroy to trim

trees on Gray street was referred to the

chief of police.

Mayor Smith presented a petition

from the army and navy veterans for

assistance in erecting a statue to those

who fell in the war 1812-14.—Referred

to finance.

D. E. McGavin asked that the taxes

on the houses on Colborne street, con-

demned by the board of health, be re-

duced owing to there being no income

from them.—Referred to finance.

A communication from the board of

health re a sewer for J. C. Wanless

was referred to the board of works.

A DOUBLE APPEAL.

Ald. Sulman.—What has been done

in the matter of the appeal of the

Bell Telephone Co., to the supreme

court?

Ald. Seane—The city have given no-

tice of appeal also and deposited \$500

to cover costs.

Ald. Sulman.—What has the city to

gain by appealing?

Ald. Seane—As the matter stands

we have against the city a judgment

in favor of the plaintiffs and the city

has a judgment against the Bell Tele-

phone Co. The Telephone Co. have ap-

pealed to the supreme court. If we

do not appeal and if the supreme court

holds that there was contributory

negligence, we could take no advantage

of it. It was necessary for

us to appeal to take advantage of the

judgment. We have to appeal so as to

get the whole question argued.

The mayor—who gave authority to

take up the crossing in front of St.

Joseph's Hospital?—Got a

Ald. Martin—I know nothing about

it.

Ald. McKeeough—It was taken up

two or three months ago when the

granolithic sidewalk was being laid.

The matter was referred to the

board of works.

Mayor Smith.—What became of the

costs in the Graham suit?

Ald. Seane—I called on C. J. O'Neill

and he said he hoped in a few days to

be able to report the collection of the

bill. I saw him later about ten days

ago and he said he forgot about it but

would see to it right away.

Ald. Liddy—I want to call the at-

tention of the board of works to the

condition of the east end of King St.

There are holes there two feet deep.

I suppose, however, I am just wast-

ing time in calling their attention to

it.

Ald. McKeeough—The engineer has

been instructed to fix it.

Ald. McKeeough read the report of

all frontage tax work done during

the year. The court of revision will

sit on the same on Thursday, the 11th

of January, 1900.

FOR GOOD ROADS.

Ald. Fleming read an extract from

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

J. H. Blackburn \$2, J. C. Wanless

43c.; Central Drug Store 57c.; A. Har-

bert \$7.50; Parke Davis & Co., \$23.25;

O. P. R. Telegraph Co. 27c.; Chas.

Dingman, \$8.35; Planet, \$12.90; W. R.

Baxter \$5; Banner, \$14.28; D. R. Mc-

Garvin, \$69.25; Kent county, \$99; Par-

ke Bros., \$17.24; John Alexander, \$2.25;

L. E. & D. R. R. freight, \$100; S. Had-

ley Co., \$275.01; pay sheets, two weeks,

\$438.60; Central Drug Store, Per-

sonic bed bug exterminator and sus-

tains, \$7.35; Geo. Lamphard, \$1.50;

Park Bros., \$10; Blonde Bros., \$3.25;

fire department, oats and laundry,

\$21.39; J. A. Walker, \$20; Park Bros.,

26 cents; Jas. Cornhill, \$12.50; police

station, \$81.48.

The account of Con. Shea, \$22.63, was

referred to finance.

Reports of committees, which were

adopted without discussion, are

crowded out of this issue, but will ap-

pear to-morrow.

NOT A QUACK DOCTOR.

Merrill's System Tonic does not em-

anate from quackery, but is a scientifi-

cally prepared and valuable prescrip-

tion, caring all diseases having their

origin in Constipation and weak or

vitiated blood. It purifies the blood,

builds up the system, strengthens the

nerves and regulates the bowels. Sold

in 50c. bottles containing 50 doses, at

the Central Drug Store. Descrip-

tive pamphlet free.

WORSER THAN BEING SANDBAGGED.

A person who feels a clench on his

throat and chest is in a bad condi-

tion. A few doses of Four T's, the

great guaranteed cough cure, relieves

this "grip" and loosens the cough. In

two days the patient is well. Get a

bottle today from the Central Drug

Store and avoid congestion.

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's

Friend.

It is a sad thing when men have

neither the wit to speak nor judg-

ment to hold their tongues.

We have got the goods and make the prices

that fill the stockings. And do it reasonably

too

Don't cry "can't afford it," but come to Sulman's Beehive and

see for yourself how easily and economically you can get nice

presents for your relatives and friends.

We have got a full stock of things everybody wants and at

prices that are bound to please intending purchasers.

Rattles for the Little Babies,

Dolls for the Little Ladies,

Sleighs for Little Boys,

And all Kinds of Little Toys

We have presents for old and young, costing from

a mere trifle to as high a price as you wish to go.

Come and see us, it will do you good

Sulman's

Beehive

Garner House

Block

Stone and Company

Have Purchased the Bankrupt Stock

of

W. M. Stone

—AT—

45 Cents on the Dollar

And will give the Public the benefit of the deal.

We are simply cutting prices in two in every line.

Such an opportunity was never offered the general Public before

As a sample of our price-cutting, we mention the following lines:

Gordon's Annual December Clearing Sale

A MIGHTY OFFERING IN

Ladies' Tailor Jackets

MISSES' and CHILDREN'S, JACKETS, REEFERS and ULSTERS at THE GORDON STORE. Unusually mild weather has caused an overstock in this particular department. During our December Clearing Sale we will reduce this over-stock by immense reductions all along the line. We promise you such values in these Jackets as you have never had before. Our entire stock of heavy goods is marked for reduction, and these particular offerings are but samples of hundreds of others to be found all over the Big Store.



Look Out Below



12 only, Ladies' Heavy Cloth Jackets.....	Now 98 cts.
8 only, Ladies' Heavy Cloth Jackets.....	Now \$2.00
10 only, Ladies' Heavy Winter Jackets.....	Now \$2.75
15 only, Ladies' All-wool Frieze Jackets, assorted colors.....	Now \$3.58
5 only, Ladies' Black Beaver Jackets.....	Now \$3.49
5 only, Ladies' Fawn Beaver Jackets, pearl buttons, new front, new back, new collar.....	Now \$4.90
6 only, Ladies' light and dark Fawn Beaver Jackets, mercerized lined.....	Now \$5.50
5 only, Ladies' Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, deep fronts, new back, silk lined throughout, latest New York style.....	Now \$5.65
4 only, Ladies' Black All-wool Curl Jackets, silk lined, strapped seams.....	Now \$5.49
Ladies' Fawn, Blue and Black Kersey Cloth Jackets, lined throughout new fronts, a good \$10.00 Coat.....	Now \$6.59

For Misses and Children

Misses' Jackets. Covert Cloth, half lined, new deep front, new collar, new sleeve.....	Now \$4.49
Children's Reefers, Blue and Black, and Red and Black wool Curls, numbers 1 to 6, fit from 4 to 14 years, prices.....	Now \$198 to \$289
Children's New York Reefers, heavy Cheviot, new blue, braid trimmed.....	Now \$4.50
Children's Reefers, new Blue and Black Curl, fancy braid trimmed, with capes.....	Now \$3.75
Children's Brown and Gray Tweed Reefers, Caped and Braided.....	Now \$2.75
Children's heavy Tweed Ulsters, sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, Now \$2.69, \$2.79, \$2.89, \$2.99	

We make our December Clearing Sale as valuable to You as to

THE GORDON STORE

Come in To-morrow

and let us show you the fine fruit we are selling. Do not consider that you are putting us to any bother, we are anxious and willing to give you the time. Our fruit is thoroughly cleaned and perfect in every way—we feel sure we have just what you want at very reasonable prices.

