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The  
Reliable  
Store

**Thos. Stone & Son**  
ESTABLISHED 1852.

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Store

## SUGGESTIONS

... FOR ...

## CHRISTMAS

From now until Monday evening much worrying will be done. "What shall I give to this one, what on earth shall I give to that one". We try to do our share by making your shopping as pleasant as possible. We have extra help to serve you, extra facilities for showing goods and as convenient an arrangement as possible of all wanted goods. Come in and see us.

HANDKERCHIEFS	KID GLOVES	RUGS AND SWEEPERS
An indiscribable wealth of Handkerchiefs is here. Every wanted style at every wanted price from 3c each up to the hand-made Honitons at \$6.00.	Every pair of Kid Gloves we sell is guaranteed. We put every pair in a fancy box, and nothing makes a more acceptable gift.	Our Christmas shipment of the great Bissell Carpet Sweeper is here. These sweepers are gotten up with special care, choicest woods being used and special finish put on, \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00.
Fine cambric hemstitched handkerchiefs, 5c to 12c.	Ladies' kid gloves, of lace and suede, long and short, fur lined and cloth lined, at pair \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50 and 2.75.	We have just received our Christmas assortment of Rugs and our showing is now complete:—
Fine linen hemstitched handkerchiefs 10c to 40c.	Children's Kid Gloves, neatly made, good quality, nice shades, at a pr. 75c.	Wilton Rugs 27x60.....3.50 36x72.....5.00 Smyrna Rugs 27x60.....2.25 36x72.....3.50 Velvet Rugs 27x60.....4.50 36x72.....7.00 Axminster Rugs 27x60.....3.50 36x72.....5.00
Embroidered handkerchiefs 10c to \$1.50.	Men's lined kid mocha gloves, genuine and imitation, special at per \$1 and 2.00.	
Plain hemstitched, put up in immense variety of pretty boxes, 3 and 6 in a box at per box 15c to \$1.50.		

HAND BAGS 50c	PILLOW TOPS 19c	TRAY CLOTHS 20c	EMBROIDERED HOSE 50c
Leather Hand Bags, neat metal mountings, moire lined, inside purse, very special at 50c.	The kind you always pay 25c to 35c for, artistic designs, good material. 10 dozen of them for 19c each.	Unbleached Tray Cloths 19x29, fringed all around, neatly hemstitched design in centre, special at 20c.	Ladies' fine pure wool cashmere hose, neatly embroidered with white silk, special at a pair 50c.

SILK WAISTS.	FURS.	FUR LINED COATS.
If you are not sure of the size we would be glad to exchange any waist after Christmas.	If your gift inclination tends toward Furs this is the store for you. Dealing in furs for 54 years we know where to buy what is best. Come to us for Furs.	Ladies' Fur-lined Coats, made of the very finest quality
Made of extra Tamein silk, good to wear, neatly tucked and stitched, trimmed with buttons, all sizes in black, navy and cardinal, special at \$3.98.	Prime Canadian Mink Collars, stoles, ties and throw overs, special values at \$21, 25.00, 35.00 up to \$75.00.	all-wool Kersey cloth, neatly strapped and stitched, 46 in. long, lined with extra quality
An evening waist, in white only, made of fine Japan silk, deep yoke of Val. lace and insertion, deep cuff sleeves to match, very special at \$4.	Genuine undyed Alaska Sable Ruffs, storm collars and stoles, special at \$10, 12.00, 13.50, 16.00, up to \$40.00.	Hanister fur, with Columbia sable and Isabella fox collars, in black, myrtle and navy blue, very special values at \$44 to \$50.
	Choice Isabella Fox pieces in short and long ruffs, stoles and collars, well-made, serviceable and extremely stylish, very special at \$5, 6.75, 10.00, 12.00, up to \$23.	
	Ladies' Fur jackets in near seal, astrachan, beaver, and Persian lamb, beautifully made, warranted satisfactory, special values at \$25, 40.00, 45.00, \$5.00 up to \$185.00.	

FANCY LINENS	SILK UNDERSKIRTS	UMBRELLAS
An assortment direct from Ireland and Japan, that would do proud to any store five times our size. Hand drawn and hand embroidered linens, just the things for gifts, always acceptable, all sizes from d'oylies to table covers—25c to \$5.	Ladies' silk underskirts, made of extra quality shot taffetas, in very choice colors, with deep accordion pleated flounce, edged with ruching of silk, a good wide, liberally made skirt, regularly sold at \$5 each, on sale very special at \$3.75.	Did you ever see the lady or gentleman who was not pleased to be the recipient of a nice umbrella. We have them with the good serviceable fine gloria tops, with nice silk cases, and handles in the very newest styles, \$1.50 to \$5.

LADIES' COLLARS	LADIES' BELTS
No lady ever has too many collars. For a gift that cost little money, they are just the thing. Our variety extends from the simple narrow wash collars up to the elaborate chiffon and lace creation, 10c to \$3.00.	The style of very many dresses demand the wearing of a belt. Silk belts of course are always dressy and proper, but just now we also show a pretty variety of new jet and steel bead belts which are extremely stylish, 25c to \$2.50.

BEADED BAGS	SILKS	EIDER COMFORTERS	APPLIQUE SHAWLS
Beaded Bags in steel and jet, in plain and fancy designs, neatly made, stylish, useful and serviceable, \$2.50.	Silk waist lengths, put up in neat boxes ready for presents, plain and fancy, very special values at 39c, 50c and 75c a yard.	Covered with very handsomely designed satens of good quality, filled with pure light fluffy eider down, \$5, 7.50, \$10.	Fine white Swiss applique sets, shawls, dresser covers and scarfs, all to match, in very effective designs, 45c, 50c, 59c.

## FIRE WAS WITHIN ACE OF REACHING LARGE OIL CANS

Blaze Breaks Out At 8.15 Last Night In Westman Bros' Hardware

### FIREMEN'S GOOD WORK

Lois Covered By Insurance—Fire Originated From Ash Pail In Tinsmiths' Room

Once again Chatham's crack fire department arrived just in the nick of time to avert what if it had not just a few more moments headway, would have proved a most disastrous and costly conflagration.

About 8.15 last evening Mr. P. K. Morley, of Morley & Co.'s tailoring establishment, was preparing to go home. When he went out to the rear of the establishment to get his wheel, he noticed what appeared to be the reflection of a fire in the back yard. On making a further investigation, he found that the reflection came from a window in the warerooms to the rear of Westman Bros. hardware store. The window had broken, and smoke and fire were belching out through the opening. Mr. Morley hastened to the telephone, and sent in the alarm to the fire department. He experienced some delay in getting the department over the 'phone, but once the alarm was in, the firemen lost no time in getting on the scene. The trucks were run up Dymally alley to the rear of Westman's store, and two lines of hose were quickly attached to the Queen street hydrants.

The firemen at first concentrated their energies to keep the fire away from the large oil and benzine cans, which were in very dangerous proximity to the blaze. Had the fire once got to these cans, an explosion would undoubtedly have occurred, and the blaze would have been scattered over a much larger area, and would have been a great deal harder to get under control. Two streams were kept playing through the windows, on the central section of the warerooms, where the blaze appeared to be at its worst. Several attempts were made to break in the rear door of the warerooms, but these attempts proving futile, Fire Chief Pritchard and Mr. James Richards broke in one of the rear windows, and entered the building. The flames inside were so strong and thick that both men were nearly overcome, but by crawling along close to the floor, the Chief finally managed to reach the door, and unlocked it.

As soon as the rear door was open, a hose was taken inside the building, and turned directly on the

spot where the fire was at its worst. Some acids and sulphur in the upper portion of the building had caught fire, and these made the fumes almost suffocating. The firemen had a hard night's work of it, and it is a great credit to Chief Pritchard and his men that they got the blaze under control before any worse damage ensued.

It was afterwards found that the fire had spent itself on a few feet distant from the oil and benzine cans. If these had caught, it is doubtful as to whether the store could have been saved.

The fire originated from an ash pail which had been left in the tinsmiths' shop in the upper portion of the warerooms. The ashes had been dumped in this pail in the earlier part of the day, and it is surmised that the heat from this pail must have ignited the floor beneath. A large portion of the upper flooring was burned, but the fire did not get much chance to make any headway in the lower portion of the building. The loss is covered by insurance.

