

# The Chatham Daily Planet.

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## The Millinery... ...A Wakening

It was a wonderfully charming sight, so much to see—so much worth seeing. A congress of the most approved styles designed by master minds. This opening event creates a lively interest among the best dressers of the city, who recognize this as the one place to form correct ideas of fashions and styles. Those who came yesterday were highly delighted with the beautiful display we made, and we numbered among the visitors many eager buyers who appreciated the satisfaction of getting first choice from the best novelties. The display will be just as attractive and interesting for those who come today or tomorrow, and no one should think of missing it.

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### THE HOSTILITY TO MR. BLAKE

Was Due to His Recent Reference to the Fenians.

London, March 23.—The hostile manifestations at the Nationalist St. Patrick's day banquet here on Tuesday evening, directed against the member for South Longford, Hon. Edward Blake, who was proposing the toast, "Ireland a Nation," originated with some hot-headed members of the extreme Irish party, about fifteen of whom attended the banquet with the sole purpose of interrupting Mr. Blake. The hostility was occasioned by a speech delivered in Ireland a short time ago by Mr. Blake, in which, commenting on a threatened invasion of Canada by Fenians, he said he would in such a case be willing to return and carry "A Mauser to defend his home from his brother home rulers." Some of the more prominent of the disturbers were promptly ejected by the police, and quiet was restored.

#### HOTEL CHANGES

All the Ridgetown hotels have changed hands. Mr. Cameron has secured the Lozar House from Mr. Stockton. Last week Mr. Hopkins, of Coatsworth, took over the Benton House from Wense & Merrifield, and the latter have made a deal with Landlord Reep, of the Queen's, by which they became proprietors of that hotel. Then Mr. Reep bought out P. R. Campbell, of the Arlington. Last week Sam English purchased the liquor business of E. J. Peltier.

For the first time in 30 years, the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, commander of the forces in Ireland, has visited Belfast on a tour of military inspection. He was enthusiastically received.

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Dress Skirts, an immense range to select from, in serges, mohairs, in plain and figures, fancy satia cloths, plaids, checks, covets, etc., latest cut, linette lining, velvet facings,

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Undershirts, fancy metallic cloth, in choice stripes and patterns, more-ous in black and fancy shades color-ings, made with single and double corded frills, full width, very special at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.00  
Satin Under-shirts, extra rich heavy quality, in stripes designs of white and black and mauve and black, deep bass corded ruffs, lined throughout, very special at \$4.50 and \$5.00  
Special—only Ladies' Tailored Costumes (one and a half skirt) homespun, chevrons, victoria cloths, pearl cloths, etc. coats lined throughout, skirts lined with best linenette, late New York cut, worth \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00, Saturday... \$7.45

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## WILL MAFEKING FALL?

### No Prospect yet of its Relief

THOUGH RUMORS ABOUT IT CONTINUE—KRUGER AND STEYN ISSUE COUNTER-PROCLAMATIONS—FIGHTING AT WARRENTON.

London, March 23.—Again there is a persistent rumor that Mafeking has been relieved. It is even asserted that the War Office has received a despatch positively announcing the relief, but that publication of it is withheld because the form of the message admits the possibility of mistake. The War Office, however, declares that there is no confirmation of the rumor and that no further news on the subject is at hand.

No attention is paid in any quarter to the wild Boer rumors of Commandant Oliver's victory over Gen. Gatacre, which are only designed to revive the drooping spirits of the burghers.

It seems certain that Mafeking's only chance lies in relief by the column supposed to be advancing from the south or in the possibility that Col. Bullen-Powell is still strong enough to attempt a sortie with a view of capturing the Boer guns at a time when Commandant Snyman has withdrawn his men to oppose Col. Plummer's advance.

All the reports regarding the British operations in the Free State continue most satisfactory.

Nothing has developed regarding Gen. Buller's intentions, but it seems hard to believe that he is again embarking Gen. Warren's division.

It is reported from Lorenzo Marques that Pretoria is prepared to stand a siege of two years, and that the Boer women, frantic at the reverses to the Boer arms are entreating to be allowed to shoot the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria.

It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian government has declined to intervene.

A despatch to the Daily News from Springfield, dated Wednesday morning March 2, says: "Gen. Gatacre and his staff are still here. He is most strict regarding the private property of the Boers. Some Kaffirs who had looted Boer farms have been tried and severely punished, to the great astonishment and gratification of the Boer residents."

A despatch to the Morning Post from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday, says: "A deserter reports that the enemy, after repeated dissensions, has withdrawn from Brandfort northward. He thinks it unlikely that the Boers will make a stand anywhere south of the Vaal. I cannot personally share such optimism."

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing Thursday, says that Sir Charles Warren's division is embarking at Durban for East London, Cape Colony.

FIGHTING AT WARRENTON. Kimberley, Thursday, March 22.—There was a smart artillery duel near

Warrenton yesterday morning. A battery under Maj. Blewitt, supported by the Kimberley Light Horse, located the Boers, who employed four guns, two of which used cordite, but ineffectively. The British battery replied with effect and silenced the Boer fire. The Boers sent two shells near the railway station, which was not damaged.

A scouting party got too close to the bank of the river and encountered a heavy fire. The men were unable to get away and it was impossible to relieve them without loss, the party being obliged to wait for darkness in order to escape.

The reconnaissance succeeded, and Maj. Blewitt retired with only one wounded.

This morning brisk firing was resumed at Warrenton about 6.30, but it has now slackened up.

A detachment of Fusiliers has arrived. Two Vryburg inhabitants who had been imprisoned by the Boers, were sent into Warrenton under a white flag, after being taken from larger to larger around the district. They say that the big gun from Kimberley has been taken through Christiania to Pretoria. Trains now run within eight miles of Warrenton. There are women and children in every laager.

THEY ARE ON THE OUTS.

London, March 23.—A special correspondent of the Times at Bloemfontein, telegraphing Thursday, says: "Yesterday Mr. Kruger issued a proclamation annexing the Free State to the Transvaal. Mr. Steyn immediately issued a counter proclamation declaring the Free State intact."

The Daily News has the following from Bloemfontein, dated Wednesday: "It is rumored that Mr. Kruger and Mr. Steyn will meet at Kroonstadt in the Orange Free State, on April 4, to discuss the future program. The feeling between the Transvaal and the Free State is very bitter."

A REVIEW.

Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the general field operations in the Morning Post, says: "The rumors of Boer victories are not worth much, but they may serve to remind us that for a day or two there has been no specific account of Gen. Gatacre's movements. It is probable that his force is moving northward on the east side of the railway. Interest in Mafeking increases in acuteness. Commandant Snyman evidently writes highly-colored despatches, which seem a pity, for his tactics are sound. Lord Roberts is not likely to let the Boer army escape him; and he is pausing so as to ensure, when he next moves, the mobility and handiness of all his columns. By this time he has taken the measure of all his generals and troops, and there is not likely to be any such failure of execution as occurred during the march on Bloemfontein. He will be directing the movements of two, if not three, armies, and the result will probably greatly astonish the Boers."

## IT IS TIME FOR A

Change in the Cedar Springs Mail Service

So the Residents of That Place Have got up a Petition to Post-master General.

The good people of that thriving and enterprising village on the lake shore, Cedar Springs, have a genuine grievance against the post office department which will no doubt be remedied now it has been brought to light. It seems that their mail each day is taken only as far as Blenheim, and then held over until the next morning. Even during the most exciting periods of the war they could not get their daily Planets with all the fullest and latest details until the day after issue. They have got tired of this sort of service, and a few days ago a petition for a change was drawn up. The residents of Cedar Springs have signed, and this morning Messrs. A. McPherson and J. C. McGregor brought it to the city to get the summer cottagers to add their X marks to the document. It will then be forwarded to Ottawa. The petition sets forth as follows:

THE PETITION.

The petition of the undersigned ratepayers and residents of Cedar Springs in the county of Kent, setting forth their desire to secure a mail service that will give to the residents of this place and surrounding country a daily paper on the day of publication of the same. The petition respectfully sheweth:

That the post office is an important one, handling a large amount of mail matter for a large section of country, yet the residents labor under the serious disability of not being able to get a daily newspaper on the day of publication.

