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BUTTERICK PATTERNS THOMAS STONE & SON FASHION SHEETS FREE

Christmas Gloves!!!

We planned to have our glove stock in perfect assortment for Christmas. A most acceptable gift is a pair of gloves—or better half a dozen pairs, you like to be sure of the quality of gloves you give as a present—our reputation for keeping the best is well established and we assure you that our stock at the present time contains nothing that we cannot guarantee, knowing them to be perfect in every respect. Special at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Why Not a Jacket

An especially when you can buy them so cheap, the very latest styles in both skirt and long coats, box back and tight fitting, all at reduced prices.
Reg. \$10.00 quality for.....\$7.95
Reg. \$11.00 quality for.....\$8.25
Reg. \$12.00 quality for.....\$8.50
And all the others at a corresponding reduction.

Carpet Sweepers

Have supplanted the broom, every modern home should possess one. Take advantage of the Christmas tide and make your wife a present that will lift the drudgery of sweeping days and make them a pleasure—present her with a sweeper, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Umbrellas

Of course we all know that an Umbrella makes a most acceptable gift for either lady or gentleman, and if you buy them here the quality will be the finest, and the prices are \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Fancy Linens

We made an important capture—a manufacturer's samples of Fancy Linen Battenburg Centre Pieces, Etc., we secured the lot at greatly reduced prices, we pass the saving on to you, all prices 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

THOMAS STONE & SON

Direct Importers,
78 and 80 King St.

For Christmas:::

What Men Want

Is what they wear—not useless knickknacks. They want Neckties, Mufflers, Gloves, Rain Coats and other articles that come under the head of haberdashery. If you buy his present at The 2 T's, where men themselves not only find what they want, but find it right, it will certainly please him. You can't buy old goods here, we have none—all fresh and new. And many of our finest fancies cannot be duplicated, we urge early buying to those who wish the exclusive fashions.

In Furnishings

MUFFLERS of plain and fancy silk, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

GLOVES—The products of the world's best glove makers are to be found in our stock—size lines complete, too. Gloves of domestic make, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2. Dent's, Fown's, Perrin's, Reynier gloves at \$1.75 to \$3.50.

NECKWEAR—We have always the choicest creations of this and other countries' leading makers. This Christmas season we out-do all past efforts. All of Chatham's stores combined can't equal our selection or values. No old stuff either, but everything bright, new and of the latest colors, in all shapes.

Four-in-Hands and Imperials, 50c.
Puffs, of the finest silks, woven in exclusive patterns, 50c and \$1.00.
Our line is at its best these days—have you seen the new comers?

EVENING DRESS-PROTECTORS—the new shapes of silk and satin, quilted lining, \$1 and \$1.50.

UMBRELLAS—not the ordinary kind, something a little better. Handles of natural wood, ivory silver trimmed, buck horn and Cape horns, \$1.50 to \$3.

NIGHT SHIRTS—of cotton and flannel, \$1.00. Pajamas, \$2, the suit.
HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.
SHIRTS—plain white, 50c to \$2; fancy patterned, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Full dress, \$1.50.

SUSPENDERS, plain and fancy, 25c to \$3.
SWEATERS—\$1, \$1.50 and \$2.50.
COLLARS—10c and 25c each. Cuffs 25c the pair.

RAIN COATS OR MACKINTOSHES—also now recognized as an absolute necessity for men. Useful summer or winter. Get them at their best here.

The 2 T's

Slater Shoes \$3.50 and \$5.00.
Slater Slippers \$2.00.

Centre of Attraction Santa Claus at "The Ark"

Citizens
Please
Do Your
Shopping
Before
Saturday



Farmer's
Day is
Always
Saturday
Our
Market Day

Some one, come all.
Something for the Children—Dolls, Toys, Games, Picture Books.
For the Young People—Purses, Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Art China, Paper Knives, Travelling Sets, Albums, Companions and odd Bric-a-brac.
For the Older Ones—Parlor Lamps, Dinner and Tea Sets, Fruit Sets, Vases, Silver Knives, Spoons and Forks, Toilet Sets, Famous Stoves—an endless assortment.
Don't miss the place.

"THE ARK"

89 King Street,
Chatham.

Open Evenings

AT THE THEATRE.

To support Robert B. Mantell in his new play "A Free Lance," Manager M. W. H. has this season engaged a company of superior excellence. The handsome and historically correct scenery and costumes, that always characterize Mr. Mantell's productions are again noticeable. The play is a romantic drama, with its scene laid in North Germany in the year 1450. It is described as strong and full of action and gives Mr. Mantell special opportunity for the display of his talents. At the Grand Monday, Dec. 24.

Robert Mantell's magnificent production of "A Free Lance" which comes to the Grand next Monday night is the most complete in scenic effects and properties that we have had at the local theatre this year. The baggage transfer contract signed by the agent yesterday calls for the transportation of two full loads of scenery and nineteen trunks. The property plot merely says "We carry all our own furniture and properties." The production will without a doubt be one of the very best of the year. A feature of Saturday night's show at the Grand will be the contest for amateurs after the regular performance. It will be really a double show, as Tom Marks and his clever company of entertainers will give their regular performance with all the specialties, and this will be followed by a contest among local performers for \$2.50 in gold. Seats may be reserved for Saturday night. They will be placed on sale Friday morning.

"Hass Bargain," the Female Drummer, will amuse the patrons of the local theatre Jan. 2nd. The company is the largest singing band-comey in America to-day and the production is said to be very clever.

The Houdou service cancelled on and after Dec. 19th.

CLEMENTS WILL AGAIN GIVE DELLRAY BATTLE.

The Situation in South Africa Considered Very Ominous—Cape Colony Dutch Aiding the Invaders.

London, Dec. 20.—A despatch dated Krugersdorp, Sunday, Dec. 16, says: "A pitched battle is imminent between the British under General Clements, who has been reinforced, and the Boers under General De la Rey. A despatch from Pretoria reports that many Boers were killed and injured by an explosion of powder among the stores abandoned by the British at Nooitgedacht. The Boers fired the supplies for the purpose of destroying them."

The British losses at Nooitgedacht, according to the official accounts were 82 killed and wounded, with 44 missing and still unaccounted for. It is reported that Gen. Knox has been forced to give up the pursuit of Gen. De Wet, because of the Boers crossing into Cape Colony. Three thousand burghers are said to have entered Cape Colony, and a similar number have reached Philippstown. The report adds that De Wet with about 4,500 men is northeast of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winburg is momentarily expected.

The war office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. Having regard to the customary methods of the war office, this can only be interpreted as confirming the reports.

Lord Kitchener in the meantime keeps a tight rein over the news, which increases the public disquietude. There is a persistent rumor that he has demanded heavy reinforcements. According to the Daily Mail, private telegrams received in London yesterday depict the situation in Cape Colony as somewhat ominous. It seems that the invading Boers are receiving considerable assistance from the local Dutch, and that the troops at the disposal of the British authorities are not sufficient to cope with any serious spread of military operations. It is believed the government has at last awakened to the seriousness of the situation, and is making the utmost efforts to provide Lord Kitchener with horses and mules.

HOW MUNICIPALITIES CAN SPEND MONEY IN LAW.

Thousands in Law Costs Already Incurred by Howard and Orford in a Drainage Suit Involving Only \$4,000.

"I should estimate that there has been \$11,000 spent on the entire scheme. This would be made up of \$4,000 in work and \$7,000 in law costs and damages."

This statement, made in the witness box yesterday during the hearing of the appeal on the Butler and McGregor Creek drainage works before Referee Rankin at the local court house, by the treasurer of Howard township, is liable to set several seriously thinking.

It is an experience of not an unusual character in many municipalities and is calculated to cause the unsophisticated to wonder.

The present trial, too, is an interesting one. It is the case of Orford vs. Howard—an appeal to the Referee by Orford against the action of Howard in assessing them for injury and liability in the construction of the Butler and McGregor Creek drains. The cost of both drains was in the neighborhood of \$18,000, while the amount involved in this appeal is some \$4,000.

The hearing of the appeal opened on Monday and those interested in the plan that it will occupy the attention of the court until Saturday, or maybe longer. It is interesting to form a rough, although necessarily imperfect, estimate of the cost of the sittings. There are four lawyers engaged, three of whom are authorized to attach the "Q. C." to their signatures, six expert and some 25 other witnesses present and the expenses of Referee, court officials and mileage to be calculated.

An estimate might be made as follows: Six surveyors at \$5 per day for six days—\$180.
Four lawyers, two at \$25 per day, two at \$15, for six days—\$480.
Twenty-five witnesses at \$1.25 per day for six days—\$187.50.
Mileage for 30 witnesses, averaging 30 miles, 10 cents per mile one way—\$90.
Referee at \$25 per day for six days—\$150.

Court stenographer at \$7.50 per day for six days—\$45.
Sheriff, clerk, crier and constables at \$15 per day for six days—\$72.

This makes a total of \$1,204.50, costs of the case. Incidentally will run this up several hundred dollars more. And yet this is considerably cheaper than taking the case to the high court, or even adopting the old system of three arbitrators at \$20 per day, when the arbitrations dragged along without legal strictness almost ad infinitum.

However, Kent county has been wonderfully free from such cases. The last trial in this county took place in January, '99—almost two years ago—when the Raleigh plains drain was under dispute.

THE ESSEX GAS FAMINE.

Users of natural gas all over Essex county have received a scare by the notice sent to manufacturers by the gas company that they must prepare to use some kind of fuel other than gas. The factories at Kingsville may have to close down, as there is no other fuel available. James Brown, manager of the Kingsville woolen mills, was in Windsor interviewing M. K. Cowan, M. P., with a view to having the Canadian Government take a hand in the dispute and compel the company to live up to its agreement, which is that so long as gas is exported to Detroit manufacturers near the wells are to be supplied with gas at the same rate as given to Detroit. Mr. Cowan promised to lay the matter before the Government at once.

LOOK OUT FOR DEAN.

The Great Northern Express Co. have issued circulars offering \$100 reward for the arrest of W. L. Dean of Hinton, Iowa. Dean absconded from the office of the Northern Express Company, and took with him money orders Nos. B543411 to B543419 and B577960 to B577979. These he is filling out and cashing and agents are warned to look out for these bogus orders.

