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January Sale

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It is getting near to stock taking and many lines are still here that must be cleared out. If you are in need of them you will never have a better chance. Read every line of this adv. and if what you want is not mentioned here, come to the store expecting to buy it cheaper than ever before, and you will not be disappointed.

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IT ENDED IN STRONG WAGER

Popular Officers Engage in a
Humorous Set-to on Mat-
ter of Musical Taste

Now an Oyster Supper Hangs
on the Public's Verdict—Capt.
Massey Gives the Oas-
ling Vote

They went at it again the other evening, those two popular regimental officers and rival forensic gladiators. It was just after the big Robin Hood rehearsal and the officers were chatting informally over the coming magnificent production.

Os. Lewis started it—the Crown Attorney complains that he always does. Lieut. Smith had been for some moments producing euphonious and rhapsodic eulogies upon the opening May-pole symphony by the beautiful and graceful young ladies.

When he paused for breath Lieut. Lewis put in, somewhat abruptly, "Say, that Tinkers' chorus just caught me right. There's a jaunty rhythm about those fellows that'll make a great hit—mark my words. I tell you it's—"

"Pardonnez-moi," broke in the plaintive and aggrieved tones of the Crown Attorney, who parlez-vous in original Parisian, "a l'Alphonse et Gaston, 'I was speaking of the young ladies, sir; the young ladies—not a band of clever jumping jacks with a catchy tune and a collection of old tin cans. It is good, I grant you, with a courtly bow, 'but, sir, the young ladies in the May day chorus are incomparable! Why, you might just as well compare the grace and gallantry of the men in D Company with your hobgoblins in B."

Lieutenant Lewis' laugh evidently sounded discordant to Lieut. Smith—and probably that was the reason he prolonged it somewhat indefinitely.

"Look here," he declared when he recovered from his mirth, "I'll bet you that Tinkers' chorus is encored twice to the May day dance's once. I guess that'll hold you." Lieut. Smith doffed his cap and saluted. "Permit me to present my card," he murmured musically. "An oyster supper for mine."

"Taken," declared he of B Company. Over in the other corner Capt. Black, who had been expostulating to Capt. McLaren that the "Song of the Old Cross Bean" was the ventilation of a personal grudge of De Koven's against him; and Lieut. Jewett, who had been persisting that the words "It takes nine Taylors to make a man," were a slap at the high school teachers in general, stayed their arguments to record the wager and secure the necessary legal documents, providing for the withholding of all canvassing of the public by the rival speculators, which were duly drawn up by the Colonel and signed, witnessed, sealed and delivered in orthodox style.

"Smith makes an ideal host," declared Lieut. Lewis, "we will heartily enjoy his hospitality."

"Alack, mes amis," quoth the Crown Attorney, "Alphonse of B Company, my friend, who blows and bluffs and makes wild bets, is one grand fake. There is crepe on my arm for him."

"Such a stupid dispute," commented Capt. Massey sotto voce. "As though we all didn't know that the real favorite Robin Hood chorus with both of them was the song of the Brown October Ale."

OFFICERS ELECTED

The L. O. L. District of Howard and Harwich met in the Orange Hall in the City of Chatham, on Thursday, Jan. 12th, with Worshipful District Master, Bro. Herman Bicum in the chair, there being a large attendance, nearly all of the primary lodges in the district being represented. After routine business the following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year by Past District Master Bro. Wm. Simpson.

Past District Master, Bro. H. Bicum, Blenheim.
District Master, Bro. A. F. Stephens, Chatham.
Deputy District Master, Bro. Wm. Miller, Charing Cross.
District Chaplain, Bro. Wm. Simpson, Ridgeway.
District Rec. Sec., Bro. A. Longmore, Dover Centre.
District Fin. Sec., Bro. Howard Bicum, Blenheim.
District Treasurer, Bro. W. Burroughs, Blenheim.
District D. of C., Bro. Allan James, Blenheim.
District Lecturer, Bro. D. Cromwell, Northwood.

The semi-annual District Meeting was left to the call of the master.

W. SHAW, Scribe.

BIG MINSTREL SHOW

"Now, all together, boys one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, to-de-to-de, to-diddle, to-de, to-de, to-de, to-diddle." "Shep," was rehearsing his minstrels last night. "Shep," why, he's Sheppard, the wonderful minstrel producer, who has been engaged by the local K. O. P. Lodge to put on a minstrel show in this city on January 21st and 22nd. From all indications it will be one of the best performances of the kind ever given here. "Shep" had the boys working hard last night. He put them through their places in a manner that would have done credit to legitimate members of the "pro-fess," and J. M. Pike is the enter-lecutor. J. M. performs his duties in up-to-date style.

"Good evening, Mr. Glassford," says Dr. Tye, one of the men. "Good evening, sir," says Mr. Glassford. "Did you hear about the—the— But far be it from The Planet to print these breezy jokes before they are given from the stage. Suffice it to say they are all new and up-to-date and will make the show a great success."



Colombian troops now are moving in the direction of the Stat. of Panama, with the evident intention of thwarting the plans of the United States there. One of the most distinguished leaders of the Colombians is Gen. Domingo Diaz.

W. A. M. A.

The annual meeting of the W. A. M. A. of Christ Church was held in the school house on Monday afternoon, January 11th, at four o'clock. The Rev. R. McCosh presided. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. McCosh.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Hennessy.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Edgington.
Treasurer—Miss Kingston.
Leaflet Secretary—Miss Knight.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Fraser.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Sandys.

The Treasurer reported that the sum of \$145.13 had passed through the treasury during the year, having been given to mission work. A balance on hand of \$8.12 was voted to the Diocesan W. A. Northwest Mission fund. Two fine bales had been sent during the year—one to McCollinson Bull Horn Mission, N. W. T., the other to the Rev. John Ball, of Muncie, Huron.

The Society wish to thank all those who so kindly contributed to these bales, and to assure them that their gifts were much appreciated by the recipients.

GIRLS POP QUESTION

Cleveland, Jan. 12.—Because she took advantage of leap year privileges and "popped the question" to her beau, Mary E. Perkins has been given a free marriage license by the county clerk; will be married free by a justice, and will receive a number of household articles from local firms. All these offers were made for the first case of the kind and Miss Perkins popped promptly. A similar case is reported from Indianapolis, Ind., where Esther Marer popped to Charles Levinson and was accepted. A free marriage license was the only prize she won.

"ROBIN HOOD"

To-morrow night's rehearsal of the opera Robin Hood will be of a special character. Mr. Slade will again be present, also Miss Ruby Gordon and all the local principals. The libretto will be taken up and Musical Director Wilson requests all the principals to come ready with the speaking parts so that the whole opera may be gone through.

The patrons and patronesses are cordially invited to be present to-morrow night, after which the rehearsal will be private, in order to enable the company to put the finishing touches on their work.

All the ladies and gentlemen taking part are urged to be present sharp on time.

Mrs. John Watson, wife of the well-known customs officer of Windsor, and for many years a resident of Essex county, passed away at her home on Saturday afternoon, after a long illness. Mrs. Watson, who was formerly Miss Lives, had been married to Mr. Watson for forty-five years, and her sickness and death have worried her to such an extent that she is seriously ill. Besides her husband, Mrs. Watson is survived by three daughters and one stepson, J. G. Watson, a resident of Sandwich.

LIVES SACRIFICED.

WHY PASSENGERS WERE KEPT ON THE CLALLAM.

John Davis of Nanaimo Says it Could Have Been Done, and He Resolves the Clallam's Captain Kept Them on Board to Help Save His Steamer.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 12.—John Davis of Nanaimo made a remarkable statement regarding a conversation with Captain Roberts by passengers who remonstrated with him for not placing them on the Holyoke. Davis said he believed the passengers were kept on board the steamer to bail, in the effort to save the property. Davis said when a dozen passengers waited upon the captain and asked why he had not signalled the Holyoke for the purpose of placing the men aboard the steamer, the captain replied: "I am running this part of the work. When I see we are in danger I will signal the tug boat to come back."

After this Davis says that the Clallam was not about twenty minutes. Davis said, "You think we are all right?" and the captain replied, "We can get there all right." The steamer is good for three hours.

"Why don't you run us to some rocks?"

The captain answered, "I am not running the tug; they can take us wherever they like."

"Well," Davis replied, "you could have signalled the tugboat and given instructions when the tugboat was alongside."

The captain in reply stated that he wanted to save the steamer, that was what he was looking after now.

WESTERN DAIRYMEN.

The Annual Meeting Opened in St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Jan. 13.—The annual convention of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario opened here, with the President, Mr. James Connolly of Porter's Hill, in the chair.

President's Address.

In the evening the delegates were welcomed by Mayor Maxwell, who in the course of his address hoped that there would be in St. Thomas once or twice a week a market for butter and cheese.

Mr. L. W. Stewart, President of the Board of Trade, and Warden McKellar also extended hearty greetings, to which the President, Mr. James Connolly replied.

Mr. P. W. McLagan of Montreal said the exhibit of cheese was the highest he had seen in Canada. He visited the dairy associations throughout the western world, compared the various companies to provide proper cold storage facilities.

The following were appointed a Nominating Committee:—Frank Travis, W. R. Shearer, A. R. Dempsey, W. A. Bothwell and T. O'Flynn.

DEAN KILROY'S DEATH.

One of the Oldest Priests in Western Ontario.

Stratford, Jan. 13.—Rev. Dean Kilroy, for thirty years rector of St. Joseph's Church of this city, passed away here at 5 o'clock yesterday. He had been ill for some time, and his death was not unexpected. He was one of the best-known and oldest priests in Canada, and a vital one of the priest, having been beloved by his parishioners and respected by all classes and creeds alike. Having received an excellent education and possessing a commanding appearance, he was both an eloquent and a convincing speaker.

EXCITEMENT AT BRANTFORD.

A Bull Carcassing About the Streets—Several Persons Knocked Down.

Brantford, Jan. 12.—A bull broke loose from a wagon her late yesterday, and caused great excitement around town. The animal charged down Colborne street at great speed, and several people were knocked down. Mrs. Edward Hunt was rather seriously injured. It was an hour before the animal was captured.

A HALF MILLION ACRES.

Actually in the Hands of Ontario Veterans.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—With the end of the year the Crown Lands Department have figured roughly the business done in giving land grants to the Veterans of 1866 and of the South African war, who have applied. Since November 1, 1902, the department have sent out no less than 10,250 certificates, entitling each recipient to 160 acres of land for service to his country. Of those so favored some three thousand have already selected their land. This would mean the actual taking up of 480,000 acres, or twenty-one townships, if the settlement were solid, but as only one veteran may locate in each square mile these localities must be scattered over eighty or more townships. The Government set apart one hundred and thirty-six townships in new Ontario from which the veterans might choose land, and besides many townships in the northern parts of old Ontario.



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GREAT TIME IN FIRE DRILL

Teachers and Pupils of McKeough School Make Splendid Record

Visit of Managing Trustees to the School This Morning—Trustee Heyward's Hearty Tribute.

Three of the managers of McKeough school, Messrs. Geo. S. Heyward, Jno. McCorvie, and W. N. Morley, visited the school this morning and surprised the teachers by ringing the fire alarm. No one outside the three trustees knew of the visit and Mr. Heyward held a watch to catch the exact time it took to clear the school. One minute and nine seconds after the sound of the alarm, the school was entirely empty and three minutes and twelve seconds after the first alarm the scholars were all in their rooms at work again.

The visit was a complete surprise and the result fully showed that there would be no danger to the children in event of fire in McKeough school.

Trustee Geo. Heyward was interviewed by a Planet reporter after the visit. "I was never more impressed and delighted in my life," said he, "than I was to see those children get out of the school. They marched down in order to music from the piano and the order they kept was something marvelous. I was very pleased indeed. One striking feature was the way Miss Ayresworth handled the little tots of the Kindergarten. She has them completely under control. It is a source of great pleasure to the managers to know that the teachers of that school handle the children so well."

"It was a wonderful exhibition and reflects high credit upon the excellence of the staff. 'What pleased me most was that the test was a genuine one. There have been many fire drills in the other school, but the principal was generally given an inkling of what was coming. The record established in McKeough school this morning was a true one—not a soul knew of our visit. 'The trustees were much delighted with the inspection, and with the whole school. Some equipment—notably some new blackboards—must be secured at once, and there will not be a finer school in the province.'"

Individual righteousness will secure universal reform.

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CHANGED HIS MIND.

When it was charged that the Ontario government had called the Legislature together to escape the election trials, the dates of which had been fixed, John Brown, the protested member for North Perth, one of the "notorious four Norths," told a Stratford Herald reporter that he would "prefer having the protest tried before the Legislature met."

The Herald says:
"Mr. Brown had the power to have this done, or rather to have the trial go on concurrently with the sitting of the Legislature. By his consent the trial could have gone on on Jan. 18, while the Legislature was in session, and as for his vote in the Legislature, there are several trains a day to Toronto, by which he could easily slip away to take part in a critical division. But the very next day, if we mistake not, after telling the reporter of his preference for an early trial of the protest, Mr. Brown was asked in the court of examination for discovery if he would give his consent to the trial going on as appointed, and he refused. Mr. Brown violated his own conviction and preference by concurring in Premier Ross' nefarious scheme to postpone the trial of the protest, and the day of dreaded disclosure. We dare say Mr. Brown gave his refusal under compulsion from Toronto, offering himself up to the humiliation and contumely of going back on his word in obedience to party bosses. But the people of North Perth want something better than that in their representative. Mr. Brown seemingly thinks it is his function not to reason why, but only to do and die—politically. That such will be the result he has ensured by concurrence in what he knows to be wrong."

When the judges met to postpone the trials on account of the calling of the Legislature, Major Clark, the Conservative member for Centre Bruce, was the only respondent who signified his willingness to go on with his trial if the Liberal members would consent to do likewise. But the Liberal members refused, being afraid that Ross' slim majority would be wiped out.

