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2 More Shopping Days

Not much time left for you to do your Christmas Shopping, but, with an Extra Staff of Salespeople and a Stock Largely Replenished During the Last Few Days, We are Ready to Serve You as Well or Better than Ever. We offer you great inducements to come in and see us. Here is an Interesting List for Late Shoppers. You have certainly Lost Nothing by Delay.

- Apron Lawn.**
38 in. wide, wide hem, trimmed with 4 rows of tucking. Regular value 20c, on sale at 14c.
- Marseilles Spreads.**
Full Double-bed Size White Marseilles Spreads, in very elegant designs. Regular value \$2.25 each, on sale for \$1.65.
- Runners.**
Pure Crepe Linen Runners, half bleached, fancy hem-stitched and drawn work. Worth up to 40c each, on sale for 29c.
- Handkerchiefs.**
Ladies' Fine Irish Handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered, edged with very fine val. lace. 75c values for 50c, 40c values for 25c.
- Dress Goods.**
15 Pieces of Dress Goods in Tweeds and Canvas Weaves, 42 to 44 in. wide, in excellent colors, worth up to 75c a yard, on sale special at 39c.
- Kimona Cloths.**
12 Pieces Fine Heavy Kimona Cloths, in very pretty stripes. Regular price 17c to 25c a yard, on sale for 14c.
- Hand Bags.**
Ladies' Black Leather Hand Bags, more lined, inside purse. Special at \$1.00 each, on sale for 85c.
- Sable Ruffs.**
Warranted Natural Undyed Sable Ruffs, 42 in. long, trimmed with three large tails at each end. Regular value \$12.00, on sale for \$6.50.
- Waist Silks.**
Elegant Silks in Fancy Blacks, Fancy Creams and Colors, single waist lengths, in boxes, worth per length up to \$6.00, on sale for \$3.75.
- Handkerchiefs.**
Half-dozen Ladies' Fine Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, put up in very attractive box, on sale, very special. Fine Cambric, at a box Pure Linen, at a box. 50c 75c.
- Sateen Skirts.**
Made of Extra Fine Black Mercerized Sateen, accordion flounced and frilled, all sizes, worth up to \$1.50 each, on sale for 98c.
- Table Linens.**
Pure Bleached Table Linen, in very pretty floral design, 61 in. wide. Reg. 60c value, on sale for 39c.
- Silks.**
Cream Corded Wash Silks, for Ladies' Waists and Children's Dresses, guaranteed for wear. Regular value 50c a yd., on sale for 39c.

THOS. STONE & SON, RUGS.

CLEARING SALE OF FURS

AT THE WHOLESALE HOUSE

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES WHILE THEY LAST.

AGAR & NEFF, WHOLESALE FURRIERS.
SCANE BLOCK (Upstairs). OPEN EVENINGS.



MEN'S SLIPPERS —FOR— Christmas

Of course, real solid comfort may be possible without a pair of slippers—but it's surely more like the real Simon-pure article when the slippers are there.

That opens the way toward making somebody a present that will

- gladden him for a whole year or more.
- Low or Opera Slippers** 75c to \$2
in a variety of leathers.
- High-Top or Romeo Slippers** \$1.50 to \$2
A draft resister for winter.
- Felt and Warm Lined Slippers** 65c to \$1
- Carpet and Rep Slippers from** 40c

GEO. W. COWAN

Not Hard To Decide

China ware is always pleasing and you can get so many useful things in this line at

GRAY'S CHINA HALL

That everyone can afford to buy a whole lot for a small amount of money and still not feel that they are not giving good presents.

For the Children

Cups and Saucers

5c, 10c, 15c, 20c. Children's Sets, tea-pot, sugar, cream, cups, saucers, and plates, 50c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Porridge bowls, Mugs, Jugs, Plates, Vases, Pictures, Night Lamps, etc., 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c.

For Young Man or Young Lady

Fancy China cups and saucers 25c to \$3. Fancy bon bon dishes 25c to \$2.50. Fancy Plates and plates, 25c to \$5.00. Shaving mugs, an elegant line, 15 to 75c. Art Ornaments and Vases, 50c to \$5. Cut Glass bon bon, and nut bowls, \$3, \$4.75.

For the Married House-keepers

A new Dinner or Tea Set wouldn't come amiss, or a Toilet Set, of which we have a new lot just opened up at special prices. Carving Sets, a special line of English Sheffield steel goods, in fancy lined cases, \$3 to \$8.

Knives and Forks

1847 Rogers goods in fancy boxes, \$5 to \$6.50 a set. Tea Spoons, \$2, \$3, \$4 a dozen. Dessert spoons, \$3, \$5, \$7 dozen. Table and Dessert Knives, white handles, securely fastened on steel blades—1/2 doz. in box, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Hanging & Hall Lamps

\$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$8 and \$10.00.

Vases and Jardinieres

A grand showing of newest goods imported for this year's Holiday trade.

In odd Fancy Fruit and Salad dishes is where we excel all competitors as we look after this line the whole year around, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c up to \$7.

Our open stock French China Dinner Sets are more popular than ever this year and we will sell you one piece or a whole set. A good time to begin is right now.

Have you seen our new art wares in English Pottery?

Farm Yard Scenes, Old Greek Ware, Georgian Ware, Also Royal Vienna and fine Japanese Ornaments and Vases.

Gray's China Hall

KING ST.

Poultry Meats

Having Purchased the Business of Mr. W. H. Currens we desire to inform the public that we have had many years experience in the business. We shall maintain the same high standard of Meats and Poultry the public have been getting. Hoping to have the old customers and many new ones.

McLEAN & WEAVER,
Successors to W. H. Currens, St. Clair Street.

DR. OVENS, M.D.,
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SURGEON, DENTIST, SPECIALIST.
Diseases: Eye, Ear and Nose treated and all kinds of diseases. Will be at Radley's Drug Store, Chatham. Next date of visit, Wednesday, Dec 27th.

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Christmas Day
MATINEE AND NIGHT

The Hilarious Musical Comedy
'A BELL BOY.'

Introducing JOHNNY GALVIN as Patsy the Hilarity Producer.

Prices, First Floor—50c, 75c, \$1.00
Second Floor—35c, 50c, and 75c.
Gallery—25c.
Matinee—25c, 35c, and 50c
Seats selling at Brisco's

Plum Pudding.

Fruit Cake.
Oyster Patties.
Ice Cream.

CHRISTMAS ORDERS WILL BE PROMPTLY FILLED.

W. E. SMITH,
Somerville's Old Stand, King Street.

Till Half-Past 9 o'Clock

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN for the Sale of Crockery, Lamps, China, and Glassware, of which we have a Large Stock bought expressly for the Christmas Trade. We want your help to clear out these goods during the next 8 days. We will help you by reducing 7 per cent. from all Dinner, Tea, and Chamber Sets, also Lamps, China, and Glassware. Come Early and Get Your Choice.

GROCERIES.

Our Stock for Christmas is complete. The quality and prices are combined to please you—
Seedless Oranges, 25c per dozen.
Select Raisins (cleaned), 8c per lb.
3 lbs. Currants (cleaned), for 25c
Mixed Nuts, 15c per lb.
2 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c
3 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c.
Seedless Raisins, 9c per lb.
3 Cans (1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes) for 25c.
Mixed Pickles, 10c. per bottle.
Mince Meat, 9c. per lb.

John McConnell,
Park St. Phone 190

Tom and Harry,

WILLIAM STREET LAUNDRY.

We do All kinds of Laundry and Family Washing. Prices reasonable and work guaranteed.

'GIVE US A CALL'

TOM & HARRY,
WILLIAM STREET. OPPOSITE C.P.R.

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HOCKEY SHOES

For Men at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
For Boys at \$1.25 and \$1.50
For Ladies at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$2.50
Call for Free Catalogue.

Wm. Somerville & Son
4 Doors West of Market, CHATHAM.

SAD FUNERAL

Many Mourn the Death of Tracy Waddell—Service Held in the Church.

The funeral of the late Tracy Waddell took place yesterday and was one of the largest attended funerals ever held in Chatham.

The sad accident through which this bright young man lost his life has caused general sadness. His death is mourned by the whole community and everywhere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

The funeral service, which was held in Christ Church, was very solemn and impressive. The church was crowded to the doors with friends of the young man who had come to pay their last tribute to the dead.

Rev. Rural Dean McCosh conducted the obsequies, assisted by Rev. W. H. G. Colles. The choir rendered two hymns and the male quartet rendered "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

The funeral procession left the family residence on Water street at half past two and after the service in the church proceeded to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

The popularity of the young man was shown by the many floral tributes. Chief among these were designs from Christ Church congregation, Christ Church Sunday school, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, his intimate companions, the C. L. and numerous others sent by friends and relatives. His school mates from the Collegiate Institute, with whom he was ever popular and a favorite, marched to the cemetery in a body.

The pall bearers were eight young friends of deceased, Harry McCosh, Sherry Holmes, Frank Dennis, O. K. Laidlaw, Percy Chinnick, Frank Thomas, F. Munroe and Harold Williamson.

The relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Keith; Henry Waddell, Port Lambton, and Mr. Waddell, of Dresden.

HE RESIGNS

Special School Board Meeting Receives Resignation of Trustee Bensen

A special meeting of the Public School Board was held last evening for the purpose of receiving the resignation of Trustee W. H. Bensen in order that he may legally run for a seat at the City Council. Mr. Bensen has been a valued member of the School Board and many kindly tributes were paid him.

The Trustees also decided to close the schools this evening until Wednesday, January 3rd.

BUSY LODGE

The regular meeting of Hope of Ontario, A. O. U. W., was held last evening, with a fair number of members in attendance. There are two or three members on the sick list, but they are improving nicely.

The six widows of deceased brethren will be presented, as is the custom with a Christmas turkey each. Delegates and alternates to the District Meeting, to be held in February, in this city, will be elected next Wednesday evening, the quarterly night. This Court was successful in the game of carpet bowling, for the trophy, against the L. O. F., last evening, the A. O. U. W. winning by a score of 229 to 18, this game being the first played by the L. O. F. in the league game now on the A. O. U. W. have played four games and won one game; the Workmen have played four games and lost one; the last two: the Sons of Scotland have played one game and lost one; the L. O. F. have played one game and lost one; the C. O. F. have played two games, won one and lost one.