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

THE BUSY CASH STORE

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited

A Holiday Carnival

Every section of this store is a centre of special interest these days. If there is a merchandise want of any kind it is safe to assume it is here and for less money than ever before. Its worth something to know where the right things are without loss of time or worry. That's what this advertising is for—to point the way. These items and prices are of special interest to shrewd cash buyers. Our advice to intending buyers is to shop early and avoid the afternoon rush.

Fur lined Capes, fine black and colored broadcloth, mattalases, etc., lined throughout with rich Caluga fur, full sweep, edged all round with rich Thibet and Sable fur, large Thibet collar, handsome wraps clearing at each \$15, \$19, \$24.50 and.....\$29.50
Sable Ruffs, rich brown Alaska sable ruffs, full shaped, trimmed with 6 to 8 tails and heads, extra values at \$8.75, \$9.50 and.....\$11.00
Caprines handsome styles in most fashionable furs, full sizes at \$6.75, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$14.50, \$20, \$25, and.....\$30.00
Ladies' Hats, handsome, stylishly trimmed Hats, clearing now at half price—regular \$7.00 hats at.....\$3.50
Regular \$6.00 hats at.....\$3.00
Regular \$5.00 hats at.....\$2.50
Regular \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50 and \$2.00
Tailor-made Suits—A snap, 6 only hand-somely tailored suits in fine all-wool checks and plain homespuns, beautifully finished, manufacturers

samples made to retail at \$10 to \$14 have your pick at.....\$5.90
4 only Tailored Suits up-to-date styles, regular \$8.00 to \$10, take your choice at.....\$4.35
Fancy Lawn Aprons, beautifully made with fine Swiss embroidery, insertion and val lace trimming, selling for what the material alone would cost you, see our special lines at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c and 85c
Ladies' Astrachan Gaiters in gray and black kid facings, wool lined, quilted cuffs, special at \$1 and.....85c
Misses' Astrachan Gaiters in gray cardinal, white and black, good firm cut, kid facings, wool lined, extra values at 75c and.....80c
Silk Seal Gaiters, made from fine quality seersucker, flannel lined, kid facings, special at \$1.25 and.....\$1.00
Waterproof Sealotte Gaiters, extra quality, kid facings, at per pair.....\$1.00
Handkerchiefs, the finest stock and best values we have ever shown, beauti-

ful Swiss embroidered hdkfs at each 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 75c and.....\$1.00
Fine Hemstitched Irish Lawn Hdkfs at 5c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c and.....15c
Fine Irish Linen Hdkfs, hemstitched and lace trimmed at 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 40c and.....50c
10 doz. Linen Handkerchiefs, square, fine quality, extra value at each.....10c
100 Rolls Fine Vaseline Tissue Paper, any color at each.....5c
Floor Rugs, rich Moquette Rugs, beautiful designs and colorings, size 72x36 in. at.....\$4.50
Size 63x27 in. at.....\$3.00
Size 36x18 in. at.....\$1.00
Reversible Rugs, fringed ends, new designs and colorings, large sizes, special at each \$2.75, \$3 and.....\$3.75
Blankets—10 pr fine heavy Wool Blankets, soft fleecy finish, size 66x98 in. in fancy borders, warranted unshrinkable, extra good value at \$3.25, special.....\$2.75

The NORTHWAY COMPANY, Ltd. CASH ONLY AND ONE PRICE



Christmas Chimes...

Will Soon be Ringing

Sensible Holiday Gifts...

What would make a better or more sensible Christmas present for Father, Mother or the Children than Shoes or Slippers?

Papa and Mamma don't care for nick nacks, and Baby is sure to eat the paint off the monkey on the stick and make himself sick.

Our Men's Shoes - Men say good things about our Shoes—Newest shapes, good leather, all sizes. Men's shoes at \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Our Ladies' Shoes - We have Ideal Shoes—Shoes that suit our Lady patrons. When there is a good thing on the market in Ladies' Shoes, we have it. Ladies' Shoes at \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$4.00.

Our Boy's and Girl's Shoes - We have Shoes for boys and girls of all ages and sizes—School shoes and dress shoes. Bring the children in and we will please them and save you some money. Boys' and Girls' Shoes \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Shoes for Baby - Come in and see what handsome shoes we have for baby. New ideas and pretty colors—25c to \$1.00.

Christmas Slippers for Everybody - If we have neglected to buy any good style for our Slipper stock, come in and tell us about it—we think we have a full assortment. This is the Christmas Shoe Store.

Geo. W. Cowan

LOCAL BRIEFS

John McCoig and J. G. Kerr are spending the day in Detroit.

W. E. Gundy, barrister of Ridgeway, is in the city to-day.

Ties, mufflers and men's gloves in great variety at Thibodeau & Jacques.

Miss Addie Lilywhite leaves to-day to spend the Christmas vacation with relatives in London.

Miss Ida Powell, who is attending the Ontario Normal College at Hamilton, is spending the Christmas vacation in Chatham.

Melvin Stanfield, traveller for the London Tobacco Co., spent yesterday with his brother-in-law, Fireman Alex. Holmes.

Fur ruffs and caperines from 50c. to \$20 at Thibodeau & Jacques.

The 25c and 50c silk counters are a great attraction at the Gordon store.

Miss Clara Blight leaves to-morrow for New York City, whence she will spend the holiday vacation.

The nine-year-old son of Mrs. Claus, Adelaide street, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital on Monday.

Court Chatfield, I. O. F., will elect officers at their regular meeting to-night.

Buy a pair of Perrin's kid gloves for your mother, sister and lady friend for Xmas gift. Thibodeau & Jacques have a full assortment.

R. C. Burr has mounted a fine specimen of an English pheasant for J. C. Smith, of Ridgeway.

Alma, the young daughter of James Gammage, Kirk street, was taken home from St. Joseph's Hospital to-day.

James McConnell, the well-known grocer, has received a large assortment of Christmas china, opal and glassware, most suitable for Christmas presents. An these goods are purchased specially for the holiday trade they must be sold and there are bargains awaiting customers.

A RUNAWAY.

Jos. Chapman, Taylor Ave., had just finished unloading logs at the market scales when his horse became frightened. They ran down the market to King St., where one of them fell and stopped the runaway. Had not the horse fallen the team would have crashed into the grocery of Mr. Brennan. One of the animals was badly cut on the fore leg, and Dr. Kline used 20 stitches in dressing the wound.

NEWS FROM THE HAU.

Contractor Richard Paxton was in the city to-day. He has finished repairing the west pier from the railroad track south, and has begun work on the north end. The Shenango arrived at 8 o'clock, with a load of coal and steel. The steamer at the HAU is 15 inches slower than it was last summer. Mr. Paxton attributes this to the heavy west winds that have been blowing of late.

HOME MISSION WORK.

There was a children's social given Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. S. C. Walker. The girls of the William St. Baptist Church Mission Band arranged the whole affair. A collection was taken up and proceeds went toward a Christmas dinner for a needy family. There were potatoes, bread, fruit, coffee, tea and cake donated. The children had Mr. Walker act as chairman, and the program rendered by the boys and girls was a surprise to all present. Miss Rose Swan acted as pianist. Miss Revere and Mrs. Walker served refreshments and at the close all the children promised to take this mission work up next year and years to come.

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DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

A BETTER POLICY THAN CANADA'S.

In the detailed statement of the receipts of the United States for the last fiscal year are two items which, in view of the railway policy we follow, are of especial interest to us. One of these is an item of \$821,897.70, and represents a repayment from the Kansas Pacific Railway Company of money advanced by the Government to aid in its construction. The other item is one of \$3,338,016.49, and represents a repayment by the Central Pacific Railway of a similar advance. The United States never donated a cent of money to aid in railroad building. For all the money it advanced it took bonds to secure the amount of the loan and interest thereon. It has already received back over \$60,000,000, and the whole of the remainder, except about \$2,500,000, is fully secured. The railroads that received this aid from the United States Government were built at a time when it cost about three times as much to construct and equip railroads as it costs in Canada to-day, yet we are told by the statesmen, who vote subsidies by the million every session, that if we insisted on taking security for the amount advanced no railroads would be built. To this a sufficient answer is that any railroad that can never make enough to pay the cost of construction had better not be encouraged.

POLITICAL FEELING IN THE WEST.

Mr. Scott, the Liberal candidate who defeated Nicholas Flood Davin in Assinibois, has already announced that he will pursue an independent course at Ottawa. He has followed this statement up with an article in the Regina Leader, of which he is the editor. In this article he states that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will make a grievous mistake if he accepts the verdict of the Territories, which returned four Liberals, as a token of complete satisfaction with his Administration. Hundreds of men, he says, who voted the Liberal ticket are far from satisfied with the four years' record of the Government. In voting for Laurier, he declares, they chose what they believed to be the lesser of two evils. "At all events," he continues, "the North-west has now said, 'Give Laurier another chance to complete the work he has partially done—eliminate the principle of protection and bring the tariff down to a purely revenue basis, give relief from railway monopoly, and bring the lands owned by railway corporations under taxation. The North-west wants further tariff reductions. We demand that all lands held by railways or other corporations be speedily patented and made taxable.'"

This is the language of a Liberal member of Parliament, and, coming from such a source, gives a forecast of trouble if the administration delays longer in fulfilling its original pledges.

THE "MACHINE" IN AUSTRIA.

As the election "machine" at its best Canadian must go farther afield than West Elgin or West Huron. In Austria they have a machine worth hugging. At Czarnowice in Galicia the election the other day was only announced late in the evening before polling day. Eight electors went to the polls and unanimously elected four supporters to the local government. At Zaskowice the same thing was done. At Myskowice the returning officer arrived unexpectedly and sent out a order to drum up the voters. All who were prepared to vote according to the returning officer's wishes were admitted to the polls, qualified or not. The others were refused the privilege of the franchise. Only one man was arrested and that was for protesting against the official method of stuffing the list. Schodnia, which according to the census has a population of six thousand, is entitled upon that basis to elect twelve members to the electoral college. But as the electorate is badly tainted with socialistic heresies, the Prefect has public spiritedly declared the population to be fifteen hundred, thus cutting down the representation to three members.

