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FRENCH KID
GLOVES

Ladies Two-clasp Kid Glove, pique sewn, gusset fingers, self Paris points, our best quality and every pair guaranteed at \$1.50 pair

Easter Gloves....

Seems as if we can't say enough for the goodness and excellence of our Glove stock. It is easily the best we have ever had. Careful buyers are quick to find out that it is to their advantage to do their Glove buying at this store, where the best styles and qualities are to be had.

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A very dainty line of Ladies' Kid Gloves in all the new spring tints, embroidered with a patent combination loop stitch, two patent spring clasps, and every pair guaranteed at.....

\$1.00 pair

Ladies Fine French Kid Gloves, every pair guaranteed, in all the popular shades and all over-sewn. You cannot do better than buy this Glove, at.....

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If you want a really elegant Suit of Serge, Ladies' Cloth, Vaconas, Viola or Broadcloths, made up in the Latest New York Styles, lined with silk, we invite you to see our stock, but if you want last year's style, don't come here looking for them. Our goods are strictly Up-to-Date. The prices are.....\$7.50, \$12, \$16, \$18 and \$22.

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Palms! Palms!!

For store or house decoration get them at

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PRICES REDUCED

These Palms are preserved and potted and look as good as the genuine. No trouble to take care of them, they will last a lifetime. They will add greatly to the decoration of any store. You can buy real nice ones for \$1.50, but some are being sold for 75c and others at \$2.50 and \$3.00.

H. MacAuley, "The ARK"

..Leaving Chatham..

Our entire stock of Chamols Skins, Sponges, Chest Protectors will be cleared out at

.. Surprise Prices ..

Green Mountain Balm for Colds and Coughs, 25c bottles to clear out..... 10c
Green Mountain Balm for Colds and Coughs, 50c bottles to clear out..... 20c
Indian Oil Liniment, 25c bottles to clear out..... 10c
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World's Wonder Family Liniment, 25c bottles to clear out..... 10c

Every mother calling at our store will receive for the asking, until all are given out, 120 page book on Motherhood, full of valuable information.

POWELL & DAVIS DRUGGISTS
Garner House Block

Chatham's Millinery Store

—Spring—

Millinery Opening

On March 27, 28, 29

C. A. COOKSLEY, Opp. Market

AT THE THEATRE.

The New Haven Register says: "The Grand was filled with a large audience Thursday night to witness the farce Comedy, 'Peck's Bad Boy.' The play seems to still hold popular favor, and the company presenting it is very good. Mr. Whittier J. Baxter gave a very even performance of Mr. Peck and Miss Beattie Sheldon as Henry, the bad boy, captivated the house. A delightful feature of the evening was the clever specialties, and the singing of the International Quartette shows some very good voices." At the Grand Friday night. Popular prices.

A return engagement of "Way Down East" at Pueblo last night brought \$1,346, or nearly \$400 more than when first presented ten days ago.

The fourth number of the Lyceum Course was presented last evening by Albert Armstrong in his dramatic rendering of the Little Minister. This proved one of the best numbers yet. Mr. Armstrong is an entertainer of more than ordinary talent and he cleverly carried the audience with him in portrayal of the chief characters in Barrie's masterpiece. The Little Minister, Babbie, Old Nannie and Dr. McQueen were all shown true to life. The pictures were splendid and Albert Armstrong deserved the crowded house that greeted him.

WAS BEATEN TO DEATH

Brutal Murder of an Aged Woman at Her Home in Galt.

Robbery Supposed to Have Been the Motive—The Police Investigating.

Galt, Ont., March 26.—Mrs. William Cowan, aged 88, a widow who lived alone, was found dead in her cottage to-day by neighbors. There are strong evidences of foul play.

The old lady was found sitting on a chair with her head, which was a mass of clotted blood, thrown back. She had evidently been in her bedroom and on the sofa before dying, for in each place were found great pools of clotted blood. The wall behind where the blood was found was splashed with blood, as if the woman received more blows after taking her seat there. Lying around the floor were various articles of clothing with which Mrs. Cowan had attempted to stop the flow of blood from her wounds. The old lady had not been seen by the neighbors since Sunday afternoon, and it is believed the murder was committed Sunday night. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION

Deadly Disaster in a Large Pennsylvania Mine.

Nine Men Shockingly Killed and Blackened Beyond Recognition.

Connellsville, Pa., March 25.—A special train, composed of a box car and a fast engine, brought into Connellsville to-day the most frightful host of groaning, blackened and unrecognizable men ever hauled into this town. They were the victims of a terrible mine explosion at the Gates mine of the Eureka Fuel Company in the new county. The mine has been worked only a few months. It is too early to hazard a guess at the causes which led to the accumulating of enough gas to make such a fatal explosion. This morning 28 men reported for duty, and went into the pit. Of this number 16 were caught in the awful grip of the scorching breath of the fire, and singed and blackened. As soon after the explosion as possible a force of men was put to the rescue. A great crowd of grief-stricken wives and relatives surrounded the shaft. One by one the burned bodies were brought up. Nine still lived, and these were brought to Connellsville and put in the Cottage State Hospital. The wounded were terrible looking objects. Some had lost their eyes, and others their ears and fingers. It is almost certain that three or four of the wounded will die. All the injured are foreigners.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

Ask for Minard's and take no other. Minard's Laxative Cures Diphtheria.

GEN. FRENCH AT VRYHEID AFTER SUCCESSFUL MARCH

Twelve Hundred Boers Killed, Wounded or Captured During its Course—Equipment Also Taken.

London, March 27.—A despatch from Vryheid, dated Monday, says:—"General French, with Dartnall's and Pulloner's columns, arrived here to-day, having killed and wounded or captured 1,200 Boers. He has also taken seven cannon, 1,000 rifles, 1,800 wagons and 226,000 head of horse, cattle and sheep.

HIS TOTAL CAPTURES.

The despatch from Vryheid is regarded as giving the total of General French's captures throughout his operations. It indicates, therefore, the capture of one additional gun and of additional Boers and war material.

The Pretoria and Bloemfontein correspondents of the Times send long despatches claiming that Lord Kitchener's policy and operations have failed to achieve the results hoped for, and pointing out that the British public must be prepared to return to the original policy of occupying towns and studying the country with military posts as the only means of effecting complete pacification. This process, the correspondent says, will occupy much time and necessitate a constant supply of fresh troops. The strain on both officers and men has been said to be immense, and arrangements must be made to send absolutely fresh troops to the front in order to enable the others to be sent home. "Until this aspect of the case is grasped by the authorities," say the editors of the Times, "there is a possibility of the war lasting for years. It is quite useless to renew peace negotiations. Nothing approaching 'terms' as the word is generally understood, would be possible or even possible with the Boers."

MILNER DISSATISFIED.

The Daily Express prints a rumor that Sir Alfred Milner is dissatisfied with his qualified authority and has asked the Government to give him "either a free hand or no hand." Mr. Chamberlain is said to have

replied that it would not be advisable to disassociate the authority of Sir Alfred Milner from that of Lord Kitchener, and the rumor goes that Sir Alfred contemplates resigning. "It is an open secret," says the Daily Express, "that Sir Alfred Milner has long chafed at having Lord Kitchener at his elbow to check or modify his proposals."

KRUGER OPTIMISTIC.

The Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily Mail wires the substance of an interview with Mr. Kruger, whom he found in a "most optimistic frame of mind." General Babington's victory over General Delarey had been, Mr. Kruger thought, exaggerated in the reports. "He said the Magaliesberg Range and Rustenburg were again in the possession of the Boers," continues the correspondent, "and the old guerrilla game would continue until England had been forced into making peace overtures."

COLONIALS CAPTURED.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Express reports the capture by 100 Boers of 130 colonials in a rocky defile near Richmond, last Thursday. He asserts that the Colonials lost 13 men before they surrendered, adding that they were all liberated after having been stripped of their accoutrements.

It is reported from Bloemfontein that Gen. De Wet is again in the Orange River Colony.

KRUGER TO LECTURE IN U. S.

Le Rappel, of Paris, gives space this morning to the following remarkable communication from Amsterdam:—"Mr. Kruger will start for the United States next month on the invitation of the American pro-Boer Committee to give a series of lectures. The committee hopes to collect \$50,000,000, and to form a volunteer flotilla with which to transport men and ammunition to the Transvaal."

THE SENATORIAL SCANDAL INVOLVES A CABINET MINISTER

Serious Character Investigation is Assuming—Sir Richard Cartwright Alleged to Have Been a Party to the Demand Made for \$10,000.

Ottawa, March 27.—Room 8 on the Senate side was thronged yesterday morning when the investigation into the Cook charges was opened. Sir Mackenzie Bowell presided and all the members of the special Committee were in their places. Parties interested were looked after thus:—The Senate Committee, by C. H. Ritchie, K. C.; H. H. Cook, by A. H. Marsh, K. C.; those against whom the charges are made, by S. H. Blake, K. C.