PRITCHARD IN COURT

Plint, Mich., Dec. 19.—The case of Pritchard, who attempted to murder 18-year-old Hazel Pettis because she killed him, came up this morning and the case was adjourned until the evidence already submitted. The defense asked for an adjournment, but said no evidence would be offered. Adjournment was taken to Dec. 21, when the prisoner will be held to the February term of the Circuit Court in \$5,000 bail.

PAID 100,000

City Treasurer Fleming has received from Collector Wm Rennie \$48,419.92, being the last instalment of city taxes paid before the 15th inst. Some \$100,000 in taxes has now been paid in by the time limit.

21 YEARS IN HARNESS

Ridgeway, Dec. 20.—D. Cochrane, Ridgeway's efficient clerk, has occupied the office for 21 years. Mr. Cochrane, who, by the way, is a leading Conservative, is one of the best posted and most cautious clerks in Ontario, and has given counsels of the most much valuable aid. A brother of his, near treasurer of Wentworth county for many years.

Most people don't like to be continually running across advertisements when they are looking for news, but when you see that \$15.00 ladies' or gent's gold filled watch guaranteed for 25 years, which Von Guntzen is making an Christmas special of you would be led your attention was called to it.

Get your Christmas Poultry and Meats at McLean & Weaver's, North Chatham. Prices the lowest. Phone 274.

CHRISTMAS CAKES
ALL SIZES
ENGLISH PLUM PUDDING.
All the Latest Novelties in Confections.
CANDY, THE CHEAPEST IN CHATHAM.

Mounteer's,
KENT BAKERY.

THIRD ANNUAL

BIG BANQUET

A Very Enjoyable Function Held at the Merrill House

Large Crowd in Attendance—Excellent Menu Provided—Interesting Toast List

The third annual banquet of the Builders' Exchange was held in the Merrill House last evening and was a decided success in every particular. There was a good crowd of jolly good fellows present and everyone enjoyed the excellent menu provided by Miss Thelma Merrill. Every want was supplied.

After the supper an excellent toast list was given and the proceedings continued far into the morning. A very unique souvenir menu card was provided for every guest. It was printed on a wooden palette and was made up in a very artistic design. Each of the guests was also provided with a paint brush.

Among the many dishes appeared the following: Boiled oil and raw oil, with shaving sauce; ham and eggs with spring locks; sharp sand, pitch dressing and gravel sauce; architects' specials, unfinished plans and no details; bricklayers habit, hollering mortar.

The side dishes were: Man never knows how hard life is until no one will listen to his story—Cuckey; You cannot take something out of a bottle then have no obstacles on the way home—Raymond; If I do say it myself—Watt; Order up another case—Fielder; Little ink—Judson; Giving you an imitation eating chicken—Jas. Carswell; Wandering Willie from Ridgeway—Bligh; and Cold wave from the West—Sawyer.

The following was the toast list presided over by President Raymond: The King.

The Army and Navy—Major Geo. Massey and Adj. W. Coltart.

Song—W. Smith.

Trade and Commerce—Wm. Robertson and John Stephens.

Song—R. W. Angus.

The City—Ald. Marshall and Ald. Edmondson.

You Know What I Mean—Chum Aitkins (by accident).

Vice-President's Address—Little Ink—Judson.

Builders' Exchange—Watt and Fielder.

Mill Men Quartette.

Hambling Construction by James Carswell.

Song—E. J. MacIntyre.

The Ladies—A. M. Piper and W. B. Arnold.

Architects—Plans and Details by W. A. Hadley and Benj. Blonde.

Song—W. W. Scane and Cap. Stevens.

God Save the King.

PUBLIC MEETING

Ald. Westman suggests that in future some arrangement be made by which a public meeting be held between the dates of civic nomination and election day, at which all candidates would be required to appear and state their policy. Such a plan, he thinks, would relieve taxpayers of often voting in the dark.

PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Geo. Somers died this morning at 3:30 in St. Joseph's Hospital. She leaves besides her husband and mother, a sister and brother, living in Harwich, and a sister in Detroit. Mr. Somers is an employee of the Blonnie Mfg. Co. The deceased lady has been ailing about a year and a half. Her age was 19 years and 11 months.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, from the residence of Mrs. Hughes, King St. West.

CLEAN CROSSINGS

Residents of Murray and Princess Streets Rightly Complain of Their Condition

Residents on Murray and Princess streets complain with considerable justification of the wretched condition in which the crossings have been left by the pavers of Murray street.

Lakes of slush and water confront the pedestrian and a condition exists which should receive the prompt attention of the city engineer.

The mud left at the side of the approaches to the river bridges is also the subject of much complaint and should be attended to.

HONORED HIM

Worthy Young Citizen Recognized Ere His Departure for the West—Annual Employees' Dinner

The firm of George Stephens & Company entertained their employees to a delightful dinner at the handsome home of Geo. Stephens, ex-M. P., senior member of the firm, last evening, when an exceedingly enjoyable time was spent.

The feature of the evening was the tribute of appreciation paid J. R. Cathcart, the secretary-treasurer of the company, who leaves for his new home at Regina, Sask., next week. Mr. Cathcart was presented on behalf of the firm with a handsome fur-line overcoat and by his fellow employees with a Persian Lamb cap and gauntlets. Mr. Cathcart made a feeling and appropriate response.

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LEAVE YOUR ORDERS

—NOW FOR—
CHRISTMAS CAKES
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
MINCE PIES, and
BREAD at
The North Chatham Bakery
LAMON BROS.
PROPRIETORS. TEL. 489

Interstate Oil & Petroleum Co., operated by Douglas, Lacey & Co., New York, offer for sale a limited number of shares at \$15c per share. Dividends at an early date. Apply to
GEO. BEECH,
Room 19, Victoria Block.

If You Wish To Purchase Any GIFTS of Any Kind

For Baby, Child, Youth, Maiden, Sweetheart, Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Grand Parents, Relative, Friend or Acquaintance,

Remember One Thing

There is a store in Chatham where you can get anything in the Gift or Toy line that the heart can wish for or the soul desire, so do not waste time running all over the city, but come straight to

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and 6th Sts.

"The Store With the Stock."

Open every night Christmas week till 9 o'clock.

ZAKOOR'S CONFECTIONERY

Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer.

Next to Rankin House.

He has a large stock of Christmas Fruits and Confectionery and all kinds of Nuts.

Give him a call. See his stock.

A. ZAKOOR

THE ARK

What Will Please

FATHER Will be a nice Carving Set to Carve the Christmas Turkey. A King Cutter or Safety Razor.

MOTHER A Set of 1847 genuine Rogers Silver Knives and Forks. One of our many Choice Dinner Sets. A Banquet Lamp or a fancy piece of China.

SISTER A Big Doll from THE ARK. A Five o'clock China Tea Set. A pair of Skates. A nice Mirror. A Picture Book for little Sister.

BROTHER A pair of Hockey Skates and a Hockey Stick. A Coaster, or a Train of Cars for little brother.

YOUR FRIEND If you don't know just what to get for your Friend, come in to THE ARK. You will be sure to see something suitable. Allow us to assist you in making a selection.

The Store will be open until 9 o'clock.

Will be open later on Saturday night.

Goods Promptly Delivered.

H. MACAULAY, PROP.

The Planet.

Business Office 53
Editorial Room 102
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1905.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Rev. Lee McCollister, of the Universalist church in Detroit, is not generally regarded as among the orthodox according to "evangelical" standards, but when he has anything to say on things social his remarks are usually worth preserving, comments the Windsor Record.

Last Sunday, after paying his respects to the "bachelor men and women" who refuse to carry any of the responsibilities of social life, and taking a side-wipe at the moving mania, saying in effect that the people of the United States are no better than nomads, he reached out after the divorce evil, always a large and shining mark for the pulpit, and dealt it a jolt or two.

It is an ancient and hackneyed, not to say malodorous subject, but despite the hereditary antagonism of the pulpit and the regular publication of the newspaper serial homily on the evils of changing married partners too often, the habit is growing, for according to statistics there are sixty divorces to every thousand marriages.

Like other social ills, it seems it must run its course until society is extinguished or saved by some miraculous revelation against it. The microbe is in the blood, and apparently immune to anything in the nature of moral precept.

Like the question regarding the woman in the scripture who had seven husbands, and her ultimate ownership in the resurrection, divorce as they have it in the neighborhood republic produces some puzzling social problems, with the difference that most of these are evident and operative in the mundane sphere and press for solution before the resurrection.

One of the most evident of resulting evils is the destruction of the permanency of the home, the social unit and basis of the social fabric. One is led to wonder, sometimes, what becomes of the issue of these mismarriages, who are "marooned" in the sea of life owing to the choice of new partners by both father and mother. Matrimony, by many, seems to have become largely an experiment, wives and husbands sometimes passing out several removes from the original union. Meanwhile by these unions families having no blood relation, if not deserted, are hopelessly blended, until a knowledge of derivation is lost and children know as little of their parentage as the wolf consequent divorce, is a species of human beastiality, with apologies to the beast, which, after all, never fails to fulfill its "contract."

But while there is nothing in moral materia medica to reach this matrimonial "wander-lust," the thing is capable of legal restraint, whenever society so desires, but at present there seems little public demand for any tightening-up of the divorce law. It would perhaps be too radical to decree that divorced persons shall not remarry, but a law to prohibit remarriage for a term of years, say, five, would have a wholesome effect and quench some of the brazen indecency that now crops up at the divorce court, where pairs are severed and enter into new alliances within the hour.

But, after all, probably the greater proportion of divorces follow hasty and ill-considered marriages and one of the needs of the home is careful instruction of the young in all that concerns marriage.

WELL DONE

The results of the Ontario Medical Council and Ontario College of Pharmacy examinations published yesterday show local students to have made splendid records.

In the medical list are the names of Dr. A. P. Miller, of Chatham, who has been successful in the primary and intermediate examinations and Dr. J. R. Serson, of Morpeth, successful in the intermediate examination.