That other villages of far less importance have a far better service in this respect than Cedar Springs. That this accommodation could be secured if the stage which carries the mail from Blenheim to Whistley were to connect with the five p. m. mail on the L. E. & D. R. R. at Cedar Springs instead of at Blenheim.

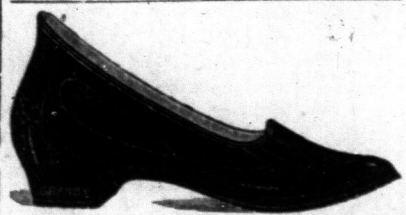
That the arrangement would shorten the present stage route by at least four miles.

That this would not interfere with the present mail service between Cedar Springs and Whistley.

Your petitioners would therefore pray that this change be made in the mail service of this place affording

the accommodation asked for. The petition is signed by Rev. C. F. Clark, C. W. Maine, Edward Corcoran, Samuel McDowell, R. McNeill, E. W. Dalton, and about 100 others.

March 21st, 1900.



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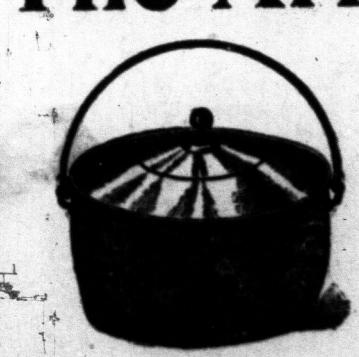
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## OSMAN PASHA.

Osman Pasha, whose death is announced, was 68 years old. His defense of Plevna against an overwhelming Russian force in 1877 gave Osman enormous prestige. By the entrenchments he caused to be thrown up, he resisted for four months the advance of the Russians.

In three pitched battles he overcame the finest troops of the Czar's armies. July 1, 1877, he inflicted a loss of three thousand killed and wounded on his assailants. The next battle cost the Russians 170 officers and 7,136 men and the three days' stubborn assault of Skobloff later on, when the Russian Grenadiers got to within 500 yards of the trenches but failed to pass the fatal fire zone, ended in a Russian loss of from 18,000 to 20,000 men. It was resolved to starve out the army of Osman, which originally numbered about 56,000 men, and an army of 120,000 Russians completed the investment.

At length, 45 days after the siege had been established, and 144 days after his own arrival at Plevna, Osman determined on a desperate attempt to cut his way through. The struggle was of the fiercest sort, but many hours of bayonet fighting ended in the Turks being driven back and the "Defender of Plevna" surrendered with the honors of war.

When the Sultan learned of the death of the famous general, he exclaimed, "Allah is unmerciful. He has deprived me of my honest, true friend and most valiant supporter."

## NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE NEEDED.

The Ontario legislature could profitably spend some time in devising ways and means to help the incorporated cities and towns of Ontario. They are without exception, heavily in debt, the freeholders are already taxed nearly to the limit, and yet more money is required to continue the introduction of modern improvements. We want new sources of revenue, where the burden of taxation will not fall on those it falls heaviest on now. To find those sources should be the work of the legislature. It is too bad the cities and towns of the province could not get some sort of organization among themselves so as to jointly act in securing relief in some way. Lack of such action makes the M. P. P.'s of Ontario think that all that is expected of them is to attend the sessions, jangle, and vote every time their party leaders pull the string.

## WHY THE LIBERALS ARE ATTEMPTING TO BLOCK THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Speaking on the sugar bounty question the St. Thomas Journal says: "It is extremely doubtful with the bounty-tied beet sugar industries of the United States and Germany, and the cheap production of cane sugar, if the industry can be maintained in Canada, without the highest bonus being constantly paid, and if it has to be maintained at that expense it will cost too dear. In fact the principle of a bonus of this kind is protection in its worst form. The Dominion Government has acted wisely in rejecting the proposal."

What utter rot a newspaper will talk when it is determined to look at everything through party spectacles. We can manufacture our own sugar here just as well as the Americans and Germans can manufacture it for us. But capitalists will not invest their money in beet sugar manufacture in Canada without a bonus when they can go elsewhere and get one. Yet there is no good reason why Canada should not give a bounty. It would all come back again to the people in the shape of cheap sugar. The hitch, however, to a progressive sugar policy seems to be the question of revenue. If we employed our own people making our own sugar from our own beets it would not be necessary to import sugar from foreign countries. This would mean a loss in duty to the Government of \$3,000,000 a year. This it is not prepared to stand, and the Liberal politicians and newspapers are being rallied against any progressive policy in the matter as a consequence.

Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. David Mills and several other Dominion ministers declared that this country could be run for millions less than the late Conservative Government were paying out. At that time, four years ago, Canada was getting along on \$38,000,000. Now the expenditure is fifty millions, and yet they cannot retrench enough to spare the sugar revenue. The farming interests are to suffer and the manufacturing progress of the country is to be blocked all because the spendthrifts in power are afraid of losing one of the sources of revenue which is necessary to them if they are to keep up their present career of wild extravagance.

So far, the Presbyterian Church in Canada seems to be the only body that is making any organized effort to

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relieve the famine in India. Yet sixty-two millions of our fellow subjects are starving to death at the rate of thousands a day there.

Windsor is proceeding to put down truancy with a firm, strong hand. The evil is said to be just as bad in Chatham, but it seems impossible for us to wake up to the fact.

Another ballot box stuffer, let out on his own bail, has skipped. Yet you will find that Premier Ross will not dismiss the police magistrate at St. Thomas for his conduct in the matter. Think of releasing such men even on gilt-edged bail, let alone their own.

All the leading daily newspapers, it is said, will shortly increase the subscription price from 25 to 50 per cent. to meet the advanced price of paper and materials.—Exchange.

The above statement is incorrect so far as this great, leading journal is concerned. Notwithstanding the fact that the paper manufacturers' combine has put the price of paper up \$70 a car, it is still going to supply an eight dollar daily up to date newspaper for \$4 a year.

Revised reports of the losses on both sides in South Africa show that there is not much difference between them:

Boer losses—	2,120
Killed	1,251
Wounded	4,351
Sick	
British losses—	2,041
Killed	9,356
Wounded	
Dead of Disease	930

Lady John Scott Spottiswoode, writer of the song "Annie Laurie," is dead, at the age of 91. She was a woman of remarkable character, who clung to old-time manners and customs. Thus her coachman invariably had to ride on a postilion, a thatch seemed preferable as a roof covering, while peat fires alone lit up certain of her rooms. She was an accomplished musician, and wrote both the music and the words of "Annie Laurie." The ballad was originally written, however, was altered by her to suit the music, which she composed. She married in 1836 Lord John Montague Douglas Scott, son of the Fifth Duke of Buccleuch, who died in 1860. In 1866, under the will of her father, John Spottiswoode, she resumed her maiden name.

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The Mail.  
Mr. Dryden, who has been asked to help the beet sugar industry, is going to send the farmers some samples of seed!

## THE TRUST PUTS ON THE SCREWS.

The Mail.  
Before the railway committee it was stated by Mr. G. M. Bowditch, freight-traffic manager of the C. P. R., that his company was forced by the Standard Oil Company to adopt its present discriminating rates on coal oil.

It had to agree to lower the rates on oil from the Standard Company's refineries in Ontario, to raise the rates to certain interior points, and to increase the rate by 50 per cent. on the oil of the trust's American competitors.

The club whereby the Standard Company forced the C. P. R. to thus change its rates was the power the former has of transporting in tank steamships.

The road had either to carry at the rates dictated by the trust or see its oil traffic taken away by these vessels. The right to carry oil in tank steamships was one of the advantages conferred on the trust by the Laurier Government.

## THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A CANNING FACTORY IN ST. THOMAS.

The gentlemen who are interested in establishing a canning factory in this city are moving, as might be expected from their business capability, cautiously and in such a way as to secure success. The proposed subscribed capital of \$50,000 is reasonably large, and the paid-up capital decided upon, \$20,000, such as would seem to be ample for carrying on the work successfully. With plenty of capital and the securing of one or more persons of practical experience to take an interest in it, there seems to be no reason why such an industry should not be successfully operated here and prove of benefit, not only to the city, but to the surrounding country. It is true there is considerable said as to the market being at times overstocked now, but the fact that a leading canning company in the west opened a new branch last year does not seem to support this contention.