H. H. Cook took his seat at the end of the table, and in reply to Mr. Ritchie's questions told the following story. In 1896 he became an applicant for the position in the Senate, and pressed his claims, until disappointment compelled him to quit. After the death of Sir David Macpherson in 1896, about the 20th or 21st of August, he had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who advised him to see Sir Oliver Mowat and Sir Richard Cartwright. The applicant went to Sir Oliver, whose support he failed to obtain. Then he went to Sir Richard, who said he would be prepared to support his appointment, but not for first place. There was another who had precedence, Sir Richard said:—"My dear Cook, the first appointment cannot go to you, but there will be a vacancy very shortly, because Senator Ferguson is very ill." Cox was the other Senator who had the precedence, but Sir Richard did not mention Cox. He said that Mr. Cook and the other would walk into the Senate on the same day, although the other would have the precedence in the appointment. No reason was given why the other had the first call, except this, "That he has more recent claims upon us, and we have to appoint him."

Mr. Ritchie—Did he indicate the nature of the claim?

Mr. Cook—Well, he assisted in the election.

Mr. Ritchie—On the stump?

Mr. Cook—No, my impression was—The rest of the answer was objected to.

Mr. Cook—He stated he knew who the party was, although he would not tell me, and I knew the service he rendered to the party was assisting with money in the last election. After this interview with Sir Richard Mr. Cook had an interview with Mr. M. C. Cameron, with the knowledge of Sir Richard. The subject was the same matter. It was in the year 1896 that Mr. Cook received his first letter from Mr. Cameron at Ottawa. It was returned after perusal. But Mr. Cook kept a copy. It ran as follows:—"Dear Cook—Saw the friend mentioned on the subject of our conversation. Am to have another interview in a day or two. Meantime, keep quiet. Yours truly—M. C. C."

names of the other applicants—Cox, J. K. Kerr, Jaffray, Cockburn, J. Ames, Innes, Stelmach. The last three were then in Ottawa pressing their claims, with Cockburn leading. But Cox still had his "precedence," while Cartwright was "second" for Cook. "Meanwhile," added Cameron, "if you can pull any strings quietly, do it." On the 29th August there was a letter from Cameron to Cook alluding to a long interview with Mowat, but he found one man standing in the way. "Wealthy," was the only hint Cameron would give as to the identity of the individual. But he added, hopefully, "Billy Patterson and Cartwright were seen, and the talk was strong and sound. Then followed the mysterious part. There is one way by which the matter can be put through. I won't mention the way until I see you." An appointment was offered Cox the following Thursday. On that day Mr. Cameron was going west, and Cook writing back on the 31st August, said how anxious he was to accept the appointment. Cameron telegraphed on Sept. 1st to meet him on the arrival of that Friday morning train going west at Toronto. But something happened, and on Sept. 9th there was a letter mentioning "nothing new to report except that James Young, of Galt, was sticking like a 'bum'." said Mr. Ritchie.

Like a "bum," corrected some one, "bum," said Mr. Ritchie.

On the 1st October Cameron telegraphed Cook to meet him in Toronto. Cook went to the Union Station, and when Cameron stepped off the train he said:—"I am going to get breakfast; come while I am eating." So they sat down at the time in the dining-room of the Union Station, and this is Cook's evidence of what followed:—He (Cameron) pulled a letter out of his pocket, and opened it with a knife. He said, "Cartwright gave me this on leaving, and I have not opened it myself." He gave me the letter, and asked me to give it back again. He gave me the letter for the purpose of reading it. I read it. It said:—"Friend Cook must do something. Something like that." I asked him what that meant. He said it meant to the senatorship. I said, "What is 'something'?" He said \$10,000. Then we walked out from the table. I was very indignant. I said I would not give a cent for that appointment or any other.

Mr. Ritchie—What did he say?

Mr. Cook—Before he stepped off the car I was talking pretty loud. I was considerable excited. He begged me to speak low, for fear some people should hear what I said.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said:—You recognized the handwriting?

Mr. Cook—Yes.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell—Did you see the signature of the letter?

Mr. Cook—Asked to be allowed to retain the letter, but Mr. Cameron said, "I have got strict instructions not to let it out of my possession."

Trunks and Valises

You are probably thinking of taking a trip sometime soon and may need a nice trunk or valise. We have now in stock an extra good line of both, from the cheap canvas telescope at 50c, to the much finer article of leather. Trunks of different kinds and sizes, at low prices, trunk straps, shawl straps and lunch boxes.

We have just received a very nice fine line of Ladies' Dongola Oxford and Southern Ties, hand-turn soles, all sizes, at \$1.25, finer lines at \$1.50 and \$1.75. See our extra good line of Boys' Shoes at from \$1 to \$2.00 a pair.

Little Gents' Shoes, the kind that makes the little fellows heart glad, made of Dongola and Box Calf, sizes 8 to 10, at \$1 and \$1.25 per pair.

Peace's New Store
4 Doors West of Market

You Feel Wretched

Because you have low vitality—Your blood is not charged with the proper amount of nourishment—You need Powley's Liquefied Ozone—This is what it does:—

S. A. MOORE, Station Agent, Grafton, Ont., says:—

If any other man had called and asked me to buy patent medicine for my disease, I certainly would have shown him the office door, but seeing the number of bottles shipped to you, I came to the conclusion that it must be of some value. I am now on the fourth bottle, and do not expect to require any more. What results? I got up in the morning, no dragging feeling, free from pain, which I had for over three years, good appetite, can rest well at night, gained five pounds first bottle. During those three years I went through three doctors' hands, and I derived more benefit from the use of Ozone than all the doctors' medicine I have taken. Can vouch for the medicine getting at the root of all diseases, and cheerfully recommend it to all my friends.

Don't take what we say about the preparation—Verify each testimonial—That is all we want.

\$1.00 large size bottle, 50c small size, at all drug stores. Write The Ozone Co., of Toronto, Limited, 48 Colborne Street, Toronto.

Say Papa

Where is my savings bank key? What do you want for, I hope you are not going to spend your money foolishly? No papa, but then at Jordan's Jewelry Store they are selling

Solid Gold 10k Set Rings for 75c and \$1.00

and only for 30 DAYS, just the same as you paid \$2.50 for

A. A. Jordan, Sign of The Big Clock

It's laughable to read some tea advertisements, but it's no joke to drink the tea. Better stick to Blue Ribbon Ceylon.

Chatham's Millinery Store

We are Busy Getting Ready for Our

Easter Opening

On the 27th March

We have just a few odd lines left of winter goods, and this week will be the last week for the odds and ends which will be sold at your own price.

C. A. COOKSLEY, Opp. Market

The Pruning Season

Will soon be here and those who wish to raise good fruit and grow nice trees must prune. Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas have all the necessary tools for this purpose and their prices are right.

Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas

Subscribe Now

RED FABRIC CAUSED WOE

Flaunted in Irishman's Face It Put Him in Fighting Trim.

Company Sailed on Steamship With Flayer of Limerick and Flags Were Fixed.

New York Telegraph.

A spasmodic contretemps marred the sailing of the Alice Nielson Opera Company and John Daly, Mayor of Limerick, on the steamship Majestic yesterday. It was a homeric passage at arms between the English admirer of one of the actresses and a distinguished representative of the United Irish Societies.

Ernest G. Clark, who lives at 159 West Forty-fourth street when he is there, drove to the White Star pier to wait soft farewells to a charmer in brown, gazing sorrowfully deckward he drew from a secret pocket in his double breasted waistcoat a small British flag. (Waving the scrap of scarlet at her, he burred:

"Au revoir, pet! Don't forget your true love in old London. Think of me always at my best."

"It's the least she can do," said a bystander.

GREEN FLAG WAVED TOO. Unfortunately for the British youth, William J. Stoven, who disdains to drop the brogue, though he is sufficiently cultured to do so at will, was at the dock with a hundred other members of the United Irish societies to say good bye to Mayor Daly. Cognizant of the eternal fitness of things, he bore a large emerald banner, which he waved tumultuously at the Limerick celebrity.

"Bon voyage, your honor," he yelled with a Parisian accent that savored of Trinity college.

"Hurrah!" cried the five score patriots. "Bye-bye, Ernie, dear!" chirped the septa swathed singer, as the gangway was lowered.

"Farewell, beautiful one!" gurgled Clark. "Dream of me at the Gaelic. I may go to Holborn Viaduct, but I'll think of you just the same," she returned, blowing things at him off the tips of her suede cased digits.

THEN THE FUN BEGAN. Overcome by his emotions, Clark swung his tiny Union Jack so vehemently that it struck full athwart Stoven's honest visage.

"Look out with your dirty red rag!" exclaimed the son of Ernie, who, under the impression the Englishman was flouting a ruddy handkerchief.

"How dare you speak so of the British colors!" retorted Clark. "What?" shrieked the oven. "Is that what you've been flaunting in honest men's faces? So it is, indeed! Take that!" and he launched a left lead at Clark's countenance, which might have resulted fatally had it landed with full force.

As it was the Britain reeled backward and would have fallen but for the swiftly staying arm of his cabman. Shrieks from the petticoated portion of the opera company, indignant shouts from the hundred companions of the belligerent Hilberman, laughs from the longshoremen, raucous roars from the roustabouts and stentorian stutters by the stevedores, mingled on a musical medley calculated to make the wakin ring, had there been such a thing on the premises.

