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## Do YOUR.... SHOPPING

on

### Thursday and Friday

You will be better served on Thursday or Friday than you will on Saturday. Christmas shopping this year is made easy by our Sale prices. Just the things you want to buy for useful and acceptable gifts at much smaller prices than you have been accustomed to pay.

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Men's all-wool Black Cashmere Socks, very special, at 25c per pair.  
Men's extra fine White and Colored Suspenders, for per pair, special, 40c.  
Men's Silk Neck Scarfs, in Scotch Plaids, Black and Polka Dots, special, 40c.  
Men's pure Linen Hemstitched Pocket Handkerchiefs, extra fine, for per doz. \$2.25 and \$2.75.  
Men's good, durable, warm lined Kid Gloves, in black and brown, for per pair, \$1.  
Men's fine Black, all-wool, fine Mitten per pair, 40c.  
Men's fine White Shirts, Laundered or Unlaundered, open front or back, exceptional values at our sale prices, 40c, 60c, 80c and \$1.12.

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## BRITAIN IN A FRENZY.

### Men Jostling Each Other in the Rush to go to the Front.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1.30 a.m.—The Government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely, 10,000 mounted infantry. This morning the War Office issued an order to the effect that the Government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry corps to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age, and of physique equal to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral tint close uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen. The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled force of the yeomanry force, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 19,432. Their services have never been called for in war.

A HEARTY RESPONSE.

The papers are full of stories, showing the unanimity with which the volunteers and yeomanry are responding to the call to arms. Lord Chesham, commanding officer of the Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry, is to command the force of 3,000 yeomanry which he has been authorized to organize for service in South Africa. Earl Dudley and other titled officers will accompany him. Some of the papers express considerable misgivings at the troops going from India to South Africa. They think the risk too great and that it may lead to two contingents being abnaze instead of one. Ninety per cent. of the members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London have volunteered for service in South Africa. Two-thirds of the Inns of Court volunteers, composed of barristers and solicitors, have likewise tendered their services. The government of New South Wales has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of artillery to South Africa in addition to the mounted contingent.

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Alfred Newton, is raising and equipping a force of a thousand volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses. Col. Sir Charles Howard Vincent, commandant of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of 1,000 picked marksmen. The enthusiasm of volunteer enlistment continues, and promises to give the Government ample material. Mr. Richard Kipling addressed a gathering at Rottingdean last evening, called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

## CANADIANS IN A SCRAP

### According to This Message.

#### THE SECOND CONTINGENT WILL BE MOBILIZED AT HALIFAX AND MAY BE ALL MOUNTED.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Col. MacLean, commander 62nd Fusiliers, last evening received a cablegram from his son, Lieut. Weldon MacLean, of the Canadian contingent. The message was dated Belmont, Dec. 19th, and contains the words: "All Well." Read from a code arranged between father and son before the regiment sailed, the cablegram indicates that the Canadian regiments have had a brush with the Boers and that none of the New Brunswickers have been injured.

#### THE NEW CONTINGENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The cabinet was in session all yesterday afternoon. The meeting was for the purpose of arranging the details of the second contingent. When the time for adjournment was reached, Dr. Borden told the members of the cabinet that the arrangements were not completed. Some matters of detail had to be arranged, and until that was done no official announcement would be made. "One thing is certain," said Mr. Borden, after refusing to say anything respecting the composition of the

contingent, "that merit and special fitness for the services will be the only passports to be appointed members of the contingent."

It is believed that the composition of the contingent will be three field batteries, and the balance mounted infantry, making in all about 1,000. Among the mounted infantry will be mounted police and ex-police-men.

Capt. Hudson, of Chicago, formerly a scout in the Northwest rebellion, offers his services, as does also Joseph Brant, a descendant of Chief Brant, from Brantford. Indeed, from all over Canada comes offers of services with Canadian forces. Battery men here have made up their minds that one of the batteries will be mobilized in Ottawa, another in Kingston, and the third in Quebec.

The troops will mobilize at Halifax, from where they will embark. The minister of militia states that nothing had been done as to the commander, although the name of Lieut.-Col. Evans, who is returning from the Yukon, where he was in command of the military forces there, has been mentioned. He is regarded as a very capable officer.

Offers are pouring in from every city in Canada. Whole batteries, troops of cavalry and other corps are tendering their services. There will evidently be no trouble in securing a full contingent of men already drilled.

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Two per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid up to 31st inst., after which date five per cent. will be added. Wm. R. collector. td.

#### KENT BRIDGE.

Mrs. John Riddle, who has been ailing for some time past, is slowly recovering.

Miss Blanche Campbell, Ridgelytown, has taken the position as teacher of our school during 1900.

Miss Josie Trumpe, 8th con., spent a few days in Kent Bridge, last week. The Xmas school entertainment to be held here on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, no doubt will eclipse anything which has ever been held here before. Miss Mary Beattie has undertaken to train the school children for singing.

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4 patterns Black Crepons, 44 in. wide, in choice designs, reg. 75c, this week at...	Just now we are showing exceptional values in fine table wear, extra quality double damask, pure dew bleached, satin finish, in very choice patterns, full 2 yds. wide, special at 90c, \$1.00 and...	\$1.25
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Wishing You all a Very Merry Christmas

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## The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY  
Chatham Ont.

## A GOOD DEAL OF TRUTH IN THIS.

Col. Chappelle, editor of one of the leading French military journals, says: "The war this year has disclosed three things. It is shown that the Boers are being directed by men who have studied closely the conditions in South Africa, for nearly every mishap which has befallen the British has been mainly due to superior knowledge of topography on the part of the Boers."

"Second, the Boers appear to have studied particularly the art of strategy, which has mostly been abandoned by civilized nations."

"Finally, the Boers are less self-confident than the British. Consequently they have gone into the struggle with more spirit to perform what is regarded as impossible. The English troops seem to have thought they were dealing with half-civilized foes or barbarians, like the dervishes, and were drunk with a sense of their own power. This is why they are so often taken by surprise."

## THE EMPIRE IS ALL RIGHT.

What nonsense it is to talk about the Empire being in danger from foreign enemies. Foreigners cannot invade the mother land as long as she has her fleet to protect her coasts, and the mother land would not feel compelled to accommodate other countries with an invasion, even if at war with them, until she was at liberty in South Africa. Then, again, if the worst came to the worst, England has the money to purchase friendship. True, it would not be a very desirable friendship, perhaps, but it would serve the purpose for the time being of confounding any conspirators who might seek her undoing. There are many poverty-stricken European nations who would willingly do much for a wealthy friend, and be glad of the chance. As a matter of fact, the real strength of the Empire lies in the loyalty of her colonies. As long as she retains this she need care little for European hostility, and there is no danger of her losing colonial respect as long as she persists in her policy of crushing those little pestiferous republics off the map of the African continent.

## BE GENEROUS FOR ONCE, AT LEAST.

There are few people in business in this city who cannot afford to spare a dollar to buy some deserving family a Christmas or New Year's dinner. The fact remains, however, that many who can afford to do so, don't. Yet it is probably not meanness that prevents them. In most cases they do not know where to find the deserving family or how to expend the dollar they would otherwise willingly give. Possibly their wives or the ladies of their church, or the ladies of the Home might help them out in this respect. It is well to remember that it is not always those who seek assistance who need it most. And, unfortunately, the people who do not seek assistance, but at the same time require it, are the hardest to get at. Scatter the dollars and the Christmas cheer, and let them light where they may.

Then, again, the public at large should give liberally this Christmas season to all charitable institutions for the support and care of the help-

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less and indigent. The homes, the hospitals and other institutions appeal strongly to us, and doubtless their pleas will not go unanswered.

## SUGAR MAKES MUSCLE.

If you desire to be strong and have good nerves, eat sugar. That is the view of the surgeons and generals of the German army, after careful experiments on the men under their charge. The report of Professor Pfuhl, formerly associated with Professor Koch, and who is now at the head of the physiological laboratory of the German army, states that a sugar diet increases the muscular power in a comparatively short time, and in a considerably shorter time than white of egg, the effect of which, however, is more lasting, though sugar has the advantage of being cheaper. The extraordinary rapidity with which sugar is absorbed by the body explains the rapid effect on the nervous system, which is of the greatest importance in all cases where a speedy bodily recuperation is desired; as, for instance, in long distance marching. Professor Pfuhl, in a series of successful experiments with sugar on his own person, has found that after long walks, three or four lumps of sugar removed all feelings of lassitude, and to a certain extent, restored elasticity in the muscles, this effect being frequently produced in the short space of a quarter of an hour. He is of opinion that artificial substitutes for sugar, such as saccharine, etc., have not all the same effect. Professors Senator and Munk, eminent physiologists of the Berlin University, have come to the conclusion that sugar has a high nutritive value as the purest and most easily soluble hydrate of carbon.

