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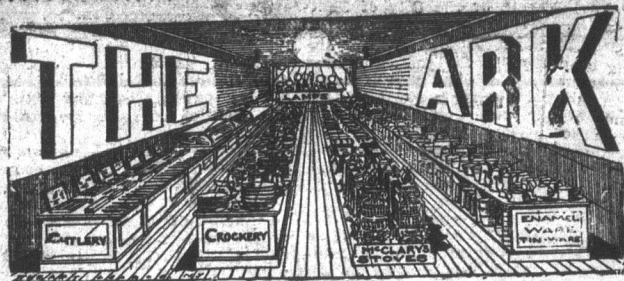
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These are the very newest goods bought for the Christmas trade and they are well worth looking after.

Ladies' regular \$1.00 Belts, to-night and Monday at 75c.
Ladies' regular 75c. Belts, to-night and Monday at 57c.
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A New Year's Gift

Will be just as much appreciated as a Christmas Present.

While the heavy trade of the week thinned out our Stock yet our supply is not exhausted.

You may want a present for an Overlooked Friend or one who kindly remembered you.

Come in and see what we have to offer you in Japanese, Havillands and Elite French China Dinner and Tea Sets or in Open Stock, buy what pieces you require.

Fancy Salads, Cake Plates, Fruit Sets, Cups and Saucers, Bon-Bons, Odd Plates, Etc., Banquet, Hall, Library and Glass Lamps, complete from 25c up to \$10.00, Crochery in Sets, and singly just as you may require it, Cutlery, Granite Ware, Dolls and Toys, Books, and Games.

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GOODS DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

Full Dress Suitings...

WHEN properly clothed you feel more comfortable, and are better able to enjoy yourself. The winter gait has commenced. **Have you an up-to-date suit?** If not call and get one from a line of cloths specially ordered for these suitings.

Call and See Them

Albert Sheldrick,

MERCHANT TAILORS, CHATHAM

CANADIANS FOR INDIA.

TROUBLE EXPECTED OVER HUDSON BAY

Colonel Denison Says Canada is in Favor of Mr. Chamberlain—Tribute to Sir Richard Cartwright's Toronto Speech.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—There is a possibility that a Canadian regiment may be sent to India to get the benefit of a military training there. If so it will be a voluntary matter on the part of the men who may compose the regiment, and the expense will be borne by the Government of India. This information was gained from Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, who returned at 2 o'clock from England, where he had a conference with the military authorities on the subject of the proposed amendments to the Canadian militia act. Sir Frederick's attention was drawn to a cablegram, stating positively that a regiment from Canada would be sent to India, which caused the Minister to say: "A suggestion to that effect was made to me by Mr. Arnold Forster, the Secretary of State for War, when I called upon him. Mr. Forster thought military service in Canada was rather dull and was thought well of, that Canada might like to have the privilege of doing something of the kind. Of course the regiment would be sent at the expense of India, which bears the cost of maintaining the British regulars stationed there. Such a move would give an opportunity to ambitious young Canadians who desire to see service abroad. It would enable some of our young officers and men who are fond of soldiering to get experience, and there is no better country in the world than India for that. Of course it would be absolutely voluntary on their part. The great difficulty would be what to do with them when they returned. I told the Secretary of State for War that I would discuss the matter with my colleagues. That is all there is to it. At present the matter is absolutely up in the air.

"As a result of my conference with the Imperial authorities, increased educational facilities will be given to our officers, both by way of instruction and perhaps exchanging with officers of the English army. The officers to whom this would apply would be those of the higher rank at headquarters, and possibly some of the permanent corps. The Imperial authorities are disposed to find places for some of our officers in the staff college, so that they may learn staff duties and become proficient in higher military education. We have one Canadian officer in the English staff college already. The education and training of our officers is most important. We must have these things if we are to have thoroughly competent officers, and the home authorities are favorably impressed with the idea to which I have referred."

Sir Frederick went on to say that on his arrival in England he was made an ex-officio member of the Imperial Defence Committee, which is the first time this honor has been conferred upon a colonial Minister. The committee was called together while he was in London, and he was present at the session. Right Hon. A. J. Balfour presided, and there were present Mr. Lytton, Secretary of State for the Colonies; Mr. Arnold Forster, Secretary of State for War; Lord Selborne, First Lord of the Admiralty; Mr. Brodrick, Secretary of State for India; and a number of distinguished officers representing the army and navy. The committee took into consideration the four important amendments to the Canadian militia act, and each was put and agreed to. The changes have explained the present amendment omits from the militia act all reference to naval militia, which will be transferred to the Department of Marine when established. This is done on the strong recommendation of the English Admiralty. A second amendment removes the present disability which prevents any officer but one in the English regular army of a rank not lower than Colonel from taking command of the Canadian militia. The position will now be open to any officer in the British Empire of the proper rank. The third amendment removes the anomaly, which formerly existed, under which an English officer took precedence of a Canadian officer of the same rank, even although the former might be junior to the latter on date of appointment. Hereafter precedence will depend in the case of officers of the same rank upon the date of appointment. The fourth amendment puts an end to the provision under which the officer commanding the regular troops at Halifax was to take command of the Canadian troops, although in time of war he might be junior in rank to the Canadian General. Hereafter the command in the event of war will depend upon rank and seniority.

"The outcome of the conference was most satisfactory in every way," declared Sir Frederick. "The authorities in London are well posted in regard to what we have been doing to improve our militia, and they are well pleased at what has been accomplished in a comparatively short time."

Sir Frederick was delighted to be home in time for Christmas. He was a passenger on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which broke her propeller soon after leaving Cherbourg and was greatly delayed in consequence in reaching New York. Lieut.-Col. Rutherford returned with the Minister of Militia.

FOUND DEAD AT KINGSTON.

BODY IN THE WATER WITH SUSPICIOUS WOUNDS.

Police Theory that Thomas Cahill Was Drowned and the Wounds on His Head Were Caused by a Fall—Inquest to be Held.

Kingston, Dec. 26.—Early yesterday Capt. Poole of the Government dredge Sir Richard, lying at the foot of Queen street, went down to see if the dredge was all right. He was shocked at finding the body of a man lying on a float moored in the slip near the dredge. The face was submerged and death was due to drowning. The police and Coroner Mundell were at once notified. The remains were identified as those of Thomas Cahill, a Pittsburgh township farm laborer, aged about 60 years. A gaping wound in the back of the head and another over the right eye led the Coroner to suspect foul play, and he decided to hold an inquest. A post-mortem examination revealed the fact that both wounds had been inflicted some time prior to death. The theory of the police is that Cahill slipped and fell on an icy walk, causing the wounds. The deceased was a veteran of 1866, and had no relatives living.

FLYING ROLLER ARRESTED.

Windsor Woman Charged With Distributing Obscene Literature.

Windsor, Dec. 26.—As a result of the exclusion from the mails of the "New Era Success," a paper issued by the Flying Roll colony of Windsor, the members have issued a circular, which was spread broadcast last evening by the women of the colony, and which attacks Mayor Drake of Windsor and the late Police Captain Starkweather of Detroit. These were put on every doorstep, and Chief Willis, late in the evening, catching one of the women in the act, arrested her and locked her up at the police station, where she was registered as Ladora Weaver. The charge made against her is "distributing obscene literature." Her examination will probably take place on Saturday.

HOTEL MAN PAID UP.

Sandwich East Liquor Case Will be Settled To-day.

Windsor, Dec. 26.—Louis Ferrari, one of the quartette of Sandwich East hotelmen who have for the past couple of months refused to pay the fines imposed upon them by Magistrate Bartlett for selling liquor to Indians, has called on Magistrate Bartlett and paid his fine. The Magistrate has given them until Saturday to settle, and if they do not respond before then will have the rest of them committed.

PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS.

More Entered at Washington This Year Than Ever Before.

Washington, Dec. 26.—More specifications for patents and trade marks were printed in the Patent Office Gazette this year than in any previous year. A report of the work of the division shows 31,165 patents, 1,886 trade marks and 536 designs and specifications.

FEEDING THE POOR.

Salvation Army in New York Gave Dinner to 25,000 People.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Salvation Army, in keeping with its annual custom, distributed Christmas dinners to 25,000 of New York's poor at the Grand Central Palace. Beginning at 10 o'clock 5,000 baskets, each containing a satisfying dinner for a family of five, were distributed. This evening 5,000 of the city's homeless poor sat down to tables laden with turkey, cranberry sauce and other good things of the season. Commander Booth-Tucker was in personal charge, assisted by the entire staff of the army in this city.

STRIKERS WERE AWED.

Paris Police and Military Guards Able to Maintain Order.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Beyond a few individual attacks by the striking bakers on bakeries, Paris was quiet to-day, a condition due to the disposition of a strong force of police and military guards. The strikers held a meeting in the Bourse du Travail and strongly condemned the use of the army to preserve order. The strikers claim that 2,100 bakers have stopped work, while the Chief of Police says that only 189 have gone out.

It is officially announced that the British Government has recognized the Republic of Panama.

Distinct earthquake shocks were experienced in New York State and elsewhere throughout the United States.

A memorial window to the late Rev. Canon Hebdon was unveiled in the Church of the Ascension at Hamilton.

The Japanese Government has decided to guarantee the debentures for the completion of the Seoul-Fusan Railway in Corea.

A GRAVE QUESTION.

PROPOSAL OF ARNOLD FORSTER, SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Imperial Defence Conference—Sir Frederick Borden's Visit to England—Amendments to the Dominion Militia Act Agreed to.

London, Dec. 26.—The Express, referring to the bill before the Dominion Parliament to change the name of Hudson's Bay to "The Canadian Sea," and the objects of the Government expedition on the Neptune, says that Canada is facing with resolute intention a new dispute (regarding Hudson's Bay) with the United States, and which is fraught with far more serious possibilities than the Alaskan question.

Colonel George T. Denison writes to The Times that Canadians are astonished at a prominent English politician declaring that the colonies are not on Chamberlain's side. Canada is overwhelmingly in favor of a preference, and the politicians must not listen to the cry of a few Canadians, and one or two renegade Canadians in England, and that Canada is against a preference. Every open or secret enemy of the empire, he says, is against Chamberlain.

The Morning Post says that Sir Richard Cartwright's great speech at Toronto was distorted to please the free trade journals in Britain. It calls his favoring a tax on food export from the United States to Britain a remarkable argument in favor of Mr. Chamberlain's policy, and adds that Sir Richard's statement as to the relation of such an increase to the respect held by the United States for Great Britain and promising Canada's help was the most eloquent of all speeches on behalf of Mr. Chamberlain.

The Post also says it is curious that no Canadian statesman sees the necessity of Canada's seaboard trade requiring protection in time of war, though the necessity of maintaining naval stations in the vicinity of the trade routes is already understood in Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and even Newfoundland.

JOURNEY'S SAD ENDING.

Came to Marry Her Lover Who Had Been Killed.

New York, Dec. 26.—Miss Lillian Bennett, who was to have met here and married Ambrose Good of Newcastle, Pa., who lost his life in the railroad wreck at Connelville, Pa., Wednesday night, arrived on the steamship Cedric from Liverpool, and was informed at quarantine of her lover's death. Miss Bennett, who has been worrying because the delay of a day in the vessel's arrival would cause a postponement of the wedding until to-morrow, was grief-stricken over the news. As she came over in the steamer and has neither friends nor relatives here to take charge of her she must under the law be returned to England.

RUSSIA'S VIEW UNKNOWN.

Considering Answer to the Japanese Demands.

Moscow, Dec. 26.—One of the volunteer fleet's transports, en route to Port Arthur from Odessa, carries 2,000 picked recruits, also several Black Sea naval officers and a party of fifty naval gunners and engine room artificers.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The indications are that Japan will soon take active steps to assert and consolidate her position in Corea. As one of such steps the government, without awaiting the consent of the Diet, will guarantee the principal and interest on the Seoul-Fusan railway funds for the purpose of completing the line next year, instead of in 1906.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The Russian Government is still considering the reply of the Japanese Government to its note, which was sent in answer to that of Japan relative to the situation in the far east. A reconsideration of the proposals made by the Russian note is considered as a matter of course here. Russia has never been disposed to take any step which would lead to an abrupt termination of the negotiations with Japan. In answer to many inquiries made by the Associated Press, the Russian Foreign Office has always insisted that the Russian proposals were so liberal that it would be scarcely possible to conceive any further concessions. While the Foreign Office is unwilling to admit that Russia is prepared to offer more than the concessions outlined in the last note, it is considered possible that the Government may suggest changes by which the Russian requirements may be met, and satisfaction given to Japan.

London, Dec. 26.—The London Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says it is reported that the note of Baron Komuro, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister, in response to Russia's reply to the claims of Japan, had a paragraph to the effect that only two weeks would be allowed for an answer. This period expires January 7.

Special cablegrams from the far east printed in this morning's newspapers reiterate the reports of alleged war preparations, but as Japan securities yesterday recovered their lost values it is evident that little importance is attached to these rumors in financial quarters.

BOY A MURDERER?

Alleged to Have Killed Two of His Companions.

Keokuk, Iowa, Dec. 26.—Arthur Humphrey, a fourteen-year-old boy, now in the police station here, may be held for the murder of Paul and William Stice. The three boys were playmates, but during a recent quarrel Humphrey threatened to kill William Stice. He tried several times yesterday to entice him on the ice, but Stice's mother prevented his going.

The two Stice boys and Humphrey disappeared Monday through the torpedoes and all knowledge of their whereabouts. Later, however, he confessed that the boys were drowned. He says they crossed the river late in the afternoon; that he struck William and knocked him down; then chased him to strike him again, and the boy ran into an air-lift. The younger brother attempted to rescue him, and the two sank together.

Humphrey's mother is dead, and his father is serving a twenty-year term in the penitentiary.

A UNIQUE TEST

Safety of Men in Submarine Boats at Stake.

Newport, R.I., Dec. 26.—An important test was made with one of the submarine torpedo boats a few days ago, which sets at rest an idea that it would be impossible for the crew of the submarine to escape if anything were to happen to the boat while submerged. It was suggested that the men could escape through the torpedo tube at the bow of the boat, but many naval officers thought that this could not be accomplished without injury. It was finally decided to have a test in this line, and two large dogs were secured as subjects of the test. The Holland boat, Shark, attached to the torpedo station, was selected for the test, and, under the command of Lieut. C. T. Nelson, went out in the bay. After being submerged one of the dogs was placed in the torpedo tube and a wooden wad placed behind the animal and the whole expelled in the same manner as would be a torpedo. Many thought that the force of the compressed-air charge would kill the animal, but it came to the surface and swam around as if nothing had happened.

The other dog was then experimented on and it likewise came to the surface uninjured. Both animals were picked up and taken back to the station. The result of the test shows that in case of trouble with the boats under water the crew could find an exit in this manner and that the danger of injury would be very small.

SAW HER LOVER DROWN.

Had Eloped With Him, but Death Ended Their Adventure.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 26.—George Richmond, 25 years old, eloped with Annie DePrieste from Olie, Va., the other morning. They had to cross the Jackson River on foot to take the train. The girl sat on the bank while Richmond walked out on the ice to test it. He broke through and was drowned. His body was recovered. Miss DePrieste, waiting until the searchers were successful.

NOT ENOUGH PRESENTS.

Young Man, Therefore, Shot His Cousin and His Aunt.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—William Kauffmann shot and fatally injured his cousin, Rosa Kauffmann, and wounded his aunt, Mrs. Rega Kauffmann, in a quarrel over Christmas presents. Kauffmann declared that his uncle had not given him a proper number of Christmas presents, and attempted to shoot him. The women endeavored to act as peacemakers and Kauffmann shot them both. He made his escape and has not been arrested.

A TERRIBLE VOYAGE.

Exciting Experiences on the Limer Menominee.

New York, Dec. 26.—A number of the passengers who were on the Atlantic transport Menominee, bound for this port, when she was struck by a hurricane on December 7, and disabled so that she drifted at the mercy of the storm for five days has arrived here on the Cedric. They told a thrilling story of their experience. The Menominee left London on December 3. Four days later she ran into a terrific gale, and a huge wave sixty feet high struck the ship, throwing her on her beam-ends. It came with such force as to crush in the heavy deadlights in the cabin ports of the starboard side, and the staterooms were flooded. Most of the passengers were in bed when the wave hit the ship. They were thrown from their berths to the floor, with bedding and every movable thing on top of them.

Somehow it seems to be the direst books that we have to wade through.

Sulman's Beehive

will be open each night this week till 10 p.m.

Our large stock of

Toys and Holiday Goods

as usual is the finest in the city.

Special attention is directed to our

Books, Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymn Books,

—AND—

Padded Poets,

which make welcome gifts.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE.

Opp. Garner House.

FAMILY REUNION

A family re-union was held at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Wilcox, Bloomfield, yesterday, when Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilcox and son Raymond, Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDougall and daughter Edna, city, Mr. Richard Wilcox, Raleigh, spent a very pleasant time.

IT IS HIGHLY INJURIOUS.

To use a cheap drastic physic. Safest remedy for constipation and torpid liver is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut, which loosen the bowels without griping pains. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills, Price 25c.