## THE LONDON LIFE.

Elsewhere will be found a full report of the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the London Life Insurance Company. The statements made at that meeting must have proved very gratifying to both shareholders and policy holders as well as to officers and directors. From its inception the growth of the London Life appears to have been uniformly steady. As a result, to-day it has a substantial balance of assets to point to as a splendid guarantee of stability, and this alone must make the policy holders feel satisfied that they have made no mistake in their choice of companies with which to do business. The fact that several residents of this vicinity are largely interested in the London Life will no doubt lead to the perusal of the annual report in this issue by every reader.

## THEY IGNORE THE LAW.

The report of the provincial license inspector shows that there are 21 tavern and three shop licenses in Windsor. The city's proportion of the license fees is \$3,388, and the amount of fees imposed in excess of the statutory duties is \$1,931. The amounts received by the various municipalities in North Essex are: Malden, \$131; Rochester, \$181; Sandwich East, \$504; Sandwich West, \$222; Sandwich town, \$389; Belle River, \$131; Anderdon, \$33; Walkerville, \$257; Sandwich South, \$71. The report makes no mention of the fact that the Windsor license board has granted more licenses than is allowed by law.

## A Parisian Egg Forger.

An egg forger has been recently exposed in Paris. Eggs are about the last thing that one would expect to be forged, but it should be remembered that there are many collectors of birds' eggs who are willing to pay a high price for rare billings. A visitor saw this clever forger make a penguin egg which could not be distinguished from the real one that served him for a model. He made the egg of plaster of paris which he burnt and glazed. The egg was intended for a man who furnished eggs for a foreign scientific collection. It is not very difficult to impose on even experienced scientists, for among the real eggs of most species there are so many varieties that even the most practiced expert could not readily distinguish all of them. The eggs of the common flycatcher are very cheap and by chemical treatment they acquire a bluish, green, shiny color, and are then sold at high prices as the eggs of the silk tail. From common ducks' eggs are fabricated eggs on a falcon for the purpose. The pigeon and wood pigeon eggs are also transformed into rarer products of birds. Nightingales' eggs are difficult to procure and are therefore rare. They are successfully imitated by coloring larks' eggs brown. For a long time the egg forger was an assistant in a natural history museum in the provinces. There have been other cases of forgery of very rare birds' eggs, but these were only made of expensive rare eggs, and their manufacture did not constitute a permanent means of livelihood.

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## D. H. Winter

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

**ROBINSON**—On Wednesday, March 23rd, Richard Robinson, aged 22 years, 9 months and 12 days.

## THE PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.  
Toronto, March 23.—10 a. m.—Northerly winds turning colder again. Saturday cold with northeast and east winds.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Johanne, the son of ex-Ald. McCurvie, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

To-morrow another lot of New Spring Hats to choose from at The 2's.

Miss Annie Stephens is confined to the house with an attack of the grippe.

O. B. Hulin, who has been seriously indisposed for the past few days, is somewhat improved.

The Oddfellows will hold an At Home in the auditorium of the new building next Thursday.

W. F. Smith today filed papers to probate the will of the late Thos. Grandin, of Bloomfield.

John Dodson, an aged inmate of the Home of the Friendless, was removed to the public general hospital yesterday.

The sale at Ridley's on Saturday night. Choice of hundreds of 50c ties for 25c. See our window, the one that faces the setting sun, 46 King St. 2f.

Miss Mary Robinson, Detroit, arrived in the city last evening to attend the funeral of the late Richard Robinson.

Wm. McKenzie has sold the stallion Egmont which he purchased at Hightgate to Ridgeway parties at a substantial profit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wanless, of Adelaide street, entertained a number of their friends to a dancing party last night. The music was furnished by Leroy's orchestra.

In Newkewar The 2's are showing a new assortment of beautiful in stripes, plaids, and Parisian effects, made up in the popular styles. It's hard to believe, but 50c buys one.

John Smith and family will leave on Tuesday night for Tacoma, where they will reside in future. Mr. Smith has been a resident of this county for the past 27 years. About three years ago he sold his farm and has since resided in this city.

Sale of ties at Ridley's on Saturday night. Puffs, four in hands, stripes, knots, all nice up-to-date goods, 50c, 7c Saturday night 25c.

## THE GAME LAWS.

This year and every third year following there is to be an open season for hunting birds and moose, extending from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15. The Attorney-General's bill, which was read a second time in the legislature yesterday, so provides. Mr. Gibson explained his gratification that the annual, which was some years ago practically extinct in reachable portions of Ontario, is now sufficiently plentiful to allow of this occasional open season. The bill originally provided for changing the opening of the quail season from 15th October to Nov. 1, but Mr. Gibson has received so many protests, that the season will remain as it is. The sale of partridges is again to be prohibited.

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**THEY WANT GORE.**

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To Massacre British Prisoners—Krugers Announces That the Russians Have Occupied London.

New York, March 23.—A London special says: According to a despatch from Lorenzo Marquez, the women of Pretoria insist that the British officers are prisoners of war there shall be shot. They declare that the British victories can only be avenged by the execution of the British prisoners, and have made frequent demonstrations near the strongholds where the captives are kept.

PLUMER FALLS BACK.  
London, March 23.—Colonel Plumer apparently has retired to Crocodile Pools and Mafeking seems further off from relief. This news was contained in a despatch from Bulawayo, dated Monday, March 19, and published in the second edition of the Times. These advances add that the base hospital has been brought back to Gaborone, though the correspondent further says it is thought the object of the Boer demonstration of March 15 and March 16 was to cover the removal of the siege guns from Mafeking.

Gen. French's activity in the Orange Free State may well be a preliminary to a forward movement by Lord Roberts. A despatch from Bloemfontein, dated Thursday, March 22, says President Kruger is reported to have issued a proclamation, declaring that Great Britain is in dire straits and that the Russians have occupied London.

A Springfield telegram, published in the second edition of the Times, says: "The apparent submissive attitude of the Free Staters should be accepted with caution. The large proportion of obsolete, inferior weapons being turned in by them to the British is giving the impression that large stores of modern Mausers are being concealed."

The Outlook's special correspondent at Cape Town says: "Feeling is running strong against the leniency with which the rebels of the Colony and Natal are being treated by the British authorities."

The subscriptions received at Ottawa for the Patriotic Fund now amount to \$203,419.33.

John Cavanagh is being tried at London, Ont., for the murder of his mother.

The Queen yesterday visited wounded soldiers and sailors in hospital at Woolwich.

The Listowel Gas & Electrical Works blew up last night. W. Bitten, engineer in charge, is probably killed.

A girl named McLean, while walking on the ice, at Point Aconi, near Sydney, C. B., caught her foot in the ice, broke her leg and shortly afterwards died.

James Beckham, chief of police at Sydney, C. B., was fatally stabbed by an Italian laborer. He belonged to Halifax and was only appointed chief Wednesday.

Private Stephen Tobin committed suicide at Stanley Barracks by shooting. He held the muzzle of a carbine near his mouth, and blew his head off. He has been brooding over being left behind when the troops went to South Africa.

## PEACE OFFERING PRESENTED HIM.

She received a large box of American Beauty roses by messenger from her husband along toward 4 o'clock the other afternoon.

James is absorbing Martigny cocktails again," she mused, shrewdly.

Half an hour later another messenger brought her five pounds of expensive candy from her husband.

James has ordered that \$80 overcoat he was talking about, but said he couldn't afford it," she mused again.

Half an hour later a maid came up with a florist's name painted on the door, and two handsome, full-grown palms were delivered at her door marked as coming from her husband.

"Olive branches preceding him," she mused some more. "He'll be home by dark."

He was home by dark. He had been absorbing Martignys. He had ordered the \$80 overcoat. The presence of the modern married woman is sufficiently awe-inspiring to persuade and man to raise his bonnet thereto.

## Side Views of Life.

If money really talks, about all it says is "Let me go."

A heart that has been often tendered becomes tough.

Writer's cramp is more likely to be found in stomach than in the wrist.

A good resolution is about the only thing that is stronger at its birth than at any subsequent period of its existence.

A married man's idea of home comfort is a shirt that wasn't made at home.

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## BLENDHEIM.

March 23.—Rufus Earl, an old Blendheim resident, was in town yesterday.