The pharmacy results show S. F. Park, son of I. P. S. Robt. Park, to have done exceedingly well. Sam took first class honors, standing fourth in the list, with first rank with four others in theoretical chemistry, and a similar standing in physics.

J. G. Clarke, another city boy, was second in the list of those taking second class honors. J. N. Harmer, of Thamesville, once in the Central Drug Store here, stood eighth in the first class honor list.

Mr. Park was a student in the Redley Drug Store, and Mr. Clarke in that of J. W. McLaren.

Sunlight Soap is better than other soaps, but is best when used in the Sunlight Soap Dispenser.

A tip to a talkative barber seldom acts as hush money.

A train of thought isn't always on time.

Give Us Men

If we can get competent men, we will by good team work build up the circulation of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST to unheard-of figures. It is now three-quarters of a million copies weekly, so something never before attained by a weekly magazine. We want one good man in this town to organize a selling force and push it thoroughly and systematically.

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KNOTT-JENNER

A very pretty house wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. Wm. Jenner on Wednesday, December 13, when his eldest daughter, Matilda, one of Botany's most popular young ladies, was united in marriage to Mr. W. H. Knott, of Charing Cross. The ceremony was performed at three p. m. by the Rev. Mr. Ayscough, of Thamesville, assisted by the Rev. Arthur W. Hare, of Botany. The bride was very prettily attired in a charming white gown and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride and groom were unattended. The wedding march was played by Miss Grace Jenner. After a very dainty wedding supper the happy couple left for their new home at Charing Cross amid the good wishes of a host of friends. Among the many handsome presents was a beautiful sideboard, the gift of St. John's Presbyterian church, of which the bride was for many years organist.

ALL IN THE NAME.

I suppose all the boys in the country are fond of bathing in the creeks and lakes.
Waal, not when ye call it that.
Call it what?
Bathin'. The only thing they care for is swimmin'.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The following program has been arranged for the week of prayer, to begin Monday evening, January 1: Monday, Jan. 1—Victoria avenue Methodist church; subject, "Confession and Thanksgiving," speakers, Rev. Dr. Battisby and Mr. Warren Martin.
Tuesday, Jan. 2—First Presbyterian church; subject, "Prayer in Relation to Evangelism," speakers, Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., and Mr. John Reeve.
Wednesday, Jan. 3—William street Baptist church; subject, "The Work of the Bible Society," speakers, Rev. W. L. Rutledge, B. A., and Mr. D. S. Patterson, B. A.
Thursday, Jan. 4—St. Andrew's church; subject, "Personal Work in Evangelism," speakers, Rev. J. W. Hoyt, M. A., and Mr. J. W. Shackleton.
Friday, Jan. 5—Christ Church, subject, "The Home and the School," speakers, Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, B. A., and Mr. J. W. Humphrey.
The service will begin each night at eight o'clock. All are invited to attend these services.

Christmas giving—Nothing more useful, nothing quite so nice, as a fine gaiter or leather satchel. Call and examine our stock, which is the largest and best assorted in the county. Backus & Dennis.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage
and all the men and women
merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At The Grand—
A Bell Boy—Christmas Day.
(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents).

"A BELL BOY."

"A Bell Boy," that extremely funny bunch of music, pretty maidens and laughable situations will play for two performances at the Grand on Christmas Day. This show is recognized by both press and public to be a winner. The title roll of the Miscellaneous Bell Boy is in the hands of the clever young Comedian, Mr. Johnny Galvin, who is to see him again. He is ably assisted by little Miss Ella Galvin, the charming singing soubrette.

Repe Dray as the Widow Lovell is a dashing beauty and sings well. Ned Nelson and Jas. A. Grady as Doogan and Coogan, two friends from the Emerald Isle, who get together after fourteen years and make things lively. Just keep your eye on Coogan and then on the bug.

Taking all in all the show is a laugh a minute from the time the curtain goes up until it goes down.

WARMING UP ORFORD

Ridgetown, Dec. 20. — Municipal matters are warming up in Orford township, and there promises to be some exciting contests. George Raycraft, the present reeve, is retiring, and James Webster and Robt. Spence will seek the office. The names of A. Teverson and John Steel are also mentioned in connection with the reeve ship. All the old councillors will offer for re-election, and the new candidates will be Augustus Gossnell, T. C. Ryecraft, Edgar L. Moore and William Colledge.

District Doings

TILBURY

Dec. 20. — Miss Winnie Lambert, of Woodside, is visiting friends here. The annual Christmas entertainment for the English church Sunday school is being held this evening in the basement of the church.

K. Magee, of Detroit, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Magee.
Married, on Tuesday, 19th inst., by Rev. P. E. Nicol, at the home of the bride's mother, Miss Mary Adair to Joseph Stewart, of this village. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left on the eight o'clock train on a honeymoon trip west, after which they will take up their residence on Port street.
Schools close for Christmas vacation on Friday, 22nd inst.

Miss Kate Morton, who has been the guest of Miss Edith Hall at the parsonage, has returned to her home in Toronto.
The gentlemen of Tilbury have issued invitations for a ball to be held in Anderson Hall on Wednesday evening next, 27th inst. Finney's orchestra, of Detroit, will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Coksworth, of Blenheim, attended the wedding of Miss Mary Adair yesterday.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 21. — Miss Kate Mayhew, from Highgate, is home for the Christmas holidays.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school held their final practice for the Christmas tree and entertainment held in the Sunday school room to-night.

Last Sunday afternoon a Christmas service was held in the English church for the children of the Sunday school. Each child received a box of candy.

Miss Annie Cryderman is assisting Mr. Evans in his jewelry store during the holiday season.
J. Franklin made the stage trip yesterday from Morpeth.
Mr. and Mrs. Steing and two daughters leave this week for London, where they will spend Christmas.

Those attending the function of the Royal Arch Masons yesterday in Ridgetown report an excellent time. The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist church will be held Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

Mrs. Charles Watts is spending a few days at her home in Botany.
Mrs. Griffith left yesterday for her home near London.

Wm. Mowbray is expected from Upper Canada College, Toronto, this week, to spend Christmas at his home in Botany.
Mrs. Geo. Mayhew and Mrs. Chas. Mayhew will remain in town until after New Years.

The regular meeting of the Literary and Art Club will not be held next Friday as usual, but is postponed until Jan. 5, 1906.
The young men hold their regular debating club to-night in the Foresters' room. The leader of the affirmative is Garret Hubbard, and the leader of the negative Dr. Currie.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for an Act authorizing His Honor Robert Stuart Woods, Matthew Wilson, K. C., and William Lane, Trustees of the Church of England Glebe Lands in the city of Chatham, in the Province of Ontario, to sell and absolutely dispose of free from all trusts the said Glebe Lands from time to time by public auction or by private sale and for paying all costs of and incidental to the administration of the same and the execution of the trusts in the grant thereof set forth and the making of such sales to pay over the net proceeds from all income or capital from time to time to the Spence of Huron; and empowering the said Synod or the Executive Committee thereof by such procedure as to it may seem proper, to ascertain and to decide who are the beneficiaries entitled to share in such moneys so to be received by the Synod and in what amounts or proportions and to pay over such moneys or distribute the same amongst such beneficiaries or enabling the said Trustees to pay their accounts and procure their discharge from said trusts.

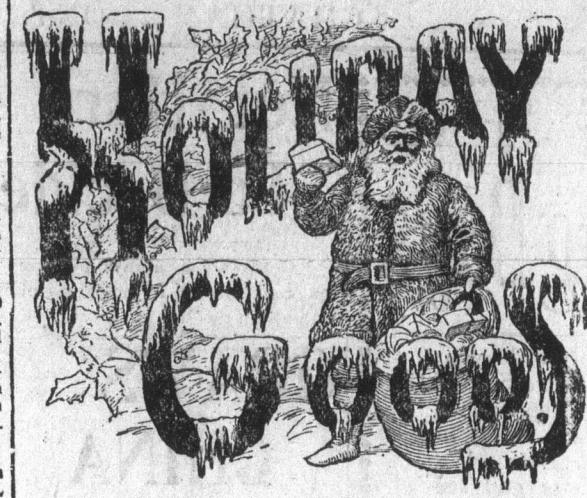
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GOVERNMENT BY PARTY.

Mr. R. L. Borden Points Out Some of
Its Defects.

Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament, who was the guest of honor at a recent luncheon of the Empire Club, Toronto, spoke interestingly on the development of Parliamentary institutions in Great Britain and Canada. His address, which was, of course, non-political, was frequently heartily applauded by the large audience. The party system of government in Great Britain and Canada, he said, was often treated as if it were a rather discreditable system. Yet it was to a certain extent the basis of the institutions under which the people of both countries lived. Until some better method could be found for the purpose of carrying on the affairs of the country the people would have to submit to it. However, it could be said that representative Government in Canada was at least more in the interests of the great mass of the people than any other system devised up to the present time.

The Cabinet system was an essential feature of party government, and there had been a tendency in the last sixty or seventy years and more especially in the last thirty or forty years to shelve the power formerly vested in the Crown and transferred to Parliament upon the Cabinet. The latter, strictly speaking, was not a committee of Parliament, because it was a partisan committee, and not only a partisan but a secret committee. A further development in this connection was the formation of a cabinet of the Cabinet—a Cabinet within a Cabinet, so to speak—so that all the Ministers of the Crown did not possess equal initiative with regard to policies of administration or measures which were brought down.

A striking development in Canada was the party caucus. The important debates upon great questions in the country, the debates that settled the fate of measures, were those which took place in caucus. The experience of the last fifteen or twenty years proved that debates in the House of Commons or no influence. One result of these developments was to aid in giving the head of the Government the power of a dictator if he was a strong man; if he was not a strong man, one or two of his Cabinet would control him. Another result was the obedience of the members of the parties to the decision of the majority in caucus.

The power of the Government, Mr. Borden proceeded, was certainly not less in Canada than in Great Britain; perhaps a little more, for two reasons: "First, the greater need of small countries in this country; secondly, patronage, happily removed from the sphere of political action in Britain owing to reforms in the civil service, was an incubus in Canada. For his part, he would willingly see Canada follow in this regard along the lines of Britain and the United States, and take away from political parties the power to deal with many important matters of patronage."