Cleaned Currants, 3 pounds for 25c.	Mixed Peel, 20c a pound.
Raisins, finest selected, 3 pounds for 25c.	Extracts, 2 bottles for 25c.
New Dates, 3 pounds for 25c.	Graham Flour, 10c for 4 lb.
Cooking Figs, 5c a pound.	Ising Sugar, 3 pounds for 25c.
Seed Raisins—10c a pound.	

Our Candy Counter has many nice things for you—some candies are more expensive than others, but whatever the price you will find them all pure and good.

Candy Mixed, 7c a pound.	Fine T. Mire, 15c a pound.
Mixed Candy, 3 pound for 25c.	Peach Blossom, 15c a pound.
Cream Candy, 15c a pound.	Our Special Mixed, 10c a pound.

Our fine 1 lb boxes of assorted Chocolates and Creams at 25c are just splendid.

H. Malcolmson

Grocer

THE ASSURANCE OF PERFECT FIT

Means more to some men than quality of material. They will sacrifice durability to style. But why not have both? The fabrics we are showing are made from the best wool by the best mills and finished in a superior manner at prices consistent with first class workmanship. The patterns are new, attractive and refined. We guarantee that the fit will be absolutely correct.

MORLEY & CO.

The Leading Tailors

THE PROBABILITY

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Dec. 12, 10 a. m.—Gales veering to west and northwest, occasionally rain or snow; turning considerably colder during the night and on Wednesday.

Lost—On Sunday evening, between Hystop St. and Park St. Methodist church, a pair of gold-rimmed glasses, with blue glasses, in black case. Finder will kindly leave at John McConnell's grocery, Park St. east.

Tenderloins

Hocks, Kidneys, Pig Feet, Spare Ribs, Sausages, fresh to-day at the

Chatham Pork Store

P. CHAPLIN, Opera House Block, Phone 210.

BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Mrs. (Rev.) T. E. Higley is visiting friends in Chatham.

On Sunday last the wife of Theo. Pickering, of a daughter.

Wm. D. Sheldon, of Chatham, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday.

Wm. O'Brien, of Chatham, was in town yesterday on business.

Miss Rushton, of Ridgeway, is the guest of Mrs. (Mrs.) W. Rouse.

Miss Louise Hillman, of Chatham, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday.

Barrister R. L. Gosnell is in Chatham to-day on legal business in connection with the sessions.

J. B. McCracken, blacksmith, left last evening on a business trip to Ridgeway.

J. S. McAllum, of Mull, and W. D. Killins, of Chatham, are registered at the Sheldon House.

George Adams, a popular young Blenheim citizen, has been appointed stage driver between Blenheim and Ouyre.

Miss McMillan, who lost a valuable gold watch on the evening of the school entertainment, recovered the same yesterday.

The wife of John McArthur, of Merlin, was buried here yesterday. The deceased was a sister-in-law of ex-Mayor Ferguson, of this town.

The general meeting of the Blenheim whist club will be held this evening in the club-room at 8 o'clock, when a full attendance is requested.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, A. E. & A. M., met last evening for the annual election of officers. The meeting was well attended and most enthusiastic.

The last regular meeting of the Harwich council will be held to-day, the statutory special, with which the year closes, following on Friday next.

Blenheim is enjoying its full share of entertainment these days. There is a show on every night at the Opera House this week.

A. W. Bell, general merchant, has his windows handsomely decorated to represent a log cabin scene, a most artistic and picturesque production.

On Sunday night a lively scrimmage occurred on the main street, which was brought to a close by the timely appearance of Chief Grant. It is likely a police court case will result.

A. B. Vester and Arthur Cox returned last evening from a day's sport with dog and gun the possessors of 24 quail and a rabbit. They left this morning for the Eau to try their hands upon the duck there.

Considerable interest is taken here in the case of Queen vs. Arch. Patterson, which will be heard at the December sessions, which open in Chatham to-day. The alleged transactions are supposed to have occurred here and a number of Blenheim witnesses are in attendance at the court.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The returns from the school concert, held on Friday evening, show a successful and a pronounced financial success, and Principal Hamilton and his assistants are to be congratulated on the result of their labors.

WANTED TO GO TO LAW.

Considerable talk was occasioned yesterday by the report that a well-known Walsburg merchant had visited Blenheim for the purpose of preferring a police court charge against a resident of Rond Eau, alleging that the latter had alienated his wife's affections. The woman in question, with her daughters, is alleged to be living at the Eau, but whether the case is one for police interference or not cannot yet be stated.

The Daily Planet is on sale at G. N. Blenlock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

The Passion Play did not draw a crowded house last night. Towards the close of the entertainment one of the electric flues burnt out, severely burning the hand of the operator. It will be repaired and ready for to-night's entertainment.

Rev. J. M. McLaren, moderator of the Chatham Presbytery, is attending its special session in Ridgeway to-day, when Mr. Laing, recently missionary to the Morpeth and Scotland congregations, and son of Dr. Laing, of Dundas, will be formally ordained. The young minister is well known in Blenheim.

All returns are now in for the St. Andrew's supper and entertainment, held under the auspices of the Presbyterian ladies last Thursday week. The net proceeds amount to \$186, which is highly satisfactory and very encouraging.

The regular meeting of Kent Lodge, A. F. & A. M., was held last night, when the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year:

W. M.—Bro. S. B. Storey.

S. W.—Bro. R. Misner.

J. W.—Bro. J. Cocker.

Chap.—Bro. W. H. Jamieson.

Secretary—W. Bro. J. Crookshank.

Treasurer—W. Bro. J. Nichol.

Tyler—Bro. J. Williston.

Auditors—Bro. C. L. VonGuntzen and R. M. Thompson.

The installation of the officers will take place on the 27th inst.

GRAIN PRICES.

Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and produce merchant, yesterday gave The Planet the following market report: Beans \$1.18 to \$1.22. No other changes in grain quotations. Deliveries are not very heavy, owing to the inclement weather and the fact that farmers are doing their plowing.

HES IN THE FIELD.