Of course, people will be found who would grumble at being hanged. The Austrian system is just as effective as the Canadian and the electors are not bribed or impersonated and the duties do not have to switch ballots. It is less demoralizing and "gets there" just the same.

The subjects of the Emperor Francis Joseph seem, however, to take more kindly to official control than do British subjects generally. A week or two ago in Vienna, an infantry captain tried to get into an omnibus already full—the omnibus was mean. The conductor requested the officer to get off and an altercation followed which reached a climax when the gallant captain called the conductor a "rhinoceros." Instead of calling the captain something between a hippopotamus and a lobster, as any well conducted driver in Chatham would have

THIBODEAU & JACQUES

If You Are In Doubt

As to what to buy for Xmas gifts, let us help you by showing you our fine assortment of suitable goods.

Perrin's Kid Gloves, ladies or gents.
Handkerchiefs, 2c to \$1.00.
Dress Patterns, all prices.
Applique Table Centers and D'Oylies.

Ties and Mufflers, 25c up.
Sterling Silver and Ebony Articles 25c each.
Dolls, all kinds and qualities 12½c to \$4.00.

Will be pleased to show you these goods whether you buy or not.

THIBODEAU & JACQUES

Some, the Vienna conductor just put his return in the form of a conundrum. "If I am a rhinoceros, what are you?" The officer instead of replying "A cowardly cad," which was obviously the right answer, drew his sword and slashed at the conductor's head, and managed to wound the man in the arm. A telegram from Vienna says "great indignation is felt at the affair." We are not told whether the conductor has been put under arrest.

The southern sidewalk on King street last night was again impassable with tobacco juice. Something has to be done about this; it is intolerable that many citizens have to change their routes on account of the filthy habits of a few. People who squirt tobacco juice on the sidewalk come under the law. They are committing a nuisance, and there is no reason in the world why a few of them should not be prosecuted as an example.

CONSUMPTION

is, by no means, the dreadful disease it is thought to be—in the beginning.

The trouble is: you don't know you've got it; you don't believe it; you won't believe it—till you are forced to.

Then it is dangerous.

Don't be afraid; but attend to it quick—you can do it yourself, and at home.

Take Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil, and live carefully every way.

This is sound doctrine, whatever you may think or be told; and, if heeded, will save life.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound
Is successfully used monthly by over 100,000 ladies. Safe, effective. Ladies ask root druggists for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other, as all mixtures, pills and imitations are dangerous. Price, 50c. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

Where the government finds a combine to exist it has the power to strike off the duty which affords the combine protection. It is years since that power was conferred, and the country is full of combines, yet the first blow against them has never yet been struck. In the matter of starch, the Toronto Sun points out that the wholesale price in Toronto is 3 to 3 1/2 cents per lb.; in Philadelphia 11-4 to 11-2 cents. The duty on starch coming into Canada is 1 1/2 cents a pound, and the starch combine here take the fullest advantage of it. Then there is the tobacco combine, the oil monopoly, the paper combine, and so on. There is plenty of material for good work if the government only has the courage to take head of it.

No Tory should be appointed to a job as long as there is a Grit to fill it.—Cornwall Freeholder.

Could you name any Tory appointed to office by a Grit Government?—London Free Press.

The Planet personally knows of a case, and a rather amusing one and creditable to the M. P. concerned. There was a postoffice vacancy in a place it is not necessary just now to mention. The M. P. sat down one day and wrote two letters. He may have written more but he certainly wrote two. One was to a Liberal, asking him to suggest somebody for the vacancy. The other was to a Conservative upon a different subject. The letters got into the wrong envelopes, and the Conservative received the one asking him to make the postoffice nomination. He knew, of course, it was a mistake, but promptly wrote back suggesting a suitable person of his own political stripe. The M. P. got the letter, saw the joke was on him, and had the appointment made.

AN APPOINTMENT FOR EDWARD BLAKE.

The appointment of Hon. Edward Blake to the position of Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee in the British House of Commons, is not only a high compliment to the ability of a Canadian as a parliamentary lawyer. It is also an intimation that it is not anticipated having any organized obstruction from the Irish Home Rulers. The position to which Mr. Blake has been appointed is equivalent to that of Deputy Speaker in Canada. He is not there, when the House is in committee, and all the powers of the Speaker while he is acting. It would therefore fall to his lot, at times, to discipline his fellow Home Rulers, if they were obstructing, apply closure and use the various other means devised for fighting obstruction. His acceptance is some proof that the members of the party he belongs to will settle down to assist in carrying on the business of the country, and do not intend to obstruct.

The Easy Method.
"Oh, pa! I know how to make a sin!"
"How, Tommy?"
"Why, I'll get up a lot of eclipses and make 'em come off somewhere where they ain't visible."—Indianapolis Journal.

A Confusion of Sentiments.
"My dear George, if you keep on praising yourself you will surely rouse my jealousy."
"My dear Jane, you don't know the difference between jealousy and envy."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Fair Deal.
"I understand you've been condemned," gurgled the river as it flowed along.
"Yes," replied the rickety old bridge wearily, "and I suppose I was tried by my peers."—Philadelphia Press.

For Luck.
"Dat's a queer shoe hose over your door, Mr. Johnson."
"Hoss shoes is out of style; dat's a automobile tire."—Chicago News.

Money and the Man.
Money is more apt to make the man, socially, if the man's grandfather, rather than himself, made the money.—Detroit Journal.

The Root of All Evil.
A peculiar thing about wealth is that when you own too much of it it owns you.—Smart Set.

Obedient Johnny.
Teacher—Spell "wrong," Johnny.
Johnny—E-o-u-g.
Teacher—You knew that isn't right.
Johnny—Course it ain't. You told me to spell wrong.—Chicago News.

Always Taking Chances.
"Sprinkle in an inveterate gambler."
"Yes, I understand that he has been married several times."—Detroit Free Press.

The Surest Way.
She—Did she accept you the first time you asked her to be your wife?
He—Both—You're a Statesman.

A Chance for Valor.
"Say, you're a healthy cowboy! Why don't you turn and smite him to the devil with yer trusty bowie?"—New York World.

Minard's Liniment Cures Gargat in Cows.

Gordon's Christmas Chimes

Christmas is at hand again with its unselfish happy plannings, merry whispered secrets, sly dodging to quite corners, smiles upon smiles and smothered laughter, snatches of old songs, fat mysterious stockings, trees blazing with glory, hearts dancing with love, eyes shining with joy, yet sometimes filled with memories' tears—such is Christmas. Presents for the boys and girls, and the blessed babies, sweet sixteens, big brothers and sweethearts, for fathers and mothers, dear old grand-mas and grand-pas, uncles, aunts, cousins and old batchelors—Cheer them every one with a present from our large stock and our low prices.

MISS CATHCART

For Xmas trade will sell Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats at ½ and ¾ off. Widow's Dress Caps for presents. Tips and Wings at ½ price.

Waist Silks and Silk Waists

A table of fancy silks, reg. values 38c, 40c, 50c and 60c per yd. 25c
20 pcs. fancy waist silk, reg. value 75c and \$1, at per yd. 50c
SILK WAISTS, MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES of fine taffeta silk waists, a reg. value, a beautiful Xmas Box sure.

Handkerchiefs

Children's colored bordered, 2c to 5c
Ladies' plain hemstitch and lace bordered, 5c to 12c
Ladies' initial cambric handkerchiefs, at 12c
Ladies' initial linen handkerchiefs, at 12c to 25c
Ladies' fancy lace handkerchiefs from 25c to \$1.25
Gents' Cambric Handkerchiefs, from 5c to 15c
Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs, from 12c to 25c
Gents' Hemstitch Linen Handkerchiefs, from 18c to 25c
Gents' Initial Lawn Handkerchiefs, at 25c
Gents' Initial and Hemstitch Silk Handkerchiefs, from 25c to 50c

Purses, satchels, shopping bags, chatelaine bags, chain purses, etc.
Ladies' Belts, everything in this line you can desire from 25c to \$1.
Hose supporters, garters, elastic notions.

Specials

Combs—Pompadour combs, side and back combs, fine and coarse combs, hair and tooth brushes.
Belt buckles, scarf and hat pins, brooches, cuff buttons, etc.
Wide fancy ribbons for belts, cushion frills, babies' ties, etc., per yd., 10c.
Ladies' bonnets, hoods, tucks, tans, etc., from 25c to \$1.75
Dolls—handsome dolls, 5c, 9c, 25c

William Gordon...

SOLE AGENTS—STANDARD PATTERNS

STRUCK NATURAL GAS

New Presbyterian Church at Turin is Heated and Lighted by it.

The new Presbyterian Church, which was most successfully opened at Turin last Sunday, is very fortunate in respect to fuel for heating and lighting. Neither cost the good people of the congregation a cent. They have a natural gas well in their own yard, from which they get any quantity of gas. This gas was struck at a depth of only 70 feet, the greater part of the boring being through dry blue clay. There is no danger of the supply giving out, because the public school and several farmers in the neighborhood have been using the gas for years without in the least affecting the pressure.

The new church has been erected at a cost of \$4,800, all of which has been paid up or subscribed with the exception of \$500. It will therefore be seen that the congregation is almost free of debt and in a flourishing condition.

The edifice itself is most modern, with lead glass windows, circular pews, furnace, gas, etc. The church proper will seat 270 people, but by throwing open the folding doors connecting the class-room and organ its capacity is fully doubled if necessary.

This was done at the opening services.

vices and the edifice and adjacent class rooms were crowded to their utmost capacity. On Sunday, besides the popular and energetic pastor, Rev. John McInnes, there were Rev. Mr. Drummond, B. D., of St. Thomas, and Rev. James Argo, of Duart. The former took the morning and evening services, while Mr. Argo preached in the afternoon.

On Monday evening there was a social, at which the pastor presided. The speakers were Rev. G. Munro, of Ridgeway; Rev. T. George, pastor of the Methodist Church at Highgate, and Rev. D. Robertson, of Etobicoke. The choir of the Highgate Methodist Church furnished excellent music. Robert Hogg, treasurer, read the financial statement, showing, as mentioned above, the cost of the building to be a little over \$4,800. Everybody was very congratulatory and a most pleasant evening was spent.

The total receipts of the opening were \$320.

All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Rispin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic, and will give best possible rates.