## SOME BLOODY BATTLES.

The London Times shows that compared with many former battles the Modder River engagement was not a particularly bloody one. Lord Methuen's telegram after the battle at Modder River told us it was one of the hardest and most trying in the annals of the British army. To the ordinary mind a battle is hard and trying in proportion to the danger the soldier encounters and overcomes, and the only possible gauge by which that danger can be measured is the loss incurred in overcoming it. It may be interesting to compare the action of Modder River with some other battles in which the British

army has been engaged in the present century.

Lord Methuen's force was about 6,500 strong. His losses, killed and wounded, were 475, or 7.14 per cent. The other figures given below are taken from a table published by Col. Henderson, professor of military art and history at the Staff College, in his "Life of Stonewall Jackson."

Strength, Killed and Wounded, cont.

Talavera, 1809.....	30,500	6,250	30
Albuera, 1811.....	5,200	3,900	748
Barossa, 1811.....	4,400	1,210	27
Salamanca, 1812.....	30,000	3,386	13
Quatre Bras, 1815.....	12,000	2,504	20
Waterloo, 1815.....	23,901	6,932	29
Kirozshah, 1845.....	16,000	2,415	15
Sobroon, 1846.....	15,500	2,063	13
Chancellorsville, 1862.....	15,000	2,063	13
Alma, 1854.....	21,500	2,002	9
Inkerman, 1854.....	7,464	2,057	31
Modder River, 1899.....	6,500	475	7.14

Lord Methuen's loss in officers was: Killed, 4; wounded, 19; total, 23. One battalion of British infantry entered the action at Salamanca with 24 officers and 420 rank and file; it had 24 officers and 342 rank and file killed and wounded.

The Berlin News-Record is up-to-date with a Christmas number that is a credit to it.

How would it do for Postmaster Barfoot to try leaving the front doors open all day Christmas and New Years for the convenience of box holders?

On Thursday next Frederick W. Butler, of Newark, N. J., will ship 500 cats to the Philippines on the order of Gen. Otis, who wants them for the protection of the government warehouse there from rodents. Mr. Butler advertised for cats, and now has the required number in his cellar, cats of all ages, sizes, colors and pedigrees.

The London, England, School Board has been considering the question of providing free dinners for underfed children in elementary schools. The argument used in favor of the measure is that since the people have undertaken the duty of paying for the education of the children of the working class they are also under the obligation of feeding the children when they are underfed.

We have received the initial copy of Le Journal, the new French Canadian daily published in Montreal. If the succeeding numbers are as good as the first one, Le Journal will undoubtedly take its place as far the best French Canadian newspaper in Canada. It is full of readable matter, its comments are timely, and its mechanical get-up shows its equipment to be up-to-date. As for its policy the Journal declares it is "Catholique, Canadien-Francois, Conservateur."

A patriotic tabby gave birth to a litter of seven kittens in one of the pillars of the Dewey arch. An energetic New Yorker stationed himself on the corner of a crowded street and sold 250 alleged Dewey kittens at \$1.50 apiece before the police interfered and stopped the business. This shows how modern legal restraints tend to foster monopoly. But for police intervention every American citizen might have enjoyed all the pleasure of possessing an original Dewey arch kitten.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph says: "The most rabid anti-British cannot but admire the pluck displayed by John Bull amid all his reverses. Lord Bessford says the task was underestimated, and the heavy losses already encountered seem to justify this statement, but there is no thought of giving up the contest, and when it is ended there is little doubt that the British flag will fly over the whole of South Africa."

## NOW IN THEM ALL.

Toronto Telegram.

An appointment as county judge of Lambton, identifies D. F. Macgillivray, C. C., with the Ontario Judiciary, and the only organization of which his honor has not hitherto been a member.

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## CHIVALRY IN A CABLE CAR.

Conductor Proves a King Arthur and the

Passenger Knights of the Round Table.

New York chivalry may be worth a study in spots, but every now and then some great event, or trifling occurrence, gives proof that the war and wool of it are still intact. One of the little things that proves the innate generosity of human nature occurred the other day in a southbound Broadway car near Union Square.

A hunchback was sitting well up toward the front, immersed in the reading of a municipal report. A magazine and some Congress Blue books lay in his lap. His long, spider-like legs stretched almost across the car. His body was so short that a child on his right towered above him. But he was well dressed, and his disproportioned face and head sunk deep upon his shoulders, bespoke intelligence, and education.

A very built man entered the car at Seventeenth street and sat at the dwarf's left. He had removed his cigar as he came in, but it was still smoldering, and as he held it between the fingers of his left hand, a dying and almost imperceptible wretch of smoke, and was blown across a little man's face. The dwarf dropped the report which he was reading, and glanced up startled. His eyes fell upon the cigar which the newly arrived passenger still held. Then he raised a thin, piping voice in an angry cry of protest.

"Conductah, Conductah!"

The passengers glanced at him, but the conductor did not hear.

"Conductah, Conductah!" exclaimed the little man again with his voice raised in a shrill shriek of childish anger.

The conductor came back and stood before him. There was an expression of concern, almost deference, in his face and attitude.

"Yes, sir," he said.

"Conductah," squealed the little man jerking his thumb at his big neighbor; "that man has a cigar. It offends me. Please remove him."

The great size of the offender, the littleness and deformity of the dwarf, his important manner and imperious command combined to form an effect simply farcical. It was enough to make a theatrical audience roar with laughter, but in that Broadway car not a smile was visible. The passengers looked at the furious dwarf, and the only expression on their faces was one of commiseration and sorrow.

The man with the cigar had a right to look angry, for by this time his cigar had gone out, but he only looked uncomfortable. The big conductor stood towering above the little man in the attitude of a schoolboy who expected to be caned.

"I-I can't put him out, sir," he said.

"His cigar's out!"

"I'll report you," piped the dwarf; "we'll see if the company's rules are to be broken this way; I'll—"

But the big man with the cigar had removed to the opposite side of the car and the conductor was going out. Still nobody had smiled.

"Conductah, conductah!" squealed the dwarf again, and the conductor came back quickly.

"Yes, sir," he said.

"Give me your number; I shall report you for insolence."

By all the traditions of comedy this sally should have aroused roars of laughter, but it didn't. The man with the cigar looked more uncomfortable than before, and threw the blackened Havana out of the window, as though to destroy every vestige of a cause belli.

The conductor gave his number and bent his head humbly, so that the dwarf could make sure of the figures. The little man jotted them down and then buried himself once more in his reading.

Everybody looked relieved. The conductor withdrew quietly, the man whose cigar had caused the trouble followed him a minute later and furtively slipped his card into the conductor's hand. Not a man on that car showed the feelings which each of them felt. They saw the littleness and scorn that filled the little creature, and pardoned him for it as part of his deformity.

"In those days," said a great poet, speaking of the age of chivalry which some people say is gone—"in those days no knight of Arthur's nobler death in scorn. But if a man were halt or blind in him scorn was allowed, as part of his defect and he was answered softly by the king and all his table."

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Last summer the vicar of Brightside, Sheffield, being anxious to raise money for a new school, procured a steam roundabout with which, at Grimsthorpe, he, with the assistance of his curate and church warden, reaped a golden harvest.

Desiring to increase the building fund of a new church, the curate of St. John's, Felixstowe, hired a barrel organ, with which he enlisted the frequenters of the sands and promenade to such purpose that in three weeks he was able to collect some £15.

The curate of a Yorkshire parish is wont to raise the funds necessary for the relief of the coming winter's distress by delivering humorous "stump" orations on the sands of Scarborough; while a Hampshire parson, for a like charitable purpose, "bushes" a negro at a large watering place. Of course, in both these cases, a perfect disguise is imperative.

More singular still was the means that a well-known south country rector, now deceased, once employed to raise money for the restoration of his church. For three months he traveled round with a booth wherein, under a professional sobriquet, he nightly delighted his audience with deft feats of magic and legerdemain. Unfortunately the matter came to the ears of his bishop, who promptly vetoed the continuance of the show.

For a clergyman to assume the role of a circus artist is surely most unusual, though Rev. A. T. did so under the following circumstances: A wealthy Lancashire merchant promised him £100 toward a charitable fund in which he was interested, conditionally, on his appearing as a performer at a circus which was then in the town. The parson, who was a young fellow with strong athletic tastes, closed with the offer, and on the appointed evening gave a very creditable display on the horizontal bar, followed by an act with the Indian clubs, which brought down the house.

Rev. Augustus Wix, rector of Ibberton-by-Blandford, in Dorsetshire, who had met with scant response to an appeal for funds for repairing the church, resolved to adopt a novel method to gain his ends. With a bundle of sticks of his own making he took his stand in the market place of Blandford, and in two days cleared over five guineas by the sale of his wares.

Lightning Killed Them While Driving.