Mr. Frank Shoemaker and my son were working in the front portion of the store when the fire broke out," said Mr. A. D. Westman this morning. "We had just decided to go home when we smelled the smoke, which was coming through the crevices in the double doors which connect the store with the warerooms. We did not open these doors, as this would have given a draught to the fire. I immediately went to ring up the fire department, but by the time I reached the 'phone, I found that the alarm had already been sent in. If those fire proof doors had been opened, and the draught allowed in, I believe the fire would have got much more headway. The firemen did good work."

Mr. Morley says that when he saw the smoke and fire coming out the window of the warerooms, he thought it was all off with the hardware store and the buildings close by. "I knew the oil cans were quite close to the spot where the smoke was issuing from," he said, "and I expected every minute to hear the explosion when they caught. The firemen showed great nerve in working so close to those cans, when an explosion might have happened any minute."

In entering the building to open the rear door, the Fire Chief and Jim Richards inhaled so much of the sulphur fumes, that they had to have medical attention afterwards. A number of the firemen were also more or less affected by the fumes.

Later in the evening, Mr. A. D. Westman tendered the members of the fire department an oyster supper at Smith's restaurant, which, after their evening's hard work, was thoroughly enjoyed.

## A FASHION TALK

Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, Has Something to Say on How People Dress

Speaking of fashions in his church in Galt last Sunday, Rev. R. E. Knowles said that there were women in the pews before him who had the bodies of dead birds on their hats, and who would despise the wearing of these ornaments if they would only stop to think of the bloodshed and suffering that was entailed in procuring these trimmings. Still the dictates of fashion had to be lived up to.

Mr. Knowles also denounced evening dress as being only kept in vogue by the demands of fashion, and also denounced the extravagant funerals that fashion called for.

Continuing, the speaker said we were all slaves, menials and bondsmen, and not inclined to believe that fashions pass away. Fashions also caused people to live beyond their means, and to-day there were toilers and hard working men and women in Galt who would not be able to buy their little Christmas remembrances because people had not yet paid for the clothes they were wearing. Even the working girls of the present day were contaminated by their worship of fashion, and they would as soon have a spotted reputation as a garment that did not fit properly.

### CHRISTMAS CLOSING

The annual Christmas closing exercises of the Central School Morning Kindergarten was held this morning. There was a very large attendance of parents and friends of the children. The following was the program rendered, all by the children:

Opening Exercises.  
Prayer.  
Hymn—God's Care.  
Greeting to friends.  
Songs—Jack Frost, Autumn Wind, The Snow, Christmas Hymn, Santa Claus, Christmas Carol.  
Games—The Blacksmith, The Lambkins, The Brownies, The Partners, Ship Bury, The Bell Ringer, Test Some of Hearing, Hiding the Pebble, Test of Sight, The Quiet Game.  
Presentation Song.  
Presentation of gifts, made by the children, to parents. These gifts consisted of tea pot holders and stands, woven by senior children, hand-painted photo frames containing a picture of Lorelle's Arrival of the Shepherds, hand-painted blotters, and calendars, made by the little tots.

Trustees Robertson and Somerville were Santa Claus helpers. Miss Gree was assisted by Miss Walker and three young lady students—Misses Meacham, Cumming and Blackburn.

Miss Walker presided at the piano.

### WATER TEST

Chairman Potter of the Property committee, Water Commissioner Cornell and Fire Chief Pritchard will make a test of the water pressure from one of the city hydrants this afternoon.

The test will probably be made on the hydrant on Sixth street.

Hope is fed by the contemplation of ideals and anticipates and strives after their realization. Prudence is the child of experience. A truly sound judgment implies that hope and prudence are in due balance.

## For The Accomodation Of Our Large Patronage

Who find it inconvenient to buy their Christmas presents and toys during the day our store will be open every night this week till 9 o'clock. Our large assortment of Toys and Christmas Presents is still perfect, and we have every thing you can think of in our line of goods. Come to the store with the stock.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and Sixth Streets...

PHONE 96

## FAMILY BUTCHER.

STALL No. 1, MARKET SQUARE, AND 'PHONE 414.



BEST FRESH AND SALT MEATS, SAUSAGE AND POULTRY.

Orders Promptly Delivered.

W. J. EASTON.

### O'REILLY--DOYLE

The following is taken from the Mt. Clemens Daily Leader of Dec. 15: "From Pittsburg comes J. D. O'Reilly, a prominent steel man, and takes away with him Miss Laura H. Doyle, one of our popular trained nurses, a graduate of St. Joseph's Sanitarium School. They were quietly married last Tuesday at St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, by the Rev. Fr. Dempsey, took a few days' trip, returned yesterday and then hid away to Chatham, Ont., former home of the bride. They will visit New York and eastern cities before going to Pittsburg."

The Miss Doyle mentioned is a daughter of Michael Doyle, of Doilies, and attended the Collegiate Institute of this city for some years before she entered the Sanitarium in Mount Clemens to train as a nurse.

### CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

The Christmas closing exercises of the McKeough school kindergarten were held yesterday afternoon. The room in which the Christmas tree was placed was darkened in order to heighten the effect of the candles in the tree. The tree was decorated on a German plan, the decorations being supplied by Mrs. Lane.

The attendance was very large and everything passed off in a most pleasing and successful manner. Trustee R. L. Brackin distributed the prizes. The afternoon's program was in charge of Miss McTaggart and her assistants, Misses Verna Craft and Rose Morrison.

A superfluity of ambition is almost as useless as a total want of it.

## The Christmas Bargain Sale At Westman Bros. A GREAT SUCCESS.

LARGE NUMBERS SHOW APPRECIATION.

ALL NEW GOODS.

ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

Look at Some of the Reductions.

\$1.00 Carvers.....	\$0.80	\$1.00 Nickel Teapots....	0.80
1.25 ".....	1.00	1.00 Coffee Pots.....	0.80
1.50 ".....	1.20	0.75 Granite Teapots....	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives.....	4.00	1.00 Leather Mitts.....	0.80
3.00 ".....	2.40	0.75 ".....	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives.....	1.40	0.50 ".....	0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons....	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets....	1.60
0.50 Nut Cracks.....	0.40	1.75 ".....	1.40
1.00 Butter Knives....	0.80	1.25 ".....	1.00
Safety Razors.....	1.50	10.00 Robes.....	8.00
".....	3.50	6.50 ".....	5.00

COME AND GET SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

-AT-

**WESTMAN BROS.' BIG SALE.**

Men's and Boy's Hockey

Ladies' and Girl's Hockey

## Skating Shoes!

Must have And Also You Want As well as Strength Flexibility Moderate prices All Sizes

Add these up and you get a fair idea of our line of Skating Boots.

## GEO. W. COWAN

**Thomas Stone & Son**







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LECHER.

W. McDermid, night operator, will be removed from here, as it will not be necessary for a night man since the double track has been put in. He takes a position at Stevensville. P. C. Murphy was in Windsor the other day and purchased a fast horse. The station yard is much improved by being filled in with plenty of gravel, so that teams are able to get in the yard again. T. La Marsh, Tibbury, has been appointed section foreman here. We are sorry to learn that P. T. Barry, who was a resident of this

We want everybody who has a hard cold in the chest to use Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Our long experience with it, over sixty years, tells us that nothing is equal for coughs, colds in the chest, bronchitis, hoarseness, weak throats, and weak lungs. Doctors tell us the same our doctor about it. We have no secret. We publish the formulas of all our medicines. Lowell, Mass.

place for many years, but who had removed to Wallaceburg, died suddenly on Friday evening. There will be a box social in St. Patrick's Hall, Raleigh, on Thursday evening, Dec. 27th, gotten up by the Sunnyside Club. Philip Murphy, of Windsor, was visiting friends here this week. David Halliday, who has been ranching in the West, has returned home to spend the winter. We learn he will not return alone to the West. S. Marshall, who went West a year or so ago, has returned to look after the interests of his brother, the late Howard Marshall.

**Ladies' and Children's Accounts**

—and accounts of Treasurers, Houskeepers and others are welcomed and accorded careful attention.

\$1.00 opens an account in our Savings Department, upon which highest current rate of interest is paid 4 times a year.

**The Sovereign Bank Of Canada.**

Only  
While  
They  
Last

—AT—

**Campbell's  
Removal Shoe Sale**

75 Pair Men's Patent Colts in Button, B'ucher and Bal Cuts, all sizes, regular \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes now on sale for **\$2.98**

Bring your feet with you and get fitted. This is a snap for high grade foot wear buyers.