The speaker, who quoted freely from Sidney Low and other British publicists in support of some of his contentions and conclusions, summed up by pointing a moral. "In the first place," he said, "a very great responsibility is placed upon the press in this country, the fourth estate, whether it be Liberal or Conservative. But there is a far greater responsibility cast upon the electorate, which should be alive to quick a Government."

That brought him to a text from which he said he often preached. He alluded to that duty which fell to every citizen to contribute to public life. Unless each man contributed a little of his time to that line of duty we never could have those high standards in public life which were to be found in British institutions.

Birthrate in Canada.

The large birthrate of French-Canadians is receiving comment on account of the recent repeal of the law which in the Province of Quebec gave the acres of forest land to each man who had twelve children, says American Medicine. The desire to be more popular has led the French-Canadian Government into several schemes, more to facilitate immigration, although, curiously enough, the flow of population has long been out of Canada into the United States, as though the north were overpopulated. It was this exodus which alarmed the Quebec authorities, who thereupon revived their traditional policy to stimulate the birthrate by rewarding a large family, and it is not possible to doubt that this part of Canada solidly French. It has been learned that the land grant was of no use to the father of such a large family, as he was anchored on his own farm and could not break a new one in the wilderness. The grants were consequently sold to lumber companies at ridiculously small rates, and the exodus of the younger element continued. It is now openly stated that it is no longer possible to support these large families. It was an easy matter formerly, for a large farm could be divided among the children, but the later subdivisions have made the farms too small. Migrations were necessary, and the easiest way was toward the south, to get employment in the factories. A large birthrate, then, is no longer of use to Canada, and is, indeed, rapidly diminishing. It is also stated that the death rate among the children has been inordinate, because it is not possible nowadays to give the proper care and attention to the infants, so that no matter what the number born it will never be possible to rear as many in one family as formerly. It is now recognized that Canada will not suffer from population if the present reduction of the birthrate does continue—her emigration will be less. Indeed, it is also recognized that density of population depends solely upon ability to make a living and the only way to increase it is to stimulate the productivity of a country—the present Canadian policy. He who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before, does more than he who brings infants into the world but cannot feed them.

Uncertainty.

Now both the frosty season dawn
So dull, but having doubt,
Is much too warm with steam turned
On and much too cold without.

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THE PLUMBERS.

Hearing of Evidence Against Batch of
150—Some Were Lucky, But Many
Were Held For Trial.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The hearing of the evidence against the further batch of 156 plumbers on charges of conspiracy was commenced in the Police Court yesterday afternoon before Col. Denison. The names of all those who had already been fined or who had given evidence in the Assize Court were withdrawn from the list of defendants.

The conspiracy charge against John Hardy was adjourned until the 28th inst.

Mr. Curry was the prosecutor. The defense was represented by Messrs. Riddell, Smoke-Lobb, O'Donoghue and Ald. Coatsworth.

When business commenced, lawyers for the defense made their usual objections, which were overruled. Mr. Curry called Mr. Meredith, secretary of the Plumbers' Association, as the first and only witness. Name after name was read to him, and he was asked if these men had taken the obligation of the association, if they had taken an active interest and participated in the "bonuses." In most cases the answers were in the affirmative.

There were a few who escaped the "yes," when the Crown Attorney immediately withdrew the charge. The lucky ones were:

Alfred Richards, James V. Fullerton, W. J. McNamara, Herbert Johnston, F. J. Nixon, W. Parmenter, James P. Powers, Alex. Purdy, P. Mansell, A. J. Hutchison, William Bush, Charles Riddell, Smoke-Lobb, O'Donoghue and Ald. Coatsworth.

Those whose trial will be continued are:

A. Ashdown, J. T. Matthews, J. T. Penebance, J. W. Eastwood, J. R. Lendreville, J. J. Graham, Nathan Blumberg, G. W. Mason, E. Levitt, W. G. Minns, Peter Jessman, James Berry, David Clark, John E. Knott, Thomas Cook, W. B. Inwood, J. R. Bolan, J. R. Brown, Dennis McLaughlin, Neil McLaughlin, J. Gibbs, R. J. Leaman, J. J. Lyndon, Henry Pell, E. W. Aldins, W. Clewes, A. Gibson, James Elliott, Angus McPherson, E. Myers, C. H. Hill, A. A. Earl, J. Elliott, H. G. Jarman, W. G. Adams, W. H. Benson, A. E. Cottrell, E. Bird, G. H. Hutchison, J. Monaghan, R. Peterson, G. E. Fear, E. Butler, J. J. Agnew, J. E. Boddington, A. P. Passmore, J. E. Fullerton, C. E. Pickard, J. J. Bower, Daniel Menzie, George Clapperton, Henry Richards, James Fiddes, H. Hogarth, W. MacIntyre, J. B. Fitzsimmons, W. J. McGuire, G. F. McGuire, B. Bryan, J. Douen, J. H. Parks, G. A. McDonald, E. A. James, G. Furey.

These leaves about 50 more to be dealt with to-day. Court will resume at 10.30.

For Christmas and New Year's Holidays, W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, Grand Trunk and Wabash Ry., 115 King St., will sell return tickets on Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, good to return until Dec. 28th, and on Dec. 30th and 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return Jan. 2nd, at single fare, and on Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, return tickets at single fare and one-third good to return until Jan. 3rd, at all points in Canada, and will also sell tickets at special rates to a number of points in the United States, which can be had on application. He is also issuing special holiday tickets to students going home for the holidays.

WINS HIGH HONOR.

Son of Rev. Dr. Rose Captures Famous
British Scholarships.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Governor-General has received the following telegram from trustees of the Rhodes' scholarships: "Trustees congratulate Canada on Rose's success, winning Ireland and Craven."

The message received by the Governor-General refers to the winning of the Ireland and Craven scholarships by the son of Rev. Dr. Rose, of Centenary Church, Hamilton. Mr. Rose is one of three former students of McGill University now attending Oxford under the Rhodes' scholarship foundation. He won high honors at McGill and his success at Oxford is said to have been phenomenal from the outset. A winner of the Craven is usually a student in his third year at the university, while Rose is now entering on his second year.

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FLOWERS AND CHILDREN.

Burbank Declares Against Girls House-
up—Says They Should Be
Treated Like Boys.

Recently at Santa Rosa, Cal., Luther Burbank in an address on "Our Flowers, the Children," said, in part: "It is natural that we should associate flowers and children, as they are so much alike in many respects, and they should in some points be treated very much alike. In dealing with flowers we are obliged to somewhat adapt ourselves to them; so with children."

"All flowers cannot be treated alike. They have their peculiar habits and tendencies, and utter failure would be at once encountered if we attempted to treat them all alike. And another fact applies to both. You must be sincerely honest with them if you would expect the best from them. Plastic child nature intuitively absorbs your intent, not your words. It is naturally responsive and constantly strives to get at facts and the truth, and any deceit, though your own, soon reveals its purpose, will only react on yourself later."

"I believe in the barefoot boy. The country is always the best place for growing children. Modern statistics show that no child lives in that great city whose great-grandparents were born there. The country must conserve the ancient wisdom of the brain and brawn for the city. City life and our forcing educational methods are the most destructive agencies of a normal physical and mental growth and perfection."

"Education should always be the guiding of a natural appetite for facts, never a hastening, forcing process, which is the surest means of procuring a uniform product of nervous wreck and a painful lack of the power to grasp, digest and assimilate and make use of the facts of life which always surround them and to which they must learn to adapt themselves and to make the best use of."

"Our educational system is perhaps the best in the world, but it will in time adapt itself more to the individuality of the children. The quaint remarks and straightforward honest questions of children usually strike at the very heart of things. Such children are dealing with them will in the end bring regret to all concerned. Let us make them as joyous, bright and happy as possible. Teach them by example that it is right to trust, to love, to be everywhere and on all occasions."

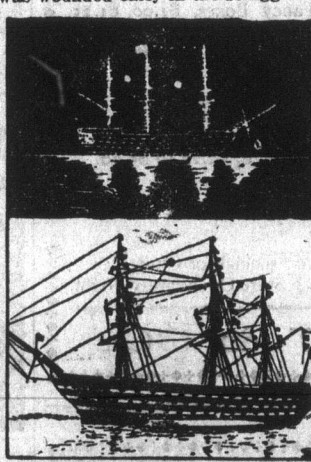
"The training of boys and girls should in all essentials be the same. Outdoor exercise does not make a girl any less sweet, gentle or tender, while it does give physical integrity, sound health, beauty and happy, serene nerves. Children should have something of their very own. It is not a sound business policy or fair treatment to give a boy or girl a pigeon, a lamb, a rooster or a calf and then sell it and put the proceeds in your own pocket. It does not provide a tendency in children to follow the Golden Rule, and it seldom enhances their admiration and respect for you."

"Children and plants should if possible have nourishing soil. Only by a well balanced ration can they develop normally. If you will notice, hoodlums are generally ill nourished. Lack of nourishment produces a dwarfing of the intellect and with abnormal tendencies of all sorts."

THE FLAGSHIP VICTORY.

It Was Honored in the Battle of Tra-
falgar Celebration.

The attention of the world was concentrated a short time ago upon the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar, the day the Nelson on board his flagship, the Victory. The battle of Trafalgar occurred on Oct. 21, 1805. Though it was a glorious victory for the British, who lost the life of their greatest naval hero, for Nelson was wounded early in the struggle and



THE VICTORY ILLUMINATED AND FLYING
NELSON'S FAMOUS TRAFALGAR SIGNAL.

Nelson's famous Trafalgar signal, died on the afternoon of Oct. 21. The Victory was launched in 1759 and was a ship of 100 guns. She has been rebuilt many times and now lies in the harbor of Portsmouth, where, during the recent centenary celebration she was brilliantly illuminated. The electricity for this illumination was supplied by a submarine vessel which lay alongside the Victory. The two vessels presented a striking contrast. The one represented the warships with which sea fighting was done 150 years ago; the other represented the latest development of naval warfare, the submarine boat, which does its deadly work upon the great battleship or the swift cruiser beneath the waves and out of sight of the guns. During the celebration the Victory flag Nelson's famous signal at the battle of Trafalgar, "England expects that every man will do his duty."