Miss M. Rushton, Ridgeway, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rowe.

Harry Wallander is now agent for Dominion Life Assurance Company.

Dr. G. E. Holmes, who has been associated with Dr. Gibb for some time in his dental parlors, leaves to-day for Clinton where he will open up shortly in the practice of his profession.

John Sheldon, of the Sheldon House, has just had a patent cigar lighter put in his hotel.

Invitations are out for an "at home" issued by the K. O. T. M. in the opera house on the evening of the 28th.

## JEANNETTE'S CREEK.

Harvey Garbet, of Toronto, is moving here this week.

Jeannettes have broken out in our school, and there is some talk of closing the school.

C. Bisset has sold 1,600 bushels of corn to Moore & Stevens.

A few from here attended the Red Cross entertainment in Tilbury on Friday evening, and were well pleased with the program. Tilbury is to be congratulated on having such an efficient staff of teachers.

While G. Reaume and family were driving on the ice on Sunday, on their way to church, the horses and sleigh went through at the mouth of Jeannette's Creek, and the family had a narrow escape.

Mr. Reaume cut the harness from the horses and they were rescued, but the harness and sleigh are at the bottom of the creek.

G. Crow is shipping a car of pressed hay.

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## New Spring Jackets

We received by express as last steamer to-day a nice showing of spring jackets, direct from Berlin, they are exact duplicates in style of what is being shown in New York at the present time. We are showing a nice half silk lined jacket for Misses at \$4.00, ladies' size, \$4.50 and \$5.00, and extra quality all silk lined for \$7.00.

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You could telephone your order simply telling us the price you wished to pay and be delighted at the result, the patterns are superb and the values simply extraordinary. All curtains 3 1/2 yards long, from \$1.00 per pair upwards, special attention directed to values at \$1, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4.50 per pair.

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Men's honest tweed pants, dark shades brown and gray, check and stripes, full range sizes, 95c.

Men's neat pattern Tweed Pants, very special value \$1.25.

Men's A-1 wool, wool, nice coloring, neat stripes and checks, a very special value \$1.50.

Hal fax T. o. d. Pant, in plain gray and brown shades, extra value.

Men's real hair stripes Worsted Tweed Pants, gentest shades, dressy and wearers, all sizes, \$2.

Men's Nobby Tweed Pant, swell over-rides, the new things, right this season's, special sizes, \$2.50.

Men's Imported Worsted Pants, gentest shades gray, the neat hair stripes always dressy, prices run \$3.50 and \$3.00.

MEN'S BLA'K WORSTED PANTS, in plain black worsted and neat stripes, full range of sizes, prices run \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50.

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## Men's and Boys' Spring Caps

A very special line of boys' and men's tack-down caps, in plain blue serge and check tweeds, all sizes, very special 15c.

The nobbiest pattern tweed and plain serge caps you ever saw, made in three styles, vants, chin-fair and golf, just right for spring, extra value 25c.

MEN'S NOBBY GOLF CAPS, made from imported cloth, nice nobby checks, pretty shadings green and black, all silk lined, the new shape, 50c.

MEN'S SWELL YACHT SHAPE CAPS, the new things in whip cords and nobby patterns, also plain blue venetian, fancy corded fronts, swell at 50c.

See us about the new Spring Hat.

## Money Saving Prices

Here you get the benefit of all the leading styles and we save you from 50c to 75c on every hat. See us.

Young men's special crush hats, all shades brown, Cuba black and blue, 50c. to 75c.

Men's soft and brown fedoras, staple styles, 75c.

Men's black, brown and pearl fedoras, best in the trade, 85c.

Men's genuine fur fedora hats, black, brown and gray, 85c.

Men's nobby fedora hats, all newest colorings, you pay \$2.50 to \$3.00 for them all over, here, 25c.

Men's stiff hats, in brown and black only, good style, 50c.

Men's genuine fur stiff hats, black and brown shades, 85c.

Men's nobby stiff hats, the new shades, sold by hatlers at \$2.50 to \$3.00, here \$2.50.

Men's swell stiff hats, the latest thing out, sold by hatlers at \$2.50 to \$3.00, here \$2.50.

See us about the new Spring Hat.

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## TO WOLCOTT BALESTIER.

Beyond the path of the outmost sun,  
through utter darkness hurried—  
Further than ever comet flared or rag-  
rant star dust swirled—  
Live such as fought and sailed and  
ruled and loved and made our  
world.

They are purged of pride because they  
died, they know the worth of their  
bays.

They sit at wine with the Maidens nine  
and the Gods of Elder Days.  
It is their will to serve or be still as  
fitteth our Father's praise.

'Tis theirs to sweep through the ringing  
deep where Azrael's outposts  
are.

Or buffet a path through the Pit's red  
wrath when God goes out to war.  
Or hang with the reckless Scraphin on  
the rein of a red maned star.

They take their mirth in the joy of the  
Earth—they dare not grieve for  
her pain—  
They know of toll and the end of toll,  
they know God's law is plain.

So they whistle the Devil to make  
them sport, who know that sin is  
vain.

And oft times cometh our wise Lord  
God, Master of every trade,  
And tells them tales of His daily toll,  
of Eden's newly made.

And they rise to their feet as He passes  
by, gentlemen unafraid.

To those who are cleansed of base de-  
sire, sorrow and lust and shame—  
Gods, for they knew the hearts of men,  
men, for they stooped to fame—  
Borne on the breath that men call  
Death, my brother's spirit came.

He scarce had need to doff his pride or  
slough the dross of earth,  
E'en as he trod that day to God so  
walked he from his birth.

In simplicity and gentleness and hon-  
or and clean mirth.

So cup to lip in fellowship they gave  
him welcome high.

And made him place at the banquet  
board—the strong men ranged  
thereby—  
Who had done his work and held his  
peace and had no fear to die.

Beyond the loom of the last lone star,  
through open darkness dared or hav-  
ing star swirls whirled.

Sits he with those that praise our God  
for that they loved His world.

—Rudyard Kipling.

## A WOMAN'S LOVE.

Paul Carlington had been away from  
his home for ten long years. A great  
misfortune had come upon him early  
in life, and he had sought relief from  
mingled feelings of remorse and shame  
in strange lands. But discontent fol-  
lowed him everywhere he went. Now  
he was back only more to try the  
soothing quiet of his old town. At last  
he seemed to have found what he had  
sought for in vain in foreign lands—  
rest and peace of mind.

He wondered if Grace Dean was still  
living at her old home in the quiet  
little village nearby, but he refrained  
from making inquiries about the girl  
that everybody in the neighborhood  
knew he had fitted for a wife.

Somehow, his surroundings  
seemed to bring her back to his mind,  
and he often found himself thinking  
of her youthful love, with a longing  
to know what she was like as a grown  
up woman. He knew she must be  
beautiful, for she had given promise of  
beauty as a girl, when he had known  
her.

As he was strolling along the road,  
that led to the village, in the quiet  
afternoon, he came suddenly upon a  
pony carriage, driven by a young lady.  
So absorbed was he with his thoughts  
that she was nearly upon his before he  
was aware of her approach, and as he  
hurriedly stepped aside to let her pass,  
he looked full into her face.

His eyes met, and he recognized Grace  
Dean. A great flood of feeling came  
over him, but ere he could speak or  
move, she was past him. A faint odor  
of femininity filled the air about him.  
He stood motionless for some time,  
drinking in the sweet fragrance, and  
then, with the full conviction of his  
love upon him, he hurried home and  
shut himself in his study. For hours  
he sat as one in a dream, thinking,  
thinking, thinking. Then he arose and  
went to his writing-desk. He had  
come to a sudden resolve, and he  
wrote the following letter:

Oak Knoll, September 23, 18—  
Dear Grace:—

I know the gulf between us is  
wider than eternity. Not even hope,  
with me, dare even attempt to span it.  
Only death can bridge it over. Then  
we must all forgive, each other if we  
hope for the forgiveness that shall lead  
us into the happiness never known  
this side of the grave.

When I drifted away from you and  
your great love, I thought I saw hap-  
piness ahead of me, even greater than  
I had ever known. But oh, how sadly  
mistaken I was.