**J. L. CAMPBELL**

THE BOSTON SHOE STORE

**The Closing Out Dissolution Sale**

OF THE ENTIRE MAMMOTH STOCK OF

**Shelf And Heavy Hardware, Farm Implements,**

—AT—

**Geo. Stephens & Co.'s**

Affords without doubt the best opportunity for **GREAT BARGAINS** and **BIG VALUES** in any and all of the many lines of goods we handle, to be had anywhere. Our stock is still complete in most of the staple lines, but we are making determined efforts to clear out this stock as quickly as possible.

See Our Splendid Window Display of Flat and Hollow Silver-plated Ware, on which we are offering a **25% Sale** discount off our regular prices. Our stock of Cut Glass is going at actual cost. We are selling our immense stock of Hockey and Club Skates at a very slight advance on cost. We are anxious to clear out our entire stock of Horse Blankets, Fur Coats and Robes by the end of the year. We have a very large stock of Stay-on and All-wool Blankets at greatly reduced prices.

We find we have left on hand twenty first-class Fur Coats of all kinds—Coon, black and brown Russian calf, Galloway, wild cat, and dog skin. We are bound to clear them all out at a big reduction in prices of from 20% to 30%.

Here are big values in Souvenir Base Burners:—

REGULAR PRICE.	SALE PRICE.
No. 46 Base Burner, with oven.....	\$49.00
No. 46 Base Burner without oven.....	45.00
No. 36 Base Burner without oven.....	40.00
No. 30 Base Burner without oven.....	34.00
No. 20 Base Burner without oven.....	31.00

These stoves are all guaranteed to be perfect and highly satisfactory in every way or no sale. On Saturday, at Eight o'clock, we will offer for Sale by Auction that beautiful Oak Cabinet of Keen Kutter Carpenter Tools, on display in our window, regular price of which is \$40.00. It is the nicest and best of its kind.

**Geo. Stephens, D. H. Douglas, D. Crombie****YIELDS TO JAPAN**

In Matter of Fishing Privileges On the Siberian Coast.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The Russo-Japanese negotiations, the status of which last week were highly unsatisfactory, have entered upon a favorable stage, and a rupture is no longer anticipated.

The Russians realize that a failure of the negotiations would open the door for Japanese fishermen to raid the Siberian fishing grounds at will, and as the littoral is most sparsely settled and only a few vessels are available for patrolling it, this is the strongest argument in favor of Russia granting concessions.

**Czar Approves.**—St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Emperor Nicholas has approved the bill of the Council of Ministers, removing the disabilities of Jews.

**May Remember the Maine.**—Honolulu, Dec. 19.—The Japanese consul here says that the visiting squadron which will arrive in Honolulu in February, will not proceed to San Francisco, as originally intended, because a repetition of the Maine disaster is feared, owing to the alleged overwrought condition of American feeling.

**500,000 Starving in China.**—Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The famine in Kiangsu is growing worse. According to reliable reports received here that 500,000 destitute persons are encamped at Tsinkiansu, and many have arrived at Uanking. The rebellion in Kiangsu has been crushed.

**Eminent Doctors Praise Its Ingredients.**—We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Fyfe, of the Editorial Staff of The Eclectic Medical Review says of Unicorn root (Helonias Dioica) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription": "A remedy which invariably acts as a uterine invigorator... makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system. He continues: "In Helonias we have a medicinal which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug which I am acquainted with. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Fyfe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Helonias (Unicorn root). Pain or aching in the back, with leucorrhoea; chronic treatment of the reproductive organs of women, mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women, constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flowing) due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly periods), arising from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs and anemic (this blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invalid woman can do better than take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Helonias, and the medicinal properties of which it most faithfully represents.

Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says: "It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general enfeeblement, it is useful."

Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root: "In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine in use about which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

Prof. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal: "Valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flowing) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (painful menstruation)."

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription faithfully represents all the above named ingredients and cures the diseases for which they are recommended.

We do too much talking and too little living.

**COAL FAMINE  
IN THE WEST**

Manitoba's Capital May  
Next Feel Coal Famine  
Rigors

**WINNIPEG'S TURN NEXT**

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—The latest phase of the fuel situation is that Winnipeg is likely to be up against a serious coal famine before the present season is over.

Out off from its regular source of supply, the western mines, by strikes, the west has been making inroads on the Manitoba and particularly on the Winnipeg coal supply. The stocks at Fort William have already been considerably depleted by these inroads until at present there is less coal there than at this time last year, with a far greater demand than at any time. Local dealers have already made heavy shipment to Brandon and other western points, and in their opinion the situation is now assuming most serious proportions.

**Worst Over at Brandon.**—At Brandon, judging from present prospects and indications, the worst of fuel famine is about over, and everyone is looking forward to an earlier relief. The weather has turned milder.

At Hartney, Man., the fuel situation is very serious, many people actually suffering for want of fuel. There is not a pound of coal or wood in the town for sale. One car of coal came in Monday, and forty teams were fighting to each get a little. People in town are running with bags to get a little. Several farmers in the country are burning barley for fuel. Four rooms in the school are closed, and some of the business places are running without a fire.

**Burning Fences to Keep Warm.**—Minneapolis, Dec. 19.—The second day of the Interstate Commerce Commission enquiry into Northwest transportation conditions brought out facts of first importance relative to the effects upon the country of the grain blockade.

Telegrams began to pour in as a result of Monday's enquiry into the coal shortage, and when reports were in from over 20 towns, it was clear that the commission had acted none too quickly in securing the promise of co-operation on the part of the coal companies and the railroads in relieving distress, for in some localities farmers have been burning their fences and outbuildings, and in other towns piles of valuable lumber were cut up into fuel to keep people from freezing.

J. J. Hill will appear before the commission to-day.

**SUPPORT TELEPHONE BYLAW.**

Nearly All Large Towns Endorse Manitoba Government's Policy.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Interest in the municipal elections throughout the province yesterday centred almost entirely on the vote on the telephone by-law. The returns are incomplete, but it is believed that the majority of the municipalities have declared in favor of the Government's policy.

In nearly all the large towns of the province the bylaw was carried by a handsome majority, and well over the 60 per cent. required by law.

**Wages Still Going Up.**

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 19.—Notice of increases in the wages of 6,000 employees of the Pacific mills, and the 1,200 employees of the Everett mills were posted yesterday. The amount is expected to be about 7-12 per cent.

Biddeford, Me., Dec. 19.—The Pepperell Manufacturing Co. yesterday announced an advance in wages of about 50 cents. About 3,000 are employed in the mills.

Dover, N.H., Dec. 19.—Notices of a 5 per cent. increase in wages were posted yesterday at the cotton mills of the Cochecho Manufacturing Co. in this city. The increase will affect about 2,200 hands.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 19.—The United States Steel Corporation announced yesterday that the wages of its 3,000 employees in the Joliet mills will be increased Jan. 1. Common laborers will receive ten cents a day additional, and the other grades will be benefited proportionately.

**Tremendous Muzzle Velocity.**

Quebec, Dec. 19.—The experiments carried on last summer by Sir Charles Ross with special high velocity cartridges, have resulted in the production of a cartridge giving the tremendous muzzle velocity of 3,000 feet per second. The Ross rifle has commenced use manufacture of sporting rifles to use these cartridges.

**25,000 Emigrants Detained.**

Rome, Dec. 19.—The general strike of seamen is causing considerable anxiety. At Genoa 25,000 emigrants are prevented from leaving for their destinations because of the strike. The Government has ordered warships kept in readiness for postal service between the peninsula and the islands.

**Leaves Million to Pope.**

Rome, Dec. 19.—The death was announced yesterday of Mgr. Adami, one of the most wealthy Roman prelates. Mgr. Adami made valuable presents to Pope Leo XIII. and Pius X., his gift to the latter a gold cross set with brilliants, and by his will he left \$1,000,000 to the Pope.

**Thaw's Trial Fixed.**

New York, Dec. 19.—Harry K. Thaw will be tried on Jan. 21 on a charge of the murder of Stanford White, according to an order signed by Justice Newburger yesterday. The trial will be before Justice Fitzgerald.

**H. W. BALL & CO.**  
CHATHAM'S NICEST STORE**Holiday Selling**

...at...

**Flood Tide**

THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD FROM THE LAST DAYS OF THE MANUFACTURER'S SALE.

We have planned to make the next few days the greatest in the history of this store, there is not an item you have to take on our "say so", but you'll find a DOLLAR will do the service of TWO.

**Holiday Kid Gloves**

For the holidays we have selected the choicest kinds in the most wanted shades.

