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The Reliable Store **Thos. Stone & Son** ESTABLISHED 1852. The Store of Quality

Special Sale OF DAMAGED LINEN TABLE CLOTHS ON WEDNESDAY

We were fortunate in securing from a Belfast manufacturer, a very choice lot of Bleached Damask Table Cloths. They called them seconds, but on examining them carefully, we find in many cases no imperfection whatever. True, a few of them show a skip in the wear or a small oil spot, but they are as a whole, the most perfect lot of DAMAGED CLOTHS we have ever handled. On Wednesday we will offer them at 33 per cent. discount on regular prices for perfect clothes. This will afford you an opportunity of securing extra quality table cloths at "Bargain Prices."

SEE THEM IN THE WINDOW

They came in two sizes only—but both good sizes.
2 yd. by 2½ yd. Cloths..... \$1.50 to \$3.75
2 " by 3 " " 1.75 to 4.25
Come early on Wednesday. The best will be picked out first.

THOS. STONE & SON

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 ".....	0.60
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.



CHRISTMAS ... GIFTS

There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

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

Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$3.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50.

Men's Women's and Children's Fel' House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

WM. SOMERVILLE & SON,

4 DOORS WEST OF MARKET CHATHAM

LAI D OVER FOR A YEAR

It will then be time enough To Submit Niagara Power Bylaw

LETTER FROM MINISTER

It now appears that the question of submitting a by-law to the rate-payers of Chatham re Niagara Power will have to be laid over for another year.

Ald. Austin, chairman of the Industrial committee, brought the matter up at the Council meeting last evening by reading a letter he received from Hon. Adam Beck, the Power Minister, in which he gave out the information that the engineers were unable to strike the rate at which Niagara power could be delivered in Chatham, in time for it to be voted upon at the next municipal elections.

Mr. Beck explained that the by-laws which were being submitted to the municipalities east of London gave the maximum price which will be charged for power, and the engineers were not able to complete their reports on the cities west of London. He enclosed a by-law which could be voted upon at the coming elections in Chatham, but the price was not embodied in it, and it was a question with the Council whether or not the by-law would have to be submitted again with the price stipulated, before it would be of any use to the city. The city solicitor thought that this would have to be done, and in that case there would be no use submitting the drafted by-law sent by Mr. Beck.

Ald. Austin—I was reading an account of a power meeting in London and the statement was made there that it would be a year or eighteen months before the Commission would be in a position to deliver the power. In that case there is plenty of time for Chatham, and the by-law could be just as well voted upon at the next election as this one.

The Mayor—Yes, there is plenty of time.

It was decided, therefore, to leave the matter in obedience for the present.

PATERSON'S COUGH DROPS

They will cure



GREAT 1-4 OFF SALE

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

STONE "THE HATTER."

THE FISH COMMISSION

H. S. Clements Secures A Meeting Of This Body In Chatham Next Spring

IS OF INTEREST TO ALL

From a perusal of the contents of the following letter, it will be seen that H. S. Clements, M. P., has been successful in arranging for a meeting of the Georgian Bay Fishery Commission in Chatham, at a date not yet announced, but some time in the early spring. This is a matter which affects a good many people in this vicinity and a matter which has received considerable time and attention of late from both Mr. Clements and Geo. W. Sulman, the Conservative nominee for the Local House.

It is important that all our fishermen, including those from Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair, should be present when the meeting is arranged, as important matters relating to length of seasons, size of fish to be shipped, etc., will come up for consideration and discussion. All of those interested should watch carefully for the announcement of the date, and be present if at all possible.

The following is the letter just received by Mr. Clements:

Ottawa, Dec. 4th, 1906.
Dear Sir,—I have referred your request for a meeting at Chatham of the Georgian Bay Fishery Commission to the Chairman, Professor Prince, who will include Chatham in the list of towns where sittings are to be held in early spring. When the dates are arranged you shall be duly informed.

Yours faithfully,
L. P. BRODEUR,
H. S. Clements, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons.

ANDRUS-INGALLS

A happy event took place at Holy Trinity Rectory at 8.15 on Sunday evening, when Miss Laura Ingalls, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Fay Andrus, of Detroit, former an employe of the Minson-Campbell Co., this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hodgins, the bride being accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Purser.

The happy young couple departed for the west on the 9.15 Wabash train, and will shortly take up their residence in the City of the Straits. The good wishes of a host of warm friends follow them on their matrimonial voyage.

TAILORS MAY GET REBATE

Question Of Taxes Wrongfully Charged Comes Before Council

LEGAL POINT INVOLVED

The City Council, last night, passed a resolution to the effect that the tailors of the city be refunded what they were overtaxed last year, through a Division Court decision which has been reversed this year. The question now remains as to whether the action of the Council in refunding this money is legal or not. The City Solicitor will have to be first consulted before any action is taken.

The matter was brought up in Ald. Scullard's report, which, in effect, was as follows:

1.—That no action be taken with regard to the petition of the tailors of the city re rebate of 1905 taxes.

2.—That no action be taken with regard to the request of J. B. Stringer & Co., who objected to the business tax being placed on their warehouse on the D. W. Crow premises.

3.—That the error of \$100 made in A. Bedford's tax slip be rectified.

4.—That in regard to the letter from J. G. Kerr, asking for certain exemptions from taxes on the C. W. & L. E. property, that an exemption be granted to the railway company for any property leased by tenants.

5.—That the taxes against the Central School gardens be rebated.

6.—That no action be taken with regard to Wm. Brazelton's request for a rebate of taxes.

All the clauses but the first of this report were adopted.

Ald. Stone said that the Court of Revision had reversed their decision with regard to the tailors' tax this year, and if the tailors were wrongfully taxed last year, he could see no reason why their money should not be refunded to them.

Ald. Stone, seconded by Ald. Potter, moved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and their money refunded to them, carried.

The Mayor said that this matter would have to be taken before the City Solicitor, as there was just a question as to the legality of refunding this money.

Ald. Scullard said that this was the reason he had recommended no action in his report.

Ald. Potter reported for the Property Committee, recommending that an electric light be placed on the corner of Payne and Park streets.

Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's quarterly report was received at last night's meeting. The Mayor remarked that several of the accounts were very much overdrawn. He especially referred to the Board of Health account. He also complimented Ald. John Edmondson on the splendid showing which the Board of Works had made under his management. This department had kept well within their limits, and had been quite economical during the year. This committee had come in for some severe criticism from the other members of the Council at times, but he said the Treasurer's report was a great credit to them.