Two brothers were killed in Tottenham, Chester, England, by one stroke of lightning recently, and certain circumstances that surrounded the affair were so unusual that the attention of medical men has been called to it officially. The two men were driving in a dogcart in a thunderstorm when they seem to have fallen simultaneously out of the back of the vehicle, for they were found about five minutes after the flash lying side by side on the road with the seat of the dogcart under their legs and the driving apron over them. The elder brother had no external sign of injury. The younger brother was burnt over the chest and abdomen from the neck down, not continuously, but in several circular holes from one-sixteenth of an inch to a quarter of an inch in diameter. The metallic collar stud was fused and the skin beneath was deeply burned. An odor of burnt flesh pervaded the vicinity. The back from the neck down was burnt, but less severely than in front. The vest and shirt were scorched, but the waistcoat and coat were unburned. The wooden drawers and trousers had a hole burnt in them about two inches in diameter, corresponding to a burn on the body. There were no other injuries nor were any of the clothes torn from either of the bodies. There was no rigor mortis an hour and a half after death. The watch of the men was going and seems not to have magnetized, as it had kept good time since. The cloth of the cushion on which the younger brother sat was burnt on its outer surface, but the wooden seat beneath was unburned. The tailboard of the dogcart had the paint slightly singed immediately behind the younger brother; otherwise the vehicle bore no traces of the lightning. The horse was uninjured and trotted home of its own accord.

Looking Up at Gibraltar.

Perhaps the favorite sight of Gibraltar is the daily procession at sundown for the locking of the town gates. The keeper of the keys, looking very like a prisoner despite his uniform, marches through the town in the center of a military guard, preceded by a regimental band, which plays inspiring and familiar tunes. The keys, of enormous size, are borne aloft before him as an outward and visible emblem of the vigilance of Britain in guarding her prime military treasure.

On arriving at the gates, the guard salutes, the martial strains strike up with a resounding peal of triumph, while the great doors slowly swing to, and are solemnly locked for the night. Then right about turn, and the procession marches back to the convent to deposit the keys in the governor's keeping, conveying by its song an assurance to the people and garrison that they may rest in peace.

Once the gates are shut it were easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for any unauthorized person to go into Gibraltar. Even a belated officer returning from pig-sticking beyond the lines would be confronted by so many formalities, and the necessity of inconveniently so many high personages, that he would probably prefer to encounter the discomfort of a Spanish inn without.



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Kitchen Hints.

To clean a spice mill grind a handful of raw rice.

Stones are better than tin boxes for keeping bread during hot weather.

A white broom is just the thing to clean a horse radish grater.

Wood ashes put in a wooden bag and placed in the water will make hard water soft.

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A narrow, hard bed is said to be the best preventive of bad figures. If one can also forego pillows, so much the better. Women with round shoulders and double chins have a means provided for their cure if they are heroic enough to give up the downy couch in which they rest.

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"I have never met," he said, "more than two really lovely women."  
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"I am not at all certain," said the father, "that my daughter loves you sufficiently to warrant me in entrusting her to your keeping for life."  
"Well," replied the young man, "perhaps you haven't had the same advantages for observing things that I have."—Philadelphia North American.

"I don't see," said the old man, "why chopping wood isn't just about as good exercise and just as enjoyable as playing golf." "It is the walking between strokes that makes golf so valuable as exercise," explained the boy. "That equalizes matters and gives the legs the exercise that they need." "Thus it happened that the old man went out into the yard and placed sticks of wood at intervals all around it, after which he handed the boy an axe and told him to play the full course.—Chicago Post.

"Are you a bill collector?" asked Mr. Slopleigh, suspiciously. "No," answered the weary and cynical young man, who had climbed four flights of stairs. "I'm trying to get rid of 'em. I'm a promise collector."—Washington Star.

"He told his audience that he was wholly unprepared." "Do you believe it?" "Yes, he had his speech in his pocket but he hadn't learned it."—Chicago Record.

Guest—You charge more for a porterhouse steak than you used to. Why is it? Proprietor of restaurant—I have to pay more for it. The price of beef has gone up. Guest—The steak is smaller than it used to be, too. Proprietor—That, of course, is on account of the scarcity of beef.—Chicago Tribune.

"Doctor, a friend of mine has assured me that smoking lemons will prevent seasickness. Is that true?" "Yes, provided you sit in the shade of a tall tree while you suck the lemon."

"Murgatroyd was shockingly out of form at the reception last night." "In what way?" "He went there with a high collar and a low handshake."—Chicago Tribune.

"I think it is perfectly horrid the way the Kilduffs make a display of their wealth," pouted Mrs. Billington. "What have they done now?" asked Mr. Billington. "They have discarded their silver service and now use solid tin plate at every meal."

"What do you mean by prying my picture without my consent?" demanded the aggrieved citizen. "Where?" asked the editor. "On the front page, here this morning." "My dear sir," replied the editor, softly, "that is a picture of a notorious horse thief."—Philadelphia North American.

"Hello, Smith, suppose a man marries his first wife's stepmother's aunt, what relation is he to her?" "First—white—unt—step—mother—let me see; I don't know." "He's her husband."—Life.

A newly married editor gets off the following: "What's the difference between a honeycomb, a honeymoon and a pretty girl? A honeycomb is a small cell, a honeymoon is a big sell and a pretty girl is a dame."—Punch.

"This new man wants a room to himself," he says he has nervous prostration. "Well, give him No. 20, at \$8 a day—that will either kill or cure him."—Chicago Record.

"Banks is in a bad way financially." "All his money gone?" "Worse; he can't borrow any more."—Philadelphia North American.

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"I've come to tell you, sir, that the photographs you took of me the other day are not at all satisfactory. Why, my husband looks like an ape!" "Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had them taken."—Tit-Bits.

Father—Look here, Tommy, what do you think of the new baby the doctor has just bought. Tommy—Why, he's got no hair! O! and he's got no teeth! You've been took in, father—he's brought you an old un.—Tit-Bits.

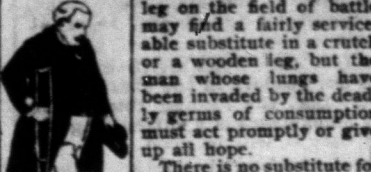
Customer—Have you the same razor you shaved me with two days ago? Barber (flattered)—Yes, sir; the same identical one. Customer—Then chloroform me first, please.—Chicago News.

NOTES OF NOTABLES.

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"Charlie," as the man spoken of approached within hearing distance, "we want you to decide who is the best lawyer in Illinois. We agree to abide by your decision."

"Well," replied Charlie, himself an old practitioner and well known in the capital city, "I plead guilty to being the best lawyer in the state myself."

"Why, Charlie, how can it be proved?" inquired the first of the two Chicagoans.

"You don't have to prove it," replied the Springfield man. "I admit it, don't I?"

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## THE PROBABILITY.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 20—10 a.m.—Strong south and west winds, fine to-day and to-morrow, with stationary or a little higher temperature.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Ladies house slippers from 25c. a pair, at Cowan's.

The relief board of works will hold a special meeting at two o'clock this afternoon.

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

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

Mr. Justice Robertson arrived in the city this morning to hold the supplementary sittings of the assizes.

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

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

The provincial board of health in its weekly statement respecting small-pox, reports that there have been in Essex county 184 cases.

Patients have recovered 122 are sick. Young men's patent leather and fine kid dress shoes at Cowan's, from \$1.50 up.

No one has ever seen such bargains as are being offered at Stone the Hatter's bankrupt sale.

Think of this before making your Christmas purchases. Stone the Hatter, Garner House Block.

Friday, Dec. 15, T. Fisher, resident on lot 5, 2nd con., R. T. Harwich township, lost 25 shots, apparently from some strong poison. No evidence can be traced to show how or where the poison came from, as no further losses have taken place.

Ladies fine slippers for evening wear; you'll see just what you want at Cowan's.

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

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

In the model school examinations only two candidates out of the twenty-four failed to pass. It was erroneously stated that 22 out of 25 had succeeded.

Comfortable shoes for old ladies; a nice line for the Christmas trade at Cowan's.

Wm. Horn has leased VanAllen's flats for use as a fishing ground. He has already begun operations and is catching some fine fish.

Dr. Carson, of Detroit, assisted by Drs. Hall and Tye, removed a twenty pound tumor from Mrs. Chas. W. Bay, of Mitchell's Bay, this morning.

The operation was most successful, and the prospects of Mrs. Raymond being completely restored to health are very encouraging.

John Carr died suddenly Monday night at the Public General Hospital, from heart disease. Mr. Carr was in his 78th year and was for many years a resident of this city. The remains were taken to Dresden for interment.

Ladies overcoats, high buttoned, warm lined and waterproof, \$1.50 a pair, at Cowan's.

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

The fact that John Griffith, familiar to our readers in the character of Faust, takes the leading role in The Three Musketeers is a sufficient guarantee that it will be good.