SMALLPOX IN BUFFALO

Six Cases Discovered in a Dance Hall—Precautions Taken.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 26.—Nine persons suffering from smallpox were taken to the Quarantine Hospital. Six of the cases were discovered at a dance hall in Broadway, where a large number of persons were exposed to infection. The health authorities are working hard to stamp out the disease. Two buildings have been quarantined and placed under a police guard.

BIG BARGAINS

—IN—

Footwear...

Ladies' 6oc Rubbers - 25c

Ladies' Red Velvet Slippers

in all sizes - 50c

Ladies' Black Maroon and

Blue Velvet Mullifiers go

at - \$1.25

All Men's Fancy Slippers

at prices to clear out.

Men's Felt Slippers - 20c

Peace & Co.

The Letter-Box

CHATHAM, WALLACEBURG, AND LAKE ERIE RAILWAY CO.

As the time for voting on the by-law for the electric railway is drawing near at hand, I trust the ratepayers will consider the great interest it will be to Chatham to have an electric railway from Wallaceburg to Lake Erie. The proposed road that the by-law is to give aid to, is both for passengers and freight business.

Hundreds, even thousands of people would like to come to Chatham with their baskets of farm produce during the time roads are bad, rather than drive their horses over our bad roads they stay at home. While the farmer suffers a loss in not getting his goods to market, we in the city also suffer a loss by not getting the goods.

If this by-law is carried I believe the railway will be built in the near future, and it will be the means of not only bringing a large number in from the surrounding country which the railway runs through, but it will be the means of inducing many people to build houses and settle in Chatham, thereby giving employment to our mechanics and distributing their earnings among the merchants and others.

A through line like a road from Wallaceburg to Lake Erie is more than any of us could have wished for a few years ago, it being 30 miles or more, and in a short time, with the connections with Blenheim and Rensselaire would make a system of nearly 60 miles of railway.

The head office, main power house, car barns, etc., must be located in Chatham. When this road is once in operation it will induce factories to locate here, and Chatham will grow rapidly and our surrounding country, being so rich and well adapted for farming, will also become thickly populated, as people will live where they can get the greatest convenience.

In our by-law it looks as if we would have to raise a little over \$200,000 per year, but the by-law does not mention that we get back from the Electric Railway Co. \$2,000,000 per year until they pay into our city treasury \$50,000,000, so that the small amount of interest that the city will pay towards loaning this money will be more than repaid to the city by the additional taxes that we will get from buildings, such as the power station, car barns and dwellings that will be erected by the citizens of the railway being located here and will turn more taxes into the city treasury than will have paid out for interest.

Looking at the question as a matter of dollars and cents inside of the thirty years, the city will be very much ahead to say nothing of the great convenience that the road will be to the city in bringing in people from outside.

I hope that every ratepayer in the city will vote for the by-law, so we have the railway and see Chatham built up as the prosperous city which it should be.

N. H. STEVENS.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As you no doubt are aware that a By-law will be submitted to the qualified voters of our city on Jan. 4, 1904, granting a loan of \$30,000 for ten years at three per cent. interest, repayable at \$3,000 per year, and a free site, to Henry Wybrow, of Birmingham, England, and his associates, for the erection of a Pork Packing and Bacon Curing establishment in Chatham. Mr. Wybrow agrees to employ 100 hands in return for above assistance, and he agrees to pay \$50,000 on plant upon which the city will hold a first mortgage. We have made enquiries about the financial ability of the firm to carry out the above transaction, and Mr. Ball, the Canadian representative of a Canadian, in England, recommends them highly. There is no question as to the great advantages this industry will be to our progressive city, and the Industrial committee have no hesitation in asking the electors to support the Pork Packing and Bacon Curing By-law, as it costs us comparatively nothing. For example, a person whose assessment is \$1,000 will only have ten cents yearly to pay for ten years, making the total cost for any freholder assessed at \$1,000 only one dollar. The loan is \$30,000, site \$1,500, total \$31,500; difference in interest over what city receives from Mr. Wybrow \$2,386.60, making total cost to city of \$33,886.60 in the ten years, which means one hundred and thirty-eight dollars brought here from outside, and increasing our population to that amount with their families, and to think we get a concern employing one hundred hands, besides look at the great advantages it will be to the surrounding country in establishing a market for all their pork at home. Essex, Kent and Lambton are noted as being the three greatest hog producing counties in the Province, and there is no reason why Chatham should not have an industry to manufacture this product, and trust that the above By-law will meet with the approval of the electors, I am,

Yours respectfully,
W. T. PIGOTT,
Chairman Industrial Committee.

Silverware at Hardware prices. New Goods in Rogers' 1847 finest silverware, best of carving sets, Pie servers, gold plated, pearl deserts, butter knives, fish forks, etc. you ever buy silverware or cutlery from us, our prices will surprise you. Put up your dinner table. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Reserve your own soul, and others will damn it.

Get Rid of Scrofula

Dunchoes, eruptions, inflammations, soreness of the eyelids and ears, diseases of the tonsils, rickets, dyspepsia, catarrh, wasting, are only some of the troubles it causes. It is a very active evil, making havoc of the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Eradicates it, cures all its manifestations, and builds up the whole system. Accept no substitute.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Wood has taken a drop at Drader's, Queen street.

The P. O. staff wish to thank Mr. H. Malcolmson for the donation of delicious Christmas candy.

Lost!—On Dec. 23rd, between Wilson's Nursery and the Market Square, or on William St., a milk muf. The finder will be rewarded by returning to this office.

Mrs. E. F. Stephenson and daughter Geraldine, Winnipeg, are in the city. Miss Stephenson will enter "Branksome Hall College," Toronto, after the holidays.

All kinds of working mitts, dressy gloves, driving gauntlets for the Christmas trade. 15c to \$5.00 a pair. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Lost, on Thursday evening, in Thos. Stone's store, or between there and the Gagner House, a purse containing a sum of money. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Planet Office.

Your cold will not become bronchitis, nor consumption, if you make a timely use of Allen's Lung Balsam. Take it frequently until the cough and the stopped-up feeling in the chest are gone.

Miss Isabella, daughter of Mr. and E. R. Smith, Lacrosse street, a pupil at "Branksome Hall," Toronto, is spending her Christmas holidays with her parents.

WHAT IS CATARRH?

It is an inflammation of the mucous lining of the throat, bronchial tubes and nasal passages excited by germs that can only be destroyed by fragrant healing Catarrhones, which is breathed direct to the seat of the disease, and has never yet failed to cure. Pleasant to use, absolutely certain to cure. Catarrhones always gives satisfaction. "I suffered from nasal catarrh so badly that I couldn't breathe through my nose," writes G. E. Wilmet, of Meriden, Conn. "I used Catarrhones for a few minutes and was relieved. It cured in a short time." No other remedy just like Catarrhones—it's the best. Two months' treatment \$1.00; trial 25c.

Burton—Guess it was a case of love at first sight with Harry. At any rate, he kissed Martha the first time he met her.

West—That wasn't love; it was only extreme gallantry. Guess you never saw Martha.

WHY MOTHERS WORRY

Did you ever hear a mother worry over a plump child? There is no better bank of health for a child to draw from than a good supply of healthy flesh.

Scott's Emulsion not only gives a child weight and plumpness, but it feeds the brain, bones and nerves with strength and active power.

Fewer mothers worry about Scott's Emulsion.

We'll send you a sample free upon request. SCOTT & BOWNE, Toronto, Ont.

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For Holiday Ties.

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For Fancy Suspenders.

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For Overcoats.

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For useful fixings for Men, Boys and Children.

See his display. He can please every taste. It will pay you to call at

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3 Doors West from Market, King Street

SCOURGE OF THE AGE IS KIDNEY DISEASE

Terrible Increase in the Number of Deaths From this Ailment.

It Is Common to All Classes and Conditions of People.

It Creeps Stealthily into the System and Develops into Many Diseases.

Bright's Disease, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, and Rheumatism are Among the Forms it Takes.

Dodd's Kidney Pills the One Remedy That Never Fails to Cure It, No Matter How or When It is Found.

Of all the diseases the human body has to combat in its struggle for health, the one that is steadily growing in strength and terror is Kidney Disease. Quietly, stealthily as a serpent, it creeps on its victim till the latter is enveloped in its folds, and the greatest physicians of the world have ever known stand helpless before it. As the last fold goes around the struggling victim and the doctor shakes his head and whispers "Bright's Disease," hope fades to nothing, and the sorrowing friends feel that death is at hand.

The alarming increase in this terrible disease is making it evidenced by the columns of almost every newspaper. For not among the lowly of the earth alone does it make its victims. Statesmen, judges, eminent lawyers, and honored divines are numbered among those who in recent months have gone down to their graves with the fell marks of this dread disease upon their bodies. In fact, so prevalent has the disease become that a celebrated New York specialist stated recently that not one person in a hundred was free from some taint of Kidney Disease.

WORKS IN SECRET.

It is the scourge of Kidney Disease that makes it the more dreaded. It can fight an enemy in the open with some chance of success, but if he is lying in wait to take you at an unwary moment your chances of successfully fighting him are terribly diminished. So it is with Kidney Disease. Its first warnings are so faint as to be hardly noticeable, a slight pain in the back that is charged up to over exertion, a slight discoloration of the urine or a burning sensation while urinating attracts attention. That is the reason that means that Kidney Disease is at work gradually eating its way into your system. The pain in the back grows more severe, the urinary trouble more complicated, swellings under the eyes, the limbs ache, the joints are stiff, sharp shooting pains in the joints and muscles tell that Rheumatism has you in its grasp, or perhaps a day or two's illness leads to the calling of the doctor, and suddenly the terrible truth is forced upon you—Bright's Disease has you in its grasp.

WAY OF ESCAPE.

With this silent, relentless enemy slowly but surely eating its way into prominence and marking that prominence by a yearly increase in the length of its life, the only way of escape is a simple vegetable remedy. It has been before the people of Canada for thirteen years, and like all the great relievers of nature, has been first received and first appreciated by the lowly in life, those known as the common people of Canada.

Is it the common people of Canada who die of Bright's Disease? No, it is the bright and shining marks, those who are stationed above the heads of the masses. The reason of this is that Go to the people who are practically exempt from Kidney Disease in its worst form, and ask them. With almost a single voice they will reply: "We cure our Kidney ailments with Dodd's Kidney Pills. They never give a chance to develop into that terrible disease that carries so many prominent men into the grave."

ON WITH HIS WORK. Ann so it is; the man who does manual labor must heal his slightest aches or they hinder him in his work. When he has a backache he cures it with Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work; when he feels a twinge of Rheumatism he drives it out of his body with Dodd's Kidney Pills—and goes on with his work. Necessity has taught him that he must cure his Kidney Pills to get rid of his pain, for he must work to live. He has not been educated to that standpoint where a prescription to cure must be written by a specialist at a cost of dollars to every letter. He may not even know that there never was a disease that took in all classes of the community but what nature provided a cure within the means of all classes of the community. What he does know is more to the point than all this. He knows that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure all aches which experience has taught him come from the Kidneys. He takes Dodd's Kidney Pills, and goes on with his work.

SOME EXCEPTIONS.

Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. Even among those who are glad there are those who neglect the early warnings of Kidney Disease. It takes exceptions to prove the rule—but many of these exceptions prove more—they prove that no case of Kidney Disease is too far gone for Dodd's Kidney Pills to cure. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Heart Disease—all the varied forms of Kidney Disease in its advanced stages—have been met by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and never once has Canada's great Kidney Remedy had to admit defeat.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Great Lakes to Hudson Bay, Dodd's Kidney Pills are used, and wherever used they have triumphed over Kidney Disease in its every form. Thousands of Canadians are shouting their praises of the conqueror.

Just a few of those who have neglected the early symptoms, reached the more advanced stages of Kidney Disease, and found a cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills are given below. There are thousands of others. Ask in your own immediate neighborhood. You will not have to go far to meet men, women and children who have either ward off or cured the terror of the present age by using the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.

Bright's Disease has invariably yielded to a treatment of Dodd's Kidney Pills, no matter how firm a hold it had secured on its victim. Possibly the most talked of case of recent date is that of Alice Mead Parker, of Shubencadie, Hants Co., N. S. The full story of this case will be found in the current number of Dodd's Magazine. Herewith a short statement from the young lady's mother is appended.

Two doctors pronounced my daughter's illness "Bright's Disease," and gave her up to die. Her eyelids swelled till she could hardly see, her legs from her ankles to her knees swelled. Her bit in health was twenty inches, when she was at her worst it was 48 inches. Then she gave up all other treatment and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. By the time she had taken the first box I saw a change. It took a long time to bring her back to perfect health, but Dodd's Kidney Pills did it. To-day my daughter is in perfect health.

Mrs. T. G. Parker, Shubencadie, Hants Co., N. S.

DIABETES CURED.

Diabetes is another of the most fearful and fatal forms of Kidney Disease that has been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and by no other medicine. Among those cured of this terrible ailment is Mr. Charles Gilchrist, for fifteen years Chief of Police of Port Hope, and afterwards for twenty-two years Fishery Overseer under the Dominion Government. He says the following statement:

I was a sufferer for ten years with Diabetes and Kidney Disorder. At times my urine was of a dark brickly color, and I would suffer something awful while passing. I tried doctors and medicines, but could get no help till I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. They have made me a new man. The citizens of Port Hope all know me, and can vouch for the above.

Chas. Gilchrist, Ex-Chief Constable and Fishery Overseer, Port Hope.

HEART DISEASE CURED.

Heart Disease is a result of Kidney Disorder. Bad Kidneys mean impure blood, the action of impure blood on the heart causes Heart Disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills cure it. I suffered for years with Heart Disease. Bright's Disease, Rheumatism, I was so feeble I was unable to do anything. There were three months I abandoned all medicines, and resolved to let myself die. Then I was led to Dodd's Kidney Pills, and the good the first box did me surprised me. I have taken twenty boxes in all, am well of my Heart Disease, my Bright's Disease and my Rheumatism.

Dame Louis Provost, St. Magloire, Que.

DROPSY CURED.

Dropsy, another disease cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills, is the result of diseased Kidneys failing to do their work and remove the waste matter from the blood. In another ailment Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure. Here is an example:

I was a total wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. In the mornings before I got up I felt as if I could hardly get my feet to the floor. My arms would swell at times so that I could not put on my coat. I had to be tapped to be relieved from my terrible pain. I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Before I had finished the second box I felt much better. Seven boxes cured me completely. I don't know what it is to be sick since I used Dodd's Kidney Pills.

George Robertson, 392 St. James St., Montreal, Que.

RHEUMATISM CURED.

Rheumatism and kindred Kidney Diseases, such as Lumbago, Sciatica, and Gout, are caused by uric acid in the blood. If the Kidneys are put in working order they strain all this uric acid out of the blood, and the Rheumatism goes with it. Take the case of W. G. Cragg, of Dresden, Ont. Here is his statement:

For eight years I was troubled with Inflammatory Rheumatism. I could scarcely get around to do my duties in my store. I had some of the best doctors I could get, but nothing I tried would ever give me relief. I was also troubled with Gout. I started using Dodd's Kidney Pills and had only taken six boxes when I was completely cured.

W. G. Cragg, Ex-Reeve of Dresden, Ont.

ALL KIDNEY DISEASES CURED.

These are only a few cases taken from thousands to show the efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills in advanced stages of Kidney Disease. In other forms of Kidney trouble, such as Urinary troubles, Gravel, Female Weakness, etc., Dodd's Kidney Pills have the same record. They always cure. As for Pain in the Back—the first symptoms of Kidney trouble—formally known as "Lumbago," the majority of them look on Pain in the Back as a danger signal, and on its first appearance safeguard themselves against this terribly fatal Kidney Disease by driving it away with the old Canadian stand-by—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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The Care of Manure.

For a good many years back our agricultural practices the application of well rotted manure to their fields. It was almost universally believed that only well rotted manure was fit for use and that the process of fermentation added to rather than took from the value of the manure. There has come and it is advocated that manure be put on to the fields as fresh as possible. A large number of careful analyses have demonstrated the fact that a ton of fresh manure contains a larger total of plant food than it ever will again; that permitting it to become well rotted in a pile enormously decreases the amount of plant food, some escaping into the air in the form of ammonia gas and some leaching into the soil and passing off into the water and brooks. Our experiment stations have given no little attention to the matter and have published bulletin after bulletin showing that fresh manure should be applied to the fields at once.

Where early spring crops are to be raised it is advisable to apply the manure to the fields while the temperature of the air is such that some decay of the manure may go on. The early spring will complete the work, and the food elements in the manure will be set loose for the benefit of the early growing plants. After freezing the manure should be hauled to the fields and deposited in small piles, so that the cold may fully penetrate them and arrest fermentation.—Farmers' Review.

Where the Jews Are.

Prof. Haman, of Basel, an authority on the subject, has lately printed a paper dealing with the geographical distribution of the Jews. He says the total number of Jews is 10,000,000 of whom two-thirds are in Europe. Russia has 5,500,000; Austria-Hungary, 1,800,000; Germany, 568,000; Roumania, 300,000, and Great Britain, 200,000. The United States has 1,000,000; Asia, 250,000; Africa, 270,000, and Australia, 17,000. He says that not less than 200,000 Jews embraced the Christian religion in the nineteenth century.

