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Only one more week

And Christmas will be upon us. Have you done your shopping? For your own comfort and convenience we would strongly advise you to shop early in the week and early in the morning. Better chance of looking around if you come early, and better chance of being carefully waited upon.

We present here a list for your careful perusal. You all know from the past few days experience what great bargains we are now offering in Christmas goods. You know too that the early buyer is the one who secures best choice. Come to-night or Monday morning if you would have full benefit of these offerings.

BLACK DRESS GOODS SALE

For to-night and Monday we place on sale a number of pieces of Black Dress Goods. 1 piece 40 yds., 42 in. wide all wool Black Whipcord.
1 piece 35 yds. 38 in. wide, all wool Black Russell Cord, regular price 45c a yard.
1 piece 30 yds., 42 in. wide, all wool Black Cheviot Serge, worth regular 50c a yard.
1 piece 35 yds., wide, all wool Black Coasting Serge, worth 40c a yard.
2 pieces 50 yds., each, 40 in. wide, figured Black Satin Cloth, worth reg. 35c yard.
All these six pieces will be placed on sale to-night and Monday for

25c yard.

SALE OF MEN'S UNDERWEAR

10 dozen Men's all wool Under Shirts and Drawers will be placed on sale to-night and Monday for

35c each

SPECIAL HOLIDAY NOVELTIES

We are exceptionally well provided this season with dainty gifts, not costing much money.

LADIES' TIES

Some bought from a manufacturer, some made up by our own department in Chiffon Bows, long Satin Ties with lace ends, Stock Collars, trimmed with pretty lace, etc., ranging in price from

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Ladies' fine Japan Embroidered Hdks—worth regular 40c, 50c and 75c, placed on sale to-night and Monday for

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LINEN HUCK TOWEL SALE

15 dozen Half-bleached Linen Huck Towels, with red borders, hemmed ready for use, placed on sale to-night and Monday for

15c a pair

Ribbon Selling

Have you ever experienced such a deluge of bargains before as we are running on you just at holiday time, and just when you want to make times and dollars go as far as you possibly can. Our Administration Sale has been a tremendous success and no such business has ever been done in Chatham as we have done since Nov. 15th, and are doing still. The reason is not far to seek. Our great obligation to reduce the stock has forced us to mark every line of goods in the entire stock regardless of cost. Only considering the price which would mean quickly sell the goods. Especially in this case with our Ribbon stock, through our error an English house sent us out exactly twice the quantity of Ribbons we ordered, and rather than take them back we were allowed a considerable concession on them. Ribbons were never so cheap in Chatham before as these on our Ribbon Counter.

SALE OF XMAS JACKETS

Children's Jackets made of Navy Blue Beaver Cloth, trimmed with fur—also Children's jackets made of heavy Serge trimmed with braid and brass buttons, all these jackets worth regular from \$2.00 to \$4.50 will be placed on sale to-night and Monday for

50c each

SALE OF BOYS' UNDERWEAR

Boys' heavy Winter Under Shirts and Drawers, in sizes about 3 to 10 years, placed on sale to-night and Monday for

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SALE OF COSTUME CLOTHS

15 pieces 42 in. wide Costume Cloth in colors, browns, greens, blues and grays, good weight and fine finish, regular price 20c and 25c a yard, on sale to-night and Monday for

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GENERAL BULLER'S ATTACK FAILS. Repulsed in Trying to Force a Passage of the Tugela River With the Loss of Eleven Field Guns.

London, Saturday, Dec. 16, 12.47 a.m.—The War Office has received a despatch, announcing that Gen. Buller has met with a serious reverse. Gen. Buller was attempting to cross the Tugela River. Finding it impossible to effect his object, he ordered a retirement in order to avoid greater losses. He left eleven guns behind. The following is the text of Gen. Buller's message, announcing his reverse:—

"Buller to Lansdowne:—
"Chevily Camp, Dec. 15, 6.20 p.m.
"I regret to report a serious reverse."

"I moved in full strength from our camp near Chevily at four this morning."

"There are two fordable places in the Tugela River, and it was my intention to force a passage through one of them. They are about two miles apart."

"My intention was to force one or the other with one brigade, supported by a central brigade. Gen. Hart was to attack the left drift, Gen. Buller was to attack the right, and Gen. Lyttelton was to take the centre and to support either."

"Early in the day I saw that Gen. Hart would not be able to force a passage, and I directed him to withdraw. He had, however, attacked with great gallantry, and his leading battalion, the Connaught Rangers, I fear, suffered a serious wound."

"I then ordered Gen. Buller to advance, which he did, and his leading regiment, the East Surrey, occupied Colenso station and the houses near the bridge."

"At that moment I heard that the whole artillery had sent to support the attack—the 14th and 66th Field Batteries and six naval twelve-pounder quick-firers, under Col. Long, had advanced close to the river in Long's desire to be within effective range."

"It proved to be full of the enemy, who suddenly opened a galling fire at close range, killing all their horses, and the gunners were compelled to stand to their guns."

"Some of the wagon teams got shel-

ter for the troops in a donga, and desperate efforts were made to bring out the field guns. The fire, however, was too severe, and only two were saved by Capt. Schofield and some drivers, whose names I will furnish."

"Another most gallant attempt, with three teams, was made by an officer whose name I will obtain."

"Of the 15 horses 13 were killed and also several drivers were injured."

"I would not allow another attempt, as it seemed as they would be a shell mark, sacrificing life to a gallant attempt to force the passage."

"Unsupported by artillery, I directed the troops to withdraw, which they did in good order."

"Throughout the day considerable force of the enemy was pressing on my right flank, but was kept back by

of the Indian mutiny the nation has not been confronted with so painful and anxious a situation. Plainly, Gen. Buller's advance is paralyzed for the moment as completely as Lord Methuen's and Gen. Gatacre's."

BRITAIN'S ANSWER

To Every Reverse is Another Call for Troops and Guns.

Immediately on receiving the news, the war office decided to mobilize still another division, and to replace the losses of artillery. The necessary reinforcements will be hurried off as speedily as possible. Fifteen transports are due to arrive at Cape Town between Dec. 17 and Jan. 8 with about 15,000 troops of all arms, but unless Gen. Buller is able to renew the attack, which is exceedingly doubtful, the British generals will be compelled for another fortnight or two to remain practically on the defensive. Maj.-Gen. Sir Herbert Charles Chermiside has been appointed to command the 14th Brigade in the seventh division.

THE GLOOMY INFORMATION.

The depression over the defeat of Great Britain's trusted and idolized commander is all the greater, as during the last 48 hours there had been reports of the relief of Ladysmith. Yesterday (Friday) the war office allowed it to be understood that the position of affairs in Natal was entirely satisfactory. During the afternoon the War Office received a despatch from General Buller, dated Dec. 15th, which, while indirectly giving a quietus to the Ladysmith relief rumors, was otherwise unimportant. The gloomy information came too late to reach the service clubs, and only a few journalists and stragglers were waiting at the war office. It has hardly been realized until now, even after the experience of the week, that Gen. Buller could fail. Virtually nothing had been allowed to leak through regarding his preparations, but the public waited patiently, in the confident belief that he was taking such time and precautions as would ensure success.

ENTRAPPED AGAIN.

No independent reports of the engagement have yet been allowed to come through, but Gen. Buller's own despatch tells the sad tale in sufficient outline to show that the British have been entrapped again by the astute Boers. It was not anticipated that Gen. Buller would make a frontal attack, but no criticisms of his movements are made, since, apparently he suffered a repulse rather than a defeat, and did not push the attack home, but broke it off in the middle so as to save a useless sacrifice of life. It is expected that he will renew the attack shortly.

THE GUNS RECAPTURED

And General Clerly Reported to Have Entered Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 16. — A report from Pietermaritzburg says that General Buller has retaken the guns abandoned in the attempt to force the Tugela. It also declares that Gen. Clerly has forced his way into Ladysmith and joined General White with a large force of troops.

Baillie's Art Galleries will be open Saturday nights. Everybody will be welcome at any time to view our photo and artistic frames. Get prices before buying.

McClurg and Harrington will sell by auction four lots between Lacroix and Edgar streets on Thursday next at the Garner House at noon.

Dr. George T. McKenough is a candidate for school trustee in No. 3 ward, which he has acceptably represented for a number of years.



MAJOR-GEN. WAUCHOPE.
In command of the Highland Brigade, killed at Magersfontein.

mounted men under Lord Dundaonald and part of Gen. Buller's brigade.

"The day was intensely hot and most trying to the troops, whose conflict was excellent."

"We have abandoned ten guns and lost one by shell fire."

"The losses in Gen. Hart's brigade are, I fear, heavy, although the proportion of severely wounded is, I hope, not large."

"The 14th and 66th Field Batteries also suffered severe losses."

"We have retired to our camp at Chevily."

BLAME THE GENERALS.

The Boer Commanders, say the London Newspapers, are Able to Give Our Officers Executive Lessons.

London, Saturday, Dec. 16, 4.30 a.m.—The news of Gen. Buller's reverse was received so late this morning newspaper comment to-day is confined to perfunctory expressions of extreme regret and disappointment and of the necessity of calmness and redoubled efforts to retrieve the position. This latest check is regarded as the most serious event in Great Britain's military history since the Indian mutiny.

The Standard says:—"Gen. Buller's despatch is deplorable reading. It is the now familiar story of concealed Boers and of British troops marching up blindly almost to the very muzzles of the enemy's rifles. It cannot be doubted that the moral effect will be to aggravate our difficulties over the whole field of operations. The country has discovered with annoyance and surprise that subduing Boer farmers is about the hardest work we have entered since the Indian mutiny. Their commandants have shown themselves able to give our generals useful, but expensive, lessons in modern tactics."