County Commissioner Chas. L. VonGuntzen, of this town, has definitely entered the field for the wardenship of the county for 1900. His election would be exceedingly popular in this district.

THE K. O. T. M. BOOMING.

There are big doings these days in the local tent of the K. O. T. M. On Friday night last 13 new members were duly installed, while again last evening a similar number went through the initiation, exercises.

SCOTT & CO.

Sole Agents for the Celebrated
Saskatchewan Buffalo Overcoats,
Robes and Gauntlets
and Hudson Bay
Leather Coats and Caps

Scott & Co

Chatham's Leading Clothiers.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Chatham intend to pass a By-law or By-laws under the provisions of the Municipal Act and of the City's By-laws respecting local improvements and special assessments therefor for the levying of special rates or assessments to pay for the construction (and the temporary loans obtained therefor) of works mentioned in the first column of Schedule "A" below; and the total cost of the respective works is shown in the second column, and the portion thereof assumed by the city and to be paid out of the general funds, is shown in the third column of said schedule, and the difference between the total cost and the portion assessed by the City represents the amount to be raised by special assessment.

And that a statement showing the lands liable to assessment for the cost of the respective works aforesaid and the names of the owners thereof as far as they can be ascertained from the last revised assessment roll, and a measurement of the frontages of such lands and of the lands exempt from taxation, is now filed in the office of the Clerk of said City.

Dr. A. W. Thornion

Dentist
D. D. S. Toronto University.
Associate Dr. C. A. Snell, Honor Graduate Toronto University. Office—First Door East of Standard Bank. Telephone 164.

City and is open for inspection during office hours.

And that a court of revision will be held on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1900, at the City Council Chamber, in Harrison Hall, in the City of Chatham, at 10 o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of hearing complaints and appeals against the proposed assessments or accuracy of the frontage measurement, or any complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court.

Any party desiring to complain or appeal to the court of revision shall on or before the 1st day of January, 1900, give to and leave with the Clerk of the City a written notice of such complaint or appeal, specifying the grounds therefor.

SCHEDULE "A."	
DESCRIPTIVE OF WORKS	Actual Amount cost of assessed work, by City
An Asbestos Stone sidewalk on the south side of Barthe and Head streets	

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes

This Fall we have the best line of Two Dollar and Two and a Half Shoes we have ever shown in America wear.

Our \$2.50 is an AMERICAN made shoe by one of the BEST BOOT-MAKERS. Newest shape—Fine Vici Kid—Laced—Kid Tips—On the different widths—Flexible sole—IT'S A BEAUTY and you'll be surprised when you see the quality and style for \$2.50

Ladies' King Quality in either Button or Lace in any size for..... \$2.75

Geo. W. Cowan.

from Kent to St. Clair street	332 12 583 74
A granolithic sidewalk on the north side of Dover street from St. Clair St. to Victoria avenue	985 61 157 16
A granolithic sidewalk on the west side of West street from Lorne avenue to Richmond street	388 16 109 71
A granolithic sidewalk on the north side of Emma street from St. Clair St. to Louise street	1351 74 257 19
A granolithic sidewalk on the north side of Richmond street from West street to Lacroix	569 61 169 16
A granolithic sidewalk on the north side of King street from Lacroix street to Robertson avenue	854 59 223 09
A granolithic sidewalk on the south side of Richmond street from West to Lacroix street	572 19 177 65
A granolithic sidewalk on the west side of King street from Lacroix street to First street except front of the Riverside Terrace	574 96 104 50
A plank sidewalk on the east side of West street from C. P. Ry. to Lorne avenue	250 92 95 33
A plank sidewalk on the east side of St. Clair street from Amelia street north to alley at the heading factory	178 83 16 05
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Forest street from Victoria avenue to Hilliard street	167 51 52 96
A plank sidewalk on the east side of Robertson avenue from King street to Windsor road and on the north side of the Windsor road from Robertson avenue west to a point 400 feet east of city limits	274 36 145 12
A plank sidewalk on the west side of Delaware avenue from Gladstone avenue, south to the middle of lot 6	201 97 47 23
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Alfred street from the west side of lot 12 to Princess street	104 65 11 86
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Head street from Violet street to Louise street and on the east side of Louise street from Head street to Emma street	295 62 54 54
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Witherspoon street from William street to Adelaide street except across lot 22 owned by Alister McKay	248 29 75 12
A plank sidewalk on the east side of Joseph street from Amelia street north to north limit of lot 15 block "C."	186 26 60 31
A plank sidewalk on the north side of Park st. from Centre to William street	138 51 12 12
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Pop alley from William street to Adelaide street	102 34 12 04
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Du-luth street from Queen street to William street	136 29 27 55
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Head street from the easterly limit of lot 16, block "17" easterly to the city limits	178 52 23 69
A plank sidewalk on the West side of Adelaide street from Wellington street to Park street	165 71 27 83
A plank sidewalk on the South side of School street from Centre street to Queen Street	107 09 18 50
A plank sidewalk on the North side of Emma street from Louise street westerly to the city limits	97 29
A plank sidewalk on the west side of Lansdowne avenue from Murray street to Stanley avenue	277 41 39 59
A plank sidewalk on the South side of Head street, from Louise street West to the city limits	150 13 30 69
Amacadam pavement on Wellington Street from the East side of market square to William street	3468 14 296 91
A glazed pipe sewer on William street from McGregor's creek to Wade street	4614 15 811 40
A glazed pipe sewer on McKenough avenue from St. Clair to Ursuline avenue	643 60 107 24
A glazed pipe sewer on Witherspoon street from William street to Adelaide street	570 95 151 34

W. G. MERRITT,
City Clerk.
City Clerk's office Dec. 12th., 1899.
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Zeal is very blind or wrongly regulated, when it encroaches upon the rights of others.

WORTH KNOWING.

There are over 10,000 villages in Russia where no school exists.

A recent census in Paris shows that there are no fewer than 17,735 doctors in that city.

The value of the fruit consumed in Great Britain every year is estimated at £10,000,000.

There is a "ready-made" tailor in Sheffield who has this advertisement outside his shop: "We our 21s Suits and you will have a fit."

While the number of children and youth in the United States is 21,082,472, the total enrollment of American Sunday schools is but 9,718,432.

German Anthony Gotsche has had photographs of Lucas Cranach's "Adam and Eve" and Adrian Van der Werf's "Diana and Callisto" removed from Stuttgart shop windows.

Duke Karl Theodor of Bavaria, the scion and brother of the late Empress of Austria, and the ex-Queen of Naples, has just celebrated his silver wedding at the castle of Tegernsee.

Klaus Groth, the Plattdeutsch poet whose verses encouraged Fritz Reuter to write in his native dialect, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. It is twenty-five years since Reuter died.

A gold cross of honor has been given to a Berlin cook, Johanna Mock, by the Empress Augusta for fifty-five years' faithful service in one family. She was passed on from mother to daughter.