Long Kid Gloves, 16 button length, **\$2.00 to \$2.50.**

Two dome fastener Kid Gloves, in black, white and all colors, **\$1.00, 1.35 and 1.50.**

Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, per pair **25c and 50c.**

**Dainty Holiday Fans**

A specially attractive display of Fans for the holidays will be made this week at our notion counter, Lace Fans, Spangled Fans, Bolton Silk Fans, Hand-Painted Ivory Fans at exceptionally low prices—

Fans worth 75c and \$1 for 35c  
Fans worth \$1 and \$1.50 for 50c

**New Silk Scarfs**

Plain and fancy, the latest New York novelties, at **75c to \$1.50.**

Lovely Llama Scarfs that combine comfort and elegance, **\$1.10, \$1.25 and \$1.50.**

**Fancy Back and Side Combs**

Without doubt the finest as well as the largest collection of Combs under one roof in Chatham.

Fancy Combs 15c to 25c.

Our Special 39c Comb

Dozens of the choicest designs with gold, silver and jewels, of course they are not regular price, but they will make just as acceptable gifts if they are half price, your choice **39c.**

**Holiday Handkerchiefs**

These have been specially selected, some of them imported for the Holiday trade. We believe our Handkerchiefs represent the finest values offered.

Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 8 for 25c.

Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c each.

Boys' Mercerized Handkerchiefs, with colored borders and initial, 3 for 25c.

Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs 2 for 25c, and up to 50c, 75c and \$1.

Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs, special 50c.

Handkerchiefs for the little ones, 2c to 5c.

Fancy Aprons make a nice Gift. Some dainty ones, 35c, 50c and 75c.

**Don't Forget the Collars.**

Lace Collars in choicest designs and a variety of kinds specially bought from Manufacturer's at a big discount, collars that are worth 25c and 35c, your choice **15c.** Hundreds of them.

**Silk and Lace Collars 25c.**

An immense choice, in fact a whole table is given up to the display of Fancy and Lace Collars at this price. Many of them are less than half-price. Your choice **25c.**

**Something Better.**

No matter how extravagant you want to be we can serve you with the very choicest creations in Fancy Collars at **50c, 75c, \$1 and \$2.**

**About Those Waists**

We divided the Big Purchase in two lots so that the later shoppers might have a chance to get some of the good things.

Silk Waists, All-over Lace Waists, Embroidered Lustre Waists and Net Waists. Hundreds for your choosing at the remarkable price of **\$1.98.**

**Holiday Umbrellas**

If we could praise any one collection of our Holiday Gifts it would be our Umbrellas

FOR MEN OR WOMEN.

A perfect forest of new sticks in natural wood—fancy—in natural wood with gold and silver trimmings, pearl and silver, gold and silver, gun metal and silver. The handsomest line of fine silk umbrellas in the city, all boxed separately, **\$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 5.00, 6.50 and \$7.50.**

**The Ribbon Section.**

A Special Display of Ribbons, including all widths of Holly and Yuletide Ribbons for decorations and parcels.

The Store will be Opened Every Evening until 10 o'clock. See the colored lights and floral decorations.

**BETTER GET A FUR NOW.**

SPECIAL CLEARING PRICES THIS WEEK.

**H. W. Ball & Co.**



## Rich Cut Glass.

If you have not yet seen our display of Cut Glass you have missed a treat. Call and see it whether you want to buy or not. It is rich—beautiful. How do these prices suit you?

BERRY BOWLS, \$5, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10 and \$14  
BON BON DISHES, \$3.50, \$4, \$5.50, \$6.  
CREAM AND SUGAR BOWLS, \$3 and \$10 Per Set  
KNIFE RESTS, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$2.25 a Pair.  
VINEGAR BOTTLES, \$4.50 Each.  
SALT HOLDERS, 25c, 50c and 75c Each.

We guarantee our Cut Glass to be equal to any on the market. It is made in Canada, so there is no duty to make the price big.

**A. I. McCALL & CO., Limited**  
OPTICIANS & DRUGGISTS

### PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—11 a. m.—South-  
erly winds, with light snow falls.  
Friday, becoming colder, with north-  
erly winds.

### LOCAL

Probate of the will of the late  
James Laurie has been granted to his  
widow.

Probate of the will of the late  
Abraham Armstrong has been granted  
to Mary E. Armstrong.

Loa Tomlinson, through too fre-  
quent potations of the juice of John  
Barleycorn, found himself an invited  
guest at the Police Court yesterday  
morning. He was fined one dollar  
and costs—\$5.50 in all, or the option  
of taking ten days. He took the  
days.

**STRICTLY PRIVATE**  
YOUR MARRIAGE LICENSE  
AND WEDDING RING  
VONGUNTEN'S

**DRS. CORNELL & FISHER**  
...DENTISTS...

COR. SIXTH AND KING STREETS  
OVER THE BEE HIVE  
PHONE: OFFICE 317. Residence 445

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Douglas, King  
St. West, have the sincere sympathy  
of many friends and acquaintances  
in their bereavement in the death of  
their only child, a son, aged three  
months, which occurred at midnight  
last night. Their only two children  
have died in infancy.

## Reduction In Xmas Perfume

We are offering our stock of Christmas Perfumes

### ONE THIRD OFF

The regular price

25c lines 17c. 50c lines 33c. \$1.00 line 66c.  
\$.50 lines 33c. \$2.50 lines \$1.66, Etc.

**Radley's Drug Store** S. F. PARK & CO., Props  
SCANE BLOCK

## SANTA CLAUS

Will arrive in Chatham on Friday  
21st, coming from the West on the  
3.32 train C.P.R., will go straight to

### 'The Ark'

to get loaded up for

**SATURDAY and MONDAY**

**WATCH FOR HIM.**

Would ask our friends as a kindness to come and  
make your Selections Early, as we can wait on you  
now with comfort to both yourselves and us at

## "THE ARK."

WE KEEP OPEN EVENINGS.

PHONE 159.

**H. MACAULAY.**

### SIFTON SURRENDERS

Toronto, Dec. 20.—E. I. Sifton,  
wanted in connection with the Lon-  
don election trial, and who, from the  
beginning, has been conspicuous by  
his absence, surrendered himself in  
police court yesterday morning. He  
was accompanied by his solicitor, J.  
W. G. Winnett of London, and plead-  
ed guilty to the same charges that  
O'Gorman and the others were sent  
for trial on.

He presented a statement, which  
he afterwards swore to, giving an ac-  
count of his connections with the  
elections of 1904 and 1905. Magistrate  
Denison considered it sufficient evi-  
dence to send him for trial at the as-  
sises, which open Jan. 7.

At the request of J. W. Curry, K.C.,  
Sifton's statement was not made  
public.

Sifton, who has been in New York  
and Buffalo, was given his liberty on  
his own bail in \$200.

### BUSINESS CHANGE

The A. I. McCall Drug Company,  
who for the past four years have oc-  
cupied the store on the south-eastern  
corner of King and Fifth streets,  
have leased the premises to the Cana-  
dian Pacific Railway Company, who  
will make the store a site for their  
local city ticket office. The C. P.  
R. Company will take possession on  
March 1, 1907.

A. I. McCall & Co. have purchased  
the store now occupied by Mr. J. B.  
Gray. They will take possession as  
soon as Mr. Gray can secure a suit-  
able site for his China Hall. The  
whole building will be renovated and  
remodeled, and the first and second  
floors will be occupied. This will  
give the McCall Company about three  
times the amount of floor space they  
have in their present premises.

The C. P. R. Company have leased  
the premises at present occupied by  
the A. I. McCall Company for a term  
of ten years. They will not make  
any alterations to the building, but  
the interior will be fitted out in an  
oak finish. The C. P. R. Company  
could not have picked on a better  
site for a city ticket office.

Enjoy yourself to-morrow  
evening by attending the big  
concert in Wallaceburg. Re-  
turn fare 25 cents. Car leaves  
at 7.

### POLICE COURT

A local young man was up before  
Judge Houston this morning charged  
with assault. He was fined \$1 and  
costs—\$1.75 in all.

The case was the outgrowth of a  
rather trivial dispute between two  
young men, who for their own bene-  
fit might better have settled it out-  
side the Police Court. It seems that  
the plaintiff last summer borrowed  
one dollar from the defendant. He  
wanted to take two young lady  
friends to the Eau. He afterwards  
forgot to settle up his little debt.  
The defendant reminded him about  
it a couple of times, but he claims  
that on each occasion the plaintiff  
refused to "cough up." Finally the  
defendant despairing of ever seeing  
his money, decided to take the worth  
of it out of the borrower's hide, and  
on the next occasion when they met,  
he hit the plaintiff in the eye.