—Perfectly healthy people have pure, rich blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies and enriches the blood and makes people healthy.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

A wise man changes his mind, but a fool never.

South American Nervine tones the nerves, stimulates digestion, all essential to perfect health. In no case has its potency been put to severer test than that of W. H. Sherman, of Morrisburg, Ont. He says: "I was completely run down, nerves all agho, stomach rebelled at sight of food, constant distress and generally debilitated. Four bottles made me a well man."—116 Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham.

"I suppose that the weather man is the champion for unfulfilled predictions," said Spitta.
"I see you never read a cook book," added Koschick.

Children Cry for CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The health of infants and children is the most important thing a mother can give them. Castoria is the best medicine for infants and children. It is a gentle laxative and purgative, and it is the only medicine that is safe for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is pleasant for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is effective for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is cheap for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is easy to give for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is safe for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is pleasant for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is effective for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is cheap for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is easy to give for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is safe for infants and children. It is the only medicine that is pleasant for infants and children. 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Ceylon tea in an original case?
Your grocer can get it for you in
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No other Medical Firm in the world has the established reputation for curing Men and Women that Dr. K. & K. enjoy. Their New Method Treatment, discovered and perfected by these eminent Specialists, has brought joy, happiness and comfort to thousands of homes. With 20 years experience in the treatment of these diseases they can guarantee to Cure or No Pay—Emissions, Nervous Debility, Syphilis, Varicose Veins, Stricture, Gleet, Secret Urinary, Impotency, Sexual and Mental Weakness, Kidney and Bladder Diseases. Their guarantee is backed by Bank Bonds.

MEN'S LIFE BLOOD

You may have a secret drain through the urine—that's the reason you feel tired all the time. You are not rested, your kidneys ache, you feel dependent and have no ambition. Don't let your life blood be drained away. Drs. K. & K. guarantee to Cure or No Pay.

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Syphilis is the scourge of mankind. It may not be a crime to have it, for it may be inherited, but it is a crime to allow it to remain in the system. Like father-like son. Beware of Mercury and Potash treatment. Drs. K. & K. positively cure the worst cases or No Pay.

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The New Method Treatment cures these diseases safely and surely. No pain—no suffering—no detention from business. Don't risk operation and ruin your sexual organs. The stricture tissue is absorbed and can never return. Drs. K. & K. guarantee to Cure or No Pay.

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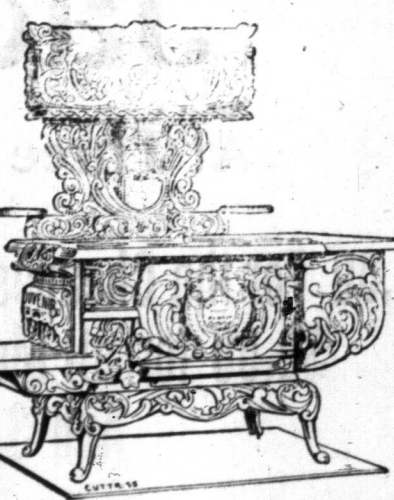
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It is so apparent that it takes mighty little talk to convince. And it is any wonder that the "Souvenir" (with its Acrated Oven idea) should be made the standard for quality from whatever point one may choose to view it? Merit will get to the top—and "Souvenir" popularity proves it. The best by test and comparison; most economical—most durable—best appointed—most perfect cooker and baker—handsomely fitted for general good service without a fault.



Will you take time to examine the "Souvenir"? Sold everywhere—and one will last a lifetime.

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Those who are Looking for
A Good Substantial....

Christmas Present

For their friends, whether man, woman or child, will find the right thing at Geo. Stephens & Co. They have children's sets, they have all kinds of household utensils for the women, they have buggies, sleighs, harness, robes, and nearly everything you can think of that would make a good present for a man. In fact, the line of goods that they carry cannot be found in any other one establishment in Western Ontario.

Their prices are always right, their goods are purchased in the cheapest market for cash, and are always of a good quality. Remember that no cheap trashy goods are sold there, so if you want a good article do not look further but come to us.

Geo. Stephens & Co.

THE OLD FAMILIAR FACES.

I have had playmates, I have had companions
In my days of childhood, in my joyful school days,
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.
I have been laughing, I have been carousing,
Drinking late, sitting late, with my bosom cronies;
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.
I loved a Love once, fairest among women;
Closed are her doors on me, I must not see her;
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.
I have a friend, a kinder friend has no man;
Like an ingrate, I left my friend abruptly;
Let's him to muse on the old familiar faces.
Ghost-like I paced round the haunts of my childhood;
Earth seemed a desert I was bound to traverse,
Seeking to find the old familiar faces.
Friend of my bosom, thou more than a brother,
Why have I not thou born in my father's dwelling?
So might we talk of the old familiar faces.

How some they have died, and some they have left me,
And some are taker from me, all are departed;
All, all are gone, the old familiar faces.
Late hatched chickens must be kept growing.

THE MARKETS

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.

Planet office, Tuesday evening, December 18.—John Waddell, of J. B. Stringer & Co., gives The Planet the following grain gossip:

The cold weather has improved receipts, the roads gradually having got better during the past week. The prices of coarse grains have also become firmer and have been a factor in the increased receipts.

Beans—Market active, the demand continues to improve particularly from the United States.

Dressed hogs are offering in very fair quantities. The price is \$6.75. This price seems to stagger the packers and they are almost a unit in saying the price is too high and decline to order at this price.

BIG ADVANCE IN BEANS.
"Anything new in the grain line," asked The Planet of John Waddell, of the well-known firm of buyers, J. B. Stringer & Co.

"Well," said Mr. Waddell, "there's nothing more sensational than the advance in beans. We are now paying for primes—\$12.25 a bushel for yellow, three weeks ago they were worth but \$10.45."

"What is the cause of the demand?" "Increased demand on the other side. They have to have our beans and when the supply runs shorter than usual the price jumps up. They are worth \$12.25 in Chatham, today, in spite of the fact that there is a duty of 45¢ a bushel on them entering the States."

Mr. Waddell thinks they will still go a little higher and estimates the crop still remaining in the hands of the farmers in this section at present is from 100,000 to 150,000 bushels.

Wheat, 85¢.
White oats, 24 to 25¢.
Mixed oats, 23 to 24¢.
Corn, 32¢ per 75 lbs. in the ear.
Barley, 70 to 75¢.
Beans, handpicked, \$1.35.
Beans, best primes, \$1.20 to \$1.25.
Beans, picking stock, \$1.10 to \$1.15.
Buckwheat, 45¢ to 46¢.
Aiskie, \$1.50 to \$1.60.
Red clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.10.

HAY AND HOGS.
Hay, Timothy, per ton in car lots, \$8 to \$9.50.
Hay, clover, \$5.50 to \$7.
Hay, baled, \$10 per ton.
Hay, loose, \$8 to \$8.50.
Live hogs, \$6.25 to \$5.50.
Dressed hogs, \$6.50 to \$6.75.

SATURDAY'S MARKET.
Saturday's market was a splendid one. The cold weather had its effect and there was an exceedingly heavy offering of dressed meats. Beef sold at 5¢ to 6¢, pork 7¢ to 8¢, and mutton 7 to 8¢. Vegetables were plentiful, but showed no change in value. In the shed there was a good display of poultry, at prices that have been ruling for the past month. Butter was in fair supply at from 20 to 22¢, but eggs were scarce at 22¢ a doz. In the fish market herring, both fresh and smoked sold at 6¢ each and white fish sold at from 25 to 35¢.

HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES.
Butter, 20 to 22¢.
Eggs, 22¢.
Cabbage, 3¢ up.
Parsnips, 15¢ a peck.
Carrots, 10¢ a peck.
Onions, 15¢ a peck.
Squash, 5 to 10¢ each.
Grits, 5 to 10¢ each.
Pears, 15¢ a peck.
Turnips, 10¢ a peck.
Hickory nuts 8¢ a quart.
Potatoes, 40¢ a bag.
Apples, 60¢ a bag.
Celery, three bunches for 10¢.
Chickens, 25 to 30¢.
Ducks, 25 to 35¢.
Turkeys, 75 to \$1.25.
Lamb, 4 to 7¢.
Mutton, 7 to 8¢.
Beef, 5 to 6¢.
Pork, 7 to 8¢.

LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES.
Calf skins, No. 1, 7¢, No. 2, 6¢.
Lamb and shearings, 40 to 60¢.
Cow hides, No. 1, 61 to 65¢, No. 2, 51 to 55¢.
Horse hides, \$1.50 to \$2.
Dog skins, 25¢ to \$1.
Tallow, rendered, 4 to 4 1/2¢, and rough 2¢.

FISH MARKET.
Smoked herring, 50¢ a dozen.
Herring, 60¢ a dozen.
White fish, 8 to 10¢ a pound.
Pickled, 8¢ a pound.

TORONTO HAN MARKET.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Beans—Ordinary white beans bring \$1.20 to \$1.25;

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choice hand-picked beams are quoted at \$1.40 to \$1.45.

TORONTO DRESSED HOGS.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Prices of dressed hogs on the street are firm at \$7.25 to \$7.50 per cwt. Packers quote \$7 to \$7.15 for car lots, on truck here.

TORONTO GRAIN MARKET.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Outside markets were dull but rather better to-day. Local prices were easier. Manitoba No. 1 hard sold steady on account of scarcity, but No. 2 hard is easy. Quotations are as follows:—

Red winter, 63 to 63 1/2¢, and white, 63 to 63 1/2¢ middle freight; No. 1 spring wheat, 64¢; Manitoba No. 1, hard, 64¢, g. l. t., 62 1/2¢; and No. 2, at 67¢; No. 1 hard, North Bay, 61¢.

Millfeed—Scarce. Tom lots, at the mill door, sell as follows:—Bran, \$12 1/2¢; and shorts, \$14 to \$14 50¢. Corn—Easy. No. 1 American yellow, 40 1/2¢, on truck here; and mixed 45 1/2¢; Canadian corn, here 45¢.

Peas—were firm again, prices advancing about 1-2¢. Exporters continue good buyers. No. 2 sold, middle freight at 61 1/2¢; and east, at 62¢; No. 1, east, are quoted at 63 1/2¢.