I have been pursuing a bubble all  
these weary years. It was all glitter  
and glitter, and the my blinded eyes  
was worthy of all the love I lavished  
upon it. But alas! it burst, and all bub-  
bles must, and there is nothing left but  
the ashes of a burned out passion. Not  
one happy memory is left to reward me  
for my reckless devotion. All it has  
left me is a heart full of sadness and  
regret.

After years of ceaseless travel, seek-  
ing for the contentment I cannot find,  
I am back again in my old home, but  
it is anything but a happy home com-

ing. It brings back memories of those  
early years, when you and I were  
happy young lovers, without a sorrow  
or a care in the world. Those are  
happy memories. But then, too, it  
brings back memories of her who came  
between us and wrought us so much  
woe. And those memories are worm-  
wood to me.

With all her beauty, she was a very  
wicked woman, as you no doubt have  
heard, and led me a devil of a life for  
three years, then discarded me, as she  
would have discarded a pair of soiled  
gloves.

She is dead now I have heard, and  
with her that bitter past is buried.  
"Look not mournfully into the Past,  
It comes not back again. Wisely im-  
prove the Present. It is thine. Go  
forth to meet the shadowy Future,  
without fear, and with a manly heart."

Those words have impressed them-  
selves upon me with the full force of  
their meaning, and as they strength-  
ened Longfellow, so have they  
strengthened me.

Henceforward I shall strive to live only in the Pres-  
ent, and let the Past be dead, and  
speculate no more about the Future, but take  
what it shall bring to me from day to  
day.

I had thought to spend some time  
here, looking after my much-neglected  
estate; but when you passed me to-  
day, such a flood of thoughts and feel-  
ings came over me that I knew it  
would be impossible for me to live so  
near you, with so much to remind me  
of our by-gone happiness.

When I looked into your face, I  
thought of what life might have been  
for me, if all the happiness that I  
would have filled these years of mis-  
ery, had I been faithful to you. I felt  
like crying out in my despair, and  
flinging myself at your feet, imploring  
you to forgive and forget. But I can-  
not hope for that—I have no right to  
hope for it—the die is cast, and to-  
morrow I leave this place forever.

I cannot trust myself to see you  
again; but I must tell you—though you  
will not believe me now—that I love  
you as I never loved you before—with  
my whole heart and soul. To me, all  
that is sweet and pure and lovable in  
woman, is centered in you. You are  
my ideal, and you alone will I wor-  
ship unto the end—and now, good by!

PAUL CARLINGTON.

With trembling hand, he wrote the  
address he had written so often in  
years gone by, and gave the letter to a  
servant to post.

When he was alone, he bowed his  
head upon his arms and bowed over  
again, in his fancy, the years since he  
had drifted away from Grace Dean, and  
indeedly embroiled in his burning let-  
ters upon the memory of those years  
was the one word—"regret!"

Divining from his master's con-  
science, and from the name on the en-  
velope, that the letter was of unusual  
importance, the servant took it upon  
himself to deliver it at its destination  
at once.

Grace, herself, answered his ring,  
and all told her at a glance from whom  
the massive had come.

Bidding the man wait, she broke the  
seal, and pale as death, read what she  
had been longing to know—that Paul  
still loved her.

Without hesitation she threw a  
wrap about her shoulders, saying to  
the servant:

"I will go back with you."

It was enough that Paul loved her,  
and he was eager away. She must  
never let him do that.

She hurried along the street, that  
was now nearly deserted, and on into  
the country road, and soon stood be-  
fore Paul's door.

Her heart gave a little flutter as she  
thought of the impropriety of her com-  
ing to him, and then throwing a lit-  
tle to the wind, she entered and  
was shown into the study, where Paul  
still sat with his head bowed upon his  
arms. She stole softly up to him and  
gently laid her hand upon his shoulder  
and spoke his name.

Slowly he raised his head from the  
table, and as he looked into the depths  
of her soft eyes, he saw—not only for-  
giveness—but the divine light of love  
ineffable, and the past and all its bit-  
terness, faded away, as mist before the  
rising sun, in her happy tearful smile.  
He clasped her to his heart and in  
that mutual embrace, they knew life's  
meaning as they had never known it  
before.—Earl Leo Brownson.

Pity the Unloved.

"How often one sees such a one in  
train or omnibus, her eyes, maybe,  
spilling the precious spikenard of their  
maternal love on some happier wom-  
an's child. I noticed one on my way to  
withering on the stalk on my way to  
town this morning. She was, I sur-  
mised, about twenty-eight, carried a  
roll of music, and I had a strong im-  
pression that she was the sole support  
of an invalid mother. I could scarcely  
restrain suggesting to one of my men  
companions what a good wife she was  
longing to make, what a sleeping  
beauty she was, waiting for the mar-  
ried kiss that would set all the sweet  
bells of her nature a-chime. I had the  
greatest difficulty in preventing myself  
from leaning over and putting it to  
her in this way: "Excuse me, madam,  
but I love you; will you be my wife?"  
And my imagination went on making  
pictures, how her eyes would sud-  
denly brighten up like the northern  
aurora, how a strange bloom would  
settle on her somewhat weary face and  
a dimpled steel into her chin; how when  
she reached home and sat down to  
read 'Jane Austen' to her mother, her  
mother would imagine roses in an-  
room, and she would blushing an-  
swer: "Nay, mother, it is my cheeks,"  
and presently the mother would ask,  
"Where is that small violet coming  
from?" and again she would answer,  
"Nay, mother, it is my thought."

Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting  
OF THE

## London Life Insurance Company.

The Twenty-fifth annual meeting of  
the Shareholders and Policy-holders  
of the London Life Insurance Com-  
pany was held at the company's of-  
fice, London, Ont., on Thursday, the  
1st day of March, 1900.

There were present—The President,  
Mr. John McCarty, in the chair; J.  
C. Richter, manager and secretary;  
A. O. Jeffrey, W. F. Bullen, Wm.  
Bowman, T. H. Smallman, A. S. Em-  
ery, J. E. Jeffrey, Geo. McRoon, H.  
Tatham, D. McGill, Geo. F. Jewell,  
A. E. Booker, J. A. Thomas, London;  
Jas. Dickson, Winnipeg; Man.; N. N.  
Montray, Sarnia; Judge Bell, J. W.  
Humphrey, J. F. Muir, Chatham; G.  
M. Harrison, Glencoe; R. Pierce, C.  
H. Woodcock; W. S. Hodgins,  
Bridle, J. H. Thompson, Galt; T. K.  
Woodwork, Guelph; B. D. Sykes, A.  
Bement, Brantford; W. G. Brown,  
C. W. Walker, A. Marry, Hamilton;  
Jas. Dickson, St. Catharines; A. Breiz,  
R. Jackson, T. Bin, J. A. Lignage, Ar-  
ron; B. J. S. Cochrane, Toronto; S.  
Levit, Belleville; R. P. Pearce, J.  
Taylor, Kingston; A. Perry, Brock-  
ville; F. W. Webster, A. G. Allers-  
ton; J. M. Melchior, Ottawa; A. E. Fer-  
guson, Halifax, N. S., and others.

The notice calling the meeting was  
read by the secretary. After which  
the minutes of the last meeting were  
read and confirmed and the Directors'  
Report and Financial Statement for  
the year ending December 31, 1899,  
submitted as follows:

The Directors of the company beg to  
submit Annual Report, and duly au-  
dited Financial Statement for the year  
ending December 31, 1899.

During the year 12,278 applications  
for insurance amounting to \$1,206,188

were accepted and policies issued  
thereof.

The net premium and interest re-  
ceipts of the year were respective-  
ly \$226,853.86 and \$41,551.35 or a to-  
tal of \$268,405.21, being an increase  
of \$26,957.71 over the previous year.

The sum of \$51,541.25 was paid for  
death claims, \$8,920 for Matured En-  
dowments and \$8,194.90 for surren-  
dered policies and Cash Profits, mak-  
ing a total of \$68,756.15 paid Policy-  
holders or their heirs during the year.

The insurance in force on the com-  
pany's books at the close of the year  
after deducting all re-insurances, am-  
ounted to \$5,778,622.13 under 2,442  
"Ordinary" and 8,137 "Industrial" po-  
licies, a total of 40,579 policies—an in-  
crease of 4,253 policies for insurance  
of \$568,102.85 for the year.