There is nothing that makes a more useful or handsome present than an ebony hair brush, with a sterling silver mount. The Central Drug Store has them from \$1.25 up.

William D. Turner, harness maker, and Timothy J. Sullivan, formerly with Hugh McDonald, have volunteered for South Africa. Major Rankin forwarded their names to Ottawa.

Miss Mamie A. Hinde, daughter of the Rev. Wm. Hinde, St. Thomas passed away in this city on Monday last.

Miss Hinde had been in poor health for a year past. She was well known in this city, having been stenographer with Lewis & Richards for several years.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY.

"Manager McVein deserves the thanks of the citizens for securing us some good amusement for Christmas day," said a local theatre-goer.

"Theatrical companies usually avoid Chatham on holidays some way, but this time we are to have two as fine comedies as will be seen in Canada.

It is to be hoped there will be good houses so that in future holiday attractions may be encouraged to come here.

MRS. BOYES DEAD.

Mrs. Ann Boyes, Lacroix street, passed away this morning at 2.30, in her 81st year.

Mrs. Boyes came to Kent County about 50 years ago from Montreal.

She settled on the 14th con., Raleigh, but shortly afterwards purchased the Boyes farm at Charing Cross, where they lived until 14 years ago when they retired and built the house on Lacroix street, where Mrs. Boyes has since resided. A grown up family of four survive.

CARLYLE CAMP.

The annual meeting of Camp Carlyle, Sons of Scotland, was held on Tuesday evening for the despatch of regular business and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

There were two institutions and a number of accounts were passed. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Chief—Dr. F. W. Charteris.

Chief-in—Adam Taylor.

Chapter—W. Robertson.

Recording Secretary—Jas. McLaughlin.

Financial Secretary—Wm. Rennie.

Treasurer—Sec. H. Macaulay.

Marshal—Jas. Robertson.

Stead Bearer—W. L. Pife.

Senior Guard—Chas. D. McDonald.

Junior Guard—P. G. Charteris.

Physician—Dr. Charteris.

Trustees—W. Robertson, Robt. Riddle, John Cunningham and James Waugh.

Ero. Alex. McDougall was elected an honorary member.

The Camp has decided to leave the rooms in which they are at present located and occupy the large rooms over the public free library.

Should be above the ordinary—our rich and pure confectionery is all as excellent that you will make a big mistake if you do not come and let us show you what we can sell you. A one lb. box of Biscuits for 30c. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages, especially adapted for holiday trade. Come in and see them.

W. S. RICHARDS  
KENT BAKERY

Candy for Christmas

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## BULLER'S LOST GUNS.

Reported to Have Been Recovered in the Night Time.

London, Dec. 20. — A special from Durban, Natal, dated Dec. 19, says it is rumored that Gen. Buller called for guns after the Tugela River battle, which were unaccounted for. The guns were brought in at midnight and brought in the guns. Revised lists of the casualties at the battle of Tugela River show that 137 non-commissioned officers and men were killed.

BOERS COULD NOT REACH THE GUNS.

London, Dec. 20. — It seems doubtful whether the guns that Gen. Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a despatch from Durban, sent on the evening of the battle, the guns remained where they were left by the British troops and were covered by British heavy guns of Gen. Buller's brigade, occupying an entrenched position.

The despatch adds that the Boers have thus far not attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns, while advice from Pretoria under the same date says an official Boer despatch reports two guns, 13 wagons and a quantity of ammunition captured, besides 200 prisoners.

Further accounts of the Tugela river battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were entrenched along a series of low-lying hills immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat, when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers were also in greater strength than anticipated.

A Mafeking despatch describes a novel method of sending a message, adopted by some Boers, Dec. 4th. A five-pounder shell fired into the town that day did not explode. It was opened and found to contain a letter, as follows:

"Dear Powell (Col. Baden-Powell): Excuse my message. No other means of communication. Please tell Mrs. — mother and family all well. Don't drink all the whiskey. Leave some for us when we get in. The sender's signature was torn off. General Buller cannot relieve Ladysmith without assistance and Gen. Warren and the Fifth Division may go to his aid. This would bring his force up to 32,000 men."

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# GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING

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

## Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

<b>Ladies' Handkerchiefs</b>	<b>Men's Handkerchiefs</b>
Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen..... 16c	Men's all Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished..... 15c	Men's Plain Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 25, to 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c and..... 25c	Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to..... 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs, 25c to..... 68c	Men's Fancy Colored border Japanese Hdkfs, 19c to..... 38c
Ladies' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c to..... 25c	Men's large Silk Muffler, all colors and styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50 and..... \$2.25
Ladies' Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, 25c to..... \$1.35	A large and complete assortment of Ladies' and Gents' fancy Plaids, Checks, Parisian, Polka Dot and Oxford, Silk Mufflers.
Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 16c to..... 25c	
Ladies' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 1c to..... 5c	
Children's White and Fancy Handkerchiefs 1c to..... 5c	
<b>HOLIDAY APRONS</b>	
Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, and..... 50c	Men's Imperial Four-in-hands, Puffs, Bows, Flowing Ends, Graduated Derbys in choice variety of colors, from 50c to..... 20c
Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 50c to..... 72c	
Children's White Mother Hubbard Aprons, 42c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c	
Children's Fine Gingham Dresses with yokes, embroidery trimmed, 50c to..... \$1.25	
Children's Percale Dresses, with yokes embroidery trimmed, 80c and..... 90c	
Something new in Lace Dresser Covers just received.	

## DRESS GOODS

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

Ladies' Dress Skirts, in variety, all colors and materials, \$5 to..... \$2

Plaid Bias Skirts, heavy..... \$1.50

Ladies' Tailor made Suits, in variety, from \$7 to..... \$10

Ladies' Cloth Jackets, from \$7 to..... \$10

## FINE FURS

Finest Holiday Presents—Caprices of every description, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$35.00.

Foreign Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Seal combination, Seal and Astrachan combination, Electric Seal and Tibet combination, Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc.

For Caps, Gauntlets, Muffs, Boas, Heads, Tails, Pelts, etc.

Fur Caps, Astrachan, \$18 \$17..... \$12

Cloth Caps, Fur Lined, \$30 to \$12.50

Fur Coats and Jackets, from \$30 to \$22

Electric Seal Jackets, dainty..... \$35

## Christmas Silks and Satins

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

Japanese Silks, 27 in. wide, helio, pink, blue, red, etc..... 50c

Satins, all shades, for fancy work or linings, etc..... 50c

Special Peau-de-soie..... \$1.00

New Tinsel Chiffon for dress fronts.

Beautiful Silk Waists—For gifts, nothing pleases your mother, sister, wife or daughter like one of these beauties, we sell them in all colors and black..... \$3.50 to \$5.00

Super Eider Down—Comforters, \$5, \$10 and..... \$15.00

## WHITE CROCHET QUILTS

And Marcella Coverlets

79, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2, \$2.50 up to..... \$5.00

Gorgeous Lounge Rugs—Unsurpassed in coloring and design, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2

Ladies' Night Robes—In white long cloth, Lonsdale Cream, pink and fancy Flannellette, lace and embroidery trimmed or plain, from 50c up

Men's Night Wear—In white towel cotton braided at..... 75c

Flannellette Night Shirts..... 50c up

Natural Wool Night Robes.



Holiday Kid Gloves

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Ladies' 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good colors, tan and black..... 60c

Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black..... 75c

Ladies' 2 dms fasteners, colors or blood navy, green, plum, tan and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted..... \$1

Fownes pearl fastened Kid Gloves, tan or drab, warranted..... \$1.25

Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Chastress Gabriella and Hypatia.

Ladies' finest Mocha Kid Glove..... \$2

Ladies' Fancy Garters and Ladies' Hose Supporters, etc.

Men's Lined Kid and Mocha Gloves, 50c, 75c and..... \$1

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling at..... \$1.50

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest popular shades, \$1 and..... 75c

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

Men's heavy Wool Mitts, knit, leather faced in variety, 25c and..... 50c

Special Xmas Underwear, Cardigan Jackets, etc.

Gents' Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, Calfar Buttons, etc., in pearl or gold variety.

## HOLIDAY SPECIALS

In Umbrellas

Nothing nicer for ladies and gents, a fine assortment from \$1.00 to..... \$3.00

## DAINTY DOLLS

Fine long flowing haired dolls, 9 in. long for..... 3c

13 inches long, 9c, 16 inches long, 15c and 23 inches long for..... 10c

They are beauties

Shopping Bags with pocket book attached..... 50c and 25c

Pocketbooks, Card Holders, Needle Cases, Bracelets, Combs, Brushes, Fans, Belts, Belt Buckles, Etc.