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ELECTION CARDS

To the Electorate of the city of Chatham:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am a candidate for the position of alderman and respectfully solicit your assistance and support of my candidature.

W. H. TYE, M. D.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

I am thankful to you for your liberal patronage in the past, and have decided to again offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1904. Soliciting your vote and influence, I am,

Your Servant,

JOHN N. EDMUNDSON.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am a candidate for Alderman for the coming year, and if my actions in the past have met your approval, I shall be pleased to have a continuance of your confidence. Wishing you the compliments of this season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. McCOIG.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for your suffrage for the position of Alderman for 1904, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Thanking you for past favors, and wishing you the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours truly,

W. S. MARSHALL.

TO THE CITY ELECTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for Alderman. I stand upon my record. I have said things and did things in the Council. (1) I brought the Lake Erie Railway to book as to Colborne street spur; (2) I persisted in either getting the car-shops or compensation—result, \$16,000 cash to the city; (3) I waged war on the railway as to Head street; (4) I insisted upon better terms as to the Electric Railway; (5) I strongly espoused the cause of labor; (6) I advocated a complete system of garbage collection. Please do not expect a personal canvass.

GEO. G. MARTIN.

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for School Trustee in your ward for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

I am a resident of the ward and have children going to school, and I have the interest of McKeough School at heart. Hoping you can see your way to give me your support, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

GEO. J. FIELDER.

To the Electors of Harwich:

Your vote and influence is respectfully requested to secure my election as Reeve of Harwich for 1904.

CHAS. BUCHANAN.

To the Electors of Dover:

I am a candidate for the position of Councillor for the ensuing year and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. I have been a ratepayer in the Township for the past ten years, and if elected I promise to give close attention to the requirements of this Township and to practice economy in every way consistent with the best interests of the ratepayers.

CALVERT HARPER.

Con. 35, Lot 24.

To the Electors of Dover,

Having served the Township as Councillor faithfully for three years I have decided to offer myself for the position of reeve for the coming year.

I may state that I am opposed to submitting a by-law to bonus the proposed electric railway.

If elected I will do all in my power to conduct the business of Dover township economically and to the interests of all. I respectfully solicit your votes.

PETER CRAWFORD

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J. P. DUNN F. W. CHARTERIS.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received at the office of James Yates, Esq., secretary of the Building Committee, up till seven o'clock p. m., Wednesday, December 30th, 1903, for the several branches of works required in the erection and completion of a brick Methodist church to be erected at Goderich, County of Huron, Ont. Plans, specifications and details to be seen at the office of James Yates, Esq., Goderich, and at the offices of James L. Wilson & Son, architects, Chatham, Ont.

DENTAL.

A. A. HICKS, D. D. S.—Honorary graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and Hospital of Oral Surgery, Philadelphia, Pa., also honor graduate of Royal College of Dental Surgeons, Toronto. Office over Turner's drug store, 22 Butherford Block.

LODGES.

WELLINGTON Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., meets on the first Monday of every month in the Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 7:30 p.m. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

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J. B. BARKIN, K. C.—Barrister, Notary Public, etc., Victoria Block, Chatham.

F. SMITH—Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Office, King Street, west of the Market. Money to loan on Mortgages.

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House and lot, 9 rooms, \$1050.00.
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 65 acres, all cleared, good house and barn, \$3100.00.
Farm in Township of Harwich, 200 acres, large house, barn and out-buildings, \$15000.00.
Farm in Township of Raleigh, 40 acres, good house, new stable and granary, \$2250.00.
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Valuable suburban residence, 11 rooms, with seven acres of land, good stable, \$3000.00.
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CHURCH

- CHIMES

HOURS OF SERVICE.

Christ Church—11 a.m.; 7 p.m.
First Presbyterian—11 and 7.
Holy Trinity—11 and 7.
St. Andrew's—11 and 7.
St. Joseph's B. C.—8:30, 10:30, 7:30.
Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 and 7.
William St. Baptist—11 and 7.
Park St. Methodist—11 and 7.
Seventh Day Adventists—3 and 7.
Latter Day Saints—11 and 7.
Campbell A. M. E.—11 and 7:30.
St. John's A. U. M. P.—11 and 7.
British Methodist—11 and 7:30.
Union A. M. E.—11 and 7:30.

Pastors and others who contribute news items to this department of Saturday's Planet will confer a favor by seeing to it that their "copy" reaches this office not later than Friday at 4 p.m. Matter received later than that hour cannot be guaranteed insertion.

International Bible Lesson for Tomorrow will be a review of the past quarter's lessons.

Golden Text—The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to them that fear Him—Psalm 103, 17.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Mr. McClintock, of this city, will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian Church on both occasions tomorrow.

Park St. Methodist Church will hold regular Christmas services tomorrow.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobble, and the music will be appropriate to the occasion.

Christ Church—Rev. Mr. McCosh will conduct the services and preach on both occasions tomorrow.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will conduct both services in St. Andrew's Church tomorrow. Special music by the choir.

Rev. Beverly Smith will conduct the services and preach in Holy Trinity Church tomorrow morning and evening. The music will be special character and appropriate to the season.

In Victoria Ave. Methodist Church tomorrow the pastor, Rev. F. E. Mott will conduct the services. Morning theme, "Paul's Principle of Progress"; evening theme, "A Good Year's Work."

Rev. Alexander Torrie will conduct the services in the William St. Baptist Church tomorrow.

Latter Day Saints' services will be held in their new church tomorrow as follows: Preaching service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., S. S. at 2 p.m., prayer meeting at 3 p.m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Religious Society meets every Friday at 8 p.m. All welcome to any or all of these services.

Campbell A. M. E. Church—Rev. T. H. Henderson, B. A., pastor—Regular services tomorrow.

Usual services will be held in St. John's A. U. M. P. Church tomorrow at the usual hours.

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HALF-SICK

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DARRELL.

Generally the expression is, "I don't feel half well," though sometimes people say, "I feel half sick." But there is no such thing as being half sick. The man who feels half sick is all sick. As a rule, the cause of the weak, tired, half sick feeling is disease of the stomach, resulting in loss of nutrition and consequently in physical weakness.

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Solo—Noel—Miss Florence G. Stephenson.

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ZION CORNERS.
The school concert held on Friday afternoon at No. 8, under the management of G. H. Nable, teacher, was a grand success. The program consisted of dialogues, recitations and singing. The children deserve great praise for the entertainment. Quite a crowd attended.

W. R. Bechler has traded his farm for a general store in Dawn and will move there in the spring.

Adam Johnston is visiting friends in Michigan.

Some of the farmers in this vicinity are having their corn threshed.

Miss Pearl Tuck is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. R. Tompkins and daughter, of Chatham township, were the guests of Mrs. T. Thurst on Thursday.

Miss Laura McKewen was called home to Ridgeway on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. Jas. McKewen.

Next Monday evening, 28th inst., the busy season being over, a White Rose meeting will be held. Bro. Geo. Meynell and other business men will be present. All dues are expected to be paid. The S. O. E. extends to the Great Home Journal the compliments of the season and many thanks to the reporters for their courtesy and attention.

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The doctor realizes that it is one thing to make claims and another thing to back them up, so he has made a rule not to ask for money unless he cures you, and when you are cured he feels sure that you will willingly pay him a small fee. It would seem, therefore, that it is to the best interests of every man who suffers in this way to write the doctor confidentially and let him see what he can do for him. He sends the method, as well as many testimonials on the subject, including the one that contains the 14 diplomas and certificates, entirely free. Address him simply

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Write me something entirely new and well worth knowing more about. Write at once.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
"When the Bell Tolls"—Dec. 28.
Westminster Abbey Choir—Dec. 28.
Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1.
Marks Bros.—Jan. 4-16.
Ritchie Co.—Jan. 25.
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

WHEN THE BELL TOLLS.
This play, which will be produced at the Grand to-night is a new departure in modern melodrama. Although full of exciting incidents and powerful dramatic situations, its popularity was not gained by the ordinary clap-net methods usually in vogue from this class of play. As a literary work it stands forward prominently, and the story is one of more than ordinary interest. The play is situated in Switzerland, and that romantic country lends itself particularly well to scenic effects. The plot is laid around the Monastery of St. Bernard, with its picturesque monks and sagacious dogs, and a semi-religious halo adds much to the effectiveness of the romance. On the rise the curtain the theatre-goer finds himself in a new atmosphere, hitherto untouched by the modern playwright, and the attention of the on-looker is held by the rapidly evolving situations that abound in the story. The company has been carefully selected and the play has been directed by the author, Travers-Vale, so a performance with every attention to detail can be relied upon. The scenic effects are particularly fine, one being the Plateau at St. Bernard, with the historical monastery, where a duel is fought and the life-saving dogs rescue the wounded man. The dogs used in this production are full-blooded St. Bernards, among them being the famous sayer, Sager, a huge animal, whose record is twenty-three lives. "When the Bell Tolls" promises to be worthy of a visit.

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At the Chatham Grand Monday evening, Dec. 28.

This Orchestra holds the boards at the Grand on Friday, Jan. 1st. The following are some of the notable appearances:

World's Exposition, Paris, 1878.
Crystal Palace, London.
Before Her Majesty Queen Victoria, at Windsor Castle.
Before Emperor William, at Berlin.
Before Emperor Francis Joseph, at Vienna, on his silver wedding day.

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Sold by Messrs. Gunn and McLaren, Druggists, Chatham.

Mr. Kicker—I tell you, Maria, the city must be cleaned out.

Mr. Kicker—Suppose you tackle the furnace first.

BY-LAW NO.

A By-law to consolidate a portion of the debt of the city of Chatham and to issue debentures therefor.

Provisionally adopted..... 1903.
Passed..... 19..... 19.....

Whereas there existed in the city of Chatham some uncertainty as to the financial condition of the said city and it was deemed advisable to have an audit of the city's finances by a Government auditor, and the City Council on the 15th day of January, 1903, passed a By-law appointing F. H. Macpherson, F. C. A., to audit the city's accounts under the provisions of said city's consolidated Municipal Act in that behalf.

And whereas the said Macpherson made a thorough inspection, examination and audit of the books, accounts, vouchers and moneys of the corporation of said city and sent a report to the Council of said city, such report bearing date the 24th day of October, 1903; and it was then learned by the Council and ratepayers of the said city that an unprovided for indebtedness had accumulated from time to time, amounting in all to \$49,734.93, for which the corporation of the said city is justly liable. It was also learned that during the time while the said unprovided for indebtedness was accumulating the said city was paying all interest upon the outstanding debentures of the city, and in addition thereto was paying upon the waterworks and consolidated debentures alone the sum of \$27,874.50 yearly, beside meeting all other debenture debts, as they became due and reduced the principal indebtedness of the city very much more than the same was being received from the sale of the said \$49,734.93 or the debentures to be issued therefor.

And whereas the Council of said city have deemed it to be impracticable to continue to pay such debenture indebtedness by instalments as heretofore, and at the same time levy at once for the sum of \$49,734.93, but the Council desire to pay off the said \$49,734.93 by instalments, and for that purpose deem it advisable to issue and sell debentures of the said city for the sum of \$50,000.00, so as to pay off said indebtedness in thirty equal annual instalments, including principal and interest extending over such thirty years as hereinafter mentioned.

And whereas it will require the sum of \$2,891.55 to be raised annually for the payment of such last mentioned indebtedness and interest.

And whereas the amount of the whole taxable property of the municipality according to the last revised assessment roll is \$3,764,234.

And whereas the existing debenture debt of the municipality is \$47,815.80 (exclusive of local improvement debts secured by special rates or assessments) and no part of the principal or interest is in arrear.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the corporation of the city of Chatham enact as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Treasurer of the said city of Chatham may borrow on the credit of the said city the sum of \$50,000 (being the funds necessary for the purpose and with the object aforesaid) and may issue and sell or otherwise negotiate or dispose of debentures of the said corporation secured by the corporate seal of the city and signed by the Mayor and Treasurer thereof to that amount in sums not less than \$100.00 each and payable within 30 years with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum computed from the date of such debentures, that is to say, in thirty consecutive annual instalments or sums during the currency of the period within which the debt is to be discharged and such yearly sums shall be of equal amount, and may be to what is payable for principal and interest during each of the other years of such period.

2. The said debentures shall be made payable at the Standard Bank of Canada in the said city of Chatham.

3. To provide for the payment of such instalments of principal and interest as they become respectively payable the sum of \$2,891.55 shall be raised in each year for the period of thirty years, and for such purpose a special rate shall be levied sufficient therefor on all rateable property in the said city.

4. This By-law shall take effect and come into operation on date of the final passing thereof.

5. The votes of the electors of the said city shall be taken upon this By-law by the deputy returning officers hereinafter named on Monday, the fourth day of January, A. D. 1904, commencing at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon and continuing until five o'clock in the afternoon at the following places:

polling sub-division No. 1, at wagon shop of J. D. Thompson, N. S. Head street, J. Northwood Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 2, at Scott Bros. office, near corner Head and Thames streets, John Rice Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 3, at the Police Station, S. S. Thomas street, Robert Brunker Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 4, at the grocery of W. F. Cornish, corner Murray and Adelaide streets, David Holmes Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 5, at the residence of Mrs. Henry Nichols, 81 Colborne street, Isaac Smith Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 6, at the grocery of C. T. Cherry, corner King and Princess streets, W. O. Bentley Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 7, at the Old Town Hall, Market Square, Arthur Richardson Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 8, at the tailor shop of J. A. Gordon, B. S. Fifth street, James Richardson Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 9, at the office of J. & T. Oldershaw, N. S. King street, Arthur Dunn Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 10, at the grocery of J. Rhody, corner Raleigh and Cross streets, C. R. Hancock Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 11, at the store of Wilford McKay, corner Queen and Richmond streets, John Turner Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 12, at the residence of Mrs. Calmagne, corner Queen and Gray Streets, John R. Snell Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 13, at the residence of J. A. Sissons, corner William and Witherspoon streets, W. A. Wilson Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 14, at the bakery of Joseph Waterhouse, corner Park and Sceno streets, J. C. Richards Deputy Returning Officer.

polling sub-division No. 15, at the residence of Patrick Kelly, corner Park avenue and Pine street, J. C. Northwood Deputy Returning Officer.

6. That the Mayor or other head for the time being of the municipality of the city of Chatham shall, on Thursday, the first day of December, 1903, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the City Clerk's Office, in Harrison Hall, in the city of Chatham, be present to appoint persons to attend at the various polling places and at the final summing up of the votes by the Clerk respectively on behalf of the persons interested in and promoting or opposing the passage of the By-law respectively, and the said Clerk shall on Thursday, the seventh day of January, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at his office in Harrison Hall, in the city of Chatham, sum up the number of votes given for and against the By-law.

W. G. MERRITT, Mayor.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing copy of By-law is a true copy of a proposed By-law which has been taken into consideration and will be passed by the Council in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained therefor, after one month from the first publication in the newspapers hereinafter mentioned, said first publication in the Chatham Daily Planet and Daily News newspapers, being the 12th day of December, 1903.

And further notice is hereby given that at the hour, day and places therein fixed for taking the votes of the electors the polls will be held.

W. G. MERRITT, Clerk of the Council of the city of Chatham.

THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:—
"When the Bell Tolls"—Dec. 28.
Westminster Abbey Choir—Dec. 28.
Royal Hungarian Court Orchestra—Jan. 1.
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Ritchie Co.—Jan. 25.
A Thoroughbred Tramp—Jan. 27.

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TO-NIGHT.

Macaulay Club, Auditorium, Public Library, at 8.
"When the Bell Tolls" Grand Opera House, at 8.30.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Dec. 26.—11 a. m.—Fair and very cold. Sunday, strong south-westerly winds; light local snow-falls and milder.

Local Briefs

J. N. McCoy, of Wallaceburg, was in town over Christmas.
Alex. Barry, of Tilts, is spending his Christmas holidays in Northwood.
On Jan. 2nd, the jury selectors will meet and ballot for the jury for the spring assizes.
The accounts in the Walrath estate were passed this morning before His Honor Judge Bell.
Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bowyer and two daughters, of Ridgetown, were guests in the city yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and daughter are spending the Christmas holidays at Mr. Ryan's home here.
Mr. and Mrs. James Tiffin, Mrs. Wm. Burgess, and J. B. Turnbull, of Dresden spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. B. McKim, Harvey street.

SPECIAL SALE OF Ebony Goods

Following our usual custom we shall during next week sell the balance of our Ebony Goods at a discount of 10 per cent. This includes Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, Manicure Sets, etc.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.,
Cor. King and Fifth Sts. Druggists.

Max Fraser is spending Christmas in London.

G. O. Scott spent Christmas day in Detroit.

R. Eastlake, of Dresden, spent yesterday in the city.

Roy Lenover, of Dresden, was in the city yesterday.

Fred Slocum is spending a few days at his home in Blenheim.