LIBERALISM, OLD AND NEW.

Says the Toronto World:
The Globe, which some time ago believed that the Ontario Government was infested with barnacles and parasites, is now convinced that it is merely the victim of the Tories' devouring lust for office. To prove this it takes its readers away back to the time of Baldwin and Lafontaine, the burning of the Parliament Buildings and the mobbing of Lord Elgin. We can scarcely imagine a more unhappy comparison. If a contrast was required instead of an analogy, the two Governments and the two situations might very well have been used for that purpose. The Baldwin-Lafontaine Government were not clinging to office for the sake of office. The issue involved in the Rebellion Losses Bill was a great issue, and while the opponents of the measure put themselves in the wrong by their violence, it is hardly fair to describe them as merely hungering for office. The Government and Lord Elgin deserve credit for the courage with which they faced a difficult situation, but in what respect do they resemble the office-holding combination in the Queen's Park to-day? For what great principle or measure are Mr. Ross and his colleagues contending? Having completed the work of his life in the establishment of responsible government, Robert Baldwin resigned office upon a point which to-day would arouse only the mirth of machine politicians. A motion for the abolition of the Court of Chancery was proposed by Mr. William Lyon Mackenzie. It was defeated; but as it obtained the support of a majority of the Upper Canadian members, Mr. Baldwin regarded the vote as a reflection upon a measure with which he was identified, and in which he took peculiar pride. His friends, and even some of his political opponents, thought that he was over-sensitive, and urged him to reconsider his decision, but in vain. Imagine such a man keeping a constituency vacant for a year and a half in order to prevent the return of an opponent, or calling the Legislature in hot haste in order to stop the trial of an election petition! If such instances can be produced they will certainly lead to a revision of the popular estimate of Robert Baldwin. He has been generally regarded as the champion of government by the people; and it will surprise his admirers to find him compared with a Government clinging to power in the face of an adverse

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You should take

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popular majority of several thousands, and exhausting every device of the politician in the effort to retain a bare majority in the Legislature.

We can readily understand that the eagerness of the wicked Tories to get into office must be shocking to persons who are merely asking for an extension of a 32 years' term of office in Ontario and of a seven-years' term of office in Canada. But after all there is nothing new in the idea that the attacking party is more strenuous than the party on its defence. The Liberals were attacking the Government at Ottawa for 18 years, and we have never heard that they prided themselves on the meekness and moderation of their methods. The truth is that Governments in this country have so many ways of strengthening themselves in power that the assault must be vigorous, or it will simply arouse the laughter of the defenders. Baldwin's idea, that a public man who finds himself at variance with public opinion should resign, has been long since discarded. The Globe seems to be trying to reap the benefits of both methods for the Ross Government. The Government must retain office by hook or by crook; its assailants must make use of only the mildest and most polite methods.

It is not the violence of the opposition that is troubling the government. It is the revolt in the Liberal party. It was not the violence of office-seeking Tories that led the Kingston Whig to demand a reorganization of the civil service of Ontario. It was not the violence of the office-seeking Tories that made the Globe say that the canker of corruption had eaten deeply into the heart of politics. It was not the violence of office-seeking Tories that made the Globe demand the removal of the barnacles and parasites with an iron hand. It was not the violence of office-seeking Tories that inspired these sentences in the Globe:

The present distress has not come by accident or chance, or as the result of a change of government policy, but not at all because of any growth of power or prestige in the opposition. It has come through the cooling enthusiasm and the slackening effort of not a few Liberals. And the secret of it all is in the discredited election methods sometimes resorted to and the activity of political parasites who make party service a means of private gain. Because of electoral corruption here and the prominence of party heifers there, Ontario Liberalism has lost something of its old-time self-respect, and its note of confident and public-spirited enthusiasm has lost something of strength and resonance.

It was not the violence of office-seeking Tories that made The Ottawa Free Press declare that the Ontario government was suffering from a deadly disease, requiring a heroic remedy, or that made the same newspaper say, after the North Renfrew election: "No other conclusion is possible than that the Ministry, as now constituted, has lost the confidence of the people"; or that inspired these words:

Frankly, the situation is not hopeful. If the popular vote had been in its favor at the general election, it would have represented a moral force in the eyes of the people that would have justified the hope that the party would emerge from its period of gloom with the possibility of accomplishing much useful work in the future. But the government only succeeded in polling a minority of the votes, and that minority

has been accentuated by more than a thousand as the result of North Renfrew.

The Ministry, as at present constituted, stands discredited in the eyes of the people, and, failing the supreme effort to which we have referred, there seems but one other alternative.

It was not the violence of the office-seeking Tories that made the Oshawa Reformer say that the government, in delaying the North Renfrew election for a year and a half "misrepresented the spirit of Liberalism." It was not the violence of office-seeking Tories that made the Oshawa Mercury say that the long disfranchisement of North Renfrew "seriously weakened the government's prestige in the fight." It was not the violence of Tory office-seekers that inspired the protests of the Huron Examiner, the Huron Signal and the Pickering News.

All these and others are the protests of Liberalism against a government that has outraged the traditions and principles of Liberalism for the sake of office. They represent the rank and file of Liberalism, the men who care less for office than for Liberal principles, and whose Liberalism would be only strengthened by opposition. This is the real force against which the Ross government is contending, and it is for this reason that it is trying to shelter itself behind the great names of Robert Baldwin and others, who were Liberals in principle and not merely in name.

BOY CONFESSES

Greensburg, Pa., Jan. 11.—Charles E. Kruger, aged 24, who is to be hanged in the Greensburg jail Thursday for the murder of a constable who was attempting his arrest, has made a confession that stamps him as one of the worst criminals the country has ever known, or the biggest liar since the days of ananias.

The man who so coolly pleads guilty to killing twelve human beings is only 24 years old. His first murder was committed when he was a boy of 14, he says.

Outside of the homicides, his most desperate piece of devilry was the destruction of a railroad train of 17 cars of the Pittsburgh & Western railway, which he ditched to get even with the company for having thrown him, with other tramps, off freight trains. So callous was he that he says he did not even read the accounts of this train wreck of his own making, and, so he says, does not know if he killed anybody or not on that occasion.

Arson and robbery have been the commonplace of this man's life. Crime was his vocation, and revenge was his pastime.

Nearly all the murders were committed to get even with somebody. He threw a railroad detective under the wheels of a passenger train because railroad detectives had interfered with his stolen rides.

He drowned a man in the Ohio river because the man had not given him what he considered his proper share of the proceeds of a robbery, and shot to death another man in order that there might be no witness to his murder.

The crime for which his last victim—Constable Blevins—tried to arrest him was the blowing up of a house, which he did to get revenge on its occupant.

He is perfectly cold-blooded in his narration of all these murders, burnings and robberies, talking of them with as little emotion as if they concerned somebody else.

Degenerate is written all over him. He says himself that he comes from a family of criminals, and since he has made his confession his conversation in the jail is divided between recitals of his crimes and curses on his parents for bringing him into the world.

A Pittsburgh dispatch says it is believed here that Kruger is romancing, but it is also believed that he may have some knowledge of the murder of Treasurer Blevins four years ago. All efforts to clear up the Blevins mystery have been baffled thus far. It is now proposed to secure a respite for Kruger if he will expose his accomplices in this affair, and assist the authorities in bringing them to justice.

NEW YEAR WEDDING
The marriage of Miss Flora May Campbell, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Campbell, "Mapleside," Erie St. South, to Mr. Wm. Richardson, residing near Chatham, was solemnized on New Year's eve at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. Calvin Sinclair, of the Disciples' Church, St. Thomas, officiated. Miss Pearl Campbell, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Geo. Smith, of Chatham, assisted the groom. The bride was attired in white silk and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Fay Lockwood, of Mount Brydges, played the wedding march from Lohengrin, and Master Weir Balmer, of Macdonald, Man. acted as ring-bearer, with Miss Edith Smith as flower girl. The house was beautifully decorated with white roses, flowers and evergreens.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the fifty guests present.

Those from a distance were—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunlop, Napier; Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and daughter, St. Thomas; Mrs. John Cowan, Milbourne; Mrs. John Ballman, of Manitoba; Miss Tena McMillan, Detroit; Mr. Edward Bateman, Christina, and Mr. A. D. Campbell, uncle of the bride, Spokane, Wash., in addition to the families and resident relatives of the contracting parties.

The happy couple will be at home to their friends after January 31st, at Richardson, Ont.

WE HAVE MADE

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Boys' odd vest, for 35c.

Men's Suits, all reduced to Cut Rate prices.

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LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Mrs. Louise O'Mara, beloved wife of Michael O'Mara, took place yesterday morning from her late residence on Cross street to St. Joseph's church, and thence to St. Anthony's cemetery for interment. The pall-bearers were Thos. O'Rourke, Joseph Walker, Jas. A. King, Geo. Jacques, Thos. Primeau and Geo. Blonde.

TRANSPORTATION.

The Commission Hears Evidence at St. John.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 12.—On opening the session of the Transportation Commission yesterday Mr. Bertram referred briefly to the statements presented on Saturday. Their mission, he said, was to see how the trade of the Dominion could be handled through the port of St. John in winter and through other Maritime ports. He asked those who have facts to present to confine themselves to facts.

Mr. J. Simcoe Armstrong, C. E., held that the Government should build a line entirely through Canadian territory to St. John, and a line could be built from Quebec on an almost level grade. He submitted a lengthy paper on a scheme he outlined.

Mr. Robt. Thomson said the shipping federation of Montreal had drawn up a memorandum of what they thought should be done in St. John. The report advised that as St. John was to be a terminal of the Government transcontinental line, also of the Canadian Northern, it should be a free port. They think the Government should build all necessary docks and that the berths be open to all railways.

Mr. Geo. Robertson, M.P.P., argued that Montreal, Quebec, Halifax and St. John ports should be free to all shipping, and that it was the duty of the Government to equip them. The sum of \$25,000,000 would make these ports free, and that would mean a charge annually of \$1,000,000. Mr. Robertson also thought the Government should establish a Canadian Lloyd's.

A POLITICAL VISIONARY.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain Admits That He is One.

Birmingham, Eng., Jan. 12.—At the banquet of the Birmingham Jewellers' Association last night Joseph Chamberlain devoted a considerable portion of his speech to a vindication of the South African war, and repeated his former arguments concerning the attitude of the mother country to the colonies. He said they had an empire which contained all the elements of strength and permanency, but he would not care to prophesy the results if the elements were left uncrystallized.

Mr. Chamberlain admitted that he was a political visionary, who had dreamed of a great empire rising, and then sinking to the position of a fifth-rate power, but again he saw it break forth with new youth, carrying its traditions into the great future.

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MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE OWNERSHIP TESTED AND PROVED FAILURE

Results in Port Arthur and Port William Proved Very Unsatisfactory—Service Poor and Run at Loss

The Ottawa Free Press has lately been giving special attention to the question of municipal administration of public utilities, and in pursuance of this policy recently sent a special commissioner to investigate the practical results of municipal administration of their local services at Port Arthur and Port William. The commissioner appears to have made a very exhaustive investigation and his report is particularly interesting. As this question has come to the front more or less in the Maple City, we reproduce the Free Press report, without, in any way, assuming the responsibility for its statements or approving of the conclusions to which his investigations have led the commissioner. We believe this report will be found particularly interesting to most of our readers.

PORT ARTHUR.

Port Arthur was the first to embark in municipal ownership of its public services, their first essay being the street railway. The start was made by purchasing the rights of the Port Arthur Water, Light and Power Company, after the latter had met with a disastrous loss in the destruction of their power house by fire.

The price paid for the rights possessed by the company and what remained of its plant after the fire, was \$7,000. The construction of the railway was begun in 1891, and it was completed the following year to the boundary of Port William. The right to continue the railway through the streets of Port William was strenuously resisted by the latter, but this right was finally granted by the Legislature on a compromise under which Port William has the right to purchase that portion of the road within their limits at the end of twenty years at a valuation. The road is at present nine and three-fifths miles in length, running from Current river, the eastern boundary of Port Arthur, to West Port William. The total estimate of the cost of the line was \$13,000, but the town clerk says that the capital invested in the road to date is \$12,000. The officials of Port Arthur admit that there was a time when the expense of operating this street railway, and the burden of providing interest and sink fund, was like a mill stone around their necks, but recent development of the town has improved matters, and relief obtained from the Legislature has relieved the strain. In the year 1899 the town added to the system an electric light plant at a cost of \$15,000, covered by thirty-year debentures bearing five per cent interest.

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First Glass Windows.

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It Stands Alone.

Kittery, Me., is the only town of that name in America.

Cats in Japan.

Cats in Japan almost universally have short tails, says an authority, and if a cat comes into the world with a lengthy caudal appendage it is usually chopped off, for the Japs detect a likeness to snakes in the long tail and cannot endure it.

Heart Disease.

Fifty-six per cent of those dying from heart disease are over sixty years old.

Showing a loss in operating expenses in the last ten years of 21,258.27.

The above does not include sinking fund or interest. No sinking fund has been provided for the redemption of the debentures when they fall due, and the interest on the capital invested, \$8,500 per annum, has been paid from the general taxes, the result of the operation of the street railway and the electric lighting plants is therefore as follows:

Loss in operating expenses in ten years \$21,258.27

Interest on capital paid from taxes 67,250.00

Sinking fund not provided 30,000.00

Deficit in ten years' operations \$118,508.27

A TELEPHONE VENTURE.