Dolls, Dogs and Brownies for stuffing, per yd..... 20c

## HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

Two tone Cream Table Damask, 69 in. wide..... 25c

Cream Satin Table Damask, all widths and qualities, 3c, 34c, 40c, 50c, 60c, to..... 75c yd

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 60c and..... 50c yd

White Satin Table Damask, with Napkins to match, from 50c to..... \$1.50 yd

Pearl white Irish Linen Table Cloths, superb goods, \$2, \$2.75, \$4, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, up to..... \$13.50 each

Table Napkins—Gentlemen's at 72c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25, up to..... \$5.00 dozen

Towels—Fine Damask, size 44 x 20, knotted fringe..... 25c

Instead of Calendars we have secured several hundreds of Souvenir Song Books, containing 72 of the gems of song of the century, with the Music for Piano or Organ; and we hope as they ring in harmony through your homes they will contribute to your happiness.

The Standard Patterns For Dolls Clothing on hand

# WILLIAM GORDON

Make your Children's Clothing from Standard Patterns

## Christmas Crackers

There's lots of pleasure and amusement in our Christmas cracker. So many novelties—such funny caps and toys. There's nothing nicer for Christmas—so much fun they will make you laugh heartily—aid your digestion.

35c, 40c and 60c a box.

For the children we have a small cracker—a dozen in a box—containing funny caps, bonnets, etc. They will amuse them immensely and the price so small—10c a box.

Mixed Candy, 4 pounds for 25c.	Creamy Almonds, 30c a pound.
Mixed Candy, 3 pounds for 25c.	Good Chocolate, 15c a pound.
Cream Candy, 2 pounds for 25c.	Crawford's Taffy, 15c a pound.

Our special 1 lb boxes of good candy—25c

Table Raisins, 20c a lb.	Grenoble Walnuts, 20c a pound.
Table Figs, 20c a pound.	Valencia Almonds, 20c a pound.
Mango Grapes, 20c a pound.	Sweet Filberts, 15c a pound.

Our choice Mixed Nuts—15c a pound  
Sweet juicy Oranges—25c, 30c, 40c a dozen

## H. Malcolmson

Grocer

## Perfumes for Xmas

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

## Perfume Atomizers

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

## A. I. McCall & Co.

DRUGGISTS & OPTICIANS

## BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Holiday decorations in the churches are in order now for Xmas.

Miss McCornock's case against Dr. Bell, of Merling for alleged assault is on at the police court to-day.

The bright weather of yesterday brought crowds of people into town and Xmas shopping was booming.

Robt. Shaw has been a subscriber to The Planet for fifty years, and says he would be lost without its news.

A wandering harper added to the music at last night's hop, making an enjoyable time to all those who attended.

Much surprise was felt yesterday when it was known that Fred Anderson, of the L. E. & D. R. R. was to sever his connection with the company at the first of the year. The business men of the town and the public generally have always found Mr. Anderson kind and obliging. So much so, in fact, that Mayor Haggart, who was yesterday circulating a petition or testimonial in Mr. Anderson's favor, did not meet with a single refusal to sign.

The following are the officers elected Monday night by the Lady Macbeths of Blenheim:

Commander—Mrs. L. V. Vandermere.  
Lieut. Com.—Mrs. C. N. Greenwood.  
Rec. Keeper—Miss May Bell.  
Fin. Keeper—Mrs. E. Coburn.  
Sergeant—Mrs. D. Clark.  
Mistress-at-Arms—Mrs. Griffith.  
Sentinel—Mrs. Witherford.  
Picket—Mrs. R. Coburn.  
Chaplain—Mrs. Wallin.  
Past Com.—Mrs. W. Irwin.  
Organist—Miss N. Tedford.  
Capt. of Guard—Mrs. Jamieson.  
CRAWFORD-BURYING GROUND.

The following extract from the Galt Reformer will prove specially interesting to the many Blenheimites who well know the old cemetery described:

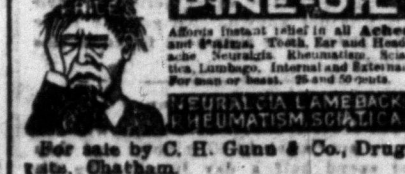
Stephen G. Moffatt, of Beverly, has been enjoying a visit in Kent county and taking in the sights of that wonderfully prolific agricultural district, with its thousands of acres of corn in shock, and beans just harvested, and in wheat, so different to our own bare fields at this time of the year. While being driven through southern part of Barwich township by his cousin, County Councillor C. L. Vandergun, Mr. Moffatt was taken to an old cemetery, called the Crawford burying ground, where they read some of the queerest epitaphs ever carved in stone; even "Old Mortality" would have wondered at the sentiment expressed. One old moss-covered slab had this inscription to all who stood and read:

My dear friend, who now stand by, As you are now so once was I, As I am now so you must be, Therefore prepare to follow me.

Another read:

A faithful friend, a companion dear, A tender mother, lieeth here, Great is the loss that we sustain, But hope in Heaven to meet again. A large marble monument had these lines inscribed:

O! Thomas has gone and left us



to lament. But we hope to meet him in a future day, where parting will be no more.

But the one that struck us most was on a large marble slab right alongside a newly made grave, where the husband, who had had the following rustic sentiment carved to the memory of his wife, many years ago, last Saturday was quietly laid at rest beside her:

Gentle, But Not Forgotten.  
We will, so dear, be of good cheer.  
We will meet you there, your children dear.

In a few more years, if the Lord so please,  
Your worldly gears. You left your dears.

In their small years, with hopes and fears,  
Without your tears, what sadly vex the little dears.

Your voice so dear your mare can't bear,  
Your featherly tribe the same, my dear.

The loving kind, likewise the swine;  
The lambs in time will miss you sair.  
If they should leave their mother dear,  
Where'er, my dear, has not been here.

So Gerry is clear for this New Year.  
A plain slab, almost so overgrown with moss as to make the carving nearly illegible has these few pathetic lines cut in the marble:

A loving mother who lies here,  
As ever left her children dear,  
Heaven rest her soul, where'er she is,  
The wish of those left here.

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

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

**Cook's Cotton Root Compound**  
is successfully used monthly by over 1,000,000 Ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies send your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and lozenges are dangerous. Price, 50c, \$1 per box; No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, \$1 per box. No. 3, 15 degrees stronger, \$1.50 per box. No. 4, 20 degrees stronger, \$2 per box. No. 5, 25 degrees stronger, \$2.50 per box. The Cook Company Windsor, Ont. No. 1 and 2 sold in Chatham at Central Drug Store. C. H. Gunn & Co.

No. 1 and No. 2 sold in Chatham at Central Drug Store. C. H. Gunn & Co.

## During Christmas Week

Our Tremendous Stock of Clothing will be sold at quick selling prices. Overcoats, Ulsters, Suits, Pea jackets, Leather Coats, Odd Vests, Odd Pants, Etc.

## Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers

Xmas entertainment Victoria Avenue Methodist Sunday school Thursday evening, 21st inst. Xmas trees, choruses, etc. Come one and all, parents and friends. Admission only 10c, cents.

TO HANG-ON NOT TO HANG.

Hon. David Mills has received from the Sheriff of Brandon additional information regarding the case of Hilda Blake, the murderer, who is sentenced to be hanged on Dec. 27. As already stated in this correspondence, the convict has alleged since her condemnation that a certain man who wronged her promised to marry her if she murdered her mistress, Mrs. Lane. This story was disbelieved, but it was stated by the convict that she had documentary evidence in the form of letters from the man in question to the effect indicated. Hon. David Mills has ascertained by telegraph that these letters do in reality exist, and has telegraphed to the Sheriff of Brandon to send them to Ottawa immediately. They should arrive by Tuesday, and upon the opinion formed on them by the Minister of Justice will depend very largely whether Hilda Blake's sentence will or will not be carried out.

Wear the Harrington hat, \$2.50. The 2 T's, sole agents.

Lieut. Clara B. Schreiber, a nephew of Collingwood Schreiber, deputy minister of railways, was killed in the battle at Tulega river.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

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

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,  
ALEX. YONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

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

To the Electors of Ward No 4

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

## VERY WELL SPENT

Has Been the Money From the Various Entertainments.

Given by the Picknough School—A Statement From the Trustee of Ward No. 5.

The McKeough school teachers feel it due to the public who have so generously patronized school entertainments in the past that a statement showing the purpose to which the proceeds are applied should be rendered them. We, the undersigned trustees of ward 5, have carefully audited the books of the treasurer, Miss Abram, and have found a correct and very full account of all receipts and expenditure, and to lengthy for publication. We also find that over \$800 has been expended on the school by way of improvements or necessities, and consisting of the following sums—not one cent of which has ever come out of the public funds:

Band stand \$27.  
Lamps \$1.80.  
Lanterns \$2.50.  
Painting hall floors \$1.50.  
Piano cover \$3.14.  
Library table \$3.  
Linoleum for office and library \$17.  
Pictures for halls \$24.15.  
Flags for decoration, etc., \$35.07.  
Large flag and staff \$35.  
Curtains for windows \$25.45.  
Cork matting for hall floor \$31.  
Linoleum for upper hall \$32.80.  
Flowers for flower-beds for ten years \$115.  
Snead \$100.  
Piano \$155.  
Prize-books for pupils for four years \$180.12.  
Total \$805.14.