W. Wilmore, of Head St., applied for permission to cut trees in front of his property. Referred to the Chief of Police.

STREET SPRINKLING.

B. P. Gibson applied for the percentage kept back on him in his contract for street cleaning and sprinkling.

It was moved by Ald. Stone seconded by Ald. Benson, that one-half of this amount be paid now, and that the balance be paid at the expiration of the thirty days yet to come, before it is legally due from the city. Carried.

Ald. Scullard reported that the Finance Committee had settled the suit for damages brought against the city by Mrs. Matt, for \$150. The Finance committee's action was ratified by the Council.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the box, 25c.

E. W. Grove's signature on each money if it fails to cure.

FAMILY BUTCHER.

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

BEST FRESH AND SALT MEATS, SAUSAGE AND POULTRY.

Orders Promptly Delivered.

W. J. EASTON.

FATAL FIRE IN TORONTO

Three Little Children Burned And Suffocated To Death

MOTHER AT A NEIGHBOR'S

Toronto, Dec. 11.—George, Edith, and Margaret Baker, aged 6, 4 and 2 years respectively, the children of George Baker, living on Buller avenue, off Kippendavie avenue, Kew Beach, were burned or suffocated to death yesterday morning.

Some boys playing near noticed the premises were on fire and rushed to the fire hall at Kew Beach and the firemen were promptly on the spot.

The front door was smashed in, but the whole interior was ablaze, and no entry could be effected from that side.

Other officers got in from the rear and found the three children dead in a room above the kitchen. The bodies were blackened, but otherwise conditions indicated that the children had been suffocated.

It appears that a friend of Mrs. Baker, living on Kippendavie avenue, was moving, and Mrs. Baker went over to lend a hand. She put the three children in a room upstairs, where she considered they would be perfectly safe.

It would seem that the children had nothing to do with the starting of the fire, which appears to have started in the kitchen.

Mother Rescues Baby.

Galt, Dec. 11.—A disastrous fire occurred yesterday morning, when the residence of Archie Pettigrew was completely gutted. But for the heroic action of Mrs. Pettigrew, in entering the house in the face of flames and rescuing her baby boy from a burning cradle, the child would undoubtedly have perished. As it was, it was severely burned, and the mother also badly scorched. Mrs. Pettigrew left a hot fire while she went out for water and called in at a neighbor's house.

Domestic Asphyxiated.

London, Dec. 11.—Harriet Drake, a domestic employed in the home of John C. Cote, Talbot street, was found dead in her room yesterday morning with the gas jet wide open. It was at first thought to be a case of suicide, but investigation satisfied the coroner that the young woman had turned off the gas before retiring, and that the sleeve of her dress had caught on the jet, opening it again.

Struck By a Train.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Hilda Wallis, aged 4 years, daughter of Ernest Wallis of Weston, was instantly killed by being struck by a train at the G.T.R. crossing at Weston yesterday afternoon. She was with her mother, who got over in safety, but the little one's head was struck by the engine tender and her skull fractured. Coroner Charlton will hold an inquest.

David Rodger Instantly Killed.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Struck by the hook at the end of a heavy derrick chain, David Rodger, an iron moulder at the Canada Foundry, was almost instantly killed yesterday while at work. He was struck on the forehead, the hook swinging around on him. Dr. Riches of 433 Dovercourt road was called, but the man was dead before he arrived. Coroner W. H. B. Aikins is making an investigation. Deceased lived in the rear of 15 Anurata avenue.

Conditions carry people beyond the bounds of reason without cause.

Santa Claus Stock is now Complete

Our store is full of Xmas Goods of every kind and description, from 5c Toys for the youngsters to \$8.00 Gifts for the oldsters.

Come and Get a Glimpse of our Marvellous Assortment

A list of our specialties would occupy too much space, we merely mention the fact that the markets of the world have all contributed to the vastness and completeness of our stock of holiday goods unequalled in Canada, and underpriced by no competitor. Come to the store with the big stock and have an assortment to choose from worth of a citizen of this fair City and County.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, King and Sixth Streets... PHONE 96

COURT OPENED

The December sessions of the County Judge's Criminal Court was opened this afternoon at the Court House before Judge Bell. There are several criminal cases of some importance coming up before the Court. The session was in progress at the time of going to press.

A BUSY STORE

The busiest spot in Chatham these days is at Brisco Bros., best known at Christmas time as Santa Claus' Headquarters. A perfect delivery system has been installed; people may purchase now while the assortments are complete, and goods will be delivered any hour ordered before Christmas. Do not leave your shopping until the last minute.

The earlier you can start to do your Holiday Shopping, the greater will be your satisfaction on Christmas Day.

Don't forget your determinative made and registered last December that this year you would surely buy early before all the good things were picked up.

I don't want to see you disappointed at my store. My complete stock of Holiday Slippers is now here. It will pay you to do a little looking.

COME AND SEE

GEO. W. COWAN

The Daily Planet
 A STEPHENSON PUBLICATION
 Business Office 55. Mail Room 200.
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1906.
 A GROWING TIME.

The public accounts for last year, as brought down in the house a few days ago, showed a general increase in expenditure in nearly every department, a large number of public buildings under construction in Ottawa and elsewhere involving large future outlays, there are increases both in the salaries and the number of Departmental employees, who have become so numerous that large additional buildings are needed to make room for them. A surprising number of new items appear in the expenditure statements.

Take, for instance, the one item of Royal Commissions, of which the following is a partial list:—
 Transportation Commission cost in 1906, \$14,884.
 Deep Waterways Commission cost in 1906, \$23,499.
 Fishery Commission cost in 1906, \$14,998.
 Tariff Commission cost in 1906, \$14,134.
 Insurance Commission cost in 1906, \$19,955.

In addition, \$20,000 was paid for the Insurance Commission after the first of July by Governor-General's warrants making altogether nearly \$50,000 for this inquiry. Other Commissions are those for improving the City of Ottawa, for consolidating the Dominion Statutes, to say nothing of the Transcontinental Commissioners and their staff, some members of which found time to take part in the notorious London Election Enterprise. There is another railway commission, a permanent board established a few years ago which now costs \$75,000 a year for maintenance of the staff.