In the year 1902 the town of Port Arthur resolved to extend its field of municipal operations to the telephone and a plant was installed at a cost of \$10,000. The town clerk informed me that the capital expenditure had been increased during the present year, and that it now amounts to \$16,300. At by-law it was submitted to the ratepayers at the approaching municipal elections to raise another \$9,000 for the completion of the telephone plant. I was not able to get any definite figures as to the receipts and expenses of the telephone system; beyond the assertion that the plant was paying a satisfactory dividend. I pressed urgently for details, but they were not forthcoming. The clerk admitted, however, that only about fifty per cent of the earnings of the plant had been collected up to the present.

THE TOWN'S LIABILITIES.

The following is a statement of the present liabilities of the town as nearly as I was able to obtain it:—

Debenture liability as shown by tax bill for 1903 \$132,250.00

By-laws to be submitted at the forthcoming election 53,000.00

Waterworks plant estimated now in course of construction 100,000.00

Sewers in course of construction 33,000.00

..... \$348,250.00

In addition to this amount the

clerk informs me that the town is carrying loans in the bank amounting to \$80,000, but it is probable that a portion of this is advanced on account of the works now in course of construction, or on account of debentures not sold. The clerk informed me that the telephone debentures have not yet been sold, though they were issued over eighteen months ago. The telephone plant has been installed on money borrowed from the bank. But it is clear that the total indebtedness of the town is not far short of \$650,000, entailing an interest charge of upwards of \$32,000 per annum.

Passing from the financial to the practical problems involved in the municipal operation of public services, I found that the street railway service fairly good for a community of the numbers which it has to serve. The chief objection is that the time schedule is not very closely observed. The electric light service is distinctly bad, while the power service is so unsatisfactory as to be practically useless for general purposes. The telephone service is unsatisfactory, and I should judge from the comments heard and the replies to my enquiries amongst the business men who are not interested in its administration, is steadily getting worse. I have no hesitation in saying that the service rendered in electric light and the telephone under municipal administration in Port Arthur would not be tolerated from a private company, and that the patrons are not receiving satisfaction, nor are they getting value for the money paid for these services.

MANY TROUBLES EXPERIENCED.

This is not my opinion alone, for the commissioners and council evidently realize the fact as well. Recently they employed an expert electrician to inspect their several systems and make recommendations as to the removal of the troubles they are experiencing. The report made by this expert sets out that the power for the railway and electric light is unsatisfactory and that the electric light service is so bad that if the town had competition to contend with they would have no patrons, that the electric current is so unsatisfactory as to be useless for power purposes, the telephone equipment is of cheap and inferior grade and bound to give poor service, that the construction of the entire outside plant and much of the interior work is faulty, and only a complete overhauling will obtain satisfactory results. It is not my province to go into details as to the recommendations of this report, as my readers will be interested only so far as it touches upon the administration by the municipality and its results. Its weaknesses are apparent—lack of experience in management and an absence of adequate supervision are its main features. But these are not the only difficulties which municipal administration has to contend with, when it is pointed out that a report of such serious import, and with such important recommendations for improvement of the services is practically pigeon-holed without publicity.

PORT WILLIAM.

The town of Port William owns and operates its waterworks, electric light and telephone system.

The waterworks and the electric light system were considered practically at the same time and were installed at a cost of \$70,000, and the latter at a cost of \$40,000.

It is pretty generally admitted

that these plants have not been self-supporting, especially for the last two years, all the records made public, show large deficits between receipts and maintenance. The town accounts have been published in pamphlet form up to the year 1901, but since that time there has, so far as I could learn, been no audit of the accounts of the town, the records of the municipality having been destroyed by fire in the spring of 1903. The following is taken from the published statement of the auditors up to the date that the last audit was made:

LIGHT.

	Receipts	Maintenance
1898.....	\$3,446.79	\$3,552.12
1899.....	5,018.87	7,405.28
1900.....	7,987.18	9,192.86
1901.....	7,429.10	11,736.44
	\$23,881.94	\$31,886.70

The payments on account of maintenance include charges for depreciation interest amounting to \$2,812.50, leaving a net deficit as between receipts and maintenance or operating expenses for the four years of the plant has been operated, of \$5,192.15. The statement shows a considerable amount due the commission on outstanding accounts, but these were more than balanced by liabilities not included in the charge for maintenance.

WATER.

	Receipts	Maintenance
1899.....	\$1,005.75	\$2,782.13
1900.....	3,374.23	6,622.82
1901.....	6,376.13	9,492.38
	\$12,756.15	\$18,797.33

The charges for maintenance include \$1,841.30 for interest on debentures, leaving a net deficit exclusive of interest and sinking fund, of \$1,199.58.

The amount of interest and sinking fund accrued on the debentures issued in regard to these plants, up to the 31st December, 1901, was \$377.80, which with the deficit in operating expenses forms a total of \$26,769.53—the two plants lacked about \$6,700 per annum of being self-supporting.

It may be added that the plants are given credit in the receipts for \$6,692.88 from the town on account of street lighting, and \$2,987 for street hydrants for fire purposes.

It should be observed that there is no allowance in the above statement for depreciation of the plant. That this is a considerable item which should be taken into consideration in the yearly accounts is already forcibly demonstrated in the fact that the town is this year spending \$55,000 for improvements to the electric light plant, a large portion of which will replace plant previously installed, and included in capital account. This brings the capital of the electric light plant up to \$95,000.

The chairman of the Board of Commissioners quite frankly admitted that a large expenditure is needed almost immediately to place the town's waterworks system in satisfactory shape. The present supply is admittedly tainted, and to get pure water will require an expenditure of at least \$100,000, a serious outlay for the taxpayers to face in view of the present liabilities of the town.

In 1902 the town of Port William added to its other municipal services a telephone plant working in connection with Port Arthur. The original outlay on this plant was \$12,500. A few months after the plant was installed the central switchboard took fire from a cross between a telephone wire and one of the wires of the electric light service. The central office equipment of the telephone, the Town Hall, with all its valuable records, and the fire station, were completely destroyed. The loss involved over and above the insurance on the plant and building, was heavy. A special building was then erected for the telephone exchange at a cost of \$12,000, and a new Town Hall in course of erection which is estimated to cost when completed at least \$30,000. It is apparent that the town has spent during the present year a large sum in excess of the partial insurance received in rebuilding and making extensive changes in the telephone plant. But I am unable to obtain from the officials a definite statement of expenditure on the plant since the original construction was completed, nor could I get any definite information as to the receipts of the cost of maintenance of the telephone system. The clerk admitted, however, that a large portion of the amount the plant is supposed to be earning has not been collected. This will probably be explained as I proceed.

BAD TELEPHONE SERVICE.

As to practical results, here as at Port Arthur, I found the service given by the municipal telephone to be distinctly bad, and for the same reasons. Numbers of those I interviewed condemned the service even in stronger terms than I have put it. Most of the business men have connections with both the town and the Bell Telephone Co.'s systems. The fight between the town and the Bell Telephone Company for possession of the field has been keenly contested by both sides. The municipalities having the intense loyalty of its citizens at their backs, and upon this they counted to drive the company incontinent from the field. The town inaugurated the fight by openly offering free service to all subscribers of the company until the end of their contracts with the company. It was understood that the service with the latter should be discontinued. Following this an agreement was circulated and signed, pledging all not to use the Bell Telephone service and a declaration of boycott against any who might be discovered violating the agreement. These measures were only partially



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effective and were soon practically abandoned.

I have the statement from a number of credible people that both towns have offered free service to a number, both business and residence, in order to secure desirable connections during the fight and to build up a large exchange. This, no doubt, accounts for the small receipts from the telephone service admitted by the officials of both towns.

There is no question but a deep and widespread feeling exists amongst thinking people in the community that the town has exceeded the bounds of prudence in their municipal undertakings, and the men who were the first to suggest a municipal telephone service and who was its chief promoter, admitted to me that if the step was to be taken over again that he, at least, would oppose it, and that he was convinced that it would never be taken.

That these undertakings are out of all proportion to the town's resources, and that they have resulted in piling a public debt which is unparalleled in the province, is beyond question. This is not only a bad precedent but it is also a bad credit of all municipal securities. For if one municipality can do this, why not others until the whole fabric of municipal credit is undermined. The laxity of obtaining loans from banks without the authority of the people is a matter which should engage serious consideration, and is likely to be tested when a proper audit is obtained.

Speaking generally from the facts and the financial statements given in the foregoing, the following conclusions are inevitable: That in Port William and Port Arthur the undertaking of public services by the municipality has resulted in excessive capital expenditure.

A SERIES OF DEFICITS.

The financial result in every case has been a series of annual deficits, which have only added burdens on the taxpayers. Not the least of the results is the tendency to objectionable methods of financing, which are contrary to the spirit of our municipal institutions.

I must confess to a feeling of disappointment at the result of my investigations. From the glowing representations which had been made of the achievements of municipalization in these two towns, I had confidently expected to find a far different state of affairs, and that it would be my privilege to present a to-scale picture of the triumphs of municipal administration of public utilities.

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That I have had to present a darker picture is due to the facts and not to any disposition of mine.

It seems to me that the condition which I have outlined is of sufficient importance to the general public to warrant an authoritative investigation. The facts which I have laid bare from the very best justification, if justification were needed, for the action of the Ontario Legislature in the appointing at the last session a commission to investigate the administration of public services by local municipalities. It is to be hoped that this commission will undertake to obtain the full facts regarding the administration of these services by the towns of Port Arthur and Port William for the benefit of the province at large. The efficient aid rendered by the labor organizations would be an almost indispensable help in this direction.

THE MAN WHO WORKS HARD.

Perseverance and will-power he must have, but whether he has vigor and strength is another consideration. Hard working men usually have irritable nerves and should fortify their systems with a course of Ferrozone, a tonic that rebuilds and revitalizes beyond all telling. It's just wonderful the strength that Ferrozone imparts to broken-down men. It forms a new blood, supplies the system with abundant nourishment, and where formerly there was tiredness and lassitude Ferrozone establishes a reserve of energy and vim. Try Ferrozone—price 50c. per box.

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SEE OUR WINDOW

\$10.00 For your choice of 35 New Method Overcoats

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G. W. CORNELL
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Corner Sixth and King Street
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 377.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.
Toronto, Jan. 13.—11 a. m.—Snow to-day, clearing to-night, with fresh to strong northwest to north winds and colder.
The following figures were registered to-day at seven a. m. at Turner's weather bureau:
Barometer 29.08.
Thermometer 30.
Highest yesterday 29.
Lowest yesterday 28.
Direction of wind, west.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

F. J. Carmen left this morning for Petrolia.
Ex-Ald. Geo. G. Taylor went to Bothwell this morning.
Frank Babcock is spending the day in the city of the Straits.
Arthur LaMarsh, Wheatley, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.
J. W. Doelle, of London, is spending the day with his old Chatham friends.
Mayor Joseph Dillon, of Bothwell, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.
Thomas Jones and P. H. Bowyer, of Ridgeway, were in the city yesterday.
S. I. Slade, the celebrated Detroit basso, will attend the Robin Hood rehearsal to-morrow night.
Probate of the will of the late John W. Arnold, Chatham township, has been granted to Mary Stonehouse.
The item in yesterday's issue in reference to a dance to be given by Mrs. George Byes, was incorrect.
Letters of administration of the estate of the late M. F. Biele, of Ridgeway, have been granted to Jacob J. Biele.
There is a movement on foot to form a Veteran Firemen's Association. A meeting will be called to consider the matter.
The Parish Messenger, in a new dress and under a change of management, has made its appearance. Con. E. Shea is the new business manager.
All having pie tins or bean dishes belonging to the Home Bakery are requested to return the same at once to Mrs. Cook, two doors from Harrison Hall, Fifth street, maker of fine pastry and homemade bread.
Miss Ruby Gordon, who will play the role of Allana-Dale in the opera "Robin Hood," left for her home this morning. She will be present at the rehearsal on Thursday evening.
The Property Committee of the City Council met at the Fire Hall yesterday afternoon to consider the resignation of Foreman Jacques. The matter will be fully dealt with at the next meeting of the council.
The funeral of the late Mrs. O'Mara took place yesterday at St. Joseph's church, and was largely attended. The pall bearers were Messrs. S. King, Joe Walker, C. Primeau, Geo. Jacques, Geo. Bromley and T. O'Rourke.

Mrs. Thomas, wife of the Rev. Jno. Thomas, Stanley avenue, fell last evening while getting a pail of water, and sustained serious injuries. Although no bones were broken, Mrs. Thomas was badly shaken up and she will be laid up for a week or ten days.

Chamois Vests

During this cold weather you can have solid comfort by wearing one of our Chamois Vests. Prices from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. **Chest Protectors**, from 25c to \$1.75 each.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd.,

Chatham and Dresden.

Druggists.

IN JUNE

Mr. Stephens Makes Announcement That Federal Elections Will Not Take Place Till Then.

In the Liberal committee rooms this morning George Stephens, M. P., made the announcement that the Dominion elections would not take place until June.

LEITER BOX

MR. STEPHENS AND THE REGIMENT.

Editor of The Planet:
Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of your esteemed paper you asked what George Stephens, M. P., had done for the 24th Kent Regiment. As Adjutant (Secretary) of the Regiment I feel it my duty to say that George Stephens, M. P., has done more for the Regiment than any other citizen outside its ranks. He has obtained a grant of \$10,000 for the new urumy, with the promise of \$20,000 more to complete it.
When Mr. Stephens first applied for the grant he was refused for two reasons—1st, he had already received very large grants for public works in Kent County; 2nd, the old shed had not been officially condemned, nor could he obtain a condemnation of it from the Department of Militia and Defence.
As you well remember, Mr. Stephens enlisted the aid of Mr. J. I. Tarte when he visited the Peninsular Fair. After showing Mr. Tarte our Regiment he took him to the old drill shed, pointed out the necessity of a new building and also of a pavilion on William street.
With this assistance Mr. Stephens obtained the \$10,000 grant for the arumy and the grant for paying that portion of William street. The plans are almost completed for the arumy and as soon as the location upon the tenders will be called.
Mr. Stephens is now busy trying to persuade the Department of Militia and Defence to build the arumy near the site of the present one instead of on the bowling green, where the architect recommended it. In this he will no doubt succeed, as he invariably does. The Regiment have to thank Mr. Stephens for their trip to St. Thomas on May 24th and 25th, 1903. We had received the invitation to St. Thomas and had applied for permission to go, for tents, blankets, extra clothing and other supplies, only to be told by the Department that they couldn't give us a single blanket. I personally saw Mr. Stephens explained the situation to him, and he at once assured me that we might continue our preparations for the trip, as he would obtain everything necessary.
Mr. Stephens went to Ottawa that same day, interviewed Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, and with him went to the Department of Supplies, from which he sent us the clothing, belts, etc., which we required.
There were no tents or blankets that could be sent to us from Ottawa, so Mr. Stephens was authorized by Sir Frederick Borden to take them from reserve supplies at London. He made sure of the articles by coming to London and seeing that they were sent.