The band has also been liberally furnished out of these funds with music and tuition, this being its only source of revenue, the money for engagements going to the boys themselves. After every liability has been met there is a balance still on hand of \$75 which will be expended in playing, raising and gratifying the ground.

We would also state that the books giving an itemized account can be seen at any time in the school library where they will also be open to the scrutiny of the public. A certified copy of the accounts is now on deposit with T. C. MacKinnon, secretary and treasurer, for the benefit of the public school board.

The teachers desire to thank the public for their hearty co-operation in their past entertainments and trust that the money has been spent in such a way as to merit their support in the future.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOHN McKEOUGH.  
JOHN E. JOHNSTON.  
Trustees and auditors.  
Chatham, Dec. 19th, 1899.

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

## TILBURY.

Dec. 20.—George McLeod, of Philadelphia, Kansas, arrived here yesterday on a visit at his home.

Miss Laura Kinley and Mr. Haggart will be married to-day by Rev. T. Dobson, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Geo. Chalmers, Middle Road.

Ed. Leguin will open a grocery store in Lepiane's old stand.

A. Essmer has returned from a short visit at his home in Guelph.

Will Warnock, of Tilbury North, returned yesterday from the States.

Wood for sale.—Blonde Bros. & Co. have for sale a large quantity of hard and soft wood.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, of Hamilton, has been offered the position of field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. He is considering the offer.

While Dr. S. M. Jenkins was being tried for murder at Dallas, Texas, the brother of his alleged victim shot the prisoner dead in the court-room.

The Lake Mead Cement Company is asking a bonus of \$5,000 from the corporation of Watertown to establish its plant there.

The National Cycle Company has begun the work of moving the machinery from the Indiana bicycle plant in Indianapolis to Hamilton.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Agents for canvassing male or female, room away. For further information call at 24 William St. St.

## New Fruits

Tender's Selected Raisins, perfectly cleaned..... 3 lb. for 25c	
They are the largest and best flavoured fruit that can be sold	
Golden Raisins..... 2 lb. for 25c	
Table Raisins..... 12 lb. to 25c lb	
Outcasts, perfectly cleaned, large fine fruit..... 3 lb. for 25c	
New Raisins..... 3 lb. for 25c	
Cooking Figs..... 5c per b	
Table Figs..... 15c and 20c lb	
Malaga Grapes..... 30c per b	
Shaded Almonds..... 35c per b	

Massey & Knight  
PHONE 60.

**\$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes**

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

Our \$2.50 is an AMERICAN made shoe by one of the B ST BOSTON BARKERS. Newest shape—Fine Violin—Laced—Kid—O—The different widths—Exquisite soles—IT'S A BEAUTY and you'll be surprised when you see the quality and style for \$2.50.

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

**Geo. W. Cowan..**

\$2.00 and \$2.50 Shoes



# KRAUSE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC Winter Term

BEGINS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH  
HARMONY CLASSES  
Start in Studio No. 1, on Monday at 5 p.m.  
SENIOR THEORY CLASSES  
on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.  
JUNIOR THEORY CLASSES  
on Thursday at 5 p.m.  
21 E to Conservatory Students  
VICTOR CARTER Musical Director

## Order Your Cut Flowers

For XMAS from J. W. SATYR, at the  
Central Green Houses  
Adelaide, near Park St.

## PHONOGRAPH

Public Entertainments  
And Private Parties

It is Louder Than the Human Voice  
and will fill any hall.

An attractive and amusing feature for Lodge  
and Church Entertainments.  
Terms Moderate. For Particulars  
Address

George Overton, Chatham P.O.  
or J. H. Turgill's Music Store.

Professional Fruit Tree Pruner  
And Landscape Gardener.

Graduate of the Southern Ohio Agricultural  
College. Twenty-eight years experience.  
Special attention to handling and pruning  
of your trees. Plain and ornamental lawn  
grading a specialty. Address  
G. F. SHERMAN,  
Kingfield, Ont.

## Baikie's

Fashionable New York Photo Frames

We have some exquisite photo-novels  
frames. They are the most handsome we  
have ever handled, and we bought them  
one and give our customers full benefit.  
You will be welcome if you will call and in-  
spect them before buying, as our prices are  
right for this class of work and variety of  
latest designs. Just the proper article for  
a Christmas Gift.

Baikie's Photo Art Galleries  
25 King St., Opp. Market, Chatham

## Xmas is Coming

AT THE  
RED STAR STORE

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

J. W. DYER  
RED STAR STORE, BALDOON  
GOODS DELIVERED. PHONE 174

## Yeuknow

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

Our Xmas Fruits are in:

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

—AT THE—  
Golden Star, Park St., East

John McConnell

Goods Delivered

## EXPANSION

Met a feller 'tother mornin'—  
Most amusin' sort of case;  
Had a cur'us style about him—  
Cert'nly couldn't well be wuss.  
I says "Where you hail f'm, pardner?"  
An' he smiled in a knowin' way.  
An' replied in forin lingo,  
"Porto Rico, U. S. A."

Seen a feller down on Broadway,  
With a shockin' head of hair,  
An' a lot of tropic garments,  
An' a most outlandish air;  
"Whar's he frum?" a feller shouted,  
An' before we'd time to say,  
This yere heathen turned an' an'srd:  
"Honeyluer, U. S. A."

Met a feller here on Olive,  
With a somber-e-re on;  
Had a lot of shaggy whiskers,  
Nearly all his clothes wuz gone.  
Stopped an' set me fur a quarter;  
Says "My home is fur away."  
"Whur you frum?" The varmint an-  
swered:  
"Santiago, U. S. A."

Seen a feller at the Southern,  
With a heavy iron box,  
Overcoat was lined with bearskin;  
Wore a dozen pair of socks.  
Sized him up to be a miner,  
Judgin' by his awkward way;  
Seen him write in big char-a-ter:  
"Circle City, U. S. A."

Seen a saddle-colored heathen,  
Wearin' earrings in his nose;  
Linen cuffs 'round his ankles,  
Most indecent lack of clothes.  
"Whur'd this heathen guy here spring  
frum?"  
I inquired in lofty way;  
An' he had the nerve to an'swer:  
"From Manila, U. S. A."

"Hully gee," says I, "I never heard of  
these here cannibals before.  
All these heathens yere all voters?  
Will we stan' fur enny more?"  
Next you ask a feller  
"Whur he's frum, an' he'll say  
With a lordly kind of flourish,  
"All Creation, U. S. A."  
—Consul-General James T. Du Bois, St.  
Gall, in Nashville American.

## HOW HE TAMED HER.

"I haven't the least fear," said Major Delaford.

"Then you're a man of unbounded courage," retorted his friend, Mr. Crinklethorp. "For—may I venture to be frank?"

"Oh, certainly, certainly! By all means."

"Well, then, they do say that Mrs. Flashington drove her first husband into his grave by her ungovernable temper."

"I've heard of that before," said Delaford, pulling complacently away at his cigar.

"But, of course," with a little sarcastic laugh, "you don't believe it?"

"Excuse me," said Major Delaford, severely. "I do believe it. I have seen now and then, expression in Justina's eyes which fully carries out any theory of that nature."

"And yet you are going to marry her?"

"And yet I am going to marry her," said Major Delaford, with a shrug.

"Not that I am aware of it?"

"Will you be honest with me?"

"To be sure," nodded the major.

"Then, why do you marry Mrs. Flashington?"

"Well, from a variety of reasons. One is that I like her. She's a pretty little egypt, with a skin like white velvet and delicious long lashes to her eyes."

"Pecce!"

"A second is—mind, now, I never did pretend to be one of the disinterested lovers one reads about in dime novels—that the dear, departed Flashington left her remarkably well off."

"And I have more merit than money," said Mr. Crinklethorp, "for by all accounts, the black-eyed divinity is neither more nor less than a virago."

"There are very few actions in this world that one doesn't regret, in a greater or less degree," said Major Delaford, sententiously; "but averaging things, I'm willing to risk it."

"And Major Delaford was married the next week to Mrs. Flashington."

It was not so long, as Mr. Crinklethorp had foretold, before the claw began to peep from under Mrs. Flashington Delaford's velvet sleath.

"Felix," said she, one day, "I don't like this location."

"Don't you, my dear?" said Major Delaford. "I've lived here two and thirty years and always found it very pleasant."

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"Let me see you presume to be un-  
civil to her," said the major, knitting  
his brows in a way that Mrs. Delaford  
had never seen in her late husband's  
countenance. For to tell the truth, the  
late Mr. Judah Flashington had been  
but a chicken-hearted individual at  
best.