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Boys' 3 pc. Suits, fine wool Tweeds, small checks in medium colorings well tailored, regular \$4.50 Suits 6 only left, to be cleared at.....\$3.48	Boys' R-cloths, sizes 20 to 27 in., black boucle Serge, good heavy weight, double front high storm collar, well lined, guaranteed to give satisfaction, our special leader at.....\$2.80	Men's Rain Front Coats, in fast blk. Serge twills, with cape, check linings, sewn seams, worth \$3.00, special at.....\$2.48
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DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

DUTCH CONSPIRACY.

The origin of the war is stated very clearly in a letter written by Theodore Schreiner, in a late issue of The Cape Times. He is a brother of the Premier of Cape Colony, whose Boer predictions have brought him under severe criticism, and who stands in danger of being summarily dismissed. He is brother also of Miss Olive Schreiner, the talented authoress whose sympathies have all along been with the Dutch element in South Africa. His letter is based on a manifest issued to the Orange Free State burghers by Mr. Reitz, the Transvaal Secretary of State. What he says thereon is of importance, as coming from a citizen of South Africa, whose native instincts would be favorable to the Boers if they had a righteous leg to stand on. This is what he says:—

I met Mr. Reitz, then a judge of the Orange Free State, in Bloemfontein, between 17 and 18 years ago, shortly after the retrocession of the Transvaal, and when he was busy establishing the Afrikaner Bond. It must be patent to every one that at that time, at all events, England and its Government had no intention of taking away the independence of the Transvaal, for she had just "magnanimously" granted the same; no intention of making war on the Republics, for she had just made peace; no intention to seize the Rand gold-fields, for they were not yet discovered. At that time, then, I met Mr. Reitz and he did his best to get me to become a member of his Afrikaner Bond, but, after studying its constitution and program, I refused to do so, whereupon the following colloquy in substance took place between us, which has been indelibly imprinted on my mind ever since:—

Reitz—Why do you refuse? Is the object of getting the people to take an interest in political matters not a good one?

Myself—Yes, it is, but I seem to see plainly here between the lines of this constitution much more ultimately aimed at than that.

Reitz—What?

Myself—I see quite clearly that the ultimate object aimed at is the overthrow of the British power and the expulsion of the British flag from South Africa.

Reitz (with his pleasant conscious smile, as one whose secret thought and purpose had been discovered, and who was not altogether displeased that such was the case)—Well, what if it is so?

Myself—You don't suppose, do you, that the flag is going to disappear from South Africa without a tremendous struggle and fight?

Reitz (with the same pleasant, self-conscious, satisfied, and yet semi-apologetic smile)—Well, I suppose not; but even so, what of that?

Myself—Only this, that when that struggle takes place you and I will be on opposite sides; and what is more, the God who was on the side of the Transvaal in the late war, because it had right on its side, will be on the side of England, because He must view with abhorrence any plotting and scheming to overthrow her power and position in South Africa, which have been ordained by Him.

Reitz—We'll see.

Thus the conversation ended, but during the 17 years that have elapsed I have watched the propaganda for the overthrow of British power in South Africa being ceaselessly spread by every possible means—the press, the pulpit, the platform, the schools, the colleges, the legislature—until it has culminated in the present war, of which Mr. Reitz and his co-workers are the origin and the cause. Believe

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me, sir, the day on which E. W. Reitz sat down to pen his ultimatum to Great Britain was the proudest and happiest moment of his life, and one which had for long years been looked forward to by him with eager longing and expectation.

He and his co-workers have for years past plotted, worked, prepared for this war, and the only matters in connection with it in which they are disappointed are—first, that they are disappointed that the war had come several years later, so that their anti-British propaganda might more fully have permeated the country; secondly, that they would have liked to have declared war against England at a time when she should be involved in some great struggle with a foreign power, instead of at a time when she is free to give all her attention to South Africa; and, lastly, they are disappointed in finding out that English soldiers can fight.

It is true that an active factor in bringing about this war has been the existence of the gold fields of the Rand, not, however, as asserted, because England covets them; and has determined to seize them; but because the wealth drained from them has enabled the republics to become military powers of a strength far out of proportion to their population, and thus has led F. W. Reitz and Co. to think that their dream of a pan-Afrikaner republic and the ousting of the British flag may become a reality. Hence their declaration of war against England rather than grant just political rights to the inhabitants, whom that same wealth has led to settle down in the Transvaal, and whose presence and numbers, however, useful to the Dutch republics towards the production of wealth to be used for the setting forward of their political aims, might, if they became possessors of the franchise, prove damaging to the success of the scheme of the great pan-Afrikaner republic. Although I have been obliged in this record of an historic reminiscence to mention the Afrikaner Bond, I do not wish to be supposed to be attacking that body as it exists in the Cape Colony at the present time, or to accuse it of backing Mr. Reitz up in his declaration of war against the British Empire. Its leaders claim that it and they are loyal to England. So be it! My object is to show that, not the British government, but the republics, led by Kruger, Reitz, Steyn, and their co-workers, have been steadily marching on towards this war, and consciously plotting for it, ever since the "magnanimous" retrocession of the Transvaal by England, and even before the Witwatersrand gold fields were discovered.

A TACTICAL MISTAKE.

We imagine the Conservative party in both West Elgin and South Ontario would have done better by conducting a quiet campaign of their own. The criminal atrocities perpetrated for the benefit of the Hardy-Ross government were sufficiently well known to need no stirring up. Honest Liberals could have been trusted to their own consciences to do what was right for their country. Many of them did do what was right, as the result in West Elgin shows, but the warmth of the campaign, however, was undoubtedly too much for others, who at the last moment let party feeling sway them into line again against their better judgment. These men realized that a vote for a Ross government's candidate was a vote endorsing the criminal acts, but for which that government would not now be in power. Perjury is perjury, theft is theft and fraud is fraud, whether it is done for personal gain or for the Hardy-Ross government's candidates. This fact would not in all probability have been forgotten by many presun-

ably honest men in South Ontario and West Elgin, had the Conservative workers not excited their baser natures by forcing on them a warm contest.

MANITOBA'S GREAT CROPS.

The final crop bulletin for the year has been issued by the Manitoba department of agriculture. The following gives a summary of the yields of the various crops of the province:—Wheat—Area in crop, 1,629,995 acres; total yield, 27,922,230 bushels. Oats—Area in crop, 575,136 acres; total yield, 22,318,378 bushels. Barley, 182,912 acres; total yield, 5,379,150. Flax, 21,780 acres, total yield, 540,929 bushels. Rye, 3,217 acres; total yield, 64,340 bushels. Peas, 1,366 acres; total yield, 20,490 bushels. Potatoes, 19,151 acres; total yield, 3,226,395 bushels. Roots, 10,079 acres; total yield, 2,679,106 bushels. Dairy products—Butter, 2,357,049 pounds; value, \$383,578.93. Cheese factory products, 848,587 pounds; value, \$86,980.16. Poultry disposed of by farmers, 65,845 turkeys, 25,155 geese, 246,250 chickens.

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A LIBERAL TO LIBERALS.

W. A. Weir, Q. C., M. P. P., a leading Liberal member of the Quebec Legislature, and president of the remarkable Reform Club, delivered a remarkable speech before that club on Wednesday night. Mr. Weir took occasion to sharply criticize some of the actions of the Liberal leaders, and complained that the club had not had a single political speech in English from any of the Ministers since the Government was in power. Mr. Weir said that the Conservatives were very strong in the cities, while the Liberal strength lay almost entirely in the rural districts. The Conservatives had on their side the clergy, all the leading manufacturers, as well as the educational bodies, and presented a united strength, while the Liberals were divided. He believed that the Conservatives would make a great fight at the coming elections, and if the Liberals hoped to be successful they must rally at once, or else they would be beaten.

Referring to the Manitoba school question, Mr. Weir said that Mr. Greenway's defeat was due principally to the concessions he had made to the French-Canadians. He also expressed the belief that the present tariff should be greatly reduced. Mr. Weir's plain talk created a decided sensation.

Archbishop Langevin stated in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's presence that the educational system of Manitoba was not satisfactory to the Catholics of that province. The archbishop and Sir Wilfrid will please settle the question between them if it is ever to be settled. The Conservative party has had all the experience it wants with it.

The stockbroker liar who invented that Ladysmith story, overdid the thing so much that it fooled nobody except the Banner, which bulletined it out as confirmed. Our esteemed local cotem is bound to maintain its regulation for fairy-tale announcements.

August Meyers, a German laborer, applied for work of Wm. J. Wells, carpenter and builder, of Vassar, Mich. Wells said he had a tree on his father's place that he wanted cut down for wood. Instead Meyers went to Wells' place and cut down a 15-year-old orchard, consisting of 27 pear, 5 cherry and 11 plum trees, valued at \$200.

If G. F. Marter, M. P. P., had swatted the Commie Bill or the Serp Iron Assessment he would have done more good to the Conservative cause in ten minutes than he will do in ten years with the carols which illustrate the decline and fall of the provincial surplus.—Toronto Telegram.

THE CONSERVATIVE GROWING TIME.

Ottawa Citizen.

Manitoba gone, Ontario shaking and Prince Edward Island just joined the glad procession, looks like a Tory triumphal march; doesn't it? The general elections can't be brought on too soon now.

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HOW IT LOOKS FROM BUFFALO.

Buffalo News.

In his paper, La Patrie, Mr. Tarte, leader in the Dominion government, in praising a new French torpedo says: "It is easy to perceive the advantages that will result for France in case of war with England." In this playing into the hands of the Conservatives, Mr. Tarte shows a recklessness that courts defeat.

HADN'T TIME FOR THE WHOLE JOB.

Ottawa Citizen.

The treatment of the treacherous Boers by the Highlanders at Elands-laagte recalls the story of the Covenanters, to whom, in the hurry of a rout, an enemy put up a squeal for quarter. "Loeb, mon," exclaimed the brawny Scot, for it was his busy day, "I hanna time t' quarter ye, but I'll just half ye."