Col. MacDonald, Chief Supt. of Stores at Ottawa, wrote me a severe letter censuring me for departing from the usual red tape method of obtaining supplies and incidentally paying a high tribute to Mr. Stephens' influence at Ottawa and zeal for his constituents.
He has gained other points for the Regiment of an internal nature not of interest to the public. He has shown himself a true friend of the Regiment both officially and in his private capacity, and is now using his influence with the Earl of Dundonald, to have him at Robin Hood.
Thanking you for your valuable space, I am,
Yours sincerely,
WILL A. COLTART, Lt.,
Adjutant 24th Regt.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Reported by F. B. Proctor, Broker North-west Block, Chatham, Jan. 13, 1904.
Wheat—OPEN. HIGH. LOW. CLOSE
May..... 87 87 86 87
July..... 82 82 81 81 1/2
Corn—
May..... 47 1/2 48 47 1/2
July..... 46 1/2 47 46 1/2
Oats—
May..... 39 1/2 40 39 1/2
July..... 35 1/2 36 35 1/2
Pork
Jan..... 1295 1300 1295 1300
May..... 1312 1325 1310 1320
Lard
Jan..... 695 702 695 700
May..... 695 702 695 700
Ribs
Jan..... 642
May..... 665 672 665 670
Cotton
March..... 1876
May..... 1895

DEED.

BURK—On January 12th, 1904, at the General Hospital, Jane Ann, oldest daughter of David Burk, aged 25 years and two months. Funeral will take place to-morrow at two o'clock from the family residence, lot 14, concession 12, Dover, to Owen's cemetery.

Trustees—John Turner, chairman; John McCorvie, secretary; O. L. Lewis, C. Austin, Wm. Sprentall.
After the installation about forty of the members proceeded to Bro. J. A. Thompson's, where an oyster supper was in waiting, after which some time was spent in songs and speech-making, all having a good time.

SNOW SHOVEL NEEDED THERE.
Brantford Courier.

The Toronto Globe has a learned editorial on The Snow Shovel. Probably the result in North Brantford has led the organ to think that such an implement should form a permanent part of the Ross equipment.

THE CONTRIBUTION.

Explanation Regarding Dr. Montague's Donation to Election Fund.
London, Jan. 13.—The Victorian State Government is appointing a royal commission to inquire into allegations of attempted corruption of members of Parliament. Sir Alexander Peacock, the ex-Premier, in an explanation to the House, says that Dr. Montague on being told there was no Ministerial election fund suggested that he (Peacock) take \$50 for some Ministerial candidate. Mr. Talbot demurring, Peacock accepted the envelope with \$50 in notes and handed it to Mr. Mitchell, who refused it. Sir Alexander Peacock denied that he had received a paid-up policy in the I. O. F.

THE MARKET REPORTS.

Good Demand for Live Stock—Wheat Higher—Latest Quotations.
Tuesday, Eve., Jan. 12.
Toronto St. Lawrence Market.
Trade was fairly active at St. Lawrence Market this morning, and receipts were generally good. Wheat—On passage, 100,000 bushels of spring wheat sold at \$1.00 per bushel, and 800 of goose at \$1.00 per bushel.
Barley—Three hundred bushels sold at \$1.00 per bushel.
Oats—Six hundred bushels sold at \$1.00 per bushel.
Dressed Hogs—The market for choice light-weight hogs is fairly steady at \$1.25 per cwt. Heavy hogs are quoted at \$1.20 to \$1.25.
Butter—Few farmers' lots were offered. Quotations are steady at \$1.25 for choice and \$1.20 to \$1.25 for other.
Eggs—There were not many on the market. Prices are steady at \$1.00 to \$1.05 per dozen.
Poultry—Trade was quiet. Quotations are generally unchanged.
Hay—About 30 loads were offered. No Timothy sold at \$10 to \$11 per ton, and mixed \$8 to \$9 per ton.
Straw—Four loads sold at \$8 to \$10 per ton.

Toronto Live Stock.

Trade in all lines at the Western Cattle Market to-day was brisk. Receipts were heavy, and there was a good demand for cattle. Prices generally had a good tone and were maintained. In the case of butchers' there was perhaps a slightly easier feeling, but quotations are about unchanged. The rule amounted to \$8 per head, and included 1,500 cattle, 1,100 sheep and 1,000 hogs and 75 calves.
Export Cattle—Some good cattle were offered, and despite the fact that trade in export cattle is not so good as it was here held up well. The quality of the cattle on the market was good, and a good price was obtained for the lots offered. Quotations are about unchanged at \$4.00 to \$4.50 for extra choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00 for choice, \$3.00 to \$3.50 for good, and \$2.50 to \$3.00 for fair.
Butchers' Cattle—The run of cattle was heavy, but the butchers were out in force and the buying was brisk. The quality of the cattle was generally fair to good and they were sold at a good price. There were not many extra choice cattle on the market, but the round were about steady, but owing to the large run, there was a slight tendency to ease off. Quotations are about \$4.00 to \$4.50 for extra choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00 for choice, \$3.00 to \$3.50 for good, and \$2.50 to \$3.00 for fair.
Hogs—The range of prices is about steady at \$1.20 to \$1.25 per cwt. good and \$1.15 to \$1.20 per cwt. fair.
Cattle—The range of prices is about steady at \$4.00 to \$4.50 per head, and \$3.00 to \$3.50 per head for fair.

East Buffalo Cattle Markets.

East Buffalo, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts 1,500 head; steady. \$5.15 to \$5.25; shipping, \$4.50 to \$5; butchers, \$4.00 to \$4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000 head; active and steady. \$1.20 to \$1.25; mixed, \$1.15 to \$1.20; rough, \$1.10 to \$1.15; pigs, \$1.00 to \$1.10; rough, \$1.00 to \$1.10; sheep, 5,000 head; active; sheep steady. \$1.00 to \$1.10; lambs, \$1.00 to \$1.10; yearlings, \$1.00 to \$1.10; ewes, \$1.00 to \$1.10; sheep, mixed, \$1.00 to \$1.10; lambs, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000 head; good to prime, \$5.15 to \$5.25; poor to medium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders, \$4.00 to \$4.50; butchers, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Hogs—Receipts to-day, 32,000; mixed, \$1.20 to \$1.25; rough, \$1.15 to \$1.20; pigs, \$1.00 to \$1.10; rough, \$1.00 to \$1.10; sheep, 5,000 head; active; sheep steady. \$1.00 to \$1.10; lambs, \$1.00 to \$1.10; yearlings, \$1.00 to \$1.10; ewes, \$1.00 to \$1.10; sheep, mixed, \$1.00 to \$1.10; lambs, \$1.00 to \$1.10.

Leading Wheat Markets.

Closing previous day, To-day.
Jan. May. Jan. May.
Chicago..... 83 1/2 84 1/2 84 1/2 84 1/2
New York..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2
Toledo..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2
St. Louis..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2
Milwaukee..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2
Minneapolis..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2
Duluth..... 84 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2

British Markets.

Liverpool, Jan. 12.—Opening—Wheat—Spot, quiet; No. 2 northern Manitoba, \$5.10; No. 3, \$5.00; No. 4, \$4.90; No. 5, \$4.80; No. 6, \$4.70; No. 7, \$4.60; No. 8, \$4.50; No. 9, \$4.40; No. 10, \$4.30; No. 11, \$4.20; No. 12, \$4.10; No. 13, \$4.00; No. 14, \$3.90; No. 15, \$3.80; No. 16, \$3.70; No. 17, \$3.60; No. 18, \$3.50; No. 19, \$3.40; No. 20, \$3.30; No. 21, \$3.20; No. 22, \$3.10; No. 23, \$3.00; No. 24, \$2.90; No. 25, \$2.80; No. 26, \$2.70; No. 27, \$2.60; No. 28, \$2.50; No. 29, \$2.40; No. 30, \$2.30; No. 31, \$2.20; No. 32, \$2.10; No. 33, \$2.00; No. 34, \$1.90; No. 35, \$1.80; No. 36, \$1.70; No. 37, \$1.60; No. 38, \$1.50; No. 39, \$1.40; No. 40, \$1.30; No. 41, \$1.20; No. 42, \$1.10; No. 43, \$1.00; No. 44, \$0.90; No. 45, \$0.80; No. 46, \$0.70; No. 47, \$0.60; No. 48, \$0.50; No. 49, \$0.40; No. 50, \$0.30; No. 51, \$0.20; No. 52, \$0.10; No. 53, \$0.00; No. 54, \$0.00; No. 55, \$0.00; No. 56, \$0.00; No. 57, \$0.00; No. 58, \$0.00; No. 59, \$0.00; No. 60, \$0.00; No. 61, \$0.00; No. 62, \$0.00; No. 63, \$0.00; No. 64, \$0.00; No. 65, \$0.00; No. 66, \$0.00; No. 67, \$0.00; No. 68, \$0.00; No. 69, \$0.00; No. 70, \$0.00; No. 71, \$0.00; No. 72, \$0.00; No. 73, \$0.00; No. 74, \$0.00; No. 75, \$0.00; No. 76, \$0.00; No. 77, \$0.00; No. 78, \$0.00; No. 79, \$0.00; No. 80, \$0.00; No. 81, \$0.00; No. 82, \$0.00; No. 83, \$0.00; No. 84, \$0.00; No. 85, \$0.00; No. 86, \$0.00; No. 87, \$0.00; No. 88, \$0.00; No. 89, \$0.00; No. 90, \$0.00; No. 91, \$0.00; No. 92, \$0.00; No. 93, \$0.00; No. 94, \$0.00; No. 95, \$0.00; No. 96, \$0.00; No. 97, \$0.00; No. 98, \$0.00; No. 99, \$0.00; No. 100, \$0.00.

London, Jan. 12.—Opening—Wheat—

Spot, quiet; No. 2 northern Manitoba, \$5.10; No. 3, \$5.00; No. 4, \$4.90; No. 5, \$4.80; No. 6, \$4.70; No. 7, \$4.60; No. 8, \$4.50; No. 9, \$4.40; No. 10, \$4.30; No. 11, \$4.20; No. 12, \$4.10; No. 13, \$4.00; No. 14, \$3.90; No. 15, \$3.80; No. 16, \$3.70; No. 17, \$3.60; No. 18, \$3.50; No. 19, \$3.40; No. 20, \$3.30; No. 21, \$3.20; No. 22, \$3.10; No. 23, \$3.00; No. 24, \$2.90; No. 25, \$2.80; No. 26, \$2.70; No. 27, \$2.60; No. 28, \$2.50; No. 29, \$2.40; No. 30, \$2.30; No. 31, \$2.20; No. 32, \$2.10; No. 33, \$2.00; No. 34, \$1.90; No. 35, \$1.80; No. 36, \$1.70; No. 37, \$1.60; No. 38, \$1.50; No. 39, \$1.40; No. 40, \$1.30; No. 41, \$1.20; No. 42, \$1.10; No. 43, \$1.00; No. 44, \$0.90; No. 45, \$0.80; No. 46, \$0.70; No. 47, \$0.60; No. 48, \$0.50; No. 49, \$0.40; No. 50, \$0.30; No. 51, \$0.20; No. 52, \$0.10; No. 53, \$0.00; No. 54, \$0.00; No. 55, \$0.00; No. 56, \$0.00; No. 57, \$0.00; No. 58, \$0.00; No. 59, \$0.00; No. 60, \$0.00; No. 61, \$0.00; No. 62, \$0.00; No. 63, \$0.00; No. 64, \$0.00; No. 65, \$0.00; No. 66, \$0.00; No. 67, \$0.00; No. 68, \$0.00; No. 69, \$0.00; No. 70, \$0.00; No. 71, \$0.00; No. 72, \$0.00; No. 73, \$0.00; No. 74, \$0.00; No. 75, \$0.00; No. 76, \$0.00; No. 77, \$0.00; No. 78, \$0.00; No. 79, \$0.00; No. 80, \$0.00; No. 81, \$0.00; No. 82, \$0.00; No. 83, \$0.00; No. 84, \$0.00; No. 85, \$0.00; No. 86, \$0.00; No. 87, \$0.00; No. 88, \$0.00; No. 89, \$0.00; No. 90, \$0.00; No. 91, \$0.00; No. 92, \$0.00; No. 93, \$0.00; No. 94, \$0.00; No. 95, \$0.00; No. 96, \$0.00; No. 97, \$0.00; No. 98, \$0.00; No. 99, \$0.00; No. 100, \$0.00.

Clearing Sale

of Men's and Women's Fancy and Felt Slippers

We commence this week to clear out the following:

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 6-10, \$1.00 for 50c
Men's Fine Alligator, tan and black, sizes 6-10, \$1.00 for 50c
Boys' Fine Alligator, sizes 1-5, regular 75c, for 50c
Women's Fancy Felt, sizes 3-7, reg. \$1.50 for 1.00
Women's Fancy Felt, \$1 for 75c

Many others reduced accordingly.