When imposing the fine, the magis-  
trate reminded the plaintiff that it  
was not quite the manly thing for  
him to refuse to pay his just debt,  
but at the same time for the good  
of law and order he found it neces-  
sary to impose a fine on the young  
man who had blackened the plain-  
tiff's eye.

Dennie Lamb's case came up yester-  
day afternoon. Mr. Lamb had  
quite recovered from his recent joy-  
ful but rather indiscreet celebra-  
tion, and altogether his main and ap-  
pearance were much more in keep-  
ing with his gentle name. His fun  
cost him a fine of \$2 and costs—\$7 in  
all.

Dennie has promised to keep the  
peace, and this morning he took the  
pledge to eschew all intoxicating  
beverages for one year. This was a  
good resolution on Dennie's part, and  
quite appropriate now that the New  
Year is drawing near.

25 cents return fare to Wal-  
laceburg to-morrow night on  
account of concert by Will J.  
White, Comedian of Toronto,  
the A. O. F. Orchestra and other  
talent from the city will assist.

### DIED HUGGING DOLL

New York, Dec. 19.—Clasping her  
Christmas doll in her frightfully  
burned arms, little five-year-old  
Florence Obst died at the Bellevue  
Hospital last night. The child, a  
daughter of a cab driver, had been  
promised a doll in her Christmas  
stocking and yesterday her mother  
went out to make the purchase.

During her absence Florence play-  
ed with matches and set the house  
afire. Her mother found her fatak-  
ly burned at the hospital, where, in  
her single moment of consciousness,  
she asked:

"Did Santa bring my doll?"

The fire developed a heroine in the  
person of Florence Gallagher, twelve  
years old. She discovered the flames  
and hearing screams within, tried to  
enter the house. The doors were  
locked, but she secured an axe and  
beat down the panels. Entering  
through the smoke she brought  
safely out an infant from its cradle  
and then carried little Florence to  
the street. This done, she fell un-  
conscious in the arms of a fireman.

The good that is in others is de-  
serving a just measure of recogni-  
tion.

The average man would find work  
if he wasn't so apt to find fault.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Dish washer at Glas-  
ford Hotel.

**UNITED STATES EXPRESS CO.**  
Special attention to goods  
shipped to Foreign Countries.  
**Money Orders—Sold,**  
Payable Anywhere.  
**Brisco Bros.,**  
Phone 297. AGENTS



### Santa Says

For all little boys and girls to write him  
and address the letter in care of Brisco's  
which is his Chatham Headquarters.

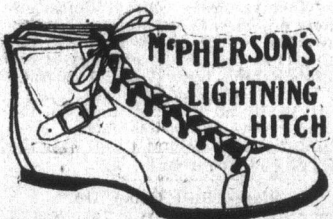


### Toyland

Make your selection at once while the  
variety is large. Parents and little ones  
are expecting something for Christmas.  
Bring them down to toyland, let them  
enjoy a trip through this fairyland.  
We'll guarantee they'll let jolly old Santa  
Claus know what they want for Xmas.

### Ideal Xmas Presents

Carving Sets  
Gillette Safety Razors  
Meerschäum Pipes  
Hockey Skates and Shoes  
Boys' Sleighs  
\$1 Ingersoll Watches  
Magic Lanterns  
Steam Engines



### Skating Shoes

Our stock of Hockey Shoes is complete  
in sizes and prices for ladies', gents',  
boys' and girls'. Skates attached to  
shoes free. Skates sharpened by special  
machinery.



We have all kinds of skates and skating  
supplies, ankle supports, straps, hockey  
sticks and pucks, club uniforms, hockey  
gloves, etc.

### It Pays to Trade ...at...

**Brisco's**

**REPAIRS**—Our Repair  
Department is fully equipped  
with the latest machinery,  
and experienced men for all  
kinds of small repairs, sol-  
diers, nickel plating,  
scissors, knives and saws  
sharpened. Rubber goods  
repaired. **BRISCO'S**

# AUSTIN'S

## The Big Store with the Little Prices

# OPEN TO-NIGHT

If you can come to-night, come, as every hour counts.  
Stocks are getting less in some lines and  
the crowd is getting bigger.

**Shop To-night or Early in the Mornings!**

### New Silks

Beautiful Plaids just to hand to-day.  
Only one waist length in each design for  
\$6.25.

### Special Silks for 50c

A very special purchase of shot Surah  
Silks in all the leading shades, worth in the  
regular way 75c, bought special for the  
Christmas trade and only arrived to-day,  
selling for 50c yard.

### It Pays to Buy China

That is if you buy it at Austin's. 4  
tables of special lines will interest you, 25c,  
50c, 75c, \$1.25.

### New Plaids at 25c, 50c, 75c

Some of the prettiest wool Tartans it  
has ever been our good fortune to possess  
came in to-day and you will find them ex-  
cellent for gift purposes.

### Baskets

Dainty work baskets at almost any  
price you wish, some of them trimmed with  
fancy ribbon, others ready for you to trim  
as you please, price from 15c to 90c.

### More Kid Gloves

Another shipment to-day brings our  
stock up-to-date in variety. It pays to buy  
Gloves at Austin's

## The Prettiest NECKWEAR In The City

We think so, and we are fair judges, but we want your opinion  
on it as well.

The price is no larger on that account. This lot is fresh this week and  
the best we have ever shown at the popular prices, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25,  
\$1.50, \$2.00.

## The Great Sale Of Furs Goes Merrily On.

### SELLING FURS AT 70 CENTS. ON THE DOLLAR

It is very unusual, and some are wondering how we stand it, but we prefer to get the  
money now and buy new furs for the next year when the time comes.

### SALE OF WHITE SPREADS TO-NIGHT.

25 only extra quality and finish in White Bed Spreads, worth in the regular way \$1.25  
To-night \$1 each.

## Do You Want To Please Mother?

Visit our Linen Section and you can spend anywhere from 10c to \$10 on a piece of  
linen which is always sure to please the mother.

### Visit Our Furniture Store.

Many new lines have been added this week, and our assortment is certainly an at-  
tractive one. Rockers from 35c each, and mahogany Davenport upholstered in best  
quality of leather at \$75, and all the other kinds at all the prices between these two ex-  
tremes. We carry anything in the furniture line.

### A Special Sale of Pictures To-night.

20 only Steel Engravings, framed in oak, our regular line at \$1.75. A Christmas  
special to-night.

### Visit Our Men's Store.

Everything in this mammoth department for boys and men, nothing overlooked and  
nothing overpriced.

### SIX REASONS WHY

WE RECOMMEND

## A BISSELL'S SWEEPER.

FIRST.—They save labor in sweeping—a child can operate  
them.

SECOND.—They increase the life of your carpets by brushing  
up and not digging out the dirt.

THIRD.—They lessen the risk of disease by taking up the dust  
instead of spreading it.

FOURTH.—The cost of a sweeper is less than corn brooms, as  
one will ordinarily last a lifetime.

FIFTH.—Because at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and  
\$4.50 we have sweepers.

SIXTH.—A Sweeper makes an ideal Christmas Gift, ensuring a  
grateful recipient every day of the year.



**C. AUSTIN & CO.,**  
KENT COUNTY'S LARGEST RETAILERS—CHATHAM AND DRESDEN



## Christmas Orders

If you are sending a Christmas basket to any one we would like to take your order now. On Saturday and Monday there is not much time to put them up properly.

We will put up any order carefully, pack it properly and deliver it for you.

MIXED NUTS,	18c a pound.
TABLE RAISINS,	25c a pound.
TABLE FIGS,	2 pounds for 25c.
SELECT DATES,	3 pounds for 25c.
CHRISTMAS CANDY,	3 pounds for 25c.
SPECIAL MIXED,	15c a pound.
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS	15c to 50c a box.
PLAIN BISCUITS	15c a pound.
RICH CHEESE,	16c a pound.

We have everything best here that you may need for your Christmas table.

**H. Malcolmson**

## FORTHE MEN

In our efforts to provide suitable gifts for all we have not forgotten the men. We have a great number of articles that will make gifts that will be thoroughly appreciated.

Here are a few of them:—

Razors  
Pocket Knives  
Pocket Calculators  
Nail Clippers  
Skates  
Hockey Sticks  
Mitts  
Gloves  
Mechanics Tools of every kind.

**J. C. Wanless,**  
THE UP-TO-DATE  
HARDWARE MAN

## A MERRY XMAS

To Everyone. Xmas Goods at Our Usual Low Prices.