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL IT.

Chicago Times-Herald.

"Papa, what is broad-mindedness?" "Agreeing with headstrong people when you know they are wrong."

THE EDITOR'S LAMENT.

Buffalo News.

Of all the wild and woolly wars That vex the souls of editors, This beastly bout 'twixt Bull and Boers

The fiercest of the lot. I've wrecked my mind and morals, too, I've raved and stormed (and cursed a few);

With grating, bloodshot voice I chew Their greswome polygot.

My brain's a seething mass of Ooms, And Burgs and Dorps and Kops and Stroms, Fontaines and Kopjes, Krails and Blooms

Across my vision trek. There's Spytfontein, Bechuanaaland, With Vrooms and Spruites, to beat the band. From Elands-laagte to the Rand I get it in the neck.

And Grobler's Kloof! (excuse these tears) With such things ringing in my ears As Steyns and Laagers and De Beers

Just think of Blaauwbank, Ugg and Vreep, Nanaupoot! (again I pause to weep); I fain would kneel away and sleep.

No more I "chew the rag."

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

New Xmas Fruits

Finest Selected Raisins	95c
Extra choice clean'd Currants,	25c
3 lbs. for.....	25c
Cross & Blackwell's Peel	30c
per pound.....	30c
Shelled Almonds and Walnuts,	35c
per pound.....	35c
Dates,	25c
3 pound for.....	25c

TRY OUR CHOICE HAMS AND BACON

J. P. Taylor's

Part Street West. Telephone 237

Dr. J. P. Taylor's Wood's Phosphodine. The Great English Remedy. Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine discovered. Six packages purchased to cure all forms of Sexual Weakness, all effects of abuse or excess. Mental Worry. Excessive use of Tobacco, Opium or Stimulants. Halted on receipt of price, one package \$1.00. For full particulars send card to J. P. Taylor, The Wood Company, Windsor, Ont.

Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Chatham, at Central Drug Store, C. H. Ryan & Co's.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Don't Surfeit them with trifles--

but select for your

Christmas Gifts

something that will be of practical utility to the recipient, handsome in design and of the sort that will be sure of genuine appreciation. We have especially for this season's trade, an excellent variety of Leather Upholstered Easy Chairs, Couches and Rockers, deep-seated and comfortable, trimmed in the latest style, with the best of spring and material used in their construction. Our show rooms are filled with the things that have that little touch of originality about them, so much to be desired in choosing a Christmas gift. Purchases made now can be set aside and delivered at any time when ordered.

Hugh McDonald

FURNITURE AND UPHOLSTERY.

Opp. Garner House, Chatham

Home Spun Dress Goods

Are the latest and nobbiest for this season's wear. We ask the LADIES to call and see our up-to-date goods. You will then be convinced that you cannot get a Trued Dress for this season's wear, also see OUR DRESSING JACKETS at \$1.50 to \$2.00. SEE THEM AND YOU WILL BUY THEM

Tailoring Department

We have this season made a special effort in selecting a special range of the best Imported Worsteds, Scotch, English and Irish Tweeds and Overcoatings with a vast range of our own make. We guarantee to save you money and to make your clothes up-to-date and to give you the very best trimmings. OUR CLOTHING IS CASH.

A special reduction in Yarns and Blankets. We have the BEST Underwear for the money in the world. See US for Mitts, Socks, Ready-made Pants \$1.50 per pair. Special line of Ready-made Suits, Ulsters, Horse Blankets, Rugs, etc. Beaver Flies is the best to buy.

Phone 1, Woolen and Flour Mill, William Street.

The T. H. Taylor Company, Limited

A CANDY WINDOW

Great Display for Xmas Made at Hugh Malcolmson's.

The Very Choicest Confections are There on Sale in Large Quantities.

The window of Hugh Malcolmson, the King St. grocer, presents a very attractive and elegant appearance. It has been dressed for the Christmas season and the beautiful decoration of the store front is a most artistic conception. The west window is the one which receives the chief attention. A large circular arch covered with crystalline decorations and concealing a number of incandescent electric lights forms the background. Through-out the window space colonades rise and descend, and a large, ornate, similarly adorned, with an additional embellishment of holly and mistletoe. A ground-work of delicate satin overlaid with boxes of candies, and baskets containing the choicest of confections complete a very elaborate and charmingly pretty picture. The baskets are something decidedly new and were imported from Germany. They are daintily trimmed with ribbon and filled with the best of candy. The price of these pretty bon-bon receptacles is 35 cents to \$2 each.

The candy department in this store looks bright and attractive, and is presided over by Miss Leroy. Every sweetmeat made is here displayed. Taffies of all descriptions, including Malcolmson's famous butter-scotch, which is soporific. The taffies are all fresh from Crawford, of Hamilton, the great candy man. The creams are the finest made. The best candies of the best dealers are purchased and mixed, the giving variety and excellence. The assorted boxes of these special creams are sold at a dollar. The fine creams and chocolates are sold by the pound at from 40 to 50 cents.

This firm is also putting up, specially for the Christmas trade a box containing a pound of fine candies. These they are offering at 25 cents. Besides the candies of all sorts, kinds and sizes, a large consignment of fruits, grapes, oranges, nuts, figs, etc., are on view ready for sale. The usual array of dinner napkins, towels, consisting of dinner napkins, towels, etc., can also be purchased at from 10 cents to a dollar. These furnish great fun for the children, as they explode, scattering bon-bons, and sweet-meats in every direction. Don't forget to give this store a call when purchasing your Christmas candies.

Cooper's = Book = Store

Near the Post Office

Pocket and Office Diaries for 1900, Christmas Saturday Night, Christmas Globe,

These are done up in tubes for mailing long distances

R. Cooper,

Chatham, Dec. 5th, 1899

Our Xmas Stock

Of Ladies' Long Gold Chains and Gold Watches is completed and the prices are far below any offered to the public before. At Sign of

The Big Clock, A. A. JORDAN'S

Dover Taxes

The collector of Dover, for Division 2 and 3, will be at the Montana House, every Saturday until January to receive taxes and give receipts for the same.

H. R. BECHARD,

Collector.

CHINA PAINTING.

Miss Burns

CLASSES IN CHINA PAINTING

STUDIO

Thames Street.

China Fly

G. W. Cornell

Dentist

Cor. 4th and King Street,
Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DIED.

WALKER—On Friday, 15th inst., Sarah M., beloved wife of John R. Walker, aged 43 years and 11 mos. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the late residence, Head street.

THE PROBABILITY.

G. N. W. Special.

Dec. 16.—10 a. m.—Lakes mostly fair to-day, a fall of snow or sleet on Sunday.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Reeson, Whiteville, mother of Mrs. J. R. Walker, is in the city.

A. I. McCall & Co. are advertising Gold-rimmed Spectacles and Eye-glasses for Xmas presents. These certainly make fine gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mains, of Detroit, are in the city. Mr. Mains is a brother of the late Mrs. John R. Walker.

Found—A sum of money—The owner can have it by paying the expense of this notice at this office.

There is nothing that makes a more useful or handsome present than an ebony hair brush, with a sterling silver mount. The Central Drug Store has them from \$1.25 up.

Bakie's Art Gallery would like to show you how we can color any photo artistically. You are welcome any time.

A fresh water bath with free use of gymnasium and reclining room 25c at Turkish bath house.

Last evening about 6.15 an alarm of fire was rung in from box 13. It proved, however, to be a false alarm. The workmen at Park's foundry were one to think it was a fire and they turned in the alarm.

See The 2's windows for Christmas presents. Beautiful neckwear in all different shapes; puffs, flowing ends, Tecks, knots and bows. They are showing a lovely range in Oxford mufflers, direct from New York, latest American fads, \$1 to \$3.50. The 2's Trudell & Tobey.

Tuesday, December 19th, a sale of useful and fancy articles will be held by the Ladies of St. Joseph's church in the rooms that have been fitted up on the corner of Queen and Cross streets. Pretty pieces of Battenburg, dainty cushions, comfortable children's clothes and toys, etc., will be sold at reasonable prices. Sale will commence at 11 a.m. Throughout the day refreshments will be served and in the evening a good concert will be given. Admission to concert 15 cents.



Should be above the ordinary—our rich and pure confectionery is also very excellent. That you will make a big mistake if you do not come and let us show you our fine candy we can sell you. A one lb. box of Candy for 50c. 1 lb. boxes 10c. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages, especially adapted for holiday trade. Come in and see them.

W. S. RICHARDS
KENT BAKERY

A colored man fell in a faint in front of the Rankin House yesterday afternoon.

Ladies' silk umbrellas for Xmas gifts in sterling silver and gold mountings at Wm. Forman & Co. 3t

Will Wrigley, of the Apollo Mandolin Club, entertained his fellow members last evening at his residence, Elizabeth St.

New silks, Black Luxors, Peau de Sole and sale a large quantity of hard and soft wool.

Fred Bogart has returned from a trip to Sarnia and other points.

Miss Edna Ross Adams, teacher at Staples, was in the city to-day. Her school is closed owing to the vicinity of small-pox.

At the house of James A. Strath, Victoria Ave., Windsor, burglarized on Thursday night cleaned out \$300 worth of silverware.

Wood for sale.—Blonde Bros. & Co. have for sale a large quantity of hard and soft wood.

Here's your opportunity, an elegant line of sterling silver novelties, from \$10 to \$1.50, at Central Drug Store.

Miss Myrtle Northwood, Chatham St., had one of her fingers so badly crushed by a cellar door yesterday at Windsor that Dr. Samson had to amputate it. Miss Northwood belongs to Chatham and was visiting in Windsor.

Just arrived from Germany advanced shipment of Camel hair skirt lengths, entirely new. The styles are select and exclusive. Careful dressers should not buy before they see these beautiful fabrics to be had only at Wm. Forman & Co.