Frank Harrison, of the Standard Bank, is visiting at his home in Toronto.

Miss Lena Moore, Prince St., spent Christmas with her sister in Detroit.

Mrs. C. F. Complin, of London, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Ball, Victoria Ave.

Frank Ross, of the Bank of Commerce, is visiting at his home in Toronto.

Richard Paxton, Jr., Detroit, is spending a few days at his former home here.

Mr. Johnston, of the Chatham Loan and Savings Company, is visiting in St. Catharines.

The firemen wish to thank Alex. Yonckman, J. G. Kerr and J. J. Thompson for cigars.

Art. Berube, of St. Thomas, formerly of this city, is spending a few days with his friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Elliott, of Fresno, Cal., spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. S. Cowan, of this city.

Mrs. McKerrall and Misses Ida and Jennie, of Detroit, are visiting Mrs. Joseph Tilt, Wellington St.

Judge and Mrs. B. D. Cowan, of Grand Rapids, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. Cowan.

Frank and Will Gemmill, of Chicago, are spending Christmas holidays with their father, Sheriff Gemmill.

Tom Higley, of Peterboro, one of the stars on last summer's Maple City lacrosse team, is visiting at his home here.

William Boyd, Dr. Perdu, Will Paulucci, Joseph Oldershaw, John Aitken and Jack Moore attended the turkey shoot at Mitchell's Bay yesterday.

The morning train from Wallaceburg didn't reach this city till noon to-day. The engine broke down and another engine had to be secured from Chatham.

The thermometer registered one degree above zero last night. This was the coldest night of the season.

A very heavy storm passed over the city last night between eleven and two o'clock. The wind blew at the rate of 50 miles an hour and the snow was blinding.

The city curlers were a very disappointed crowd yesterday. They had expected to have good ice and good sport in their new rink, but the best laid plans of curling men often gang aglee.

The work of flooding it was begun in the morning. The workers began all right by sprinkling the water and it froze as it fell. They were getting on so well that they decided to flood the rink. They did so, but too much water was put on and it wouldn't freeze.

Then the stone putters and sweepers felt sore and were in the same spirits this morning when they found that the probabilities were that the rink wouldn't be fit for use until next week.

Herb Northwood, of Detroit, spent yesterday at his home here.

Mrs. S. F. Ball, Bethel, Maine, is visiting her mother, Head St.

Misses and Cassie Boley, of Detroit, spent the holiday in the city.

Miss Mildred Turner is the guest of her parents, Richmond St.

Mrs. Thompson, of Windsor is visiting Mrs. Whitely, Baxter street.

Robert Knight, of Cleveland, an old Chatham boy, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Coles, of London, (nee Miss Allie Brady) is visiting her parents, Richmond street.

Mrs. Wm. Reid of Detroit, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Smith, Taylor avenue.

Miss Hayes, head milliner in Thos. Stone & Son's, is visiting at her home in Brantford.

Mac McAuley, of Brantford, is spending a few days at his former home here.

Barney Leak, a former employee in Morton's hardware store, is visiting his old friends here.

Stanley Wilkie was in the city yesterday on his way home from Toronto to Blenheim.

W. S. Verrall is visiting his father. Mr. Verrall will leave in a few days for Galt to visit relatives.

Lost—Last night a gold closed face watch. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McEachren, Detroit, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kempf, Murray St.

(Willie Marshall, son of Ald. W. S. Marshall, who has been ill with tonsillitis is much better to-day.

Mrs. William Young, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, of Thamesford, spent Christmas with James Bennie, Dover St.

There will be a meeting of the sergeants of the sergeants' mess Monday evening at eight o'clock. Very important business of an interesting character to the sergeants will be transacted. There will also be a meeting of the bugle band at the mess rooms.

Those who attended the Lyceum Course at the Grand last evening enjoyed one of the finest entertainments given this season in the course. The Wesleyans, Messrs. Ireland, first tenor, P. W. Farmer, second tenor, I. W. Kenney, baritone, and D. C. Truesdale, bass, by many encores proved their popularity with the audience. The quartette number with the imitation of bells was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Farmer's song, "In May Time," was very creditable, indeed, and an encore was demanded. Mr. Ireland's whistling solo was one of the best of the musical numbers.

Miss Jaunita Boynton, the splendid elocutionist with the troupe, proved herself a decided favorite in all her numbers and won much applause, which was well merited. Miss Boynton has wonderful versatile ability as an actress.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 3, Dover, lady holding second class certificate. Duties to commence Jan. 4th. Applications to be addressed to Frank J. Goudreau, Secretary, Dover, South.



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GENEROUS GIFT

Chief Pritchard wishes to express, publicly, his thanks, and the thanks of the firemen for the following letter and gift:—

Dear Sir,—As a slight token of our appreciation at this Christmas season, for your valuable services during the past year, we beg to enclose herewith our check for \$25. We would ask you to kindly make such division as you deem proper among yourself and staff.

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HANDSOME CALENDAR

The Walkerville Brewing Co. are sending out a handsome calendar, entitled, "In Memory Ever Dear." This is a picture which must appeal to all, depicting as it does a young and beautiful lady embracing the favorite horse of her betrothed, who lost his life in winning the Victoria Cross. The artist has shown a fine conception of the situation, the expression of the lady's face combining a depth of sadness with a sweet resignation in which one can read consolation in the thought that her hero sacrificed his life bravely doing his duty, while the steel seems to fully enter into the feelings of his new mistress and friend.

RALEIGH PLAINS.

The S. S. Concert held here last night in the Shreeves School House, was a success in every particular, and Miss Pansy Mann, who trained the children, and Mr. J. B. Bell, general manager, surpassed all former efforts in that direction. The decorations were beautiful, elaborate and artistically arranged with flags, mottoes, drapings, tappings, Chinese lanterns and evergreens, which would make one feel they had been transported. Rev. J. I. C. McCormick took the chair and conducted a program of drills, songs, duets, solos, recitations and addresses in a manner highly creditable to himself. Mr. Phillips, with his phonograph, and the mouth organ man (I forgot his name), Kearns and Robinson string band was in evidence, and the solos and duets by Miss McCormick and Mr. Wilson, of Chatham, were among the highest stars of the evening. Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Marlinton, was present and gave a powerful, convincing address on temperance, on behalf of the local option by-law. His remarks were enthusiastic, and if we can judge by the applause at the close, we would say that 90 per cent of this neighborhood would vote for the by-law. The duets by Mr. Mann, of the Planet, and his daughter, Miss Pansy, received encores at each number. In fact the whole program was a treat. The Christmas tree was in evidence to the delight of the little folk, and the program closed with God Save the King. Proceeds \$25.

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Dinner, tea and chamber sets, china lamps, and glassware, are being sold at prices that make it easy to give useful Christmas presents. This is a positive clearing out sale. If we realize the cost of the goods we shall be satisfied. In the future we shall sell groceries only the choicest goods at lowest prices.

4 lbs. Mixed Candy, 25c.
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1 lb. tin of best sodas, 25c no charge for tins.

Pickle, 10c per bottle.
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Those \$10 and \$12 Tailor-Made Overcoats

are dollars better in everything that goes to make up a good overcoat, than any other coats at the prices in the city. We have recognized \$10 and \$12 as prices that suit the pockets of the majority of overcoat buying men, and we've centered our efforts on making as good a coat for these prices as we possibly can. Materials are all wool plain Oxford and plain black chevrons, the collars and button holes are carefully tailor made, sleeve linings of black silk mohair, body linings are of No. 1 quality black Italian, stylish comfortable overcoats, all lengths, at \$10 and \$12 each, full range of sizes 34 to 44.



Still a good showing of
**Boys' Raglanette and
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At \$3.00 to \$5.00.—Boys' dressy long Raglanette Overcoats, full of style and comfort, made from plain Oxford and black chevrons and nobby pattern tweeds for ages 4 to 16 years, full range of sizes.

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Late shipment of English Neckwear

We just received a big shipment of English neckwear Christmas Eve and it should have been here earlier, some of the most handsome silks that have been shown this season. Very well grey effects in the popular new four-in-hand shape, will be on sale Saturday at 25c and 50c.

Very Special Necktie Bargain at 50c.

In plain black corded silk and plain satin, also fancy silks, all shaped styles, padded and pleated back, values regular at 75c and \$1.00, on sale Saturday 50c.

Pretty New Waists

Silk, Brilliantine, Bedford Cord, Crepe de Chine, Nun's Veiling and Flannel in a large variety of styles at attractive prices.

At \$2.25—

Of Black Nun's Veiling, four stitched side, pleats, duchess front and trimmed with small gun-metal buttons; sizes 32 to 42.

At 2.75—

Of Brilliantine, black or cream, wide stitched side pleats, trimmed with black and white silk braid.

At \$3.50—

Of beautiful Crepe de Chine, dainty and pretty, accordion pleated front, back and sleeves side pleated, fancy stock collar.

At \$4.00—

Of Japanese Silk, cream or blue, alternate rows of fine tucking and fine valencienne insertion, cuffs and collar trimmed with insertion.

At \$5.00—

Of extra quality taffeta, front, back and sleeves finished with very fine tucking, stitched pleat, trimmed with samit satin buttons.

At 5.50—

Of very fine Japanese Silk, waist and full sleeves finished with fine shirring and wide silk cluny insertion.

At \$6.50—

Of very fine Taffeta, front finished with stitched side pleats, fine tucking and silk cluny insertion, back and sleeves with side pleats.

At \$7.00—

Of Taffeta, circular yoke, trimmed with hemstitching, balance of waist including sleeves finished with tucking, silk tabs and applique.

Dress Goods for Ladies' Suits.

We are showing a splendid assortment of Heavy Tweeds and Plain Cloths for Ladies' Suits in Cheviots, Homespun, Fancy Flake, Broadcloth, Ladies' Cloth and Serges.

56 inch Fancy Flake Tweeds in Navy Blue, Green, Black and Brown, with white flake. Price per yard, \$1.00.

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SPANISH OLIVES, 25c, 40c and 50c a bottle.
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ENGLISH PICKLES, 25c and 35c a bottle.
LEA & PERRIN SAUCE, 35c a bottle.
ENGLISH SAGE CHEESE, 30c a pound.
FINE OLD CHEESE 15c pound.
RICH MILD CHEESE 14c " "
PLAIN BISCUITS 15c " "
SALTED BISCUITS, 15c " "
FANCY BISCUITS 20c " "
FANCY MACAROONS 50c " "
SCOTCH SHORTBREAD 30c a pound.
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In variety and novelty our present holiday stock cannot be surpassed. It is unusual too, in the matter of prices. Buying as big a line as we have gave us an advantage in getting bed-rock prices, and all of this advantage we pass on to you. We do this right in the start because

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Gold stamping done at this office. John A. Morton was a little better to-day.

Wood has taken a drop at Drader's, Queen street.

Smoke Quasi on Feast Cigars, 5c. Sold by all dealers. Union Made. m Special fur and cloth jacket sale at the Urban Store.

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Miss Bert Cassidy, Detroit, is visiting friends in the city.

Dr. Ryan, Cairo, Mich., is visiting with friends in this city.

Miss D. C. McQueen, soprano soloist of St. Joseph's church, sang very acceptably Christmas day.

The Misses Alice and Lottie Mann, Raleigh, are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Ed. Harwood, Taylor Ave.

Will McRener left this morning for Chicago. He sang a solo at High Mass yesterday at St. Joseph's church.

Mrs. D. J. Morand, of Sandwich, is spending the Christmas holidays with her sisters, the Misses McQueen, Sandys street.

Miss Mabel Leonard, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. W. Holmes, returned to her home in Dresden yesterday.

Mr. Abram Blackburn, Chatham Township, spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Holmes, Harvey street.

The Ladies' Assisting Society will meet at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Taylor, Queen St., Monday afternoon, Dec. 28th, at 3.30 p. m.

Miss Susie A. McQueen, graduate nurse, who has been very ill at the St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, has returned home to recuperate her health.

Salesman Wanted; big salary or commission paid to sell our goods, by sample, wholesale or retail. Address, enclosing 3c for postage, Cap. Dex Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Sam Lee's Best Laundry has removed to his new store in the Opera House Block. Friends will please bring parcels to the new store a few doors east. Sam Lee, Best Laundry.

On Christmas night, at the residence of Mr. George W. Hunt, Lansdowne avenue, Miss May Bissell and Mr. John Ira Smith, both of Sarnia, were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, B. A. Mr. Smith holds a lucrative position in teachers held in Chicago last week.

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...SOCIETY...

Arthur Richards, Detroit, is in the city.

J. W. Drouillard, of Windsor, spent the holiday in the city.

Bert Liddy, of this city, is spending a few days in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jewett are spending a few days in Detroit.

George Hewson and sister Mae are visiting friends in Duart and Muirkirk.

Frank Gorman, of Breslau, is spending Christmas under the parental roof.

Master George Mann, Murray St., is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Osman, London.

Santa Claus brought James E. Grey a Christmas box in the shape of a bouncing baby girl.

Call on Gabe McIntyre at the Montreal House, corner Head and Sandys street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Emery, Dover, spent Christmas with their son, Nelson Emery, Poplar street.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Gorman, of Breslau, are spending Christmas with Patrick Gorman, Raleigh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Brisco and son Fred. B. Brisco are spending a few days at Mr. Brisco's old home, Nanpance.

Mr. and Mrs. Clute, Miss Squires and Mr. Ellis, Dundas, Mich., are visiting their cousin, Miss Laura Crow, Emma street.

A. M. Donovan, Toledo, O., spent yesterday with his mother and left last night for Escanaba; where his father is lying very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bott Hewson, have returned home after attending the wedding of Miss Kate McDonald, of Duart.

The police force desire to thank A. H. VonGintzen, James Thompson and Alderman Geo. G. Taylor for boxes of choice cigars.

Mrs. (Rev.) C. D. Scott and children, of London, are the guests of Mrs. Scott's brother, J. W. White, Park avenue west.

The Blonde Lumber Co. have sent a gang of men up to St. Augustine to install the heating plant in the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foley, of Jackson, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Foley's mother, Mrs. Donovan, Wellington street.

In the Park street League Monday evening the topic, Christ's Influence in the Home, will be taken by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Cobblestick.

After passing the Model School examinations in Chatham, Miss Jessie Peterson, of the C. C. L., was successful in passing an examination for teachers held in Chicago last week.

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A GOOD LAUNDRY

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TO 1904

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William Gordon.

A REAL CRITIC

There is a dramatic critic on the staff of the Daily World, of Vancouver, B. C., who is a critic from folio to foot-slug. He is a critic who criticizes.

"Looking for a Wife," recently visited Vancouver and appeared at the best theatre the city affords. Here is what the Daily World critic says of the show:

A scanty audience on one side, a decollete company on the other—no wonder it was cold in the opera house last night. A frost without, a frost within; some people are shivering yet.

"Looking for a Wife," has of course nothing so burdensome as a plot. The name would suggest that. Against any R. d. n. so verdant as to deliberately go out "looking for a wife" it would be superfluous to plot. He is too easy. At all events it seems that the theatre-going people in Vancouver have all the wives they want already or else they are playing a system of their own without the assistance of imported copy-rights; for the audience last night was very small and felt smaller.

The critic concedes that the local manager, Mr. Ricketts, was not to blame for the show, and then he throws this bouquet at the Vancouverite:

"There were two little girls who danced very fairly, and the music—or some of it, at least—was hardly as bad as it sounds. The lighting effect was good. Mr. Ricketts furnished the lights."

A pair of otter fur gauntlets were left in the general waiting room of the C. P. R. station last evening. A suitable reward will be paid for their return to this office.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 53a.

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Any of your friends in the matter of Christmas Gifts we would remind you that we have still many desirable Holiday Goods that we will sell at close prices.

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For tickets and all information apply to W. E. RISPIN, City Ticket Agent, 115 King Street.

J. PRITCHARD, Station Agent.

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FOR PROTECTIVE TARIFF.

Standard's View of Chamberlain's Commission.

London, Dec. 24.—The Standard says the Birmingham tariff commissioners have no other object in view but the framing of a frankly protective tariff, and the most singular feature of the case is the manner in which the organizers are superseding the official leaders of the Unionist party. The Ministry and the Ministerial policy of Premier Balfour have been swept aside.

A Copenhagen newspaper learns from an authoritative source that there never have been any negotiations, verbal or written, in regard to the sale of Greenland to Canada.

Mr. Andrew Pattullo, M. P. P. of Woodstock, Ont., writing to the London papers regarding the structure that he only represents a Provincial Parliament, says, considering the enormous area of Ontario, he should be able to speak with some weight. He is convinced that his views express the opinion of nine-tenths of the Canadian people.

Sir John Willox, Conservative M. P. for the Everton division of Liverpool, refuses to speak before the Duke of Devonshire's Unionist Free Food League on the ground that the Duke is avowedly hostile to the Unionist party.

The Bishop of Rochester has sent a letter to Capt. Norton, M. P., signed by a number of labor organizations, protesting against the motion to restore Sir Charles Dilke to a prominent place in the Liberal Ministry at no distant date.

Manchester merchants, manufacturers and shippers are organizing a non-political free trade association.