Barley—Quite firm. Exporters still good buyers of feed barley. No. 2, east, at 41 1/2¢, and middle freight, 40 1/2¢; No. 3, extra, 40¢, east, and 39¢ middle freight.

Rye—Easy. New rye, 46¢ west, and 47¢ east.
Buckwheat—Quiet. Car lots, west, are quoted at 49¢, and east at 50¢.

Oats—Firm. Choice new white oats, middle freight, are selling at 20¢; and east, at 19 1/2¢. Light white oats and mixed oats, east and west, 24¢.

Flour—Dull. Holders ask \$2.45 for 90 per cent patents, in buyers' bags, and 2¢ to 2 1/2¢ for 100 per cent. Special brands sold locally from \$2.55. Special brands sold locally from \$2.55.

TORONTO PRODUCE.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Butter—Prices are steady and demand quite active. The quality of the dairy roll butter coming forward in the past ten days has been very good. Sales of this class on all ways be made. Commission houses sell to the trade as follows:—Dairy, tubs and pails, 17 1/2¢ to 18 1/2¢; medium 16 to 16 1/2¢; poor, 15 to 15 1/2¢; dairy prints, 19 to 21¢; large rolls, good to choice, 18 to 19¢; creamery boxes, 20 to 21¢; and pounds, 22 to 24¢.

Potatoes—Car lots on truck here, sold to-day at 30¢. Sales out of store, are made at 35 to 40¢. Prices are high in the States, but charges are very high. A local firm exported three cars, on which the duty and other charges were over \$700.

Field produce, etc.—Turnips, out of store 30¢ per bag; onions 60¢ per bag; carrots, 40¢ per bag; apples, per bbl., 50¢ to \$1; sweet potatoes, per bbl., \$2.50.

Honey—Dealers quote from 9 1/2 to 10¢ per lb. for 5, 10 or 60-lb. tins, according to the size of the order. Comb honey sells at \$2.40 to \$2.75 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Steady. Choice, timothy, on truck, here, \$10.25; two-ton lots, delivered here, sell at \$10.25 to \$10.50.

Baled straw—Car lots of good straw are quoted at \$5 to \$6.50, on truck; and ton lots, delivered, at \$6 to \$6.50.

Eggs—Fresh eggs are in good enquiry. Receipts light. Prices are as follows:—Boiling stock, 25¢; fresh gathered, 17 to 18¢; limed, 15¢.

Poultry—Receipts were rather light.

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Confirmation services were held last Sunday morning in St. Matthew's church, when twenty candidates were received into the church. The Bishop of Huron preached impressive sermons both morning and evening.

heavy, coming strong that it was Monday. Demand, as usual on Mondays, was slow, and prices were easier. Quotations are as follows:—Chickens, per pair 25 to 40¢; ducks per pair, 40 to 70¢; turkeys, per lb., 8 1/2¢ to 9¢; geese per lb., 6 to 6 1/2¢.

RUFFALO LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo, Dec. 17.—Cattle—The market was generally demoralized, lower and irregular, with over 300 loads on sale. The offerings were too large the best hours of the day, and constantly arriving, put the buyers in an indifferent, uncertain mood, that caused great weakness. All grades lost heavily from the basis of last Monday.

Christmas steers, \$3.50 to \$5.65. Shipping steers, \$4.40 to \$4.65. Butcher steers, \$4.25 to \$4.60. Good to best butcher steers \$1 to \$1.25.

Yearling steers, good to choice, at \$2.75 to \$3. Fat heifers, choice to extra, \$1 to \$1.50.

Good to choice, do, \$2 to \$3.50. Common and stock heifers, \$2.75 to \$3.

Canada feeders, good to choice, \$3.40 to \$3.75. Canada stockers, common to good, \$2 to \$3.25.

Michigan stockers, common to good, \$2 to \$3.50. Michigan feeders, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Sheep and lambs—Market opened with 108 loads on sale, and several loads on track; the total sale being about 127 loads, including 22 loads of Canada lambs. The market opened with a fair demand for choice lambs, but no demand for shippers. The basis was \$5.25 to \$5.35 on the bulk of the sale.

Lambs, choice to extra, \$5.25 to \$5.50. Good to choice, \$5 to \$5.35. Fair to good, \$4.50 to \$4.75.

Sheep, choice to extra, \$1 to \$4.25. Good to choice, \$3.75 to \$4. Canada lambs sold at \$5.40 to \$5.50. Hogs opened fairly active, on the basis of \$5.05 to \$5.10, but after the rush the basis declined closing as follows:—

Heavy, \$5.05 to \$5.10, mostly inside figures. Yorkers, \$5 to \$5.02 1/2¢, mostly \$5.02 1/2¢.

Pigs sold \$5.05 to \$5.10, mostly at \$5.10; but there was a fancy deck early at \$5.15.

Roughs, \$4.50 to \$4.70. Stags, \$3.75 to \$4.25. On the close the basis was \$5 on Yorkers.

MISS L. ESTABROOK spent Sunday with friends at Melin.

Jack Brown, of Detroit, visited at his home here this week.

H. Wilson moved several buildings for J. Chester on Friday last. The latter intends building in the spring.

Master Claude Kennedy, of Quinn, is visiting friends in the village.

Ed. Shepley and sister, Miss Aggie Shepley, spent Saturday in Detroit.

Mrs. J. Renwick, of Wheatley, spent last week with her father, J. Chester.

Mrs. S. H. Knight spent Monday in Chatham.

The annual Xmas tree in the Methodist Church will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th. It promises to be a grand success, come and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Mrs. E. Bayle, who has been so ill for some time, is somewhat improved in health.

Miss A. Orr will spend her Christmas holidays at her home in Sanalea, Mich.

EIGHTH CON., RALEIGH.
The many social events of the season were crowned on Friday evening, when about 60 guests were entertained at the residence of Miss Minnie Woods, in honor of her cousin, G. T. Woods, of Northcote, Minn. Excellent music had been engaged for the evening. Although many other games were engaged in, dancing proved itself one of the main features. (It is one of the pleasures of the season which was enjoyed by all; after which a few favorite waltzes brought the evening to a close. The many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. W. Woods for the pleasure all had enjoyed, while Miss Minnie was congratulated on her skill of furnishing her friends such a pleasant evening.

Good skating and the young people are enjoying it.

Miss Annie Shaw, who is attending Alma College, arrived home on Saturday.

G. Woolver is spending a few weeks in Chatham and Detroit.

A number from here took in the lecture in Wallaceburg on the 12th. We have not heard much about it but have come to the conclusion that the people were somewhat disappointed.

A meeting of the W. G. T. U. met at Mrs. G. Mickle's. A large number were present.

A committee meeting will be held in the school house on Thursday night to make arrangements for concert in January.

Rev. J. J. Brown, of Bothwell, visited here Monday.

W. Clarke, Ridgeway, was in town last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Webster have returned home, after spending a week in Chatham and vicinity.

Miss M. Corbett arrived home from Burk's falls on Tuesday last.

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On Friday evening last, under the direction of the talented teacher, Miss Florence Nicholl, of this city, the following excellent program was rendered at the Harwich school house.

Dr. McCully presided an excellent chairman, and special mention should be made of the splendid solo of Miss M. McCall and the drill-work training of Miss Johnson. The program:—

God Save the Queen.
Chairman's Address.
Grasshopper Drill.
Recitation, The Boy's Complaint—Arthur Fegg.

Selection—Orchestra.
Song, Our Flag Colors—Stella Wilk. Maud Embury Bartha Burns.

Recitation, The Pans that Mother Makes—Jimmie English.
Song, Christmas is Coming—Children.

The Little Sunflowers.
Recitation, When My Pa was a Boy—Roy Forbes.

Vocal Solo, Cradle Song—Miss Gertrude Johnson.
Selection—Orchestra.
Dialogue—The School Master Abroad.

Recitation, The Summer Bathers—Verna Lane.
The Brownies.
Recitation, Sally's Bicycle—Reta Arnold.

Rainbow Drill.
Dialogue—The Old and New Woman.
Tardy Scholar—George Gardner and the school.

Recitation, The Telegram—Gertie Roe.
Vocal Solo—Marion McCall.
Recitation, I Got to Go to School—Kenneth Ransom.

Club Drill.
Song, Good-night—School.
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THE A.O.U.W.

(D. V.) Dr. George McKenough will visit our lodge and give his brethren sketches of European travel, on Friday, next. Members note this, and attend. From a social basis, a growing reserve fund, and a well managed system, widows and orphans are secured from being cast on the charity of a cold world. Invite your neighbor to join; what benefit you will benefit him.

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Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Marshall, organist and choirmaster of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, will receive pupils in singing, voice development, piano and organ. Classes in sight singing and church psalmody. Residence, Park street, directly opposite Dr. Fattibay's residence.

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Pupils will be received for instruction in the Hawaiian or American system. Pupils will be made known on application.

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The Gordon Store will be open this evening to accommodate the public. Game Warden Qualins, of Windsor, is in the city.
Ladies' jackets at your own price at Gordon's.

James Smith, of Stuart, was in the city to-day.
Judge Houston will deliver judgment in the case for Sunday selling of papers on Monday.

Rev. J. S. Henderson, of Hensall, will preach both morning and evening in the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday.
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If Built Through This District—What a Railroad Man Thinks

Mayor Smith has received a communication from W. N. Warburton, superintendent of the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Ry. Co., formerly of this city, commending the project of securing an electric road for Chatham and county.

Mr. Warburton writes: "I see you are devoting your energies toward getting some one interested in an electric railway for Chatham. As I am right in it here as far as building and operating electrical railways are concerned, I thought you would perhaps be interested in our success. Our company came in here, picked up a dead road and expended plenty of money, and have an A1 electric road, which will in a month be running from Port Dalhousie to Niagara Falls, N. Y., on an hourly service and carrying a nominal traffic of 800 people daily. For September we carried in and out of St. Catharines 27,886 passengers. We have also a line running from Arch bridge, Niagara Falls, to Falls View, about 3 1/2 miles, which carries 600 daily, nominal traffic."

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Mr. Warburton expresses the hope that he may have the pleasure of escorting his worship over his system and showing him what the company does and how they do it.