Lewis tried to dodge that 300 yard whirlwind.
 But how under the sun the magistrate, as reported, got the 300 yards mixed up with the 75 feet is past my comprehension; there was nothing approaching such a mixture in the case. And I most certainly object to being made out both a liar and a fool by any miscomprehension or mis-statement of facts such as that. Does this verdict decree that our streets are placed at the disposal of autoists for race courses?
 W. K. MERRIFIELD.
 Chatham, Dec. 10, 1906.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 At the Brisco Opera House—
 The Scarlet Mysteries Dec. 13.
 Charles's Aunt—Dec. 15.
 Miss MacIntyre's Rental—Dec. 17.
 Dolly Varden Co.—Dec. 24.
 Rmie Marks Co.—Dec. 25-29.
 Return of Morris-Thurston Co., New Year's week—Dec. 31 to Jan. 5.

THE SCARLET MYSTERIES.
 The Brisco Opera House is to be occupied on Thursday night by the Scarlet Mysteries, a mysterious company of artists from London, who are making their first appearance in Canada under the direction of Mr. Edward Branscombe. The company number eight performers, all of whom not only enjoy English reputations, but claim individuality to excel in some "specialty."



SCARLET MYSTERIES.
 (Hunting Chorus.)

The bare announcement in any town in England that the "Scarlet Mysteries" are to appear is sufficient guarantee for the public, owing to the reputation this company enjoy, that they may depend upon an entertainment after their own hearts—cultured, refined, thoroughly amusing and, best of all, different from any other show. In this country they come to us as strangers, and have yet to prove their quality, but the association of Mr. Edward Branscombe's name, who is known to us should be ample recommendation as to the qualifications of the artists who have elected to surround themselves in the mystery of masks and musketeer apparel, and from the English credentials which they show, it is safe to say that the opportunity afforded Thursday to enjoy an evening's fun and merriment at the expense of these red-robed gentlemen and their quaint jests—who is said to be a veritable prince amongst them—should on no account be missed, for it is rare to meet with an entertainment so entirely free from the least trace of vulgarity, and, at the same time teeming with mirth and revelry.

Referring to these performances, we quote the following from a London paper:—"The entertainment was one of the very best. Songs—all admirably rendered—succeeded one another in rapid succession, the concerted numbers with action and music were excellent, short brevitely and cool melodies, followed by jest and quip, lightning sketches, a diverting burlesque, not to mention a screamingly funny "sketch" capitially presented, constituted an entertainment which afforded one of the most delightful methods of passing an evening which could be devised."

Next Saturday at the Brisco Opera House, Etienne Girardot will make a return engagement to this city, appearing in his famous play "Charles's Aunt." Mr. Girardot is alone in the field that he has chosen, and there is no actor to-day who is giving the same class of performances, and the public, recognizing this, has accorded to him a position in its favor that he can readily be classed as foremost of comedy stars of the present day. Every indication points to full houses during the engagement.

LOSS OF APPETITE AND ENERGY.

Singly they are a worry—combined they become a burden, telling that waste has been immensely greater than the body's power to rebuild. The first need is to reconstruct the blood, make good the deficiency of red cells. Ferrozone improves digestion, makes blood, the kind that nourishes and rebuilds. Quickly the nervous system responds to the new power supplied by Nerviline. Strength returns, ambition revives, energy and endurance give the system just what it needs to maintain the balance of health. No tonic better than Ferrozone, 50c. per box at all dealers.

SEVEN STORES.

NORTHWAY'S TWO FACTORIES



Fifteen Days Holiday Sale

We begin stock taking immediately after Christmas and in order to reduce our immense stocks to the lowest possible mark. We have decided to hold a "FIFTEEN DAYS SALE" of all lines of winter goods. Every dollar's worth of holiday goods will also be included in this special sale. You realize the gain of getting seasonable goods at two thirds and in many cases one half actual values. That's just about the way we will deal with goods and prices for the balance of this month. Every price quoted hold good until the end of the month, but we cannot guarantee the goods to last long at such extremely low prices. Watch the papers—follow up what we are doing. Each day will bring forward a fresh array of buying chances that careful buyers would not care to miss. Here's the way we start of:

- 75c Silks 46c yd.—20 pieces Plain and Fancy Silks in choice washing patterns, coats, checks, etc., good range colors, regular up to 75c yd. **Sale Price 46c**
- \$1.25 and \$1.50 Coatings for 58c yd.—Stylish mixed tweeds, heavy weight, pure wool, in grey and blue mixtures, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 yd. **Sale Price 58c**
- 50c, 60c, and 75c Dress Goods for 33c yd., including plain and fancy mohairs, pure wool granites, serges, lustrés, etc., in black and colors, regular up to 75c yd. **Sale Price 33c**
- 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 Suitings for 68c, including 56 in all wool, tweeds and homespuns, 52 in French chevrons, 50 in all wool fancy suitings, etc., regular up to \$1.25 a yard. **Sale Price 68c**
- 50c and 60c Fancy Waistings, 39c, including fine French flannels, delicés, silk mixtures, etc., wide range designs and colorings, reg. up to 60c yard. **Sale Price 39c**
- Millinery at About Half.—A Clean Sweep of Everything in Ladies' and Children's Millinery. \$1.50 Trimmed Hats for \$0.89; \$1.00 Trimmed Hats for \$0.59; \$0.90 Trimmed Hats for \$0.49; \$0.80 Trimmed Hats for \$0.48; \$0.70 Trimmed Hats for \$0.39; \$0.60 Trimmed Hats for \$0.38; \$0.50 Trimmed Hats for \$0.29; \$0.40 Trimmed Hats for \$0.28. **Sale Price \$1.19**
- Children's Millinery, Hats, Bonnets, Tans, etc., clearing at **Sweeping Reductions**
- 50c Linoleums 39c yd.—3 pieces heavy English linoleums, choice patterns, reg. 50c value. **Sale Price 39c**
- Carpet Ends.—Sample pieces of tapestry and Brussels carpets in lengths of 1 yd. to 1 1/2 yds., suitable for mats, etc. **Almost Half**
- Rug Bargains—English Tapestry Room Rugs, size 7 1/2 by 9 ft., clearing for \$5.98; size 9 by 10 1/2 ft., clearing for \$7.89; size 9 by 12 ft., clearing for \$9.68. Oriental Rugs—6 by 9 ft., regular \$7.00, for \$5.90; 7 1/2 by 10 1/2 ft., regular \$10.00, for \$7.90; 9 by 12 ft., regular \$13.00, for \$10.90. **Sale Price \$1.19**
- Lace Curtains—Handsome Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yds long, excellent qualities, regular 1.50 and 1.75 a pair. **Sale Price \$1.19**
- Lace Curtains—Rich Fish Net and Nottingham Curtains in latest designs, regular up to \$2.75 pair. **Sale Price \$1.89**
- Ladies' Coats—48 to 52 in long, in fine quality tweeds, dark and light shades, in checks and diagonals and stylish mixtures, all the very latest styles, worth, regular up to \$3.50. **Sale Price \$2.90**
- Ladies' Coats—Handsome styles, long lengths, in pretty checks and mixtures, worth, regular up to \$17.50. **Sale Price \$12.90**
- \$5.00 Skirts at \$3.68—Ladies' Skirts of stylish tweeds and plain Vicuña cloths, correctly tailored, perfect fitting, black and colors, worth regular up to 5.00. **Sale Price \$3.68**
- White Wool Boas 25c—36 in. long, pure white, fine full fleeced, worth 35c each. **Sale Price 25c**
- Children's Coats—A wide range of styles, colors and sizes, marked at **Special Clearing Prices**
- Black Saten Underskirts—Rich silky quality, mercerized saten, cut full width, deep flounce, trimmed with tucks, frills pleatings, etc., worth regular up to 1.50 each. **Sale Price 98c**
- \$5 and \$6 Silk Underskirts \$3.95—Rich pure silk quality taffeta, in black and shot effects, made with deep full flounce trimmed with ruffled tucks and pleatings, good range colors, worth regular 5.00, to 6.00 each. **Sale Price \$3.95**
- Columbia Sable Ruffs, 52 in. long, with 6 loose tails, clearing at **Sale Price \$4.89**
- River Mink Ties, 72 in. long, satin lined, large Empire style, muff to match, clearing at each **Sale Price \$4.89**
- Grey Squirrel Ties, choice quality, 72 in. long, satin lined, regular \$12.50. **Sale Price \$9.95**
- Large Empire Muff to match. **Sale Price \$9.95**
- River Mink Ruff, double collar, satin lined ends, trimmed with 6 tails, regular \$8.90. **Sale Price \$7.90**
- Isabella Fox Animal Boa, choice quality, with large head, tails and claws. **Sale Price \$9.90**
- Mink Tie, superior quality, 48 in. long, double, trimmed with head and 4 tails. **Sale Price \$18.95**
- Columbia Sable Stole, 72 in. long, rich full fur, with 2 heads, 2 tails, and 4 claws. **Sale Price \$12.50**
- Natural Lynx and Stole, choice quality, 88 in. long, satin lined, 6 tails, regular \$25. **Sale Price \$22.50**
- Alaska Sable Ruffs, 76 in. long, rich natural fur, double, trimmed with braid ornaments and 6 large tails. Worth \$20 **Sale Price \$16.90**
- Ladies' Fur Coats in Astrachan, seal, musk rat, Greenland seal, Bokharan and Persian lamb, all marked down to **Quick Moving Prices**
- Men's 25c Sox.—18 pairs heavy grey mixed wool sox, fine soft wool, regular 25c a pair. **Sale Price 18c**
- Men's All-wool Sox, in grey mixtures. **Sale Price 11c**
- Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, good heavy twill quality, in fast color stripes, made full sizes, regular 65c. **Sale Price 48c**
- Men's Ties, latest shapes, designs and colors for Christmas season, at each 25c and 50c. **Sale Price 18c**
- Men's Mufflers, in all the latest stripes and colors, at each 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and **Sale Price \$1.50**
- Men's Suits, 27 only, Men's Tweed Suits, were regular up to 10.00. **Sale Price \$5.90**
- 16 only Men's Suits, fine tweeds, worsteds and serges, were regular up to 15.00. **Sale Price \$8.90**
- Men's Overcoats, a few odd lines and sizes, clearing at almost **Half Price**
- Men's Odd Pants in fine worsteds, reg. up to 4.50 a pair. **Sale Price \$2.89**
- Regular up to 3.00 a pair. **Sale Price \$1.89**
- Men's Underwear—2 special lines pure wool, unshrinkable, in elastic rib knit, all sizes, at, a garment, 1.00 and 75c. **Sale Price \$1.89**
- Men's Underwear, heavy sanitary wool fleeced, in all sizes, at, a garment 50c. **Sale Price \$1.05**
- A Blanket Bargain—90 pairs heavy, fleecy quality shaker blankets, large size, colors grey or white, the best 1.25 a pair blanket in Canada. **Sale Price \$1.05**
- \$3.25 White Wool Blankets at \$2.75 pr. full double bed size, white wool blanket, warranted unshrinkable, soft fleecy finish, regular 3.25 a pair. **Sale Price \$2.75**
- Scotch Wool Blankets, made in Scotland, fine, soft, pure white lambs' wool, warranted unshrinkable, full double bed size, at a pair **Sale Price \$4.90**
- Ladies' Gloves—2 and 3 dome French Kid Gloves, black and colors, every pair guaranteed. Special a pr. \$1.00 and **Sale Price \$1.25**
- Visit our Doll Section—A large stock to select from, dolls of every description, and prices fully 20 per cent lower than you would pay elsewhere. 15c Embroidered Hdks. at 10c each—25 doz ladies' fine Swiss lawn handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered and hem-stitched, regular 15c each. **Sale Price 10c**
- Visit our China Section for choice pieces of French ware Ladies' Fancy Collars, 3 special lots, best special for our sale, handsome styles in silk chiffon lace, etc., at sale price each 25c, 50c and **Sale Price 6 for 25c**
- 50c Table Linen, 38c yd., 67 in. wide, heavy pure linen damask, choice designs, our best 50c quality. **Sale Price 38c**
- \$1.00 Table Linen 86c yard, 2 yds. wide, pure grass bleached, double damask, rich satin finish, best dollar quality. **Sale Price 86c**
- \$1.75 and \$2 Napkins, \$1.38 Doz.—Full 3 1/4 size fine linen napkins, wide range patterns, reg. up to \$3 doz. **Sale Price \$1.38**
- Table Cloths, 2 x 2 1/2 yds.—Fine heavy pure linens, in new designs, at each, \$2, \$2.50 and **\$3.00**
- Table Cloths, 2 yds. x 3 yds.—Superior quality pure linen damask cloths, at each \$2.50, 3.00, 4.00 and **\$5.90**
- 9c Flannelettes at 6 1/2c yd.—Fine heavy quality stripe shakers, fast colors, 32 in. wide, worth 8c to 9c yd. **Sale Price 6 1/2c**
- 15c Linen Towels, 11c Each.—20 doz. large size bleached huok and damask towels, fringed ends, reg. 15c to 17c each. **Sale Price 11c**

The Northway Co. Limited
 Chatham's busy Cash and Price Store.