We know what you should wear and we bought it. You know what you want to wear if you see it and we've got 'em. We know our business; that's why we're in it. Got another lot of those \$3.50's.—Gordon & Coyne.

"If your eyes could talk," what a story of suffering and of abuse they could tell. How we strained them; how we taxed them with overwork; and then, because they were tired we rubbed them to make irritation worse. And to think that the most they needed, in fact, all that they were asking for in their quiet way, was a rest, a little help in the shape of a good pair of glasses, properly fitted. I have helped other tired eyes. I can help yours. Examination free. E. J. MacIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS. The sittings of the December sessions before Judge Bell were concluded yesterday afternoon on the completion of the trial of Arch. Patterson for perjury, in which the jury rendered a verdict of guilty. Patterson was then arraigned on the charge of larceny, but the crown did not present any evidence against him, having previously secured convictions in the false pretence and perjury cases. His honor in sentencing the prisoner to three years in Kingston penitentiary on each charge gave him considerable wholesome advice. The sentences will run concurrently.

AND NOW FOR CHRISTMAS

WATCH this space all next week for bargains in CANDIES, NUTS, ORANGES, FIGS, DATES, GRAPES, ETC.

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ENGLAND IS AGITATED

London, Dec. 16.—The revised list of British casualties at the battle of Magerfontein shows the total to be 963, of which number 70 were officers. The War Office has no news of General Clery relieving Ladysmith, and discredits the report.

BRITAIN

London, Dec. 16.—As might have been expected, the desperate state of the British arms in South Africa, as revealed by the defeat of Gen. Buller at Tugela River, where at one stroke he lost treble the number of guns Wellington left in the hands of Napoleon during the six years' fighting in the peninsula, adds to the determination of the authorities to send every available man to the front. Some of the comments go so far as to say the British stands "where she stood over a century back, when the American colonists, men of British and Dutch blood, were in arms."

The St. James Gazette is apprehensive of foreign complications, and thinks France is preparing for some venture which will be in the nature of a defiance of Great Britain, and urges the admiralty to form a new squadron of ships in the reserve.

The Evening Standard declares the situation calls for all the equanimity, determination and perseverance of the empire, and demands the immediate calling out of all the volunteers, embodying all the outlanders expelled from the Transvaal, to guard the lines.

TROUBLE FEARED

London, Dec. 16.—Secretary Chamberlain has announced his intention of travelling over to Dublin, to stay with Viceroy Cadogan over Sunday and take the honorary degree of LL. D. at Trinity College on Monday.

The Irish Transvaal committee has issued a proclamation calling an indignation meeting of the citizens of Dublin, on Sunday, to "dissociate themselves from the act of Treacy's college by which it proposes to do honor to Mr. Chamberlain, 'the author of the robber war being conducted, to-day by England.'"

Another nationalist body, the Irish socialist republican party has issued placards for a monster demonstration outside Trinity College on Monday "to celebrate Gatacre's defeat at Stormberg."

OVER IN IRELAND. This demonstration is timed for the hour when Mr. Chamberlain will be receiving his degree in the University.

Ministerial papers call on Viceroy Cadogan to prohibit both meetings, but disorderly scenes seems inevitable unless Mr. Chamberlain defers his visit. The Freeman's Journal publishes a scathing editorial on Mr. Chamberlain entitled "Usurper, L.L.D."

Viceroy Cadogan, an extremely nervous man, is said to be ill at the prospect of the visit, and to have implored Arthur Balfour to induce Mr. Chamberlain to abandon it. Chamberlain thinks this violent Irish nationalist hostility will arouse English sympathy for him, therefore he is unwilling to cancel the engagement.

Chicago-Union Pacific & North-Western Line

THE OVERLAND LIMITED leaves Chicago 6.30 p.m. daily, arrives San Francisco afternoon of third day and Los Angeles next morning. No change of cars: all meals in Dining Cars. Buffet Smoking and Library Cars with barbers. The best of everything. The Pacific Express leaves 10.30 p.m. daily. Tourist Sleepers every day and personally conducted excursions every Thursday from Chicago. For tickets and full information apply to your nearest ticket agent or address, B. H. Bennett, 2 King Street East, Toronto, Ont.

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200 Toy Books

At half-price

Just in time for holiday buyers we secured a lot of Picture Books, which we can let you have at half price. They're on sale now:

300 Children's Picture Books, board covers, beautifully illustrated, size 8x10 inches, averaging 125 pages in each, eight titles to choose from —the books usually sell at 50c each—our price while they last will be..... 25c

Useful Gifts

Comb and Brush Sets, Purse, Leather Portfolio, Waterman Fountain Pen, Hand Mirror, Manicure Sets, Handkerchief Boxes, Boxed Stationery,

And innumerable other things. We'll be glad to have you inspect our stock.

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

A Special Opportunity

Big Sacrifice Sale Of Jackets

We have decided to clear the balance of our stock of Ladies' Cloth Jackets irrespective of cost. We have a good assortment of all prices from FIVE DOLLARS to \$12.50, this seasons tailor made up-to-date goods. Our policy is not to carry one Jacket over and in order that all may be cleared before Xmas we are going to offer them at the hitherto unheard of reduction of 33 1/3 per cent. off the price of jackets. This means in every case selling below the original cost. The opportunity rarely occurs—better take advantage of it.

The Sale Commences Saturday Morning Dec. 16th

All our regular \$5.00 Jackets will be sold for..... \$3.34
All our regular \$6.50 Jackets selling for..... \$4.33
All our regular \$7.50 Jackets selling for..... \$5.00
All our regular \$8.75 Jackets selling for..... \$5.83
All our regular \$10.00 Jackets selling for..... \$6.67
All our regular \$12.75 Jackets selling for..... \$8.50

We Believe this to be the Greatest Jacket Bargain ever offered in Chatham

A Clearance in Millinery

Any trimmed Hat in our show room Half Price. All lines of Wings, Birds, Etc., at clearing prices.

Suggestions for Xmas Gifts

A big stock of Tapestry and Chenille Table Covers are here to select from, something good and serviceable and always required in the home. Prices range from 50c upwards, some choice lines being shown at \$1, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.

Curtains

Handsome patterns in Lace, Chenille and Tapestry Curtains, prices from \$1 per pair to \$10. You will find our stock attractive and complete.

Notions

None so early to plan and select your gifts. We make a few suggestions that may help you. Come and see our varied stock of suitable and serviceable gifts.

Furs

Nothing more appropriate for the Christmas season than a fur ruff, collar or gaiters. We handle only reliable goods that we can guarantee and show a complete stock of all lines for ladies and children.

Fur Sets for children, black and white and gray, with mercurized lining, in light colors, at..... \$1.25 and \$1.50.
1 only, Child's Griefe Set..... \$2.50
Fur Ruff, from 50c to..... \$3.00
Fur Collars and Capelines, from \$2.30 to..... \$13.00
Children's Astrachan Gaiters, gray or black..... 50c per pair
Ladies' Astrachan Gaiters, gray or black..... 75c and 98c per pair

Christmas Novelties

Fancy Stick Pine fleur-de-lis, horse shoes, crescent and other popular designs, with brilliant settings, at..... 25c and 50c
Enamelled Collar Clasp and Belt Buckles, new patterns, at..... 25c and 35c
Steel and Gilt Belt Clasp at..... 40c
Pearl Paper Knives with gilt or aluminum handles..... 35c
One of our Fancy Work Baskets would be a very useful gift, we have them in assorted shapes and sizes, with colored satin lining and trimming, 25c and 50c
Assorted Colors in frilled elastic garters with clasp and satin bow..... 25c pair
Toys for shopping bags, round or oval with assorted settings..... 50c each
Enamelled Brooches and Watch Pendants, at..... 35c
Sterling Silver Thumbies, very pretty designs, assorted sizes..... 50c, 65c, 75c

Leading and Reliable Clothiers

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

The Monday Evening Spot for Furs

GORDON'S CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETING

The closing weeks of this month are always marked by a crush of Christmas trading. We therefore invite you to call and select at once. We are ready with a large and varied array of choice Staples and Fancy articles suitable for Holiday buying. Those who have a keen appreciation for GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THE LEAST MONEY will find our large stock new and desirable and at prices the lowest for qualities the best. The wise ones will do their Christmas shopping here.

Bargains in Holiday Hdkfs

Ladies' Handkerchiefs	Men's Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen..... 16c	Men's all Linen Hand Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c
Ladies' Fine Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished..... 15c	Men's Plain Hemstitched Hdkfs, all linen, full finished, 16, 18, 20, 22, to 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Lawn Hdkfs, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c and..... 25c	Men's Japanese Silk Initial Hdkfs, 25c to..... 50c
Ladies' Embroidered Linen Hdkfs, 25c to..... 68c	Men's Fancy, Colored border Japanese Hdkfs, 18c to..... 38c
Ladies' Lace Trimmed Hdkfs, 12c to..... 25c	Men's large Silk Mufflers, all colors and styles, and black, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50 and..... \$2.35
Ladies' Lace Trimmed, very fine Hdkfs, 25c to..... \$1.35	A large and complete assortment of Ladies' and Gents' fancy Plaids, Checks, Parisian, Polka Dot and Oxford, Silk Mufflers.
Ladies' Hemstitched Hand Embroidered Initial Hdkfs, all linen, 18c to..... 25c	
Ladies' Lawn Hemstitched Handkerchiefs..... 5c	
Children's White and Fancy Handkerchiefs to..... 5c	
HOLIDAY APRONS	
Ladies' Lawn Aprons, 25c, 40c, and..... 50c	
Ladies' Aprons, with Bibs, 50c to..... 72c	
Children's White Mother Hubbard Aprons, 42c, 54c, 60c, 65c, 75c and 80c	
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Nothing nicer for a Christmas Box than a Black Crepon Silk Pattern, our Blistered Crepon at \$1 a yard are a wonder to our customers. Special prices for two weeks in Fancy Dress Patterns.