In nearly every street in Japanese cities is a public oven, where, for a small fee, housewives may have their dinners and suppers cooked for them.

The proposal that the German Empire should contribute \$12,000 towards the Goethe monument in Strasbourg has met with determined opposition in the Reichstag.

Herr Pollock, a well-known engineer and electrician, at Vienna, is said to have discovered a means to telegraph 60,000 words per hour over a single wire.

According to statistics gathered regarding the bubonic plague, it is established that there have been 250,000 deaths recorded in India since its beginning. These figures, however, are undoubtedly far below the actual total, as the natives are known to have concealed many deaths.

It is not generally known that the remains of all the Czars of Russia since Peter the Great lie in a memorial chapel built on one of the islands of the Neva. All the cenotaphs are exactly alike, each being a block of white marble, without any decoration whatever. The only distinction by which one is marked is the name of the deceased Emperor.

Miss Blunt, a great-great-granddaughter of Lord Byron, was lately married to Neville Lytton, a member of the Bulwer-Lytton family. After the wedding at Cairo the couple rode ten miles across the desert to her father's place, near Heliopolis, where they were welcomed by a troupe of Arabs and Bedouins, who, in honor of the festival, roasted a whole flock of sheep.

Judge Davis, a new occupant of the bench on the Lafayette county (Mo.) circuit, has set aside the long followed practice in that jurisdiction of looking up juries. At the conclusion of the evidence and argument in a criminal case a day or two ago the judge said: "Mr. Sheriff, show the members of the jury to their room, and give them the key and let them lock themselves in. There is no more reason why a jury should be locked up than that a judge should when he is considering a case."

One of the oldest milestones to be seen in the museum at Leicester, England. It is a cylindrical block of sandstone, roughly inscribed with an abbreviated statement to the effect that it was erected during the emperorship of Caesar Hadrian, son of Trajan, conqueror of Parthia. It also says: "To Leicester, two miles." The Hadrian milestones were discovered over a century ago beside the ancient Fosse way, and narrowly escaped being converted into a jaw napper by the unromantic and practical finder.

SALUTES OF RULERS.

Emperor William is one of the two European monarchs who delight in a hearty handshake. He has a strong grip, and the person honored by him with a clasp of the hand is apt to remember the dignity thrust upon him. William usually kisses royal friends. When he visits or is visited by a monarch he kisses him three times on each cheek.

Under no circumstances will Franz Josef of Austria shake hands with anybody except brother sovereigns. A nod and kindly smile is all he ever vouchsafes the most distinguished of his subjects.

Nicholas of Russia shakes hands with no one but a fellow monarch. Relatives he kisses on the forehead. Every one who comes to see the king of Italy finds a handshake and hearty greeting if the king likes him. Humboldt is a democratic king.

Sweden's king does not like official handshaking, and rarely gives one of his ministers his hand. When he is off the throne and free to be himself he is different, however, and shakes hands as heartily as one of his own subjects.

Only with relatives will Queen Victoria shake hands. Outside her own family she only gives her hand to be kissed. The Prince of Wales, on the contrary, likes to shake hands, and always offers his hand to the person who is introduced to him.

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Funeral designs from us cannot be surpassed in the city.

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COMPANY
30th-Half Yearly Dividend-36th
NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of SIX per cent per annum upon the paid up capital stock of this company has been declared this day for the current half year, ending December 31st, 1899, payable at the Company's office, on and after January 2nd, 1900.

The transfer books will be closed from the 21st to 31st December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
S. F. GARDINER, Manager.

THE DISTRICT

FLETCHER.

Fred. Switzer's house was burned owing to the lamp exploding. Very little of the contents were saved.

The children and teacher of the separate school here had a holiday Friday, it being a Holy Day.

The Poole Comedy Company played here last Monday evening. The house was not very well filled.

Miss Minnie Adams is again convalescent, she is at present in Mr. Armstrong's store.

James Armstrong, who left here in October to take charge of a school in St. Joseph's Island, is now visiting her brother here. Miss Armstrong has been home for some time.

A grand and successful concert was given last night at South Buxton. A number from Chatham took part, and the proceeds were large.

Misses Hawkins and Murphy have returned to Detroit.

Miss Charbonneau's concert at Highgate was well attended, and an excellent program was provided.

BALDOON.

Mrs. Payne has been removed to her own home on the Winter line, and the journey was very trying to her.

Miss Bay's Sabbath school will have their Christmas tree entertainment on Friday evening, 15th inst., instead of the 22nd, as at first arranged for.

By this change they are more likely to have the pleasure of moonlight.

The Sabbath school committee of Grace church, Baldoon, have decided to purchase a six-octave organ and are now on the lookout for a good one.

The proceeds of the Christmas entertainment will be devoted in that direction, and we hope to see a full house.

The Ladies' Aid at their last meeting very generously and without solicitation passed a resolution to subscribe \$20 to the organ fund for the use of the Sunday school, and it will be a kindly thing for all the families of the church and congregation to help, and make it a cash transaction.

We have been told by the pastor that Dover circuit stands at the head of the list in the collections taken up in connection with the Rev. George Kaburagi's mission work in British Columbia, Mitchell's Bay giving \$8, and Baldoon \$12.50.

Those who attended the banquet in Park St. church a few evenings ago report a very pleasant time indeed.

Oldfield Sunday school is getting ready for their Christmas entertainment.

David Trotter, hailing from Uncle Sam's domains, is visiting at the old home, and helping to decrease the number of quail.

T. D. Rankin is filling up his store with necessities before the bad roads come on.

P. Fryer and family have moved into their new home, and here's to their success.

Calvin church Christmas entertainment takes place on the evening of Thursday, 21st inst.

A very enjoyable birthday dinner party was tendered Sam. Huff, by his niece, Mrs. Geo. Wemp, on Friday last. A number of relatives and friends were in attendance.

The Sunday school treasurer reports money enough on hand for next year's supplies.

At the Mitchell's Bay entertainment the Baldoon orchestra will be present, and Gordon Stewart has been asked to recite. The Misses Haylock will sing.

STARBEAMS.

Generally when doctors disagree the coroner decides the case.

Peterborough—It is easy to look down on others; to look down on ourselves is the difficulty.

Hazlitt—The more we do, the more we can do; the more busy we are, the more leisure we have.

It is said that the fishing industry of Maryland gives employment to 42,812 persons. Which, in its way, is something of a fish story.

Sousa, the march king, pronounces his name as if it were written "Seear," or in other words, as if he had been born and brought up in Boston.

"Here's a fierce one, Mr. Bromore. Why is it that there never was a woman moonshiner. Well—you give it up, of course—a woman can't keep still."

Irving—There is an emanation from the heart in genuine hospitality that cannot be described, but is immediately felt and puts the stranger at once at his ease.

James A. Garfield—We hold reunions, not for the dead, for there is nothing in all the earth that you and I can do for the dead. * * * They do not need us, but forever and forever more, we need them.