ENGLISHMAN WILLING TO FIGHT. Clark was courageous, and though smaller than his assailant, closed with Stoven in a mutual hold which Patrolman Leonard, of the Charles street station broke only after a violent effort. The Milesian patriot was hurried to the Jefferson Market Court where Clark lodged a complaint against him, and he was bailed to await a further hearing.

"It was bad enough to be struck by an Englishman, your honor," he said to Magistrate Hogan, "but when I saw he had done it with a British flag, 'twas more than I could stand, and I had to hit him."

A SONG OF TRUST.

I cannot always see the way that leads
To heights above;
I sometimes quite forget He leads me on

With hand of love;
But yet I know the path must lead me to
Immanuel's land,
And when I reach life's summit I shall know
And understand.

I cannot always trace the onward course
My ship must take;
But, looking backward, I behold afar
Its shining wake
Illumined with God's light of love,
and so
I onward go,
In perfect trust that He who holds the helm,
The course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which
He builds my life,
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on blow,
The noise of strife,
Confuses me till I quite forget He knows
And overrules,
And that in all details, with His good plan,
My life agrees.

I cannot always know and understand
The Master's rule;
I cannot always do the tasks He gives
In life's hard school;
But I am learning, with His help, to solve
Then, one by one,
And when I cannot understand, to say
"Thy will be done."

—Religious Telescope.

He is a fool that praises himself,
and he is a madman that speaks ill of himself.

Minard's Liniment for sale Everywhere.

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A Practical Joker.

"I suppose it was wrong," said a well-known member of the Detroit bar, with a grin, but I couldn't afford to let the opportunity pass. My wife has become a convert to the mind cure fad, and for the last month I have heard nothing but the power of mind over matter. I said little, hoping that she would tire of it and drop it. But I was doomed to disappointment, for the longer she harped at it the worse she became.

This morning she discovered that a water pipe was leaking, and she went at it with that universal woman's tool, a hairpin, with the result that she only made the hole larger and caused a small jet of water to be shot into the room. Clapping a finger over the hole to stop the flow of water, she called loudly for me, and when I appeared on the scene I took the situation in at a glance.

"What is the matter, my dear?" I asked.

"There is a hole in the pipe," she gasped. "Get a plug while I hold the water back with my finger."

"There is no leak there, if you will only think so," said I, soothingly. "Put your mind on it and remove your finger."

"John Henry!" she began, but at that moment her finger slipped and a jet of water hit her in the eye, and the valuable remarks that she was about to make were lost for all time.

"John, can't you see that the wall-paper will be ruined if I let go?"

"Well, my dear," said I, ignoring her question, "it is time I was going down stairs, besides I am afraid if I remain here I may interfere with the calm, repeated working of your mind. Convince yourself, my dear, there is no leak and remove your finger."

With that I left her. I took the precaution, however, to send up a plumber, but from what I heard when I left, I am afraid that her mind was far from being in a resolute mood.

Regulating the Rattlesnake. A farmer once found a rattlesnake. Having caught it and put it in a bag he carried it home and called his neighbors together, saying:

"Behold, I have captured a snake, and it is big and strong; now, what shall I do with it?"

Then one of the men said: "This is a very harmless looking reptile. I think he might be allowed to go wherever he pleases."

Another said: "My friend, do you not know that this harmless looking serpent has a sting. Now, therefore, I move that all people, and especially young people, be warned faithfully to keep out of the way of the serpent, lest they be bitten."

This counsel seemed to impress the assembly favorably.

Then a third speaker began in this wise:

"Since the bite of this reptile is so very dangerous, I would submit that it might be well to make certain rules and regulations; as for instance, that he is not to go abroad on the day called Sunday; that he shall not be allowed to sting anybody who is not of age; moreover, that he shall not be let out of his cage at all until a council of citizens shall decide. And finally," said this wise and thoughtful man, "I suggest that an oath be administered to our neighbor, the keeper of the snake, that he will faithfully carry out these provisions."

Now it came to pass that all the neighbors were so moved with these words that they with one voice cried out: "So let it be."

And so the snake still lives.

His Assets. The badgering lawyer sometimes succeeds only in affording the witness an opportunity to show off his own wit at the lawyer's expense.

And then the spectators are happy. A certain actor was before the poor debtor's court in New York last winter, and testified that his only assets were his salary as a member of the Blank Company.

"But you must have something else," said the prosecuting counsel.

"Tell the court what else you have."

"That's all."

"What's your personal property?"

"Oh, yes, a dog—and a watch."

"Now think hard. What else?"

persisted the attorney, believing that he was on the right track.

"And a case of rheumatism," said the witty witness.

Sultan Objects to Bicycles. The Sultan of Turkey objects to bicycle races, not because he is afraid of anyone getting hurt, but because he fears he may get hurt himself. Crowds are not welcome in the neighborhood of his sacred person. When a number of people are gathered together it becomes a riot, and they make it easier for the capital's subjects to conspire together, and perhaps, to arrange attempts against their sovereign's life. This feeling on the part of the Turkish authorities has acquired fresh energy since the assassination of King Humbert. Further races in Constantinople have, therefore, been forbidden by the police.

How Rat Portage Got Its Name. Rat Portage was named for just what the word conveys, a portage for rats. It is on the Winnipeg river, just below the outlet of the Lake of the Woods. Long ago, before the country was settled as it is now, there was a portage at the point where the town is built for the thousands of muskrats that passed from the river to the lake in winter and back again to the river in spring.

At the outlet of the lake there is a waterfall eighteen or twenty feet high that the rats could not pass over, so they went around, making the portage.

The Best Recommendation. "So the lady engaged you at once when you said you had served with me?"

"Yes, she said that any girl who could stand you for three months must be an angel."

The London Life Assurance Company.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting of the shareholders and policyholders of the above company was held at the company's offices, London, Ont., March 11, 1901, when the following report of the directors and accompanying financial statement were submitted:

The directors of the company beg to submit annual report and duly audited financial statement for the year ending December 31st, 1900.

During the year 11,738 applications for insurance, amounting to \$1,354,745, were accepted and policies issued therefor.

The net premium and interests received, \$22,822.36 and \$14,426.78, or a total receipts of the year were respectively of \$27,249.12, being an increase of \$29,108.91 over the previous year.

The sum of \$56,738.98 was paid for death claims, \$14,640 for matured endowments, and \$9,477.92 for surrenders, policies and cash profits, making a total of \$80,857.82 paid policyholders or heirs during the year.

The insurance in force on the company's books at the close of the year, after deducting all re-insurances, amounted to \$6,190,505.88, under 2,881

"Ordinary" and 41,208 "Industrial," or a total of 44,032 policies—an increase of 3,853 policies for insurance of \$321,944.75 for the year.

The assets of the company exclusive of uncalled 'but subscribed capital, amount to \$1,065,110.32, an increase of \$129,687.40 for the year. The interest and other payments falling due during the year were in the main satisfactorily met. No losses in respect of investments were incurred during the year, and no real estate came into the company's possession by foreclosure or otherwise.

The liabilities of the company under existing policies, and in all other respects have been provided for in the most ample manner, the whole amounting to \$916,131.03. The surplus on policyholders' account, exclusive of uncalled but subscribed capital, is therefore \$88,979.29, and after deducting paid-up capital, accumulating profits and contingent fund, there remains a net surplus, over all liabilities and capital, of \$27,125.56.

JOHN McCLARY, President.

Abstract of Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1900

RECEIPTS.	
Interest on investments	\$ 44,426 76
Premiums, Ordinary and Industrial	252,822 36
	\$ 297,249 12
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid policyholders or heirs	\$ 80,857 82
Dividend and all other disbursements	109,447 25
	\$ 190,304 23
Balance carried to investment account	\$ 106,944 89
ASSETS.	
Cash in office and banks	\$ 17,119 54
Bonds and debentures	90,700 00
Loans on policies and stocks	74,878 68
Loan companies' stock	82,520 00
Mortgages on real estate	710,389 24
Sundry investments	10,025 54
	\$ 955,643 00
ADDITIONAL ASSETS.	
Premiums due and deferred	\$ 22,823 13
Interest due and accrued	26,584 19
	\$ 49,407 32
Total assets, Dec. 31, 1900	\$1,005,110 32
To cover liabilities as follows:	
Net re-insurance reserve	\$ 895,846 29
All other liabilities	20,284 74
	\$ 916,131 03
Surplus security on policyholders' account	\$ 88,979 29
Contingent fund, accruing profits and paid-up capital	61,853 73
Surplus over all liabilities and capital	\$ 27,125 56

(Note.—If re-insurance reserve were computed on government standard of valuation, instead of the company's standard, the surplus over all liabilities and capital would exceed \$56,000.00.)

To the Shareholders of the London Life Insurance Company: Gentlemen—I beg to report that I have audited the books and accounts of the London Life Insurance Com-

pany for the year ending 31st December, 1900, and find them correct and in accordance with the above statement. There is ample provision made for the reserve fund and liabilities. I have examined the securities and find them in order. The book-keeping is carefully and neatly done.