Mrs. Delaford founced out of the  
room, and banged the door viciously  
behind her.

Mrs. Bly arrived the next day—a  
cherry checked, bright eyed girl, with  
lips wreathed in smiles and a brand  
new traveling suit cut after a deal pret-  
tier pattern than the bride's own. Mrs.  
Delaford refused to speak to her.

"Justina," said her husband, in a  
warning voice, "this is my cousin  
Rosemond. I hope you will make her  
welcome to our home."

But Mrs. Delaford only threw a slip-  
per at her husband, burst into tears  
and ran hysterically upstairs.

"Oh Felix," what's the matter?"  
asked Rosemond, half frightened out  
of her senses. "Had I better go home?"

"By no means, my dear Rosemond,"  
said the major. "You see I have mar-  
ried a woman with a temper. But  
she'll be all the more charming when  
that fault is rooted out of her char-  
acter."

The major went upstairs and tried  
to open the door. It was locked.

"Justina," he said gently, "I am I.  
Let me in."

"I won't!" snapped the bride.

"Will you come downstairs, then?"

"I will not come out of my room un-  
till that woman is out of the house!"

sputtered forth Mrs. Delaford.

"Very well, my dear," said the major,  
and he returned to the drawing-room  
with untroubled philosophy.

Mrs. Delaford adhered to her resolu-  
tion, although it was much tried by  
sundry peculiar sounds she heard on  
the outside of the door.

"Major Delaford has carpenters at  
work altering the house," thought she.  
"It makes but little difference to me in  
any case. I shan't stay here."

At the end of the third day, however,  
she concluded to go downstairs. But  
when she opened the door, lo, and be-  
hold, her egress was barred by a grated  
iron door.

"Mercy upon us!" cried Mrs. Dela-  
ford. "What is this?"

"Please, ma'am," said the little maid,  
who had brought up her meals three  
times a day, "it's Justina as had it  
done."

"What for?" cried Justina.

"Please, ma'am," said Hetty, trem-  
bling all over, "don't you know you're  
crazy?"

"Insolent minton," said Mrs. Dela-  
ford, "call your master at once."

Major Delaford came immediately  
upstairs, with Rosemond Bly clinging  
in a frightened sort of way.

"How do you feel now, my dear?"  
he asked solicitously.

"I'm well enough," snarled Mrs. Dela-  
ford. "Open the door, quick!"

"Mad! very mad, indeed," said Major  
Delaford, in a sotto voice, turning to  
Rosemond.

"Ruffian!" cried the bride, "how  
dare you speak so?"

"Getting violent!" added the major,  
shaking his head.

"Let me out, I say!" persisted Mrs.  
Delaford, rattling at the bars. "What  
does this absurd humbug mean?"

"Perhaps a straight waistcoat would  
be advisable," said the major. "But as  
long as she remains tolerably manage-  
able, I shall not send her to an asy-  
lum."

Mrs. Delaford began to cry.

"Oh, Felix, how can you talk so!"  
"Poor thing!" murmured the major,  
compassionately. "The hardest part  
of insanity must be when one becomes  
partially conscious of its deadly doom."

Mrs. Delaford shut the door rather  
vehemently and began to cry hysteri-  
cally.

"I'm not mad!" she said. "I won't be  
made a mad woman off!"

"But how to help herself—that was  
the question. The door was barred  
effectually—the windows opened upon  
the dead wall of an institution of the  
Fine Arts, and were three stories above  
the ground. She might have shrieked  
herself hoarse in that direction before  
anyone could hear her. She sat down  
to think. What could she do? What  
was to become of her? Did that dread-  
ful hint of Felix concerning the asy-  
lum really mean anything? For once in  
her life the late Mrs. Flashington was  
actually frightened."

Has my temper really been so terri-  
ble?" she asked herself, "that people  
mistake it for—I can hardly believe  
the word—insanity?"

It was a new idea; she pondered it  
carefully and cried bitterly over it.

When Hetty came, as usual, with her  
napkin covered tray, Mrs. Delaford's  
face was pale and tear swollen.

"Hetty," said she, "will you ask your  
master to stop up here for a few min-  
utes?"

Major Delaford obeyed the summons  
at once.

"Well, my love," said he, "what is  
it?"

"Felix," said Mrs. Delaford, bursting  
into fresh tears, "I have acted very  
foolishly. I beg your pardon. And I  
beg Rosemond's pardon, too."

Major Delaford opened the grated  
door, and then there was a reconcilia-  
tion after the most approved style.

Mrs. Delaford was as sweet as a June  
morning after that—and if ever she  
manifested symptoms of a relapse all  
that Major Delaford found necessary  
was to allude, in a gentle way, to lun-  
atic and asylums.

And Mr. Crinklethorp never  
could imagine by what means this  
modern Petrucchio tamed his dark-eyed  
shrew.

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square building in the down town east  
side district says that it pays him more  
than 20 per cent net on the money in-  
vested. He never has to look for ten-  
ants and he has no trouble in collect-  
ing his rents. A prosperous saloon  
keeper has the ground floor, and, of  
course, his rent is guaranteed.

The floors above are rented for sweat-  
shops. One man hires a floor and sub-  
lets each window to a man to work by.  
If at any time he shows signs of run-  
ning behind with his rent a dozen win-  
dow tenants are eager to take the con-  
tract in his place.

The windows rent for \$5 each. This  
gives the man who hires the whole  
floor his window, free, or sometimes a  
little more than that. The windows in  
this particular building are especially  
sought after, because there is a freight  
elevator, by which the heavy cloth gar-  
ments can be hoisted and let down  
from the various stories. It runs by  
hand power, but even then it is far bet-  
ter than carrying the heavy burdens on  
the back.—New York Press.

Cause For Care.

"No," said the confident youth, "I  
shall not trudge along in the beaten  
track. I shall not devote my mind to  
humdrum duty."

"What are you going to do?" asked  
the schoolmaster.

"I am going to strike away from the  
beaten path. I'm going to leave foot-  
prints on the sands of time."

"Well, you want to be careful."

"I have energy and ability."

"Yes, but you want to be careful too.  
Trying to leave footprints on the sands  
of time has been the cause of a lot of  
people getting stuck in the mud."

On the Road to Bankruptcy.

Griggs—Your friend appears to be  
prospering finely. His new residence is  
simply palatial, and the horseflesh he  
rides behind must have cost him a  
mint of money.

Briggs—Yes, Stentor is doing splen-  
dently. But I'm sorry to say he has just  
taken out a patent for a very ingenious  
invention.

Griggs—Is that so? By George, when  
the bankruptcy sale comes off I'm go-  
ing to be on hand to make a bid on one  
of them horses.—Boston Transcript.

Very Sharp.

Teacher—Now, Johnny, if the earth  
were empty on the inside, what could  
we compare it to?

Johnny—A razor, ma'am.

Teacher—A razor?

Johnny—Yes, ma'am; because it  
would be hollow ground.—Brooklyn  
Life.

An Ohio man who admits he is su-  
perstitious attributes it to the fact that  
he was once caught in a rainstorm  
while arrayed in a \$13 suit of clothes.—  
Chicago News.

Is there anything more depressing  
than to walk into your room at 4 in the  
afternoon and discover that the bed  
has not yet been made?—Philadelphia  
Times.

The joys of the rich are ever suc-  
cessful.

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## TRICKED BY A JOKER

THE STORY OF THE HOAX OF THE  
RUNE FIGURED STONE.

How a Clever but Flippant Swede  
With a Chisel and a Knowledge of  
Runic Characters Started a Story  
That Has Traveled the World.

This is the story of a bold hoax which  
caused much anguish to one learned man,  
who was falsely represented as failing a  
victim to the joker, and which aroused to  
a high pitch of expectation the hopes of  
historians in this and other countries  
only to cruelly dash them to the ground.

The hoax began with the placing, in the  
neighborhood of Kensington, Douglas  
county, Minn., of a stone on which were  
chiseled certain mysterious characters,  
that no one in that vicinity could de-  
cipher.

Who cut the mysterious characters in  
the stone and placed it where it could be  
found has not been discovered and prob-  
ably never will be, for the practical joker  
stirred up such a hornets' nest that if he  
is as clever as his post indicates he will  
continue to enjoy the situation in silence.

Practical jokers have been lynched be-  
fore now. The man who found the stone  
has also dropped out of sight for the  
good of his health. The story therefore  
begins with the reception by Professor  
O. J. Breda, University of Minnesota, of  
a copy of the hieroglyphics that were  
carved on the stone. The "discovery"  
was laid before the learned professor  
examine the characters and, if possible,  
decipher them.