HAZED BOOZ TO DEATH.

Investigation Into Some West Point Practice.

A Congressional Committee Will Look Into the Matter.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 19.—There was some very interesting testimony brought out yesterday by the court of inquiry which is investigating the alleged hazing of cadets at the military academy here, a practice which is alleged to have caused the death of Cadet Booz. Thirty-five cadets were examined during the morning and afternoon session, and of these one was the brother of Lieut. R. P. Hobson, of Merrimack fame. Another was the son of General Phil. Sheridan, and a third, Mark Brooke, of Pennsylvania, is a nephew of General Brooke, who is presiding officer of the court.

All three told of the hazing they got during the encampment of 1898 at the time Oscar Booz was their classmate, and not one of them said that the treatment they received or the things they had to do were either brutal or degrading. Hobson's worst ordeal was when he had to stand on his head in a bath tub in which there was about ten inches of water. He said he was partially strangled, but was all right in a few minutes. Young Phil Sheridan was made to ride a broomstick along the company's street, in commemoration of his illustrious father's ride, and he had to keep shouting, "Turn, boys turn!" all the time. He did not think this was humiliating, he said, although he did not relish the task. In nearly every instance the witnesses said that these forms of hazing were obsolete and while "bracing" was still practiced secretly, it was against the regulations, and if any one was detected

violating these regulations he would be punished.
Booz was hazed because he gave up in a fight before the other cadets thought he ought. They deemed him a coward.
Cadet Abbott said that he had never known Booz to be abused or ill-treated, and denied that Booz was interfered with on account of his religious practices. In reply to Commandant Hein the witness said that he had known cadets as well as the commandants of the most brutal to be severely punished for permitting or practicing "restraint," "bracing" or "other exercises" with power-class men.
Cadet John K. Herz, of New Jersey, who was present at the fight between Keller and Booz, and who acted as one of the latter's seconds, said: "The men put up their hands and sparred. Keller landed a blow on Booz's eye and the latter turned his head away. He tried to avoid Keller, who said: 'Stand up and fight.' Then Booz went down from a light blow and did not want to get up. He was helped up, but went down again two or three times and wanted to quit. He got a blow in the body, but not hard enough to knock him down. Booz flopped down. He cried and said he would give up. He was not knocked out. He just laid down."
After the fight, continued the witness, "I told Booz that his actions were cowardly and so regarded by the others and that he could remove the stigma by fighting another upper-class man. His own class smaller, but he paid no attention to me."
"Had he a mark on his body?"
"Yes, he had a black eye."
Cadet Jas. B. Stubbs, Jr., of Texas, testified that he had seen Booz after the fight, walking down the company street with a smile on his face.
Many more witnesses are to be examined.

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Room 8 to 9.—C. Blackburn, J. Brydon, P. Brock, T. Baxter, H. Coatsworth, B. Henry, D. Morrison, M. Manning, E. Ryan, S. Smith, G. Slagg, E. Stanton, G. Watt, D. Ward.

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HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—73 Lorne Avenue, Apply to W. H. Webb, King St.

\$500—Will buy one and a half acres on Victoria Avenue. \$400 will buy 6 lots in one block on Maple Street. Apply at Planet Office.

\$2500—Will buy the only vacant lot in the business centre on King Street, 48 ft. wide, the Central Drug Store back to the River. Title perfect. No incumbrance. Apply to E. T. Martin.

SEVEN LOTS FOR SALE—One on Victoria Avenue and six on Maple Street. For full particulars apply to S. STEPHENSON, Planet Office.

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FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—168 acres of land in good farming district, 68 acres cleared, 68 acres under pasture, two young orchards bearing nicely, good house, cistern and barn. Address, Planet Office.

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT—A 7 room cottage on Park Ave., with all modern improvements, good well, cistern, etc., with either one or two acres of land. Terms more etc. Apply to JAMES GARDNER, Architect.

TWO HOUSES FOR SALE—Corner Harvey and Lacroix Sts., one contains attached to each, city water. About eight minutes walk from Post Office. Apply to

LOUIS STAMBEKOFF, Planet Office.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Large two story house on Water Street, lately occupied by Mrs. A. H. H. Robinson. City water, gas, furnace and all modern conveniences. Fronts beautifully situated on river; has stable, lawn, garden with all kinds of fruit. House lately painted and repaired. For terms or further information apply to Lewis & Richards Barristers, Chatham, Ont.

Carpets Clothing | C. Austin & Co. | Dress Making and Millinery

Open To=Night

For the accommodation of customers who cannot come during the day to do their Christmas shopping this store will be open until nine o'clock during the balance of the week.

The Biggest Bargains ...In Chatham...

In order to give gift givers something extra with sensible lines to purchase and at the same time dispose of the balance of our stock we are going to offer our

Entire Stock of

Ladie's Jackets

At Three Prices

\$2.00 For the Cheapest Sort
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And \$5.00 for the Best

All Furs Less 10 Per Cent.

Your choice from now to Xmas of our immense stock of Fur Jackets, Fur Capes, Caperines, Ruffs, Gauntlets—all at 10 per cent. discount in order to make a clean Sweep by Monday night.

C. Austin & Co. The Bargain Centre Market Square Corner

English Holly And Wreathing

For Christmas Decoration

This will be found great help in making the home look bright and cheerful. The expense is not much. You will find yourself well repaid for your trouble.

Christmas Crackers, 25c to 75c a box.
Christmas Crackers, 10c a doz.
Mixed Nuts, 15c a pound.
Fine Walnuts, 20c a pound.
Table Raisins, 20c and 25c a pound.
Table Figs, 15c and 20c a pound.
Mixed Candy, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Cream Candy, 10c a pound.
Cream Chocolates, 15c a pound.
Cardinal Chocolates, 30c a lb.
Our Finest Chocolates, 50c a lb.

H. Malcolmson

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J. F. CAIRNS, MANAGER.

Week Beginning December 17
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Marks Bros.

Presenting the Comedian

Tom Marks

And a Clever Company of players, producing the Latest Dramas and Comedies.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

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MR. ROBERT B.

MANTELL

AND A SELECT COMPANY

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF

H. W. HANLEY, IN

"A FREE LANCE"

INTERESTING! EXCITING!

AL. NEW SCENERY

A GENUINE DRAMATIC TREAT

PRICES - 1st, 75c, 50c, 35c, 25c

Curtain Rises at 8:45

[Mr. Mantell is too well known in Chatham to need any comment. The news agent J. F. Cairns.]

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS.

George S. Bliss, Windsor agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., was arrested yesterday at the instance of the district manager of the company on the charge of being short in his accounts. Bliss was taken before Magistrate Bartlett and was admitted to bail until December 27, when he will be given a hearing. Bliss has been attempting to adjust his difficulties with the company for some days, but without success. When he became agent for the company he gave a bond for \$500 and when the guarantee company was notified of the alleged shortage the Singer people were ordered to prosecute Bliss. The latter says he has offered to pay \$200 of the shortage over to the Singer Co. and to give security for the remainder of the amount, but that this offer has been refused.

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A DARK RIDE ON A DOG SLED.

Well Known Chathamite's Experience in Northern Ontario.

William Ball's Trip of Inspection to a Gold Mine he is interested in.

Overtaken by night in the scrubby woods of Northern Ontario, the thermometer 20 degrees below zero, a foot of snow on the ground, wolves howling in the distance, no companions except a half-breed, the superintendent of a mine and five tired dogs attached to the sleigh, and the nearest habitation 12 miles away, was the uncomfortable experience of Wm. Ball, of Victoria avenue, who has just returned from a trip to Northern Ontario and Manitoba. Last Wednesday on arriving at Denore on the C. P. R. Mr. Ball was met by the superintendent who has charge of the five mines a syndicate, in which Mr. Ball is interested, are working 15 miles from Denore. It was the Chathamite's purpose to visit these mines. Engaging a half-breed driver and sled and five dogs to make the journey to the mines, was a matter of little difficulty. The dogs proved to be active little animals, with long black or brown hair and short bushy tails. They much resembled the Esquimaux dogs. Mr. Ball was arrayed in a huge fur coat, moccasins, heavy stockings and a fur cap. Few of the Chatham friends would have recognized in the much bearded and furred individual seated in company with a half-breed and a miner, on a dog sleigh leaving Denore last Wednesday, genial William Ball, of Chatham.

But he is was. The trip was fraught with quite an unusual experience for one member of the party at least. The distance to the mines was 18 miles as the crow flies and the dogs rushed along through the snow which lay a foot deep. The little canines are hardy and strong and made from four to five miles an hour. When about half the distance had been traversed, Sand Lake, six miles wide was reached. It was expected to cross it on the ice but the party were doomed to disappointment for the lake was still open. It was the necessary to go around the lake by what was called the Wabegon road. Mr. Ball looked in vain for anything like a road but all he could discover was a narrow trail through the bush called in apparent irony a road. When the party were half around the lake darkness came on. Then it was that Mr. Ball found himself in the undesirable position previously narrated. The guide went ahead with one of the dogs and the rest followed but the three hours of the night spent in reaching the mining camp were by no means pleasant. The gloomy woods, the forbidding trunks of the bare trees, the howling wolves, the darkness and the silence were enough to make the stout heart of anyone accustomed to city life and a warm fireside, stand still and cause a certain feeling of loneliness and isolation. However, after three hours hard work, the camp was reached and Mr. Ball can look back and laugh at his experience in the wilds of Northern Ontario but he confesses that it was the hardest trip of his life.

After satisfying his appetite, he enjoyed a good night's rest and next day examined the mines. Four men are employed, and they have dug a tunnel into the side of the hill 70 feet long and 10 feet deep, and have found a vein of ore four feet wide. The gold is in the quartz rock, called free milling ore. It is not white like the ordinary quartz rock, but is black and grey. Samples from this mine have assayed \$125 to the ton. The chances are that a company will be formed and the syndicate will set out the mines, and that a stamp mill will be erected in the near future. Mr. Ball says that he and the gentlemen interested with him are only at present ascertaining the value of the mines.

