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Furs at Reduced Prices

For the balance of this week we will make a great reduction in all lines of furs, fur jackets, ruffs, collars, collarettes, muffs, gauntlets and children's sets, all are included in this sweeping sale. The choicest go first, so we would advise you to come early.

Jacket Sale

Ladies' and Children's Jackets

Twenty-five per cent. reduction on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Jackets. If you require anything in these lines the chance is yours of buying them cheap.

THOS. STONE & SON



We commence our **Annual Stock-taking Sale at The Ark on January 4th.** In order to reduce our stock we will commence a special discount sale on **Tuesday, 29,** continuing until Saturday Evening, Jan'y. 2nd, on the following lines of goods.

Toys 50 per cent. off.	Dolls and Doll Furniture 25 per cent. off.
Books and Games 25 per cent. off.	Work Boxes 50 per cent. off.
China Ornaments 25 per cent. off.	Candelabras 25 per cent. off.
Jardiniere, 50 per cent. off.	Ebony and Gold Plated Mirrors 25 per cent. off.
Purses 50 per cent. off.	Silverware and Cutlery 25 per cent. off.
Crimson Band Haviland China 25 per cent. off.	Imperial Crown China and Japanese and Australian China 25 per cent. off.
American Beauty China 25 per cent. off.	Fancy Cups and Saucers 25 per cent. off.
English Decorated Ware, 50 per cent. off.	Stock Patterns in China and Porcelain Ware 10 per cent. off.
Banquet, Hall and Library Lamps 25 per cent. off.	All Stoves, except Pandora and Kitchen Cooks, 10 per cent.
All Crockery and open stock 10 per cent. off.	
Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets at reduced prices.	

The early comers get first choice. No goods exchanged during sale.

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WE PROTECT THE QUALITY OF Our "KENT" Flour

by using only the best blend of Ontario and Manitoba wheat, cleanly and up-to-date milling. This Flour is put up for the Grocery trade in white **Ordinary Sacks.** Insist on your grocer sending "Kent" brand.

The Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.
CHATHAM, ONTARIO.

THEY GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THEIR STEWARDSHIP

Committees of the City Council Tell What They Have Done During the Year—Some Good Records—Finance Committee Came Out About Even.

The Council Chamber might have been called Harmony Hall, last evening, everything was running so smoothly, and the aldermen were saying such kind things about their worthy mayor and themselves. Honeyed words were the features of an otherwise uneventful meeting.

Chief Holmes, poll tax collector, reported that there were 315 names on the poll-tax list. There had been 148 names added by the police. The police had collected \$772, \$99 more than last year. The reason so many names had been added was to be found in the number of outsiders working on the pavement and the new industries in the city.

The report was ordered filed and the usual grant of \$20 was paid to the police.

On motion of W. S. Marshall, the mistake of \$100 in Sydney Agar's assessment was rectified.

Ald. Scullard mentioned that Chas. Mount desired remission of taxes on the old rookery which he had purchased.

Mayor McKeough stated that a gentleman had called upon him in reference to the establishing here of a cloak and mantle factory to employ from 75 to 100 hands. The Mayor referred the matter to the Industrial Committee.

A letter from Frank D. Laurie, local manager of the Bell Telephone Co., re placing poles, was received.

The City Solicitor wrote in reference to the by-law authorizing the issue of \$50,000 debentures to cover the deficit at present existing. Every Council was expected to levy sufficient to pay the debts, but a rate of two cents on the dollar was the highest that any Council could levy, exclusive of school and local improvement taxes. In the event of the Legislature refusing to permit the issue of debentures, the whole \$50,000 will have to be raised next year, and this would mean all improvements in the city. The City Solicitor was able to contract any more debts. Those who had to approach the Legislature would receive great assistance if the by-law were supported by an almost unanimous vote. The City Solicitor also suggested that the by-law should be explained more fully to the people.

This letter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to publish it.

C. R. Atkinson, K. C., wrote the Council that if they attempted to pay any money to the 24th Kent Regiment he would issue an injunction. Received.

Ald. Marshall, chairman of the Finance committee, reported, advising no action re the petition of the soldiers of the 24th Kent Regiment.

That W. C. Brent's request for \$12.50 be not entertained, as the city was not liable.

That re the demand of the Forest City Paving Co. for the return of their \$500 deposit, no action be taken.

Re request of J. S. Robinson for a grant to the National Sanitarium, Muskoka, that it was not advisable for this city to make a grant at this time although the object was a worthy one.

That W. R. Baxter's assessment be corrected.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Scullard requested permission to say a few words in reference to the first clause of the report re the grant to the soldiers of the 24th Regiment. He asked this since he had been singled out personally in Mr. Atkinson's letter. Mr. Scullard considered it both his duty and privilege to present any petition of the people to the Council. He was personally of the same opinion now as before. He did not think the claim a legal one, but he thought that it was a proper case where a grant should be made. It was well known that most of the special grants were illegal. That was, in most cases any citizen could prevent the city paying over the money. In the face of the letter from Mr. Atkinson, he thought it unwise to take action, but he was still of the opinion that if a grant to any citizen was justified, this grant would be.

Ald. Mounteer, for the Board of Works, reported re the account of the Warren Co. for \$801.75 for extras on the Queen St. pavement. After consulting the City Engineer and the City Solicitor, the Board of Works recommended that \$44.75 be paid, and re the balance, that no action be taken.

The report was adopted.

Ald. G. G. Martin, for the Property Committee, reported in favor of paying Call Fireman George Pritchard \$4.50, being two weeks' salary, while he was sick. Adopted.

Ald. Piggott, chairman of the Industrial committee, gave an account of his stewardship for the year 1903. The Industrial committee had entertained deputations re the American Seeding Co. and the Wabash shops. Chatham is too far from the central point to get the shops. The American

Seeding Co. may be secured yet. The committee also secured a satisfactory settlement between the city and the Pere Marquette. The Committee was in communication with the Blaine Harrow Co., Toronto, and had also introduced the ham and bacon factory proposition to the aldermen. Negotiations had been entered into with German & Fairbanks with view to supplying the city with natural gas. Over 200 letters had been written during the year and a number of industrial propositions had been entertained.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Mounteer presented the report of the City Engineer, reviewing the work done by the Board of Works during the year. The report included a detailed statement of the pavements laid during the year, as already published in The Planet this month.

Nearly three miles of pavement were laid during the year.

The report also included a list and record of the plank and granolithic walks laid this year. The Rankin Dock had been built at a cost of \$1,256, the two wooden bridges over McGregor's Creek repaired at a cost of \$255.07, and a street scraper purchased for \$300.

Ald. Mounteer said that this was the first time that any city engineer in this place had undertaken to give an account of his stewardship and was a step in the right direction. Personally, he had every reason to be proud at the way his colleagues had treated him and the thanks of the Council was due to his colleagues.

W. H. Piggott said that this year was an important one for the Board of Works. The chairman of the Board of Works had spent a great deal of his valuable time in looking after the city's interest, and to do this he must have sacrificed his private business. He deserved a vote of thanks from the Council.

Ald. Martin highly approved of all Ald. Piggott had said. Ald. Mounteer had worked as hard for the city as the foreman of any factory. Ald. Martin was not talking from sentiment but desired to pay tribute to one who had worked zealously for the city's interests.

Ald. Edmondson said that the Property committee had no report to make of their year's work. They had been handicapped by the unavoidable absence of their chairman.

Mayor McKeough also paid a tribute to the Board of Works. He said that in no other year had there been so many permanent improvements to the city and that it involved a great deal of labor on the part of the Board of Works.

Ald. Edmondson moved a vote of thanks to the able chairman of the Board of Works and his colleagues.

Ald. Martin seconded the motion carried.

Ald. McKeough, chairman of the Parks and Cemetery Com., reported that his committee had a surplus. This committee had \$157.21 still to their credit.

Ald. Marshall, for the Finance committee, reported that it was impossible to give an accurate statement until the end of the year. Had it not been for the bills for the by-laws to be submitted next Monday, the committee would have had a few dollars in the treasury. On two items had jolted the committee considerably. The audit had cost about \$2,000, whereas only \$1,200 had been put in the estimates for this purpose. However, everything being taken into consideration, the committee had a credit of \$1,000 of last year's debts paid by this council, the Finance committee of 1903, would come out about even and the city was in better shape financially than it had been in some time. It just remained for the incoming council to say No, instead of Yes, and pay as they went. It would be necessary next year to cut close and stick to the estimates.

MAYOR MCKEOUGH.

Ald. McKeough said that considering the courteous, fair and impartial manner in which Mayor McKeough had conducted the affairs of this city and had presided at the council meetings during the past year, the council's appreciation of his services should be placed on record. Ald. McKeough moved that the Mayor vacate the chair, and that Ald. Mounteer should preside. The motion carried.

Ald. McKeough, seconded by Ald. Marshall, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mayor McKeough for his untiring energy and for the kind and courteous manner in which he had presided over the city council. The city was to be congratulated on having his services for another year, and the council all joined in wishing him success during the coming year.

Ald. Marshall was quite sure that all would agree that the council of 1903 had spent a very harmonious time together and the year had been prosperous one for the city. Had W. E. McKeough not proved himself an able officer, he would not have been returned to the most important and honorable office in the gift of the city unopposed. He wished all mem-

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CITIZENS UNITE IN TRIBUTE TO LOYAL AND ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE

Handsome Presentation to Major G. P. Scholfield at the Garner Parlors Last Evening—An Appropriate Acknowledgement.

A large and representative gathering of citizens assembled in the parlors of the Hotel Garner last evening for the purpose of giving tangible evidence of their appreciation of the friendship and esteem towards Major G. P. Scholfield, manager of the Standard Bank, on the eve of the happy event of his marriage.

The gathering was large and representative in the real sense of the words—it was a cosmopolitan tribute to the ability, efficiency and fealty of a worthy fellow citizen; it was a function fraught with spontaneity and heartiness.