Ladies' Dress Skirts, in variety, all colors and materials, \$5 to..... \$2

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Finest Holiday Presents—Caprices of every description, ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$35.00.

Perfume, Lamb and Sable combination, Seal and Sable combination, Bear and Seal combination, Seal and Astrachan combination, Electric Seal and Thibet combination, Lynx, Astrachan, Fox, etc.

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Fur Opes, Astrachan, \$18. \$17..... \$12

Cloth Capes, Fur Lined, \$30 to..... \$12.50

Fur Coats and Jackets, from \$30 to \$22

Electric Seal Jackets, dainty..... \$35

Christmas Silks and Satins

Handsome English Silks, bargains—50c for 25c, 75c for 50c, \$1 for 75c per yard, in plaids, stripes and broadens.

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And *Manilla Coverlets*

79c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.85, \$2, \$2.50 up to..... \$5.00

Gorgeous *Louise Laps*—Unsurpassed in coloring and design, \$1.15 to \$2

Ladies' Night Robes—In white long cloth, Lonsdale, Cream, pink and fancy Flannelette, lace and embroidery trimmed or plain, from 50c up

Men's Night Wear—in white twill cotton braided at..... 75c

Flannelette Night Shirts..... 50c up

Natural Wool Night Robes.

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Two tons Cream Table Damask, 60 in. wide..... 25c

Cream Satin Table Damask, all widths and quantities, 30c, 34c, 40c, 50c, 60c, to..... 72c yd

Diced Table Damask, extra heavy, 60c and..... 50c yd

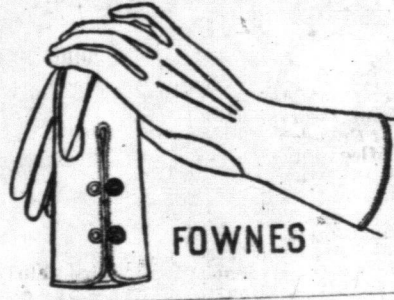
White Satin Table Damask, with Napkins to match, from 50c to..... \$1.50 yd

Pearl white Irish Linen Table Cloths, superb goods, \$2, \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50, up to..... \$13.50 each

Table Napkins—Great bargains at 72c, \$1, \$1.35, \$1.50, \$1.80, \$2, \$2.25 up to..... \$5.00 dozen

Towels—Fine Damask, size 44 x 20, knotted fringe..... 25c

Holiday Kid Gloves



Holiday Kid Gloves

Ladies' 4 buttoned Kid Gloves, good colors, tan and black..... 50c

Ladies' 4 pearl button Kid Gloves, tan and black..... 75c

Ladies' 2 dome fasteners, colors or blood navy, green, plum, tan and drab, Fownes Kid Gloves, warranted..... \$1

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Laced and buttoned Kid Gloves, Chastre Gabrille and Hyattsville..... \$2

Ladies' finest Mecha Kid Glove..... \$2

Ladies' Fancy Gaiters and Ladies' Hose Supporters, etc.

Men's Lined Kid and Mecha Gloves, 50c, 75c and..... \$1

Men's Fur Lined Kid Gloves, selling at..... \$1.50

Men's Unlined Kid Gloves, the latest popular shades, \$1 and..... 75c

Men's Celebrated Kangaroo..... \$1.50

Men's heavy Wool Mitts, knit, leather faced in variety, 25c and..... 50c

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Selected Raisins, finest 3 lbs. for 25c.	Shelled Almonds, 10c for 1 pound.
Mixed Peel, 30c a pound.	New Dates 3 pounds for 25c.
	Seeded Raisins, 10c a pound.
Because a Spanish packer was anxious to introduce his table raisins in the Canadian market, we have something extra choice to offer. We make a special price by the layer (5 1/2 lb). Come in and see, and taste.	
Table Raisins, 20c a pound.	Table Fig, 20c a pound.
Extra Table Raisins, 25c a pound.	Extra Table Fig, 25c a pound.
Grenoble Walnuts, 20c a pound.	Fine Brazil, 20c a pound.
Tarragona Almonds, 20c a pound.	Sicily Filberts, 15c a pound.
	Choice Mixed Nuts, 15c a pound.

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With or without Silver Mounts, can be seen galore in our store—they comprise.

EBONY Tooth Brushes, at..... 40c and 75c.
EBONY Hair Brushes, from..... \$1.00 to \$4.00.
EBONY Cloth Brushes, at..... \$2.50.
EBONY Nail Brushes, at..... 50c to \$1.00.
EBONY Hat Brushes, at..... \$1.00 and \$1.25.
EBONY Bonnet Brushes, at..... \$1.00 and \$1.25.
EBONY Mirrors, from..... \$2.00 to \$4.00.
EBONY Manicure Sets, at..... \$1.00 to \$3.00.

See our Magnifying Shaving Mirrors at..... \$4.00

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DRUGGISTS & OPTICIANS

THE DISTRICT WALLACEBURG

Dec. 15.—W. Hasenack has opened a photo studio over H. Rotz' store in the Martin block.

Some of our local sports took advantage of the last day of the quail season and succeeded in bagging a number. Don't forget the Separable school concert on Dec. 22. Every effort is being made to make this one the best yet given.

The Wallaceburg public library has a membership of about 700 card holders. All the leading magazines and daily papers are on file and it is one of the best equipped for its size in Ontario.

C. Williams, of Algonac, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ed. McDougall.

Miss Winnie Knight, of Wilkesport, is the guest of Mrs. John Hayes.

F. S. Reid, organizer for the Canadian Order of Foresters, is in town in the interests of the lodge.

On Thursday night a large number of Orange Young Britons partook of a lunch in their lodge room.

Most of the lodges in town hold their elections of officers this month with installation next.

Jas. and Walter McKensie were in Dresden last evening.

Mrs. A. G. Hamilton and daughter Maudie have left for Lexington, Kentucky.

Schools close next Friday for the Christmas holidays.

A "shop," which consists of four glass blowers, intend leaving soon for the new factory at Kingsville.

DRESDEN

Dec. 16.—as Kimmerly, who has been sailing all summer, has returned home.

H. M. Pousette, of Sarnia, is in town.

A meeting of the electors of Dresden for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of mayor, councillors and school trustees for 1900 will be held in the town hall on Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Some mistake has occurred in the advertisement of the price of admission to the English church S. S. entertainment to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th, in the Grand Opera House. The correct price of admission is 15 and 10 cents.

"What Happened to Jones" will be presented at the Grand on Monday evening, Dec. 18th.

Mrs. (Dr.) Galbraith and Miss Marie Galbraith are both confined to the house through illness.

Frank Hughes, of McVean Bros. hardware, is recovering from a slight attack of appendicitis with the mayor and all councillors present. By law all accounts from 15th of Jan., 1898, to Dec. 15th, 1899, should have been handed in last night but some delay being occasioned they were not ready to be handed to finance committee. Council then adjourned until Tuesday evening.

Councillor Wm. Ward and Thos. Ritchie, Camden, have returned from Chatham where they have been acting on the grand jury.

Dr. A. W. Thornton Dentist

ILBURY.

Dec. 16.—Chas. Peltier, of Staples, was in town yesterday.

W. Shafer left on Wednesday for Windsor, where he has secured a position as baker.

Chas. Baker and family left yesterday for Rhode Island.

A. Beamer left last night on a visit to his home in Guelph.

The Misses Helmsworth, of Listowel, arrived here today to spend Christmas with their sister, Mrs. (Rev.) T. Dobson.

Miss A. Coutts returned yesterday from a short visit with friends in Detroit and Monroe, Mich.

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

EAST BRANCH.

The farmers are continually complaining of their wells being very low. This is something new for this time of the year.

The Rev. Stanley D. Shaw, of Queen's College, Toronto, is spending his holidays at his home, here.

Miss F. McRichardson, after spending the last three or four months with friends in Bruce county, and also at her brother's, the Rev. J. D. Richardson, B. A., at Woodstock, returned home last week.

Rev. Mr. Cobblehead, of Bothwell, preached in Salem Church one night last week to a good attendance.

The meetings which have been held so successfully in Salem Church, closed on Friday night last.

Great preparations are being made for the S. S. No. 17 Sunday School concert and Xmas tree.

Hot air furnace for sale in use only a short time and in perfect condition with registers and pipes, capacity 30,000 cubic feet. Replaced for larger capacity and hot water. Will be sold cheap. For particulars address Dr. C. B. Langford, Blenheim.

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WEDDED IN MICHIGAN.

The Clinton Republican, of St. Johns, Mich., in its issue of Dec. 7, says:

"The spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gordanier, of Essex, formerly of Chatham township, Ont., was the scene of a very pretty wedding Thanksgiving day, at noon, when their youngest daughter, Victoria E., was united in marriage to Ray Wilkinson, of Carson City, Mich., in the presence of a large number of relatives and a few immediate friends of the family.

"At the appointed time the bride and groom entered the parlors, where the wedding march was being played by Miss Nettie Walker. The bride was very tastefully attired in a pale blue cashmere dress with silk and pearl trimmings.

"Miss Mina Plakney was bridesmaid. She wore a dress of pink cashmere with pearl trimmings. Wesley Gordanier, the brother, was best man. Rev. A. T. Luther performed the ceremony.

"After congratulations the company sat down to elegant refreshments to which all did ample justice.

"The young couple were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. They left that afternoon for Carson City, where they will make their home in the future.

A reception was given them by friends of the groom at Ilhaca, on the Friday evening following.

The bride is a bright, amiable, loving girl, who will be greatly missed by the young people of Maple Rapids and vicinity, who all join in wishing her happiness and prosperity in her new home.

Buy the Tiger Brand clothing for boys. The 2 T's, sole agents.