Last Friday Mr. Ball left the mining camp by the dog sleigh express, and this time the lake was frozen over, the ice being two inches thick. It was decided to risk crossing it and the trip was made successfully, they being the first party to cross. The trip out occupied nine hours, while the return journey to Denore was made in four and a half hours. It was a beautiful bright day, the thermometer being 20 degrees below zero, but the air was so clear and bright that the cold was not felt nearly as much as it is when the mercury stands at 10 degrees above zero in Chatham.

Leaving Denore at 11:45 p. m. Friday, Toronto was reached at 2:25 a. m. Sunday, and Mr. Ball arrived in Chatham Tuesday. He is much delighted with his trip and looks splendid. While away he spent three weeks in Winnipeg, meeting many old Chathamites, including Will and Lindsay Ireland, Herman von Eberts, Frank Dunlop, Murray O'Hara, and Mr. Mickelson. Business is good in the Prairie City, and all the Chathamites are prospering.

Leaving Winnipeg, he stopped at Rat Portage and visited the gold reduction mill at Keewatin, thence to his own mines, and afterwards home to Chatham.

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ANOTHER GOOD PLAY.

The Rose of Kerry was put on by Marks Bros. last evening at the Grand Opera House. The piece was amusing and interesting and Tom Marks as Terry O'Malley always succeeded in arousing merriment when ever he made his appearance. The specialties last evening were exceedingly good. The charming soubrette, Miss Esther Evans, and Master Clyde Long made a very entertaining team and the twain are proving great favorites with the galleries. Chris C. Allen, Tom Marks, Geo. Carson and Jake Wiliard all featured in the specialties. To-night they play one of the best plays in their repertoire. The Marks Bros. give a continuous show. There is no wait between acts and their great popularity is due to a good show and lots of fun at a very low price.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

TO SUBSIDIZE A FRENCH LINE.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—It is announced that the Government has decided to grant the Franco-Canadian Steamship line, which runs from Montreal to Havre, a yearly subsidy of \$50,000 for five years, provided it runs a two-weekly service in summer and a monthly service in winter. The general manager has gone to France to arrange for the building of four new boats.

What... Shall I Give?

For the troubled ones who are endeavoring to solve the problem what to give for Christmas we offer the following limited suggestions from our large and varied stock. These would make nice gifts

For Him

A Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen
A Cigar Case, in Leather
A Bill Wallet
A Walking Stick
A Collar and Cuff Box
A Leather Travelling Companion
A Necktie and Handkerchief Box
A Good Book or a Bible
A Nice Ink Well
A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait

For Her

A Pretty Ratty Fan
A Finger Purse with Initial
A Box of Nice Note Paper
An Ebony Hand Mirror
A Nice Gift Book or a Bible
A Photo Frame with your Own Portrait
A Leather Writing Portfolio
A Comb and Brush Set
A Scissors Set in Leather Case

For Boys and Girls

Black Boards—25c and 35c
Drawing Sets
Picture Books—all prices
Boys' Own
Girls' Own
Chatterbox
Crokinole Boards
Carrom Boards
Pencil Boxes

And many other pretty and useful gifts. We invite inspection of our stock, with every confidence that we can please.

Dingman.

FEARED THE MEN WHO SHOT TO KILL.

Boers Did Not Like the Canadian Mounted Infantry.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Sir Chas. Ross is now in the city on his way to British Columbia. He was on the staff of General Hutton during the war, and referring to the Canadian contingents, he said it is impossible to speak too highly of the work done by the colonials. Among the officers in the army, the Canadians and the New Zealanders have the reputation of being among the very best mounted troops serving in South Africa. "I can speak Dutch, and had occasion to talk with a great many Boer prisoners taken on the road north. They said that the Canadian Mounted Rifles and the New Zealand Mounted Infantry had a great reputation. The Boers were afraid of them, and complained that these two corps were composed of men who, when they advanced against them, shot to kill."

Crosscut saws—"Buffalo Bill," "Ma-lasi," "Lance," and others, at Morton's hardware store.

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Don't Come Down Town
Without Visiting Our.....

Toy Department

If you haven't children of your own you will surely want something for some of your friend's children. Toys that will make the little ones dance with glee and bulge with wonder and astonishment.

The mechanical Toys that run, squirm and perform various antics exactly as in real life—Dolls that are lifelike enough to talk, in fact some of them do say Papa and Mamma; Games that will keep the boy off the street; Iron and Wooden Toys of all kinds, Etc.

For your own interest do not put off buying a day longer. You know the value of early choosing.

.....Come in Forenoon it Possible.....

Sulman's Beehive

Garner House Block

NOVEL WAY TO GAMBLE.

Floating Palace to be Anchored
in the English Channel.

Outside the Jurisdiction of Any Nation—Expects to Rival Monte Carlo.

London, Dec. 20.—A syndicate has been formed to buy an obsolete Atlantic liner, fit her up as a miniature Monte Carlo casino, moor her off the English coast, just outside the three-mile limit, and run a big game in the English Channel off Brighton. Launches will run back and forth to meet London trains. The boat will be a floating hotel, as well as a gambling resort, and visitors may live aboard as long as they please in luxurious surroundings. Experienced croupiers will be imported from Monte Carlo, and roulette will be the principle game, played in strict accordance with Monaco rules. Nominally it will be a club, but any man belonging to any recognized club in Europe can easily obtain admission by payment of a nominal fee. This is similar to the rule of the Ostend Club. A private part of the ship will be devoted to a restricted club, like any London club with heavy subscription and limited membership. This will be for private play. The promoters say making money is not so much their object as providing a place where Englishmen can gamble. They reckon the profits of the hotel and restaurant business will be sufficient to pay the expenses, so every reasonable concession will be made to gamblers. The cost of the ship and outfitting is estimated at \$250,000, while more than that will be subscribed to stake the bank.

DRESDEN.

Dec. 20.—S. Northcott and family have moved from Detroit back to Dresden. Ernest Brewer, who was injured last Saturday at the railway crossing, is able to get around again. Anna Biddle and Chas. Badder will be candidates for the coming mayoralty for 1911. The Presbyterian S. S. entertainment will take place Friday night, Dec. 21st.

TILBURY.

Dec. 20.—Miss Gertrude Carless of Rosedale and Mr. Frank Bone, of this village, were married yesterday afternoon, by Rev. T. Dobson, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Richard Carless, of Rosedale. Mr. and Mrs. Bone left for Detroit to spend their honeymoon there. On their return they will reside in this village. Mrs. W. J. Moffat and Mrs. D. Smith were in Detroit yesterday. Mrs. John Gilroy, of Comber, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. Smith, a few days this week. Village council held an adjourned meeting on Tuesday night relative to the moving of certain street lights.

After a rather violent discussion things were left as they were.

GOOD REASON FOR IT.

The Success and Popularity of the New Catarrh Cure.

The remarkable success and popularity of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, is largely because it not only cures catarrh, but because catarrh sufferers who use these tablets know what they are taking into their system; no secret is made of what they contain. They are composed of Hydrastis, blood root, guaiac and red gum, are pleasant to the taste and being dissolved in the mouth, they take immediate effect upon the mucous lining of the throat, nasal passages and the whole respiratory tract. The cures that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have accomplished in old chronic cases are little short of remarkable, and the advantage of knowing just what you are taking into your system is of paramount importance when it is remembered that the cocaine or morphia habit has been frequently contracted as the result of using secret catarrh remedies, as so many of them are well known to contain these injurious drugs.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets meet with the approval and cordial support of physicians because their antiseptic character renders them perfectly safe for the general public to use and their composition makes them a common-sense cure for all forms of catarrhal trouble.

With nearly all advertised catarrh cures it is a matter of guess work as to what you are taking into the stomach, as the proprietors, while making all sorts of claims as to what their medicines will do, are very careful to keep it a close secret as to what they really contain.

This is one reason why Stuart's Catarrh Tablets have been so widely recommended, because they are not only pleasant and convenient to take, but the patient also knows he is not putting into his stomach anything of an injurious character. These tablets are sold by druggists everywhere in the United States and Canada at 50 cents for complete treatment and probably there is no better remedy ever devised for the permanent cure of catarrh whether located in the head, throat, bronchial tubes or in the stomach.

TO MAKE WAR

ON CONSUMPTION

An Important Conference on the Subject Called at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A general conference of medical men and others interested in the subject will be held in this city in January, under the patronage of the Governor-General, to consider measures for lessening the prevalence of consumption. In September last a committee of the Dominion association for the prevention of tuberculosis was formed, with provisional offices, and this committee has been meeting in Ottawa during the past day or two, arranging a program for the general conference. The program and invitation to the conference will be sent out not only to the medical members of the association, but also to members of the Dominion and Provincial Governments and to others who have taken special interest in measures intended to lessen the prevalence of consumption. Important results are expected from the conference, where the association here next month. Lord Minto has accepted the honorary presidency of the association.

THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 19.—Mr. Lambert, of Chatham, is in town to-day. A new heater is being put in place at the G. T. R. pump house. Miss Butler is in Chatham, to-day. A horse belonging to F. Avery, while tied in front of F. Mayhew's house, frightened and over turned the buggy, breaking the shafts. A serious runaway was narrowly averted. S. Ingalls, of Lunenburg, is visiting his sister Mrs. Fleming. Mr. Delzell, of Windsor, is in town to-day in the interests of the North-holmer Piano Co. As E. Conway, of London, and C. M. Bruid, of Monroeville, were among the visitors in town to-day.

Jewelry and electroplate suitable for Xmas presents, at Morton's hardware store.

Look at This

Sterling Silver Novelties
All at 35c Each

Westman Bros.

Big Hardware and Implement House

CHATHAM.

.....Hardware

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HOLIDAY

Shoes
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SlippersShoes
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Nothing is nicer or more acceptable for a

Christmas Present

Than a pair of SHOES or HOUSE SLIPPERS.

Don't forget the JACK and JILL SLIPPERS for the children, at
25 Cents

We handle every description of FELT SLIPPERS, all prices.

Turrill's Shoe Store
Repairing Neatly Done.Christmas
Shopping

The three most perplexing problems regarding Christmas buying are "where," "when" and "what" to buy. We can aid your solving of all three. No better place for honest value and new merchandise in large variety than right here with us.

The earlier purchases are made the better, assortments are larger, attention better, the hurry of the near days to Christmas is avoided. Take the following as a convenient hand book and guide when looking for gifts, it will aid you greatly.