Cabby's Repartee.

A London paper relates that a crowd of sightseers scurrying across the road from the Strand caused a partial block in the traffic. The lagging of a particularly pompous old gentleman roused the ire of a held-up cabby. "Now, then, hurry up there, can't yer?" he shouted. "I am not hurrying, cabman," was the mild expostulation. "Tarrying!" snorted cabby, with a flick of his whip; "you're a-jumpin' about like a bit o' stickin' plaster!"

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Plays Were Acted Under Great Dis-
cussions at That Time.

Here is an account of the sacking of a theater in New York from the Gazette of May 3, 1765: "The play advertised to be acted last Monday evening having given offense to sundry and diverse inhabitants of this city, who thought it highly improper that such entertainments should be exhibited at this time of public distress, when great numbers of poor people can scarce find means of subsistence, whereby many persons might be tempted to neglect their business and squander that money which is necessary to the payment of their debts and the support of their families, a rumor was spread about the town that if the play went on the audience would meet with some disturbance from the multitude."

"This prevented the greatest part of those who intended to have been there from going. However, many people came and the play was begun, but soon interrupted by the multitude, who burst open the doors and entered with noise and tumult. The audience escaped in the best manner they could. Many lost their hats and other articles of raiment. A boy had his skull fractured and was yesterday trepanned. Death is his. Several others were sorely set upon and injured. But we heard of no lives lost. The multitude immediately demolished the house, carried the pieces to the common, where they consumed them in a bonfire."

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"Are you ready?" asked the first man.

"I am," came the answer in a firm tone.

"Then come. We may as well know the worst."

Closing the door behind them, they resolutely descended the stairs. When they rose from the boarding house table, however, they agreed that the meal had been no worse than usual.

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Nephew, Duke of Bronte.

Few people are aware that there is still in existence an immense chest crammed full of the private and confidential correspondence of Lord Nelson and of Emma, Lady Hamilton, which the biographers of these two personages would have given their eyes to obtain, especially in connection with the recent centennial of the battle of Trafalgar, says the Marquise de Fontenay. They are in the possession of the admiral's great-grandnephew, the Hon. Alexander Nelson Hood, private secretary to the Princess of Wales, and who has inherited the Italian title of Duke of Bronte, as well as the extensive estates in Sicily bestowed by King Ferdinand of Naples upon England's greatest naval hero.

The duke—for he is known as such in Italy, where he spends the greater portion of the year—has recently refused all attempts on the parts of students of history and biographers to obtain even a glimpse of the contents of all this correspondence of the great admiral and of Emma, Lady Hamilton. Perhaps some day he may see his way to give it to the world. He is a man of considerable decision of character, of varied attainments, of business experience, and especially of pluck, which he manifested on one memorable occasion when, having resisted a demand for tribute by brigands in Sicily, he was subjected by them to a midnight attack in force upon his castle of Maniace, followed by a siege which culminated in his routing the brigands, killing some and wounding others. The latter he did not turn over to the police, but had their wounds cared for at the castle, where they were treated by him with the utmost kindness and hospitality until their recovery, since which time all Sicilian brigands have given him a wide berth, regarding him with good-will and respect. This incident has been utilized by Marlon Crawford and several other novelists as the theme of some of their most popular books.

The castle is a grand old place on the slopes of Etna, and was built some thousand years ago by the Greek God, Maniace, who, with Harold Hardrada and the latter's Northern drove the Saracens from all that part of the island. It was occupied for a time by William II., grandson of the great King Roger of Sicily, from whom nearly every reigning house of the old world is descended, and it was there that his mother, Queen Marguerite, founded a monastery in 1174 for the preservation of a sacred painting brought back by one of the nobles of Constantinople, the Great Eastern city, and which, representing the Virgin and Child, was alleged to have been painted by St. Luke. The picture, which the present Duke of Bronte found in the castle, hangs over the altar in the adjacent church. It is crudely drawn and painted, the infant Jesus having a distinctly oriental appearance and a dark, copper-colored complexion.

At the time when the castle of Maniace, the monastery, and the lands and vineyards were bestowed by King Ferdinand upon Lord Nelson, along with an annuity of \$20,000 a year, the place was in a shocking condition of repair, and remained so until it passed into the possession of the late Lord Bridport as grandnephew of Lord Nelson in 1847. At that time no one in the family had visited it for forty years. Lord Bridport, however, took the estate in hand, spent a considerable sum of money in restoring the castle and the monastery buildings, and in developing the property, turning over the entire management thereof in 1876 to his third son, Alexander Nelson Hood, the present Duke of Bronte.

Today the castle has been converted into a most commodious and even luxurious abode crammed almost from ceiling to roof with Nelson relics. The entire estate, which is of vast extent, is known as Bronte, taking its name from the rumbling of the volcano on the slopes of which it is situated. For Bronte means thunder.

The duke, I may add, was a gentleman-in-waiting to Queen Victoria and controller of the household of the late Duchess of Teck, mother of the Princess of Wales. He is a well-known engineer, and has been decorated by the King of Italy with the order of the Crown for his services to Italian agriculture.

A Valuable Paper Weight.

An interesting paper weight has just been added to Epworth University at Oklahoma City. It is a section of the burning rod of the steamship which was the first steamer to cross the Atlantic. The trip was made in 1838, and the vessel left Cork on April 3 and arrived in New York on April 22. The ship was lost on the English coast in June 1847, and was salvaged in 1886, fifty-one years later. The metal work of the vessel was purchased by the Masons, a firm of Birmingham, England, ship suppliers, where the pump rod was cut into sections and the souvenirs made. The paper weight is about half an inch thick and four inches in diameter. It looks as bright as if it had never seen the bottom of the sea.

His Pun.

"Joseph," said Mrs. Atkinson severely, "once again I beg you to try and break yourself of your truly terrible habit of making puns upon every possible and impossible occasion. Whenever you perpetrate these atrocities you jar my nerves. You make my hair stand upon end and like quills upon the fretful porcupine. When I think over things I sometimes feel that I would rather live with a hog than a punster!" Atkinson turned with the suave grin which forebodes evil.

"I see," he said. "Then, my dear, it's for porky-pine—eh?"

But that time he had to rush for sal volatile—London Answers.

The Hare Ran Home.

The Rev. J. Kilpatrick, a famous old cricketer of Kent, England, was shooting one day and found a hare sitting. Instead of putting it up and shooting it he said to himself: "No, I will give it a fair chance, or kicking distance." So, turning around, he deliberately measured out twenty-two yards. But on facing about in order to have his shot all he saw of his hare was a small form scuffling after eat!

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District Doings

THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 19.—Mrs. Buller and Miss Florence McDonald sang a duet in the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Miss Aggie Ripley spent Saturday in Chatham.

Miss Kate McKinlay leaves for her home this week, where she will remain for the winter.

A most interesting meeting of the Literary and Art Club was held at Mrs. Elias Graves' on Friday night.

Miss Mildred Albertson had charge of the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Minshall, Mrs. Fraser, Miss Ethel Evans and Miss L. E. McCullough.

Miss S. Evelyn McCulloch and Miss Anna Coutts spent Saturday in Chatham.

ham. Miss Rose Cosgrove spent Saturday in Detroit.

Christmas examination in our Public schools will begin on Wednesday.

Miss Lily Dubbs spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Miss Devlin, from Zone, is spending the week end at Mrs. Coll's.

Miss Candace Fleming, from Chatham, spent Saturday in town.

MURKIRK.

A combined shooting match of rifles, large and small, and shotguns, for one hundred turkeys and seventy-five ducks is being held here to-day. This match promises to be the best ever held here.

Preparations are being made for the Christmas tree, which is to be held Dec. 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steele attended the Guelph Fair last week.

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—11 a. m.—Strong easterly winds with rain or snow. Friday, strong northwest winds, light snow falls and a little colder.

Local Briefs

Seats are selling now for "A Bell Boy" Christmas matinee and night. Taffies, all kinds, only 10c. per pound, at Crump's.

D. A. McLean, of Thamesville, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

D. J. Thompson, of Dutton, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Thos. L. McRitchie, of McKays' Corner, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

No. 1 Harwich, Christmas Concert, Thursday, Dec. 21, in School House opp. Cemetery.

You can have an idea how popular the ladies' lockets are this year when VonGuten had to duplicate his order three times, and to-day telegraphed for more.

Is there anything that will give the small boy as much comfort and joy as a pair of warm lined rubber boots? Full new stock at Cowan's.

Black outlook at Central Drug Store. Don't be alarmed, as we simply refer to our array of Ebony goods suitable for Christmas gifts—combs, mirrors, brushes, manicure sets, etc.

The annual Christmas entertainment of McKeough school, conducted entirely by the pupils, is taking place at the school this afternoon. If it is ever necessary for you to order a set of false teeth, get your dentist to put in a sweet tooth for McConkey Bon-Bons or G. B. Choccolates. You'll find them at the Central Drug Store.

Miss Kathleen Garrett, Dufferin avenue, leaves to-morrow to spend the Yuletide vacation with friends in Detroit.

Impisoned—Delicate odors of the lily, the lilac, the rose, imprisoned in the daintiest bottles beauty could suggest. An excellent Christmas gift. Central Drug Store.

The steamer Lake Champlain, of the C. P. R. steamship line, which sailed from St. John on Dec. 9th, was reported at Liverpool yesterday. The Champlain carried a number of Maple City passengers.

The Christ Church Sunday school teachers will distribute baskets and Christmas cheer to the poor of the city to-morrow afternoon. Those wishing to assist in the good work will please send donations in money, groceries, etc., to the Christ Church Sunday school room to-morrow morning.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES.

E. J. MacINTYRE, Leading Jeweler and Optician

Fred. Robert is spending the day in Windsor.

T. Stegmann leaves to-day for Toronto.

Dr. J. L. Bray has returned from a trip to Toronto.