JAMES McMILLAN, Auditor.
London, February 9th, 1901.

Mr. John McClary, in moving the adoption of the report, said: Gentlemen.—The report of the directors, and the accompanying financial statement, which you have before you, are so complete in detail as not to require any extended remarks by way of explanation.

Now it came to pass that all the neighbors were so moved with these words that they with one voice cried out: "So let it be."

And so the snake still lives.

His Assets. The badgering lawyer sometimes succeeds only in affording the witness an opportunity to show off his own wit at the lawyer's expense.

And then the spectators are happy. A certain actor was before the poor debtor's court in New York last winter, and testified that his only assets were his salary as a member of the Blank Company.

"But you must have something else," said the prosecuting counsel.

"Tell the court what else you have."

"That's all."

"What's your personal property?"

"Oh, yes, a dog—and a watch."

"Now think hard. What else?"

persisted the attorney, believing that he was on the right track.

"And a case of rheumatism," said the witty witness.

Sultan Objects to Bicycles. The Sultan of Turkey objects to bicycle races, not because he is afraid of anyone getting hurt, but because he fears he may get hurt himself. Crowds are not welcome in the neighborhood of his sacred person. When a number of people are gathered together it becomes a riot, and they make it easier for the capital's subjects to conspire together, and perhaps, to arrange attempts against their sovereign's life. This feeling on the part of the Turkish authorities has acquired fresh energy since the assassination of King Humbert. Further races in Constantinople have, therefore, been forbidden by the police.

How Rat Portage Got Its Name. Rat Portage was named for just what the word conveys, a portage for rats. It is on the Winnipeg river, just below the outlet of the Lake of the Woods. Long ago, before the country was settled as it is now, there was a portage at the point where the town is built for the thousands of muskrats that passed from the river to the lake in winter and back again to the river in spring.

At the outlet of the lake there is a waterfall eighteen or twenty feet high that the rats could not pass over, so they went around, making the portage.

The Best Recommendation. "So the lady engaged you at once when you said you had served with me?"

"Yes, she said that any girl who could stand you for three months must be an angel."

pect of the new Ordinary business of the past year, has been computed on a 3-1-2 per cent. interest basis and the new Industrial business on a 3 per cent. basis.

It is the intention of the directors to bring the existing business of the company to a 3-1-2 per cent. reserve standard as soon as possible, and to facilitate this being done, a readjustment of the profits payable in respect of with-profit policies the past year was deemed advisable. The reduction in profits for the time being will no doubt be fully compensated for by the greater surplus interest earnings, which will result in the future, by reason of the change referred to.

That the funds of the company are being kept well invested is evidenced by the fact that the average rate of interest earned upon the mean invested assets of the year under review, was 5.47 per cent., which, coupled with the fact that no losses of any nature were incurred, must be conceded to be a very good showing.

With these remarks, I beg to second the adoption of the report.

Judge Bell, speaking as a policyholders' director, expressed himself well pleased with the results of the past year and the standing of the company generally.

The adoption of the report was carried unanimously.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the agents and other employees of the company for the satisfactory manner in which they had discharged their several duties during the past year.

The election of directors resulted in the re-election of Messrs. John McClary, president; A. O. Jeffery, vice-president; Wm. Bowman, Geo. C. Gibbons, W. F. Bullen, A. S. Emery, Judge Bell, T. H. Smallman and G. H. Harrison for the ensuing year.

As the Company loans its funds largely on real estate, all who are desiring to make a loan will do well to consult the Company's General Agent at Chatham—

D. H. DIMOND, Assistant Supt., Industrial Branch.

J. W. HUMPHREY, Office Northwood block, King St.

Woolens for Spring 1901

men of taste and discernment to call on us and become intimate with all that is most stylish and novel in the high art of good dressing.

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Those nice crisp Ginger Snaps that have a real ginger flavor, the kind that always make you want "just one more." Come in and have one—10c per pound, 3 pounds for 25c.

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G. W. Cornell

... Dentist

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Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

Births Marriages and Deaths

MIED.

SIMONTON—On Tuesday, 26th inst., Eleanor Mahala Simonton, relict of the late John Simonton, Sr., aged 73 years 4 months and 16 days. The funeral will take place from the residence of her son, Mr. John Simonton, Mercer street, near Fair Grounds, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LOCAL BRIEFS

M. Halliday, of Merlin, is in the city to-day.

S. Wilkins, of Leamington, is in the city to-day.

Buy your carpenter's tools at Morton's Hardware Store.

A. Samson and Geo. Thompson, of Blenheim, are in the city to-day.

A meeting of the Daughters of Reheka will be held to-morrow evening at 7.30 in Oddfellows' Auditorium.

Call at Thos. Stone's and sample McLaren's Extracts and Powdered Jellies, Tuesday, 26th, and balance of week.

Foreman Leber has men engaged this afternoon hauling the mud away which was scraped off King St. east on Monday last.

The Kent Poultry Association will hold a special meeting to-morrow evening in the office of W. H. Robinson, barrister.

The Grand Opera House orchestra furnished the music at the theatre last night, and not Armstrong's orchestra as reported.

The choir of the First Presbyterian Church will meet for special practice to-morrow evening, when a full attendance of the members is asked for.

Material has been shipped for the stations for the new extension of the Lake Erie, which will be run up at once.

Sawdust is being shipped into the city from West Lorne, via the Lake Erie, for use by the different ice-houses in the city.

Wm. Edmondson has purchased from John Glasgow 104 head of cattle, averaging 1,300 lbs. in weight. Mr. Edmondson will leave next Tuesday for the Old Country, whither he will ship his cattle.

Edward Casey, clerk in Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas' store, had a very painful accident befall him yesterday, being struck by the elevator and having the upper lid of his right eye badly cut.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Bedford, Selkirk street, left to-day to attend the marriage of Mr. Bedford's brother, Ross W. to Grace Field, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Field. The ceremony takes place this evening at 6, at the bride's parent's, Creek Road, Harwich.

The death took place yesterday of Eleanor Mahala Simonton, at the age of seventy-four years, four months and sixteen days. The deceased was the relict of the late John Simonton, Sr. David Latimer is a grandson of deceased. The funeral will take place on Thursday at two o'clock p. m. from the residence of her son, John Simonton, Mercer street, south of the Fair Grounds.

Toilet Soaps

It is a very fine Soap, and we are selling it this week at 25c per bar. SEE IT IN OUR WINDOW.

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Phone 178—Night Bell

WE HAVE always tried to be leaders in Toilet Soaps, and by paying special attention to this department we have secured a good trade in it. We have a nice line of all the leading brands of Soaps, ranging in price from 5c to \$1.00 a cake. This week we have a special sale of

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Beautify YOUR Home!

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Thousands of rolls to choose from. Artistic designs, newest colorings, beautiful combinations. LOWEST PRICES. See our assortment.

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...DINGMAN...

FOR SPECIAL SUPPLICATION

Evangelist Hunter Asked Prayers for Those Sick and in Prison.

A Large Number of City Pastors Take Part in the Revival Meeting Last Night.

At last night's meeting Mr. Hunter's prayer touchingly referred to the sick in our hospitals, the prisoners in our jail and the drunkards in our city. He also read a number of letters from seekers and saved ones, after which he asked Rev. Dr. Battisby lead in prayer for these several requests.

The 5th chapter of Luke was read as the lesson. Said the preacher: We fish too near the shore, where the shoals and the reefs are. To be more successful we must launch out for deep sea experiences. We should launch out regarding prayer; should not use the same old stereotyped prayer until your children and church friends know what to expect each time your voice is heard in prayer; should launch out in reference to your work; surprise your own self by doing something. Don't dictate to others how the prayer meeting should be conducted, but, if you cannot conduct the service you are used to attending, start a new one. Go down in the lowest places of your city and launch out for God.

Mr. Hunter spoke of the great work the Salvation Army were doing in the slums of our cities, especially in Boston, where he visited, — holding prayer meetings in their dance halls after one o'clock, preaching Jesus Christ in these dark dens. There will be Salvation Army angels whom, perhaps you may be asked to stand up to allow them to pass in at the Golden Gate. Launch out with your givings, livings; cast aside your idols. No trouble in getting near to God. Launch out—disheartened Sabbath school teacher, who has prayed all night; got nothing. Perhaps you are fishing on the wrong side of the boat. Don't get discouraged. Launch out with a common sense. Launch out and receive a hundred-fold in this world, and in the world to come life eternal.