"What do you know about babies?" scornfully asked the matron of the young man who had ventured a remark on that subject. "Well," was the apologetic reply, "you know I was a baby once myself."

"It may not be what you call an incentive to art," said the newspaper artist to the portrait painter, "but we draw some things that some of you color men are strangers to." "And what is that?" "Why, a good regular salary."

Arthur Helps—Always say a kind word if you can, if only that it may come in, perhaps, with angular opportunities, entering some man's darkened room like a beautiful firefly, whose happy convulsions he cannot but watch, forgetting his troubles.

"Goo bo wow ee bah wow," yelled the baby as it dropped its milk bottle. "Pieces its little heart," said the mother, "don't you hear what it says?"

"Sure," answered the brute of a father. "Rubber neck," that is, its bottle; give it to him."

Samuel Newhouse of Salt Lake City starts the insurance world by paying \$23,328 for a "paid-up" life policy, which insures him an annuity of \$8,000 during life and to his heirs \$200,000 when he dies. If these figures are correct the insurance company has the best end of the deal.

To prevent the extinction of India rubber trees in the Congo Free State the government has decreed that for every ton of rubber yielded annually there must be planted not less than 150 trees. The law which prohibits gathering rubber except through incisions in the bark is to be more strictly enforced, and violation will be punished by a fine up to \$2,000 or by imprisonment.

"Pall Mall," incidentally pronounced pel mall, comes from Palle Malle, an ancient game supposed to have been played on the present site of Pall Mall by Norman monks, by whom it was introduced into England. The observant Peeps, in his famous diary, makes mention of it thus: "April 2, 1661. To St. James's park, where I saw the Duke of York playing at Palle-malle, the first time that I ever saw the sport."

In a letter to an Ottawa county, Kas., Kansas writer: "Night before last I was on picket duty all night, and yesterday morning I found that the nigger picket was within a hundred yards of me. After a little talk we both laid down our guns and met between the lines and had a little visit. He said the people in their army did not want to fight us, but they had to or their officers would kill them. He also said that he had not had a bite to eat for three days. I gave him what he wanted. I had with me, and it did me more good to see him eat it than if I had eaten it myself. When we parted, we shook hands, and he cried like a baby."

ALL SORTS.

Advanced English barmaids object to that name and call themselves "licensed victualler's assistants."

The Jagat Guru Sankaracharya of Dwarka is lecturing in Calcutta on the "Vedas and the Upanishads."

There was a lively football match near Glasgow recently, in which the spectators took part, with the result that nineteen policemen had to be taken to the hospital.

An "improvement" introduced by the Great Eastern railway consists in widening the cars to the limit of safety in order to allow six passengers to wedge themselves into one seat.

The Arkansas supreme court has decided that a man cannot escape jury duty because he has not paid his poll tax. Heretofore the fact that a man had failed or had refused to pay poll tax has excluded him from such service.

The North Carolina courts have just approved the will of E. T. Clemmons of Forsyth county, who left \$100,000 to the Moravian church to build a house of worship and a school, and bequeathed to each member of the congregation an acre of land.

Potato bread is used by the natives of Thüringen to feed their horses, especially when they are worked hard in very cold weather. The animals thrive on it, and their health and strength are excellent.



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It cleanses, sweetens, softens and allays scalp irritations. TARINA cures pimples and skin troubles, and is a specific against the disagreeable effects of perspiration. Every lady should have a cake.

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NOBODY KNOWS BUT MOTHER.

How many buttons are missing today?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many playthings are strewn in her way?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many thimbles and spoons has she missed?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many burns on each fat little maid?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many bumps to be cuddled and kissed?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many hats has she hunted today?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many hiding themselves in the ham?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many handkerchiefs wilfully strayed?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many ribbons for each little maid?

Nobody knows but mother.

How for her care can a mother be paid?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many muddy shoes all in a row?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many stockings to darn, do you know?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many little torn aprons to mend?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many hours of toil she must spend?

Nobody knows but mother.

What is the time when her day's work is done?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many lunches for Tommy and Sam?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many apples and blackberry jam?

Nobody knows but mother.

Nourishing dainties for every "sweet tooth."

Totting Dotie or dignified Ruth—

How much love sweetens the labor, forsooth.

Nobody knows but mother.

How many cares do a mother's heart know?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many joys from her mother love flow?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many prayers by each little white bed?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many tears for her babies she has shed?

Nobody knows but mother.

How many kisses for each curly head?

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A BEAUTIFUL READER

The Elder Booth was an Attractive Adept in that Art.

I never heard any one read just like the elder Booth. He was beautiful. He made the figure stand before you! It was infinitely tender. Some of the passages of "Lear" were touching in the extreme, though he used Gibber's frightfully bad edition of that sublime tragedy.

He had some very odd ways at times. We were playing "Hamlet" one night in Natchez, and during Ophelia's mad scene a cock began to crow lustily. When the curtain fell upon the fourth act, this crowing became more constant. And when the manager could not find Mr. Booth to commence the next act he looked up and saw him perched on the top of the ladder, which was the only way to reach the "flies" in that primitive theater.

The manager, ascended the ladder and had quite a lengthy discussion with Mr. Booth, who at last consented to come down on condition that he should resume his high position after the play and remain there until Jackson was re-elected president. "Autobiographical Sketches of Mrs. John Drew," in Scribner's.

Young Spurgeon Realized when it paid to be at the foot of the Class.

When a boy at school, the late Mr. Spurgeon took a prominent part in answering all questions put to the class. One cold day, however, the teacher noticed that he was so very backward that he remained the whole time at the bottom of the class.

This went on for some time and puzzled the teacher until he noticed that the fire was near the bottom of the class. He immediately changed the class about, making the bottom the top.

He then had the satisfaction of hearing all his questions fully answered by Spurgeon and that young hopeful keeping the same seat, the only difference being that he was at the top of the class instead of the bottom.—Spare Moments.

Took the Tip.

The good advice of the laird of Watterton, in Aberdeenshire, to a sheep stealer reads like a very practical joke. He had himself sent the man to jail, and in those days sheep stealing was a capital offense. Visiting the prisoner the night before the trial, he asked him what he meant to do. To which the prisoner replied that he intended to confess and to pray for mercy.

"Confess," said Watterton. "What man, will ye confess and be hanged? Nae, nae! Deny it to my face."

He did so and was acquitted.

SHE SMILED AT ME.

She smiled at me, as I passed her by, With a smile half impudent, half shy, And I turned and saw her twinkling eye—

She smiled at me.

She smiled at me and her eyes were bright;

They danced and twinkled with pure delight,

And I carried the smile from noon till night—

She smiled at me.

'Twas none of your bold, impudent smiles,

That speak of a wilful woman's wiles, But the sunny smile that a heart be-guiles—

She smiled at me.

And all through the day, in memory Her smile and its dimple I still could see.