As the citizens gathered in the halls and parlors DeCows' orchestra discoursed excellent music and when, at the invitation of Mr. N. H. Stevens, Major Scholfield was asked to step forward the halls rang with hearty applause.

The object of the gathering, Mr. Stevens explained, was the desire of the citizens of Chatham and the officers of the 24th Regiment to take the opportunity of conveying to Mr. Scholfield some slight evidence of the regard in which they held him.



MAJOR G. P. SCHOLFIELD.

Mr. Stevens paid high personal tribute to Mr. Scholfield. There were many worthy men in the Maple City but none worthier than he. In the eleven years during which he had been a citizen of Chatham he had won the admiration and esteem of the entire community. Although young in years Mr. Scholfield was old in business ability and accomplishment. He had been actively identified with every enterprise that redounded to the city's welfare, in finance, in manufacture, in the militia and in athletic sports.

Continuing Mr. Stevens alluded to the marvellous progress and development during his regime of the financial institution of which Mr. Scholfield is the head—and what was true of that had been true of everything he had undertaken. Applause.

Mr. Stevens then read the following address, which was beautifully lettered on silk and handsomely mounted and bound:

George Percival Scholfield, Esq., Manager Standard Bank of Canada, Chatham, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—The near prospect of your departure from the ranks of the bachelors to those of the benedicts calls forth from your numerous friends in the city their most cordial congratulations.

Your sojourn amongst us throughout the past decade has been marked by the steady growth and uniform success of the financial institution of which you have been the head, as well as by the high esteem and general confidence in which you have been continually held by patrons of the Bank. Your business ability and methods have ever displayed tact and sound judgment, resulting, during the short time you have resided in the city, in the establishment of an enviable reputation; while the courtesy and never failing interest which you have shown in matters of daily routine have commanded our approval and highest admiration.

Apart from the demands made upon your time by the responsibilities of your position, you have been closely identified with the success which our city has attained as a manufacturing centre.

In consequence of your ability and public spirit your advice has always been eagerly sought, in connection with any public enterprise, and the result of accepting your suggestions has uniformly been beneficial and sat-

isfactory to all persons interested. As president and member of the Board of Trade your services to the city in forwarding its needs and advocating a true course for its advancement, have been invaluable to the Board and greatly prized by your fellow citizens.

The social side of your nature has been fostered by your connection with the City Curling Club, and the 24th Kent Regiment. We are pleased to testify that, as a member of the former, you were ever in demand for your proficiency with "bosom an' stane," while in the latter you have always been most highly appreciated for your unswerving loyalty to the corps, and for your able assistance in all matters relating to its efficiency and welfare.

Considering what we have already stated, and without further reference to the many good qualities which have made your residence amongst us so pleasant and enjoyable, we now have the pleasure of acceding these sentiments by requesting your acceptance of this antique recorder-of-the-hours, with sincerest wishes that it will long continue to chime happy ones for you.

Our pleasure will be further enhanced should your affianced be pleased to accept this cabinet, as a token of regard and esteem for the one you have chosen as your "fellow farer, true through life."

Signed on behalf of the citizens, N. H. STEVENS.

Chatham, Dec. 28th, 1903.

Major Scholfield was received with round upon round of applause. He was evidently moved by the cordiality of the reception and the handsome gifts then presented.

He had listened, he said, with profound feeling, and gratitude to the generous words of the address and the kind expressions it contained. The beautiful book wherein it was inscribed would ever remain the most valued treasure in his possession. He did not think there was one in the room, or in the whole of Chatham, that would not deem himself elevated by the reception of it.

"The magnitude of your gifts, I may well say, stagger me," continued Mr. Scholfield. "I was never prepared for anything so elaborate. I feel sure every one of you must realize how thoroughly I appreciate these gifts. I recognize in them the generous personality of my friends—something not every citizen is privileged to enjoy. I know, too, it cannot be what has been achieved, but that my intentions have been honest in advancing the welfare of our city."

"You have alluded to the Board of Trade—its associations to me have been a benefit and a privilege, the Curling Club—it has given me amusement and procured me lasting friendships; the 24th Regiment—of it I can only say that I have never been associated with anything but the most more grateful—for The Canadian militia man is taught to emphasize citizenship and develop a sturdy and lasting loyalty."

On behalf of her to whom the cabinet of silverware was presented, Mr. Scholfield made an appropriate acknowledgment and concluded amid applause.

Light refreshments were served and a very enjoyable social evening spent.

PETTY BURGLARY

G. T. B. Depot Ticket Office Entered Last Evening—Attempts on Several Business Places.

Petty burglars are very busy these cold nights in the Maple City, but so far they have obtained nothing to enrich themselves. They seem to be operating more for the fun of the thing than anything else, and it will be funny indeed if the police authorities happen to lay their hands on the culprits.

Last night the burglars held a very busy and unproductive session. The local Grand Trunk ticket office at the depot has sold quite a number of holiday tickets and a no small sum was still on hand. While the operator was at supper last evening a window at the back of the station was opened, the till was broken into and ransacked. The operator, however, had taken the precaution to place the money in the safe before leaving, and the burglars were not good at safes. Nothing was missed in this quarter, but the police were notified at once.

A bogus silver dollar and a few one and five-cent stamps made up the sum total of the booty secured from the office of W. B. Wells between Saturday night and Monday morning. The two-cent stamps for some unaccountable reason were left undisturbed.

As in the case of W. N. Morley's store Saturday night, the front door of W. J. Kenny's book store and Ed. T. Jones drug store were tampered with by a sharp instrument last evening. In neither of these cases was the attempt successful.

A Fact to Remember

should you require any.....

Blank Books..

—OR—

Office... Supplies..

for the new year is that we carry the largest stock in Chatham of Day Books, Journals, Ledgers, Cash Books, Minute Books, Invoice Books, Letter Books, Shannon Files and Binding Cases, and all the little devices that make office work a pleasure.

Commence the New Year right by opening an account with us. Satisfaction guaranteed.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE.

Opp. Garner House.

Lime, Cement AND Cut Stone.

We keep the best in stock at right prices.

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Opposite Police Station...

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Footwear...

Ladies' 6oc Rubbers - 25c
Ladies' Red Velvet Slippers in all sizes - 50c
Ladies' Black Maroon and Blue Velvet Mullifiers go at - \$1.25
All Men's Fancy Slippers at prices to clear out.
Men's Felt Slippers - 20c

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A DESERVED TRIBUTE.

The re-election of his worship Mayor McKough and Water Commissioners Bray and Sheldon is a deserved tribute to the energy, ability and usefulness of these gentlemen—and to the good, clean, businesslike record they have established.

The past year has been, in many respects, an exacting one, and the fact that these gentlemen have handled its duties with such credit and efficiency is thoroughly appreciated by the people.

A WORTHY CITIZEN.

A very happy and appropriate function was that of last evening, when Major G. P. Scholfield, manager of the Standard Bank, was made the recipient, on the eve of his marriage, of such a handsome testimonial to the appreciation in which his sturdy citizenship and earnest energy and enthusiasm in all the interests of public welfare are held by the people of Chatham.

During some eleven years' residence in this city, Major Scholfield has won the universal esteem and regard of its people.

He has proved himself a public spirited citizen of intense and useful energy, hearty and whole-souled loyalty and exceptional ability. It was fitting that the people should embrace this happy occasion to give evidence of her grateful esteem and appreciation.

KNOTTY QUESTIONS.

Says the Hamilton Spectator: At a North Renfrew meeting they had quite a heated argument on the question: "What is Chancellor Boyd's politics?" It is a hard question to settle, but there are other questions just as hard, and here they are:

Sir Richard Cartwright has several sons in the pay of the Laurier Government. What is Sir Richard in politics?

Hon. James Veritas McMullen had several relatives appointed to posts under the Dominion Government. Is McMullen a Grit or a Tory?

Aemelia Irving has been appointed by the Ontario Government to serve as royal commissioner at very nice remuneration. Guess his politics?

Justice Maclean dismissed a Conservative petition because of a technical error made by the solicitor in charge of it. He has no politics now, of course, but guess what he was before he was made a judge?

Grit!

Why, someone must have told you.

A SWEEPING LIBERAL DENUNCIATION.

The Ottawa Journal, independent Liberal and a warm admirer of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, refers editorially to the Callaghan case, as follows:

"The Callaghan case in Toronto does not bear a very reassuring look to those who are interested in maintaining decent politics in Ontario—if that be possible."

"Callaghan, as a good many remember, published a few weeks ago a charge that Crossin, the piano dealer who was mixed up with Gamney, and who later made statements reflecting on Gamney, had been induced to make these statements in consideration of getting several thousand dollars worth of stock in the Crossin Piano Company by Hon. Mr. Stratton or his allies."

"After this charge by Callaghan appeared, Callaghan was arrested, not on any ground connected with that charge, but upon an accusation of theft of some money from Crossin. 'Callaghan being arrested elected to be tried by jury. Crown Attorney Dewart in the selection of the jury challenged seventeen men, all Conservatives. Why? Was this a political trial? Why was the Crown Attorney, himself a Liberal, interested in having a Liberal jury to try a charge of theft? A Crown Attorney is a servant of all the people, entrusted with the responsibility of championing justice by only fair and honorable means."

"Callaghan was convicted of theft, and Judge Winchester, another Liberal, sentenced him to two months in jail. Callaghan's counsel asked for a stay of imprisonment while an appeal was made to a higher court. Judge Winchester refused, although only a delay of a couple of days was needed to have the appeal disposed of."

"The Journal does not like the look of this thing. It looks too much in principle like some other commissions or omissions of courts and officials in this province, whereby political crimes tending to promote the Liberal party's fortunes seem to have been protected or condoned."

This is the kind of justice which has sprung up under the "Liberal"

BRUTAL ASSAULT

George Hunt, and his wife, Victoria Hunt, were convicted yesterday in the police court on the charge of assaulting Chas. Hunt, the former's aged father. The two were remanded for a week for sentence.