New Mixed Nuts, 18c. per lb.  
Mixed Candy, 8c. per lb.  
Oranges, 25c. per doz.  
2 lbs. Cream Candy, 25c.  
Best select raisins 12c. per lb.  
Fine New Currants, 10c. per lb.  
Mince Meat, 10c. per lb.  
3 Ten Cent Baking Powder for 25c.  
1 lb. Cans Sunlight Baking Powder, 10c.  
1 lb. Sugar, 8c. per lb.  
1 lb. Package Seeded Raisins, 12c.

### OUR STOCK

Of Dinner Set, Tea Sets and a large quantity of China is still being cleared out at 75c on the dollar—a big snap for anyone looking for Christmas presents.

**JOHN MCCONNELL,**  
PARK ST. PHONE 190

**S. F. GARDINER'S**  
Financial and Insurance Agency

\$100,000 to lend on Mortgages of Farm and City Properties at Lowest Rates  
\$50,000 Debentures for Sale—Interest half yearly at 4 and 5 per cent.  
30 Shares Reliance Loan and Savings Co. Stock for sale.

Fire Insurance Risks taken in the L.A. Union and Crown Insurance Co. of London, England. Assets exceed \$5,000,000.

15 Desirable Houses and Lots for Sale  
5 or More Houses to Rent.  
17 Choice Lots on Gladstone Avenue. Several in other good locations, for sale cheap.

Office: King Street, (upstairs) opposite Reliance Loan Co. Building.  
Minard's Liniment cures Colds, etc.

## STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

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BRANCHES AND AGENTS AT ALL PRINCIPAL PORTS IN CANADA, U.S. AND GREAT BRITAIN.

Drafts Issued and Notes Discounted. Savings Bank Department Deposits (which may be withdrawn without delay) received and interest allowed thereon at the highest current rates.  
W. T. SHANNON Manager Chatham Branch

### TO-NIGHT

Park St. Choir will meet for practice at 8.  
Chatham Ensamblement, No. 10, I. O. O. F., meet at 8.  
Court Chatham, No. 6, C. O. F., in their rooms at 8.  
Special Choir Practice in the First Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock.  
Local Branch No. 21, Association of Steam Engineers, Eberts' Block, at 8 o'clock.

## LOCAL

Smoke Lord Lake Cigar—10c.  
Smoke Quail on Toast Cigar—5c.  
Follow the crowds to Brisco's.  
Order your Christmas ice cream at Crump's.  
One-quarter off all makes cut glass at VonGuten's.

**Santa's headquarters, Brisco's.**

Christmas trees, three, four and five feet high, at Brisco's for 35c.

Try Gordon's The Fur Store for the lowest prices in the City.

Rev. W. W. Bolton, of Victoria, B. C., is doing his best to prevent professionalism in lacrosse in that province.

I am in the field for alderman for 1907. Born and raised in this city, and if elected will do my utmost to keep down expenses. F. B. Baxter.

The Government of Toronto by a commission was advocated by Hon. H. B. E. McFarland in an address before the Canadian Club.

Choice cabinet coal for grates, Massillon and Pocahontas lump for ranges. Have you tried them? Some dry pine kindling cheap. Call us up. Fleming, Tillson & Co., phone 58 or 270.

The town council of Orillia has introduced a by-law submitting to popular vote, on Jan. 7th, the question of shop license or no shop license for the town.

Lost! On the Fore Marquette train on Dec. 15th, 1906, between London and Brimley, a Ladies' Hand Bag, containing a sum of money and other articles. If the finder will return the same to Henry Reynolds, Brimley, a good reward will be given and no questions asked.

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GLASSES PROPERLY FITTED.  
33 KING ST. EAST, CHATHAM

Gold stamping on books or leather goods done at The Planet Office.

The Christmas gift centre is Lindsay Parrott's book store, near C. P. R. station.

The Gordon Store—The Fur Store. Compare prices and quality ere you buy.

The real Santa Claus will arrive at C. P. R. station on 3.32 train tomorrow on his way to The Ark. Watch for him.

"We want your trade because we need it. Our stock is large" Brisco's.

Why buy the poor cut glass handled by grocers, harness shops and others, when you can buy Hawkes' at the same price at the one-quarter off sale at vonGuten's.

The price of milk in Hamilton has been boosted to seven cents. Montreal is talking of nine cents. Guess that story of the cow going over the moon is all right.—Brantford Courier.

MacKenzie Bros. have opened a store in the Glenn Building, William street, and are ready to supply the public with a full line of fancy candies at surprising prices.

Miss Lulu Glaser acknowledged last night that she is to become the bride of Ralph C. Harse, an English actor, who was formerly leading comedian in her company. Miss Glaser is the actress who became famous in the opera Dolly Varden, which appears here shortly.

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## CHATHAM'S ONLY MILLINERY STORE

For this week we are offering our Hats at exceptionally low prices. You can do better here at the Only Millinery Store than elsewhere. We are making New Hats all the time at a very reduced price. To Reduce Stock—Hats at \$1.50, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.49 and up.

**C. A. Cooksley,**  
KING STREET

Candy toys from one cent upwards at Crump's.

Rodger Tyrrell spent last evening with friends in Blenheim.

China-ware more popular than ever. Gray is rushed night and day.

The finest mixed candy in the city for seven and eight cents per pound at Crump's.

Not the cheap cut glass, but the best made in America—one-quarter off at vonGuten's.

Creamery cream is the best sweet cream. Delivered promptly in quart or pint pails. Phone 242.

George Dewar, of Mitchell's Bay, was in the city on business yesterday.

Names stamped in gold on books, purses, music rolls, etc., while you wait, at The Planet Office.

The dressing of the Christmas window has been completed at Stone's Clothing Store. The window is decorated in green and white and is a very creditable one indeed.

For the best ice cream and sweet cream, place your orders with the Maple Leaf Creamery. Special attention given to Christmas orders. Phone 242. Prompt delivery.

Christmas bells at Crump's at the following low prices.—Small 8c., medium 15c., large 25c. Holly wreaths 15c. each, with candles 20c. Order early, as quantity is limited. See our fine stock of fresh candies.

Mr. W. D. Ferguson, who is now taking his third year at Toronto University in medicine, was in the city to-day on his way to his home in Valedictoria, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Pink Field, who is attending the Margaret Eaton College of Expression, Toronto, arrived in the city last evening, and will spend the Yuletide holidays at her home on Wellington St. West.

The readers of The Planet are invited to call at McCall's Drug Store and see the great variety of things suitable for Christmas giving. Calling does not put you under any obligation to buy.

Shipment of Royal Devon ware, from Felling's celebrated potteries, just received at Gray's China Hall, consisting of Hot Water Jugs, Bibby Plate, Salads, Fruit Trays, Teapots. Enough said.

Hamilton's assessment has increased \$2,226,225 since a year ago, according to the assessment commissioner, and the total is now \$34,541,638. The increase in real estate was \$2,426,490; in business assessment, \$158,800, the decrease in income \$259,045.

One of the features of the Christmas music at the First Presbyterian Church will be a violin solo by Miss Gertrude McIntyre. This talented young lady has kindly consented to allow her name to go on the program for the Christmas music, and her rendition is being looked forward to with much interest.

The recent Poster show in Brantford in the interests of the Hospital ladies' Aid of that city has netted the sum of \$3,329.01 for the advantage of the hospital. The total receipts were \$1,508.73 and the expenses \$1,179.69. The Poster show was run on the same principle as the Fair of all Nations held in Chatham.

A large assortment of suit cases and bags, special for Christmas trade. Call and see our stock. Backus & Dennis.

A lien for \$1,007.77 has been registered against the Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Railroad by Attorney F. C. Kerby, on behalf of the Canadian Electric Construction Company. The plaintiffs had the work to be completed by June 15th last, but owing to lack of supplies and other interference, much of the work still remains unfinished.

Magistrate Jells has decided that a man may wear woman's dress if he chooses, and that it is no other man's business. More, the magistrate has fined the other man for making a fuss about the first man's petticoats, kimono, picture hat and straight front. The magistrate's decision destroys a superstition, and, really, there seems to be no good reason why men, or women, should not wear garments of any cut that pleases them.—Hamilton Spectator.

MacKenzie Bros., Glenn Block, are giving away free a large candy cane. Come and try your luck.