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Our \$2.50 is an AMERICAN made shoe by one of the BEST BOSTON MAKERS. Newest shape—Fine Vici Kid—Laced—Kid Tips—On the different widths—Flexible sole—ITS A BEAUTY and you'll be surprised when you see the quality and style for \$2.50

Ladies' King Quality in either Button or Lace in any size for..... \$2.75

Geo. W. Cowan.

Hours of Service.

First Presbyterian—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Christ Church—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

St. Joseph's, R. C.—8.30, 10.30, 7.30.

Victoria Ave. Methodist—11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

William St. Baptist—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Park St. Methodist—11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist—3 and 7.

Latter Day Saints—7 p.m.

Campbell A.M.E.—11 a.m. to 7.45 p.m.

First Baptist—11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Zion A. M. E.—11 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Church Notes.

Rev. F. H. Larkin will occupy the pulpit in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow. Sunday school and Mr. Rankin's Bible class at 3 in the afternoon.

Rev. R. McCosh, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions to-morrow.

Young People's Church and S. S. Society of Christ church meets every Monday night at 7.45.

Divine service is held in Christ church every Wednesday evening at half-past seven.

Rev. J. J. Ross will preach on both occasions in William St. Baptist church to-morrow, and teach his Bible class in the afternoon. In the evening he will take as his subject, "Destruction—its Limitation and the free at both services and that all will be made welcome.

Park St. Methodist pulpit will be occupied on both occasions to-morrow by Rev. I. B. Wallin, B. A., of Leamington.

There will be an early celebration of the holy communion in Christ church to-morrow morning at 8.30.

STOP IT NOW.

Don't let it run on Until Your Condition Causes you to be Ostracised as if You Were a Leper.

Before it is too late stop that succession of colds that mean nothing more nor less than catarrh. Stop the suffering. Stop the disagreeable discharges that are so humiliating to you and offensive to your friends. Let it run on until your condition causes you to be ostracised as if you were a leper. Don't neglect yourself until consumption makes its fatal approach. You can be cured. Not merely relieved, but absolutely and perfectly cured. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal powder will restore you to complete, perfect health. It gives relief at once. It cures in an incredibly short time.

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WANTED.—At once a man to operate planer, mucker and sucker, one who is capable of doing a general heavy hauler work. Steady employment for the right party. Apply to H. L. BERRY, 111 Main St., Montreal, Ont.

WANTED.—References required. Apply to MISS JOHNSTON, General Hospital.

WANTED.—TRUSTWORTHY PERSONS TO take orders for "War in South Africa" and Dark Continent from Savagery to Civilization" by William H. Sharpe, the famous traveler, cable climber and author. From this "wonderfully complete," "graphic descriptions," "brilliantly written," "summarily illustrated," "documentary" volume, \$1.00 in gold among our newspapers; we first don't make this choice, the highest remuneration looks on 30 days credit; freight and duty paid; sample one free. Address The Dominion Company, Dept. V, Chicago.

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TWO HOUSES FOR SALE.—Corner Harvey and 1st St. of Victoria Avenue and 4th Con. 1 chance, 3 miles from any town. For terms, apply to W. L. ROSS, 101-a W.

FOR SALE.—Two shares in St. Luke's Old Lake Hotel. Apply to A. C. MERRAT, Phone 100.

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To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of rate-payers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,

ALEX. VONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

To the Electors of Ward No 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for School Trustee in No. 4 Ward, and respectfully solicit your support in the coming election. Having served on the board faithfully for several years, my record, I trust, will appeal to you on my behalf. I trust you will see fit to elect me for another term.

Respectfully yours,

ANDREW THOMSON.



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A most successful remedy has been found for sexual weakness such as impotency, varicocele, shrunken organs, nervous debility, lost manhood, night emissions, premature discharge and all other results of self-abuse or excesses. It cures any case of the difficulty, never fails to restore the organs to full natural strength and vigor. The doctor who made this wonderful discovery wants to let every man know about it. He will therefore send the receipt, giving the various ingredients to be used, so that all men at a trifling expense can cure themselves. He sends the receipt free, and all the reader need do is to send his name and address to L. W. Kipp, M.D., 1710, Hull Bldg., Detroit, Mich., requesting the free receipt as reported in this paper. It is a generous offer and all men ought to be glad to have such an opportunity.



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No. 1 and No. 2 sold in Chatham at Central Drug Store, C. H. Gunn & Co.

SPIRIT MOVED HIM

But it was Likely of Very Material One.

Rampus Among the Latter Day Saints at Woodstock—Elder Evans' Experience.

The following concerning Elder Evans, who is well-known in Chatham, is from the Woodstock Express of Tuesday:

There was trouble at a meeting of the followers of Mr. Christmas last night. "Troubles and dissensions mark the course of all great religious movements," says Christmas. "Even the first apostles had their little difficulties, both internal and external." Christmas' hand was not on the tiller down at the little house in Vansittart avenue last night, otherwise he thinks the trouble would have been averted. Not being a prophet, but only a latter day faith healer, he was unable to force that a Latter Day Saint would thrust himself on the little flock and cause angry dissensions to rise and stove-pipes and furniture to fall; but such was the case.

Elder Evans, of London, a Latter Day Saint, spoke at the meeting held by Christmas at the opera house last Sunday. His fluency and apparent zeal made some of the followers of the faith healer think he was a man of God. Lest his followers should run after strange gods and men, and thereby be led astray, Christmas explained privately to as many as he could the nature of the heresy which had taken possession of the soul of friend Evans. On the other hand, Evans found the spirit had moved him to join with Christmas in his work, and communicated to him the glad tidings of his new commission. Christmas had some doubts about the bona fides of his friend's ordination, but he did not think of them to his face. Inspired by the spirit, in his own mind, friend Evans went to Christmas on Sunday, as soon as he heard Christmas would not be able to take the Monday night meeting, and offered his services as a leader for the time being.

Christmas to announce the meeting, which the faith healer declined to do, but told friend Evans that there would be a good many people there anyway, and he could go if he liked. Scarcely had Evans left him when Christmas felt a presentment of evil, and obeying the mysterious command, he sat down and wrote brother Evans a letter forbidding him to go to the little Monday night meeting or to interfere in any way with the good work he was carrying on. Taking this letter in conjunction with the hints of heresy he had scattered amongst his flock, Christmas thought he had done enough to protect the faithful from error, and cause them to cast out the evil one. He made no mistake, for they cast out Evans with great fervor.

When Monday night came Evans found himself to be guided to disobey the written commands of Christmas, and he wended his way to the little meeting on Vansittart avenue. He found himself greeted somewhat coldly, and tried to warm the hearts of those present by beginning the services.

"What are you doing here?" came from one side of the room. "Read that letter you got from Christmas," shouted one of the faith healer's most devoted followers. Brother Evans raised his hand in appeal, and taking the letter out of his pocket began to read it. "Get out or we'll throw you out," were some of the greetings he received.

Then something happened. A spirit of discord, or perhaps a guardian angel of the faith, flapped his wings in the little room, and the stove was upset, the stove-pipes fell on those present, furniture was removed from its proper place, and the Rev. Evans, of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, was mysteriously wafted out of the door and down the steps to the hard stone pavement.

It was the most powerful spiritual manifestation ever seen in Woodstock.

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The Xmas presents have to be bought—you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Dinner Sets, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Sets \$2.50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are low in price. Call and see them.

Our Xmas Fruits are in—

3 lb. Selected Raisins..... 25c

3 lb. New Currants..... 25c

1 lb. Mixed Peel..... 20c

Pure Lard, per lb..... 9c

Mixed Candy 7c lb., 4 lbs. for..... 25c

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Ask for Minard's and take no other.

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How the Blue Jackets Battered the Boers at Magersfontein.

LIQUOR IN ROMNEY

The Grand Jury Says it is Being Illegally Sold.

Thus Leading to Fluct of the Crime Prevalent in That Township—Other Matters Discussed.

The Grand jury at the sessions yesterday brought in the following presentment:

We are pleased to state that the criminal business brought under our notice has been expeditiously dealt with. The crown officers had all witnesses in attendance so that we have been enabled to proceed without delay. Not being close students of criminal court business, we judge from your honor's address to the grand jury that the dock was still too large for the population of the county of Kent.

We are pleased to note that there were but few cases before the grand jury, regretting to say some of them were of a deplorable nature, and from the evidence brought before us, we are led to believe many of them arise from the two prevalent uses of drink.

While it is stated that liquor is not allowed to be sold in the township of Romney, evidence given went to show that an individual sells what is called native wine. It seems to be a vile substitute more foreign than native, making the people who drink more like fiends than men, and we trust that your honor will take some action to have this state of things discontinued.

We visited what we are pleased to designate the Home, provided by the county for the poor, indigent and needy, who after a life of honest toil, have now a comfortable resting place the remainder of their days. We

admire the building, its construction and arrangements appear almost perfect. Cleanliness is noticed in every department. The caretakers deserve much credit for this commendable state of things. There is an inmate, we are told, bordering on insanity; for all such we think other arrangements should be made. We also saw a very sick man who we think should be placed in the hospital, and all cases similar. For convenience and much saving of time to the attendants we would recommend that a telephone be placed in the building. The farm and premises are very satisfactory.

We also visited the court house and jail and believe all the improvements are well directed toward the purpose for which it is used. We should be negligent in our duty, did we not recommend that a competent person be placed in charge of the steam boilers erected, there being none such now. We consider it dangerous to all parties concerned. The governor is doing the best he can under the most unfavorable circumstances, and we can only say we regret to find the repairs in such a backward condition at this season of the year and that the completion of the building drags along so wearily.

Our duties are now completed and in conclusion we thank your honor for the kind and instructive manner you addressed us on the cases which were to come before us, helping us very materially in coming to our conclusions.

WM. WARD, Foreman.

HIS HONOR WILL ACT.