In speaking from Jeremiah 29, 13, Mr. Croxley spoke of some of the reasons why people did not seek and find God with their heart. First you say for fear I won't get through. Fully decide and stand grounded on the word of God. Then other say I am afraid I won't "hold out." There are a few here and there but 99 out of every 100 who become friends of Jesus remain so. Do not be misled by men who will lie to you of your friends. Think what it is to be a Christian and recognize God as your Father. Some think you must wait for feeling. Others say I have formed habits and they are in some jagged old rut. Jesus is calling you now so instead of staying there seek Him. Then some seek without faith. Let God be the object of your faith for without God faith is nothing. Others don't seek with the heart. Others wanting the assurance, which is a necessary consequence after you have sought God with "all your heart." Simply yield to Jesus. Mr. Croxley spoke of women as having the stronger character than man in yielding to right. Men and boys as a rule not having the courage to confess Christ in front of companions. Their minds probably diverted with social questions. Some too proud or self-willed, are glad to see their companions take a stand for Christ but in themselves lack decision. God gives us power to choose. May we seek Him with all our hearts.

Many souls sought and found Jesus at the after meeting. On the platform were Revs. Battisby, Kerr, Ousterhout, Locke, Dr. Hannon and Hunter; Mr. Forsythe presiding at the piano.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Mar. 27, 1901.	Opn.	High	Low	Close
Wheat—Jan.....	75 1/2	76	75 1/2	76
May.....	75 1/2	76	75 1/2	76
Corn—Jan.....	42 1/2	43	42 1/2	43
May.....	42 1/2	43	42 1/2	43
Oats—Jan.....	25	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
May.....	25	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Pork—Jan.....	18 1/2	18 3/4	18 1/2	18 3/4
May.....	18 1/2	18 3/4	18 1/2	18 3/4
Lard—May.....	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Jan.....	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
May.....	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2

Quality Always Speaks For Itself

WE are showing some dainty novelties in Suits which gentlemen will not find elsewhere in the city.

We also make a special feature of importing Single Suit Lengths in high-class goods. This precludes the possibility of any pattern becoming common. Call and inspect for yourself.

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Easter Millinery Opening

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
March 27th, 28th and 29th

This display is the result of planning and painstaking efforts on the part of our Millinery experts for months past, and contains an extensive collection of what London, Paris, New York and Canadian milliners have determined should be correct in fashionable headwear, and yet whether imported patterns or the product of the clever artists in our own workroom, they are in every case thoroughly adapted to this locality, and are such as should meet the particular wants of Chathamites, satisfy and win the admiration of the most refined taste and stamp this store more than ever as the foremost exponent of fashion dictate in Kent County.

We extend a hearty welcome to you and your friends to come and see this special Opening Display of new spring and Easter Millinery. Whether to buy or merely to admire, all are welcome.

On Opening Day

We will make a special display in the various departments. We trust all readers will avail themselves of this invitation to see the largest and most varied stock shown by anyone in this Western Peninsula. The lines to which we invite your special attention during Opening days comprise:—

1st Floor

Black Dress Goods
Fancy Colored Dress Goods
Black and Fancy Silks
Dress Trimmings
White Wash Goods
Colored Muslins, etc.

Easter Stock of Kid Gloves
Special Brands of Corsets
Ladies' Wrappers
White Muslin Shirt Waists
Laces and Embroideries
Hosiery and Gloves
Ladies' Whitewear

2nd Floor

Direct Importations of
English Brussels Carpets
English Tapestry Carpets
Scotch Linoleum
Canadian Wool Ingrains
Swiss Lace Curtains

English Willow Carpets
English Velvet Carpets
Canadian Oil Cloths
American Rugs
Scotch and English Lace Curtains

Clothing Department

Correct Every Time

That's the Way at Austin's

IT'S THE WAY OUR CLOTHING FITS.
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IT'S THE WAY OUR PRICES ARE.

We want everyone to feel that the correct place to buy Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Hats, Caps, etc., is at The One Price Clothing Store.

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Special Spring Opening Display

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27th

—OF ALL THE—

Latest 20th Century Styles

Men's Spring Top
Coats,
Men's Trousers,
Men's Hats,
Men's Caps.
New Easter
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American Novelties
In Boys and
Children's
Middy Suits
2 and 3 pc. Suits
Katty Caps
New Tams
Boy's Nobby Felt
Hats

Mothers! —

COME and see what we have for the boys this year. There never was such a collection of styles and values under one roof as we will show for this season. All we ask is to come and see. We will be pleased to show you through.

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A Limited Quantity

Of Maple syrup is made with the first run of the sap. As the demand for this particular lot almost always exceeds the supply, we had to place our order early. That is the reason why we would like to have your order now. We would like to fill it out of this first lot (to be here about the 10th of April.) You are sure of getting the finest quality of syrup and you get it at a very reasonable price.

You run no risk anyway, for if the syrup does not meet your expectations in every way, we will gladly take it back. Our guarantee stands for Maple Syrup as well as anything else we sell.

1 Gal. Tins, 60c.
1 Gal. Tins, \$1.10.
5 Gal. Tins, \$5.00.

H. Malcolmson

WAS ONE JURY CASE

At the Sittings of the Division Court Before Judge Woods.

Several Disputes Enlarged For Further Hearing—Louis Von Gunten Gets Judgment.

Division Court was held yesterday before His Honor Judge Woods and the following cases were disposed of:—

W. F. Smith pr. ex. vs. W. Stokes and W. Graham pr. dr. and J. Harrin, garnishee, note for \$33, enlarged till next court at plaintiff's request.

S. Stephenson vs. James Hennessy, account \$10.00, adjourned to next court for further examination of the plaintiff and the bank books.

The People's Life Insurance Co. vs. Geo. Senior, note \$31.35, adjourned on payment of the costs of the day.

Annie Simpson vs. John McNaughton, claim \$24.89, judgment for \$24.09 without considering the counter claim.

William Chrysler vs. James Dillon, disputed account \$8, judgment for defendant without costs.

W. A. Ward vs. Hooper King, account \$35, judgment for defendant without costs. The only jury case was that of Louis Von Gunten vs. W. S. Ireland and A. F. Falls, executors of the Garner estate. The amount in dispute was \$84.80 and judgment was given in favor of Von Gunten for \$80.15.

C. G. Martin solicitor for the plaintiff with M. Houston counsel and Thos. Scullard for the defense with O. L. Lewis counsel.

W. C. T. U. MEET.

Thursday, March 21st, those who were present at the W. C. T. U. hall enjoyed a succession of treats. Miss Reddick occupied the chair, and in her happy manner gave a short address.

Mrs. McKay gave a Bible reading. Mrs. McKenney read a paper written by herself, on the life of the turnpikes in Germany, and spoke of the depths of misery they and their families were reduced to, through the excessive use of intoxicants by the husband and father.

Mrs. McNaughton read a paper on systematic giving.

Rev. Mr. Crossley gave a short address and sang a solo.

Rev. Mr. Runtion also said a few words of encouragement. He has just come from the now famous Carrie Nation town. He thinks Mrs. Nation is worthy of high encomiums.

After the meeting was dismissed, refreshments were served.

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King Street.

The Senatorial Scandal Involves a Cabinet Minister

Continued from First Page.

Solicitor, S. G. Biggs. Cameron was then returning east. At this interview Mr. Cameron talked very freely, and repeated the statement made at the Union Station. Cook said, "I decline to purchase it."

Other correspondence followed. When Sir O. Mowat resigned from the senate on the 30th Sept., 1897, Mr. Cameron wrote an answer to a letter sent by Mr. Cook, saying: "You had the cards in your own hands, and you refused to play them, and you lost the game."

Mr. Ritchie—Can you explain what the cards meant, and the game meant?

Mr. Cook—It was the purchase for \$10,000 he was referred to.

That was the last letter from Mr. Cameron. Mr. Cook had an interview with Sir R. Cartwright in December, 1897, or May, 1898, when he was trying again. On leaving Sir Richard's office Mr. Cook said: "Mr. Cameron demanded of me at one time for the appointment \$10,000. Is that correct?"

Mr. Ritchie—What did he say?

Mr. Cook—He said Mr. Cameron wanted to get some money for party purposes, and he took that means of having it. Something of that sort.

Mr. Ritchie—Did he say who suggested the \$10,000?

Mr. Cook—I think he said Mr. Cameron suggested it.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell—Did he say he objected to the proposal?

Mr. Cook—No; he knew Mr. Cameron was to make it.

Mr. Ritchie—The initiative was taken by Mr. Cameron?

Mr. Cook—Yes.

On the 25th August the correspondence was resumed, and ran on a great deal of it. Mr. Cook making his claims as a lumberman and U. E. loyalist, and objecting to James Sutherland and other new Liberal workers for Charles Hyman, of London. Mr. Cook also had correspondence with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and wrote concerning it to Sir Richard on the 1st August, 1899.

"On the 26th ult. I wrote a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a copy of which I enclose. This morning I received a reply, a copy of which I enclose. Laurier's letter confuses me. He says you (Cartwright) had my application always in charge. Can it be you have played me false?"

Mr. Cook went on to say that when Senator Ferguson was dying he again pressed his claim, but withdrew it when he heard Hon. David Mills' name mentioned.

Mr. Cook could not recall any conversation in his own office in regard to the \$10,000, or any other offer.

To Senator Kirchoffer, Mr. Cook said he had many conversations in a joking way with Dr. Landerkin about this \$10,000, but it was by-play.

Mr. Marsh suggested there was another interview with an official of the Ontario Government in regard to the matter.