For the first time in the history of Canada, Nova Scotia has been superseded as the banner fish-producing province of the Dominion. This statement is made on the authority of the annual report of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. According to it the whole catch of fish in Canadian waters by Canadians, including fish products, seals, etc., during 1905 aggregates the large sum of nearly \$29,000,000, nearly as much as the total production both of gold and coal in the Dominion during the same period.

**NOW!**

Do you want to sell your property. I have buyers for the following: House and stable on paved street; Small house, cottage preferred, near centre of city.

Three to ten acres with buildings outside city; 50 to 100 acre farm within five miles of the city.

Several Houses to Rent.

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**Large Double Wreaths 25c**

**Christmas Candy 3 lbs 25c**

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**SWEET CIDER BOILED CIDER SEALSHIP OYSTERS**

**The King Edward Grocery.**  
PHONE 57

A complete line of Eaton-Hurlburt's writing paper at Lindsay S. Parrott's book store.

Mr. W. J. Easton, the market square butcher, this morning put his new dust proof delivery wagon on the street for the first time.

Ross McCall and Will Fletcher have returned from Queen's University, Kingston, and will spend their Christmas vacation at their homes in this city.

**KEPT BUSY**

Business has been so good for the past week at Santa's Headquarters—Brisco Bros.—that this firm are thinking of putting on a night and day stuff of clocks, and never close still after Christmas. It was nearly 12 o'clock last night before they could get their doors closed, on account of the Christmas rush.

**ST. ANDREW'S S. S. ENTERTAINMENT**

The annual Sunday School Christmas treat will be given by the Ladies Aid and the S. S. Teachers to the Bible Class and Sunday School on Friday-to-morrow. Tea will be served at 8.30 in the school room, after which an interesting program of music, recitations, and lantern views, comic and serious, will be given.

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**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed bids and separate tenders will be received up to Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 1906, by Messrs. John McKerrall and Herbert Mount, also at the offices of the undersigned, for a concrete, stone and brick hotel and business block to be erected in North Chatham.

Plans, specifications, etc., can be seen at the offices of the architects on and after Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 1906.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

**JOHN McKERRALL, HERBERT MOUNT, Proprietors.**  
JAS. L. WILSON & SON, Architects, Chatham, Ont.

## For Your Christmas Shopping at The GORDON STORE

Sit-down now, take your pencil, write your friends' names, then read carefully these two columns, and if you don't find all you want, remember we don't own the whole Planet—for we could fill it if we did.

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### Ladies' Collars

Can be sent in a letter—Tasty Turnovers in great variety of patterns, from 5c to 25c; special lines of Lace Collars at 10c; Ladies' Fancy Collars, very choice 25c to 75c.

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A Christmas extra, in good White Kid Gloves at 50c; black, tan, grey and white and Swede in Gloves, which we guarantee per pair 1.00; all sizes Ladies' Mocha Kid Gloves 1.25; all our 1.75



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AT HALF PRICE

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## FLAG OF SEPARATION

### Mr. Martin M. P. Says The People Are Fairly In Revolt

### P. E. I. TALKS SECESSION

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—There being no possible method left of avoiding doing some public business, the House yesterday afternoon, on motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, adjourned till Jan. 9.

P. E. I. Talks Secession.

Mr. Martin (Cons., P. E. I.), called attention to the present paralysis of freight and passenger traffic between P. E. I. and the mainland. There were but three trips a week between Charlottetown and Pictou. Why had not Mr. Brodeur carried out the promises of his predecessor and put on a third and more powerful boat to keep communication open. The people of P. E. I. could see only one remedy, and that was secession from Canada.

Mr. Hughes (Lib., P. E. I.) thought that a mistake had been made in establishing two separate routes. There should be two steamers between Charlottetown and Pictou. He recommended that three boats be assigned to the winter service.

Mr. Lefursey (Cons., P. E. I.) opposed stopping the western service to Sunnyside. That service should be continued, but there should be an additional winter boat between Charlottetown and Pictou, or later on between Georgetown and Pictou.

E. M. MacDonald (Lib., Pictou, N.S.) said that Mr. Lefursey had complained that the steamship Stanley had not been sent to Sunnyside. The Minister had accommodated Mr. Lefursey, and now complaints came from P. E. I. that freight was congested at Pictou.

Mr. Brodeur submitted that it was impossible to please the people of P. E. I. Mr. Martin was at swords' points with Mr. Lefursey, and both joined in denouncing the Government. Hereafter he would pay no attention to representations of members of Parliament, and would administer the matter as a business man in a business way. Hereafter the "Minto" would run to Georgetown, instead of to Charlottetown, and the "Stanley" would ply between Pictou and Georgetown. This arrangement should easily handle all the freight between P. E. I. and the mainland.

Mr. Emmerson suggested a third route, which would terminate in New Brunswick.

Complaints Well Founded.

R. L. Borden said the complaints from P. E. I. were perennial and, as a rule, well founded. Those complaints had been founded on the incapacity of the Marine Department. He suggested utilizing the "Arctic." That ship could carry unlimited quantities of freight, and it would be no more absurd to try to reach the North Pole through the Straits of Northumberland than it had been to reach it through Hudson Bay.

Talks Straight Secession.

Mr. Martin warned Mr. Brodeur not to be misled by Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Hughes. They were deceiving him. The people of P. E. I. are fairly in revolt. They were leaving the province rapidly. It was only a matter of time until the province would be depopulated. He repeated that a movement was on foot in P. E. I. to hoist the flag of secession.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier introduced a Senate bill amending the naturalization law so that all immigrants from British possessions should have the same rights as those coming directly from the British Isles. Upon their arrival they will be allowed to vote without the usual three years' residence.

Mr. Cockshutt (Brantford), and Dr. Stockton (Con., N.B.), urged that some law should be passed making naturalization in any part of the empire effective throughout the empire.

Imperial Action Necessary.

The Premier pointed out that any such law required action by the Imperial Government. It had been discussed at the last two colonial conferences but no conclusion had been arrived at. As it was naturalized British subjects in Canada ceased to be British subjects when they removed to any other portion of the empire.

On motion to go into committee on ways and means, Mr. Boyce (W. Algoma) moved an amendment calling attention to the inefficiency of the Government in relation to the recent wreck of the Golepie. It was wrecked near Michipicoten, and the bulk of the crew appear to have rowed away, leaving five men in the open, with the thermometer at 45 below zero, insufficiently provided with food and clothing. These men were within reach of help, but no effort was made to assist them either by the owners of the boat or by the Government.

Lake Superior a Graveyard.

Mr. Boyce accused the Minister of Marine of gross neglect of duty in not looking after the stranded sailors. Back of this there were other questions: Had this vessel been inspected? By whom? And when?

Our inspection was almost a farce. Lake Superior had become a veritable graveyard. We were wasting millions of dollars in useless postoffice buildings, wharves and the like, yet had no life-saving stations on the north side of Lake Superior, the most dangerous coast in Canada.

Mr. Brodeur claimed that the steamer in question was an American boat. He could not find it in the register.

Dr. Reid (Grenville): When is the register made up to?

Mr. Brodeur: Dec. 31, 1905.

Mr. Boyce: It was brought over last summer.

Mr. Brodeur assured the House

that he had ordered an investigation.

A Spur to Activity.

Mr. Clements called the attention of the Railway Department to the discrimination practiced by the Michigan Central. This company had cut off the station of Charing Cross, near Chatham. This left quite an important shipping point without service, but the company was an American company, and discriminated against portions of Canada. Their action had practically killed off the sugar beet industry in that region. Such tyrannical action was driving everyone to support the measures of the member for South York (W. F. Maclean). The Michigan Central had been subsidized by the Canadian Government, and this very station of Charing Cross had been built and paid for by the people of that locality.

Mr. Emmerson had no information. He would request the railway board to investigate. No doubt the company had some good reason for closing the station.

Hon. George E. Foster lectured the Government on being so unprepared to meet Parliament, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought that Mr. Foster was hypercritical. In every session it took three or four weeks to get the House well started.

Co-Operative Societies.

The special committee of the House of Commons appointed a few days ago to consider the merits of F. D. Monk's bill regarding the organization of co-operative societies, banks, etc., held its first meeting yesterday and arranged for the taking of evidence.

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, Minister of Justice, suggested that the only objection that occurred to him was the constitutional one, that legislation of this character came more within the scope of the provincial legislatures.

Mr. Monk took the ground, however, that co-operative societies are no more of local concern than many of the services that the Dominion is already administering.

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Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c to \$1.00.

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## GREAT 1-4 OFF SALE

From now until the end of this month we will give 25 per cent. off all Suits, Overcoats and odd Pants.