DISTRICT
DARRELL
 Mrs. Tom Brown and daughter, Mrs. Strong, and children, visited at Henry Weaver's last week. Miss Clara French, who has been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Peters, of Northwood, preached in French's church on Sunday. Cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Weaver on Friday evening. Mrs. McGlinchey, of Flint, Mich., who has been visiting her brother, Isaac Gregory, has returned home. Mrs. Isaac Brown is recovering from a severe attack of erysipelas. Ask for Minard's and take no other.

THE MAGNIFICENT CALIFORNIA TRAINS
 Via the Chicago, Union Pacific and North Western Line, the "Los Angeles Limited," to Southern California and the "Overland Limited" to San Francisco are considered by travellers as the finest trains leaving Chicago. Less than three days to California. Drawing room and compartment sleepers, buffet, observation and dining cars. Trains electric lighted throughout. The "China and Japan" Fast Mail carries Pullman Standard and Tourist sleepers to all California Coast points. Illustrated California literature, folders and rates to be had on application to B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King Street, Toronto, Ont. The money that makes one more go, very often makes the other more stop.

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\$15.00—Elaborate Celluloid Case, with complete toilet and manicure set.
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LOST A VALISE

St. John, N. P., Dec. 7. — William Hannaberry, the young man arrested here for stealing supplies from a dining car, will not be prosecuted by the Intercolonial on that charge, but was taken back to Montreal this afternoon to stand trial on charges of valise-stealing, which are to be laid against him by the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk. In Hannaberry's house was found a number of articles which the valise of Mrs. Grace E. Denison, of Toronto Saturday Night staff, had contained. This valise was lost from Bonaventure Station, Montreal, in August.

Mrs. Denison, mentioned in the above, is a former Chathamite and a daughter of Mrs. Sandys, Stanley Ave.

Xmas Perfumes

To meet the Christmas rush we have just received a complete assortment of Christmas Perfumes ranging in price from 10c to \$5.00

- All the Leading Lines Piver Roger and Gallet Breidenbach Plassard Taylor Stearn Seely Wampole

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

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Only 11 shopping days till Christmas. You'll wase up some bright morning and find Santa Claus staring you in the face and half your Christmas shopping will not be done. Then there'll be disappointments instead of pleasure, and sorrowful hearts instead of happiness. There are only 11 more shopping days before Christmas. If that fact doesn't stir you into quick buying action, nothing will.
Fancy Silk Waists.—A silk waist makes a sensible, sure to be appreciated Christmas gift, but of course under ordinary circumstances the price sometimes prevents a choice falling on so desirable a present—with our special offering, however, there is an inducement to select a silk waist.
Our \$2.50 to \$4 Silk Waists we offer to Christmas buyers at \$2.25.
Our \$5.50 to \$6.50 Silk Waists are going at \$4.50.
We also offer \$10 to \$12 Silk Waists at the exceedingly low price of \$7.50.
Christmas Collars and Belts.—What can be nicer than a pretty collar or belt for a Christmas present. Come in and see for yourself our display of these.
Sensational Sale of Women's Coats, suspender styles, paddock styles, slashed back styles, loose coats and belted coats, 32 and 54 inches long, \$20.00, 17.50 and 15.00 values at \$12.95.
Manufacturer's surplus stock of the newest styles in extra fine Chiffon, Broadcloth, English Kerseys, and the latest novelties in plaids, mixtures, checks, herring-bone stripes and blacks, splendidly finished and trimmed with piping, fancy novelty buttons, box plaids, etc., plain, velvet and collarless styles, everyone a perfect model and exclusively cut and finished by men tailors. The early comers will get the choicest selection at \$12.95. (Though sizes are complete, we haven't each size in every style.) Underskirts in every color.
Our assortment of Silk Underskirts this season is practically unlimited. Best values from \$4.50 to 10.00.

SHAPERO BROS.

THE CHATHAM PRESBYTERY

The Chatham Presbytery met this morning in the First Presbyterian Church, with a very large attendance of ministers and laymen. The first item of business was the consideration of the call tendered to Rev. J. M. Nicol, of Wallaceburg, from the Presbyterian Church of Warton. It was agreed to sustain the call, at the same time regretting that Mr. Nicol has decided to remove from the Chatham Presbytery. Mr. Lindsay was appointed Moderator of the Wallaceburg Church until another man is secured. The church will be declared vacant the first Sunday in January. J. A. Ross, of Essex, was appointed convener of the Augmentation Committee in the place of Mr. Nicol, and R. J. Ross was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery, which position was occupied by Mr. Nicol. It was decided to allow the Kent Bridge congregation to appeal to the different churches through the ministers for aid in the erection of a new church to replace the one destroyed by fire. This is a very depressing situation, but there are only some 15 families in the church, and the cost of the new church will be about \$2,000. They have already \$1,000, insurance on the old church, but they cannot raise the rest of the amount necessary.

Rev. Mr. McInnis, of Thamesville, drew attention to the fact that a couple of probationers, who had agreed to take charge of the Duart church for a couple of Sundays, had not shown up, and had not given any excuse for their actions. He thought that the probationers were in some cases a source of great annoyance to the ministers, and he thought that they should be suspended in some cases. Rev. Mr. Little defended the probationers and thought that the church and the ministers were in many cases themselves to blame. Mr. Gilmore spoke strongly on the subject, saying that he had been up against it in the matter of the unsatisfactory conduct of some probationers.

It was decided to investigate the present case and file a complaint in the proper way, whoever was to blame—the probationers or the moderator. The matter of sending commissioners to the General Assembly was then taken up at length, after which the meeting adjourned to meet this afternoon, when Mr. Robertson will give an address on Sunday School Work.

READY ON THE SHELF. That's where you'll find "Nerviline" in every well regulated household. So pleasant to take that even little children will cry for it. So certain to cure coughs, sudden colds and tight chest that thousands of bottles are used every day. Polson's Nerviline does prevent illness, it does ease pain and inflammation, and by being handy will save worry and keep down the doctor bills. Large bottles sold for a quarter at all dealers.

Beautiful Christmas stationery at McColl's Drug Store.

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ANDRUS-INGALLS — On Sunday, Dec. 9th, 1906, at Holy Trinity rectory, by the Rev. J. W. Hodgins, Fay Andrus, of Detroit, to Laura Ingalls, daughter of Mrs. C. Purser, City.

TEACHER WANTED—Quinn Public School. Apply, stating salary, to Thomas Hornick, Quinn, Ont.

Financial institution, well established, requires the services of two or three young men, some business experience preferred, though not demanded. Apply to box 99, Planet Office.