The father had lived with the son and, when he became sick, gave his son \$30 in cash which he had. The money was bunked and when the father got better he wanted it back.

The old man received a blow on the head some time ago it still affects his reason at times. Dr. Charter's testified that when the aged man had these spells he was dangerous.

It seemed from the evidence that Hunt, sr., went to get his money. He received a bad beating at the hands of his son.

After hearing the evidence, Judge Houston found both husband and wife guilty of common assault of the very worst kind. It was a most brutal thing and the whole trouble had apparently been caused by the money.

For stealing chickens a man could be sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but the Judge was in doubt as to what punishment the law allowed that was adequate for the offense a son committed in pounding his father. The Judge asked the wife if she would be content to be released on suspended sentence, but she said she wished to go wherever her husband went. The two were remanded for a week for sentence.

PNEUMONIA IS FILLING THE HOSPITALS.

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

PANAMA WILL PAY.

Agrees to Assume Part of the Colombian Debt.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mr. Bunau-Varilla, Minister of Panama to the United States, stated that he had notified Sir H. Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador to the United States, of Panama's willingness to assume part of the exterior debt of Colombia in proportion to the population of Panama compared with that of Colombia. The Minister says this will be done as soon as the independence of Panama is recognized by Colombia.

The total amount of the exterior debt, with interest added, is about \$15,000,000. Panama has a population of about one-fifth of that of Colombia, so that Panama will take upon itself the payment of a million dollars if the conditions are carried out.

A short time ago it was said that Britain had made representation to the United States regarding Panama's share of the Colombian debt, in which many British bondholders are interested. Presumably satisfactory assurances on the point were given previous to the recent recognition by Britain of the new republic.

If women ever go to the polls will grass widows be counted in the straw vote?

Cure that Cough and avoid Consumption by using

Allen's Lung Balsam.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS, 1904.

Happy New Year

Time says "Move on old 1903, for 1904 stands waiting at the door." Let it be so for a year, at best, is but a twinkling of the calendar of time.

Welcome to 1904.

New Year's resolutions are now in order.

Start right in everything.

Start right toward the right Clothing, Hat and Furnishing Store.

Get yourself into the habit, early in the year, of buying the kind of Clothing, the kind of Hats and the kind of Furnishings that will give absolute, unqualified satisfaction. It pays in every way.

Such a resolution will bring you here.

Keep an eye on this space.

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TO THE SICK ROOM

THE MAGI WATER

Is an invaluable adjunct; a natural Mineral Water of wide usefulness.

J. J. McLAUGHLIN, Toronto, AGENT.

SCOURGE OF THE AGE IS KIDNEY DISEASE

Terrible Increase in the Number of Deaths From this Ailment

It Is Common to All Classes and Conditions of People

It Creeps Stealthily into the System and Develops into Many Diseases

Bright's Disease, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, and Rheumatism are Among the Forms it Takes.

Dodd's Kidney Pills the One Remedy That Never Fails to Cure It, No Matter How or When It is Found.

Of all the diseases the human body has to combat in its struggle for health, the one that is steadily growing in strength and terror is Kidney Disease. Quietly, stealthily as a serpent, it creeps on its victim till the latter is enveloped in its folds, and the greatest physicians of the world have ever known stand helpless before it.

As the last fold goes around the struggling victim and the doctor shakes his head and whispers "Bright's Disease," hope fades to nothing, and the sorrowing friends feel that death has marked their loved one for its own.

The alarming increase in this terrible disease is evidenced by the columns of almost every newspaper. For not among the lowly of the earth alone does it look for its victims. Statesmen, judges, eminent lawyers, and honored divines are numbered among those who in recent months have come down to their graves with the tell marks of this dread disease upon their bodies. In fact, so prevalent has the disease become that a celebrated New York specialist stated recently that not one person in a hundred was free from some taint of Kidney Disease.

WORKS IN SECRET.

It is the secrecy of Kidney Disease that makes it the more dreaded. You can fight an enemy in the open with some chance of success, but if he is lying in wait to take you at an unguarded moment your chances of successfully fighting him are terribly diminished. So it is with Kidney Disease. Its first warnings are so faint as to be hardly noticeable, a slight pain in the back that is charged up to over exertion, a slight discoloration of the urine, or a burning sensation while urinating attracts attention. That is all. But that means that Kidney Disease is at work gradually eating its way into your system.

The pain in the back grows more severe, the urinary trouble is complicated, swellings under the eyes and of the limbs denote the coming of Dropsy, sharp shooting pains in the joints and muscles tell that Rheumatism has you in its grasp, or perhaps a day or two later you are seized by the terrible truth is forced upon you—Bright's Disease has you in its grasp.

WAY OF ESCAPE.

With this silent, relentless enemy slowly but surely eating its way into prominence and marking the beginning of its death list, the demand of the day, of the hour, is "Show us the way of escape." Nature never punishes in a critical condition without providing a way of escape, providing mankind were wise enough to take the way provided. In this case the way of escape is a simple vegetable remedy. It has been before the people of Canada for thirteen years, and like all the great remedies of nature, has been first received and first appreciated by the lowly in life, those known as the common people of Canada.

It is the common people of Canada who die of Bright's Disease. Not it is the bright and shining marks, those who are stationed above the heads of the masses. Ask the reason of this! Go to the people who are practically exempt from Kidney Disease in its worst form, and ask them. With almost a single voice they will reply: "We cure our Kidney ailments with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and they never give a chance to develop into that terrible disease that carries so many prominent men into the grave."

ON WITH HIS WORK.

And so it is; the man who does manual labor must have his slightest aches or they hinder him in his work. When he has a backache he cures it with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work; when he feels a twinge of Rheumatism he drives it out of his body with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work. Necessity has taught him that he must cure his kidneys to get rid of his pains, for he must work to live. He has not been educated to that standpoint where a prescription to cure must be written by a specialist at a cost of dollars to every letter. He may not even know that there never was a disease that took in all classes of the community but what nature provided a cure within the means of all classes of the community. What he does know is more to the point than all this. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure all aches which experience has taught him come from the kidneys. He takes Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work.

SOME EXCEPTIONS.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Even among common people there are those who neglect the early warnings of Kidney Disease. It takes exceptions to prove the rule, but many of these exceptions prove more—they prove that no case of Kidney Disease is too far gone for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Heart Disease—all the varied forms of Kidney Disease in its advanced stages—have been met by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and never once has Canada's great Kidney Remedy had to admit defeat.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay, Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, and wherever used they have triumphed over Kidney Disease in its every form. Thousands of Canadians are shouting their praise of the conqueror.

Just a few of those who have neglected the early symptoms, reached the more advanced stages of Kidney Disease, and found a cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills are given below. There are thousands of others. Ask in your own immediate neighborhood. You will not have to go far to meet men, women and children who have either warded off or cured the terror of the present age by using the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.

Bright's Disease has invariably yielded to a treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills, no matter how firm a hold it had secured on its victim. Recently the most talked case of recent date is that of Alex. Maud Parker, of Shubenacadie, Hants Co., N. S. The full story of this case will be found in the current number of Dodd's Magazine. Herewith a short synopsis of the case of the young lady's mother is appended.

Two doctors pronounced my daughter's illness Bright's Disease, and gave her up to die. Her eyelids swelled till she could hardly see, her legs from being unable to her knees swelled. Her hair in health was twenty inches, when she was at her worst it was 48 inches. Then she gave up all other treatment and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. By the time she had taken the first box she knew her change. It took a long time to bring her back to perfect health, but Dodd's Kidney Pills did it. To-day my daughter is in perfect health.

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

DIABETES CURED.

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

I was a sufferer for ten years with Diabetes and Kidney Disorder. At times my urine was of a dark brick color, and I would suffer something awful while passing. I tried doctors and medicines, but could get no help till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They have made me a new man. The citation of my urine, as I know, here, and can vouch for the above.

Chas. Gilchrist, Ex-Chief Const. and Fishery Overseer, Port Hope.

HEART DISEASE CURED.

Heart Disease is a result of Kidney Disorder. Bad kidneys mean impure blood, the action of impure blood on the heart causes Heart Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure it.

I suffered for years with Heart Disease, Bright's Disease, and Rheumatism. I was so feeble I was unable to do anything. There were three months I abandoned all medicines, and resolved to let myself die. Then I was led to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the good the first box did me surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes in all, and am well as ever. I can now do anything I wish to do. I can vouch for the above.

Dame Louis Provosts, St. Magloire, Que.

DROPSY CURED.

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

I was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. In the mornings before I got out of bed I could hardly put my feet to the floor they were so much swollen from Dropsy. My arms swelled so well at times that I could not put on my coat. I had to be tapped to be relieved from my terrible pains. On the advice of a friend I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I had finished the second box I felt much better. Seven boxes cured me completely. I don't know what it is to be sick since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

George Robertson, 392 St. James St., Montreal, Que.

RHEUMATISM CURED.

Rheumatism and kindred Kidney Diseases, such as Lumbago, Sciatica, and Gout, are caused by uric acid in the blood. If the kidneys are put in working order they strain all the uric acid out of the blood, and the Rheumatism goes with it. Take the case of W. G. Cragg, of Dresden, Ont. Here is his statement:

For eight years I was troubled with Inflammatory Rheumatism. I could scarcely get around to do my duties in my store. I had some of the best doctors I could get, but nothing I tried would ever give me relief. I was also troubled with Gout. I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills and had only taken six boxes when I was completely cured.

W. G. Cragg, Ex-Reeve of Dresden, Ont.

ALL KIDNEY DISEASES CURED.