CHINESE RAILWAY LAWS.

The Newly-issued Regulations Are of a Stringent Character.

(Associated Press Despatch.)
Pekin, Dec. 23.—The new Chinese Board of Commerce has promulgated the railway laws compiled by Wu Ting Fang, former Minister to Washington, and now President of the board. These laws are calculated to materially cripple the borrowing capacity of the railway companies and to restrict the control of the railways to the Chinese security holders. The regulations further restrict the holding of shares by foreigners to a maximum of fifty per cent, and prevent the companies from borrowing on land values. The railway companies must apply for concessions to the Board of Commerce and the Foreign Office.

BURGLARS AT LONDON.

Three Hotels and a Residence Robbed.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Some time Monday three hotels and a private residence were robbed. The hotels were the Dominion House, the Brunswick House and the Clarence House, all within a block on Clarence street. No person connected with the houses heard any noise. The residence of Mr. Karakompa, three blocks south of the hotels, on Clarence street, was also entered. In each case a "Jimmy" was used, and the police are confident that the operators were experts. At the Clarence House the thieves got \$2 from the cash register drawer, which had been forced. At the Brunswick House \$2 and a diamond ring, a bottle of whiskey were taken. At the Dominion House they secured \$15; the best cigars were also selected. At the residence of Mr. Karakompa, several rooms were ransacked, a new suit of black and some other articles of men's clothing being stolen.

KILLED HIS SISTER-IN-LAW.

Kansas City Man's Deed Inspired by Jealousy—Attempted Suicide.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Samuel W. Lee, aged thirty, shot and killed his sister-in-law, Miss Florence Lee, aged twenty-two, at his home here to-day, and then made a tragic effort to end his own life. Lee was a widower, and his sister-in-law had been his housekeeper. To-day she announced her intention of marrying another man. After vainly trying to persuade her to marry him, Lee shot the woman four times and then fired two bullets into his own breast. When neighbors broke into the house Lee snatched up a razor, and running into the street, followed by half a dozen persons, slashed his throat.

The swiftest some messenger boys go seems to be fast asleep.

CAUGHT IN THE ROLLERS.

Samuel Stevenson Crushed to Death at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Samuel H. Stevenson, night foreman at the steel plant of the Hamilton Steel & Iron Company, met a terrible death about 1 o'clock yesterday. He was caught between the rollers and crushed to death almost instantly. He was 42 years of age and had been employed at the steel plant only a few days. A sad feature of the fatality is that the deceased sent word to his wife and family at Struthers, Ohio, to join him here to-day, the intention being to take up housekeeping in this city. Coroner McNichol opened an inquest at noon to-day, and it was adjourned till next Monday night.

MILITARY TRAINING.

May be Enforced in Britain in the Case of Young Men.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail Saturday published an unconfirmed statement that the War Office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military training of all males between the ages of 18 and 22 years.

A fine complexion often is false on the very face of it.

CATARRH
Is An Open Gateway for the
Great White Plague

Because it is such a slowly progressive disease and lingers along, year after year, now better, now worse, but on the whole getting more deeply and firmly seated, people are prone to overlook its destructive tendencies and neglect catarrh. It is hard for one whose constitution holds him up for years against the progressive encroachments of catarrh, to realize his danger and think of the time when his danger and later vital organs will be reached, or some acute cold will fan the smouldering fire of catarrh into that devastating systemic conflagration—consumption.

So many neglect the beginnings of disease and allow it to become firmly seated and very difficult to dislodge. Only physicians who are familiar with the history of all that in a large number of fatal sicknesses, has led up to the death, realize how often a supposedly trivial complaint, neglected brought about the condition that cost life. Case after case of consumption can be traced to neglected catarrh.

Catarrh is a prevailing plague, the foremost scourge of America. Its stealthy approach and lingering stay make it a dread to the physician and a pest to the patient. It is vast—gusts of disease, striking the breath out of the lungs, causing one to choke, snuff, blow, sneeze, cough, gasp, spit and do the disagreeable things catarrh sufferers are obliged to do, but if allowed to run its course or later becomes dangerous to life.

Because catarrh is not alarm in its early stages, it is commonly allowed to progress until many, so many, deaths are due to diseases having other and various names but of which catarrh is the primary or basic cause. Catarrh is the beginning of more serious diseases than all other causes combined. It is capable of attacking most fluids, tissues and organs of the body. The poisonous secretions following up the mucous tracts get into the throat and injure the voice, into the head and impair hearing, into the stomach and produce dyspepsia, into the bowels and result in chronic diarrhea, into the blood and become black and some other articles of men's clothing being stolen.

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THE EAST INDIAN WAY.

One of the Perils That Arise Out of the Racial Inequality of Those Who Want Revenge.

A trade journal tells a story of an adventure which nearly cost one of its correspondents in India his life. The Indian merchant was a wealthy man who had got on well with the natives, but two of his servants had had a quarrel over a girl whom they both wooed. The unsuccessful suitor, Lal, began to make trouble, and his rival, the husband, warned the merchant against him. Nothing happened for some months. Then the merchant went away on business. On his return he was told that Lal had been caught in his bedroom and locked up.

In the East this meant trouble. The merchant called his servants and had a thorough search made of the house. They examined every trunk, bureau and bedstead, every picture, statue and crevice in the wall and crack in the floor expecting to find a hooded cobra or other poisonous reptile. They scrutinized every knob, handle and garment to see if it had been smeared with poison or with juices which attracted venomous creatures. Then they searched the wine-cellar, the pantry and the store room. But they found nothing.

The merchant was tired, and after eating, went to the cabinet where he kept his cigars. It was a large case of oak and plate glass, with an old-fashioned silver Indian lock.

As he was about to insert the key in the lock, Lal's successful rival, who had been active in the search, cried, "Look out, sahib, some one has been meddling with that lock!" They examined the keyhole and found traces of wax. When they opened the case the merchant found everything apparently untouched. Five boxes of cigars were unopened. He had opened the sixth before he went away and removed a few cigars. As he took this box up he noticed on it the marks of dirty fingers.

The cigars looked as if they had not been disturbed. He was about to take one when he noticed that something was wrong with the head. A second and a third were like the first. In each a small, almost imperceptible rose thorn had been inserted, and there was a dab of brown slime, still moist, the same color as the cigar.

"Do not touch them, sahib," said the Indian. "They are poisoned." The merchant sat down and wrote a note to the police. In half an hour an officer appeared with Lal under guard. The merchant stated the case to the officer, and taking one of the cigars, handed it to Lal with the command, "Take it and smoke it." The man turned gray and refused. His guilt was proved.

The Capital of Morocco.

In Fez, the capital of Morocco, most of the houses consist of several stories, each being provided with a light veranda running round it and connecting the rooms. All the windows and doors open out into the patio, or court yard, the window openings in the upper stories being covered with close trellis work. All the houses have flat roofs, with a wall some four to six feet high running around, and from 4 p.m. until sunset the roof is the resort of the ladies exclusively, who can then walk about and take the fresh air without being seen by any of the opposite sex. This reservation is a law which is never broken, and no man would be guilty of being seen on his or on the roof during the forbidden hours. Owing to the fact that the women of the house are not allowed to be seen by any other man than their lord and master, all domestic offices are situated away from the house proper. In many of the larger houses, besides the water fountains, others playing scent or scented water are to be found. Sections of the court yard are slightly sunk, and these portions are filled with scented oil, which is used to perfume the rooms. The Moors are exceptionally particular in discarding their footgear before entering a room or crossing a rug or carpet; they even change slippers before entering the court yard from the street. Thus the houses are kept beautifully clean and sweet, and are not, as many people would suppose, musty or close.

The World's Railroads.

Some one has estimated that the aggregate length of the world's railroads was, in 1901, more than half a million miles. The apportionment of mileage to the different countries was as follows: Europe, 180,709; Asia, 41,814; Africa, 14,187; North America, 226,508; South America, 28,654; Australia, 15,649; North America leading. The two continents of the Western Hemisphere, it will be noted, have more miles of railroad than all the rest of the world together. North America alone more than Europe and Asia together. The additions per year to the world's railroad mileage were, during the six years between 1896 and 1901: 9,796 in 1896, 10,747 in 1897, 10,864 in 1898, 13,530 in 1899, 10,798 in 1900, 16,947 in 1901—1901 having been, as will be seen, a phenomenally active year in railroad building.

Underground Marvels.

Particulars have just been published of a wonderful series of underground caves in the Stalden district of Canton Schwyz, in Switzerland. The existence of these places had been vaguely known, but they have now for the first time been fully explored by a party which went down provided with 5,000 yards of rope ladders, acetylene lamps, rugs, and provisions for eight days. They were underground for two full days, penetrating to a distance of 3,500 yards through vast halls, brilliant with stalactite and other crystals, and with other great recesses branching from them. There were also found swift subterranean torrents, powerful enough to work great industrial undertakings.

PRAISE FOR MUNYON.

"I have been troubled with Rheumatism for two years in my arms. The pains would commence in the elbow joints and work down to the hands. My hands would swell so that I could not close them. This winter I suffered a great deal, and I tried many different things; one vial of Munyon's Rheumatism Cure has relieved me so much that I hardly ever have any pain, and I can now close my hands in a perfectly natural manner. I am recommending this remedy to all my friends."—Mrs. Richard Steithen, 35 Besser street, Ottawa.

If you are sick, if you have indigestion, if you are nervous, if your liver or blood is out of order, if you have any kidney disease, if you have piles, or any ailment, ask your druggist for "Munyon's Guide to Health"; it is free and will tell you how to cure yourself for 35c. Thousands of testimonials. 33B

The Song of the Rhine.

It was in the Christmas number of Punch for the year 1903, that poor Thomas Hood's famous poem, "The Song of the Shirt," appeared, and both before and since that time the truth of the old saying, one half of the world does not know how the other half lives, has been strikingly exemplified. One of the latest instances is in a paragraph which has been going the round of the newspapers to the effect that a board of guardians in the north of London were applied to for relief by a woman who is reported to have stated that she made blouses for a London firm for the magnificent sum of eightpence a dozen complete. She, of course, had had originally to obtain a machine, and always paid for her cotton and railway fare, the output for a long day's work being a dozen blouses. If these facts are as stated, it makes one think of the bitter lines in the poem just mentioned:

Along with the barbarous Turk,
Who would have a soul to save,
If this is Christian work.

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TEACHER WANTED—For School Section No. 6, Tibbury East, Ontario to commence Jan. 4th. Address: Henry Atkinson, Sec., Stevenson, Ont.

WANTED—Men wanted to learn barber trade; only eight weeks required by our system of constant practice; tools furnished; diplomas given. Full tuition \$25. Call or write, Detroit Barber College, 246 Jefferson avenue, Detroit, Mich.

TEACHER WANTED—For S. S. No. 10, Chatham, to commence January 2nd, 1904. Apply, stating salary, until Dec. 20th, to David Thorpe, Lot 1, Con. 12, Oungah P. O.

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LOTS FOR SALE—One and one-half acres at the head of Victoria avenue. Apply to Mrs. Tissiman, room 5, Victoria Block.

HOUSES FOR SALE—A house on Grant St., and house and lot on Victoria Ave. For particulars, apply to Thomas Scullard, Victoria Block, or at this office.

FOR SALE—A desirable 50 acres of land, being part of lot 8, concession 2, Chatham; first class quality of soil, well located, within three miles of the city. Terms easy. For further particulars apply to the owner on the premises, or address Chatham P. O. C. W. Haviland.

FOR SALE

Fifty acres of the best land in Raleigh for \$3,000.00. The northeast half of the southeast half of lot ten in Fourth concession, every foot under good state of cultivation. Terms easy.

Also that very desirable dwelling house on corner Victoria Avenue and Selkirk street. Has all modern improvements, with stable, etc. Will be sold cheap with other lands belonging to the estate of the late Peter Rutherford.

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to New Years. Is there not someone for whom you have not selected a gift. We have the most complete line in the city of watches, clocks and jewelry, also plateware, ebony goods and genuine crocodile and morocco purses, cigar cases, etc. For a handsome Christmas gift, why not one of the celebrated Berliner Gramophones or a beautiful fountain pen, exquisitely carved and mounted with gold and warranted. We have a great variety to pick from. Come and see us before purchasing and we are sure you will be satisfied.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Shareholders of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1903, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, to consider and deal with a certain agreement made between the Directors of the Company and the Port Marquette Railway Company, bearing date the 1st day of October, 1903, providing for trackage and other rights over the line of railway and property of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company, except The London & Port Stanley Railway.

And Further, that on the Shareholders of The Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company consenting thereto, as provided, by law, application will be made to the Governor-in-Council for his approval of the said agreement.

Such application will be made to the Minister of Railways and Canals, at the Department of Railways and Canals, at Ottawa, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1904, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and all persons interested may then and there appear and be heard on such application.

Dated at Walkerville the 26th day of October, 1903.

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Township Councils.

HARWICH COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the council of Harwich was held on Monday, Dec. 21st, 1903. Members all present. The minutes of November 9th and of special of December 7th were read and adopted.

Following communications were read:

Clerk of Raleigh re W. T. L. Wilcox, Pike & Gundy with account for services for 1903. D. Walker re Walker drain.

Moved by Buchanan, seconded by Bentley, that committee of the reeve and McCormick be appointed to investigate the claim of J. A. McNaughton, Esq. and Mrs. McNaughton re damages received from Thyrast branch drain, and report on a settlement for same—Carried.

That the treasurer be authorized to pay the several school sections the amount of estimates and general rate for 1903—Carried.

Buchanan—McCormick. That the collector accept F. Horton's taxes less \$1 for dog, which is an error.—Carried.

That the resignation of George W. Hoffman, the assessor, be accepted.—Carried.

The following accounts were paid:

J. and S. Oldershaw, sewerpipe, \$26.33; A. S. Maynard, ditching township part of Marshall D. and W., \$17.40; A. S. Maynard, rep. culvert, \$3; Park Bros., supplies for railing, Glenn arch, etc., \$28.85; Wm. Reed, drawing tile and brick, Wilson-Reed, D. and W., \$3; Ed. Bacon, sp. work on, Glenn D. and W., \$36.50; Geo. M. Baird, sundries per account and postage, \$4.89; Geo. M. Baird, care of hall, preparing minutes for pub., \$25; Geo. M. Baird, preparing financial statement, \$10; Geo. M. Baird, bal. salary, 1903, \$92; M. Arnold, care catch-basin at Henry's, \$2; C. McKenzie, refund statute labor, err, \$2; Dr. J. P. Sive-wright, examination D. Millar, Home for incurables, \$2; John H. Oldershaw, sewerpipe, \$5.46; Arch. Smith, sewer culvert, \$2; Geo. Rouse, ditching, \$1.50; Duncan McCully, culvert, \$3; James Nash, culvert, \$3; John Johnston, tile drain, \$12; Walter Tuck, rep. culvert, \$2; Joseph McEashen, ditching, \$3; A. Newcomb, ditching, \$15; Wm. Gardiner, tile, \$2.68; Reg. Grist, ditching on com. road, \$3.28; Geo. Giffin, tile on back ridge, \$4.95; Dunn McColl, sewer across road, \$14; Ed. McKerrall, graveling, \$24; P. Alexander, graveling, con. 6, \$48; C. Clendenning, graveling, con. 7, \$30.80; D. McMillan, rep. culvert, \$2; J. Clendenning, graveling, \$9; A. Newcomb, new road, \$2; P. Alexander, graveling, \$11.40; Wallace Rose, graveling, \$36; R. Rorison, sheep killed and injured, \$9.60; Lachlan, sheep killed, \$25.33; Jna. Atkins, sheep killed, \$4.66; Albert Lisi, sheep killed, \$4.66; John Sloan, sheep killed, \$29.33; A. Rosch, sheep killed, \$10.66; John Forbes, sheep killed, \$4.66; Wm. Stirling, ref. dog tax, error, \$1; Geo. Wilson, assist survey Barfoot drain, \$3; Ed. Chaney, ditching Fisher drain, \$35.60; Hy. Arnold, material for breakwater Pinder drain, \$1.—advised.

Meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the council was held on Tuesday, December 15, pursuant to statute to receive financial statement of receipts and disbursements,

The following accounts were, on resolution, ordered paid:

J. McCormick, commissioner's fees on Chase bridge, \$9; J. Campbell, commissioner's fees on Chase bridge, \$5; Hadley Lumber Co., lumber, etc., \$166.29; Drew & McCallum, supplies repairing T. Blair bridge, \$31; R. Hazleton, work on arch, Creek bridges and Fargo, \$43.75; R. Hazleton, work Smyth D. and W., \$12.66; R. Hazleton, rep. bridges, \$8.30; John McCormick, work at guards, Indian creek and Chase bridge, \$20; Wm. Neil, drawing material for Smyth D. and W., \$3; R. Glenn, work and earth at Glenn arch, \$33; Chas. Hales, tile, \$23.29; P. D. Campbell, lumber, \$39.94; Home for Consumptives, Toronto and Muskoka, donation, \$5; A. A. Dresser, on account contract, Read's bridge, \$286; Jas. Campbell, com. fees the Alexander drain, Howard, \$6; Mat. Steel, refund S. L. error, \$2; Samuel Burk, refund S. L. error, \$3; John Jackson, refund S. L. error, \$3; John Jackson, Pike & Gundy, legal costs, 1903, \$62.90; Wilson, Pike & Gundy, legal expenses re referee, Doyle drain, Raleigh, \$28.38; Jas. Leslie, bal. salary, 1903, \$56.25; P. Morrison, bal. salary and com. fees, \$55; Jas. Campbell, balance salary and com. fees, \$41; H. Bentley, balance salary and com. fees, \$32.30; Jas. McCormick, balance salary and com. fees, \$41; Charles Buchanan, balance salary and com. fees, \$30.85; R. L. Smyth, account, salary collector, 1903, \$75; W. J. Snobelen, care of scraper, \$8; P. D. McCormick, need for road person, \$3; Jas. Huffman, grading, 50c; Oliver Drury, railing on bridge, \$1; Jas. Tye, grading at Fargo, \$9; R. J. C. McNaughton, grading at Fargo, \$9; Wm. Knight, work 12th and 13th sideroads, \$2.50; F. A. Young, lumber, \$4.22; John Bentley, work Old Street, \$10; N. Cumming, work old street, \$10; J. Clendenning, graveling and work, Base line, \$45.75; C. Clendenning, work, \$22.20; Norman Nash, graveling, \$25; Ernest Johnston, graveling, \$25; W. Rosch, graveling, \$10; Ed. McGinn, balance on graveling, \$7.50; J. Campbell, com. fees, E. T. L., \$8; H. Bentley, com. fees, E. T. L., \$8; Angus Nash, graveling E. T. L., \$50; N. White, going for scraper, 75c; Philip Green, balance on ditching Pinder drain, \$30.30; Ed. Chaney, ditching Pinder drain, \$42.82; B. H. Bentley, com. fees, \$14.

The following were refunded \$1.00 each for refund duty:

Snobelen, Jas. Huffman, Geo. Sloan, John Donovan, H. Bawden, N. Willis, J. D. Smith, Wm. Laurie, Elias Curran.

The following were refunded \$1.00 year ending Dec. 15th, 1903, was presented and was satisfactory, showing a substantial surplus.

Council adjourned.

Geo. M. BAIRD, Clerk.

DISTRICT DOINGS: THAMESVILLE

Dec. 23.—Miss Kate Duncan is home from Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bambridge, who have been staying for the past two weeks in town, returned to their home in Alvinston.

Miss Katharine Stewart, student of Haverall Hall, Toronto, is home on her vacation.

Mr. Geo. Coutts, of the Toronto University, is home for his Christmas vacation.

Mr. Wm. Meldrum is visiting in town.

Mrs. J. Davidson was a Chatham visitor to-day.

Mrs. Borland, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Macfarlane, for the past two weeks, returned to her home to-day.

Miss Mae Smith and Miss Laidlaw, of Alma College, St. Thomas, are spending a few days in Detroit.

Mrs. Nate Cornwall was in Chatham to-day.

Miss Maurice Kerr of Toronto, is spending her Christmas week, at the parents' home, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr.

Mr. S. B. Ripley spent the day in Chatham.

Dr. D. B. Fraser left for his home in Forest to-day.

TILBURY

Dec. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Scarff leave to-day to spend Christmas with relatives in Woodstock.

C. H. McDougall, teller of the Merchant's Bank leaves to-day on a two-weeks' visit to his home in Owen Sound.

Mrs. Arnold Wilson, of Calgary, is visiting her mother here, Mrs. MacLeod.

Burleigh Campbell leaves to-morrow to visit his mother in Glenora.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lewis left this morning to visit the latter's mother, Mrs. Brophy, in London.

Miss N. Stinson will spend Christmas at her home in Croton.

Essex Junior hockey club will play Tilbury juniors at the rink to-morrow night.

H. Clements, the Conservative candidate for West Kent in the Dominion Parliament, was in town yesterday.

Miss Mills Lang, of Windsor, is visiting her parents here.

Miss Maggie Beno, of Detroit, is visiting at her home here.

Miss Dora Richards, of Quinn, left yesterday to visit friends in Detroit.

Miss Laura and Olive Mathers, of the Chatham Urquhart Academy, are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents here.

Dr. Sharp was in Windsor on business yesterday.

Miss Grace Savage, of Detroit, arrived to-day to visit her aunt, Mrs. Henry Richardson.

Harry and Clifford Richardson, of Detroit, and Charles, of Essex, will spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richardson.

BLENHEIM

Dec. 26.—Mr. G. Goldworthy, Miss Ruth and Rennie Goldworthy, and Miss Todd, of Guilds, are spending Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. S. Todd.

Christmas services will be held in the Methodist church next Sunday. The morning there will be a special service for children.

Mr. S. Sullivan, of Glenora, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Byram.



BABY'S OWN SOAP

used by particular people both young and old. Keeps the skin soft, clear and white.

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Mr. Alfred and Miss Ella White are here for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. H. J. Neale left on Thursday to spend Christmas with friends in Toronto. Messrs. Chas. Buchanan, J. McCormick and Dr. McCully are in the field for the reeveship, and J. D. McPherson, J. B. Clark, B. H. Bentley and G. W. Huffman for councilors for the coming municipal election in the township of Harwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Mallory, Mrs. Mallory and Geo. Zachary, of Guilds, left on the 24th for Elk Rapids, Mich., to be present at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Burns, of that place.

Mr. A. and Miss Mabel Kipp and Mr. McCormick, spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wiley, of Guilds, is working with Mr. C. E. Wharram, on the electric light line.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Johnson, on Dec. 20th, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bounsell and family, of William street, Chatham, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Peters.

The Misses W. Buchanan, E. Von-Guenten and Edna English were successful in passing their Model School examination.

Miss Inez Bursae, who is attending Simcoe High School, is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Divine service was held in Trinity church, yesterday morning, at 10.30. The church was tastefully decorated with evergreens. The favorite Christmas hymns were sung and an excellent Christmas sermon was given by the rector, Rev. D. W. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holmes, of Bala, and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ford, of Chatham, are visiting relatives here for a few weeks.

Mr. Tift, of Cleveland, is visiting friends in town for the Christmas.

Mr. T. W. Pearson entertained the members of his class in the Methodist School room, and the teachers of the other classes, on the 17th inst. About 70 were present, and report a very enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pardo, Raleigh, Ont., Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Carnagan, of Missoula, Montana, and Mr. John Carter, of Chatham, Ont., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ford.

There was no meeting of Rodeau Lodge No. 40 last evening, it being Christmas night.

The merchants all report a good trade during the Christmas week, the roads being so good all that wished to could get into town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Campbell are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's parents at Wallaceburg.

WABASH

The concert given by the pupils of Wabash Public School, on the evening of December 18th, was an unqualified success. Both teacher and pupils have worked earnestly during the past weeks, and their efforts have been well rewarded. The school room was prettily decorated with pink and white roses, Christmas green, and artificial snow. The children, under the guidance of their teacher, Miss Lewis, had prepared an excellent program of songs, recitations, dialogues and tableaux. Several fine musical selections were given by the Wabash Trio, Messrs. Russell Kelly, Wallace Burwell, and Miss Ethel Truesdale. Mr. Hewitt, of the firm of Stewart & Hewitt, of Thamesville, made an excellent chairman and charmed the audience by his witty speeches and up-to-date stories. A very interesting part of the performance was the appearance of old Santa Claus in full uniform, and the unloading of a well-filled Christmas tree to young and old. The proceeds of the concert, which were thirty-two dollars, are to be used in placing a library in the school.

SOUTH BUXTON.

Dec.—We had a little rain, followed by a driving snow storm.

The Christmas festive season is on us and strangers from various parts are arriving to visit friends, and concerts are all the rage. Everything points to a joyous time.

Miss Lula Townsend, of Port Huron, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Connor, of Blenheim, is now the guest of Mrs. J. S. Irving.

Some nights ago the house of Mrs. Rossy Ann Webb was broken into by some unknown party and the house ransacked. Mrs. Webb, who is an aged widow and lives alone, was locked in her bedroom, where she listened to the noise of the plundering, but she was too frightened to say a word. The entrance was gained through a window. So far Mrs. Webb has missed nothing, and a few nights before that the stable was broken open and her driver was wounded, apparently with a fork. Mrs. Webb lives on the 7th concession of Raleigh.

(Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ross leaves to-day (Tuesday) for Kingston and Dexter, N. Y., for a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Ross has the material on the ground to put down a gas well as soon as he returns, and last Saturday he brought home over a ton of fencing wire to be erected early in the spring.

SATCHEL

OF THE

SATELLITE

Now that the question of filling stockings has been settled, who will fill those chairs in the city council chamber, is the pertinent question.

HERE'S GOOD LUCK TO THE YOUNG MAN.

THE YOUNG MAN FOR THE YOUNG MEN.

Any Grit dissatisfied with Herbert S. Clements as a candidate, can go over to him at his place of business and be guided.

The difficulty in getting men out to run for aldermen is not altogether in the fact that people were quite satisfied with last year's council.

Perhaps the reason the municipal candidates don't want to come out is for fear the votes will score a put out.

"Bacon and Good Liver" will be the motto of Ald. Piggett's ham factory. Eat the Chatham factory bacon and become a good liver.

A tea-kettle sings when it is half full of water. I know some men who sing when they are half full of water, nit.

Santa Claus got in his work yesterday morning.

Who was the unknown philanthropist who donated the \$100 check to clothe the Chatham poor children?

Galt Reporter: The Hamilton Times says the Galties are good Canadians. The same newspaper will say that Cap. Sullivan and the Hon. J. R. Stratton are the sweetest flowers in the Garden of the Gods.

The chairman of the Industrial Committee is getting out a circular letter in connection with the ham factory loan by-law.

Did you catch her under the mistletoe?

STIRRING NEWS FROM LAPEERE.

Zero.

1904 soon.

Eggs are eggs.

Wedding bells soon.

Mr. Wilder has a sick cow.

New chore boy at the hotel.

Pennies don't go at the revivals.

Friendship is a farce in Otter Lake.

Agents are plentiful.

Sile Barton had a breakdown, but nothing very bad.

Ed. has severed relationship with his mustache.

There are people in this city whose main aim is to get money, no matter how they get it; funny isn't it?—Lapeer, Mich., Press.

AN EXCESS OF HUMOR.

Because he is excessively humorous a young man in this city is now divorced from a good job.

A comrade hung up to a coat in the factory dressing room the other day. Smugly came along, saw a pocketbook projecting from the coat, and with a chuckle hid it under the washstand. When the loser missed his pocketbook that evening, he announced that it contained \$50 and that the person found in company with it would be arrested, and summoned an officer. Several persons submitted to being searched before the joker owned up. A delegation waited on the superintendent and the divorce followed.

TIP TO TIPLERS.

At a certain wayside inn in the north of Yorks a farmer drew rain and, finding the waiter, said, "Hey, lad, I've told me ye have some very good ale here; just bring us a quart." The request was quickly complied with and the ale soon appeared, and the farmer, apparently relishing it, said, "Hm, just bring us another quart." The quickly followed the first, and the farmer, dismounting, remarked, "It's very decent stuff, lad, I think I'll get some and get some."—V. O.

THE GREAT HOLIDAY OVER

We are back again at business with renewed energy and the satisfaction of having had the biggest Christmas in our history.

Served more people, sold more goods, and we think, gave better satisfaction and service than ever before.

But don't forget that this is just as much a store to-day as it was the day before Christmas. We are just as ready to give good service, just as ready with:

OVERCOATS
MUFFLERS
GLOVES
NECKWEAR

FUR LINED COATS
UNDERWEAR
HATS
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Remember that we make and originate our own clothing, and better yet perhaps, make and originate our own prices.

Our goods are exclusive, and designed for particular men—and we have a firm grip on the particular man's trade all the year round.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS, LIMITED...

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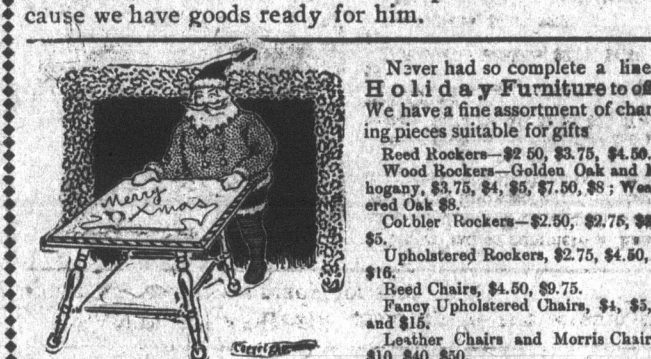
You can get Bargains at Gray's China Hall.
20 Jardiner's, regular 50c, for 25c.
4 Fine Tea Sets, regular \$5.00 for \$4.00.
7 Parlor Lamps, regular \$6.50, for \$5.00.
6 Dinner Sets, regular \$15.00 for \$12.50.
25 Sugar Shell and Knife Combination in neat lined box, regular 25c for 15c.

Clearing Sale on all bric-a-brac and vases—away down prices.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL, - King Street.

Furniture McDONALD & CO. Carpets...

SANTA CLAUS will come up to the scratch because we have goods ready for him.



Never had so complete a line of Holiday Furniture to offer. We have a fine assortment of charming pieces suitable for gifts.

Reed Rockers—\$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.50.
Wood Rockers—Golden Oak and Mahogany, \$3.75, \$4.50, \$7.50, \$8; Washed Oak \$5.
Cobler Rockers—\$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.75.
Upholstered Rockers, \$2.75, \$4.50, \$6, \$16.
Reed Chairs, \$4.50, \$9.75.
Fancy Upholstered Chairs, \$3, \$5, \$6 and \$16.
Leather Chairs and Morris Chairs—\$10, \$40, \$50.

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We like to be remembered. We feel better for bestowing some little gift on our friends or dear ones. Some pretty thing or some useful one. Let us suggest:—

SKATES, 40c. to \$3.00.
NICKEL TEA POTS, 75c. to \$1.25
BISSELL SWEEPER, \$2 to \$3.
HOCKEY STICK 5c.
AIR GUN \$1 to \$3.
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Kent's Oldest Resident

Interesting Story of Ye Olden Times as Told by Alexander Dolson, who has Resided in the County for Nearly a Century.

Every resident of Chatham is proud of the Maple City, and rightly so. Chatham, with her numerous manufacturing industries, established business houses, natural resources and wide-awake business men, has been made one of the important commercial centres of Canada. It is said that every good concern started on a humble basis, and so it was with Chatham. It is almost impossible, however, to believe that any person living to-day can remember when Chatham was a mere collection of huts. Yet this is also true, Alexander Dolson, down the river, Raleigh, was a resident of Kent County when there were only three houses in Chatham.

Mr. Dolson is probably the oldest resident in Kent to-day. He was born in 1818 on his present farm down the river and he has lived on the one farm during his entire life. He is now enjoying the comforts of his latter years after a very energetic and successful life.

Mr. Dolson comes from a family who were the pioneers of this continent. His grandfather was a United Empire Loyalist and came to Canada from New York at the time he was for Independence. His father, John Dolson, was born at Chatham and it was he who first settled on the farm where Mr. Dolson now lives. Alexander Dolson is the youngest child of Jacob Dolson, who was born shortly after his father's death at Chatham.

Dolson remembers much of his life in Chatham and of the hardships endured by the early settlers. When he was a small boy there were only three houses in the town. One was situated on King street opposite the old school, and was owned by Mr. McGregor; another was on King street opposite the old school, and was owned by Mr. McGregor; and the other was situated near the old school, and was owned by Mr. McGregor.

Mr. Dolson, who was then the village blacksmith, and later he acted as town treasurer. The town, however, grew rapidly and the settlers, realizing the possibilities of the surrounding country, came in fast. Mr. LaBroix, for whom LaBroix street was named, was the chief man in Chatham then. He was the Mayor of the town, customs officer and general chief manager of the town.

The first school house was erected just opposite the Rankin House on the river bank and there Mr. Dolson attended school.

"It is wonderful to me," said Mr. Dolson to The Planet, "to see the wonderful change which has come over this country since I first came here. As many people have often told you, no doubt, this place was one mass of woods and swamp. The settlers came first with their axes, and every home was hewed out of the heart of the forest. The drainage was bad, and the swamps caused fever and every fall and spring. Dr. Baird, our neighbor towards the town, never saw either one of them."

"Fleeting in those days was all done by oxen. The road from here to the town was a corduroy one. When it was first made it followed the river right along, owing to the swamps,

but LaBroix, who was somewhat of an engineer, surveyed the present road to the city. Part of the city of Chatham was pretty well drained at that time, but the country around was full of swamps.

"All of the wheat that was grown here was taken to Detroit, where there was a horse mill in operation. This mill was owned by Captain Eberts' father-in-law. It took a boat two days to go to Detroit with a load of grain. We used to go down every year and bring back a load of provisions and shoes. I remember my father had a large canoe, which we used to go in. I also remember paying 50 cents a pound for shingle nails used in mending up a crack in the bottom of the canoe. When crossing the lake we would never go out of sight of the land. Three or four of us would go together, and we used to look forward to having a good time in Detroit.