Professor Breda recognized at once the  
mystic writing known as "Runic" and  
would fain have reported that the Ken-  
sington people had in their possession the  
first "Rune stone" ever discovered in  
America. To be in a position to make  
such a report would have made both his  
own name and that of the town near  
which the stone was found famous  
throughout the world, for the characters,  
if genuine, could not have been cut less  
than many centuries ago, and the fact of  
men possessed of a knowledge of Runic  
writing having been in Minnesota at this  
period might have changed the record of  
early American history.

Translated by Professor Breda, the in-  
scription ran, with certain undecipher-  
able words omitted:

"Swedes and—Norsemen on a jour-  
ney of discovery from Vinland west—  
we camped— one day's journey north  
from this stone. We fished one day. After  
we came home we found— man red  
with blood and dead. A. V. M. save  
from— have— men at the ocean to  
look after our ships— day's journey  
from this island. Year—"

All very pretty and deeply interesting.  
The only damper thrown on the discov-  
ery was Professor Breda's emphatic de-  
claration that the whole thing was a  
hoax, perpetrated by one Swede with  
a knowledge of Runic characters.

The people of Kensington pouted over  
the learned professor's decision. They want-  
ed the rune stone to make them all fa-  
mous. They had glorious visions of min-  
ing with the residents of rival towns  
and grandly announcing to these en-  
vious neighbors that they lived in the  
city where the famous Runic stone was  
used as a talisman to bring them so ob-  
tained. If Professor Breda was ob-  
tained, they would go to another  
learned professor and insist upon his see-  
ing it in the light that pleased them  
most. So the Kensington delegation  
turned their backs on Professor Breda  
and communicated with Professor G. O.  
Curme of the Northwestern university,  
Evanston, Ills. Professor Curme was in-  
clined to think that the find was a gen-  
uine rune stone, and he even deciphered  
the date of the inscription as 1362, mak-  
ing it out to be a very venerable relic.

By this time the learned men of the old  
world got wind of the discovery, and the  
cable brought eager requests for details.  
Nothing loath, the Kensington people  
dashed back the fullest particulars at the  
current rates for submarine lightning  
messages. Then must the joker have  
chortled with glee, for the archaeologists  
of the old world swallowed the stone  
with avidity and eagerly waited for  
more, hoping that the investigations that  
Kensington citizens were then making in  
the mud of the neighboring marshes  
would bring forth further discoveries.

Soon came the disquieting news that  
Professor Curme, after more careful in-  
vestigation, had given out a statement  
that the inscription "had all the marks  
of a fake." Following immediately on  
this statement came a cablegram from  
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## TRUANCY TROUBLE

Sarnia Seems to be Also Afflicted With it and Asks Questions.

Two New Teachers Appointed to the McKeough Schools—Accounts Passed.

The Chatham Public school board held a special meeting last evening to wind up the year's business. There were present, Chairman J. A. Wilson, John McCorvie, J. E. Johnston, Andrew Thomson, W. E. Campbell, W. N. Morley, Dr. G. T. McKeough, R. Paxton, Wm. Robertson, Dr. Bray, and Secretary Macnabb.

Mr. Johnston, chairman of the finance committee, presented the following report:

Recommended payment of these accounts—Central school, water rate, \$14.80; A. E. Crow, \$18; W. Draden, \$22.75; J. Watt & Sons, \$5.65; insurance, \$30; teachers' salaries, \$52.61; Junior, \$33.37. Total, \$675.18.  
McKeough school, water rate, \$10.44; D. C. Clements, \$1; A. R. Crow, \$9; supplies, J. W. Dyer, \$1.46; Westman Bros., \$2.83; Banner, \$2.75; teachers' salaries, \$28.59; extras, \$19; Junior, \$29.24. Total, \$39.32.

Queen St. school, water rate, \$1.58; J. Watt & Sons, \$1.90; Westman Bros., \$1.52; W. Draden, \$18; teachers' salaries, \$75.11; Junior, \$8. Total, \$138.11.

Kindergarten Central, R. Cooper, \$1.06; T. Stone & Son, \$6; teachers' salaries, \$42.12; Mr. Robertson, \$1.50. Total, \$45.28.

Kindergarten, McKeough, R. J. Smith, \$6; R. Cooper, \$7.50; J. W. Dyer, \$5; Banner, \$6; J. McCorvie, \$3.30; teachers' salaries, \$41.33. Total, \$54.14.

Model school, teacher's salary, \$43.75; Inspector, \$100; secretary and treasurer, \$50; Jas. Birch, \$34.62. Total, \$228.37. Gross total, \$1,575.90.

Report adopted.

Wm. Robertson, chairman of the physical culture committee, said that the matter of introducing it into the schools required time and study, and he would move that the matter be left to the new board. W. N. Morley seconded, and the motion carried.

THE TRUANCY QUESTION.

A communication was received from the Sarnia board of education in regard to truancy. Some of the questions asked were:

What number of officers do you employ?

What steps do you take to ascertain the cause of absence of pupils on the roll and not on the roll?

What is done to the parents?

What to the truants?

What salaries do you pay truancy officers?

To what extent is the police court used in the punishment of truants?

What punishment is inflicted on the parents and what on the pupils?

What do you consider defects, what the strong points of the truancy act?

What parts of the law are unsatisfactory and how would you suggest that they be amended?

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. Thomson, that the secretary reply to the communication. Carried.

MISS GAME RESIGNS.

Miss Game wrote resigning her position as teacher in the McKeough school.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, Miss Game's resignation was accepted.

In making the motion Mr. Johnston said: I am sure the acceptance of Miss Game's resignation with much regret. We are very sorry to lose Miss Game, who has been a very successful teacher.

Mr. McCorvie in seconding the motion spoke along the same lines.

Mr. McCorvie—I went down to St. Joseph's Hospital to-day to see Miss Richards, teacher in McKeough school. The doctor advises her to go to Muskoka to the sanitarium, and she requested me to ask for six months' leave of absence.

It was then moved by Mr. McCorvie, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the request be granted. Carried.

Chairman Wilson—I am sure Miss Richards has the sympathy of the board.

A circular was received from the Montreal Protestant High School, enclosing a program of a concert given by them on Empire day, and advocating that the 23rd of May be made a day of celebration in the schools.

On motion of Dr. McKeough one of these circulars was ordered sent to each of the principals.

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that Miss Gertie Holmes be given the vacancy on the McKeough staff caused by the resignation of Miss Game, at a salary of \$2.50. Carried.

Mr. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. McCorvie, that Miss Ryan be given Miss Richards' situation at a salary of \$3.00.

Dr. McKeough—we adopted a rule that we would not pay more than \$2.75 to a new Normal teacher.

Chairman Wilson—The point is well taken.

Mr. Johnston then changed his motion to \$2.75.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Thomson that Miss Nellie Young receive the appointment. Mr. Paxton seconded the amendment and it carried.

The board then adjourned.

These appointments make a saving in the salaries of \$125 a year at McKeough school.

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Castro's government, of Venezuela, has now been formally recognized by all nations.

The Irish Catholic citizens of Montreal, have nominated William McNally as their candidate for mayor.

The war office has ordered 25,000 pounds of evaporated apples in Belleville.

The Boxes of chocolate sent by the Queen to the soldiers have been started on their way.

The British second class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

The Boers excuse themselves for firing on the stretcher-bearers by asserting that two squads of the Connaught Rangers took cover under the guns and stampeding the gun carriage horses.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of the status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to

WAR NOTES.

The Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train, which was forced to change its position. While this was transpiring the field artillery on the right were busy shelling the ridges of the Boer left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage horses.

GEN LAWTON KILLED.

While leading the firing line in a Philippine skirmish, General Lawton was killed instantly. He was one of the best American generals, and performed the special task of running down Gerónimo, the famous Apache chief, who had been the terror of Arizona.

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## THE TUGELA FIGHT

Wily Boers Reserved Their Fire to the Very Last.

British Bombardment Failed to Draw Them—When They did Open up it Was a Hot Blaze.

Chiefly Camp, Natal, Friday, Dec. 15.—The relief column continued its advance from Chiefly to-day, intending to assail the Boer positions, which were known to be very strong to the westward and northwest of Colenso.

During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded without condescending to reply with a single shot. They further determined the British naval brigade commenced shelling all the ridges north of the town with marvellous accuracy. From this time the artillery attached to Gen. Hart's division was busy among the entrenchment on the hills, on the British left, under cover of which the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order, to cross the river and attack.

Undoubtedly aiming at the battery, the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train, which was forced to change its position. While this was transpiring the field artillery on the right were busy shelling the ridges of the Boer left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a scathing fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage horses.

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Dec. 20.—The English S. S. entertainment drew a good crowd at the opera house last evening.

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W. D. O'Leary was in Detroit a couple of days this week.

M. Peels has returned from Lorain, Ohio, where he has been working for some time.

A large number of new books have been received at the library and will be first placed in circulation this evening.

The lively firm of Penwace & Armstrong have dissolved partnership. Mr. Armstrong will continue to run the business.

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