It brightened my daily drudgery—

She smiled at me.

That night, when my coat on a chair I laid,

Pinned to the tail was a card, which prayed:

"Please Kick me Hard." That's why she laid—

Had smiled at me.

MEN BEHIND THINGS.

Oh, we've heard about the man behind the man behind the bat,

And the girl behind the man behind the gun.

And the boy behind the man behind the miss behind her hat,

And we've gloried in the triumphs of each one.

Why not write about the man behind the man behind his rent—

That's the landlord, whose remarks are often raw—

Or the man behind the man behind you asking for a cent.

In the darkened street. (The minion of the law.)

Or the man behind the man behind That poor chap who thinks he never walks astray,

Or the man behind the man who tries to do a "parlor trick"

And to manufacture rabbits does easy.

Why not write about the man behind the man behind the bar,

He who makes your change, but will not give you "trust,"

Why not tell about the man behind the man behind the "star"

But for whose "long green" the show would surely "bust."

—New York Sun.

Shame awaits shame.

Integrity induces integrity.

A life of ease is not an easy life.

The sluggard plays his own soul.

Crowns are placed on bowed heads.

Sincerity is a better treasure than silver.

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A CROSS-EXAMINATION.

"I've got a headache this morning," said Kinks.

"You want to take a Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablet," said Jinks.

"What's dyspepsia got to do with it?" asked Kinks.

"I don't know," said Kinks.

"Oh, I don't know," said Jinks.

"You recommend Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets for a headache, don't you?" asked Kinks.

"Certainly I do," said Jinks.

"And you tell me you don't know what dyspepsia has to do with it?" said Kinks.

"Well?" asked Jinks.

"What kind of a lobster are you?" asked Kinks.

"I'm all right," said Jinks.

"Well, how do you know Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure a headache, anyway?" demanded Kinks.

"Simplest thing in the world," said Jinks.

"How?" repeated Kinks.

"I've cured myself with 'em, many a time," said Jinks.

"How did you come to try them in the first place?" asked Kinks.

"Seeing them advertised in the papers," said Jinks.

"And do the advertisements say Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets are good for headache?" asked Kinks.

"Yes," said Jinks.

"And do you believe everything you see advertised in the papers?" demanded Kinks.

"No," said Jinks.

"Then what made you believe Dadd's Dyspepsia Tablets are good for headache?" asked Kinks.

"The most conclusive argument possible, said Jinks. 'I've tried 'em myself,' said Kinks.

"Women are queer creatures. One may be rich and you are poor."

A GOOD STRATEGIST.

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"You said yesterday that you were in financial trouble, I believe."

"Yes," Mr. Thursby replied, "and I'm terribly worried. I didn't sleep a wink last night."

"I think I heard you say something, too, about a note held by Mr. Hewitt, didn't I?"

"That's what is causing the trouble. If I could get him to extend the time on it for about 30 days, everything would come out all right. I could then realize on some securities I hold and get on my feet, but if he insists on payment now I shall have to sacrifice my valuable holdings, and this will ruin me."

"Have you asked him for an extension of the time?"

"No. That wouldn't do any good. He never favored anybody in his life. If he knew how I am fixed, he would be all the more anxious to press me for an immediate settlement."

"Well, don't you worry, dear. His wife, you know, is several years older than I. We met at a party this afternoon, and I spoke to a lot of women there of the days when she and I went to the same school. She turned pale when I mentioned the fact, fearing, of course, that I was going to tell how long ago it was, and that she was several grades above me because she was older, but I put down my pride and pretended that as I remembered her she was a little thing in pinafores just learning her primer lessons when I graduated. You go to Hewitt's house now, and when she is present ask him to extend the time on that note."

Chicago Times-Herald.

NOTES OF NOTABLES.

Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey is a skillful and indefatigable chess player. Congressman Norton, of Ohio, abandoned medicine twenty years ago for politics.

Gen. Weyler's political opponents are making it hot for him in Spain. The Spanish newspapers delight in misquoting him important subjects, and the minister of war, Gen. Polavieja, employs detectives to watch him constantly.

Dr. Richard Kandt, the German traveler whose recent journey to the sources of the Nile has attracted as much attention, is to be paid an annual salary of 7,000 marks by the German foreign office to enable him to continue his explorations.

William Simpson, who made a great reputation as a war artist and correspondent in the Crimea, has just died at the age of seventy-six years. Simpson's dispatches and sketches from the Crimea were always submitted to the Queen before publication.

The citizens of Spokane, Wash., are raising funds for the erection of a monument to John Robert Monaghan, who was killed in Samoa during the attack upon the British and American marines by the followers of Mataafa. Monaghan was well liked in Spokane, where he lived, and \$2,000 has already been subscribed toward the monument.

Ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas says regarding the story about his children's names: "The truth of the matter is that my girl's name is Ima Hogg. She was named by her mother. Her mother was reading a book somewhere in which one of the characters which interested her exceptionally was named Ima. About that time the little girl came along, and she was named Ima. We never noticed the play of the name until it was called to our attention. The boys all have rational names. They are Tom, Mike and Will."

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DEADLY LYDDITE.

The Effect a Few Shells had on the Boers.

One hell Lit Among Some Horses and Blew Them to Atoms—The Enemy Fled.

Modder River, Dec. 10, 7.35 p.m.—A 4.7-inch gun from the cruiser Doris, drawn by 32 oxen, started at midnight last night, and proceeded three miles northward. A squadron of the Ninth Lancers and a battery of horse artillery joined the naval force at 3.20 o'clock this morning.

The naval contingent consisted of four companies of marines and 50 sailors, under command of Capt. John E. Bearcroft, of the cruiser Philomel.

They began firing at the enemy from a ridge facing Spytfontein. They fired 14 charges of Lyddite, at ranges, varying from 6,700 to 7,200.

One shell fell on a Boer tent, which immediately disappeared. Everything in the immediate vicinity was wrecked. Another of the missiles dropped among a bunch of fifteen horses, which were blown to atoms. It is not known whether there were any Boers near the animals.

It is believed that the enemy did not see the gun which did the damage, it having been painted the color of the khaki uniforms worn by the men, and smokeless powder being used.

There was scarcely a flash when the gun was discharged.

The bluejackets have chalked the name "Joy Chamberlain" near the muzzle of this gun.

The first Lyddite shell burst over a high point in the range of hills. The area of destruction was enormous. The whole ground appeared to be churned into red dust. The Boers hurriedly left an emplacement which they were preparing for a 40-pounder. The emplacement was apparently destroyed.

KLONDIKE RUINED.

British Mining Expert Contrasts it With the Transvaal

He Says the Laws are Bad and Worse Administered—A Great Opportunity Missed.

Quebec, December 12.—That the mining laws of the Klondike are much inferior to those of the Transvaal and that they are still worse administered is a much stronger indictment than any that has been made against the Canadian government by its most bitter political opponents, but it is nevertheless the conclusion of a British and South African mining expert of no small note, who has just returned here from the Yukon, and who positively declares that the infamous maladministration of affairs is killing the country.