BRISCO OPERA HOUSE Thursday, Dec. 13th MR. EDWARD BRANCOMBE PRESENTS

The Scarlet Mysteries From London, England On tour of Canada and the United States.

Seats on sale Monday. PRICES: 25c, 35c, 50c, and 75c

BRISCO OPERA HOUSE Saturday, Dec. 15. The Greatest Victory in Years Press and audiences unanimous — The demand greater than ever.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF ETIENNE GIRARDOT In the Famous Farce Comedy CHARLEY'S AUNT

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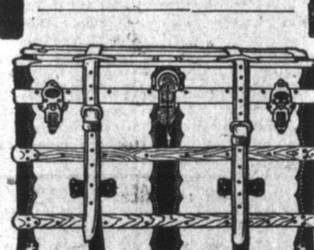
For Old Folks — WA. Gentle Laughs For Children — Merry Shows For Parents — Fusillade of Fun For Sweethearts — Upraising Screams For Everybody — Clean Sentiment

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THE MERRY CHRISTMAS SALE IS NOW ON!

More beautiful and delightful than ever is the holiday display this year. We have spent months gathering this bewildering assortment from domestic and foreign markets. Everything is here to delight the men, women and children. Every Department is loaded down with exquisite beauty and offers superb assortments. Come here during the Merry Christmas Sale to do your holiday shopping. You will be sure of getting excellent things and the prices they are really remarkably low.

China! China! China! Big sale of Japanese China, consisting of cups and saucers, bon bon, fern dishes, creams and sugars, vases, spoon trays. See our 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.25 collection. Very choice pieces at \$1.50 to \$3 each. Handkerchiefs. Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, scalloped and hemstitched, special at 12 1-2c. Ladies' All-Initial Hemstitched Initial Handkerchiefs 1-4 in. hem, special at \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50 for a box of six, or 20c, 25c, 30c each. Ladies' Silk Umbrellas with cold, gun metal or natural wood handles, \$2.50 to \$6.

Ladies' Neckwear. Our collection of Ladies' Neckwear is more beautiful than ever this year. We have some very exclusive designs at 75c, \$1, to \$2 each. No two alike. A dozen different styles at 50c and 25c each. Christmas Gloves. A superb line of Women's Kid Gloves, lined or unlined, made by the best French manufacturers. There is no more acceptable gift for a lady than a pair of kid gloves. All sizes and colors. A guarantee with all gloves at \$1 and \$1.25.

Furs as Practical Christmas Gifts

Let us make a few suggestions, handsome, appropriate and useful articles at prices to fit the demands of every purse and to suit each individual taste.

A Nice Fur Neck Piece would Make an Ideal Xmas Gift. \$2.50—A black or brown coney stole trimmed with 6 large tails. \$5.00—Long boas or stoles, black, white and brown, trimmed with tails. \$6.50—Isabilla coney set, muff is empire shape and the neck piece is a wide stole with long tapering fronts finished with tails. \$10.00—A broad variety of styles at

at this popular price, the sable marmot, and river mink, ties, stoles and doubleuffs, very special values. \$20.00—22 50 and 25.00. These three lines are all natural alaska sable specially priced for Christmas selling, all have large full double neck pieces with satin-lined or double fronts, trimmed with heads and tails. A Special Showing of Jackets At special bargain prices.

\$7.50—Of light or mixed grey and fawn tweed mixtures, loose mefels trimmed with silk stitched bias, strapping and buttons, newly priced to-day at 7.50. \$10.00—Of black all wool kersey cheviot, light tweeds and plaid effects. Some are the plain tailored and others are trimmed with stitched strapping velvet and buttons. \$15.00—Of heavy all wool black and white plaid, plain black kersey cloth and light tweeds 7-8 lengths with full sweep, fly front or double breasted cloth or velvet collar and cuffs and splendidly tailored

The Austin Furniture Store is Full and Overflowing

The best buying time is to-day. Delay only means letting the choicest things go to others more prompt. It means crowding everything into the hurry days. We'll both be the better for beforehand buying. Run your eyes over these items of Furniture.

EASY CHAIRS or ROCKERS, solid oak frames, polished, the large comfortable kind. Upholstered seats and backs, best quality oil tempered springs, double stitched spring edges, covered with the best quality Boston leather. Price

LUXURIANT COUCHES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Some splendid new style frames in quartered oak and mahogany, upholstered in fancy figured velours, Varona, imitation and genuine leather. The prices range from \$5 and \$7.50 to \$45 and \$75 for the best Daventports.

WE DO NOT FORGET THE CHILDREN. We are selling the Little Red Rockers for only 35c each.

ATTRACTIVE LINENS

Whether for gift purposes or for your own use, this stock of linens has much in it to attract you. Plain linens for table use in exceptional values from 25c per yd. up to \$1.00 or choice sets of pattern cloths and napkins to match worth all the way up \$9.00 per set.

Handsome Hand Drawn Linens—The work of the skillful Japanese in beautiful design in many styles and qualities for centre pieces, doilies, sideboard scarfs, toilet sets, tray cloths and other purposes and at prices that make you wonder how they can possibly be made for the money.

Special Table Linen for this Week—Pattern cloths already hemmed with raised border in Rose, Tulir and Floral designs, large size 60 x 72, a regular \$1.25 cloth for special selling this week we have marked them \$1.00.

Special Big Purchase of Manufacturers' Sample Overcoats

Here's Where You Get More Than You Expect For Your Money. We have purchased at our price from one of the largest Clothing Manufacturers in this country Sixty-Three Sample Overcoats. Samples are the overcoats travelling men carry to show the Retail Merchant, and from which the travelling man makes his sales. Of course the coats are perfect in every respect—not many of a kind, but while they last we will offer you the coats for much less than the regular price. If your size is here, you'll buy quickly—you can't help it. These Samples are made from the best material, and made right up to the hour in style. They must be perfect or they would never be do for samples. CALL SOON, CALL AT ONCE, for these unusual bargains will go quickly. This Sale of Sample Overcoats Will be Ready Saturday Dec. 15th. \$9, \$10, \$12 Sample Overcoats at \$5.98

Made from all wool Tweed Cloths in fancy patterns and plain Oxford Grays, extra linings, sizes range 36 to 44. Lot 2—\$13.50, 15.00, 16.00, 16.50 Sample Overcoats on Sale at \$8.49

This lot is made up from the finest quality of tweed overcoating, neat dressy effects, and some plain black beavers and meltons in the medium length and the long full coats which are so smart. Sizes range 36 to 44.

Illustration of a man in a suit and hat, standing with his hands in his pockets. C.N. & R.