"We made a store house on the bank of the river. LaBroix acted as customs house officer, but he was never exacting. He never interfered if a person smuggled for their own use only. We used to make our own sugar and all of our own clothes. The wool was clipped from the sheep, carded, spun and woven, all by ourselves.

"There were just a few Indians around here in those days, but they were not at all dangerous. They made good settlers. In game there was any amount—turkeys, deer, bear and wolves. The sheep were all penned every night to keep off the wolves. I have seen wolves attack sheep in the day time if they were very hungry, but I never heard of a wolf attacking a man. A wolf would seldom approach a house, but I have seen them pass on the road in front of our house at noon. They would never do that if they were not very hungry.

"Some years later a bounty was given by the Government for wolf scalps, and some men made a business of hunting wolves. They got \$8 and \$5 apiece for scalps and they could kill from 50 to 60 wolves in a week. They used to swear before a magistrate how many wolves they killed. One man used to make money fast by swearing to so many wolves a day when he never killed a wolf. The Government at first did not grant the bounty to Indians and as a result they would not kill them. After a while they did offer them the bounty and the wolves then soon began to disappear.

"McGregor's mill, which was situated on the old McGregor farm, was one of the first grist mills. It was run by water power and the posts where the dam was are still sticking up in the water. It was put up in 1812.

"Everything was very dear in those days. Print, narrow width, sold for 75 cents a yard. You can buy it now for 6 and 8 cents a yard. Tea was \$1 a pound.

"In 1812 Mr. O'Neill was one of our closest neighbors; he lived half a mile up the creek. Mr. McCrae kept a store down the river. He is now dead, but his son, Geo. McCrae, lives on the Second concession, Raleigh. He was a member of Parliament for a number of years.

"I remember once, just to show you how hard it was to travel, two men from England married two

gisters. They lived out on the lake shore and they had to come to Chatham to be married before the magistrate. They had to walk all the way and when they came to a swamp the men put their prospective brides on their backs and waded through. It was a practical test of going through water to win their fair ladies.

"Another man, Mr. Broadbent, of this city, wanted to marry a Windsor girl, so he had to walk from here to Windsor. He went barefooted in order to save his shoes.

"Apart from an infirmity caused from an accident which befel him about three years ago, Mr. Dolson is the picture of health. He has never had a sick day during his entire life and does not know what a headache means. People worked hard in those days, but they were rewarded by enjoying more real happiness than the people do to-day. Mr. Dolson was the youngest of a family of four boys and four girls, all of whom are deceased.

Mr. Dolson has been an industrious man during his life. He now owns one of the finest farms in Kent County, consisting of 225 acres, and he is now able to live in comfort and ease. There is not a better thought of man in Western Ontario, and there is not another man who is more worthy of the best thoughts of all good minded people.



Fine broadcloth in a matinee shade with a fancy brooch trimming laid over velvet, composes a novel syndicate coat. The shoulder seam is carried half way down the arm, where a very full puff is shirred on, meeting an upturned flaring cuff of the brooch, with a plain band cloth at the wrist. Both back and fronts are plain and full, no attempt being made to outline the figure. Handsome metal buttons make a decorative fastening.

Adelina Patti Awheel

No Queen Ever Travelled in Such Elegance and Comfort as Does the Diva on Her Present Tour of Canada and the States.

When Adelina Patti travelled about the country as a child wonder she used to be put in what are known as day cars, often on very hard benches, and there she would be bundled up at night, packed in her mamma's shawl with some old overcoat for a pillow. There were no sleeping cars in those days, excepting on the trunk lines between the big cities. Pullman's had not yet been invented.

Now Mme. Patti has a Pullman palace car all to herself and her immediate entourage, is supplied with every luxury that thoughtful ingenuity could suggest, and abounding in every comfort.

Her car is not a new one, built expressly for her, as the press agent had it. But it is just as good. It is now called the "Craig y Nos" but it was called the "Elysian" and is the car that Princes Henry of Prussia and afterwards President Roosevelt employed on their travels about the country. The car was somewhat remodelled and completely refurnished for Patti's use, and all the hangings are brand new. The general color scheme is antique oak.

The car has an extraordinary length, being seventy-two feet long. For the immediate use of Mme. Patti there is first of all a drawing room, ample in size, which is also employed for meals. It holds a good sized centre table, lounges, easy chairs, cabinets, etc. Forward of this is Madame's bedroom, which holds not berths, but a full three-quarter bed. Next to this is the baron's bedroom, almost as large. Beyond these is a music room, with a new Steinway, made especially to fit the car, and farther yet an observation room, almost entirely of glass. Outside of this there is a small room for Mrs. Baird, Patti's English companion, and berths for Caroline, the factotum, and also for the maid and for Baron Cederstrom's valet.

But this is not all. There are three important people in the car besides the steward, the cook, and the waiter.

Mme. Patti had thought of bringing over her chef from Craig y Nos, but she sensibly refrained, and concluded that a cook accustomed to work on wheels would prove much more serviceable, and so it has turned out. The order was simply communicated to the Pullman Company to send along the best cook and the best steward they had.

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hood of dinner time, almost invariably he asks them to join Mme. Patti and himself. Thus, as a rule, five or six sit down to dinner, for Mrs. Baird is there, of course, and very often Signor Sapio, the musical conductor.

One of the subsidiary conditions of the Patti contract is that a suite of five rooms, not higher up than one flight, shall be taken at the best hotel in each town for her use. That is all right, but in addition an equal number of rooms must be taken on the flight above, and directly over her, so that Madame shall at no time be disturbed, for she likes to remain very late in bed. This is all right, too, but it is not alone very expensive but sometimes very hard to get. Good hotels don't always have ten rooms vacant in the choicest part of the house, and other people object to be inconvenienced by being asked to move out for a time from their chosen domiciles.

And then again, Madame will not start on a journey before 12 nor after 6. Now, most railroads run their best trains at hours that are precisely the reverse of these, and it is a good deal of an added expense to hire special trains, where her private car and the company's Pullman can just as easily be coupled on to a regular train.

But on revanche Mme. Patti repays in many ways all the solicitude that may be lavished upon her. She is not one of your dangerous prima donnas, who keep a manager's heart in his mouth all the time, through the fear of sudden indispositions and the loss of an occasional ten or twelve thousand dollar house. Some people say it is because she is too anxious to get her own stipend. Suppose it is. Why not?

So satisfied has Mme. Patti become with her present life that she calls the "Craig y Nos" her American home. She is endeavoring at present to devise a plan by which she can cut out the hotels altogether, and live permanently aboard her car, where she is under no restrictions, and can do precisely as she pleases. The objection in the East in crowded cities was that the car was shunted in the yards, where the noises were dreadful. Out West, where they have more room, they have promised to fix her satisfactorily in this respect. Hotels then will see her no more. As it is, she is afraid of the constant change of food, and she eats in hotels with nothing like the appetite she does on board her dearly beloved car.

To make hotels altogether unnecessary, Patti recently has asked her managers to supply her with an extra and private baggage car. The principal use of a hotel is that the ever-faithful Caroline may go ahead, open all the trunks and spread out all the dresses for the diva's inspection. Most of these she has never set eyes on. She then chooses the dress she will wear at the concert in the particular city at which she is staying.

But all this could be done much better in a baggage car en route. The trunks would then remain for the entire trip in their places, and never by any chance be disturbed. At any time, while they were journeying, that the fancy seized her to go over

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A PROBLEM IN GRAFT

Speaking about graft, what would you do about this case?

A young man named Clark is the purchasing agent for a large corporation. Recently, he has been making contracts for the winter's supply of coal. The contract is a large one, the corporation in question using some 500 tons a month.

Some half a dozen firms of coal dealers have been trying to get the contract. After a week's figuring all but two of the firms in question have been eliminated from the deal, the rivalry between them being extremely close.

The other day when Mr. Clark reached his home on the west side his wife said: "John, I didn't know you were going to have the coal put in to-day."

"Neither did I," answered the astonished Clark.

"Well, there was 10 tons put in this afternoon. I asked the driver, and he said all he knew about it was he was told to deliver the coal at Mr. John Clark's residence. There was nothing to pay, he said."

When Clark got down to his office, the next day he found the representative of both the rival coal companies waiting to see him. Clark was pretty mad. He called in one of the coal salesmen and said: "Did you send that coal out to my house yesterday?"

The coal salesman looked at Clark and saw the righteous indignation in his eyes.

"Why, no, of course not," he said, with virtuous wrath; "we don't do business that way."

Then Clark stalked in the other coal man, and he also hotly denied that he could be guilty of such an outrage. Mrs. Clark says there was no name pointed on the wagons which delivered the coal; at least she did not notice any.

Now, what is Clark to do about it? —Chicago Tribune.

TALE IS NOT POLITE

A clown had a bulldog over whom he smothered a lot of past and then covered him from head to foot with feathers. It made a very funny-looking fellow of the dog and everybody went to the circus to see him. They sold many pictures of themselves, and when the people put the money on the stage the clown would pick it up and keep it to buy food for them both and pay their board.

"Why should the clown take the money?" said the dog to himself. "I am the show and I should have all the money I make."

So he bit the clown on the leg and sent him home howling with pain.

Then the dog waited for people to come and buy his pictures. They came and took his pictures, but instead of paying for them, left the show without giving any money. The dog barked at them but his chain was so short that he could not bite them, and they simply laughed at him.

While the dog was pondering on his hard lot the clown came back with a club and cracked him over the head. The next day there was another dog in the show.

THE FIRST SNOW

The wind dies low,
The night falls still;
A world of snow
Spreads white and chill.

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Yon cabin's glow
Reveals a world
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ANOTHER LIBEL SUIT.

The Montreal Witness recently re-nounced a citizen of the Canadian commercial metropolis for entertaining the "city snowshoeing clubs with flowing cellars." The result of the denunciation was a libel suit against the staunch old journal for \$10,000. The proceedings were taken in the criminal court, where the case was thrown out by the grand jury. We join with the vast number of friends of the Witness in offering our congratulations. The victory won by the Witness is one more step in the establishment in the freedom of the press, which is the surest safeguard of the people.

Commenting on its success, the Witness writes as follows:

"There have been a good number of cases since, some of them very celebrated, and some of which have resulted in changes in the law of libel, which has gone on continuously softening towards the honest newspaper. Indeed, the Witness has had many congratulations over holdings in the present case, which seem to indicate that the time has come when the law will do justice to the newspaper as well as to the person denounced. The most notable of these changes in the law has been the removal from it of the old immoral doctrine that the greater the truth the greater the libel."

Juries, nowadays, are inclined to take a more calm and sensible view of the difference arising between the press and offended individuals. The members of the jury are judges to the facts in a libel case. In the suit in which the Witness was involved, the judge laid stress on two points, namely, were the articles in question published maliciously? and were they SUBSTANTIALLY true? Newspapers, like individual men, lay no claim to infallibility, and it is almost needless to say that in the impersonality of a newspaper there is, as a rule, less of malice than with private persons. Those who are offended by newspaper publicity very often try to get even with the paper by taking advantage of some technicality or inaccuracy of phrase when the article may be true in substance. A newspaper should be entitled to as much consideration and protection in the courts as an individual. The press asks no more. The greater the scope given to the public press, the better can it serve the people. Even when given as great a latitude as possible, the self-respecting editor is not apt to abuse his privileges. There are too many other matters incident to the success of his business to dispose him to be less careful than under a more rigid libel law.

THE CALLAGHAN CASE.

Says the Woodstock Express, Independent:

Discussing the Callaghan case, the Globe says: "There will, of course, be general sympathy with Mrs. Callaghan and her children in the distress into which her husband's transgressions have plunged her. It is to be feared, however, that they are recounted not wholly in a humane spirit, but as a sort of justification of the strictures which have been passed on the court which condemned him. Rarely is anybody sentenced in a court but some innocent woman or child suffers even more than the real delinquent. That has ever been one of the poignant aspects of the administration of justice. But it is unavoidable. Can offenders be allowed to go unpunished because those connected with them, although innocent, are punished to an even greater extent? What the Globe says is true enough, and yet there are some features of the Callaghan case that are unusual. Callaghan made an affidavit containing certain statements about certain prominent Liberals. Thereupon Callaghan was arrested for a debt. It is difficult to dissociate in one's mind the affidavit and the arrest. Had the affidavit not been made there would probably have been no arrest. At the trial the Crown, or the Attorney representing the Crown, used the right of challenge until he secured a jury that suited him, namely, a jury composed entirely of Liberals. It is impossible to dissociate in one's mind this action of the Crown from a strong desire to convict the prisoner. Now, it is not the business of the Crown to secure convictions, but to ensure justice. It is idle to argue that the Crown has the right to challenge; the possession of a power gives no moral right to abuse it. In the Callaghan case the Crown appears to have abused its power when it used all its machinery in advance to ensure a conviction before there was any evidence of the prisoner's guilt. Either the action of the

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Crown showed an improper desire to ensure a conviction in any event, or it was intended as an insult to every Conservative in the country, for if the Crown was anxious only about securing justice, then the exclusion of the Conservatives from the jury could mean nothing else than that Conservatives were not to be trusted on a jury to do justice.

The case is an unfortunate one, but perhaps some good purpose will be served by calling attention to it. In this country, as in other countries, there are representatives of the Crown who do more to misrepresent than to hold it up for public respect. Some Crown Attorneys appear to act on the theory that every man accused must be a scoundrel, and that it is the duty of the Crown to secure a conviction, forgetting that the Crown can have no interest in the conviction of any man apart from the desire to deal out even-handed justice. There is this consideration, too: The more of party politics the people get the sooner they will get enough. With party politics in Dominion affairs, party politics in Provincial affairs, party politics in municipal affairs, party politics in the church, party politics in the schools, and party politics in the courts of justice, the people may soon get a surfeit of party politics, and then there will be a revulsion. One of the theories of the late Herbert Spencer was that all motion was rhythmic, and that when the pendulum reached one extreme it at once began to move in the direction of the other extreme. The sooner party politics reaches the extreme limit the sooner will the change set in.

"NOT IF IT COST TEN DOLLARS"

A bottle would I be without Polson's Nervine," writes J. A. Ruth, a farmer living near Trenton, Ont. Nervine is the best household liniment I know. We use it for stomach troubles, indigestion, headache and summer complaint. I know of nothing better to take in hot water to break up a cold, or to rub on for rheumatism or neuralgia. Every farmer should keep a few bottles of Nervine handy and have smaller doctor bills. Large bottles 25c. at druggists.

ADELINA PATTI

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her wardrobe she could do so by stepping from one car to another. The singer's personal baggage consists of fifty-one pieces, which takes up the floor of an entire car.

The baron is delighted with his life on railroads. He says he had seen some Pullmans in Europe, but none of them compared with the "Craig y Nos," as they had to be much shorter and lighter on account of the curves and bridges, and much lower on account of the tunnels. Thus one could not get the comfort out of them that distinguishes the "Craig y Nos." He had understood, too, that the roadbeds were so bumpy. He had found them perfect, so far.

Patti herself says this is the most comfortable trip she has ever made. It does not seem possible to make it

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DAYS OF AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Events of Ye Olden Times Gathered from The Planet's Issues of Half a Century Ago.

Auld Lang Syne—From Planet files from June 26, 1857, to July 1, 1857.

The following prices were paid for farm produce June 26th:

Wool, per lb., 2s. 2d.
Wheat, per bush., 11s. 6d.
Oats, per bush., 3s. 9d.
Barley, per bush., 12s. 0d.
Rye, per bush., 7s. 0d.
Potatoes, per bush., 7s. 6d.
Corn, per bush., 7s. 0d.
Beef, per 100 lbs., 40s. 0d.
Pork, per 100 lbs., 56s. 0d.
Mutton, per 100 lbs., 48s. 0d.
Butter, per lb., 1s. 2d.
Tallow, per 100 lbs., 95s. 0d.
Chickens, per pair, 8s. 6d.
Hay, per ton, 36s. 0d.
Eggs, per doz., 1s. 0d.

John Smith, Market Clerk.

Drowned—William Allen, of Chatham, captain and owner of the Emily, a steam craft, was accidentally knocked overboard in Lake St. Clair and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

A meeting was held in the Court House, Chatham, on June 27th, to discuss the St. Clair, Chatham and Rensselaire canal project, which was on foot then. Those who were managing the meeting were Samuel Arnold, A. Fletcher, Jos. Northwood, Hooper King, R. S. Woods, A. Knapp, Thos. McRae, John Richmond, Jas. Hart, David Wilson, Stephen White, Rufus Stephenson, D. Sinclair, Thos. Keating, R. K. Payne, Geo. Duck, Jr., Jas. Burns, John Dickson, Thos. Cross, Geo. W. Foot, A. R. Robertson, J. S. Vosburg, Miles Miller, Ingram Taylor, J. W. Rose, Thos. S. Shackleton and Duncan McVicar.