Mr. Cook said it was W. T. R. Preston, who while librarian of the Ontario government, wrote him a letter stating that a Liberal senator would come to the interview.

Mr. Cook—He (Preston) came to my office and said he had just returned from Ottawa, and was instructed to ask me for \$10,000 for the appointment.

He walked into my inner office, and said "Good morning, Mr. Senator." He said he had been instructed by Sir Richard Cartwright to ask for it. I said I would not give it to either the government or Sir R. Cartwright.

He replied that I wouldn't get the senatorship unless I did. That they knew I could afford it and they wanted the money for party purposes.

S. H. Blake went to know why Mr. Cook had not mentioned that before, during examination.

The reply was that he had forgotten it for the moment.

Mr. Blake proceeded to ask if anyone beside Sir Richard and Mr. Cameron knew of the matter.

Counsel Marsh objected that this line of examination tended to elicit the names of the witnesses he intended to call, and place the conduct of the case in the hands of Mr. Blake instead of in the hands of the gentleman who had to prove his charges.

In the course of argument on this point, Mr. Ritchie named Mr. Preston, Mr. Frank McDonald, S. C. Briggs and Mr. Hancock as those connected with the charge in chief.

Mr. Blake then proceeded with his cross-examination, and asked if any approach had been made to witness or by him to any Minister of the Crown.

Mr. Cook—Except what I said to Cartwright.

Question—What was that?

Answer—After a conversation with Sir Richard Cartwright, I asked him if Cameron had authority from him or the government to ask me for \$10,000. He replied that Cameron wanted the \$10,000 for party purposes, and he (Sir Richard) had assented to it.

The committee rose shortly after one o'clock to meet again tomorrow at 10 a. m.

Kent Children's Aid Society.

The Society wants a home for a girl five years old, healthy, fair complexion, kind disposition. Apply by letter or in person to R. A. Sims, President, or R. V. Bray, Exec. Officer.

Minard's Linctum Cures Gargot in Cows.

SPEAK WELL OF COUNTY

The Grand Jury Presentment Testifies to Moral Improvement.

Also Pays Tribute to Our Public Institutions, Their Officers and Methods.

The following is the text of the grand jury presentment made at the High Court sittings this afternoon:—

To his lordship, Mr. Justice Falconbridge:

Your Lordship—The grand jury desires to acknowledge and reciprocate your congratulations upon the clean criminal record which greets the present sessions of the High Court. This, we trust, gives evidence to a tendency to the improvement which we believe is taking place throughout our district.

With your lordship, we deplore the profound loss our Empire has sustained in the death of our late loved Queen Victoria, and hasten to ascribe our renewed allegiance to her son, His Majesty King Edward VII.

In compliance with your lordship's directions we have visited the jail, and desire to express our satisfaction with the recent improvements completed there, by which the prisoners are now properly classified and all the equipment modernized. We notice, however, that a good deal of inconvenience is experienced through the water finding its way into the fire pit of furnaces. We think the attention of the County Council should be drawn to the advisability of instituting some remedy for this annoyance.

Otherwise, we found everything in excellent order and would congratulate the jail officials and County Council thereon.

We also visited the House of Refuge and, through the courtesy of Supt. Arnold, were shown through the institution and found the inmates comfortable, happy and well cared for. On account of the critical condition of some of the patients we were unable to visit the General Hospital, but visited St. Joseph's, were kindly received and shown through the building.

These hospitals are doing a great and valuable work in the community. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW RANKIN, Foreman.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Fred. Sowerby is laid up with la grippe. Mrs. Thomas (Guttridge, of Baxter street, is slowly improving.

P. J. McGuire, of Toronto, is in the city to-day on business.

Miss Elsie Turner, Richmond street, is laid up with the prevailing malady.

John Turner, Richmond street, is slowly improving from a relapse of la grippe.

"Australia," by an Australian, at the C. C. L., on Friday night. Beautifully illustrated.

Mrs. Henry Stuart, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the city, returned to-day to her home in Detroit.

If you are going to spray your trees Geo. Stephens, Quinn Street, keeps everything necessary for the purpose and their prices are right.

James Heath, of Richmond street, has returned from Detroit where he has been visiting friends and relatives for the past two weeks.

John Johnson appeared before Judge Houston this morning on the charge of getting goods from Stone & Co., on false pretences. He was remanded till Monday, bail being fixed at \$50. The information was laid last November, but Johnson has been out of the city since.

\$50.00 To California and Back This Summer.

An illustrated book, which will be of much interest to all who are expecting to take advantage of the low rates to California this summer, at the time of the Epworth League Convention, to be held in San Francisco in July, has just been issued by the Chicago & North-Western R'y.

Much valuable information is given relating to the state, variable routes, etc. The rate via this line will be only \$50.00 for the round trip from Chicago, with corresponding rates from other points. Copy of this book may be had free upon application to Mr. W. B. Kniskern, 22 First Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

The Grand Trunk Railway system announces that their special fast train service between Toronto and the summer resorts in Muskoka and Georgian Bay, will, for the season of 1901, be operated northbound from Saturday, June 15th, until Saturday, Sept. 28, inclusive, and southbound from Monday, June 17th, until Monday, Sept. 30th, inclusive. This is several weeks longer than usual, but each year it is found that the residents who are served by this extra service are extending their visits, and they will doubtless appreciate the continuance of the special service during the whole of September, which is one of the most attractive months of the season.

He Meets With Something Entirely New to Him on the Chatham Bench.

Witnesses Here Show Wonderful Ability to Differ—An Insurance Case.

When the High Court met this morning, the defense in Heatherington vs. the London Mutual Assurance Co., was resumed.

Several witnesses were put on the stand, who swore that after the fire, which had destroyed the plaintiff's (Chas. Heatherington's) house, his young son, Harry, had stated to them that his father "had set fire to the house, and then gone to the lake to drown himself." Other witnesses also gave evidence to finding the plaintiff on the lake shore in a drunken condition. He asked "if it (meaning the fire) was still going."

The entire efforts of the defense were devoted towards an attempt to show that the plaintiff had set fire to the house in order to "get even" with his family for some real or fancied grievance.

His Lordship, in his address to the jury remarked that in all his experience on the bench he had never tried a similar case. He pointed out that the

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Miss Cathcart's

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—At The—

Gordon Store

To Miss Cathcart First Spring Opening in connection with the Gordon Store, she extends a general invitation to the ladies of our city and county to visit her Millinery Display. She makes especial careful preparation for this spring event (the inspection of the illustrative taste of the ladies of Paris, New York, London and the world's models of ladies head gear to adorn the fair denizens of Canada for the first spring time of the twentieth century.

To cater to the demand of our city in this regard is no pastime, but requires much time, patience, thought, skill and experience. However, "a test is better than a talk" and the ladies are invited to put Miss Cathcart to the test.

WILLIAM GORDON

AGENT FOR STANTARD FASHIONS.

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Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing and Furnishings

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..... GEORGE MEYNELL

EXPERIENCE FOR JUDGE

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..... Dentist

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witnesses for the plaintiff and for the defendants had flatly contradicted one another in nearly every salient point. The witnesses on behalf of the plaintiff were all interested members of his own family. It was merely a question of which set of witnesses the jury should believe. The "twelve good men and true," then retired.

The second case on the list was then taken up. This is an action brought by the Pittsburgh Spring Company Against the William Gray & Sons Co., Ltd., seeking to recover the price of certain consignments of springs, which the defense alleges were not up to the standard, Atkinson & Atkinson appear for plaintiffs, and Wilson & Co. for defendants. The first witness was Mr. Marquis, superintendent of the plaintiff's factory.

NOTES.

During the intermission between the first and second cases, Walter F. O'Hara, Dominion land surveyor, took the oath of allegiance to the new sovereign. The oath was administered by the Chief Justice.

The Pittsburgh Spring Co. case is still in progress.

The court attendance is not so large as usual, doubtless owing to the absence of criminal cases.

"We were very much pleased with the design you sent. It was beautiful and appropriate." The Victoria Ave. Green Houses receive such words of commendation every day. Telephone No. 181.

NOTICE.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock, noon, of April 5th, next, for the position of "Practical Superintendent," to take charge of the Public Works of the City of Chatham; also to superintend the employees on said works.

Applications to state salary. City Clerk. W. G. MERRITT.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid; and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Then probably it's a cold. Babies catch cold so easily and recover so slowly. Not slowly, however, when you use Vapo-Cresoline. Then a single night is all that is necessary for a cure. You just put some Vapo-Cresoline in the vaporizer, light the lamp beneath, and place near the crib. While baby sleeps he breathes in the healing vapor. Cold croup, inflamed membranes heal, and all trouble ceases. It's a perfect specific for whooping-cough and croup.

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We are now prepared to give you a course of instruction at your home in either book-keeping, Shorthand or Penmanship, and have already handled a number of pupils successfully in this way. To those whose circumstances will not allow them to leave home to attend school, this affords an excellent opportunity of getting a thorough knowledge of these subjects, while you are still following your daily work. We can qualify you to fill a good position through these mediums. Write for the Catalogue of Mail Courses. To those who can come to Chatham, but who cannot commence for some time, we would strongly recommend their taking the Mail Course in the interval, and thus saving themselves considerable time and expense after coming.