Mrs. McVean and daughters, of Dresden, were in the city yesterday.

David Fletcher, of Fletcher, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

H. R. McGregor, Robert Graves and W. Grenier, of Ridgetown, were visitors in the city yesterday.

A. P. McKishnie, J. W. Aitken and D. King are spending the day in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Seane, of Ridgetown, were in the city yesterday.

Ed. Wigle, of the Ryall House, Leamington, is spending the day in town.

Mrs. Joe Tucker and Wm. McRobb were in Blenheim yesterday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Piper, of Port Hope.

Our one pound and two pound boxes of chocolates and bonbons, our own make, are of the choicest. Price 50c and \$1.00 at Rhody's.

Garnet Park, who has been attending the school of Practical Science, Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pike, of Naperville, were guests in the city yesterday.

An odd sight to see the finest jewelry store west of Toronto without anything in their window for a whole day. Business was so rushing at VonGuten's that with all their help they could not spare a minute to dress the window Monday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Patterson took place this morning at eleven o'clock from the residence of her son-in-law, 7th concession, Bal-eigh, to the Bethel burying ground, River Road, Harwich. It was very largely attended.

MAN HURT.

At three o'clock this afternoon the wooden windbreak on Fifth street bridge was carried over by the strong wind and a passing pedestrian was caught by the broken timber and his head severely crushed against the bridge railing. He was taken to a physician promptly.

RESOUND CONTRACT

New York, Dec. 20.—Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton directors repudiate 999-year lease of Pere Marquette whereby stockholders are guaranteed 5 per cent. on common stock and 4 per cent. on preferred.

This action was taken on the advice of counsel who declared the lease to be illegal under the laws of Ohio.

Pere Marquette directors table the action of C. H. & D. directors until a meeting of Pere Marquette stockholders is held at Detroit February 27th.

Receiver ordered to take steps to separate the affairs of the road in accordance with C. H. & D. action. Belief now is that the Pere Marquette will be turned over to the Lake Shore, to be operated as the Pere Marquette, the C. H. & D. to go to the joint control of the Pennsylvania and Erie.

CLOSING EXERCISES

The Christmas exercises of the Central School afternoon kindergarten were held yesterday afternoon and were very successful. The decorations were the same as on the previous afternoon, except that the trees were newly dressed.

The songs were—Greeting Song, Prayer Song, Sunshine, Snowflakes, Family Song, Pigeon House, Ripened Leaves, Jack Frost, Santa Claus, Christmas Carol.

Sense games guided by piano, skipping, galloping, clapping, cuckoo, after removing the chairs the tots marched for the circle games. Some of these were, Chloosie, Mother Bird, Birds Flying South, Mice, Skipping with Partners, Feeding Chickens, Drop Handkerchief and Quiet Game.

The gifts were taken off the tree and presented to the parents by the wee ones, after singing the Christmas gift song. They were—

Miss Turner's Class—Painted blotters.

Miss Shackleton's Class—Framed Madonnas.

Miss Horne's Class—Calendars.

Miss McLean's Class—Match Scratchers.

Miss Green, supervisor, and Miss Turner, director, had charge of the event. Miss Susan McLean presided at the piano.

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MAYOR READY

Government Engineer Wires Mayor he Will Meet Him To-Night

Mayor Cowan at noon received a telegram from Government Engineer J. G. Sing asking him to meet him on the evening train to consult concerning the demand of the Michigan Historical Association for the sunken gunboats supposed to be in the river here.

The Mayor will be on hand and ready. His worship is too vigorous and patriotic to permit the Yankee triumph in this matter. He will be heartily backed by the citizens in his endeavor.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having been urged by a number of citizens to submit my name as a candidate for School Trustee in your Ward, I have consented to do so and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

I regret that it will be impossible for me to make a personal canvass, but I shall sincerely appreciate your support. If elected it shall be my earnest endeavor to work wholeheartedly in our educational interests.

Yours truly,
WM. SOMERVILLE.

LOCAL LEGAL

Wallace vs. Township of Tilbury East.—M. Wilson, K. C., and J. G. Kerr, Chatham, for defendants, appealed from judgment of Junior Judge of County Court of Kent in favor of plaintiff for \$194.52, with interest and costs in an action in that court to recover payment for services rendered under a contract for the repair of a drain. Defendants contended inter alia that no contract was proved. O. L. Lewis, Chatham, for plaintiffs, contra. Not concluded.

SCHOOL CLOSING

The Central School Christmas closing takes place to-day. The usual Christmas tree of oranges, etc., was given to the scholars, and a general rejoicing was held and eagerly taken part in by everyone. A suitable Christmas program of music and readings was held by the teachers and pupils.

The teachers met in the office at the close and presented Miss Arnold with a beautiful ring set with pearls. Miss Arnold, a valued member of the staff, is resigning. She is the artist of the Central School and was art instructor at the summer school.

FOR SALE

Two frame houses south side of Gray street, \$500 each. New house and lot north side of Stanley avenue with modern conveniences, \$1,500. House and lot south side of King street, \$450, payable \$50 down balance \$7 monthly. Also money to loan on real estate. For particulars apply to Smith & Smith, Real Estate and Insurance Agents.

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4 lbs. Extra Select Raisins, 25c.
3 Cans Peas, Corn and Tomatoes, 25c.
4 Cans Delhi Standard Peas, 25c.
4 lbs Extra Choice Dates, 25c.
2 lbs. New Mixed Nuts, 25c.
2 lbs. Fresh Roasted Peanuts, 25c.
2 Packages of any 15c. Cereals, 2 for 25c.
8 Bars Morton's Grand Soap, 25c.
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Ladies' Hand Bags and Purses, 25c to \$2.50.
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Ladies' Fancy Belts, 25c to \$1.50 each.
Fancy Chiffon and Silk Collars, 25c to \$2 each.
Triple Mirrors, 50c to \$1 each.
Long Lace Ties, \$1 to \$2.25 each.
Ladies' Fancy Handle Parasols, 98c to \$3 each.
Choice French Flannels and Delaines, 39c, 40c, 50c yard.
Black Dress Goods for Suits or Skirts, splendid assortment, 50c to \$1.50 yard.
Choice Silk Waist Lengths, just in 5 yards, \$5, \$6.25, and \$6.75 each.
Steamer Rugs, suitable for couch throws, etc., in fancy tartan plaids, pure wool, \$5, \$5.50, \$6 each.
Beautiful Towels, best Irish linen, 20c to 65c each.
New pattern Table Cloths, pure bleached, special \$1.25, \$2 and \$2.50.
Japanese silk embroidered and open work pieces, big assortment, low prices.
Special, Hemstitched Table Cloths, 2 75, 3 50, 4 25 each.
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" 2.50 " 1.98
" 1.75 " 1.40
" 1.50 " 1.15
" 1.25 " 1.00
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The Local Budget

Men's velvet embroidered slippers are selling at 50c a pair at Cowan's.

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Just received a large consignment of fine perfume at Radley's Drug Store.

Dainty handkerchiefs in exclusive patterns at each from 5 cents to \$1.25 at Foreman's.

Miss Mabel Hodgins, who has been visiting in London, will return this evening.

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Lost, in post office, yesterday, a pair of spectacles. Finder will please return to this office.

Perfume, hair brushes, mirrors, etc., for Christmas at Radley's Drug Store.

The Foreman Store is showing a handsome range of waist silks for gifts. See them this evening.

Manager Brisco should be congratulated upon securing the splendid attraction "A Bell Boy" for Christmas day amusement.

Miss Irwin, of the Central school staff, and Miss Ida Irwin, of the Dredan Public school, leave for their home in Markdale this evening to spend their holidays.

The Planet Junior this week will contain a story from the pen of Mrs. Will Singer, of this city, who has already won a name for herself among Canadian authors.

Why not buy your Christmas Candy at the only place in Chatham where it is all made on the premises—at Crump's only—opposite Grand Opera House.

John McConnell is clearing out his large stock of China, Lamps and Glassware bought for the Christmas trade. Seven per cent reduction on all the above goods.

J. R. Palmer, of Tilbury, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Palmer is contemplating the establishment of a bread factory in Chatham. The plans for the building are all prepared and he is advertising for tenders.

"The wind comes laden with sweet odors." Sweet odors are on every breeze that comes from the Central Drug Store. Violet, jasmin, lily of the valley, otto de rose; delicate, unobtrusive perfumes.

Tober's Swiss Milk Chocolates at Mounter's.

Very fine men's fur coats at \$20. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Hockey shoes, all kinds and sizes, at Cowan's.

We sell our Christmas candy cases from 1c to \$1.00 at Rhody's.

Ladies' warm fur trimmed felt house shoes and slippers at Cowan's. Leave your order for Christmas ice cream at Rhody's.

Three pounds good mixed candy for 25c at Mounter's.

The Water Commissioners will hold their closing meeting to-night at eight o'clock.

Chas. Lynn, who has been spending the past nine months in Portsmouth, Ohio, returned home Monday to spend the winter.

The attraction "A Bell Boy," which plays the Grand on Christmas for matinee and night, is a good show, and all who have seen it are enthusiastic in its praise.

A. I. McCall & Co., druggists, are showing an immense variety of up-to-date leather goods for Christmas gifts. See them.

Mr. and Mrs. Will W. Birch, of Winnipeg, arrived in the city last night, and will spend the holidays at the old home, 38 Lorne Ave.

Here's a hummer. An Art Garland base burner at \$20. This is an unprecedented Christmas offer. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Deputy Sheriff Beeson returned last evening after having taken Con- vict Miller, the cattle thief, to Kingston Penitentiary.

Mrs. Geo. Somers died this morning at three o'clock in St. Joseph's Hospital. Deceased leaves her husband and baby behind. Mr. Somers is an employee of the Blomberg Mfg. Co.

Ladies! Don't carry money in your handkerchief. It doesn't look good. Our purses and hand bags are neat, stylish and inexpensive. Central Drug Store.

Christmas cantata Friday evening, 22nd, in the school room of the First Presbyterian church, entitled "Kris Kringle" and his crew. Children of the school free. Admission to others 10 cents.