The judge in responding, expressed gratitude for the promptness and efficiency of the work done. Referring to the alleged illegal selling of liquor by the station agent at Coatsworth, his honor said he would instruct the county solicitor to at once make the railway authorities cognizant of the existing state of affairs and prosecute the agent in question. He assured the jury that all their recommendations should receive consideration.

BRITAIN'S FORCES.

She Will Send 30,000 More Men to South Africa.

Has Still 200,000 or 300,000 Reserves Available to Call on if Necessary.

New York, Dec. 16.—A despatch to the World from London says: Of the arm of Great Britain 75,500 men are now in South Africa. This is exclusive of all the colonial forces raised there and in Canada and Australia, which are estimated to number 20,000. The fifth division, comprising 10,000 men, is now embarking, the sixth also of 10,000 men, is mobilizing, and orders for the seventh division of 10,000 to be mobilized have just been issued.

The total of the reserve this year, according to the parliamentary estimates, is 81,000. When all the above force is at the front or mobilized 40,000 of the reserves will have been exhausted. There remains for the British army establishment 121,000 men. Of these 45,000 are in Egypt, the Mediterranean and other garrisons.

Beyond this the war office figures show 112,000 militia. These are men who have one month's training each year with a few regular army officers scattered through regimental staffs. Of these 10,000 have been called for garrison duty at home.

Next come 232,000 volunteers, with some regular army officers serving with them, but equal in all respects to the national guard of the United States. The regular force in India, exclusive of all above the figures, was in July last 73,162. Of these only 8,000 have been sent to South Africa.

Minard's Lintment — Lumberman's Friend.

MADE HIM INSANE

This Patriotic Englishman Fretted Over British Reverses.

That he Committed Suicide in New York—Feared Boers Would Ultimately Triumph.

New York, Dec. 16.—Because of the reverses which have befallen their arms in South Africa, and thoroughly convinced that England will be beaten in the Transvaal, Daniel A. Weber, an Englishman, jumped out of his window on the fourth floor of No. 309 East Eightieth street last night, and was instantly killed. He was 57 years old, and lived with his son Daniel and the latter's wife. The war reports from South Africa for the last two weeks gave him cause for melancholy reflection. Loyal to the core to the English army, every report of a repulse made the old man more and more disconsolate. The reports in yesterday afternoon's papers about General Methuen's repulse and the death of a British general were too much.

"I am afraid the Boers will win," he said last night at the supper table to his son. The latter took a more hopeful view of it, and after trying to cheer his father up, the former retired. The son had hardly fallen asleep when a neighbor pounded on the door and informed him that his father had jumped out of the window. Death had been instantaneous.

ONE'S ACQUITTED.

Not Sufficient Evidence to Convict F. A. Chappelle

For Alleged Crooked Work in the Manitoba Elections—He is a Dominion Civil Servant.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—At the Police court yesterday the case of T. A. Chappelle, charged with bribery in the local elections just held, was dismissed on account of insufficient evidence but the police officer who arrested the accused the day after the elections, testified to having taken certain papers from him. Among them were a pass on the C. P. R. in favor of Chappelle from Ottawa to Winnipeg on account of immigration, a list of voters, employees of the Dauphin and South-Eastern Railways, on a sheet of paper headed "Manitoba Liberal Association Executive, Office 367, Main street Winnipeg, and two telegrams from J. G. Tarriff, summoning the accused to Ottawa, and thus demonstrating that he was in the employ of the Dominion Government.

At the close of the case Mr. Elliott, said he could not, under the technical state of the law, press for a conviction. At the same time, it must be apparent to everyone who had heard the evidence that the accused, who was directly connected with the Immigration department of the Dominion government, was occupied during the recent elections at the expense of the country in endeavoring by every means to secure the return to power of the Green-wing government.

THE GIRL AND THE PIMPLE.

Newspapers contained last year the account of a girl who committed suicide, because she had a pimple on her face. Merrill's System Tonic from its blood purifying and blood strengthening qualities cures not only Pimples but blotches of all kinds, also Scrofula, Eczema and Salt Rheum. Three weeks' treatment 50c. Sold at Central Drug Store.

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The Bankrupt Stock

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45c on the Dollar—Cash

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We are simply cutting prices in two in every line.

Such an opportunity was never offered the general Public before.

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Hats, Former Price \$3.00—Slaughter Price.....	\$1.50
Hats, Former Price \$2.50—Slaughter Price.....	\$1.25
Hats, Former Price \$1.50—Slaughter Price.....	.75
Hats, Former Price \$1.00—Slaughter Price.....	.50
Hats, Former Price 50c—Slaughter Price.....	.25

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Who don't know that you can save money on everything in Shoes and Rubbers and all footware by trading at this store. There never was a better time to find it out than now. Our store is full of conveniences to be seen every day, if you haven't yet examined our stock there is a pleasure in store for you. We are sellers of the J. D. King, King quality \$3.00 Shoes, in bal. and button, sure fitters and wearers.

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New Canned Vegetables.....3 for 25c
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Currents and Raisins, 9c or 10c, 3 lb. for 25c
Table Raisins.....20c lb
Cooking Figs.....6c lb
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A TRIAL SOLICITED AND
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Phone 212—Goods delivered to any part of the city.

Our Christmas Goods

Are arriving every day and in quality they are equal to anything we have ever offered in any former year. We give you the best goods purchasable at the lowest prices possible.

FRUITS

2 lbs. Selected Raisins.....25c
3 lbs. Fine Currants.....25c
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Best Lye Figs, per lb.....25c
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Pure Spices and extracts, Caudies and Nuts in endless varieties.

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Our stock of Rich Wares is the most complete and varied in the State, offering an elaborate assortment of articles suitable for Christmas Gifts from which to make your selections.

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To take a Meal at Somerville's Restaurant. Menu and Service the best. Appetizing Oysters and Luncheon.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Miss Annie Robertson, of Chatham, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Stephenson.

Stanley R. Wilkie has received a commission issued by the judge of the high court appointing him a commissioner for taking affidavits.

It is understood that Peter Labadie will be urged to become a candidate for school trustee. Mr. Labadie would make an excellent representative.

The nominations for the town council and school board will be held at the town hall on Friday, the 22nd inst. The township nominations will take place on the same date.

At Tuesday evening's meeting of the town council the following returning officers were appointed for the ensuing elections—W. E. Hall, W. B. Tedford, R. M. Thompson and Geo. J. Gibb.

The merchants of Blenheim are already making elaborate preparations for the Christmas season, and the many handsome windows are already beautifully bedecked in holiday attire.

The following Blenheim and Harwich jurors have been attending the sessions in Chatham this week:—Otis Nichol, J. Oglet C. Padbury, W. A. Patterson, David Samson, Wm. Robertson, Geo. L. Russell and Louis Roesh.

A HEALTHY TOWN.

The annual report of Dr. S. G. Storey, medical health officer, was presented at the meeting of the town council last evening. The physician presented the gratifying fact of the total absence of contagious diseases during the year, a physical and financial cause for satisfaction. There has been only one complaint of unsanitary premises during the year, which Health Inspector Grant promptly disposed of. Dr. Storey pays a tribute to Mr. Grant's prompt efforts and suggests attention to drainage or sewerage for the town in order to insure a pure water supply.



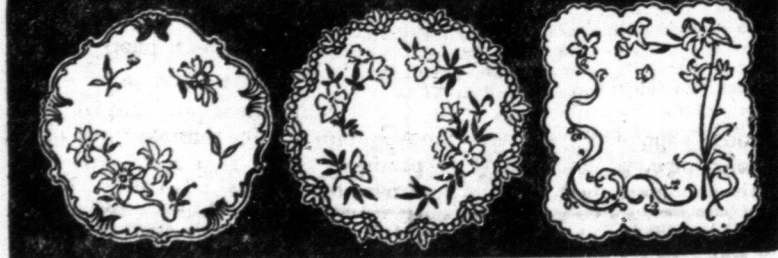
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Put up in soil proof, tangle proof patent "holders."

Send a one cent stamp or three "holder" tags for our "Blue Book"—tells exactly how to embroider 50 different flowers and leaves.

The Corticelli Home Needlework Magazine—25c. a year.

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John Tilt, of Chatham, spent yesterday in Blenheim.

The last meeting of the town council was held last evening, for the purpose of winding up the year's business.

Wm. McLarty has sold the rear portion of lot 15, of Con. L. E. C. R. to Loummi Burke. The papers were made out by Barrister Gossnell.

A big fall of snow here on Thursday night presaged the appearance of sleighs and cutters on the streets yesterday. The sleighing was really excellent, while the little folks are using the Powell house hill for tobogganing purposes.

The executors of the Ann Mills estate, Cedar Springs, have sold the house and lot at that place to Samuel Rigley, of Blenheim. The sale was negotiated through Barrister R. L. Gossnell.

News of the death of Archibald Benedict, an old Blenheim citizen, reached here yesterday. His death took place at the residence of his daughter in Rapid City, Mich., on the 12th inst.

BLENHEIM GRAIN MARKET.

Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and provision merchant, yesterday gave the following market quotations:—Beans \$1.18 to \$1.20; wheat \$1.06, dressed boys \$5, clover seed \$5 to \$5.25. Deliveries are steady but not very brisk.

GOOD SCHOOL WORK.

Last week the secretary of the school board received from Inspector Colles and handed to the treasurer, a check from the government for \$80; and another from the county for \$50, these amounts having been earned by the continuation work done during the past year. This is in addition to the regular grant for public school work, and is the best possible proof of the high standing now held by the school.—Blenheim News.

E. E. Parrott, of Chatham, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday. He was out on business.

Wm. H. Beeston was in Chatham on business yesterday.

Misses Aggie Wanless, Maggie McCormack and Edith Northwood returned to Chatham last evening after their week of attendance at their schools.

Charles Colby, of S. S. No. 8, Harwich, will celebrate his 100th birthday next month. Mr. Colby is wonderfully hale and hearty for a man of his advanced years.