These are only a few cases taken from thousands to show the efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills in advanced stages of Kidney Disease. In other forms of Kidney trouble, such as Urinary troubles, Gravel, Female Weakness, etc., Dodd's Kidney Pills have the same record. They always cure. Pain in the Back—the first symptom of Kidney trouble—ask your neighbor. You'll find the majority of them look on Pain in the Back as a danger signal, and on its first appearance safeguard themselves against this terribly fatal Kidney Disease by driving it away with the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, 1904

To prepare our readers for the above, which will be beyond comparison the greatest Fair in the world's history, the Grand Trunk Railway System advertisement in this paper will hereafter daily mention one or more leading fact or attractive feature of the Fair.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS, APL. 30-DEC. 1, 1904.

Cost of Exposition, \$50,000,000. Size of grounds, 1,240 acres.

MORE STIRRING VALUES

Men's 25c Sox at 20c a pair—10 dozen men's heavy wool, fine soft yarn, rib knit, grey mixtures, the best 25c sock in the market, special at 20c.

Men's 25c ties at 12 1-2c each—15 dozen men's silk and satin reversible 4 in hands, and string ties, in large range of light and dark colors, regular 25c each, clearing at 2 for 25c.

Boys' Sweaters—Heavy elastic rib, pure clean wool, colors black and cardinal, full range of sizes, special value at 75c, 65c and 50c.

Men's 50c Underwear at 39c each—Five dozen men's heavy wool fleeced shirts and drawers, regular 50c each, clearing at 39c.

Men's Fine Lambs wool Underwear—Plain knit, in plain and stripes, matchless values, at each \$1.00, 90c and 75c.

Men's Fur Caps—Choice quality black German Coney Fur, rich quilted linings, special each, \$1.50.

Men's German Otter Caps—Rich full fur, in dominion or peak styles, satin lined, special each, \$2.90.

Men's Seal Caps—Rich quality electric seal, wedge shape, rich satin linings, worth \$4.00. Special at \$3.50.

Men's Persian Lamb Caps—Wedge or dominion shapes, matchless values at each \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00.

Men's Fur Coats—Rich black Bulgarian dog coats, full fur, bright, glossy, superior linings, large storm collar, regular \$20.00, clearing at \$18.90.

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At prices beyond a doubt lower than can be found elsewhere.

Come Wednesday Morning for these special sales.

Big Clearing Sale

—OF—
LADIES' COATS

—AND—
FURS

All This Week..

Ladies' Fur Coats—Bare Values—1 only Grey Lamb Coat, superior quality, rich satin linings, latest cut, size 34, regular \$50.00, clearing at \$39.00.

1 only Electric Seal Coat—Best quality, rich in latest style, pouch sleeves, storm collar and lapels, rich satin linings, sizes 34, 36, and 38, regular \$45.00, clearing at \$37.50.

3 only Electric Seal Coats—Best quality, rich in latest style, pouch sleeves, storm collar and lapels, rich satin linings, sizes 34, 36, and 38, regular \$45.00, clearing at \$37.50.

2 only Electric Seal Coats—This season's best selling style, rich satin linings, regular value \$40.00, clearing at \$33.90.

5 only Ladies Astrachan Coats—Rich bright curls, fine Italian linings, sizes 34 to 44, in clearing at each \$22.50.

SEVEN STORES The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Limited TWO FACTORIES

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN.

Dec. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ripley, Miss R. Whitehead and John Caister spent Christmas with friends in Wheatley.

Miss Ada Shane, of Detroit, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Shaw, Victoria Ave.

Roy Johnson is back from the west for a few weeks' visit.

The annual entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School was held, as usual, on Christmas night. The program was shorter than usual but very good, and the entertainment was also successful from a financial point of view.

Art. Smith spent yesterday and Saturday in Chatham.

C. H. Gordon spent Christmas day with relatives in Ridgeway.

Alvin Knott, of Fingal, is the guest of Hiram McKim, Base Line.

Miss Dottie Lawrence, of the Ottawa kindergarten school, is home for her holidays.

Mrs. Lewis is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Davies.

Harold McVein, of Toronto University, is spending the holidays at his home here.

L. B. Webster is a candidate for the office of mayor for 1904.

Special Christmas services were held in Christ Church on Christmas Day at 8 and 11 a. m.

Miss Kate Hughes, of Kent Bridge, visited friends in town yesterday.

Mrs. A. Wiley and children are visiting in Windsor.

Miss Lou Arnold of Toronto, is visiting relatives in town.

NOT NECESSARY

It's not necessary that you should suffer the cold. We have many good Fur Jackets left to sell. Sizes 32 to 46; Bust, 22 to 34 inches long, \$20.00 to \$150.00 in price. No poor quality, every one guaranteed. We would rather sell them now at greatly reduced prices than to wait until spring to do so.

Come Now. Don't Wait till you are Frost Bitten.

We have no room in our space for descriptions or price list, but, we found plenty of room on the ticket of each garment to write the price in plain English figures that will surprise you.

THE URBAN STORE

PRIMEAU & PELTIER,
Garner House Block.

G. W. CORNELL
DENTIST
Corner Sixth and King Street
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 317.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 28.—11 a. m.—Strong winds, becoming northwesterly to night; milder with light snowfalls. Wednesday, strong northwesterly winds, fair and very cold again.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Architect T. J. Rutley is seriously ill.
W. J. McLaren, of Winnipeg, is in the city.
Mr. E. Hall, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.
John A. Stephenson and daughter, Duluth, are in the city.
Mr. and Mrs. N. Bedell, of Dresden, were guests in the city yesterday.
Dr. Jennie Carson has returned from a pleasant holiday trip to Dakota.
Mrs. W. E. Kendall and daughter, Queen St., are visiting in Ridgeway.
W. H. Reid has returned to Detroit after spending a few days at his home here.
The pupils of Miss A. McLean will hold an assembly Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th.
Thos. Weir, of Cathcart Tp., Burford, Ont., spent Christmas with his cousin, Major Weir.
On Monday, 28th inst., the clergymen of the city met and organized a ministerial association for the city. Rev. Dr. Battisby was elected president and Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., secretary-treasurer. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 10 a. m.

SPECIAL SALE OF

Ebony Goods

Following our usual custom we shall during this week sell the balance of our Ebony Goods at a discount of 10 per cent. This includes Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, Manicure Sets, etc.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.,
Cor. King and Fifth Sts. Druggists.



Slippers Everyone..

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

Slippers from 25c to \$3.

MEN'S RUBBERS, all sizes, for 50c.

WOMEN'S and MISSES' RUBBERS, all sizes for 25c.

TURRILL'S, 93 King Street, CHATHAM

NOMINATIONS

Tilbury East Township—Reeve—Jas. E. Campbell, P. Wilson. Councilors—Clark, Cooper, McGregor, Richards, Wm. Doyle, Geo. Chalmers, R. M. Stevenson.

Romney Township—Reeve—F. J. Fox (acclamation). Councilors—Fetherstone, Jones, Simpson, Edwards, Brown, Potts, McLean and Dawson.

Howard Township—Reeve—H. McLachlan and J. Williams. Councilors—Ed Bryan, D. Wilson, W. T. Galbraith, James Leitch and Albert E. Arnold.

Chatham Township—Reeve—Hugh Cummings (acclamation). Councilors—A. Templeton, W. Abraham, Wm. McGeorge, R. A. Tompkins, Adam Irwin, Wm. Merritt, Josiah Armstrong. All of whom are likely to stand.

Dover Township—Reeve—C. Purser, Peter Crawford. Councilors—Wm. Boyer, Geo. King, Jos. Lewis, John Bagwell, A. Hind, John Bishop, John Calvert. Harper, Mr. Purser was reeve this year, and his opponent, Mr. Crawford, is a this year's councillor. The three following are old councillors and the rest new.

Ridgeway—Mayor—L. J. Reyeract, acclamation. Councilors—L. D. Parney, R. B. Hunter, R. E. Lethian, D. Simpson, W. C. Regan, John McCall, T. F. Routledge, D. J. McLean, P. G. Buckworth, J. Cochrane, John McPherson and A. Long. School Trustees—L. J. Hummel, John McGregor, Norman Steer, Robt. Porterfield, all by acclamation.

MASS MEETING

There will be a Mass Meeting of citizens in the Council Chamber, Harrison Hall, this evening at 8 o'clock, to discuss the three by-laws which will be submitted to the electors.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Seven Thousand Sheep Burned at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 29.—Seven thousand sheep were burned to death at the East Buffalo stock yards yesterday. The long, narrow sheds in which they were confined were swept by the flames before any of the animals could be released. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. It was stated by Supt. Leigh that the fire would in no way interfere with the handling of live stock at the yards. Plenty of space is available in the cattle and hog sheds to take care of the sheep arrivals.

The sheep were housed in two long, narrow sheds, covering a total area of 600,000 square feet. Running parallel with them, on either side, were the hog and cattle sheds. The flames were discovered by a watchman in the south end of the sheep shed, shortly before 8 o'clock. Fanned by a brisk wind, the fire destroyed the buildings in an incredibly short time. The firemen turned their attention to saving the adjoining structures, with their squealing and bellowing tenants. The fire was under control at 9 o'clock. The sheep were what are known as "exports," and were in charge of federal officers.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker Northwood Block, Chatham, Dec. 29, 1903.

Wheat	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE
Dec.	81½	81½	81½	81½
May	84½	84½	84	84½
July	78½	78½	78½	78½
Corn				
Dec.	41½	42	41½	41½
May	45	45½	44½	44½
July	44½	44½	44½	44½
Oats				
Dec.	35	35	35	35
May	37½	37½	37½	37½
July	34½	34½	34½	34½
Pork				
Jan.	1217	1217	1207	1207
May	1255	1260	1245	1245
Lard				
Jan.	667	670	662	662
May	690	692	686	686
Ribs				
Jan.	630	630	622	622
May	657	659	652	652

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.

WHY THE LIGHTS WERE OUT

Robert Coyle, the watchman at the fire hall, was in a funny mood this morning.

"Well," he said, "I noticed that all of the electric lights in Chatham went out last night. Things looked pretty gloomy in that section of the town from the tower. 'I noticed also by this morning's Free Press that the new Council are going to tear up the King street pavement.'"

"Why?" eagerly asked the innocent News reporter.