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Eight capelines, of Astrachan or Electric seal, with Astrachan trimming; they sold at \$6.50 and \$7.00, your choice now for \$5.00.
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Black Opposum ruff, 60 inches long, trimmed with tails and claws.
At \$5.00—
Columbia sable flat ruff, satin lined, finished with eight large tails.
While they last you can choose from our fur jackets at the following prices—
For \$20 regular \$25 coat.
For \$22.50 regular \$30 coat.
For \$25 regular \$33 coat.
For \$27.50 regular \$36.50 coat.
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Long Marten boa, heavy silk cord fastener, finished with tails.
At \$9.00—
Astrachan capeline with very long stole front, fine even curl, satin lined.
At \$12.00—
Ruffs of Sable Marten and Fox, medium and long lengths, trimmed with heads, tails and claws.
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No. 323, at **75c. a Pair**, medium height bust, short, with hips made of fine cantil, in white, trimmed with lace.

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No. 414, at **75c the Pair**—Extremely low bust, short hips, made of Irish tape, in white only.

Crest at \$1.25 the Pair—4 clasp straight front corset, laced over hips, only suitable for stout women

Dip Hip, 50c a Pair—Medium height, bust long over hips, made of sateen, in drab, trimmed with lace.

No. 176 at **50c. the Pair**—Medium bust, medium hips, made of sateen, in drab, trimmed with lace

The Furniture Sale

AT ITS BEST.

The actual value of the furniture in this store has not been considered in putting on the green sale tags. "What price will sell it now?" was the question that guided us in marking down the cost. You can buy an entire household of the finest furniture at a price that usually would furnish a few rooms.

But opportunity is fleeting. Every day brings us nearer the end of January, nearer the windup of this January sale.

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"KENT" CORN, 10c a can.

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Most of the annoyances of cold weather are easier avoided than they once were. For those who easily take cold there are

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For those who have taken cold there are remedies that cure in a day. For coughs there are harmless specifics that cure promptly and protect from danger. For chapped and roughened skin there are lotions that cure in a night. We have all these items.

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Thursday and Friday,
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Costumes and Stage Settings
Grand.

50—People—50

8—End Men—8
6—Up-to-date Specialties—6
Gags All New.

Admission—75, 50, 35, 25c

The best 5 cent Magazine on the Market—New Year's Number of the Four-Track News for January. On sale at all News stands.

Dressy Chathamites.

The season is getting pretty well along and yet there are many social functions on the tapis. Chatham has had her share of these occasions, and evening dress was never more on call than this season. Morley & Co. claim a specialty in the making of these garments.

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Residence 265.

TO-NIGHT

Marks Bros., Grand Opera House, at 8.15.
Prayer meeting, city church, at 8 o'clock.
Divine service will be held in Christ Church at 8.
Court Hope, No. 6244, A. O. F., in the A. O. U. W. Hall, at 8.
Pugle Band will meet for practice in the room in the drill shed at 8.
Special meeting Parthenon Lodge, No. 267, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., Masonic Temple, at 7.30.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Old pipe or tea lead wanted immediately at The Planet Office.
When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Avenue Green Houses. Phone 161.
Old pipe or tea lead wanted immediately at The Planet Office.
Marks Bros. still pack up the Grand Opera House every night. Tonight another big crowd expected.
Thirty-five \$12.50 and \$15.00 New Method overcoats, \$10.00 each at The T's.

John A. McKay, of the Record, Windsor, was in the city yesterday, with the Windsor curling club.

Buy best hard coal at cheapest rate from C. R. Hancock, West street, Tel. 303, F. Marx, office. 10t

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Solmfield returned yesterday, and have taken up their residence at the Garner House.

We are giving away money. Read how to get \$1.00; our advt. in this issue tells about it. Geo. Stephens & Co.

Marks Bros. put an amateur contest on Thursday and Friday nights at the Grand. Already about twenty contestants have handed in their names.

Remember that Allen's Lung Balsam does not merely put the nerves to sleep. It gets to the root of the trouble and so cures even deep-seated affections of the throat and lungs.

Prince You Youah Futer Yohaf So-ba Yusow Mohammed, of Soudan, Africa, will appear in his native costume and speak on Africa, to-morrow night at 8 o'clock in Campbell, A. M. E. Church. His worship Mayor W. E. McKeough will preside.

All members of Court McGregor No. 6, I. O. F., are requested to meet at the Lodge rooms at 3.30, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14th, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Wm. McCullough. D. H. Dymond, R. S.

An emergency meeting of Parthenon Lodge No. 267 will be held this evening for the purpose of receiving Right Worshipful Bro. G. W. White, D. D. G. M., on his official visit. All visiting brethren made welcome.

QUEEN WOOD HEATERS.

We have about 1 dozen "Queen" heaters and about the same number of other styles. We take stock Feb. 1, but we don't want to have them at that time. In order to clear them out we name you for the next two weeks a discount off regular prices of **10 Per Cent.**

At the reduced prices they will be the cheapest stoves ever sold in this city.

J. C. WANLESS,

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King St., CHATHAM.

SACHEL--OF THE--SATELLITE

The esprit de horse in the Parisians has increased. They are 32,000 last year.

It was very kind of me to give that chairmanship of the Board of Works to my friend, Archie McCoig.

There have been a large number weddings in this city already this month. I suppose there are some crusty old bachelors who will blame Leap Year for this.

There is no truth in the report that Robin Hood Wilson is going to import Sherwood Forest from England for realistic scenic effect in the production of his opera.

It was Alexander the Great who sat down and wept because there were no more worlds to conquer. It was George Stephens, M. P., who sat down and worried because there were no more things he could do for Kent County. Tarte had done all there was to be done.

ANOTHER MAN OFF THE WAGON.

Mr. Harrison fell from the milk wagon Monday and broke one of his elbows.—Amboy, Ill. Journal.

FASHION TIP.

Nightcaps are again fashionable in England.—Detroit Tribune.
I guess this refers to the kind that grandma wore, not the variety that grandpa took.

H. S. STORY.

Who discovered Chatham?
Geo. Stephens.
Who made Kent County?
Geo. Stephens.
Who provided the atmosphere for the residents could breathe it?
Geo. Stephens.

SECRET OF SUCCESS.

"What is the secret of success?" asked the Sphinx.
"Push," said the Button.
"Never be led," said the Pencil.
"Take pains," said the Window.
"Always keep cool," said the Ice.
"Be up to date," said the Calendar.
"Never lose your head," said the Barrel.
"Make light of everything," said the Fire.
"Do a driving business," said the Hammer.
"Aspire to greater things," said the Nutmeg.
"Be sharp in all your dealings," said the Knife.
"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the Glue.
"Do the work you are suited for," said the Chimney.—London Tit-Bits.

ROBIN HOOD.

President Roosevelt—I heartily approve of your production of the opera Robin Hood. It would, I think, make a veritable Braguard's stronghold of my friend, Mr. Brisco's Opera House.
Czar Nicholas—I am rather busy with war matters, but you can say I favor Robin Hood in so far as an outsider can favor it.
Emperor William—I was telling Prince Henry only last week that it

Chatham's Millinery Store.

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COLORS AND WIDTHS

For Thursday, Two
Dozen Hats,
worth from \$3 to sell for \$1.98.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST. CHATHAM.

would be wise in the Canadians to stop talking about preferential trade until Robin Hood is an accomplished fact. I regard it as more important than Chamberlain's policy.
The Imman of Mascot—I am for Robin Hood. It would be fine for the residents of Chatham.

King Henry VIII.—Robin Hood for mine. I am glad it comes after my play.

Lord Roberts—Robin Hood is my ideal. I followed his principles in my military career. Kindly treat my friend Dundonald right. He takes his straight.

King Edward—Robin Hood was a particular friend of my illustrious ancestor, Richard III. I am glad you are going to have him. Sorry I can't be with you.

THE 'VARIETY GLEE CLUB

The musical organizations of the university of Toronto make a practice of uniting every year for a trip through some section of the province. The tour has the hearty sanction of the university authorities, and the students are readily granted dispensation from lectures, for the chief purpose of the tour is the advertising of the university. This season they are coming as far west as Chatham, and after their concert here, next Tuesday, will visit several of the cities and large towns between here and Toronto. The Chatham Collegiate Institute is always well represented in the university class lists, and the familiar face of Will Doherty, of the Dental College, will be readily recognized among those of the forty or more members of the Glee Club proper, and the banjo, mandolin and guitar club. It is a decided venture on the part of the young men of the Park street Methodist church to bring to the city an organization which requires so large a guarantee, but they feel confident that the public generally will appreciate having the students once more, and will greet them with a full house.

USHERS' BENEFIT

The play last night "The Pride of the Army," put on by the Marks Bros. Company at the Grand, was a splendid production throughout. The play is a new one to Chatham theatre goers, who thoroughly enjoyed last night's performance. All the parts were well taken, and there did not seem to be a very weak spot in the piece.

Miss Mabel Grace Pardon, as Polly Trevoe, played her part well and her efforts met much favor. Mr. S. G. G. daine was strong in Sergeant Trevoe. Ernie Marks took well as Tomstone Bill.

Last evening was usher's benefit night through the generosity of Manager Brisco, who gave the proceeds to be divided amongst the boys.

The house was fairly well filled and the ushers, who are so obliging, were well rewarded.

Minard's Liniment—Lumberman's Friend.

STOCK-TAKING SALE CONTINUED, January at Gordon's

Not a freeze out, not a thaw out, but a sell out of Winter Stock. We prefer cash on hand to goods on hand to carry over. Our prices make table-talk throughout city and county. We quote them—you note them. All purchasers well repaid and well satisfied.

Flannelette Sale

10 pieces of heavy checked Flannelette Shirting.....

6 1-4c

10 pieces heavy check Shirting, shilling value.....

8c

10 pieces Fancy Flaked Outing Flannel.....

8c

5 pieces Heavy Yard Wide Striped Shilling Shaker.....

10c

10 pieces Shaker Flannels.....

4 1/2c

11 pieces extra weight Wrappercotte, 16c value.....

12 1/2c

4 pieces Grey Wool Flannel, twilled or plain, at.....

12 1-2c

2 pieces Cotton Eiderdowns, 20c. value, sale at.....

15c

Men's Underwear.

25 per cent. Reduction on all Heavy Winter Woolen Vests and Drawers. MARK THIS REDUCTION.

20 Dozen Sanitary Wool Fleece Lined Underwear, 50c. value at.....

29c

15 Dozen Scotch Wool Heavy Vests and Drawers, ribbed shirts and cuffs at

39c

Winter Shirt Waists

Of French Flannels, Albatross Cloth, Black and White Lustrous and Mohair, ranging in January Sale Prices from

\$1.25 to \$2.25

Ladies' Coats

SEE OUR WINDOW.

10 CURL TWEED and BEAVER COATS, well lined and stylish, stock-taking Sale.....

\$3.75

9 \$6.50, \$6.75 and \$7, Latest Styles, fine Mercer Linings, up-to-date, Sale Price

\$5.00

Ladies' Coats

8 Special \$8, \$10 and \$11 Ladies' Fine Coats, Sale Price.....

\$6.50

18 Coats, extra trimming, stitching and braiding, silk lined, \$10 and \$12 sale price

\$7.50

9 extra fine Ladies' Coats, silk and satin lined, \$16, \$18 and \$20, Sale Price

\$10.00

Dress Goods Cuts

Double Fold Ladies' Cloth—Black, Brown, Blue and Grey at.....

12 1/2c

Serge Coats Yard and Half Wide, in Black, Grey and Navy, Sale Price

25c

50c. All Wool Persian Tweeds in Three Colors, Sale Price

35c

Imported Tweed Snow Flakes, for stylish suits, all wool, former price \$1.20, now

75c

Zibeline, new flaked Suitings in Brown and Camel only, former price \$1.75, Sale Price.....

\$1.25

\$2.00 Flaked Stripe imported fine Wool Suitings, sale.....

\$1.50

French Fannel Waistings at Half-Price

25c

Fancy Silk Waistings, cut from \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, now.....

50c

Ladies' Wrappers

Ladies' Fleece-Back Wrappers, nicely trimmed and founced, all sizes, new patterns, best of values.....

1.00 and 1.25

Golf Jackets, Vests

A few left—Bargains—

95c and 75c

Winter Millinery

Any Ladies' Hat in our stock at Half the

Marked Price to clear.

To purchase during this sale will benefit every customer.

Fur Cuts

1 White Tibet Boa, former price, \$12.50 now.....

\$9.00

1 Mink Stole, a beauty, former price \$24.50, now.....

\$28.00

2 Seal Capes, former price \$12.50, now.....

12.50

1 Combination Grey Squirrel and Seal Outer Capes, former price \$20.00, now.....

15.00

1 Seal Capes, former price \$10.00, now.....

7.00

1 Astrachan and Seal Combination Capes, former price \$7.50, now.....

6.50

1 Astrachan Capes, former price \$5.75, now.....

4.75

\$2.50 Cozy Collars now.....

1.75

17.50 Sable Scarf now.....

13.50

\$24.50 Cub Bear (Bernhardt) now

17.50

14.00 Tibet Boa for.....

10.00

10.00 Japan Bear Boa.....

6.50

\$29.50 Stone-Martin Boa.....

25.00

\$40.00 Astrachan Coats.....

30.00

\$32.00 Astrachan Coats.....

25.00

25.00 Astrachan Coats.....

20.00

\$20.00 Astrachan Coats.....

14.00

\$50.00 Persian Lamb Coats.....

37.50

William Gordon.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

DRESDEN

Jan. 13.—Miss Ruby Hicklin, of Chatham, visited Miss Gertie Baxter Sunday and Monday.