The assets of the company, exclusive  
of unclaimed but Subscribed Capital,  
amounted to \$875,422.92, an increase of  
\$105,381.33 for the year. The interest  
and other payments falling due during  
the year were in the main satisfactory,  
and no losses in respect of invest-  
ments were incurred during the year,  
and no real estate came into the com-  
pany's hands by foreclosure or other-  
wise.

The liabilities on the company un-  
der existing policies and in all other  
respects have been provided for in the  
most ample manner, the whole am-  
ounting to \$780,234.79. The sur-  
plus on policy-holders' account, exclu-  
sive of the unclaimed but subscribed  
capital, is therefore \$85,188.13, and af-  
ter deducting paid-up capital, accumu-  
lating profits and a contingent fund,  
there remains a net surplus over all  
liabilities and capital of \$24,296.50.

JOHN McCARTY,  
President.

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE LONDON LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1899.

Net Invested Assets, 31st Dec. 1898, brought forward	\$733,477 21
Less Premium on Detenture written off	344 00
	\$733,133 21
RECEIPTS.	
Interest on Investments	\$4,354 33
General Pms., \$5,342.95, less Re-Insp. Pms., \$388 00	4,954 95
Industrial Premiums	161,631 50
	\$1,001,273 45

Cash Profits paid Policy-holders	\$4,740 26
Paid for Surrendered Policies	3,454 64
Matured Endowments	8,020 00
Ordinary Claims Paid	10,375 31
Industrial Claims Paid	41,165 34
	\$67,756 15

Dividends to Shareholders	\$4,260 00
Salaries, "Ordinary," including H.O. salaries	\$10,676 79
Commissions, "Ordinary"	10,664 21
Salaries, "Industrial"	18,621 00
Commissions, "Industrial"	36,540 93
	\$55,163 93

Advertising, \$750 95; Directors' Fees, \$804 00; Com on In- vestments, \$300 57; Travelling Expenses, \$1,168 24; Legal Expenses, \$100 13; Postage and Exchange, \$600 00; 37; Government Fees and Taxes, \$2,654 30; Printing, Stationery, \$2,011 48; Medical Fees, \$1,989 00; Office Furniture, \$211 61; Rents, \$2,241 00; Expenses, Account, \$2,137 71	18,515 42
	\$85,466 95

Net Invested Assets, 31st December, 1899	
Cash in Office and Banks	\$23,326 77
Loans on Policies	45,357 25
Loan Company \$100,000	100,000 00
Funds and Investments	60,300 00
Loans on Stocks	6,067 30
Mortgages Real Estate	494,362 87
Real Estate	502 46
	\$835,406 95

ADDITIONAL ASSETS.	
Premiums in course of collection, net	\$5,004 07
Premiums Noted, net	2,257 49
Deferred Premiums, net	4,829 38
Interest due and accrued	22,035 12
	\$39,955 97

Total Assets, 31st December, 1899	\$875,422 92
To cover Liabilities as follows:	
Total Reserve on Policies in force	\$780,234 79
Less Re-Insp. Reserve	2,946 95
	\$787,064 27
Claims Accrued	1,404 74
Matured Endowments unadjusted	1,404 74
Advanced Premiums	313 57
Shareholders' Special Account	282 21
	\$790,234 79

Surplus on Policy-holders' Account, apportioned as under	\$85,188 13
Contingent Fund	500 00
Accumulating Profits	10,396 03
Capital Paid up	50,000 00
	\$60,801 63
	\$24,296 50

Surplus over all Liabilities and Capital  
To the Shareholders of the London Life Insurance Co.—  
Gentlemen:—I hereby certify that I audited the Books and Accounts of The  
London Life Insurance Company for the year ending 31st December, 1899, and  
find them correct and in accordance with the above statement of the Reserve Fund  
and all other Liabilities being amply provided for. I find the securities in  
order, and the books of the Company carefully and neatly kept.  
GEO. F. JEWELL, F. C. A.  
Auditor.

London, Ont., Feb. 12th, 1900.

The President, Mr. John McCarty,  
previously to moving the adoption of  
the report, etc., said:

Gentlemen:—The report of the di-  
rectors, and the accompanying finan-  
cial statement which you have be-  
fore you, present the results of the  
past year's operations, and the posi-  
tion of the company generally in so  
ample a manner as not to require  
an extended explanation.

The year under review has on  
the whole been a fairly successful  
one. Continued and solid progress  
has been made in all essentials per-  
taining to the company's affairs.

The new business written during  
the year was about 10 per cent. in  
excess of the new business of the pre-  
vious year, while the increase in in-  
surance in force, at the close of the  
year shows a net gain of over 39 per  
cent. of the total new business  
written during the year. When re-  
gard is had to the usual lapse ra-  
tio of "Industrial" insurance, which  
constitutes a considerable part of the  
company's business, this is a very  
creditable showing.

The premium and interest re-  
ceipts of the year show an increase  
of over 11 per cent., while the ratio  
of expense to income was the same  
as for the year previous and under  
35 per cent. So large a propor-  
tion of the company's business, be-  
ing "Industrial" insurance, this is, I  
believe, a lower ratio of expense

than is experienced by any other  
company transacting a similar  
class of business. Separating the  
"Industrial" from the "Ordinary,"  
the ratio of expense to income of  
the latter was only 25.7 per cent.  
This, when regard is had to the lim-  
ited amount of "Ordinary" business  
in force, and the continued safe and  
profitable employment of the com-  
pany's funds, must be conceded to  
be a good showing, and accounts  
for the very favorable profits the  
company has been enabled to de-  
clare to participating policy-holders.

The assets of the company have  
increased over 13 per cent. during  
the year, and are of the highest clas-  
s, will be seen by reference to the  
detailed statement.

Many of the securities held by  
the company, have, in fact, a mar-  
ket value considerably in excess of  
what they have been taken in at in  
the company's statement.

The liabilities have been provided for  
in the most ample manner. In addition  
to the re-insurance reserve requir-  
ed to be set aside for the securi-  
ties voluntarily supplemented the di-  
rectors Government standard of 4-1/2  
per cent. for the next ten years in re-  
spect of business issued prior to  
January 1st, 1900, by transferring  
of \$15,000 from the amount at credit  
of shareholders' special account at  
the close of the year, and such fur-  
ther sums from the Contingent Fund,  
and unappointed profits as was

necessary to bring the whole of the  
company's business up to a 4 per  
cent. reserve standard. Further  
additional to the reserve  
fund will be made from time to  
time until the whole of the com-  
pany's business will be on a 4-1/2  
per cent. reserve basis, which is the  
Government standard for new busi-  
ness transacted from and after the  
first of the year.

Notwithstanding the severe tests  
which the company has applied as  
regards the character and value of  
its assets, and the ample manner  
in which the liabilities of every in-  
sured, have been provided for, the  
net surplus over all liabilities, in-  
cluding accumulating profits, bal-  
ance of Contingent Fund and cap-  
ital, increased by nearly 26 per cent.

These figures show steady and sub-  
stantial progress, a solid foundation  
for future progress and prosperity.

In the matter of profits to policy-  
holders, the progress made is  
equally gratifying. No participating  
policies were issued during the first  
ten years after organization the busi-  
ness of the company during this per-  
iod being confined to non-participat-  
ing life and accident insurance. The  
first distribution of profits was made  
in 1880, and amounted to only \$57.32.  
In 1891, the cash profits amounted  
to \$1,488.67, in 1896 to \$3,238.15 and  
in 1899 to \$4,704.26. The total cash  
profits made during the past fourteen  
years aggregate \$38,027.76, in addi-  
tion to which \$10,391.63, accumu-  
lated profits, now stand at the credit of  
policy-holders, leaving their profits to  
accumulate, subject to withdrawal at  
some future time, making total paid  
profits and accumulating, \$48,419.39—  
a very excellent showing for the per-  
iod referred to.

As this is the twenty-fifth annual  
report of the company, a brief re-  
sumé of what has been accomplished  
during the past twenty-five years  
must be of interest.