"Because it is in the road," replied Billy Bounce as he gave vent to a hearty laugh and then took a fresh chew of tobacco.

When a farmer cradles his grain he isn't necessarily engaged in baby farming.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AGENTS WANTED—\$250 per day! Address Cooper, London, Ont.

FOR SALE—Gladstone sleigh, nearly new. Apply at this office.

GOOD WHITE GIRL WANTED—For general housework. Apply at this office.

TO THE CITY ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for 1904. Having lived and worked in Chatham for the past 20 years, I think I know the requirements of this city. If elected I shall do my best to forward all measures that will benefit our good city. In my position as a working man I cannot make a personal canvass. Your votes and influence solicited.

JOHN E. AINSWORTH.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again before you for the position of Alderman for the year 1904. I have served you with pleasure for a number of years, and if again honored by being elected I will still continue to take the same careful interest in the city's business as I have done in the past.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season.

Yours truly,

E. A. MOUNTIER.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of ratepayers, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for the year 1904. As I will be unable to see many of the electors personally, I would hereby solicit the vote and influence of all, and if elected, will serve the city to the best of my ability. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR J. DUNN.

We Extend

TO ONE AND ALL

The Season's Heartiest Greetings . . .

DUNN & MERRITT,
Box 52, Fifth St. Phone 295.

**Stuffed Dates
Glazed Nuts
Navel Oranges
Oysters Daily by Express.**

The Northwood Company,

Up-to-date
Millinery.

C. Austin & Co.

Fashionable
Dressmaking.

January Sale at Austin's.

Stock-taking time is here and from now until Inventory Day we will bend all our energies towards reducing the stock. All short lengths and odd lots, in every part of the store will have special prices put on them to effect a speedy clearance. Come early and come often, as new lines will be put on sale each day. Below we quote some of the lines which will indicate to you the extra values you many expect all through this store—

CUT PRICE SALE

On Grey Flannels and Plain Shaker Flannel

AT 9c A YARD, WORTH 15c.—About 175 yards, extra heavy flannelette, opera blue shade, soft flannel finish, 32 inches wide, suitable for ladies or children's garments, the reason of this big cut in price is we have too much of this one particular make, clearing price. 9c yard

AT 25c. A YARD, WORTH 35c.—125 yards Maple Leaf Grey Flannel, plain or twilled, dark or light grey, 27 inches wide, extra heavy and soft, guaranteed unshrinkable, suitable for shirts, skirts, etc. clearing price. 25c yard

AT 30c A YARD, WORTH 40c.—2 pieces, extra fine, pure wool grey flannel, 28 and 29 inches wide, plain or twilled, good shades, warranted to wash without shrinking, special for ladies' fine undergarments, clearing price. 30c yard

A STYLISH NEW COAT

Costs Little To-Day.

Here are handsome coats for women, gathered into these underpriced groups to give women a remarkable opportunity to have a fine new coat for New Year's Day, and yet pay wonderfully little for it.

At \$5.98, is a group of handsomely tailored coats in Black and White Tweed effects, double breasted, or fly front, plain or trimmed with black strappings.

At \$6.98, of Fancy Zebeline or plain cloths, Grey, Black or Castor, with collar or collarless, with or without capes, well lined, trimmed with cording, stitching and strappings.

At \$8.50, of Grey Zebeline, collarless, trimmed around the neck, sleeves and down the front, with stitched strap of black and wide broadcloth applique. They were \$12.50.

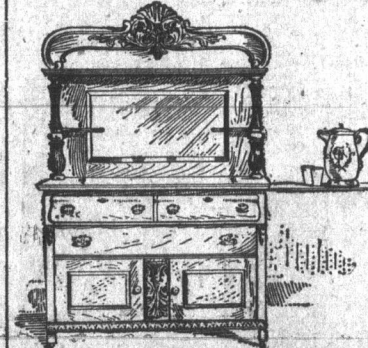
At \$10.00, of Kersey cloth, Broadcloth, and Fancy Tweeds. Some are nicely tucked from the collar strap down. Others are finished with capes, or stitching and strappings.

A Fur Coat or a fur neck piece will delight a woman always. We have some of the finest furs to be found in the city; and we have plenty of the handsome but inexpensive pieces as well. Details of furs make poor reading; come and see them.

January Sale of Furniture

The Difference Between Actual Values and Selling Prices

is so pronounced as to merit the immediate attention of every one, to the least degree interested in purchasing furniture. Those who know this store best are its most faithful friends. Those who know it not know not what they miss. But then—remember—acquaintance with this store is profitable to you. You could not do better than make it during this JANUARY SALE. In proof of this we submit the following:—



Genuine quarter sawed, golden oak sideboard, polished, 6 ft. 6 in. high, top 23 3/4 inches, has 3 drawers, 1 lined with velvet and two cupboards under. British Beveled Mirror, shaped, 18x36 in., regular value \$34, January sale price \$30.

Solid Oak Sideboard, golden finish, polished, quartered oak top and pediment, 4 drawers, 1 drawer lined, top 48x24 in., height 6 ft. 7 in., beveled mirror, elder extension top, reg. value \$27, January sale price \$25.00.

Sideboard, hardwood, golden finish, gloss, top 21x48 inches, height 6 ft. 6 in., mirror 14x24 in., 2 drawers and large cupboard under, regular value \$10.50, January sale price \$9.00.

Bedroom Suite, hardwood golden finish, gloss, height of bed 6 ft. 2 in., stand top 30x19 in., dresser 28x20 in., 3 drawers, mirror 20x24 in., German Bevel, regular value \$18.00, January sale price \$15.00.

Parlor Suites at prices lower than our former low prices.

CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

OLD PROB. PREDICTS

Snow and Cold Weather

and Austin & Co., (THE CLOTHIERS) have a good selection of Fur Coats, Gauntlets and Caps which will be placed on sale at the end of the season, prices commencing **Wednesday, December 30th.**

MEN'S FUR COATS AT REDUCED PRICES:—\$15.00 Cub Bear Fur Coats (Black and Brown) on sale at \$12.50; \$18.00 Cub Bear Fur Coats (Black and Brown), quilted linings, on sale at \$14.95; \$20.00 Siberian Dog Fur Coats, quilted linings on sale at \$16.50; \$20.00 Walaby Fur Coats, quilted linings, at \$16.50; \$22.00 Russian Calf Coats, quilted linings, at \$19.00; \$23.00 to \$25.00 Russian Calf Coats, quilted linings, at \$20.00; \$44.00 Men's Fur Lined Coats, Otter Collar, at \$35.00.

SPECIAL! SPECIAL!—The Austin Special Lamb Coats, navy black curl, enterlined with rubber, beautifully quilted linings, at \$12.50, reg. price \$18. Men's Fur Gauntlets at Reduced Prices. \$3.50 Dog Skin Gauntlets, heavy Fur Black Facings at \$2.95; \$5.00 Russian Otter Gauntlets, nice soft facings, on sale at \$3.95. Men's Fur Caps at Reduced Prices. \$1.50 and \$1.75 Black Cooney Caps, wedge shape, on sale at \$1.25; \$3.00 Special Persian Lamb Cap, wedge shape, on sale at \$2.50; \$3.50 Russian Beaver Caps, very dark brown shades, on sale at \$2.95; \$4.00 Electric Seal Caps, handsome linings, at \$3.50; \$7.50 Persian Lamb Caps, extra quality, on sale at \$5.95.

C. AUSTIN & CO.

protected or consumed.
This is the kind of justice which has sprung up under the "Liberal"

AGENT.

been met by Dunn's Kidney Pills.
never one has Canada's great Kidney Remedy had to admit defeat.

Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Cost of Exposition, 1,240 acres.
Size of grounds, 1,240 acres.

Minard's Liniment Cures Cuts, etc.

Family Gathering

at New Year's? You would like things specially nice for that day. Why not come in and see our stock? We are sure you would find many things that would just suit

CANNED SOUPS, 12c, 25c and 40c each.
CANNED PEAS, 10c a can.
CANNED TOMATOES, 10c a can.
SPANISH OLIVES, 25c, 40c and 60c a bottle.
OLD CHEESE, 18c a pound.
ENGLISH SAGE CHEESE, 30c a pound.
ROQUEFORT CHEESE, 40c a pound.
SALTED BISCUITS, 15c a pound.
PLAIN BISCUITS, 15c a pound.

Our Chocolates are the finest that are made, the best of materials and flavoring. 25c, 40c and 50c a pound.

H. Malcolmson

Did You Ever

Can you? Would you like to? If you can pay for it, we will give you a week. Send the address and we will surprise you with a proposition.

W. W. LINSOOTT,
SHANTFORD, ONT.

The Old Year AND The New.

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

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

Red Cross DRUG STORE.

W. W. TURNER,
8 King St., - Phone 221

TO RENT

Nice dwelling, facing a paved street, heated with coal hot air furnace. Rent \$10 per month. Apply to

SMITH & SMITH

Call on Gabe McIntyre at the Montreal House, corner Head and Sandusky streets.



W.N. Morley & Co.

TO-NIGHT.

Children's banquet, Park St. S. S., at 8.
Ball by the young gentlemen of the city, Auditorium, at 8.
Court Companion, No. 521, I. O. F., will hold their regular meeting at 8.
Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, at 8.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Read The Ark ad. on front page. Wood has taken a drop at Brad-er's, Queen street.
Miss Ella Herman is visiting friends at Guilds and Edgetown.
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Will H. Martin is spending the Christmas holidays in the city.
Smoke Quail on Feast Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made, m.
Mr. P. J. Goodwin, of Grand Rapids, spent Christmas day the guest of Mr. P. Miller, Harvey street.

The B. and O. Lumber Co. have sent a gang of men up to install the seats in the new church at St. Augustine, Ont.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Bachelard, of Norwich, are visiting at the residence of John Bachelard, Dover township.

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

Christmas Tree, Santa Claus, and concert in Christ Church S. S. Hall Thursday evening next at 7.30. All come. Silver collection at the door.