The anniversary meeting of Zion church, Tupperville, was held on Monday night, and was very largely attended. Quite a number from Dresden took part in the event.

Mrs. Allan Ripley and daughter spent Sunday with Dresden friends. E. N. Smith visited relatives in Thamesville on Sunday.

Owen Watson returned to Toronto on Monday to resume his studies at the Toronto College of Dental Surgeons.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McKim and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wells, of Chatham township, visited friends in Glenora yesterday and to-day.

W. A. Watson has moved his confectionery stock from Main street to the Galbraith property on St. George street, where he will continue to fill the wants of his many customers.

The Diamond B. Bekah Lodge held a social evening at the I. O. O. F. hall last night. Quite a number of their friends were pleasantly entertained at an ingenious cake guessing contest. The prize, one of Baxter Bros' high class cakes, was won by Miss Jennie Cuthbert.

Mrs. Quinell, Miss Logan, Miss McKenzie and Mr. McKenzie, of Wallaceburg, were among the guests present. Sandy McVein spent Monday in the Maple City.

One of our prominent merchants has declared his willingness to inaugurate an early closing movement for Saturday nights, say ten, or half-past eleven, or twelve, as most of them do. This is a good idea, let the others fall in line and make the movement an assured thing.

Any irregularity on the part of The Planet carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling on the office or phoning 534.

Alex. Cuthbert visited Chatham on Monday.

WEDDING STATIONERY—The latest in Wedding Stationery and Cake Boxes can be had at the PLANET Office.

Minard's Liniment Cures Rheumatism.

DRY GOODS | Thibodeau & Jacques | MILLINERY.....

Stock Reducing Sale.

WHAT NEED YOU CARE if we are satisfied to take cost or less for our surplus goods this month, so long as you benefit by it?

Ladies' Corsets worth 75c. for 49c.

Ladies' Vest and Drawers, reg. 40c. for 29c.

Ladies' Flannelette Night Gowns, nicely trimmed, regular \$1.50 for \$1.19.

Men's Underwear in plain and ribbed wool and fleece lined, regular 50c. for 37 1-2c.

Ladies' and Children's Hosiery, Worsted, Wool, Ribbed, regular 30c and 35c. for 25c.

Linen Table Cloths, 8 1/2 x 10 1/2, regular \$1.65 for \$1.29.

Two lines of Embroideries at 5c and 12 1/2c, worth 25 per cent more.

Wool Blankets from 2.49 to \$4.79 a pair, worth \$3 to \$5.50.

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DR. S. GOLDBERG.

The Possessor of 14 Diplomas and Certificates Who Wants No Money That He Does Not Earn.

The method and the ability to do as he says, Dr. Goldberg, the discoverer, will send the method entirely free to all men who send him their name and address. He wants to hear from men who have stricture that they have been unable to get cured, prostatic trouble, sexual weakness, varicose, lost manhood, blood poison, hydrocele, emaciation of parts, impotence, etc. His wonderful method not only cures the condition itself, but likewise all the complications, such as rheumatism, bladder or kidney trouble, heart disease, nervous debility, etc.

The doctor realizes that it is one thing to make claims and another thing to back them up, so he has made it 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 lay your case before him. He sends the method, as well as many booklets on the subject, including the one that contains the 14 diplomas and certificates, entirely free. Address him simply, Dr. S. Goldberg, 208 Woodward Ave., Room 2, Detroit, Mich., and he will at once immediately send you free.

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

HIS Young wife was almost distracted for he would not stay at home so she had his LAUNDRY done by us, and now he ceases any more to roam.

Parisian Steam Laundry Co.
TELEPHONE 20.

Cosmopolitan

For January.

This popular Illustrated Monthly for January is on sale at the Book Store.

Lady Henry Somerset, Herbert S. Stone and a number of other well-known contributors have articles in this issue, and there are the usual large number of entertaining short stories by popular writers.

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JOS. TILT

Lameness in the muscles and joints indicates rheumatism. Don't dilly with it a minute. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and cure it.

THE NEW TRANSVAAL

BRITAIN AND BOERS REPAIRING THE RAVAGES OF THE WAR.

What, of the Task, Has Been Already Done—The Reconstruction as it is Proceeding—People Are Fairly Careful—There Are, However, Two Classes of Dangerous Dutchmen Among Them.

A repatriation officer, whose duties have taken him to all parts of the Transvaal since the close of the South African war, writes as follows in the London Times concerning his observations:

"In a little over twelve months no one can expect the ravages of a nearly three years' war to be thoroughly repaired; but to one like myself, who traveled over the country immediately after the declaration of peace, who has been continually traveling over the country since, watching the progress of the work of restoration, and who has been over it again quite recently, the extraordinary rapidity with which the recovery has been made is astounding. The first trek revealed nothing but devastation, desolation, blockhouses, and barbed wire.

The Reconstruction.
"The last trek revealed houses built up; cattle, horses, and livestock of all descriptions grazing on the veldt; immense tracts of ground ploughed up; roads and drifts repaired; outlying towns, formerly in ruins, now not only rebuilt and prosperous, but growing with extraordinary rapidity. One found all the paraphernalia of local Government—police magistrates, and officials of all kinds. One found everywhere prospectors of the country, no doubt for the sake of their own and for their principals' pockets, but at the same time benefiting the State. One saw schools full of happy children. One came across new settlers, full of courage, enterprise, and hope. One visited settlements of Dutch and British side by side, determined to take their part in the building up of successful communities. There was the country, hardly free from the visible signs of war, and in spite of all the setbacks and difficulties encountered since its conclusion, beginning to assume the aspect of a flourishing colony inhabited by a hopeful and determined people.

"The policy of looking upon the Boer as a British subject from the moment he became one has been carried out from the beginning. Great Britain, at any rate, can rest content with her work of resettling the former inhabitants of her new colonies.
"But there is still another side of the question to be considered. How do the Boers themselves look upon what has been done for them and what are their feelings toward their new Government? The answer to this question must to a very great extent guide our future policy in the new colonies.

The Boers Grateful.
"Personally, I believe that the average Boer has a distinct feeling of gratitude for what has been done for him, and that he is fully aware of the magnanimity of his new Government. But his gratitude is to a degree discounted by the uncertainty of the future. The great majority are in the Government's debt; and it is the doubt as to how far their share of the free gift of £3,000,000 will get them out of debt which looms largely in their minds.

"To my mind the hardest task is still in front, namely, the collection of debts, the just assessment of claims, and, above all, the fulfillment of promises made. It is the manner in which this work is carried out which will determine the attitude to be adopted by the greater proportion of the Boer population. It must be carried out with the most scrupulous fairness and the utmost regard for the new-made by us must remain unfulfilled.

"The Boers do not accept the new order of things without considerable misgiving, and the hurt to their national pride cannot be at once healed, but I fully believe that for the more part they have faith and confidence in their new Government, and that their confidence will be kept so long as we carry out our professed principles of integrity and fair play. But, if once lost, it will be well-nigh impossible to regain. It is a difficult task which faces the Administration, but one which, if carried out well, will have a lasting effect on the future of the country.

They Wear a Mask.
"What I have stated above applies to the average country Boer; but there are two other classes still to be considered. First, there are the 'temporary irreconcilables,' and these, I am afraid, exist to a very considerable number. They are led by clever men and their attitude is hidden by an outward mask of passive acceptance. So long as anything can be got out of the Government their true feeling will be kept in check, but when once they have obtained all they think possible they may be expected to show their hands.

"This class requires governing with the greatest firmness, and any indication of sedition or open disloyalty must be instantly suppressed. It is only by firm, though scrupulously just, handling that these quondam irreconcilables will in time fall into line with the rest. But if they are allowed a free hand, and open sedition is winked at, they will become a source of considerable political trouble in the future.

"There is yet one other class, although but a small one. These we may call the 'permanent irreconcilables.' And it is from these that the chief danger may arise. They still share with their cousins of the Cape Colony the aspiration of some day seeing a great Afrikaner Republic in South Africa. The idle dream of obtaining this by the sword has been put aside; but the dream

remains, and the manner in which it is to be realized is by

Political Intrigue.

These dreamers have already begun to sow the seed of discontent among the otherwise well-disposed inhabitants; but whether it germinates or not must depend upon the future policy of the Government.

"At the present moment sufficient labor is not available in the country, although in a few generations the natives, having been educated in the values of money, may in sufficient numbers offer their services in order to obtain the same. But the necessity is urgent from both an economic and a political point of view. It is apparent to almost every thinking man that the whole future of the country depends upon its instant prosperity.

"The very first thing which the Government should do in South Africa is to permit and offer every facility for the importation of Asiatic labor. The second requirement is capital for the development of the agricultural possibilities.

LONDON IN STATISTICS.

Rate of Increase in Population in Slowly Down—From Death Point of View London is Fair.

The Birmingham Daily Mail makes some significant comments upon London life as reflected in "London Statistics, 1902-1903." The weighty volume, says the reviewer, "can scarcely be described as a record of London life. Great as is the volume of 800 and odd pages, it would not be big enough to notice all the romance—the comedy and the tragedy—the light and the shade of that wonderful city. Nevertheless, this book, prosaically named, gives us some interesting and at times unexpected information with regard to the life of the people in London in the years 1902-1903. While one is prepared to be told that the population of the administrative county is 4,536,541, that of Greater London, which includes the area of the city and metropolitan police, and every parish of which the whole is within 15 miles of Charing Cross, or of which part is within 12 miles of Charing Cross, is 6,581,402, a rather disappointing figure, one's ideas on the subject being nearer ten millions than six.

"Yet another mild surprise awaits us in the statement that the rate of increase of the population appears to be slowing down, having been only 1.68 per cent. in the ten years 1891-1901, a smaller percentage of increase than has ever been previously recorded. From a health point of view, again, London is a great deal better than most people would imagine. The death rate in 1901 was 17.1 per 1,000, as compared with 18.6 of the previous year. Thus it appears that the London death rate was lower than that of any of the great cities of the kingdom, except Bristol and Leicester, and lower also than that of any foreign capitals, except the small towns of Amsterdam, Brussels and Stockholm. In that same year—1901—there were fewer fatal street accidents than in any year since 1886—namely 302.

The smallness of this figure is an eloquent testimony to the skillful manner in which London traffic is regulated. Some of the metropolitan streets are the most congested streets in the world, yet the traffic goes on without many accidents.
"Another curious fact brought out by this record is that there are over a quarter of a million more women than men in the County of London. Of the 1,118 females to every 1,000 males. This excess of females, it is explained, is due to the large number of female servants, who are estimated to number 234,398, against only 15,425 males similarly employed. London, it is interesting to know, has 130,000 aliens, of whom 80,000 are males. On the housing question, the report throws a singularly effective light. The County Council, we learn, has completed six schemes of clearing unsanitary areas, and has seven more in hand. The number of persons affected, however, is only about 16,000 altogether, though over £1,000,000 sterling is involved, which shows what an expensive business this is! No one with a knowledge of London will be surprised to hear that the County Council keeps open 91 public parks and open spaces, with a total acreage of 3,852. But most people will wonder why the queerly named gaces of 'shinny' and 'tambourelle' are provided in some of these parks at the expense of the County Council. That body, by the way, takes considerable credit for having secured improved workmen's train services. The number of single journeys made by passengers at workmen's fares is about 75,000,000 annually.

Got Drunk on Cordite.
During the South African campaign the British soldiers discovered a new and extraordinary form of intoxication. They found that they could get all the excitement of a powerful narcotic by eating a cordite charge of cartridges, each of which contains sixty strands of cordite, and is very similar in appearance to vermicelli.
The British Medical Journal gives particulars of this form of intoxication. It says that Major Jennings, on learning that the men had been eating cordite, made experiments himself. On sucking a strand he found it sweet, pleasant, and pungent, but it resulted in a headache which lasted for thirty-six hours. Dissolved in tea it produces almost immediate exhilaration, "inciting almost demoniacal actions," followed by a heavy sleep and stupor of from five to twelve hours, according to the quantity taken. Added to beer it produces the worst effects, exciting a quarrelsome and destructive mania, and producing the most rapid intoxication.

Appearances Not Deceptive.
Miss Elderly came from a very old family, didn't she?
"Oh, yes."
"Well, she looks it."

ABNER DANIEL...

By WILL N. HARBEN
Author of "Westerfelt"

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"I don't exactly like them specks," broke in a fat, middle aged man at a window. "By gum! I believe old Ab had us down about right. Ef we kin git sort of opened up along with the rest of 'em, I say let's git in the game. Huh!"—the man finished, with a laughing shrug—"I don't like them specks one bit."

"Me nuther," said a man beside him. "Nur me!" came from some one else. "Well, I'm willin' ef the rest are," announced Bartell. "All in favor hold up yore hands."

Pole Baker grinned broadly as he counted them. "All up—the last one," he said, then he sprang for the door and stood before the expectant audience. "Toot, toot!" he cried, imitating the whistle of a locomotive. "All aboard! The road's a settled thing. They say they don't want no specks, and they ain't a-going to have 'em. Hooray!"

The audience was electrified by the announcement. For an instant there was a pause of incredulous astonishment, and then the floor resounded from the clatter of feet, and glad shouts filled the air.

Alan, his face ablaze with startled triumph, came toward Adele and Miller. "Pole worked the rabbit foot on them back there," he said. "I don't know what he did, but he did something."

"He told me he had a card left," laughed Miller. "I'll bet he hid it up his sleeve. There he is now. Oh, Pole, come here!"

The man thus addressed slouched down the aisle to them, his big brown eyes flashing merrily under his heavy brows, his sun-browned face dark with the flush of triumph.

"Ef you don't back me in it, I'm a gone dog," said Pole to Alan. "All I want you to do is to vote for Bartell ef you kin possibly swallow the dose."

A light broke on the two men. "I'll do it if you say so, Pole," said Alan. "Not only that, but I'll work for him if you wish it."