Colors of the Rainbow. Next time you enter the Central Drug Store just stand to one side of the cut glass show case. You will see if the day is bright; all the colors of the rainbow. How about that Christmas gift?

The members of the Macaulay Club who are taking part in the coming presentation of the Piquero comedy, "The Magistrate," are requested to meet at the club rooms at eight o'clock to-night.

Highway robbery in Chatham. The name of the robber is "Alkali." It robs the skin of its delicate oils and causes wrinkles. To avoid the robber use nothing but "Roger and Gallet's" soap. For sale at Central Drug Store. Contains nothing injurious.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Ladies desiring to purchase Christmas gifts will find a large assortment of goods especially selected for this purpose. They will be found useful and inexpensive and you are asked to make an inspection.

Call and Examine Them

We carry a large assortment of Leather Goods for the Holiday trade.

MRS. WELDON, FANCY GOODS STORE,
Next Malcolmson's Grocery

TAKE PICTURES ON CHRISTMAS WITH A KODAK.



\$1.00 TO \$20.00.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd., DRUGGISTS & OPTICIANS.

Christmas Doings at The Gordon Store

We are Ready in Every Department to Assist you in Selecting Useful Articles for Christmas and New Year's Presents, and can make your money go further to supply your benevolence than you can suppose.

In Furs.

Special Sale of Alaska Sable Scarfs.

\$7.50 Scarfs for \$5.00; \$10.00 Scarfs for \$7.50; \$15.00 and \$14.00 Scarfs, \$11.00; \$20.00 Scarfs for \$15.00; \$25.00 Scarf for \$20.00.

Electric Seal Coats, sizes 34, 36, 38 for \$24.00.

Persian Lamb Jackets, Sable and Mink Trimmed, \$100.00.

Silk Shirt Waists

White, Black, and Navy Shirt Waists, made of Fine Louisiana Silk, Latest Style, beautiful and attractive for presents, \$5.00 value for \$2.98. These are a Special Holiday Purchase.

Ladies' Dress Skirts

39 Only, a Special Lot of Holiday Bargains, in Black Cloth, Plain and Fancy Tweed Dress Skirts, the newest cut, \$5.00 value, sale \$3.25.

Ladies' Cloth Coats

In Black and Grey, Empire Style, full length, \$10.00 value for \$6.98. Great Reductions all through store. Stock.

New Plaids

Fancy Mohair Plaids, for Waists and Dress Wear, 40c goods for 26c.

Beautiful Wool Plaids, Silk overchecked, regular 60c goods, sale 49c.

49 inch Plaids, in Sicilian finish, 60c goods at 42c.

Handkerchiefs

LADIES' ALL-LINEN HAND-EMBROIDERED.

Initialled Handkerchiefs, great values at 10c.

Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, Embroidered Initials, in Fancy Boxes, 6 for \$1.35.

Children's Handkerchiefs, each from 1c to 10c.

Collars

Ladies' Embroidered Tab Collars, regular 15c and 18c goods, at 5c.

Ladies' Silk Braid Collars, Latest Styles, in Black and White, regular 25c value for 13c.

Men's Braces, Men's Socks, Muf-

flers, Scarfs, Sweaters, Cardigans.

Men's Mocha Kid Gloves (wool or fur-lined). Special Christmas prices

\$1.00 and \$1.35.

Men's Neck Ties, Four-in-Hand,

36c and 50c. Ties, Holiday Price 35c. All Styles of Silk Ties and Scarfs.

OPEN EVENINGS WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY.

WILLIAM GORDON

CHATHAM'S ONLY MILLINERY STORE

Our Last Winter in Chatham.

Laces from 5c.

Ribbons from 5c.

Valings from 10c.

Children's Hats from 75c.

Ladies' Hats from \$1.25.

Call and see our Ideal Toilet Per- fumes and requisites

O. A. O'LOKLEY, King St

FOR SALE

Eleven lots, in a good section of the city, on which are located two brick dwellings with modern conven-

iences; price \$1,800 if sold within ten days; Two frame houses, just west of Queen St.; price \$500 each.

Four acres of land on Park Avenue, price \$1,000.

Apply to

E. E. PARROTT & SON,

Real Estate Dealers, Seane's Block, Chatham, Ont.

THE ENSIGN REMEDIES

NEAREST TO NATURE

PHYSIOLOGICAL FOODS

Coughs and Colds

Are cured by ENSIGN REMEDY, 100c, 5c, quickly, quickly. The trouble, in-

better in a few minutes and gone in a few hours.

Booklets on General Diseases, Pri- vate Diseases, Women's Diseases, and Varicose of druggists.

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS: Central Drug Co., Chatham.

MASSE & COMPANY

GREATEST SLAUGHTER SALE OF CENTS' CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS

Ever conducted in Chatham. Everything selling below cost—FOR ONE WEEK, commencing MONDAY, DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH, NINETEEN FIVE. Come and see our large assortment of Christmas Novelties, Pretty Neckties, Pretty Mufflers, Nifty Suspenders, Swell and hundreds of other pretty things suitable for Christmas Presents. Every article sold at price advertised

MASSE & COMPANY

Men's Fine Shirts STIFF AND SOFT

50c Neutree Shirts, now	39c
75c Shirts now	59c
1.00 Shirts now	75c
1.25 " "	\$1.00
1.50 " "	1.15
2.00 " "	1.50

Underwear

Men's Wool and Cotton Fleece Underwear, regular 50c a garment, now 37c
All Wool Elastic Ribbed Underwear, regular \$1.00, now 75c
The best Fancy Fleece Underwear, regular 75c a garment, now 59c
Underwear from 50c to \$8.00 a garment all to go at CUT PRICES.

Socks

20c Socks now 2 for 25c.
25c Black and Grey Wool Cashmere Socks now 5 pairs for \$1.00.
Fancy Cashmere, regular 50c. Socks now 40c.

Men's Sweaters

All wool Sweaters, regular 75c. value now	
\$1.00 Sweaters now 75c	
1.25 " "	\$1.00
1.50 " "	1.25
2.00 " "	1.50
3.00 " "	2.50

Mufflers

Regular 75c Ways' Mufflers now 50c.
\$1.00 Mufflers now 75c
1.50 " " \$1.25
50c " " 49c

Handkerchiefs

Homstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, 8c, 4 for 25c
25c Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, now 19c
50c Silk Handkerchiefs, now 40c.
75c " " 59c

Ties

A line of 75c. Neckties now 50c
Also a line of 50c. Ties now 25c.
Fancy Boxed Ties, now 59c
25c. Ties now 2 for 25c

Gloves

Men's Fine Mocha Gloves and Mitts, regular \$1.00 now 75c
\$1.25 Gloves now \$1.00.
1.50 " 1.25.
2.00 Silk Lined Gloves now \$1.50
2.50 Fur Lined Gloves now \$2.00.

Mitts

All 50c. heavy Working Mitts now 40c.
75c. Mitts now 59c.

Caps

50 Caps now 40c
75c. Caps now 59c.
\$1.00 Caps now 75c.

Soft and Stiff Hats

\$3.00 Hats now \$2.50	
2.50 " 2.00	
2.00 " 1.50	
1.50 " 1.00	

House Coats

Regular \$10.00 House Coats now \$7.00.

Pants

Men's \$1.00 and \$1.25 Tweed Pants now 89c.
\$1.75 and \$2.00 Pants now \$1.40.
\$2.50 and \$3.00, now \$2.25.
3.50 and \$4.00 Pants now \$3.00

Suits

\$6.50 and \$7.50 Suits now \$5.00.
9.00 and \$10.00 Suits now \$7.50.
Any Suit for Overcoat in the store now \$12.00.
\$10.00 OVERCOATS now \$8.50.
8.50 " now \$6.50.

MASSE & CO., Opp. the Grand Opera House

Buy a **Stylish Hat** **Wm. Foreman & Co.** **New Millinery**

Do Your Shopping Early and Do It Here.

A STORE FULL OF USEFUL GIFTS FOREMAN'S!

If you would please the most of people you'll buy them a useful gift. If you would please a lady of taste you'll buy the gift at FOREMAN'S. If that gift is in the Dry Goods line. This store is not large but it is full of high-class dry goods and it will pay you to visit this store.

DRESS FABRICS...

All Dress Patterns boxed if the materials are over 75c a yard.

SILKS...

Waist Silks you'll not find a better assortment in Western Ontario. A silk waist is appreciated by all ladies and the silks shown here are strictly exclusive and beautiful in design at per waist length—Taffetas at \$2.50, Fancies at \$3.75, \$6.25 and \$8.75. Beautiful silks in Dress Patterns \$25.00.

LINENS...

Nothing will please a good housekeeper more than a piece of linen. This store is showing a particularly fine line of Cloths and Napkins to match at per set 1.50, 5.25, 5.50, 6.25 and upwards to \$17, \$18 and \$20. Lunch Cloth Centres, Tray Cloths.

Wm. Foreman & Co.

Ideal Christmas Gifts.

Each Holiday Season marks an increase in the number of people who give Gifts of Enduring Value. Our Stock is an Assortment of this kind of Presents—Goods which combine Beauty, Usefulness, Lastingness, and Intrinsic Value. We have scores of these better gifts, of which the following will give you only a hint:

EBONY BRUSHES. LATEST LEATHER GOODS.
MIRRORS. PERFUMES.
TOILET SETS. ATOMIZERS.
MOUNTAIN PENS. MANICURE GOODS, Etc.

THE RED CROSS DRUG STORE

28 KING STREET. **W. W. TURNER.** 'PHONE 221.



THE SLIPPER STORE

This is the Christmas Slipper Store. No two ways about it, as we've everything in slippers for everybody.

Santa Claus always gets his Christmas slippers here.

Our slipper show is so large that we dare not attempt a description of the many styles. We've Slippers in all styles and for every member of the Family, from Grandpa down to Baby. **At Modest Prices Always.** Come here with your Slipper Ideas and you'll be more pleased with our Slippers and prices.