The total premium receipts during  
this period aggregate \$1,922,935.33, and  
the total interests receipts \$337,184.02,  
making a grand total of \$2,260,119.35.  
Total claims paid during this period  
aggregate \$456,477.98: Matured En-  
dowments paid, \$63,973.00; Cash Sur-  
render Values paid, \$46,620.37; Cash  
profits paid \$33,027.76, making a to-  
tal of \$600,621.13 paid policy-holders  
or heirs. Adding to the foregoing,  
payments out, Accumulating Profits  
\$10,391.63; Net Reserve at credit of  
policy-holders, \$772,625.22 and surplus  
over all liabilities and Capital \$24-  
296.50, we have a grand total of \$1-  
407,446.46, or over 73 per cent. of the  
total premium receipts paid policy-  
holders or heirs, and remaining at  
credit of policy holders and payable  
in the future.

During this period the dividends to  
shareholders aggregate \$40,241.95 and  
total expenditures of every character  
of \$212,404.94 or less than 36 per cent.  
of the aggregate premium and inter-  
est receipts of the company.

With these remarks I beg to se-  
cond the adoption of the report.

Judge Bell said:—As a policy-holder's  
director, I have had ample oppor-  
tunity of knowing how the business  
of the company is being conducted,  
and approve of the course adopted.  
More new business might be written  
if more money was expended in this  
way. The policy of the board has,  
however, been to keep within safe  
limits in this respect, and by being  
satisfied with a moderate amount of  
new business being written in pro-  
portion to the business in force on  
the company's books, better profit

for the year, and now stands at over  
\$24,000. On the basis of a 4-1/2 per  
cent. reserve valuation, the surplus  
over every liability and capital would  
be fully \$30,000 greater than is in-  
dicated.

With these remarks I beg to move  
the adoption of the report.

The vice-president Mr. A. O. Jef-  
frey, in seconding the adoption of  
the report said:

The information already before the  
meeting, will, I am sure, satisfy you  
of the stability of the company. The  
actual progress being made can be  
readily determined from the following  
comparative statement of receipts,  
assets, and insurance in force for  
years indicated at quinquennial per-  
iods since the formation of the com-  
pany in 1874:—

	1879	1884	1889	1894	1899
\$	74,383 58	123,302 37	230,213 81	470,038 11	875,422 92
\$	610,629 51	1,092,155 00	2,121,503 21	5,778,622 13	

results are being obtained for policy-  
holders and a more substantial busi-  
ness built up than would otherwise  
be the case.

Before the formal adoption of the  
report, Mr. George F. Jewell, the  
Company's auditor, said that from  
his position, he was able to speak  
with full knowledge of the steady  
and substantial progress which had  
been made during the sixteen years  
in which he had filled the office.

The business was honestly built up  
by the diligence and hard work of  
the board, the staff, and the agents,  
upon such principles of economy and  
liberality as would assuredly guaran-  
tee the continuance of its success.

He would always feel a lively inter-  
est in the company's welfare and ad-  
vancement, and had every confidence  
that his successor in office, which  
his own financial engagement would  
not permit him any longer to retain,  
would receive the same frank and  
courteous treatment which had al-  
ways been accorded to him.

The report was unanimously adopt-  
ed.







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3 cans Kipper Chicken	25c
3 lbs. Evaporated Apples	25c
Corn Starch, per package	7c
Rolls Oats, per lb.	25c

The usual clearing sale of  
Dishes during the day

At the cut prices given on sale day. Bargains in Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, China and Glassware. Call and see them.

## John McConnell

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Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage, there will be offered for sale on SATURDAY the 24th day of March, 1900, at twelve o'clock noon, by McGill and Harrington, Auctioneers, at the GARNER HOUSE, in the CITY OF CHATHAM, the following lands and premises in one parcel, viz:—The west half of lot number twenty-five, Old Survey, in the City of Chatham. The property is situated on the north side of Colburn's street, convenient to the Lake & D. R. and comprises a two-story frame warehouse and a frame dwelling house.

TERMS:—Ten per cent. of purchase money at date of sale and remainder within thirty days thereafter without interest. Further terms and conditions may be had at any time upon application to the undersigned.

Dated at Chatham, this first day of March, 1900.

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## STORMY SESSION

Ed. B. Ske's Chums in the British  
Commons Become Noisy

Because the Speaker Would Not  
Allow Them More Time Than  
They Were Entitled to.

London, March 23.—There was considerable excitement in the house of Commons yesterday resulting from attempts on the part of the Irish members to secure more of the house's time, in which they succeeded, after noisy displays of passion on the part of the Irish and their opponents. Only the tact of Mr. Balfour, the government leader, saved the uproar from developing into a scene of violent disorder.

The discussion of the financial relation between Ireland and Great Britain was down for to-day and John Redmond, the Irish leader, desired to obtain all the time possible. Therefore, he appealed to the promoters of the London water bill to postpone its second reading for a couple of days, so that the Irish question might be thoroughly discussed. The promoters agreed, but the speaker, Mr. Gully, pointed out that the order of the day provided for the discussion of the London bill first, and that he was bound to see the orders obeyed. Irish interruptions followed to such an extent that the speakers threatened to treat them as disorderly. The Irish members appealed to the president of the local government board, Mr. Chaplin to postpone the debate. Mr. Chaplin declared he saw no objection at first, but after the attitude assumed by the Irish members, the position of affairs had been entirely altered. They had endeavored, he declared, by threats to coerce the house, and to yield would be the worst kind of precedent.

Further attempts to speak were howled down by the Irish members and the disturbance grew worse each moment, when Mr. Balfour opportunely entered. Amidst loud Irish cheers, John Redmond appealed to Mr. Balfour to intervene and the latter agreed to a postponement, which was adopted after further noise and disorderly discussion, during which George G. Bartley, Conservative, deprecated the house allowing a "rabble" to dictate to it. Later he was forced to withdraw the obnoxious epithet.

Arthur O'Connor, Irish Nationalist, opened the debate on the overtaxation of Ireland, which, he declared, from the date of the union to 1800, exceeded the war indemnity paid by France to Germany. He moved that the government take steps to remedy this state of affairs. Patrick J. Power, Irish Nationalist, seconded the motion. Mr. O'Connor's motion was rejected by 220 votes against 102.

## THAMESVILLE.

March 23.—J. Albright has removed the old Methodist church to his farm in Orford.

Mrs. Fielding of Hamilton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Loomer of Detroit, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. B. Boothroyd, of Zone, is seriously ill.

J. Fleming has secured a position with E. H. White.

Rev. W. H. G. Collier will conduct services in St. Stephen's church every Sunday until a permanent appointment is made by the bishop.

## "THE STRENGTH OF TWENTY MEN."

When Shakespeare employed this phrase he referred, of course, to healthy, able-bodied men. If he had lived in these days he would have known that men and women who are not healthy may become so by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine, by making the blood rich and pure and giving good appetite and perfect digestion, imparts vitality and strength to the system.

The non-irritating cathartic—Hood's Pills.

## TILBURY.

March 23.—Mrs. Jas. Graham, of Comber, visited her mother, Mrs. John Struthers, yesterday.

A. H. Kowal's loss in the recent postoffice fire was yesterday adjusted at \$121.50 in the Northern.

Albert Cassidy has moved his harness shop back to his old stand.

Mrs. Williams, who has been visiting her brother in Morpeth, is the guest of friends and relatives in this vicinity, before returning to her home in Minneapolis.

Mrs. Padgeon, of New York State, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Joe Clark, sr., who has been dangerously ill.

Miss Nettie Richardson will attend a ball in Essex this evening, given by the bachelors of that place.

Thomas and Frank Labadie, of Tilbury North, are preparing to leave for the eastern states next month.

The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnsson's Drug Store.

## WALL & CEBURG.

March 23.—James Muir, of Detroit, is in town looking over the dynamo at the power house. The lights were out last evening, as the incandescent dynamo was being repaired.

A concert, under the auspices of the public library, will be given soon. Sheriff Gemmill, of Chatham, was in town yesterday.

G. A. McCann, of Toronto, is in town for a few days.

In German colonial circles, it is feared that after Great Britain annexes the Transvaal, the Boers will trek into German Southwest Africa. Several newspapers have referred to this possibility during the last few days, plainly intimating that the Boers are not wanted, inasmuch as undesirable conditions would arise in time through the inability of Germany to grant them the degree of self government which they desire.