Pole looked down and pulled at his heavy mustache. "Well," he smiled, "I reckon he won't harm us any more in the legislature than the road 'll do us good, so you'd better support 'im. I seed the bars down a minute ago, an' I didn't have no time to consult you. I'd 'a' told a bigger lie 'an that to clinch this thing."

Abner Daniel joined them, smiling broadly, his eyes twinkling joyously.

The old jester stroked his face and swung his long body back and forth in the wind of his content. "I've always argued," said he, "that what is to be will be, an' it will be a sight sooner 'n most of us count on ef we'll jest keep our sperits up."

The others moved on, leaving Adele and Miller together.

"Oh, jest look at mamma and papa," she said in the round, full voice indicative of deep emotion. "They are so glad they are about to cry."

"What a dear, dear girl you are!" said Miller softly. "There is nothing to separate us now, is there?"

For a moment they met in a full look into each other's eyes. Adele's voice shook when she replied, "I believe I'm the happiest, proudest girl in all the world."

A Man is Only as Old as He Feels.

Some people are always young—in spirit and vigor. The man who feels his age is the man who neglects his stomach and liver. As the years pile up the delicate organisms grow weaker.

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

strengthens the system to resist the added strain. A perfect laxative—it removes all poison from the system. Purifies and enriches the blood. It keeps the liver and kidneys active. Abbey's possesses the rare quality of being a bowel and stomach tonic, without any re-actionary effects.

At all Druggists 25c. and 50c.

"Then you love me?"

"I believe I've loved you from the very minute I met you in Atlanta last summer."

Alan saw Dolly looking at him and waving her handkerchief, her face warm and flushed. He was tempted to go to her, but she still sat by her father and mother, and that fact checked him. Mrs. Barclay caught his eye and, rising suddenly, came through the crowd to him. She extended her gloved hand.

"You and Dolly must stop your foolishness," she said. "I've been thinking of a plan to help you two out. If I were you I wouldn't say a word to her now, but next Sunday night come and take her to church just like you used to. I'll attend to Colonel Barclay. He is just tickled to death over this thing, and he won't make any fuss. He is as stubborn as a mule, though, and when he has to give in it's better not to let him think you are gloating over him. He won't bother you any more. I'll see to that."

Alan thanked her. He was so full of happiness that he was afraid to trust his voice to utterance. As Mrs. Barclay was going back to her husband and daughter, Pole Baker passed. Alan grasped him by the hand.

"Say, Pole," he said, his voice full and quivering, "I want to tell you that I think more of you than I do of any man alive."

"Well, Alan," said Pole awkwardly, yet with an eye that did not waver, "I kin shore return the compliment. Ef it hadn't been for an' yore advice, I'd 'a' been in hell long ago, an' as it is I feel more like livin' a straight, honest life than ever I did. You never axed me but one thing that I didn't grant, an' that was to give up whisky. I don't know whether I ever will be able to do it or not, but by the great God above I'm goin' to jest fer my good. I don't want a dram today, fer a wonder, an' maybe in time I'll git over my thirst."

As Alan was about to get into his buggy with his uncle, the colonel and his wife and daughter passed. With a sheepish look on his face the old man bowed to the two men, but Dolly stopped before Alan and held out her hand.

"You were going away without even speaking to me," she said, a catch in her voice. "Think of it, today of all days to be treated like that!"

"But your mother told me—" "Didn't I tell you she couldn't be relied on?" broke in Dolly, with a smile. "I have more influence with papa than she has. I know what she told you. I made her confess it just now. Are you going to town today?"

"Yes," he informed her, "we shall complete the arrangements there."

"Then come right down to see me as soon as you possibly can," Dolly said. "I'm dying to see you, to talk with you. Oh, Alan, I'm so—so happy!"

"So am I," he told her as he pressed her hand tenderly. "Then I shall see you again today."

"Yes, today sure," she said, and she moved on.

"She's all right," said Abner Daniel as Alan climbed in the buggy beside him. "She's all wool an' a yard wide."

"I reckon you are satisfied with the way it come out, Uncle Ab," said his nephew, flushing over the compliment to Dolly.

"Jest want one thing more," said the old man, "an' I can't make out whether it's a sin or not. I want to face Perkins an' Abe Tompkins. I'd give my right arm to meet 'em an' watch their faces when they hear about the railroad an' the price yore pa's land fetched."

THE END.

Beetles.
Beetles as a species are absolutely destructive to fertility, both above and below the surface. Some families, such as the common cockchafer, actually undermine turf in such a way as to spoil whole fields of pasture.

The Whale.
Because of the pressure a whale cannot dive to a greater depth than 300 feet.

Bavaria.
The old joke about the alliance between doctors and undertakers is not in vogue in Bavaria. In some districts of that country one-half of others even three-quarters of the population die without having had medical attendance in their last illness.

Rats.
Rats are estimated to destroy food to the value of \$80,000,000 yearly.

Smoked and Died.
A young man in Vienna wanted to commit suicide the other day, but at the last moment his courage failed. Taking out a cigar, he asked a policeman on the bridge for a light. A few pulls revived his courage, and he jumped over the balustrade and disappeared in the waters of the Danube.

A Child of Five.
A child of five should weigh forty-one pounds, be forty-one and one-half inches in height and have a chest girth of twenty-two and one-half inches.

Musical Insects.
More than 3,000 persons find employment in Japan in bringing up and training "musical insects" known as Kusa hibari and resembling crickets. The sound they make is like that of a silver bell.

An Odd Present.
A New London (Conn.) man presented his wife with a deed to a cemetery lot as a present on the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Neuralgia.



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Elderly people appreciate good tea. They're usually connoisseurs and know the most delicious—that's why

Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

is particularly old folk's tea. It suits their exacting tastes and solaces them with its fragrance and soothing power.

Ask for the Red Label Forty Cents should be fifty Black, Mixed Ceylon Green

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by using only the best blend of Ontario and Manitoba wheat, cleanly and up-to-date milling. This Flour is put up for the Grocery trade in white **Oorduroy Sacks**. Insist on your grocer sending "Kent" brand.

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That Comfortable Feeling in a New Suit

is what the average man most enjoys. We can give you that.

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MAKES CHILD'S PLAY OF WASH DAY

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No. 3-4:07 p.m. No. 4-11:06 p.m.

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8:32 a.m. for London, Hamilton, Toronto, Buffalo.

1:45 p.m. for Gloucester and St. Thomas.

2:27 p.m. for London, Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo and New York.

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Lake Erie & Detroit River R.R.

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CRITICIZING BALFOUR.

VARIED VIEWS REGARDING HIS LATEST SPEECH.

A Cargo of Canadian Pig-iron Arrives at Glasgow—The Times on Seddon's Appeal.

London, Jan. 12.—Referring to Premier Balfour's speech last night, The News says: He goes quibbling on, while Mr. Chamberlain burns the house over his head. He is alarmed at the rate Mr. Chamberlain is going, but fire flames from every story, and the languid chief fireman directs a mere garden watering-pot at it.

The Morning Post says Mr. Balfour is right in urging us to go slow. It will be difficult to persuade the colonies to modify their protectionist regime in favor of Britain, but he forgets that under the Canadian preferential tariff the Canadian woolen manufacturers have suffered losses, yet the Imperialist movement has grown stronger.

The Telegraph says the Prime Minister puts the unification of the empire before all other objects. The publication of the Duke of Devonshire's letters has done more than anything else to consolidate the Imperialist party, which all over is alive and alert. The Unionist party is fervent in the cause of the ultimate union of Great Britain and the British across the seas.

The Chronicle says Mr. Balfour's theme was a humiliating one. Explaining his abdication he laid down one proposition of which more will be heard, namely, that the proposed arrangement with the colonies must be based upon their diminishing their tariff walls against British manufacturers.

Mr. Chamberlain, who spoke on an Australian invitation, does not pretend that the Australian offer includes that.

The Standard says Mr. Balfour declined to commit himself to the preferential scheme because he sees that the people in these islands are unconverted to the taxing of foodstuffs. The colonies are unconvinced to lower the tariff barriers behind which their manufacturers are nursed.

The Times says Premier Balfour did not conceal his sympathy with Mr. Chamberlain's policy, but adheres to the view that a tax cannot be placed upon food merely as a financial expedient, and says the great Imperial reorganization must await an Imperial wave. Mr. Chamberlain is in entire sympathy with this view, and his task is to convey opinion in Britain and to the colonies.

The Times trusts that Premier Seddon's invitation to the Prime Ministers of the self-governing colonies of the empire to protest against Chinese labor for the Rand will not be a failure. The Transvaal people are favorable, it says, why should the home Government thwart their wishes? Such a course would upset the constitutional principle of the right of the colonies to settle their own affairs.

Iron firms are greatly interested in the arrival at Glasgow yesterday of a cargo of Canadian pig iron from Cape Breton. No shipment of Canadian iron has reached Glasgow in almost two years, due to the fact that Canadian producers have secured better prices at home and in the United States. This import also marks the closing up of British shipments to America.

SALVATION ARMY CADETS.

Commissioned For All Parts of Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—The auditorium at the Salvation Army Temple was crowded last night to witness the commissioning of the fifty cadets from the Salvation Army Training College for service throughout the Dominion. The service was conducted by Colonel C. T. Jacobs, Chief Secretary. Miss Booth's health still being very unsatisfactory. The cadets included representatives from all parts of Canada, Washington State, Newfoundland and Bermuda. One of them was a South African veteran, who served with the Shropshire Regiment, and received fourteen wounds during that war. They have had a course of eighteen weeks, in charge of Major and Mrs. Stanton. The appointments of the cadets are—Collingwood, C. Brass; Hamilton, A. Pascoe; Uxbridge, F. Boocock; S. S. Marie, L. Varnell; Dundas, J. Simerson; Yorkville, A. Bigelow; Temple, W. Adams; Kimmount, A. Jordan; Dresden, E. Duncan; Essex, M. Brown; Tillsonburg, A. Scarffe; Wallaceburg, F. Coggin; Forest, O. Carter; Seaforth, E. Brown; Barre, Vt., G. Livermore; Newmarket, Vt., L. Nelson; Odessa, L. McFadden; Sherbrooke, P.Q., F. Hodge; Campbellford, J. Salter; Prescott, J. Cole; Millbrook, W. Miller; Carberry, S. Davey and W. Oke; Winnipeg, M. Henderson; Minot, F. Keeler; Everett, —Travis; Spokane, M. Davidson.

Eastern division—Calais, H. Walters; North Head, P. Glen; Bridgewater, F. Falle; St. John, M. Murphy; Hillsboro, E. McWilliams; Londonderry, L. Garside; Summerside, J. Gratto; Stellarton, G. McMillan; Annapolis, A. Harvey; Windsor, J. Luther; Clark's Harbor, E. Lee; Whitby, F. Grant; Sydney, I. Crowl; Louisburg, E. Ramey; Pt. Hood, M. Dalzell; Port Simpson, B.C.—Indian worker, J. Halpenney.

Special, E. Gatehouse.

The Ex-premier of France, Paris, Jan. 11.—The condition of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, former Premier, is no longer serious, apprehension, but it has been decided that as the distinguished patient is suffering from colic of the liver an operation will become necessary. This operation will soon take place, but no fear as to its success is entertained by the physicians.

Could Not Sleep At Night.

Was All Run Down.

Had No Appetite.

FOOD WOULD NOT DIGEST.

Mrs. I. W. Warner, Riverdale, N.S., is glad there is such a remedy as

Burdock Blood Bitters.

IT CURED HER AND WILL CURE YOU.

She says: "I wish to add my testimony to the many others who have spoken so highly as to the unfailing virtues of Burdock Blood Bitters. I was all run down, had no appetite, lost all ambition, could not sleep much, and had terrible headaches and backache, and my food did not digest properly. I saw B.B.B. advertised, so concluded to give it a trial, thinking it did no good it could do no harm. But after using one bottle I began to feel better, and by the time I had used three bottles I was feeling like a new person. I am so glad there is such a remedy provided for suffering humanity, and cannot praise it enough for I think there is no medicine like it on the market."

CHICAGO FIRE VICTIMS.

The Relatives Will Establish a Memorial.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Unlimited funds to aid in prosecuting the persons responsible for the fire have been pledged to the "Iroquois Memorial Society," composed of relatives of victims. It was stated that the "office" had been made by "a firm with financial backing of more than a million dollars." A committee on permanent organization decided upon the following recommendations:—

(1) To establish a memorial to commemorate the names of the victims of the fire; (2) To render assistance to those made destitute through the loss of relatives in the fire; (3) To devise methods to prevent similar occurrences; (4) To assist in and compel the enforcement of ordinances and statutes to safeguard life in public assemblages.

It was decided to appoint a committee to aid the coroner in his investigation.

THEY KNOW IT.

Thousands of people throughout this country know that the ordinary remedies for piles—ointments, suppositories and appliances—will not cure. The best of them only bring passing relief.

Dr. Leonard's Hem-Roid is a tablet taken internally that removes the cause of Piles, hence, the cure is permanent. Every package sold carries a guarantee with it.

It is perfectly harmless to the most delicate constitution. A small box of Hem-Roid in each package. Sold at \$1.00. Sold by C. H. Gunn & Co., Central Drug Store, Chatham.

Ailsa Craig Banner: "The widows of the sectionmen who were killed on the G. T. R. at Stratford, viz., Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. McIntyre, have been successful in effecting a settlement with the railway company through their solicitors, Messrs. Judah and Elliot. Mrs. McLean, who has no children, will get \$850; Mrs. Holmes, who has three minor children, \$900; Mrs. McIntyre, with five minor children, \$950. The amount of insurance in the railway company on each of the three men was \$250, which their widows were asked by the company to accept in full lieu of all claims against them, but on the advice of Mr. E. B. Smith they were persuaded to leave the matter in his hands, and it was through his untiring efforts that they secured the above amount."