TURRILL
THE SHOE MAN

Harry M. Church

Plate with Brisco Bros. has opened shop on Fifth Street, north side bridge, in the Reynolds Block. Will be glad to do any repairs or cleaning on your Bicycle, Skates, Scissors, Knives. Work called for and guaranteed or no pay. P. O. box 224.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff

Weather Strips!

E. W. HAZLETT, Harvey St., has secured the Local Agency for the celebrated CHAMBERLAIN'S MATTING STRIPS, and will give estimates for fitting in residences or public buildings. Call at residence or drop a card to the P. O.

Boxes of creams from 10c to \$2 at Crump's, opposite Grand Opera House.

SILLY TALK OF YANKEES

Claim They Will Swipe Old Gunboat From Thames River

Detroit Wants to Raise Hulks and Place Them on Belle Isle

Says the Detroit Free Press:—"War to the knife" has been declared against the president of the Michigan Historical and Pioneer Society, Clarence M. Burton, by the patriotic citizens and societies of Canada, all because of a matter of sentiment.

Three little seventy-five foot gunboats, which bore the British flag during the war of 1812, lie at the bottom of the Thames River just above Chatham, Ont. They were sunk by the Americans during the "late" conflict and they have been under water ever since.

Mr. Burton wants the boats and says he will raise them and take them to Belle Isle. This is what he says:

"I am going to have them, if I have to go to war, I have interests at work to secure them and will succeed. If they belong to any government, they belong to the United States. I sent a man to the secretary of state at Ottawa, and they were told that the Canadian government has no claim on the boats. So that settles it."

"It will cost \$1,500 to raise the boats and put them on Belle Isle. I will pay that sum out of my own pocket and present them to the city. We provide proper shelter for them. We raised one some time ago, but while it was lying on the shore at Chatham, vandals came along with their pocket knives and cut it all to pieces. There were many cannon balls on it and they are gone, too. But we'll get the other three, don't worry."

From over the border comes another story. At a joint meeting of the United Empire Loyalists and the Wentworth Historical Society, at Hamilton, Ont., yesterday, the proposed raising of the old hulks from the bottom of the Thames river was strongly protested against. A resolution was passed asking the Dominion government to interfere and the statement that the boats were "spoils of war." It was contended that to raise them would cause discord among friendly peoples.

To this, Mr. Burton's answer is: "They don't belong to anybody now, but they will soon belong to me. Wait until spring. As soon as navigation opens I shall proceed to raise them, and the Canadian government won't interfere either. I took a diver up the river with me three months ago and we located the boats. I am not sure as to their present condition, but I think we shall find them in a good state of preservation."

At Ottawa they are just waking up to the fact that Mr. Burton has designs on those sacred souvenirs of an event of unpleasant memory, for out of the capital city comes this dispatch:

Chief Engineer Lefleur, of the public works department, has instructed Engineer King, of Toronto, to ascertain what truth there is in the report that a British ship, or ships, sunk in the Thames river, Ontario, in a naval engagement during the war of 1812, will be raised and sent to the United States.

"You shan't have 'em," say patriotic Canadians.

TO-NIGHT

Court Chatham, No. 6, I. O. F., in their rooms at 8.
"Magistrate" rehearsal at Macaulay Club rooms, at 8.
Meeting of Water Commissioners, Harrison Hall, at 8.
Chatham Encampment, No. 10, I. O. O. F., Temple, at 8.
Local Branch No. 21, Association of Steam Engineers, Eber's Block, at 8 o'clock.

Local News

Brisco's for toys and games.
Miss Lily Garrett is visiting in Sarnia.

Crump's for Candy Toys—from 1c. to 25c.

L. J. Keycraft, of Ridgetown, was in the city yesterday.

Try our 10c broken cream candy at Rhody's.

Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, is at the Walker House.—Toronto News

Cheap Christmas boxes in cut glass and silverware. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Enjoy your Christmas—a good show at the Grand for matinee and night.

Mason & Risch Pianos and White Sewing Machines. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mackney and daughter Verna arrived in the city this morning from Calgary, Alta.

Our perfume is all the best orders, in bottles from 10c to \$3.50 per bottle at Tadley's Drug Store.

When distributing your Christmas cheer do not forget the sick and helpless in our Public Hospital. Anything sent will be thankfully received.

Nice Berried Holly Wreaths, 10c, with American Beauty Ribbon 25c, at the Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Order early, as supply is limited.

Chas. Lynn, who has been working during the summer months in Portsmouth, Ohio, has returned to the city.

Papeteries—A medley of styles and designs at the Central Drug Store.

A sure way, says a well known proverb, "to judge a person's character is by the quality of the paper used in correspondence." Fastidious is the verdict passed upon women who use our stationery.

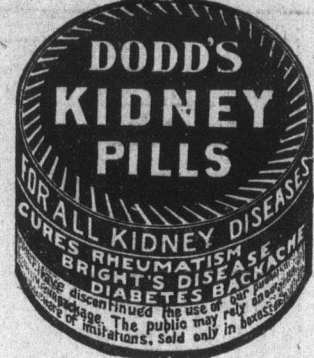
A table has been placed in the lobby of the Post Office for the convenience of those who have parcels to do up for mailing. The public will appreciate this, and it will also save the clerks much valuable time.

The five senses—Taste McConkey's Chocolates, sight Ebony goods, touch toilet articles, smell perfumes, hearing mouth organs. A sixth sense will lead you to the Central Drug Store.

Mr. Lloyd Hodgins, of the Military Academy, Niagara-on-the-Lake, N.Y., is expected to-night to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Hodgins.

Eggs 5c a dozen. If a man came round selling eggs at 5c a dozen he wouldn't sell many, would he? People aren't looking for bargains in eggs, they are looking for quality. Somewhat similar thing in chocolates. Cheap kind are about as wholesome as cheap eggs. For a change try Central Drug Store.

Be sure and attend Tschirhart's big music sale between now and Christmas only.



LOAN COMPANY ASSIGNS.

Canadian Co-operative Investment Co. Quits At Winnipeg—They Claim Surplus of \$40,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The Canadian Co-operative Investment Co. assigned in trust on Dec. 12 to the Northern Trusts Co., and the announcement was made yesterday. Liabilities are estimated at about \$160,000 and assets at \$200,000. The cause of the assignment was that the contract holders took advantage of withdrawal claims and the moneys received were not equal to the amount necessary to meet the withdrawals. Money was borrowed from the Bank of Hamilton to the extent of \$24,000 on mortgage securities, with the expectation of being able to pay it back gradually from money received from contract holders. Several new companies entered the field in the meantime and made it difficult to get new business.

Buy your Christmas candies at Rhody's.

A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

You can hunt the map all over and you will not find a more complete range of appropriate gifts than you will find at

MEYNELL'S

Overcoats Suits
Raincoats Silk Umbrellas
Hats Caps
Neckwear Mufflers
Gloves Half Hose
Fur Collars Underwear
Collars & Cuffs Shirts
Night Robes Handkerchiefs
Suspenders, silk embroidery, 25c

A Man's store for Man's Things. Prices low enough and money back if you want it.

GEO. MEYNELL

3 Doors West from Market, King Street, Chatham...

THE RUSH OF CHRISTMAS...

Is upon us now and the store is overflowing with enthusiasm. Salespeople are enthusiastic in their efforts to please people and make sales. Customers are enthusiastic over our magnificent stocks and splendid values. You will certainly find this one of the pleasantest and most profitable places in the city to do your Christmas buying. Nothing that a man or boy needs to wear that is not here, and at prices that long experience has taught you to know, are always right.

Here are a few that may help you to decide what to give:—

Neckwear

All shapes and shades, the newest of the new, 25c, to \$1.00.



Umbrellas

A very large assortment, plain, silver mounted and horn handles that fold up, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Canes

A large assortment straight from New York, large variety, mostly silver mounted, 50c to \$3.00.

Gloves

Lined with silk, wool or fur, also unlined, all the correct shades, 50c. to \$3.00.

Linen Handkerchiefs, Plain and Hemstitched, with initials if you want them, 10c. to 35c.

Mufflers—An unusual assortment of all the correct shapes, in a beautiful variety of silks, 50c to \$5.

Suspenders—All the most popular makes and kinds, 25c. to \$1.00.

Out Buttons—A large variety, some very new designs, 25c. to \$2.50.

Tie Pins—A new stock with us, and we have the newest things, 50c. to \$2.50.

Fancy Hose—We have an immense selection of fancy cotton, cashmere and silk hose, 25c to 75c.

Colored Shirts—New for Christmas, both soft and stiff bosoms, 75c to \$2.00.

Silk Handkerchiefs—White, both plain and twill, also fancy borders, 25c. to \$1.00.

Fur Caps—All the correct shapes in many furs, \$1.50 to \$12.

House Coats—Direct from New York in a great variety of correct cloths, \$5 to \$10.

Fancy Vests—An immense showing of single and double breasted styles in handsome English Vestings, all sizes, \$1.50 to \$5.

Bath Robes—A most complete stock in Turkish towelling and other correct cloths, big variety of colorings, \$4.00 to \$7.00.

Pyjamas—Made from English Flannelettes and Ceylon flannels in various colorings, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Fur Gauntlets—in Astrachan Austrian Otter and Persian Lamb, \$4.50 to \$15.00.

Come in and see the decorations, the windows are only an index to what you will see inside, both as to goods and decorative displays. We have made wonderful preparations this season for Christmas buyers, so you can come, even at the last moment Saturday night, and be assured of getting good attention and finding big assortments to choose from.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS THIS WEEK.

Thornton & Douglas, Lt'd

THE URBAN BANKRUPT STOCK SALE

BOUGHT AT BAILIFF'S SALE

This magnificent Stock of FURS, LADIES' JACKETS, SKIRTS, SUITS, KID GLOVES, FANCY NECKWEAR and PARASOLS, Amounting to \$7,515.42, Bought for 58 3-4c. on the Dollar.

As the store must be given up the stock must be sold quickly.

Sale Continues ALL THIS WEEK. Open Evenings

No reserve will be made. Every dollar of goods must be sold. All goods marked in plain Figures. STRICTLY CASH AND ONE-PRICE. The Urban Fur Store Bankrupt Sale.

Geo. Richardson, Manager, Garner Block, Chatham