Alfred H. Halder, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a special correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company, Limited, filled for many years the position of inspector of claims and public works in the Transvaal. Foreseeing trouble there last winter, and not wishing to be forced to take up arms against the British, he left South Africa and reached Dawson City last May, remaining in the Yukon till September.

He describes it as one of the richest gold mining countries he has ever seen, and reports of positive prospects of \$10 to \$12 to the square foot of pay streak in many different places. Mr. Halder says that he knows of nothing nearly so rich as that in the Transvaal, and declares that if these properties were in Africa they would have millions of people on them by this time. He insists that the administration of the Yukon is killing it, and that he cannot and will not recommend English people to go there.

There are already a number of Englishmen from the Transvaal in the Yukon, and, according to Mr. Halder, they openly say that the administration up there is not to be compared with that of the Transvaal. The laws respecting the liquor traffic are simply abominable. They are absolutely controlled by a certain clique, without the consent of which it is doubtful if even the administration can do much to improve matters. But the laws respecting claims are even more of a detriment to the country.

The system upon which the titles are granted is bad, and there are no definite boundaries to the claims, the indefinite boundary being upon a "rim-rock" basis, so that when a man claims he buys a hole suit. Nobody understands the system, and Mr. Halder says that never before in his life has he heard so much false information and blackmailing as the Yukon system generates.

"Talk about the Transvaal," he says. "In the Transvaal the laws are good but badly administered in the Klondike they are bad and worse administered. Meanwhile the war in Africa is going on and when it is over the capital will go back there and Canada will have lost the greatest opportunity of diverting it that may ever offer."

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"SALTING"

This Curious Custom is Still Extant in Parts of the World.

"Salting" newly born infants, a practice that dates far back to Biblical times, still obtains in many parts of the Old World. The Armenians in the Russian government of Armenia cover the whole surface of the baby's body with the salt, special care being taken with the interstices between the fingers and all depressions, such as the arm-pit and the bend of the knee, so that no point shall remain unsalted.

The unhappy infant is left in the salt for three hours or longer, and is then bathed in warm water.

The Armenians of some districts having abandoned the practice are called "unsalted," and are despised by the others.

The modern Greeks also sprinkle their babies with salt. If an enlightened mother protests, the midwife is ready with the objection: "But if it isn't salted it will be puny and will never amount to anything."

If this salting process is carried to excess the poor babies don't stand it at all. The skin becomes as red as fire, the irritation is intolerable and the child dies in convulsions. "Neither there is a mountain tribe in Asia Minor that mercilessly salts its new-born babes for twenty-four hours, which shows that the limits of human endurance are wide in some cases. This ancient custom is still in vogue in many parts of Germany, but the rite is fast becoming obsolete. In one district a little salt is rubbed behind the child's ears, in others a pinch of salt is put on the tongue or a little paper of salt is inserted under the garments. It gives understanding, the people say, and wards off evil spirits."

The action of salt in keeping meat sweet, no doubt, is the reason that this strengthening and sustaining power was ascribed to it. The usage became common in Eastern countries and it was not entirely confined to them. The prophet Ezekiel, referring to the degeneracy of Jerusalem, says: "Neither shall they be washed in water to supple them: thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all." To many Oriental tribes this means a grave omission of parental duty.



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A. E. Bragg, of the 8th con. Dover, and brother of Wm. H. Bragg, of Geo. Stephens & Co., received the gold watch presented by the Chatham Lodge, No. 100, for the best kept fence.

WHAT HAPPENED TO JONES.

As an instance of the difference between American and English ideas of humor, George H. Broadhurst, author of "What happened to Jones," says that when that farce was originally produced at the Strand Theatre, London, one point, which had always received a tremendous round of laughter and applause in America, went by apparently unnoticed. It was where Jones, disguised as the Bishop of Ballant, is carrying on a love scene with the hideous old maid, Alvina Starlight, and he says, "I whistled for the dog and you met me at the gate." After the first performance there, Mr. Broadhurst went to the English actress who was playing Alvina and told her to make a short pause after this speech, as a laugh was due at that point. The next night she did as she was told, and she enough a generous and hearty guffaw from the audience followed. Delighted, she rushed to Mr. Broadhurst after the performance and thanked him for the performance and told him that she had noticed the improvement. He replied in the affirmative and thanked her, but she still lingered. Looking at him in a puzzled way, she said: "It got a laugh all right, Mr. Broadhurst, but I confess I do not understand it. What I want to know is, when he whistled for the dog, why did I meet him at the gate?" What happened to Jones was presented here Friday evening.

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MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

How the Result is Viewed by the Politicians at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The political sensation is the defeat of the Greenway government of Manitoba, and the coming establishment of a Liberal Conservative administration in that province under Hon. Hugh John Macdonald. All over Canada the importance of this contest has been recognized. The government showed a deep sense of concern, by sending delegation after delegation of ministers to stomp the Prairie Province. No part of Canada has heard so much crony in support of, or in apology for the Laurier administration. But no part of Canada has a larger proportion of strong minded, independent voters, or an electorate more capable of judging for themselves the merits of their rulers.

THE FARMERS SPEAK.
Manitoba has one important city, and several smaller but prosperous centres of population. Yet it is essentially a farming community. The cities and towns depend wholly upon the farm and the trading people have the same interests as those who live on the land. So the Manitoba verdict represents the farmer's point of view more than an election in any other part of Canada could represent it. It was to those same people that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Patterson and the other ministers now in power at Ottawa appealed in 1896 against the National Policy. It was to them that the promise was made of cheaper binder twine, cheaper wire fence, free oil, free agricultural implements, a sweeping reduction in the duty on cotton and woolen goods. They were promised relief from railway monopoly and from trouble about grain elevators. They were promised economical government, a reduction in expenditure, no increase in the national debt, and a lower scale of expenditure, including a reduction in the number of ministers, a mitigation of the alleged splendors of Rideau Hall, and the general promotion of the hardy handiwork at the expense of the city fingered gentry.

PROMISE V. PERFORMANCE.
Many of these pledges were impossible of fulfillment, and the politicians who made them knew them to be so. Some could have been kept. But none of the farmers treasured up these things in their mind. They found the government at Ottawa combining with that of Winnipeg to add to the number of railway monopolies and to pay the new ones for coming. They saw the greatest combine in the world, and a foreign one at that, absorb the whole oil industry of Canada, with the result that the farmer had to pay more for light than ever he did before. They found the prices of binder twine increased a hundred per cent. and allied that a foreign combine, with allies in Canada, had acquired control of the whole supply. They found the duty on farm machinery held at the old figure, and now see prices pushed up by leaps and bounds, while the manufacturers, whom Sir Wilfrid denounced in other days, are receiving higher dividends.