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

Dainty Handkerchiefs 5c to \$1.25

WM. FOREMAN & CO., IMPORTERS

Steamer and Couch Rugs for Gifts

A Deep Cut in Dress Fabrics for Saturday

We are in earnest. We must have room. We are not cutting the price of Dress Goods simply to have something to talk about in our ad.

- 25 all wool Cashmeres in colors fawn, brown, grey, myrtle, cardinal, 40 in. wide, per yd. 15c

- 6 pieces of natty Tweeds suitable for school dresses, skirts or suits, regular per yd. 50c and 75c., to clear Saturday 25c

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DISTRICT

TILBURY

Tilbury, Dec. 10.—Mrs. J. Balmer, of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart.

Wm. Clark, of the Sovereign Bank, Essex, spent Sunday with friends here.

J. H. Dennis spent Sunday at his home in Chatham.

Miss Antio, daughter of Theodore Antio, of Tilbury, North, died last Thursday, after an illness of two years, and was buried on Saturday in St. Francis' Cemetery.

Miss Grace Lockerie, who has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. V. Mather, returned to her home in Detroit on Saturday.

Saturday being the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, special services were held in St. Francis' Church, and were very largely attended.

Mrs. Simpson returned to her home at Merlin yesterday, after a visit with relatives here.

BLENHEIM

Blenheim, Dec. 8.—Miss Nellie Baird, of Mr. F. R. Webb's staff, is confined to her home through sickness.

Kent County's favorite authoress, Jean Blewett, has just published another book entitled Cornflower and other poems.

Thos. H. Graham left on Thursday evening for Milwaukee, Wis., to visit his brother, Dr. Charles Graham.

Miss Mildred Hamill, of the Public school staff, is confined to her home through sickness. Her room is being taught by Miss E. Samson.

On Thursday, Dec. 8th, Samuel Ashby succumbed after an illness of several months at the age of 58 years.

The funeral was conducted this afternoon at his late residence, Ruglan, by Rev. Mr. Pomroy, of Guilds. The deceased was well known. A few years ago he ran a hotel at Fargo. He is survived by his widow and a grown up family.

The fire alarm rang about 7.40 a. m. yesterday. The high wind of Thursday night had separated the smokestack on the mill at W. H. Ferris' basket factory and a small fire originated, which was extinguished before the fire brigade arrived.

Miss H. Holton was up town yesterday, the first time since a recent attack of typhoid fever.

Flavette & Co., Limited, shipped a car of live and rough dressed poultry from Blenheim yesterday.

There is talk of Mr. Andrew Irwin, of Simcoe, a former resident of this town, coming back and starting in the mill business again.

Miss Ina Buller, of Ridgeway, is visiting her cousin, Miss Edith Campbell.

Mr. N. L. McLeod has had a telephone installed at his residence.

Mrs. W. S. Mogg left yesterday for Chatham to take a course of baths at Hotel Sanita.

DO YOUR EARS RING?

When they buzz and seem slightly deaf, beware of catarrhal inflammation. This grows steadily worse, but can be cured by Catarrhzone. J. A. Hammill, of Greenmount, P. E. I., proved the merit of Catarrhzone and writes: "No one could have worse Catarrh than I had for years. It caused partial deafness, bad taste, upset my stomach, made me sick all over. Catarrhzone cleared my nostrils, stopped the cough and gave me a clear feeling in my breathing organs. I am absolutely cured." Doctors say nothing is better than Catarrhzone. Try it and you'll say so, too. Two sizes, 25c. and \$1.00 at all dealers.

Marriage ceremonies present a picture of vanity done in the most glowing colors.

POISONED BY A RAZOR

Don't trim your corns with a razor, use a purely vegetable remedy like Putnam's Corn Extractor. No pain, certain cure, and all for a quarter. Every dealer sells "Putnam's."

MR. DOWNEY HONORED

Business Men Of The City Present Him With An Address

RETIRING C. P. R. AGENT

There was a meeting of the principal Manufacturers of Chatham, at The Canada Flour Mills Co.'s Office, on Monday, the 10th inst., at 5 p. m., when a presentation was made Mr. Downey, of a purse of gold, upon the occasion of his leaving Chatham to take a similar position as local agent of the Canada Pacific R. R. Co. at Brampton, Ont.

The following are the manufacturers in Chatham who have appreciated Mr. Downey's unfailing courtesy and willingness to do everything he could to facilitate business in Chatham:—The Canada Flour Mills Co., The Chatham Wagon Co., Ltd., The S. Badley Lumber Co., Ltd., The T. H. Taylor Co., Ltd., S. M. Glenn, J. B. Stringer & Co., Park Bros., The Chatham Bent Goods Co., Ltd., The Chatham Wheel Co., The Sutherland Lumber Co., Ltd., The Blonde Lumber & Mill Co., The Chatham Gas Co., Ltd., John Piggott & Sons.

The following was the address: Mr. E. J. Downey, C. P. R. Station Agent, Chatham, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—With much regret we hear that you are being removed from this place to hold a similar position for the C. P. R. at Brampton, Ont. We trust that the new position will be more remunerative to you, and more beneficial to your family.

No doubt your straight-forward business habits, and obliging manner, will win for you many friends in your new home, and to show our appreciation of you while here, we beg of you to accept this purse of money which has been freely subscribed among your many friends in this city.

Wishing you every success in your new home, on behalf of the subscribers, of which we have the honor to enclose you a list, we are Yours truly, N. H. STEVENS, JAMES INNES.

Chatham, Ont., Nov. 23rd, 1906. This was Mr. Downey's reply: Gentlemen,—Words cannot express my feelings at this unexpected kindness on the part of my friends in Chatham. Not only do I appreciate the gift from its intrinsic value, but I appreciate it still more as showing the kindly feelings towards me, of the friends that I am leaving.

During my stay in Chatham I have always tried to do the very best I could both for the C. P. R. and for the shippers. While occasionally I have had a hard row to hoe, on account of the scarcity of cars, I have left no stone unturned to do all I could to get a supply of cars for the shippers in Chatham, and apparently my efforts have been appreciated.

I have never before, in any place where I was stationed, met with such unfailing courtesy as I have from the merchants, manufacturers and the other patrons of the C. P. Railroad in Chatham. It is, therefore, with great regret that I am leaving here, as it seems like leaving home, but the best of friends must part, and in this case I feel that I am leaving my best friends. However, I hope where I am going, to make new friends, and while they may not be able to take the place of the old friends I am leaving, still, I can only hope for the best.