Christmas Gloves

We planned to have this Glove stock in perfect assortment at Christmas time, the most acceptable Christmas gift is a pair of Gloves. You like to be sure of the quality of Gloves you give as a present. A guarantee goes with every pair that goes out of here.

Ladies' Kid Gloves in black and a full assortment of colors, at per pair... \$1.00
Ladies' Mocha Gloves, very stylish for street wear, at per pair... \$1.38

Children's Kid Gloves

In all the newest shades, at per pair... 75c

Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs, hemmed, all trimmed with lace in each corner, worth 15c, for... 5c
Handkerchiefs, linen centres, lace trimmed, worth 35c, for... 15c

Dress Goods

An exclusive Dress or Skirt Pattern will please the most of the ladies, and if your thoughts are along these lines you can't do better than visit this Dress Goods section. Exclusive Dress stuffs are one of the striking features of this department, and although exclusive, yet as far as the design and material goes they are the newest on the market.

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SIR CHARLES IN
AN INTERVIEWDeclares the Conservatives Still
Occupy a Strong Position.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Dec. 20.—Sir Charles Tupper in an interview, says: "As I have already stated in the past, I have given up my active part in political life, and it would certainly be out of place on my part to say anything of the future leader of the party. Any suggestion on this subject would be quite indecorous on my part. I have resigned my position as leader of the party and would not suggest my successor."

"Do you consider the result of the Dominion election at all discouraging to the Conservative party?"
"No! On the contrary, we hold a very strong position. The provinces of Ontario and Manitoba have testified in favor of our party and it is quite evident that Conservatives have the confidence of these two provinces. In many cases not only were large government majorities wiped out, but Conservative Candidates were elected by considerable majorities."

CANADIAN CRAWLED
THIRTEEN MILESTo Escape From the Boers—He
Was Badly Wounded at
the Time.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—A letter has been received by J. H. McFarlane ex-M. P., from his son, Sergt. Fred McFarlane, C. M. R., wounded at the battle of Belfast on Nov. 6th. He was wounded in the hip, and is yet quite lame. The bullet has not been extracted. The wound was X-rayed, and it was decided not to have an operation in Africa, and he will wait till he arrives home. He is a passenger on the Roslyn Castle. After McFarlane was wounded he managed to escape, and by crawling on his hands and knees, for he was unable to walk, and by rolling over and over, he managed to cover the thirteen miles separating him from the column, and was cared for by the surgeons. When he was taken prisoner the Boers took away his rifle and side-arm. They also wanted to take away his watch and valuables, but these he absolutely refused to give up, telling them that if they wanted them they must first kill him.

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Shoes
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Rubbers

At the right prices.

LADIES' FINE SHOES

Our assortment in this department is
very attractive just now—our prices
very moderate.

Ladies' fine Vicia Kid Boot, with fine kid lining and Military heel, regular price \$3, our moderate price... \$2.50
Another line of fine Vicia Kid Boots with rubber heels, regular price \$3, our moderate price... \$2.50
Another line with fine Box Calf uppers, extension soles and Kid uppers, regular price \$3, our moderate price... \$2.50

These three lines are made by the J. D. King Co. of Toronto, makers of ladies fine shoes. We buy from the best manufacturers, we carry up-to-date styles, our goods are reliable. Whether to buy or look you are always welcomed.

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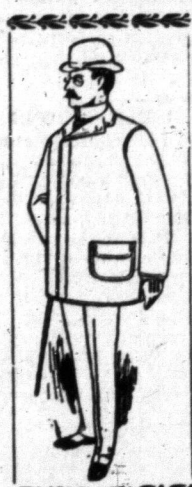
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Centre

That Interesting Question

What to Give
Your Friends
At Christmas

CAN be quickly and satisfactorily settled here with such an array of both handsome and useful articles as we show for men folks. It is difficult to find gifts that are sure to please.

Select Something Useful
as Well as Beautiful

SEE WHAT WE ARE SHOWING IN MEN'S

Neckwear
Gloves
Mufflers
Handkerchiefs

Our Holiday Neckwear is now complete and all displayed, so it is easy for customers to select. They are certainly handsome goods and could not help but be appreciated by the most fastidious.

Holiday Shirts
Nobby Caps
Comfortable Sox
Neat Jewellery
Pretty Scarf Pins

IN FACT EVERYTHING THAT MEN WEAR.

Dressy Overcoats, Stylish Suits
Reefers for the Boys, Nobby Suits for the Little ChapsPrices to Suit
Every Purse and Taste

C. AUSTIN & CO.,

Leading and Reliable Clothiers
The Men for Men

T. & D.

MANUFACTURING CLOTHIERS

T. & D.

Bestir Yourself

HIGH time to bestir yourself. If you have generous impulses don't stifle them. If you have good intentions carry them out. Money isn't scarce and there is no need going empty handed to the gift festivity with the wide range of choice and low prices this store affords.

Boy's Clothing

Everything for the boy from Cap or Tie down thro' the
garment of our own make—Overcoats, Reefers and Suits.

Overcoats... \$3.00 to \$4.50
Suits... 1.50 to 3.00
Reefers... 1.25 to 4.50

Men's Clothing

We make all the Clothing we sell, and just because it's
the holidays you won't find us slack as to Men's Clothing
needs.

Overcoats... \$5.00 to \$13.00
Sack Suits... 5.00 to 16.00
Cutaway Suits... 10.00 to 16.00

Neckwear

The latest styles with plenty of in-
ducements besides in the way of price
concessions.

Puff Ties... 25c and 50c
Ties... 25c
Regular 50c Derbies... 25c
Special Derbies... 25c
Made Bows... 50c
Made Knots... 25c
Imperial Flowing Ends... 50c
English Christmas Squares... \$1.25
Fine Christmas Imperials... \$1.00

Gloves

We believe ours the best in Canada
for the price. Full lines.

Lined Kid Gloves... 50c, \$1, \$1.25
Mocha and Imitation... 75c, \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.00
Dress Kid and Cape... \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Unlined Mocha... \$1.30

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A Christmas
StoreCome and see and en-
joy the Christmas deco-
ration. All are welcome.
No obligation to buy.Thornton
& Douglas

Men's Mufflers

Our Muffler stock gives wide latitude
to choice both in style and price and
coloring.

Fancy Squares... 25c
Cashmere, new goods... 50c
Five lines of Silk 75c, 90c, \$1.25
Twilled Silk \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25
Plain Oxford... 75c
Five Lines, Quilted Lined
Oxford... \$1.00
Fancy Oxford... \$1.25, \$1.75

Umbrellas

We are satisfied with our Umbrellas,
and they will satisfy anyone who is
lucky enough to get one.

Austrian Cloth... \$1.00
Gloria Silk... \$1.50
Special Silk... \$2.50
Extra Fine Silk \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50

Braces

Plain and fancy Braces, in narrow and medium width
webs, kid and Mohair ends, fancy and glove cast-off
buckles, eight different lines at

50c

A special line of New York Braces—the celebrated Crown
Brand in plain and fancy Elastic webs and fancy Silk Rib-
bon, with elastic backs, one pair to a box

75c and \$1

Fancy Silk Braces, with white kid ends, one pair to
a box

75c

Fancy Regatta Shirts

Five lines fancy Striped Shirts, loose cuffs, fast colors,
open front or back, cushion neck band at

\$1.00

Fancy striped and checked Cambric Shirts, with loose
cuffs or attached cuffs, cushion bands at

\$1.25

Fancy stripe Cambric and Percale Shirts, open back and
front, loose cuffs, the latest Canadian and United States
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LOCAL BRIEFS

While Ira Burk was driving along King street yesterday, his horse slipped on the pavement, breaking one of the shafts.

Wm. Fisher, Harwich, was driving on a load of wood, when it upset and Mr. Fisher was thrown to the ground. He had his right arm badly injured by the accident.

The Christmas vacation commences on the 24th inst. and lasts until Jan. 6, inclusive. During this time the legal offices at Harrison Hall will be open only from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

Von Gunten Bros. cut sale of children's solid gold ring, stone settings, for 35c to-morrow and only one to each customer.

The adjourned meeting of the water commissioners will take place this evening.

Sound hardwood has been selling at 95 a cord all fall. The good roads of the past week, and the good price has induced the farmers to bring in wood. Yesterday and today the market was crowded, and as a result the price has dropped 50c a cord.

Fine lines of outing flannels and shaker, from 5c to 15c yd at the Gordon store. 3rd
The election of officers in Court Chatham, I. O. O. F., is scheduled to take place this evening.

Ebony-handled Sterling silver mounted button hooks, paper knives, seals, stamp wettens, manicure files and knives, etc., at Von Gunten Bros. cut sale to-morrow for 15c. Only one to any one person.

Men's top coats and winter overcoats. Unquestionably the greatest gathering of reliable overcoats for men in this city. It would be hard to find a style or material that's not represented. It's not the strength of numbers alone that makes this department best, there are matchless values at every turn. The 2 T's.

What do you think of this, Von Gunten Bros. intend to hold a cut sale of Sterling silver mounted manicure articles to-day but were so busy they could not let The Planet know, however, to-morrow, Friday, they will have three different cut sales: Children's solid gold rings with genuine stones, regular 75c and \$1 rings, at 35c; large size sterling silver manicure articles in seals, files, paper knives, stocking darning, etc., at 35c; also same size goods with ebony handle with sterling silver mounts at 15c each. Only one to any one person.

Christmas presents at Taylor's Cigar Store. Every person that uses tobacco expects a new pipe and tobacco, or a box of Taylor's Christmas cigars. Two doors east of the Standard Bank. 4th
Wanted!—Old pipe and tea lead, at once. The Planet.

All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Blapin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic, and will give best possible rates.

NOT THE SAME COLORS.

"The article in The Planet of yesterday, in which a citizen claimed that the old colors of the 24th Battalion were in the possession of Mrs. Duck, is altogether a mistake," said Major Jas. C. Wiser in an interview with this journal this morning. "The old flag now in the possession of Mrs. Duck is that of the Kent volunteers of '37 and '38, during the time of the rebellion. The father of Mrs. Duck was an officer in the volunteer corps and thus secured their old flag. The 24th Battalion were never, to my knowledge, presented with formal regimental colors."

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