THE FALLEN GOVERNMENT.
Mr. Greenway has been faithful to his associates at Ottawa. He has served them and has suffered for their shortcomings as well as for his own. Now he finds that whereas a month ago he had the support of thirty-three members in a legislature of forty, he has to-day only fourteen or fifteen supporters in the newly elected house. His attorney-general, Mr. Cameron, who succeeded Sir Sifton in office, and carried on

his work on the old lines, has suffered defeat in South Winnipeg at the hands of the opposition leader and coming premier. His minister of public works, Mr. Watson, who left the Dominion parliament to take this office is beaten by an untried man. Mr. Greenway, himself, has a majority of less than a hundred. The speaker of the house and nearly all the principal supporters of the government have gone down. Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, and all the chief towns are Liberal Conservative once more. The only consolation left to the Liberal party in this affair is that they have captured from the Conservatives the French riding of St. Boniface, the seat of the Roman Catholic diocese, and also La Verandry, where there is an important half-breed vote. In the last mentioned constituency great work was done for the Laurier-Sifton combination by a member of Reid's last executive council, who was able to show that Hugh John Macdonald had taken up arms to suppress the rebellion of 1885, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that if he had been there that he would have shouldered his musket to fight with the rebels. Moreover, Hugh John was the son of Sir John A. Macdonald, who allowed Reid to be hanged. This appeal in favor of the premier at Ottawa and Winnipeg seems to have been successful among the people addressed. The only further gains made by the government were among the Gallians and other foreigners, who have not yet learned to read.

Hugh John's policy is to limit the franchise of these new comers from western and northern Europe to those who are not wholly illiterate.

THE COMING PREMIER.
The success of Hugh John Macdonald is greeted with great satisfaction by his friends here. He was a boy and a young man at Ottawa. He served a part of two terms in the Dominion parliament. For a short period he held a Dominion portfolio. Mr. Macdonald has all his father's charm of manner and gift of making and holding friends. It is believed that he has much of his father's capacity for statesmanship, and it is known that he has great tact and skill. These qualities have been tested more in the re-organization of the opposition party in Manitoba than they were in federal politics. The premier of Manitoba and the leader of a party of the great and growing North-West must be something more than a provincial politician. All Canada has a great stake in the regions west of Lake Superior. Therefore a revolution like that which took place on Thursday is a matter of concern to the whole Dominion, and Hugh John Macdonald steps at once to the front as one of the leaders of the Liberal-Conservative party in Canada. To him belongs the honor to have captured the first important position in the political conflict that is now entering upon a new stage.

THE FEDERAL LEADERS.
After Mr. Sifton had made his forty speeches in Manitoba, he assured Mr. Greenway that the time was opportune for an appeal to the people with short notice. The election was ordered suddenly. Tupper was about to go to British Columbia. He did not proceed, but recognizing that this was a Dominion election, he threw himself into the conflict. Mr. Foster, himself, and other prominent opposition members of parliament thought that they had as much right to a share in the fun as Mr. Sifton. Mr. Patterson, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Logan, Mr. McMillan,

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and the other members of the Sifton procession. They therefore went to many points as they could reach, and laid before the people the record of the local and Dominion governments. They accepted the challenge that had been offered to submit the general issue between the two political parties to the electors of Manitoba.

SOME LESSONS.
Now let us see what this election means in its relation to federal politics. Winnipeg, which returns three members of the legislature, elects one member of the house of commons. The federal seat has been vacant since the death of Mr. Jameson, before the last session. Writings have not yet been issued, but they cannot much longer be delayed. Mr. Jameson, who supported the Laurier government, was elected by acclamation. But on Thursday two of the three local seats for Winnipeg went conservative, and about two hundred.

The minister of the interior sits for Brandon. He, too, was elected without opposition. For local purposes there are three Brandon seats, one for the city and two for county ridings. In the provincial election of 1893 these three ridings all returned supporters of Greenway. For local purposes there were three Brandon seats, one for the city and two for county ridings. In the provincial election of 1893 these three ridings all returned supporters of Greenway. For local purposes there were three Brandon seats, one for the city and two for county ridings. In the provincial election of 1893 these three ridings all returned supporters of Greenway.

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Manitoba election is regarded here as a matter of great political importance, and furnish a sufficient reason why the contest and its lessons should be made the subject of a letter from the capital.

THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 12.—The heavy rain of yesterday has made the roads in bad shape again.

Mrs. McKee and family have removed to Walkerville for the winter.

Dick Howat left yesterday for Windsor where he has secured a position.

Edward Simmonds, a former Thamesville boy, is in town.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will meet at Mrs. George Sherrens on Thursday at 3 o'clock p. m.

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The subject to-day is Overcoats

Naturally, with so many handsome lines, we are anxious to introduce you to our elegant garments—eager to demonstrate the superiority of the "New Method quality"—anxious to show you that so selections from our fashionable, NEW Overcoats are not priced higher than garments of unknowable age and uncertain quality are marked elsewhere.

New Method Overcoats for Gentlemen, \$7.50 to \$15

Covering a wider range of fabrics than we've ever shown before, beginning with the staple Keweys at \$7.50, passing up the finer goods to \$15.00; full lines of Irish Frieze, Melton and Cheviots to the soft Vicennes and the new Llama Wool at \$12.50.

Colors of Oxford gray, iron gray, soft dark gray, black, blue, brown. Full silk-lined to edges; partial silk linings, weed linings, etc.

Overcoats are cut a trifle longer this year, with plump fullness of body; roomy sleeves, shapely shoulders, and velvet collars not quite so wide as last year.

\$7.50 to \$15.00 means the most liberal selections in the city. Every man's size is here.

Fall Top Coats—full lines—\$10.00 to \$15.00.

Reefers for the Boys, 3 to 17 yrs., \$5, \$6, \$7.50, \$8

Made from the best pure all-wool Chincheilla and Frieze—with those big, warm storm collars—button over the little boy's and show up to the chin. Ideals of comfort and fashion, with never a doubt of satisfactory wear.

For young Gentlemen 16 to 19 yrs.

An equally large assortment of ultra fashionable Overcoats, with prices of \$7.50 to \$15.00.

These comprise pleasing selections in the new mixtures popular with exclusive custom tailors, the late heavyweight English Cheviots, the fine grays and the smooth Kerseys—Correct style in every line.

New lines of Covert—double-faced—Top Coats came in from Toronto yesterday \$10.00 and \$12.50.

For the "Little Gentlemen" 7 to 15 yrs.

Are the choicest Overcoats ever shown in Chatham. Prices of \$5, \$6, \$8 and \$10.

These are in many fancy weaves—herringbone, etc., as well as the plain surfaced Coverts, Cheviots and Frieze. Made after the fashionable mold of the men's Overcoats, and with a little extra effort in finish.

Come with confidence—there's no loophole for disappointment to follow your buying here.



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