We are giving away money. Read how to get \$1.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Thomas Moore, a vagrant, was brought in to the Chatham jail yesterday morning. He was sentenced to 23 months in the Central Prison by Police Magistrate, B. Kummerly, of Dresden.

Alexander McPherson, who was killed by a street car in Hamilton on Saturday, was father of William McPherson, formerly linotype machinist of the Banner here.

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

W. B. Wells lost a valuable setter on Sunday. The dog was crossing the Lake Erie bridge when a freight engine came along. The dog was unable to get out of the way and had two legs cut off. The canine had to be shot.

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Chatham's Millinery Store.

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

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

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST., CHATHAM.

Miss Lott's Gallagher returned to Detroit yesterday, after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Gallagher, Adelaide street.

The little daughter of Mr. Peltier, River Road, Harwich, died on Sunday from diphtheria. The funeral was held the same day.

A Great Builder. — "The D. & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is a great builder. It gives weight, adds healthy flesh, and altogether overcomes any downward tendency of health.

The ice on the river is 11 inches thick. J. L. Scott has ceased cutting ice on the river, and has begun operations on the river above the Lake Erie Bridge.

Something New! We will give away to every customer good Canadian money. Of course you don't need it, but your neighbor may. Read our advt. in this issue and tell him about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

George Stephens, M. P., has complied with the request of the Minister of Education on the opening of the library here, by presenting a set of books to that institution, which have been delivered through W. J. Kenny.

The firemen had a call by telephone to the store of Harry Bill, on the Market Square on Sunday night about 8.35. The floor had caught fire from a stove. The flames were extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Caleb Wheeler, pleaded guilty yesterday at the police court to breaking a city by-law and settled by paying a fine, \$1 and costs, \$1.75 in all. Mr. Wheeler purchased turkeys, wholesale, on the market, before ten o'clock, a week ago last Saturday. This was contrary to the civic by-law.

Special excursion tickets will be sold for the New Year's holidays by W. E. Rippey, City Ticket Agent, 115 King St., to all points in Canada on Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways at single fare on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 4th, and at fare and one third on Dec. 30th, 31st, and Jan. 1st, good returning Jan. 4th. City Ticket Office, 115 King Street.

A very pleasant time was spent at Park St. Methodist League last evening. Rev. G. R. Cobblestick, the pastor, took the topic, "Christ in the Home." An excellent quartet selection was given by Misses Sandison and Draper and Messrs. Wilson and Doherty. James Broad, Jr., gave a fine address on Epworth League Work in Lansing, Michigan.

Lost! — On Dec. 23rd, between Williams' Nursery and the Market Square, or on William St., a milk muf. The finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

The Anglican Young Peoples Society of Christ Church distributed forty well filled baskets of Christmas cheer to the poor of the city a day or two before Christmas. The baskets were well filled with meat, groceries, fruit and vegetables. A bag of flour was given with each basket. The teachers and scholars in the Sunday School contributed generously to the good work.

The young people desire to thank all those who donated money, groceries, flour, etc.

The Master Mechanic's Pure Tar Soap heals and softens the skin, while promptly cleansing it of grease, oil, rust, etc. Indispensable for mechanics, farmers, sportsmen. Free sample on receipt of 2c. for postage. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Montreal.

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Has Removed to his New Office
Corner King and Fifth Streets
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Telephone Office 154.
Residence 285.

RALEIGH NOMINATION

The Raleigh Municipal nominations for 1904 resulted as follows:—
For Reeve—
R. J. Morrison.
James Clayton.
For Councilors—
(William) H. Irwin.
S. F. White.
John A. Stringer.
E. A. Dillon.
George McKay.
John Dowling.
Edward Murdock.
Alex. McPherson.
Edward Sykes.

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THE CORDON STORE

TO 1904

As a leader on the Track of Trade will continue to set the pace. We shall offer Special Drives the last week of the old year putting the spurs into Fine Furs and Dress Skirts with a regular wind up of DRESS GOODS

Bargains All Over the Store

William Gordon.

consist of the Christmas cantata, the new Santa Claus.

Invitations are out for an assembly to be given by the young men on New Year's eve.

RALLY ROUND THE FLAG.

All Union Men in this city are requested to attend special meeting next Friday at 7.30 p. m., in Federation Hall.

Signed
COMMITTEE.
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GOOD MUSIC

Christmas services were celebrated in William Gordon's street Baptist church Sunday. The music was very special and a credit to the leader, Miss Baxter. The services were:

MORNING.
Deology.
Invocation.
Hymn.
Scripture Reading.
Anthem—The New Born King.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Sermon—Rev. A. W. Torrie.
Anthem—And There Were Shepherds.
Hymn.

EVENING.
Lessons.
Invocation.
Hymn.
Scripture Reading.
Offertory—The Organ.
Anthem—White Shepherds Watched.
Hymn.
Sermon—A. W. Torrie.
Anthem—Holy Night.
Hymn.

Sole parts throughout both services by Misses Baxter, Stanton, Oldershaw, Cameron, and Mrs. J. Oldershaw, and Messrs. Brown and Reeve. Choir leader—Miss Baxter. Organist—F. Phelps.

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IN BUYING RUBBERS REMEMBER

That Rubbers will not give satisfaction if fitted too tight.

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

That A short fit will ruin any rubber.

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

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

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

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

That You had better come here and see.

GEO. W. COWAN

If You Have Forgotten :::

Any of your friends in the matter of Christmas Gifts we would remind you that we have still many desirable Holiday Goods that we will sell at close prices.

**UMBRELLAS
HANDKERCHIEFS
FANCY LINENS
DRESS GOODS
MILLINERY**

All at after Christmas prices.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES

TAKE A DROP

in our store and get a box of our delicious candy as a New Year greeting to her. No matter whether she prefers chocolates, marshmallows, caramels, kisses, or any other kind, we have them. You can have them done up

IN A BOX

lined with dainty lace paper and tied with delicate ribbon. They will look so tempting that she will not be able to resist them—or the giver. Aren't these sweet thoughts?

Willard McKay

Garner House Block.

and Our Richmond & Queen

as she thinks she looks.

So strong is Bank of England note paper that a single sheet will lift a weight of 100 pounds.

F. B. PROCTOR,
BROKER,
Northwood Block, - Phone 240.
CHATHAM, ONT.

China Tea, Black Gunpowder and Young Hyson, Best English Breakfast Tea, 35c 40c and Minard's Liniment cures Distemper

CAN MAKE MEN SOUND AND STRONG.

Detroit Specialist Discovers Something Entirely New for the Cure of Men's Diseases in Their Own Homes.

You Pay Only if Cured

Expect No Money Unless He Cures You—Method and Full Particulars Sent Free—Write For It This Very Day

A Detroit specialist who has 14 certificates and diplomas from medical colleges and boards, has perfected a startling method of curing the diseases of men in their own homes; so that there may be no doubt in the mind of any man that he has



DR. S. GOLDBERG,
The Possessor of 14 Diplomas and Certificates
Who Wants No Money That He Does Not Earn.

Both the method and the ability to do so as he says, entirely free to all men who send him their name and address. He wants to hear from men who have stricken that they have been unable to get cures, not manhood, blood poison, hydrocele, varicocele, prostate trouble, sexual weakness, etc. He will not only cure the condition itself, but also all the complications, such as rheumatism, neuralgia or kidney trouble, heart disease, nervous debility, etc.

Dr. Goldberg realizes that it is one thing to make cures and another thing to back them up, so he has made it a rule not to ask for money unless he cures you, and when you are cured he feels sure that you will willingly pay him a small fee. It is of very men who suffer in this way to write the doctor confidentially and lay your case before him. He sends the method, as well as many books on the subject, including the one that contains the 14 diplomas and certificates, entirely free. Address: Dr. S. Goldberg, 298 Woodward Ave., Room 201, St. Paul, Minn., and it will all immediately be sent to you, absolutely entirely new and well worth the money you pay. Write at once.

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A Few Doors West
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Save Fuel

Did you ever examine your windows? You will likely find them loose. So much so, they will rattle with the least wind. Windows in this condition will let a lot of cold and wind through. Stop all this and make your house comfortable by having the Chamberlain Metal Weather Strip attached. See window equipped at my office, opposite the Post Office.

Thos. C. O'Rourke

FIRE, LIFE & ACCIDENT

Money to loan at lowest rate of interest. . . .

GEO. K. ATKINSON
Phone 346
5th Street, Next Harrison Hall.

PARROTT & ROTHWELL.

Are Selling Real Estate right along. They mean business

Owners of property who desire to sell are quick to make a note of this. They are agents for The Monarch Fire Insurance Company; and they have houses to rent. A trial only required.

HIS

Young wife was almost distracted for he would not stay a night at home so she had his LAUNDRY done by us, and now he ceases any more to roam.

Parisian Steam Laundry Co.
TELEPHONE 20.

CURE FOR HICCUGHS.

Simple Scientific Remedy That Gives Immediate Relief.

An attack of hiccoughs brings its victim less sympathy perhaps than almost any other ailment, the main reason being that, except in very rare cases, it is not attended with fatal results and that in most cases it attacks otherwise healthy persons. Still, it is one of the most annoying and most obstinate of difficulties. While the effort to cure it is being made it generally disappears, yet it resists the most vigorous effort of the will to control its vagaries.

A hiccough is a quick, involuntary, inspiratory movement of the diaphragm, brought suddenly to a stop by an involuntary closing of the glottis. The muscles that control these two portions of the human anatomy are incessant workers. They wait on every breath without being guided by the will and even work while we sleep. While they do their duty life passes, tranquil, calm and peaceful, but if from any cause a disturbing element enters into their ballistics they rebel, are beyond the control of the will and, having no guide, as it were, run away, and, like any runaway, have no care for the damage done. The effort to remove the disturbance is the cause of the hiccough, and the following method of treatment arrests these muscles in their wild escapade, brings them back to their duties, and, like the patient servant they are, they resume their work and life becomes as placid as before.