I thank you, gentlemen, for your magnificent present, and can only repeat that I am sorry to leave you, but I hope we will all meet again, if not in this world, in the better world to come. (Applause.)

ART CULTURE CLUB

Interesting Meetings held in Thamesville—Other Newsy Items

From Our Own Correspondent.

Thamesville, Dec. 10.—Miss Evelyn spent Sunday with Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Walter Kryderman spent Saturday in Chatham.

George Langford, Kent Bridge, was a Detroit visitor on Saturday.

The Art Culture Club met at Mrs. J. Johnson's on Saturday afternoon.

The meeting was under the direction of Miss Mildred Albertson, who gave a concise outline of the Hudson Bay Company. She was assisted by Miss G. Burgess, who took up at length a number of the leading men connected with the company. Mrs. Johnson also gave a paper on the company. Special music was arranged by Miss Smith, which was well rendered and much appreciated. More than usual interest was manifested in the quotations from Canadian poets, with which each member responded. It is with regret Miss Evelyn McCulloch severs her connection as vice-president of the club, on the resigning of her position here. Mrs. J. Duncan, president, has been elected as one of the executive of the Ontario Historical Society, which holds a convention in Toronto in the near future. Mrs. Duncan will bring the workings of the Thamesville Club before the Provincial Historical Society in her capable manner, and much benefit will be derived.

Rev. Father Brennan conducted high mass and vespers in the R. C. church yesterday.

Dr. Stewart and Miss Kathryn Stewart are attending a Sunday school convention in the First Presbyterian church, Chatham.

Miss Dillon, of Northwood, spent Sunday in town the guest of her sister, Miss Kathryn Dillon.

Mrs. H. Carlin was a Chatham visitor Saturday.

IT IS A SHORT CRY

Till Christmas, and every day from now out counts like two. We are waiting on more Christmas buyers than ever this year, and no wonder, when you consider our immense stocks and our early preparations for the buyer of gifts for men.

Here are some suggestions for those still undecided:—

- Neckwear, 25c to 75c. Gloves, 75c to \$2. Fur-lined Coats, \$65 to \$100. Children's Fancy Overcoats, \$2.50 to \$7. Mufflers, 25c to \$5. Fancy Vests, \$1.50 to \$5. Silk Underwear, \$10 to \$12 per suit. Toques, 25c to 50c. Suspenders, 25c to 75c.

And there are Hundreds of other things that Men and Boys Wear that we will be only too pleased to show you.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS, LIMITED.

A STRANGE STORY

Jerry Jackson Says The Sovereign Bank Thieves Were At Prairie Siding And Had A Dinner

Jerry Jackson, who works for Geo. Crow, at Prairie Siding, was in the city yesterday afternoon. Jerry had quite an interesting story to tell about having met the men who robbed the Tilbury bank clerk of \$1,900. Jerry says that the men were in Prairie Siding and no doubt about it. He says that they afterwards re-

turned and attended a house party on the Middle Road.

"The two men first came into Prairie Siding on Saturday," said Jerry. "They went into Milt Shaw's store, where one of them purchased a cap. He discarded the hat he was wearing, and put on the one he had bought in its stead. They had their dinner at a boarding house in the village, and when they were paying up one of them said: 'Mother, how much money do you want? Some days we have lots of money, and other times we don't have so much.' 'They said they were oil-lenders, and they wanted a train going west.

"They left on the 1.40 for Chatham, where they got off at the diamond, and crossed the fields to the Middle Road. On Wednesday night I saw the same two gents at a party at Shaw's, on the Middle Road. Some of the people there seemed to know them, and the crooks asked them how much money they wanted to keep their mouths shut. I didn't see anyone get any money. The last I heard of them was that they left in the direction of Rutledge. Jerry says that the valise which the crooks took from the bank clerk was found in a corn-shock on the Drake Road, Raleigh. The valise contained about \$600 in bank notes.

H. W. BALL & CO., Chatham's Nicest Store

Christmas Suggestions

What to buy for Christmas presents is a very important query these days. We invite you to this store come any time, look around at the special display of useful Christmas presents, do this early in the week, when buying time comes you are ready—We will reserve what you fancy.

Perhaps it is Gloves.

Always acceptable and suitable for young or old. We sell good gloves, find out the size you will want, you can always get a hint of the shade that is wanted. Box and not charge you for the box either. Wool and cashmere gloves 25c and 50c. Kid Gloves 1.00, 1.35, 1.50 and \$2.50.

How About Ladies' Neckwear.

You'll never make a mistake if you buy a pretty lace or fancy collar, the wearer always remembers the giver every time they put a gift collar on—they are nice too—so delicate in coloring and trimming—you never get stuck for what to buy if you buy fancy collars—nice boxes to fit. Lace and fancy at 25c and 50c, and very handsome ones at 75c and \$1.00.

You're Safe on Handkerchiefs.

Everybody likes lots of handkerchiefs impossible to have too many, they are made so fine nowadays, our grandmothers had to make theirs by hand, it took all year to make one—now you can buy nice ones for 10c each. Special 3 handkerchiefs in box 25c; special 2 handkerchiefs in box 25c; special 1 handkerchief in box 25c.

Linens Make a Nice Gift.

Some house-keepers would rather have nice linen than any other kind of a present. A great deal of ours is hand drawn work, done by the Japanese ladies while they were waiting for their husbands and sweethearts to return from the Russo-Japanese war—it's lovely work and not expensive. Some pieces are as cheap as 25c while the best pieces are only \$2.00 and \$2.50.

How Would You Like to Give

We would suggest black it is always worn and very serviceable—we have special Clerks in these Dress Goods to help you in your choice. We will deliver it when you want it.

H. W. BALL & CO. KING ST., CHATHAM.

WE WISH YOU A Merry Christmas

Christmas comes and every heart overflows with Yuletide joy.

What Shall I Give Him For Christmas

This is the same difficult problem that presents itself at every recurrence of the season.

We come to your rescue and say, "Come here with all your troubles and let us show you." We're in holiday attire and have things a man buys for himself and appreciates most. We can, also fill the boys stockings as satisfactory as the man's.

A Few Suggestions

- Overcoats Neckwear Collars Rain Coats Gloves Cuffs Suits Underwear Mufflers Trousers Suspenders Hats Fancy Vests Umbrella Sweaters Smoking Jackets Shirts Etc., Etc.

We'll lay aside your selection until Christmas, and we'll make any exchanges desired.

GEO. MEYNELL

Clothes, Hats and Toggery.

5 Doors West from Market, King St., Chatham.