**STONE "THE HATTER."**

## MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

No Clue Can Be Found As To The Whereabouts Of  
W. T. Rankin

### MR. ANDERTON'S STORY

Thomas Anderton, of Baldon St., Dover, who was one of the foremost in the searching party who dragged the River Sydenham in the hope of finding the remains of the missing William T. Rankin, was in Chatham yesterday, and while in town he was interviewed by a Planet reporter.

Mr. Anderton, who was intimately acquainted with the missing man, says that some of the first details given out in connection with the disappearance were not entirely correct.

He says that W. T. Rankin and a man named Jack, left the former's place December 6, with a load of wood, which they transferred to the electric car at the 11th concession. Both afterwards left for Wallaseburg on the car which leaves the 11th concession at 2.30. After arriving at Wallaseburg, Rankin and Jackson, along with two other men, one of whom was Tom Martin, left the car platform intending to go to the sugar beet factory. On arriving at the factory they missed Rankin, whom they thought was following behind all the time.

"The next trace which we found of him," said Mr. Anderton, was at Mike O'Mara's, where he was last seen by Mr. O'Mara between seven and eight o'clock. Mr. O'Mara told him that it was time he was getting his supper, and advised him to go over to Mr. Fryer's restaurant. Rankin left the hotel, and it was supposed that he was going to the restaurant, which is just at the approach to the bridge. However, when we saw Mrs. Fryer she said that she did not remember seeing Rankin in the restaurant on the evening in question. Mr. O'Mara was positively the last man who was seen he saw the missing man. There are many other rumors afloat about Rankin being seen by others at a later hour, but when they are sifted down they mostly all turn out to be nothing more than hearsay with little or no foundation.

"We afterwards dragged the river from O'Mara's to the Pere Marquette bridge, but no trace was found of anything that would indicate that Rankin fell in the river. Just to show how a rumor will go about, I might mention an incident that happened during the search. I found a stiff that while breaking the ice, and I threw it up on the bridge. Someone circulated the tale that we had found Rankin's hat. The hat which we found was probably one which blew off somebody's head while they were crossing the bridge. Rankin wore a top on the day of his disappearance.

"We grappled all day Sunday between John O'Mara's and the bridge, and we broke all the ice in the vicinity, and I think we covered the ground pretty thoroughly. The river is now filled with drift ice, and the search had to be discontinued. There is a very strong current in the Sydenham, and the river has a tendency to wash everything to the sides. While we were grappling, I noticed that the centre of the stream was clear of logs and drift-wood, while up near the shore the places were covered with debris in places.

"The report that Rankin had a large sum of money on him is all wrong. On the day of his disappearance he had about \$35. He had about \$7 or \$8 in his pockets before he left home, and he afterwards got a cheque for \$27.

#### GLOBES TOO SMALL

Some time ago, Ald. Wm. Potter, chairman of the Property committee, ordered a number of new globes for the electric light department. When the globes arrived yesterday they were found to be too small for local use. The mistake was on the part of the firm supplying them.

The error was rather unfortunate from the city's standpoint, as there are quite a number of lamps on which the globes have been broken. In order that there may be no delay in having the matter rectified, however, Ald. Potter yesterday instructed City Engineer E. B. Jones to telegraph to Montreal at once for a supply of globes the proper size.

#### FOR SALE!

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House and Lot on West St., modern improvements, \$1300.  
Money to Loan on City and Farm Property.  
For particulars apply to SMITH & SMITH, Real Estate and Insurance Agents.

**Christmas Cakes**  
**Wedding Cakes**  
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Buy all the clothes now that you can possibly use. The prices at which we offer some of our Suits, Overcoats and Trousers for Men, Boys and Children will hardly pay the cost of tailoring.

All this Season's Goods from Canada's Best Manufacturers.

### This Week's Specials.

\$12, \$15, \$16 Men's Overcoats for \$10.

\$10 and \$12 Men's Suits for \$7.89.

Boys' Fancy Tweed Overcoats, 1/4 off regular prices.

#### Special Prices on Men's Pants.

Boys' 3 pc. Suits, \$4.50 kinds for \$3.

Boys' 3 pc. Suits, \$5.75 kinds for \$3.98.

75c. Cotton Underwear Spring Needle Stitch, winter weight, for 59c.

Space will not permit illustrating all our Bargains, and we cannot show you them on paper.

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### BIG OIL PRODUCER

Well On The Tremblay Farm Breaks Loose Filling Ditches For Miles Around With Oil

Tilbury, Ont., Dec. 19.—A well broke loose last night on the Tremblay farm, the same well which burst the rigging down two weeks ago.

This well had been drilled down 250 feet, when two weeks ago a sudden rush of gas came up, overthrew the stove, and nearly burnt to death two drillers. Last night this burst out again without warning just as the drillers were ready to commence again. No one was about and in the morning when the drillers went to the well they found oil flowing up out of a ten-inch pipe about fifteen inches.

It was plugged in two or three hours, yet in the meantime about eight hundred barrels of oil are estimated to have been lost.

For three miles round about the ditches are now filled with oil, some of which accidentally caught fire, but has since been put out.

This well is seven miles south and east of Tilbury, and about six miles from the present field, and opens up a new territory of about twenty-five square miles.

It is estimated, while it is shallow production, it yet may mean the discovery of a new pool. A number of land transfers are expected on the strength of it, and Tilbury is jubilant.

#### WOMEN RULE

East Chatham, O., Dec. 19.—This town is almost entirely run by women, and run well, and the men are proud of the accomplishments of their wives, sisters or daughters.

The Shaw Hotel is run by Mrs. Phoebe Shaw on a strictly temperance basis. The post office is in charge of an efficient post-mistress, Miss Nellie Cleator. The church choir is composed of female voices, led by Mrs. Eva Armstrong. The superintendent of the Sunday school is a woman, Mrs. Nellie Hale, and the assistant also is a woman. The inhabitants of the town are proud of the public school, in which the entire teaching force is composed of women. The superintendent is Mrs. Ann Mawson. There hasn't been a man doctor in the town for several years.

Far from being mannish in their way, the women are charming in appearance and manner. They are not "yellow ribbons," either, as they feel no need of further "rights."

Have you been betrayed by promises of quacks, swallowed pills and bottled medicine without results except a damaged stomach. To those we offer Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. It makes clean people. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets.  
A. I. McCall & Co.

# Shopping For Men

Our's is a men's store, which is made very attractive this week for women shoppers who are looking for presents for men and boys.

From a pair of cuff links to a superb fur-lined overcoat, the range of Wearables here is most comprehensive. Everything a man could want to wear and everything a woman would want to buy him is here.

#### Cuff Links

Gloves  
Canes  
Linen Handkerchiefs  
Silk Handkerchiefs  
Knit Vests  
Wash Vests  
House Coats  
Bath Robes

#### Dressing Gowns

Pyjamas  
Silk Underwear  
Tie Pins  
Scarfs  
Mufflers  
Suspenders  
Umbrellas  
Fancy Hose

#### Fur Caps

Fur Gauntlets  
Fancy Toques  
Wool Gloves  
Fur-Lined Gloves  
Beautiful Neckwear  
Initial Linen Handkerchiefs in boxes.  
Colored Shirts.

We have always had the reputation of having the finest selection and the largest stocks of Christmas things for men in the City. This season we have far outdone all previous efforts. Extra Clerks—good service.

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Store Open Evenings Till Xmas.

Good Light, Good Service, Great Values.

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## Gifts from China Hall for the Home

A New Dinner Set  
\$8, \$10, \$12.50, \$15.

French China Tea Set  
\$14, \$18, \$20.

Beautiful China Fruit Sets  
\$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5.

Set of Carvers, nothing more useful, in satin cases  
\$3, \$5, \$8, \$10.

Everyone of the family will be pleased with something from China Hall.

A lot of new China just arrived, Haviland and German Goods in great variety.

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5 nights commencing

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New Specialties and a Continuous Performance

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The Dresden-China Comic Opera Success. The famous Lulu Glaser production.

**"DOLLY VARDEN"**  
The greatest production since "Robin Hood" with a  
Cast of Operatic Favorites

The Musical Event of the Season  
PRICES—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, 1\$ and 1\$1.50  
SPECIAL CAR FROM WALLASEBURG

#### AFTER HER CHRISTMAS GIFT.

My dear, said Mr. Jellus' lovely young wife, I thought you ought to know there's a married man who is violently in love with me. What! he cried! Who is he? If I tell you will you give me that bracelet of diamonds I wanted? Yes, Who is it? You.

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