First, expel all the air from your lungs very, very quickly. The portion of the body they attend to is, as it were, collapsed, and now commences the next and concluding part of the cure.

Second, commence to fill your lungs with air, but do so very slowly, but steadily. Pucker your mouth, and if possible leave an opening of your lips no larger than a pin, and through this inhale the air. Fill your lungs, raise your arms and throw out your chest, and when you are full these muscles resume their regular duties and the hiccoughs are gone.

MAN AS SEEN BY NOVELISTS

Success serves to sweeten the average man; unsucess is the herculean test of heroes.—Eden Philpotts.

He who does good on the spur of the moment usually sows a seed of dissension in the trench of time.—Seton Merriman.

A woman without illusions is the dearest and most difficult thing to manage possible.—Author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden."

Have something to say; say it; stop talking; give fools the first and women the last word; the meat's always in the middle of the sandwich.—G. H. Lorimer.

Happiness falls to our share in separate detached bits, and those of us who are wise content ourselves with these broken fragments.—Beatrice Haraden.

Noisy fellows are always wedded to the opinions of others. The perfect man, conscious of his intellectual infirmities, is content with aspirations.—Harold Begbie.

With men you must choose between liberty for you and a prison for your body. With women you must choose between a body and a prison for your body. We know what becomes of the few who do not.

The Birds of Paradise.

Probably no famous bird has a smaller habitat than the bird of paradise, whose beautiful feathers are so highly prized in the millinery trade. No one knows why the varieties of this beautiful bird are confined to the island of New Guinea and the neighboring coasts of Australia. There are many other islands not far away where the conditions would seem to be equally favorable to their existence, but they are not found among them.

Quite as Satisfactory.

"I want to ask you something, Grace," said the beautiful heiress.

"What is it, Duckie?" the duke inquired.

"Would you object if I should request the minister to omit the word 'obey' from the service when we are married?"

"Certainly not. He can just make it 'love, honor and supply.'"

To Get Rid of Rats.

After all other remedies fail, there still remains a way of getting rid of rats, and that is by depriving them of water. They can live for a very long time without food and when hard pressed will not hesitate to eat each other, but no rat can go twenty-four hours without drink. Therefore if every possible means of obtaining water is taken from the rats they will desert the vicinity.

Very Pathetic.

"What can be more pathetic," said the sentimental woman, "than a man who has loved and lost?"

"Well," replied the man of experience, "a fellow who has bet on a sure thing and lost, cuts quite a figure in the pathetic line."

Lachrymal Amelioration.

"Poor thing! Did she take her husband's death much to heart?"

"Why, she's prostrated with grief! She can't see a soul except the dress-maker."

His Nomination.

Politician—Congratulations, Sarah. I've been nominated.

Sarah (with delight)—Honestly? Politician—What difference does that make?

ABNER DANIEL

By WILL N. HARBEN

Author of "Westerfield"

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"You see that rock behind you, Mr. Craig?" asked Pole. "Well, set down on it. Before we go any further me 'n' you've got to have a understanding."

The old man stared hesitatingly for an instant, and then, after carefully feeling of the stone, he complied.

"I thought we already—but, of course," he said haltingly, "I'm ready to agree to anything that'll make you feel safe."

"I kinder 'lowed you would." And, to Craig's overwhelming astonishment, Pole drew a revolver from his hip pocket and looked at it, turning the cylinder with a deft thumb.

"You mean, Baker?" But Craig's words remained unborn in his bewildered brain. The rigor of death itself seemed to have beset his tongue. A cold sweat broke out on him.

"I mean that I've tucked the trouble to fetch you here for a purpose, Mr. Craig, an' thar ain't any use in beatin' about the bush to git at it."

Craig made another effort at utterance, but failed. Pole could hear his rapid breathing and see the terrified gleaming of his wide open eyes.

"You've had a lot o' dealin's, Mr. Craig," said Pole. "You've made yore mistakes an' had yore good luck, but

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of money from you you'll never smell a breath o' fresh air or see natural daylight."

"You mean to kill a helpless man?" The words were like a prayer.

"I'd bottle you up heer to die," said Pole Baker firmly. "You've met me in this lonely spot, an' no man could say yore end to me. In fact, all that know you would swear you'd run off from the folks, but that save you, you see, nothin' but that money o' Alan Bishop's kin possibly save you. You know that well enough, an' thar ain't a bit o' use palaverin' about it. I've fetched a pen an' ink an' paper, an' you've got to write me an order for the money. If I have to go as far off as Atlanta, I'll take the first train an' go after it. If I git the money, you get out. If I don't, you won't see me ag'in nor nobody else till you face yore Maker."

Craig bent over his knees and groaned.

"You think I have money," he said, straightening up. "Oh, my God!"

"I know it," said Pole. "I don't think anything about it—I know it."

He took out the pen and ink from his pants pocket and unfolded a sheet of paper. "Git to work," he said. "You ain't try to turn me, you durned old hog!"

Craig raised a pair of wide open, helpless eyes to the rigid face above him.

"Oh, my God!" he said again.

"You let God alone an' git down to business," said Pole, taking a fresh hold of the handle of his weapon. "I'm not goin' to waste time with you. Either you git me Alan Bishop's money or you'll die. Hurry up!"

"Will you keep faith with me—if—"

"Yes, durn you, why wouldn't I?" A gleam of triumph flashed in the outlaw's eyes.

The ex-banker had taken the pen and Pole spread out the sheet of paper on his knee.

"What assurance have I?" stammered Craig, his face like a death mask against the rock behind him. "You see, after you got the money, you might think it safer to leave me here, thinking that I would prosecute you. I wouldn't, as God is my judge, but you might be afraid."

"I'm not afraid o' nothin'," said Pole. "Old man, you couldn't handle me without puttin' yoreself in jail for the rest o' yore life. Thar order's a-goin' to be proof that you have money when you've swore publicly that you didn't. No; when I paid back Alan Bishop's money I'll let you go. I don't want to kill a man for jest tryin' to steal an' not makin' the rifle."

The logic struck home. The warmth of hope diffused itself over the gaunt form.

"Then I'll write a note to my wife," he said.

Pole reached for one of the torches and held it near the paper.

"Well, I'm glad I won't have to go furdin' 'n Darley," he said. "It'll be better for both of us. By ridin' peert I can let you out before sundown. You may git a late supper at Darley, but it's a sight better 'n gittin' none heer an' no bed to sleep on."

"I'm putting my life in your hands, Baker," said Craig, and with an unsteady hand he began to write.

"Hold on thar," said Pole. "You'll know the best way to write to her, but when the money's mentioned I want you to say the \$25,000 deposited in the bank by the Bishops. You see, I'm not goin' to note no order for money I hadn't no right to. An' I'll tell you another thing, old man, you needn't throw out no hint to her to have me arrested. As God is my final judge, if I'm tucked up fer this, they'll never make me tell whar you are. I'd wait until you'd pegged out, anyway."

"I'm not setting any trap for you, Baker," whined Craig. "You've got the longest head of any man I ever knew. You've got me in your power, and all I can ask of you is my life. I've got Bishop's money hidden in my house. I am willing to restore it if you will release me. I can write my wife a note that will cause her to give it to you. Isn't that fair?"

"That's all I want," said Pole. "An' I'll say this to you: I'll agree to use my influence with Alan Bishop not to handle you by law; but the best thing fer you an' yore family to do is to shake the dirt o' Darley off'n yore feet an' seek fresh pastures. These round here ain't as green, in one way, as some I've seed."

Craig wrote the note and handed it up to Baker. Pole read it slowly and then said: "You mought 'a axed 'er to excuse bad writin' an' spellin', an' hopin' these few lines will find you enjoyin' the same blessin's; but ef it gits the boodle that's all I want. Now you keep yore shirt on, an' don't git skeered o' the darkness. It will be as black as pitch, an' you kin hear yore eyelids creak after I shut the front door, but I'll be back, ef I find yore lady hadn't run off with a handsome man an' tucked the swag with 'er. I'm glad you cautioned 'er agin axin' me questions."

Pole backed to the foot of the ladder, followed by Craig.

"Don't leave me here, Baker," he said imploringly. "Don't, for God's sake! I swear I'll go with you and get you the money."

"I can't do that, Mr. Craig, but I'll be back as shore as fate, ef I get that cash," promised Pole. "It all depends on that. I'll keep my word, if you do yours."

"I am going to trust you," said the old man, with the pleading intonation of a cowed and frightened child.

After he had got out Pole thrust his head into the opening again. "It'll be like you to come up heer an' try to move this rock," he called out. "But you mought as well not try it, fer I'm goin' to add about a dumpcart load o' rocks to it to keep the wolves from diggin' you out."

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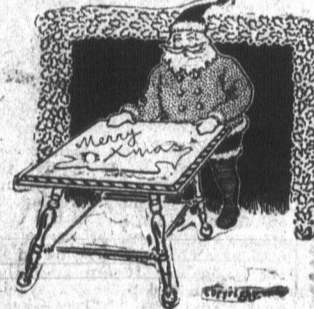
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MURDER AND SUICIDE.

JOSEPH BOYD KILLS HIS WIFE
AND HIMSELF.

A Shocking Tragedy at Sarnia—Five Young Children Left Orphans—Employment in the Tunnel Supposed to Have Unhinged Boyd's Mind.