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The Deep Pathos of Beethoven's Great Affliction—How the Great Composer Came to His Death—A Few Remarks About the Ear.

Which would you rather be—deaf or blind? Here is a subject for debate or clubs or by the breakfast table.

It seems to us curious that there should be any doubt concerning the question propounded. But investigation shows that such doubt does exist.

Many a man will tell you that he would rather be blind and hear what is said around him than lose his hearing and continue to see.

Presumably the choice would depend on the mental make up of the person choosing.

The man accustomed to look inside of his own mind for resources and for interest would, we should say, not find deafness a hopeless curse.

The deaf man with sight can read and compel the greatest mind of every age to talk to him.

He can concentrate his thoughts at all times and in all places, for there is none of the world's distracting racket to divert him.

The blind man is shut out from the beauties of nature, and greatest loss of all, he is unable to study the wonders of the universe as spread out in the heavens at night. He finds himself limited to his own thoughts and to the idle talk of those around him.

Is there not in the marvels of one sunset more inspiration than in all the talk of a hundred men?

Is there not in the study of a young child's face more to be learned than in much empty conversation?

The greatest curse of deafness is that it shuts us out from the wonderful inspiration of music. But we consider this loss more easily borne than inability to improve the mind with study of the visible universe.

Talk this subject over with your friends. You will find it better worth discussing than the chances of rain or snow, or other of life's trivialities.

The power of the human mind is shown most vividly in the accomplishments of great men whose genius has surmounted the horrible affliction of deafness or blindness.

Homer was blind, Beethoven was stone deaf.

Milton was blind when he wrote "Paradise Lost." What could physical sight have added to his marvelous mental vision?

Of himself he says, "Wisdom at one entrance, quite shut out." But the affliction which would utterly destroy mediocrity adds fire and purpose to Milton's genius:

So much the rather, thou celestial light, shine inward, And the mind through all its powers, translate. There plant eyes that I may see and tell Of things invisible to mortal sight.

All history of pathos since the world began fails to match the story of Beethoven's affliction. One of the three greatest beings born on earth, he was fated never to hear except within his brain, and through his inward sense of harmony, the greatest works of his genius.

For earth's greatest picture of pathos, study this scene.

Beethoven's genius had culminated in the production of his two greatest works. A magnificent ovation was prepared for the master who has given such happiness to the mind.

A vast assemblage was gathered to conduct. Beethoven, the deaf genius, was to conduct.

The moving baton in his hands does not guide the musicians. His noble forehead is wrinkled deeply, his gaze fixed on the leading violin before him. The "leader" hears not a sound of his own marvelous music, and he "leads" by watch ing the bowing of the violinist who interprets his work.

Applause shakes the building. The thousands of spectators stand in their seats, waving their arms, shouting, cheering. Not a sound is heard by the author of all this excitement. He looks straight ahead, unconscious that frantic admiration has drowned the sound of the music. A woman advances, turns Beethoven gently round, that his eyes may behold the tribute of admiration to his genius.

He beholds thousands of men and women in tears, called forth by sympathy for his affliction.

But that scene move your sympathy, but let it also save you from possible affliction.

One piece of carelessness made Beethoven deaf and filled his life with sorrow.

After violent exercise he sat with his ear near an open window. Cold and inflammation resulted, and he was soon hopelessly deaf.

Bear in mind that similar danger threatens all of us at all times under similar conditions.

You may see some foolish young man racing to catch his ferryboat. He catches it and stands in a cold wind on the front deck. His coat collar is turned up, and he thinks he is safe from cold. But his ears are wide open, and the icy draft strikes full upon the delicate membrane of the drum.

He thinks he is safe from cold in his ears as from cold in his back. He is foolish.

We ask you to remember that after hard exercise your weakest spot is the inside of your ear.

It is a good thing to get fresh air. But if you are warm from running or from sitting in a hot office keep your hands over your ears for a few minutes. Let yourself cool off before exposing the ear passages to sudden cold.

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I hear the world afloat while he strives away, I see men smile when he has turned to go, And even pity, but he does not care, He has so much to bear the things they say, And so goes boasting on from day to day, And in his eyes there is a happy glow, Denoting an exulting heart before, And in his visions pleasing fancies play!

Aye, let them laugh, since, happier by far Than they who understand his frailties are, He hurries on with triumph in his heart, For what is triumph but a glad conceit? That lifts one o'er the rubble in the street, And makes some common cause a noble part!

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Songs of Praise

Ottawa, Jan. 20, 1899.

I have used SURPRISE SOAP since I started house and find that it lasts longer and is better than other soap I have tried. J. Johnston.

Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 15th, 1898.

Having used SURPRISE SOAP for the past ten years, I find it the best soap that I have ever had in my house and would not use any other when I can get SURPRISE. Mrs. T. Henry Trapp.

I have to wash for three brothers that work on the railroad, and SURPRISE SOAP is the only soap I use. We tried every other kind of soap, and I tell every body who our overalls have such a good color. Maudie Logan.

Can't get wife to use any other soap. Says SURPRISE is the best. Chas. C. Hughes.

SURPRISE is a pure hard SOAP.

Grand Semi-Annual Millinery Opening

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
MARCH 26TH, 27TH AND 28TH

Kid Gloves!

We have just received our new Kid Gloves for Easter wear.

Kid Gloves, in castor, brown and gray, with self and black stitching, guaranteed, at per pair.....

\$1.00 and \$1.25

William Foreman & Co.

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-law 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 in the office of the Clerk of said City, and is open for inspection during office hours.

And that a Court of Revision will be held on Wednesday, the 24th day of April, 1901, 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 13th day of April, 1901, give to and leave with the Clerk of the city a written notice of such complaint or appeal, specifying the grounds therefor.

Description of Work.	Actual Cost of Work.	Amount Assumed by City.
A granolithic sidewalk on the west side of Lacroix street, from King to Richmond street.....	1541 28	\$ 607 06
A granolithic sidewalk on the north side of Charteris street, from William street to east end thereof.....	349 58	66 35
A granolithic sidewalk on the south side of King street, from Prince street to Princess street.....	702 91	241 71
A granolithic sidewalk on the east side of Raleigh street, from Harvey street to Gray street.....	929 73	161 72
A granolithic sidewalk on the east side of Adelaide street, from Park street north to High's walk.....	289 27	70 61
A granolithic sidewalk on the west side of Fifth street, from King street to Wellington street.....	801 07	255 88
A granolithic sidewalk on the south side of Cross street, from Raleigh street to West street.....	621 63	209 63
A granolithic sidewalk on the south side of Wellington street, from William street to Adelaide street.....	408 67	97 58
A granolithic sidewalk on the east side of William street, from Park street, south to Mrs. King's mill.....	90 45	30 40
A granolithic sidewalk on the south side of King street, from Lacroix street to Robertson avenue.....	966 83	295 82
An asphaltine stone sidewalk on the east side of Prince street, from Wellington street north 156 feet.....	287 29	181 29
A plank sidewalk on the north side of Wilson avenue, from the end of the present walk westerly 300 feet.....	134 38	

A plank sidewalk on the east side of Lansdowne avenue, from Murray street, north to south limit of lot 26.....	322 91	44 29
A plank sidewalk on the east side of Ursuline avenue, from Head street to Emma street.....	169 68	107 88
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A plank sidewalk on the east side of St. George street, from St. Patrick street, north to property of Wm. Emerson (lot 4).....	189 56	12 39
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Harvey street, from Lacroix street to Inches avenue.....	234 99	61 27
A plank sidewalk on the east side of St. Clair street, from alley at heading factory north to city limits.....	442 87	48 97
A plank sidewalk on south side of Head street, from St. Clair street to Ursuline avenue.....	370 92	78 59
A plank sidewalk on the West side of Prince street, from Colborne street to Murray street.....	197 82	19 77
A plank sidewalk on the south side of Selkirk street, from Victoria avenue to Elizabeth street.....	261 47	105 96
A plank sidewalk on the north side of Forest street, from Victoria avenue to Delaware avenue.....	526 79	145 41
Removal of a plank sidewalk on the south side of Head street in front of block "IV" to outside the trees.....	227 83	72 74
A plank sidewalk on the north side of King street, from Princess street, easterly to the city limits.....	612 92	166 84
A plank sidewalk on the north side of Lowe street, from St. Clair street to Ursuline avenue.....	225 49	49 61
A glazed tile sewer on Wellington street, from First street, easterly 150 feet.....	357 15	82 04
A tar Macadam pavement on Colborne street from Adelaide street, to the easterly limit of the M. Campbell Fanning Mill Company's property (Pt. lot 32).....	2639 53	384 13
A tar Macadam pavement on Colborne street, from the easterly limit of the M. Campbell Fanning Mill Company's property (Pt. lot 32) east to Prince street.....	1054 00	347 81
A vitrified brick pavement on King street, from Fourth street to William street.....	\$23,472 73	\$6,414 49

W. G. MERRITT,
Clerk of Chatham.
Chatham, March 26th, 1901.
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That is the Verdict of Our Patrons

when speaking of our work. Call in and see the Spring Goods.