The results of the examinations of the Chatham Grammar school are published in the issue of June 26, 1857. Among the prizes awarded were for—

First classical prize—Alfred R. Rols.
First mathematical prize—Edwin C. Rols.
Senior Latin—Alfred Rols, C. Rols and Samuel Barfoot.
Junior Latin—Geo. Sheriff, William Rols, Samuel Pratt.
Ancient geography and history—Alfred Rols, Cecil Rols and James W. Rols.
Greek—Peter McKellar, Cecil Rols and Alfred Rols.
Geometry—C. Rols, John King, A. Rols.
Practical mathematics—A. and C. Rols and Samuel Barfoot.
English Grammar—George Sheriff, Samuel Barfoot and John McKellar.
English History—Hugh Stringer, Geo. Sheriff and Wm. Northwood.
Algebra—C. and A. Rols, S. Barfoot.
Arithmetic—Wm. Northwood, Edward Wilcott and Samuel Pratt.
Modern Geography—George Sheriff, Wm. Northwood and John McKellar.
Natural Philosophy—Samuel Barfoot, Alex. Merriam and Peter McKellar.
Junior reading—Wm. Laidlaw.
Good conduct—Jane McKellar.
English composition—Mary Jane McKellar.
The principal of the school was George Jamieson, and his assistant, Archibald McEwen. Some of the trustees were Rev. J. Robb, Rev. Wm. King, of Buxton, and Alexander Charteris.

A STUDY OF OLD AGE

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Entered according to Act of Parliament in Canada, in the year 1908, by William Baily, of Toronto, at the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—In this sermon the story of the magi's quest receives a new setting and the lesson of Christian hope and encouragement is drawn from their experience. The text is Matthew ii, 1. "Behold, there came wise men from the east!"

When, in 596 A. D., St. Augustine was sent to convert the British Isles to Christianity, Pope Gregory commanded his missionary as far as possible to harmonize the Christian ordinances with the heathen feasts. The result is that many of the customs associated with Christmas have their origin not in the birth of Christ, but in heathen festivities. It is my purpose to-day to tell the simple Christian story, as found in the Bible, and to apply some of its beneficent teachings to the practicalities of everyday life.

The account of Christ's birth is not only simply told, but very briefly told. Some of us are apt to think too briefly. We would like to have known all the details of that wondrous event which is destined to transform the world. We deplore the loss of any fact relating to our Lord. But the historians would not have us concern ourselves with the accessories of the picture, but with that glorious life and death in which our eternal destiny is bound up. They briefly state the main facts and proceed to the narrative so momentous to the whole world.

The account of Jesus' birth is about as simply told as the record of her baby's advent which a fond mother writes in the family Bible. "Gertrude, or Jane, or Mary; born June 8, 1888." A dozen verses in all more than contain the simple story of Christ's birth. The second chapter of Matthew's gospel runs like this: "Now, when Jesus was born, in the days of Herod the King." In the east they did not reckon time so much by the year as by the time this or that king sat upon his throne.

Then the simple account of the nativity goes a step further. Christ's birth is hardly ever mentioned without an associate statement. When Jesus was born there was a year the wise men came from the east, saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him." The magi have been the theme for many an artist's brush, poet's song, as well as minister's sermon. If in the short account of the nativity it was important enough to note the visit of these wise men, surely it will not be wasted time for us in a Christmas discourse to consider who were the wise men, from whence they came, what they did when they knelt and worshiped at the manger, where they went after they had seen the newborn Christ.

Who were the magi? They were the wise men. They were not fools, not ignoramuses, not silly star gazers. They were not tramps going from place to place because they were too lazy to work. They were the intellectual giants of the east. They were such intellectual giants that when they appeared in Jerusalem they startled all the sages of the Herodian era with their grasp of affairs and mental power. They belonged to a class that was the repository of all the scientific knowledge of the time. They were the observers of natural phenomena, the philosophers of their day, the leaders in the world of mind. When Matthew described them as "wise men" he knew that the description would be clearly understood as applying to men whose erudition and mental ability placed them among the aristocracy of knowledge.

Professor Sandv in his "Christmas-tide" gives a strange legend. He writes that the number of these wise men who came from the east was three. He writes that the first of

these magi was a very old man, with a long, white beard. His face was wrinkled with thought, and his limbs were tottering. His name was Melchior. The second was a very young man. His cheek was smooth and ruddy, his step firm and athletic, his arm strong and powerful. Yet his mind was clear as his searching eye. His name was Caspar. Truly he was a prince among men! The third sage was a middle-aged Moor called Balthazar. In his hair and beard was the blackness of the midnight. The muscles stood out in knots upon his swarthy neck. The legend declares that these three men followed the guidings of a huge bird, whose one eye glittered like a monster star. But whether the sages were three or five or ten, whether their names were Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar, whether the star in the east was the monster eye of a huge eagle or no, whether there is any truth among the many legends that are told about these noted travelers, this fact is certain—they were wise men. The Bible distinctly states that "there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem," saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

Where did the wise men come from? The far east? The word "east" is very indefinite. It might mean eastern Asia or China. It might and probably does mean Persia or India. At all events, the east was far off. It was so far off that these strange travelers must have startled the inhabitants of the western capital with their peculiar garb and their foreign accent. It was so far off that in all probability the wise men would have been unable to find the Jerusalem capital had they not been led by that wonderful star, the star of the east. Ah, yes, the magi, in order to find the manger, had many a weary day's marching. Traveling in their time had to be done on foot or on horse or camel back. They had to tramp through the parched deserts. They had to climb the loftiest of mountains and fathom many a deep valley. How tired they must have become! If Melchior was old in all probability he would never have reached the manger but for the strong arms of his two friends. But wherever the three wise men hailed from, that gleaming star would beckon them on and on and on.

Oh, that to-day we might see a great emigration from the faroff land of sin toward the manger. Oh, that to-day the prodigals in the far country might seek the old homestead of mercy, even as the Bethlehem caravan was sought of old. In imagination we can picture how the wise men started. Perhaps weeks, perhaps months before that first of all Christmas the Orient sages were working diligently at their allotted tasks. One is studying in one part of the house, another in another and the third in still another. Perhaps Melchior, the aged astrologer, with an astronomical glass is silently and earnestly studying the heavens. Evidently the aged scientist is watching and waiting for the stars to change their relative positions. Suddenly a tremor of excitement shakes his frame. Silently, swiftly, awfully, dimly, there passes before the lens a strange light. It does not look so much like a star as a great orb of light, like a diamond glittering upon the finger of God, beckoning, always beckoning. In great excitement the old man staggers to his feet and calls his two companions, Caspar, the smooth-faced sage, rushes quickly into the room because he is younger than the swarthy middle-aged Moor. At first the three say nothing. They are too absorbed to speak. Then Balthazar opens a musty parchment written hundreds of years before, and begins to read from the Hebrew prophet Micah: "But thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me, that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." "Yes," answered the old man Melchior, "that reminds me of another passage from the Hebrew prophet Isaiah: 'Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of peace.'" "Yes," may have answered the poetic young sage, Caspar, "that reminds me of what the Hebrew psalmist wrote, 'Thou art my son, I, I come; in the volume it is written of me.'" "Come, comrades, they shout to each

other, 'Come, the star is beckoning us, Come! Come!' And they leave their instruments and their manuscripts and set out on their journey. Would that before the dawn of next Christmas many exiles from Christ might start and take this journey with the wise men! Would that all who are lost in the mountains of sin might leave behind their dead selves and seek the manger, which is afar off in the land of purity and love.

What did the wise men do when they found the manger? They knelt and worshiped. Yes, but more than that. They gave their presents, because, from time immemorial, the gold, the frankincense and the myrrh have always been suggestive symbols in worship. It is one act to bow at the manger; it is another act to give yourself as an offering to Christ. The motive which prompts the Christmas gifts is of more importance than the intrinsic value of the gifts themselves. I was never more impressed with this fact than by an incident which happened in my life many years ago. I was at that time a college student and had been for some months during the summer vacation preaching in a little Pennsylvania church thirteen miles away from the nearest railroad. I loved those old Pike county farmers for their honesty, sincerity and genuine piety, which I have never seen surpassed in any congregation. Not only did I love them, but I also respected their intellectuality. I think in reference to the size of my audience, I spoke there proportionately as much brain as I ever addressed in a metropolitan audience.

Well, the last sermon had been delivered, and it was time for me to go back to my studies. I was feeling very depressed at leaving the people. A drenching, heavy rainfall was adding to my gloom. I paced up and down the farmer's porch waiting for the little stage to take me to the depot. It was truly a minister's "blue Monday." As I was walking up and down thinking how I had entered into the lives of these people and they into mine, I saw a big, awkward, gawky countryman coming down the muddy road. He stood about six feet one. The bottom of his pantaloons hardly reached the top of his shoes. He seemed to be all hands and legs and feet. He came up to the garden gate. He hesitated a moment and then was passing on.

I thought the man wanted to come and speak to me. I called: "Hello, So-and-so! Are you not coming in to bid me goodbye?" He opened the gate and came up the path. Then, dripping with rain, he stood first upon one foot and then upon the other. Then he said: "Mr. Talmage, I did want to come and say goodbye. You do not know how much you have been to me and my wife since the baby died. And, sir, as you are going away, I wanted to make you a present to show our love. As we are poor folks I could not give much, so me and my wife decided we would give you two of the biggest apples we have grown in our orchard. And here they are, sir. Goodbye, God bless you, sir. Goodbye." Well, my friends, I am not sentimental, but as that countryman turned and disappeared down the muddy road he left me crying like a child. I did not

value the apples for their intrinsic worth. I valued the affection which was the incentive of the couple who gave those apples to me. And I valued those two big apples so highly that I carried them home to Brooklyn to show them to my father and mother, when I told them the simple story of that countryman's love. So it is that the risen and glorified Christ, who once laid a helpless babe in that manger, values the gifts you bring to him. Beyond and beyond the gift itself he sees the motive that prompts it.

Where did the wise men go after they had seen the infant Christ and rendered their homage at the manger? Why, the Bible tells us explicitly they went back home. God spoke to them, he spoke to the hearts of many who have bowed at the manger, and they went back to their own country. History is silent about their later lives, but we cannot think that they would ever forget that strange experience. No man comes in contact with Christ without results. He probably thought of him as a world conqueror and bade his disciples expect to hear of his victories. Little could they have imagined the extent of his Empire or understand how, through the cross, he would attain his crown.

What is the simple deduction of this thought and lesson? If it is not this: After you and I have worshipped at the manger, in the full light of our later day, then we should everywhere, but first among our own people, tell the news, the glorious news, that Jesus, the Son of God, has been born. We must tell it to our children. We must tell it to our brothers and sisters. We must tell it to our parents and to all our friends and neighbors. "Behold, Jesus has been born! Jesus, our Saviour has been born! He lives! He lives! Jesus, the Son of Mary, lives! Jesus, the Son of God, lives!"

Thus our mission on this Christmas Day is to seek the manger and while we study its lessons and meditate on its humiliation to practice the sweet teachings of Jesus Christ, which cannot better be summed up than by briefly repeating one of the most beautiful of all Christmas stories. It is that written by Henry Van Dyke. It is appropriately called, "The Other Wise Man." Dr. Van Dyke wrote the story in great pain. It was the year his father died and a year of much physical suffering. One night while lying awake, unable to sleep and tossing upon his bed, he began to think of the legends clustering about the "three wise men." Then there came to him a vision of a "fourth wise man," who had the gentle name of Artaban. The abbreviation of the whole story is this: When the star appeared in the east, four magi felt that they must put their household goods in order before they took their journey. They decided to meet at a certain place at a certain time upon the edge of the

great desert. Artaban made ready for his journey by selling his house and worldly goods and buying three beautiful gems which he could carry—namely, a sapphire, a ruby and a pearl. On his way to meet his appointment Artaban came across a poor beggar who was dying, a beggar who had no friends, a beggar who was dying alone. After nursing the poor beggar until he died Artaban hurried on to meet his appointment, but the three magi had already gone. The other wise man had to retrace his steps, sell one of his gems, his sapphire, and buy a train of camels to make the journey alone.

The next scene in the story of "The Other Wise Man" is found in the village of Bethlehem. Jesus had been born, and the three magi had disappeared. As Artaban entered the village he heard the tramp of bloody Herod's troops, who had come to massacre all the male children in Judaea, with the hope of slaying the infant Christ. A poor woman rushes out, pleading for the rescue of her child. The young mother's face grew white with terror at the cry: "The soldiers! The soldiers of Herod! They are killing our children!" When a captain of Herod's troops wanted to enter this woman's house to slay her child Artaban stood in the doorway and offered to the murderous soldiers his second gem, the beautiful ruby, if he would save the child. Now two-thirds of Artaban's fortune was gone, and still he had not found Christ.

Then Artaban started on a journey to Egypt to find Jesus. He journeyed for him everywhere until he was a very old man. One day, in his wanderings to find the Saviour, he headed back to the city of Jerusalem. The capital of David was in great excitement. There was to be a public crucifixion of three criminals—two thieves and one a political prisoner, Jesus by name. As Artaban entered the city he saw a young girl in great distress. She was to be sold as a slave for debt. She broke loose from her captors and flung herself at his feet, begging for deliverance. Artaban gave his last gem, the beautiful pearl, for her rescue. And now all his money was gone. He was now an old man, and still he had not found Christ.

Just then the darkness of crucifixion began to gather around the cross and to settle over the temple. When the awful earthquake came, a heavy tile slipped from one of the houses' roof and fell upon the old man's head. But as he was dying a strange spirit appeared before Artaban and practically said: "Thou, O noble man, thou hast seen me all these years. Verily I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren thou hast done it unto me." If the Christian living to-day cannot belong to the first group that started for the manger, if he cannot be Melchior, Caspar or Balthazar, perhaps he may belong to the second caravan. He may be Artaban. He may be the "other wise man." He may be the "fourth man." He may soon—aye, very soon—see his Christ face to face. He may see him before even another Christmas Day rolls around. He may see him to part from him again never through all eternity.

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"And this time everybody laughed except the magistrate."

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ESSAYS WRITTEN IN NOVEMBER COMPETITION...

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The following essays received honorable mention in the November competition.

FLOUR

I w once a little grain of wheat and the farmer planted me in a field, to grow in the fall. I sprang up in a little green blade and I looked so beautiful. The snow came and covered me up and kept me warm all through the cold winter.

Then, in the spring, the beautiful sun and the warm rains came and melted the cold snow. I grew into a nice, golden wheat. Next, the farmer came and reaped me with a machine drawn by a team of horses, and made me into little bundles or sheaves of wheat. He left me in a field for a time.

THE LIVES OF RAISINS

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and sisters.

the mill. I went from roller to roller until I went through the whole five breaks. When the inside of the smooth rollers is reduced to flour, they sent me to a sifter. Then I was sifted out of it and the coarsest part of me, called middlings, went to another roll and through the same process until I was made into fine white flour. What was left of me was called shorts, which was put into a sack.

So you see, little grain of wheat has to go through fourteen stands of rolls before it becomes flour. The T. H. Taylor Co. has one of the finest flour mills in Canada. They also have a large woolen mill, where they employ a great many hands. People come from all over the world to the T. H. Taylor Co.

St. III, Class, McKeough School,

VIVIAN ALTA ROBERTS,

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OLD COATS

"Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?"—that was what I heard as I, with a whole flock of my brother lambs, ran away as fast as we could go, from the farmer and his son; but it was of no use. They got us all up in a corner of the field, round clip, clip, clip, want the shears over our backs; then we were let go, and down on our pretty wool.

THE FOLDING MIRROR

I am a large, beautiful mirror, in the grand new Urban Store, with the grand plate glass in front, and the window-panes in back, and the windows and furs. The interior of the building is elegant. Not only are coats and fur sold, but rubbers, shoes, and shirt-waists also. There are only about three of these mirrors in the city of Chatham. We are very beautiful, useful and admired by everybody.

One fine morning two young ladies entered and sought to see the coats and furs. They spent about half an hour trying on coats and furs, but were not satisfied and left the store without buying anything.

About an hour afterwards a lady entered the store. The girl, who had been waiting for the first girl, noticed that the first girl wished for a certain coat and a certain color. Her mother, as I supposed it was, did not like the coat, and the quality of the goods; so the little girl left the store down-

hearted and discouraged. A few days passed and I was no longer used much, yet I was very, very proud of myself. At last, about a week in the morning, a lady entered, and, after warming her hands by the coal stove a few minutes, asked to see the coats. She tried about a dozen on at least and turned round in different directions to admire herself.

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The clerk was busy folding up her coat, she tried to take a small step back, but she was completely unbalanced by anyone who picked up her coat. The manager was standing near looking at me, and could see exactly what she was doing.

The next day a very funny thing happened. An old lady, named Mrs. Smith, entered to try on a coat. She was with other coats on the counter. After picking out the coat she wanted she wondered where her own handbag was. She thought perhaps someone had entered and had taken her bag, but by mistake. But at that moment a real picture and a cartoon showed a man entering a store and taking a handbag. There was Mrs. Smith's coat, with a ticket on it, "worth \$100." After some conversation she received her own coat and returned home.

VIOLA DYER.

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was the best in the store. This

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