Sarnia, Dec. 29.—As a result of domestic infelicity, probably accentuated by ill-health, Joseph Boyd, aged about fifty, yesterday murdered his wife, and ended his own life a moment after. Boyd and his wife have been living, with their family of five children, on Davis street, where he recently erected a house, and were supposed to be perfectly comfortable. In the morning sounds of quarrelling were heard, followed by a sound of breaking glass. One of the children then came to the door and called for help, and, on entering, the neighbors found Mrs. Boyd lying in the kitchen, where she had evidently been engaged in washing dishes. She was breathing her last, and expired before anything could be done. A bullet wound from a 38-calibre revolver was in her head, and the ball had passed completely through. The husband was found about ten feet away, in an inner room, and held a revolver in his hand. He had shot himself through the head, and the bullet passed out through the window. The Coroner, Dr. Logie, was summoned, and a letter was found, in which the man stated that he had committed the rash act as a result of domestic trouble. It was decided that an inquest was unnecessary. A peculiar feature of the case is that no hint of domestic trouble had reached the neighbors, but Boyd had frequently complained that his work in the tunnel, where he was employed as inspector, was telling on his health, and he frequently acted strangely. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are well spoken of. The remains were removed to an undertaking establishment, and word was sent to London to a brother of the deceased woman.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Mayors Elected in Several Cities and Towns by Acclamation,
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Nominations took place in the Ontario Municipalities yesterday. The following are among those elected by acclamation:

CITY MAYORS.

Belleville—W. W. Chown.
Chatham—W. E. McKeough.
Hamilton—W. J. Morden.
St. Thomas—Charles F. Maxwell.
Stratford—William Hepburn.
Woodstock—Mayor White.

MAYORS OF TOWNS.

Barrie—Mayor Boys (third term).
Brookville—S. J. Gease.
Dundas—William Lawson.
Dunville—C. W. Winslow.
Godfrich—E. N. Lewis.
Kincardine—A. Malcolm.
Listowel—F. W. Hay.
Owen Sound—W. A. Grier (re-elected).
Ridgeway—L. J. Reycraft.
St. Mary's—R. S. Graham.
Walkerville—J. E. Dobie.

FLAMES SPREAD RAPIDLY.

The Anderson Hotel at Petrolia Burned.

Petrolia, Dec. 29.—One of the severest fires which the citizens of Petrolia have witnessed for some time was that which totally destroyed the Anderson Hotel here. The fire originated in the kitchen and spread very rapidly. Although the fire hall is not more than one hundred yards from the scene of the conflagration, yet the frame structure fed the flames so well that before the firemen could get the water playing on the fire the building was practically doomed. All that could be done to save the structure was done by the excellent corps of firemen, under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Preston, but all was in vain, so far as saving the building was concerned. In a surprisingly short time the building was gutted and all efforts were directed to keeping the fire from spreading to the adjacent buildings, which touched it upon every side. The destruction of the Anderson Hotel removes one of the old landmarks from the town. It will in all probability be rebuilt on more modern lines. The building was well covered by insurance.

AN INDIAN OUTBREAK.

Seri Tribe Raiding Ranches—Cannibals Are Swift Runners.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A despatch to The Tribune from Hermosillo, Mexico, says:—The Seri Indians, who occupy Tiburon Island, in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath, and, according to information received by the military authorities here, the savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mainland. The Seri are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fastest runners in the world.

TO INVADE MACEDONIA.

Four Thousand Bulgarian Insurgents Said to Be Ready.

Salonica, European Turkey, Dec. 29.—The authorities are informed that 4,000 Macedonian revolutionists under the leadership of eighty Bulgarian officers are ready to invade Turkish territory. An order has been issued here to-day requesting the Turkish officers to exercise extreme vigilance. It is rumored that the second army reserve will again be called out.



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AT SAN DOMINGO.

The Situation is Admitted to be Critical.

San Domingo, Dec. 29.—The situation here is critical. The provisional President, General Morales, is absent from the city, and the provisional Minister of Foreign Affairs, in terror, has resigned, as a consequence of which the Council of Ministers is incomplete. The provisional Government endeavored to secure a loan of \$200,000 for the purpose of defending the city against the insurgents, but, being without resources, the Government could not guarantee the loan nor the city against pillage by insurgents. Should the insurgents succeed in effecting an entrance into the city, it is expected that the members of the provisional Government and their immediate supporters will withdraw to the fort. This action will, no doubt, cause fighting in the streets, and the lives of foreigners will be in danger.

C.P.R. TELEGRAPHS.

Several Changes Announced on the Eastern Division.

Montreal, Dec. 29.—An official circular, issued by Mr. John F. Richardson, superintendent of the eastern division of C. P. R. telegraphs, announces the following changes: Mr. F. T. Jennings, heretofore chief operator and circuit manager of the eastern division, is appointed inspector of telegraphs of the same division; Mr. H. Bott, assistant chief, succeeds Mr. Jennings. Mr. Bott is succeeded by Mr. J. F. B. Gaisie, formerly night chief. Mr. J. Mitchell, assistant night chief, becomes night chief, and is succeeded by Mr. A. Bennis.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

William Clutterbuck of Watford was found dead in his shoe shop.

George Gilling, the English novelist, died of consumption, aged forty-six.

The United States fleets on each side of the Isthmus are being largely reinforced.

The Provincial Medical Health report for November showed diphtheria still prevalent.

New Zealand merchants are seeking business from Canada under their preference.

It is reported that 4,000 insurgents under Bulgarian officers are preparing to invade Macedonia.

Melton Lodge, who fractured his skull by falling on the pavement at Peterborough, died from his injuries.

At a Conservative convention for Dorchester county, Que., Mr. J. B. Morin, M. P., was chosen as candidate.

The London Daily Chronicle says Japan has bought two warships, which are being built at Genoa for Argentina and are almost completed.

Senator Dorset has resigned the Vice-Presidency of the Dominion Coal Company, and will be succeeded by Mr. Wanklyn of Montreal.

Fire at Calumpit, in the Philippines, destroyed 250 homes. Several lives were lost and 1,000 persons were rendered homeless. The loss is \$75,000.

Iron manufacturers interviewed the Minister of Finance at Ottawa in regard to higher protection, claiming that American iron in various forms was being dumped in Canada.



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AN ACCOUNT OF
THEIR STEWARDSHIP

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bers of the council a Happy New Year.

Ald. Pigott said that he had always found the Mayor willing to lend his advice and assistance in advancing the interests of the city. He had served the city well and Ald. Pigott was pleased to be able to congratulate the Mayor.

Ald. G. G. Martin desired to add his little note. It was a fine thing to have a man of Mr. McKeough's caliber, conscientiousness and ability at the head of this corporation, but he gave notice that he had better not try for the office in 1905.—Laughter.

Ald. Edmondson said that the city had made a wise choice in electing Mayor McKeough by acclamation. Every member of the council would agree that it was a fair and square deal.

Ald. Scudlark had sat at the council board with pleasure. It was so easy to waste time unless the meeting was in charge of a good executive officer. Every citizen ought to offer his services to the city at some time in his life. It was a citizen's duty. In Mayor McKeough the city had a man who had offered very valuable services.

In reply Mayor McKeough thanked the aldermen most heartily for their kind words. It was always pleasant to hear expressions of good will. In his inaugural address he had said that it was a good thing to dwell together in unity. This had indeed been the policy of the council 1903 and the result had been a series of pleasant, progressive, and prosperous council meetings. He felt he should instead thank the aldermen for their support and he regretted that Ald. Taylor and Robinson had not offered themselves as candidates for 1904. They had both been good aldermen. Ald. Mounteer said that the cost of the block pavement on William street was \$7,831.29. The Dominion government had promised to pay half of this. The Hon. Israel Tarte had secured this for the city. Ald. Mounteer moved that the city engineer be instructed to prepare a bill for half the cost of the work, and forward it to the Dominion Government.

The motion carried.
Ald. McCoig moved that the chairman of the Parks and Cemetery committee should be empowered to certify to all bills for looking after lots in the cemetery where an allowance had been left in trust for this purpose. The motion carried.

Ald. Marshall reported re the bonds for the Queen street pavement, that the bondsmen, Messrs. McKeough, Godfrey, and Godfrey, had signed the bonds. The two gentlemen were worth jointly, \$23,000. The city solicitor advised private bondsmen. The city, accordingly, to contract, held back five per cent of the bond for one year, in addition to the bond. Mr. Marshall moved that the Warren Co. be paid the balance due on the work less the five per cent and that the Mayor and City Clerk be empowered to sign the agreement. The motion carried.

Ald. Mounteer said that the by-law passed by the council under the local improvement act, for the purpose of opening up the alleyway between the market and William street, had provided only \$1200 for the work. An option had been secured from Mr. Glenn for \$3000 for the portion of his land that would be used. Mr. Ross wanted \$300 for his property, which was only a small triangular piece. The Board of Works had offered \$300 and it had been refused. The city solicitor had advised that Mr. Ross be offered \$200 cash and if he still refused that his land be appropriated. Ald. Mounteer moved that the offer of Mr. Glenn be accepted and that \$200 be tendered Mr. Ross. The motion carried.

Alderman Pigott thanked the City Clerk for looking after his by-law. The by-law granting the Lake Erie wharves to run a spur into J. J. Couzens' yard was passed.

The accounts of The Planet, \$225 and The News \$175 were referred with power.

The account of Geo. Lamphard, \$1, was referred with power.

The following accounts were passed:

The Planet, \$5.25.

The News, \$19.08.

Industrial committee, \$17.20.

Pay sheets (two weeks) \$107.84.

George Stephens & Co., \$25.90.

James Cornhill, \$6.00.

Horn Bros., \$24.14.

Richards Stevens, \$282.

Blight & Fielder, \$1,657.23.

Ball Telephone Co., \$27.50.

John Taylor, 60 cents.

Ball Telephone Co., \$4.10.

Robert Riddell, \$10.65.

Scott & Co., \$30.

A. R. Crow, \$16.90.

J. Steen, \$5.92.

Ball Telephone Co., 56c.

C. P. R., 68c.

McCall Bros., \$2.07.

Thomas Kime, \$3.60.

John Campbell, \$1.25.

Canada Flour Mills Co., \$1.70.

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Boys' Suits, - \$1.50 to \$7.50	Odd Trousers, - \$1.00 to \$4.00
Boys' Overcoats, \$3.25 to \$10.00	Boys' Knickers, - 50c to \$1.00

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