E. M. Coyne, Tailor,

Opp. Grand Opera House Entrance.

PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, March 27—10 a. m. — Fresh northerly winds, fair and a little colder. Thursday, fine.

Births, Marriage and Deaths

BIRTHS.

CHARTERIS.—On Wednesday, 27th inst., Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Charteris, Chatham Township, of a daughter.

LOCAL BRIEFS

H. Callwood, of Tilbury, is in the city.

Thomas Nixon, of Bridgen, is in the city.

C. A. Wedge, of Blenheim, is in the city.

S. M. Smith, of Detroit, is in the city to-day.

A. H. Dalziel, of Windsor, is in the city to-day.

Mrs. Coyne, Third street, is improving.

Albert Wrigley left yesterday for Windsor.

W. J. Betts, of Wellington street, is improving.

Jos. Downey, Queen street, is slowly improving.

John McKerricher, of Botany, is in the city to-day.

Mr. Thomson, of St. Thomas, is in the city on business.

J. A. Graham, of Tilbury, is in the city on business.

Miss Carrie Spell, of Lorne ave., is slowly improving.

Walter Livingston, of Leamington, was in the city yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Huggins, of Forest, is in the city, the guest of D. A. Hutchison.

Frank Sterling, of Dover township, entered St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Miss Grace Carry, of Harwich, who has been ill for the past few days, is improving.

Wm. Patterson and Herb. White left on the 9.20 last night for Los Angeles, Cal.

Jno. Walker, of the Walker Egg and Produce Co., of Detroit, was in the city yesterday on business.

Bert White and Wm. Patterson left last evening for Los Angeles, Cal., where they will in future reside.

Wm. Decant, of Raleigh township, who has been in St. Joseph's Hospital, returned to his home yesterday.

Workmen have made a commencement on Isaac Nichol's residence, which will be erected on First St.

R. E. Watson, of Watertown, formerly superintendent of Wm. Gray & Sons, carrying works, is in the city.

Mrs. George Bodger, Gray street, went to the General Hospital last evening, where she will undergo an operation.

R. A. Murphy, who has been confined to his bed for the past few days, is slowly recovering.

McLaren's Extracts and Powdered Jellies will be demonstrated at Thos. Stone & Son's, 26th, and all the balance of the week. Call and try them.

Last evening companies A and B met for drill, which was well attended.

To-night Company D will meet for company drill. To-morrow evening regimental drill will be held, when all four companies will meet.

Foreman Dezalia, of the S. Hadley Co., loaded a car this morning with red cedar for Samuel Joyce, who is going to build a yacht at Jeannette's Creek. The lumber is from British Columbia. Some of it is 30 feet long and Foreman Dezalia says that there isn't a shake or a knot in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Merriam, of Detroit, are visiting Geo. Merriam, corner of Harvey and Centre streets, who is seriously ill. Mr. Merriam is 80 years ago owned a boat house on the River Thames in this city.

The funeral of the Rev. Dr. McCall took place this morning. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Knowles, R. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church; assisted by the Rev. J. R. Battisby, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's. The funeral was strictly private.

Parties coming up from the Eau state that nets have been stretched across the mouths of Big Creek, Bisset's creek, and the other water ways that have their outlet in the Eau. This matter needs looking into and the people are wondering what the fishery inspector is doing.

What promises to be the finest ball ever held in Chatham will be given by the Tennis Club on Tuesday, April 16th. As this is the club's first ball in the new century they intend to spare no expense to make it a record-breaker. Zickel's celebrated orchestra, of Detroit, has been engaged for the occasion.

The Windsor association football club met at the Manning House last evening and organized for the season. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Arch. McNeen; president, John Northwood; vice-president, I. M. Cady; secretary-treasurer, John Stuart; executive committee, Capt. Gauthier, Joseph Butler, E. Carmichael, John Gall, F. Thornburn and Ernest Dolman. The club will again enter the Peninsular League competition.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

THORNTON & DOUGLAS

Chatham, March 27th, 1901

Spring

Thursday,
March 28th

Good Music Day and Evening

Opening

IF we could do no better than others in make, fit, style, quality and price in garments for men and boys, what sense was there in coming here to Chatham just a year ago and opening the best appointed and best store in Western Ontario. Just a year ago, when the doors of your new store in the Victoria Block swung inward for the first time, you thought we had done well. Come Thursday and see what the year has done for you.

SPRING SUITS

T. & D.

Best we ever made and more of them.

SPRING OVERCOATS

T. & D.

Best we ever made and more of them.

SPRING FURNISHINGS

Many novelties and everything you expect and things you don't expect.

HATS AND NECKWEAR

Shapes and shades exclusively our own in styles to set the pace.

AND it's not in Clothing alone you will find we have progressed. In everything that goes to the making of the MODEL STORE FOR MEN you will find betterment and increase, and, best of all, you will find that hearty welcome you have a right to expect in your store; and in your store are sure to get.
No Goods sold in the evening

Thornton & Douglas

All Welcome!

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Divine service will be held in Christ church this evening, commencing at 7.30 sharp, and on Friday afternoon Litany service will be held.

Calix Bechard has let the contract for enlarging and repairing the feed barns run in connection with the Aberdeen Hotel.

Found—a pocket book with a sum of money in it. Owner can have the same by applying to W. Bunning, Market square.

The underwriters' inspector of Toronto was in the city yesterday, inspecting the electric wiring in the Standard Bank. He found everything perfectly satisfactory.

McLaren's Powdered Jellies are delicious. Try them, at Thos. Stone's, Tuesday, 26th, and balance of week.

"Australia" in Collegiate Institute hall on Friday, March 29, at 8 p. m., by Rev. W. Carey Ward, M. A., of Melbourne. Beautiful line light views. Very interesting, instructive and entertaining.

Thornton & Douglas celebrate their first anniversary to-morrow with their second spring opening. Music afternoon and evening. No goods sold in evening. Everybody invited.

As Mr. Vanhorn was driving across the C. P. R. crossing at Adelaide street he met with a very peculiar accident. The tongue broke loose from the wagon thus losing the horses, which were brought to a standstill a short distance away.

The Windsor Bar association met yesterday afternoon to select the candidates they will support for the benches of the law society of Ontario. County Crown Attorney Clark, who has served a term of five years, is expected to be re-elected. The 30 benches are elected by a general vote of all the lawyers of the province. Wm. Douglas, K. C., Chatham, will also be supported by Windsor. The election lasts until Saturday.

Wanted—Good, reliable salesman, to sell complete line of lubricating oils, greases and paints. Experience unnecessary. Exceptionally liberal terms. Special inducements to parties owning teams. Jewel Refining Co., Cleveland, Ohio, U. S. A.

Artificial palms for store decoration at "The Ark" at greatly reduced prices. 2c.

Ladies should attend the Thornton & Douglas opening to-morrow and note the new styles in little boys' suits. Music afternoon and evening. No goods sold in evening.

THE LONDON LIFE.

The 26th annual report of this popular local insurance company, fully justifies the confidence that the public has for the past quarter of a century placed in its efficient management. All its obligations have been promptly met; it has lost nothing on its investments, has not had to foreclose on any estate, and the assets for the year show an increase of \$129,487.40. At the same time care has been taken to provide for the change in the reserve standard recently adopted by the Dominion Government, and the reserve liability in respect of business issued previous to 1900 has accordingly been computed on a 4 per cent. interest basis, instead of 3 1/2 per cent. basis permissible until Jan. 1, 1910. The reserve liability in respect of the new Ordinary business of the past year has been computed on a 3 1/2 per cent. interest basis, and the industrial business on a 3 per cent. basis. Thus the rate of lower interest has been fully anticipated and the shareholders safeguarded. That the company's funds are well invested is shown by the fact that the average rate of interest earned on invested assets last year was 5.47 per cent. This coupled with the fact that no losses were incurred, makes a good showing, and as already stated justifies the confidence placed in the able directorate. J. W. Humphrey, the energetic local agent, looks after the interest of the company in this city.

E. W. L. L.

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the shareholders of The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited, will be held at the office of the Company in the City of Chatham on Tuesday, April 9th, 1901, at 7.30 p. m. Signed, W. H. Taylor, Sec. Treas. & W. 2nd

Grand Opera House

J. P. Cairns, Manager.

Friday, March 29th
First Canadian Tour of the Great Original Success,

Peck's Bad Boy

AND THE
Imperial Khaki Band and Orchestra

11—Great Specialties—11
20—PEOPLE—20
Special Prices: 15, 25, 35, 50c

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Do you know that

Gas Coke..

is the cheapest and best fuel you can use in your furnace, range or stove, particularly at this season of the year? It is easily kindled, burns well, and is no trouble.

You can get a full cart load of 30 bushels, delivered promptly, for \$3.75. Try it.

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Lost!—A small green purse, containing a sum of money and post office key. Reward by leaving it at this office.