Mineard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

## PARIS

### EXPOSITION!

Messrs. Wright, Kay & Company, for many years Jewellers and Importers of Precious Stones and Art Ware, at Detroit, will shortly open an office

### IN PARIS.

at Nos. 24 and 26 Rue des Petits Hotels (Place de la Fayette) and offer their services for the purchase, packing and shipment to any point in the United States or Canada of the various articles on sale at

### THE EXPOSITION

at Exhibition prices, thus relieving their customers of all care and responsibility in these regards. A note addressed to

Wright, The Hotel Blinde Kay & Co., 44 Rue de Cligny, or 24 Rue des Petits Hotels, will receive careful attention. Please preserve the above address for reference.

## ELECTION CROOK.

He Swears the Liberals Paid Him Handsomely

To Manipulate Ballots and then Leave the County—Brought up in House.

Toronto, March 23.—Speaking to the motion by the premier that the house go into committee of supply, Mr. Whitney took up the question of the appointment of R. A. Grant as one of the prosecuting counsel in the West Elgin enquiry. Mr. Grant, said Mr. Whitney, is the last man in the province that any self-respecting government would have appointed to such a position, on account of his professional connection with the Liberal party organizations. He hoped the government were sorry for the blunder they had committed in this most monstrous appointment. The member for West Elgin, Mr. McDiarmid, had affirmed that Mr. Grant was the man who made the first draft of Mr. McNish's confession, which he afterwards signed within ten feet of a minister of the Crown, that he (Grant) was charged with Bole in Sault Ste. Marie, and that he had been in association with the man who secured the deputies who perpetrated the election fraud. Here Mr. Whitney read affidavits by John G. Pritchett, formerly of London, but now a resident of Detroit, who had acted as a deputy returning officer in West Elgin, declaring as great lengths in the proceedings. In these affidavits Mr. Grant's name was mentioned. He stated that Mr. McNish had applied to be appointed as a deputy returning officer under the name of Marshall P. Johnson, that he received this appointment, and that in counting the ballots he had counted in about 20 minutes, and that he had been cast against him. For this "Johnson" had received \$25. He also took part in the West Elgin and Brockville elections. On being told that "Johnson" was a man who had been cast against him, he had left London for Detroit on a promise that he should receive \$100 per month. The money was paid for a time and then stopped, when he returned to London, but was persuaded to go back to Detroit, receiving \$50 per month. Mr. Grant, said Mr. Whitney, was the legal adviser of these men, yet he was appointed as prosecutor, and the public were told that any changes against the malefactors must be made through Mr. Grant. Mr. Whitney then moved this

## AMENDMENT.

"That the appointment of R. A. Grant, who had held professional relations with some of the men charged with the commission of offences in the West Elgin election, to be one of the legal officers to assist in the work of the commission to examine into the conduct of officers, police, deputy returning officers, poll clerks in the West Elgin election, deserves the strongest condemnation of this house."

Mr. Gibson said that Mr. Whitney seemed to think that the business of the house should go on, to rehearse the West Elgin charges, which had already taken up too much time of the house. The pertinacious way in which this matter was fitting and exposed the weakness of the Opposition. They were to be pitied for the poverty of their political stock in trade. Affidavits of self-confessed criminals should not influence the minds of gentlemen of high character.

Mr. Grant was not specially appointed as a Crown prosecutor. The matter was entrusted to the firm of which he was a member. Did Mr. Whitney expect that the government would appoint a Conservative? Not a word could be said against Mr. Grant's character.

Here Mr. Whitney pointed out that his motion did not condemn Mr. Grant but the government.

Mr. Gibson retorted that if he carried it would condemn both Mr. Grant and the government. It had been said that Mr. Grant had had a great deal to do with procuring Mr. McNish's confession. As a matter of fact, however, he was not present at any time at the election trial at St. Thomas.

Mr. Egan argued that if the course of the opposition was unprecedented, it was because the action of the government was also without precedent. The objection to Mr. Grant was that persons having any charges to prefer would be reluctant to bring their in-

# The Way We Sell

When we opened our first store we had certain convictions. Those convictions, by practical tests soon became fixed principles. You shall be informed of them, from time to time, for we shall regularly talk to you in the papers—talk to you and tell you the truth about the clothing we make and sell. That is one of the principles—telling the truth and no misrepresentation.

But what we want to say to-day is that we sell for cash—cash and cash only.

You all know what a saving in expense and loss that is to you—for the losses and expenses in the credit stores are borne, not by the merchant, but by those who pay.

We expect success out of this principle, strictly adhered to, in Chatham, as in Stratford and Guelph. At each of those stores we gained trade at both ends—from the man who used to pay fancy credit prices and from the man who bought shoddy.

We got them both and have kept them all these years by good clothes, one price, telling the truth and modest prices.

Our new store in the Victoria Block will open Thursday morning, March 29th.

# Thornton & Douglas

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formation to him.  
Premier Ross said the whole point of the opposition's contention was that Mr. Grant was in some way connected with the irregularities. They had absolutely nothing to prove this, except the affidavit of a refugee beyond the reach of the Queen's warrants. The committee of the Queen's warrant for the country could not be condemned on such testimony.  
When their case was whittled down to such a flimsy, unsubstantial basis, the government might as well feel secure in public confidence.  
Mr. Martier gave a resume of the West Elgin controversy from the opposition point of view.  
The house divided on the amendment, which was lost, the vote being 33 to 40.

## Asounded the Editor.

Editor S. A. Brown, of Bennettville, S. C., was once immensely surprised, "through long suffering from dyspepsia," he writes, "my wife was greatly run down. She had no strength or vigor and suffered great distress from her stomach, but she tried Electro-Bitters, which helped her at once, and, after using four bottles, she is entirely well, can eat anything. It's a grand tonic, and its gentle laxative qualities are splendid for torpid liver, indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach and liver troubles. It's a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at A. L. McCall & Co.'s Drug Store.

## TO BURN UP THE EAU MARSH.

Ridgetown Dominion—The organization of the Peat Fuel Company last week with a capitalization of \$30,000 to operate at the Eau, promises to make short work of the big marsh that has dogged the southern portion of Hurwich for years innumerable. The marsh, until the last few years, has been a useless tract of land, except possibly as fairly good pasture in dry seasons. Now, in a short time things will be revolutionized. From the surface to a depth in some places of nearly twenty feet, it has been found to contain, when properly dried and manufactured, a valuable fuel. Peat fuel of a good quality commands from four to five dollars a ton, and the Eau marsh as tested by experts is said to produce the best. Upon the western end of the Eau peninsula necessary machinery for manufacturing the fuel. A large dredge is being secured and will commence operations at the mouth of Bassett's Creek. Should the experiment prove successful and remunerative there will be practically no limit to the operations, and the Eau marsh in the course of time will be a thing of the past. The company expect to employ at the start some of twenty-five men, which will be increased as the business develops.

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## FORMER CHATHAMITE DEAD.

A despatch from Oakland, Cal., says: Volney V. Ashford, formerly a prominent Hawaiian political agitator and revolutionary, is dead at his residence in this city. He was legal adviser to the Hawaiian crown for many years. After the dethronement of Queen Liliuokalani he became prominently identified with the movement to restore the monarchy to Kailuani. He was arrested and sentenced to one year's imprisonment but was released before the expiration of his term on condition that he would leave the islands. He was a native of Chatham. His sister is still a resident here.

## CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—Dec.	63 1/2	65 1/2	63 1/2	65 1/2
May	64 1/2	66 1/2	64 1/2	66 1/2
July	65 1/2	67 1/2	65 1/2	67 1/2
Corn—Sept.	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2
May	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2
July	37 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2
Oats—Sept.	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
May	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
July	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
Pork—Dec.	11 70	11 80	11 70	11 80
May	11 65	11 75	11 65	11 75
July	11 60	11 70	11 60	11 70
Lard—Dec.	6 20	6 30	6 20	6 30
May	6 25	6 35	6 25	6 35
July	6 30	6 40	6 30	6 40
Ribs—Oct.	6 30	6 35	6 30	6 35
May	6 35	6 40	6 35	6 40
July	6 40	6 45	6 40	6 45

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The telegrams passing between Lord Salisbury and President Kruger only relate to the safety of the Pretoria prisoners.

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