The local lodge of the C. O. F. held a most enjoyable oyster supper at 3rd row's parlors last evening. It was a largely attended and most enjoyable affair.

James Gardiner, the popular and enterprising Blenheim baker, is offering some splendid Christmas and wedding cakes. They are most artistic and tempting creations.

Cwing to the scarcity of carbide the merchants, who have been using acetylene gas for lighting purposes, are considerably crippled.

Miss Rushton, of Ridgetown, who has been the guest of Miss Otley McGregor for the past two weeks, returns home this evening.

The Daily Planet is on sale at G. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

GUNNING ACCIDENT.

George, the young nephew of George Flood, met with a painful and serious accident yesterday. He was out hunting south of Blenheim with a companion and his gun accidentally discharged while the lad was climbing a fence, the shot piercing his right hand. Drs. Langford and Hanks were immediately summoned and dressed the wound. It is hoped the hand may be saved.

LEFT TO THE CROWN.

Yesterday afternoon Police Magistrate Gossnell communicated to the Crown Attorney the facts as reported to him in the Chapple case for alleged wife alienation, previously noted in these columns. Magistrate Gossnell has not yet taken the police court information, of Wallaceburg, believing that the Crown Attorney should take initiative action investigating the full facts.

AN OYSTER SUPPER.

Last evening at the conclusion of the closing statutory meeting of the Harwich council the members adjourned to John Picketing's restaurant, where the popular clerk, George Baird, tendered them a complimentary oyster supper, a most relishable bill-of-fare being provided. There were present, Reeve M. Wilson, and Councillors Peter Morrison, Richard Young, E. E. Toie and C. K. Campbell, Secretary Geo. Baird and Treasurer Jas. Leslie, of the News, J. Appleford, of the Tribune, Police Magistrate R. L. Gossnell and a representative of The Planet. A most congenial time was spent by all party congratulating themselves, Mr. Baird's financial statement showing a surplus of some \$9,000 notwithstanding the lower rate this year, the drainage improvement work and the list of uncollected taxes.

TOWN COUNCIL.

The last meeting of the town council was held last night in the council chamber. A few accounts were passed and the following resolution carried: Moved by Messrs. Greenwood and Young, that Mrs. Agnes McGregor be paid \$565.46, balance due on purchase of lots on Allen St. for grave pit. Moved by Thompson, and McLean, that the clerk be instructed to prepare a statement of the amounts to be refunded owners of farm lands for the exemption of the cost of light-

..Useful Gifts for Xmas..

JUST PLACED IN STOCK TO-DAY A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

Battenburg Lace With and Without Linen Centres

A manufacturers' sample bought at 40 per cent less than usual wholesale price and will be sold accordingly.

Ladies' Fancy Collars and Ties

All the latest novelties for Xmas.

800 Dolls, all Prices and Sizes

Don't fail to see these goods, they are very interesting.

..Thibodeau & Jacques..

ing the streets, building sidewalks, etc., and that the mayor and clerk be authorized to issue orders for the same. Moved by Nichol and Thompson, that the treasurer be instructed to transfer from the general fund to the cemetery fund the sum of \$50 purchase money of the same and charge to the general fund.

Moved by Greenwood and Thompson, that the firemen's salaries be paid forthwith instead of at the end of the year.

Moved by McLean and Thompson, that the treasurer be instructed to prepare a statement of the receipts and expenditures, assets and liabilities of this municipality up to Dec. 15th of the present year, and publish the same, according to the statute.

Dr. Storey, medical health officer, presented his report for the year and it showed a remarkable state of affairs not a single case of contagious disease has been reported during the year, in fact it was a clean healthy report, one which very few towns can show.

A deputation for the county council consisting of Messrs. Toll and Morrison were received regarding James Ferguson, asking that he be sent to the House of Refuge at the town's expense but the request of the deputations will not be endorsed.

MRS. WALKER DEAD.

Mrs. Sarah Maine, wife of Supt. John R. Walker, of the Kent mills, passed away yesterday in her 44th year. Besides a husband and two children survive. They are Maggie and Lily. Mrs. Walker was a resident of this city all her life and leaves a large circle of relatives. Elijah, Jonathan, John and Chas. Maine are brothers. Mrs. Thos. Wanless, Mrs. A. Slade, of Milwaukee, and Miss Esther Maine are sisters. The funeral will take place Sunday to Maple Leaf cemetery.

SOLD AT A PREMIUM.

The county council have sold \$12,000 debentures for the erection of Moravian bridge, issued at 4 per cent, to F. Marx, the highest tenderer, for \$12,120. The other bidders were, G. W. Wood and Son, \$12,115; A. Jarvis & Co., \$12,082; Central Loan Co., \$12,105; W. H. Brouse \$12,022. Mr. Marx pays the money, and accepts the debentures here, thus saving the express and the exchange expenses on the check.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, 14 King street, West, Toronto, to accept appointments as Trustee and Executor under will. Different wills may be obtained from the company upon request. These form may be used as suggestions by persons desiring to make their wills. Wills appointing the company executor will be kept free of charge in Company's fire and burglar-proof vaults.

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BY JANUARY 1, 1900.

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Regular CHRISTMAS PRESENTS to the purchasers of Shoes.

Turrill, THE SHOE DEALER At Atwell's Old Stand
Doors East of Standard Bank.

	Wheat—Dec.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
High	65 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Low	64 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Close	65 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2

	Corn—Dec.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
High	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Low	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Close	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2

	Oats—Dec.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
High	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Low	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Close	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2

	Pork—Dec.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
High	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Low	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Close	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2

	Lard—Dec.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
High	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Low	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Close	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2

	Ribs—Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
High	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Low	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Close	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Holly Wreaths, Holly, Evergreen Wreaths, Rosettes, Pampas Plumes, Smilax, and everything for Christmas decorations at Victoria Avenue Greenhouses. Phone 181.

WHAT

Will be nice for your Christmas Dinner than one of our Fine Mild Sugar Cured Boneless Hams, easy to cut and are cured expressly for Xmas trade at the

Chatham Pork Store
P. CHAPLIN. Opera House Block
Phone 240.

Holiday Store=News From The 2 T's

This store's abloom with the beauty of holiday attractions, not a vapid bedecking of bunting and tinsel, but the glories of fresh, new goods invite your admiration and satisfy the desire in being "just what you want." The beautiful combined in the useful, practical goods to meet practical wants. Every cent of price full of honest value. Variety as wide as the desire, and there's no mistakes in quality at The 2 T's. We know we enjoy your confidence; better yet we know this store deserves your confidence, so the news-to-day must ramble along the lines of suggestion, to help you solve the perplexing problem of Christmas giving

WILL YOU FIND IT HERE?

This great grand Furnishing Department, a store of itself, puts you on an equal footing with the people of New York as far as selections go, better so far as values please.

Neckwear, 25c, 50c, 75c.
For Men, Women, Boys and Girls, an assortment of elegance the like of which has never before been seen in this city. Var e-legance run into the dainty yet lavish English regalia for women; from the plain white styling tie to the richest silk elegance from Paris for men a wonderful, wonderful display.

Mufflers from \$1 to \$3.50, including the handsomest American fancies and the well effects from London, England.

Handkerchiefs—Silk, Linen, Muslin, Initial, Plain, Fancy, 25c to \$1

Suspenders—25c to \$1.50—Special holiday creation of silk and satin in separate boxes. Selections not available elsewhere.

Gloves 50c to \$3—Kid, Mocha, Buckskin, wool lined, silk lined. Fully five times the variety of any other store.

Gloves and Mittens for Boys, 50c to \$1.00.

Night Shirts 50c to \$2.50—Plain white fancy embroidered, plain muslin satens, flannel, silk.

WILL YOU FIND IT HERE?

Full Dress Shirts \$1.50, American and German make.
Fine Colored Shirts, \$1 to \$1.50, entirely new patterns.
White and Colored Shirts, for boys, 50c to \$1.
Sweaters for men and boys, \$1.
Jewelry, the latest fancies in Stick-Pins, Cuff Sets, and Collar Studs.
Umbrellas, \$1 to \$5. Showing the newest fads in handles.
And many, many other articles that you'll see when looking over this department.

WON'T A MAN REMEMBER HIMSELF HERE?

New Method Clothing for Men, and this is the ideal Clothing Store where quality is apparent in every detail and price as honest as the quality. It's a new store every day, with the elegance of the best merchant tailor for half his price.

Fashionable Suits, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00.

Fashionable Overcoats, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00.

Fashionable Trousers. Fancy Vests.

The complete Clothing Store, where it's merely a matter of selection; fashion, quality, fit and value are foregone conclusions. Won't every man remember himself at The 2 T's this Christmas time?

PERHAPS IT'S HERE

In this splendid Hat Store of ours where your selections will be made. One thing certain there's no other Hat Store in the country so tempting with newness and values.

Finest Derby Hats, \$2, \$3.
Newest Fedora Shapes, \$1.50, \$2, \$3.
Correct Caps for Men, 50c \$1, \$1.50, \$2.
Best Caps for Boys, 50c to \$2.
Fur Gloves for Men, \$2.50 to \$5.

WILL THE BOYS BE REMEMBERED HERE?

Surely "Santa Claus" will not overlook our store when the Boys are being thought of.

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No question of latest fashions, nor do any doubt The 2 T's quality.

Middy Suits, 3 to 8, \$3.50 to \$7.
Sailor Suits 3 to 10, \$3.50 to \$10.
Two-piece Suits, 7 to 17, \$3.50 to \$12.
Young Men's Suits, 15 to 18, \$6 to \$15.

REEFERS

All-wool Garments Cabschilla, 3 to 17, \$5.00.
All-wool Ocasola Chtschilla, 9 to 17, \$6.00.
And liberal selections in Reefers, at \$5.00 up.

Latest Sweaters for Boys 3 to 8, alternate stripes of white and blue \$1.

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