STOMACH TROUBLES.

A disordered stomach may cause no end of trouble. When the stomach fails to perform its functions the bowels become deranged, the liver and kidneys congested, causing numerous diseases, the most fatal of which are painless and therefore the more to be dreaded. The important thing is to restore the stomach and liver to a healthy condition, and for this purpose no better preparation can be used than Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by all druggists.

Life's little frets call for its largest faith.

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

Suitable Holiday Presents.

A nice line of Perfume in Boxes and Bulk Nasmith's High Grade Chocolates in oxe Rowntree's Jububes. Terry's Sweets.

A beautiful line of Ebony Mirrors, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes and other natural woods.

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Gifts in boxes of 10 and 25 from 50c up.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

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POPE'S FOREIGN MINISTER.

Mgr. Merry del Val, New Secretary of State for the Vatican—Youngest Member of Sacred College.

Mgr. Merry del Val, who has just been appointed papal secretary of state by the Pope, was secretary to the conclave which elected Pius X. to the pontifical throne. It is understood that the nomination will not be made officially until the next consistory, when Mgr. del Val will also be made a cardinal.

After the newly elected Pope had accepted the choice of the sacred college and had donned the white robes of office Mgr. del Val, by virtue of his office, knelt before him and offered the papal white cap. With a slight smile Pope Pius X. took the white cap and dropped the red cardinal's cap that he had been wearing on the head of Mgr. Merry



MR. MERRY DEL VAL.

del Val. This donated, according to custom, that the recipient would shortly be raised to the cardinalate. The new papal secretary of state will be the youngest member of the sacred college, being only thirty-eight. He has had considerable experience in the diplomatic relations of the Vatican.

Mgr. Merry del Val is a descendant of one of Spain's noblest families. His mother was an Englishwoman, and he was born in London. His father at that time was secretary of the Spanish embassy to the court of St. James and later became Spanish ambassador to the Vatican.

Mgr. Merry del Val's appointment as secretary of the consistory on the death of Pope Leo carried with it the secretaryship of the consistory following and was held to presage further promotion. When Cardinal Rampolla, Pope Leo's secretary of state, gave up his office Mgr. del Val was entrusted with the duties of the Vatican foreign office and had now been confirmed in that post by Pope Pius X.

Fifty Years on the Bench.

Hon. D. J. Hughes, senior Judge of the County Court of Elgin, retired from the discharge of the duties of his office after a full half-century of service on the Bench. Judge Hughes has been a prominent citizen of St. Thomas through two generations. He was appointed to the county Judgeship on Sept. 29, 1853. At that time he was a partner of his brother-in-law, the late John Wilson, K.C., afterwards a Judge of the Common Pleas. He was called to the Bar in 1842 and



JUDGE D. J. HUGHES.

practised law at Woodstock for five years. His unusually long service on the Bench, his ability and his knowledge of law, and the retention of his powers and faculties beyond the fourscore mark, combine to make him a notable figure in the judiciary. Mrs. Hughes, to whom he was married in 1845, was his companion and helpmeet until only a few weeks ago, when her death occurred. Judge Hughes has taken an active interest in educational, philanthropic and religious affairs. For many years he has been an active member of Knox Church, St. Thomas. His political sympathies were with the old school of Conservatives.

Paper Clothes.

Paper clothes are the latest novelty, according to The World's Paper Trade Review. This journal tells us that a Berlin tailoring house is now offering complete paper suits for \$2.50. The prospectus gives full instructions for measuring oneself, and the firm also advertises in foreign journals, evidently expecting to do as an export business. The material is woven and pressed, of a dull cream color and apparently not very light.

Solled Photographs.

Solled photographs may be cleaned by being sponged with cold water and dried by laying them, face downward, on a soft cloth and pressing the backs with the palm of the hand. The mounts should be rubbed with crumbs of stale bread.

STORY OF GRAND OLD MUSICIAN

Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured His Kidney Disease of Years Standing.

Samuel J. Crow, Well-Known as the Leader of the North Pelham and Rosedale String Band, is Again Enjoying Perfect Vigor.

Rosedale, Ont., Jan. 11.—(Special).—There are few better known musicians in this part of Canada than Samuel J. Crow, for many years leader of the old Pelham and Rosedale String Band, and only his retiring nature has kept him from gaining a national reputation. Consequently his complete recovery from an aggravated case of Kidney Disease of years has aroused much comment here. Interviewed regarding his case Mr. Crow said:

"To-day I enjoy as good health as I did in boyhood and I give the entire credit to Dodd's Kidney Pills. I suffered for years from Kidney Trouble which became aggravated upon every attack of cold and caused me to grow. In the winter of 1896, it developed into gravel, when I was totally unfit for anything. I tried different medicines without the desired results."

"I was in constant misery when I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. To my astonishment and delight I immediately began to recover, and after using five boxes the disease had entirely disappeared. I have known others who were great sufferers to be entirely cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Jennie—Come and sit in my pew this morning.

Anna—I can't. My hat isn't trimmed for that side of the church.

—The best that money can buy should be your aim in choosing a medicine, and this is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures when others fail.

The curtain goes up at 8.15, so we'll be just in time.

But, if we have a box it really seems a shame to be so punctual.

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WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

The game of hockey scheduled for Saturday evening next will, without doubt, be one of the fastest games that will be seen in Chatham this season. The Essex team has been strengthened by the addition of three very fast O. H. A. men and since the season opened have won every game played, by a good margin.

That they will not have any walk-over next Saturday night is assured, as Captain Fraser's team have been practising faithfully for fully a month and are all as hard and fit for a good fast game as they will be at any time this winter, with such men as Bray, Elliott, Grant, Lawson, Ross and Sissons, to pick a forward line from, and with Brundage, Fraser, Shambles and Rankin to choose from for the defense, there can be no excuse for not winning the first game of the season. The referee has not been decided upon yet.

EVENING MUSICAL

The pupils of Miss Mabelle Edmondson gave a very successful musical last night at her home on Head street.

The program was pleasingly interspersed with several fine vocal selections by Mr. H. Flowers:

PROGRAM.

Duo—Silver Stars C. Bohm

Misses Annie Crow and Grace Rankin

Solo—Soprano O. Hamlin

Miss Annie Cookman

Solo—Newwood March Hart

Miss Luella Cartwright

Vocal solo—Selected Mr. H. Flowers

Solo—Pomponette E. Behr

Miss Marie Kerr

Solo—Little Fairy March Streabog

Miss Dolly Pritchard

Solo—Valse Novelette G. Moore

Miss Violet Glassford

Vocal solo—Selected Mr. H. Flowers

Solo—In the lovely month of May Morkel

Miss Dottie Wilson

Solo—Sportive Breakers E. Holst

Miss Grace Rankin

Vocal solo—The Deathless Army Trotter

Duo—Valedictoria Goerdeler

Misses Dottie Wilson and Annie Cookman

Mrs. McAlpine, of the 12th con-

cession, North Yarmouth, had a mis-

fortunate escape from death on Sat-

urday morning on the west end mar-

ket at St. Thomas. She was passing

the City Hotel when a farmer, who

was slightly intoxicated, drove his

horse and cutter onto the sidewalk.

Mrs. McAlpine did not notice his ap-

proach, and the horse struck her,

knocking her down and, together

with the cutter, passing over her. She

was carried unconscious into the

hotel, where restoratives were ad-

ministered, but it was some time

before she recovered sufficiently to

leave the hotel.

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FANNY MCGARVEY FOUND IN-

SANE AT LONDON.

Evidence Given to Show that the Girl Suffered from Hallucinations—Killed Her Uncle to Save Him From a Worse Fate

London, Ont., Jan. 13.—Miss Fanny McGarvey was found not guilty of the murder of her uncle, Patrick Upton, at Stratroy, on November 9th, by the jury, which heard the evidence. After an hour's deliberation, and guided, no doubt, in large measure by the charge of Mr. Justice Britton, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, on the ground of insanity. The girl will, therefore, probably be confined in an asylum at the pleasure of the Crown.

When the case was called, Miss McGarvey stepped into the dock, neatly dressed in black. She was evidently under a severe mental strain, and gave way to fits of sobbing. Several members of her family were present, and her brother, Edward, stood beside her counsel, Mr. John Follinsbee of Stratroy.

Yesterday Dr. Berdan testified that when he came to attend Upton he overheard a conversation, one of the prisoner's brothers exclaiming: "Look out, she has brought us to." Prisoner replied: "If you had been brothers to me I would not be here, and that man would not be lying there murdered."

Dr. McCallum, Superintendent of London Asylum, testified that prisoner was insane, and had delusions that predisposed her to commit a murder-ous act at any moment. Dr. McArthur, jail surgeon, said she was a dangerous lunatic. Dr. Hoare, Stratroy, gave similar evidence.

Edward McGarvey, brother of the prisoner, stated in his evidence that his sister had gone to live with Upton when about sixteen years of age, and had been a bright, cheerful disposition till about a year ago. One of her delusions was that there had been improper relations between herself and her uncle, and that she had given birth to a child. This was absolutely untrue, John McGarvey, father, Wm. McGarvey, brother; Mrs. Evans, sister of prisoner, all gave evidence suggesting insanity. On March 17, 1903, Fanny had tried to kill her sister, and subsequently took to her bed. His Lordship in his charge said there was evidence to show prisoner was mentally deranged.

The jury were out about an hour and on their return announced a verdict of "not guilty on the ground of insanity." His Lordship then ordered that prisoner be kept in the county jail until the Attorney-General and Lieut.-Governor have been notified.

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NO U-TIMATUM YET.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN AND HIS ADVISORS CONFER.

Report Says Port of Wiju Will Be Opened—Planning to Blow Up Siberian Railway in Case of War.

London, Jan. 13.—The correspondent of The Times at Tokio says the conference of statesmen yesterday, which included the chiefs of the naval and military staffs, lasted five hours. It is understood that it merely drafted a reply to Russia's last note, inasmuch as the latter, though unsatisfactory in substance, was conciliatory in tone, thereby leaving a continuance of the negotiations. Nothing in the nature of an ultimatum has yet been submitted.

A conference of the elder statesmen, in the presence of the Emperor, took place to-day, but it is understood that it did not materially affect the situation, which remains in the negotiation stage.

Much new interest in the situation has been created by the exchange of ratifications of the China and Japan commercial treaty. Japanese journals are urging the Government to immediately send to Mukden, Antung and Amur, the ports open to commerce under the treaty.

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STUART CASE REMANDED.

The "Prince" Tells of His Financial Affairs.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—There was a large crowd in the Police Court yesterday to see Archibald Stuart, the divorced husband of the Countess Russell, who was charged with vagrancy. The prisoner is a fine-looking young man, of six feet or more. He wore an expensive overcoat, with collar and cuffs of rich fur. Stuart went on the stand and told his own story. Crown Attorney Curry prosecuted, and T. C. Robinette, K.C., appeared for the defendant.

Stuart, who had been taking things very coolly all through the hearing, walked unconcernedly to the witness box. He told the following story, quietly and convincingly:

"I arrived in Montreal from the old country about the end of last October on the steamer Tunisian, and, after staying at the Windsor Hotel for a week or ten days, I came to Belville, and finally to Toronto. I put up at the King Edward Hotel and stayed about a month there. I had about £200 when I landed in Montreal. From here I went to Boston and stopped at the Hotel Touraine. I failed to obtain a remittance I expected from the old-country, and so I agreed with the manager of the hotel to leave my baggage behind to guarantee payment of my bill of about £8. I came back to Toronto and again put up at the King Edward. I had nearly £50 left of the £200. I had also received two £10 notes after arriving at Montreal.

"I had received from £700 to £1,000 from Mr. Peckham, a London solicitor, when I married the Countess Russell about twelve months ago. I understand that divorce proceedings had been commenced, as I was served with the papers just before I left England. It was agreed that the firm of solicitors should send me £250 quarterly. I received three quarter payments and the fourth was due on January 1st.

"We had a little trouble just after I married Countess Russell over falsifying the marriage register. I signed my first name wrongly, 'Athrobald,' instead of 'Archibald.' I spent two days in jail and then I resumed marital relations with the Countess. I lived for five months with her in Bray."

In reply to Mr. Curry's questions, he said that when he arrived at Montreal his baggage consisted of a couple of large trunks, a Gladstone, a large kit and a roll of rugs. His bill at the Windsor Hotel was \$30. When he left Toronto for Boston he had about £100. At Boston he gave a friend whom he met there £25 in order to enable him to get back to England. His bill at the Hotel Touraine was about £8. This was for nine days' room rent. He paid for his meals.

He did not wish to divulge the name of the regiment he was in, but, on being pressed, said that his father was a Colonel in the First Life Guards. He ceased giving him money about two years ago, but Stuart denied that there was any quarrel between them. He said he had served as a trooper in a Natal regiment during the Boer war.

Stuart denied that he had conspired to defeat justice in the English law courts by accepting money on agreeing not to defend his divorce suit.

Colonel Denison remanded the prisoner to jail for a week, and said he would accept a bail two sureties of \$500 each. His Worship remarked that the way it looked to him was that Stuart had been obtaining money by fraud. The remand of a week is so that inquiries can be made in England about Stuart.

RIDICULE CHAMBERLAIN.

The British Papers Discuss His Latest Speech.

London, Jan. 13.—The Yorkshire Daily Observer says that one of the most likely effects of a really effective preference to Canadian products would be to stimulate the already extensive movement of cosmopolitan Americans across the Canadian borders.

The Liverpool Daily Post says there is no single feature in British trade to justify Chamberlain's assertion that our external trade, apart from our colonial trade, was declining, and that but for the colonial trade the country would now be suffering the greatest depression the trade has known for a century.

The Liverpool Mercury says that the colonies have Legislatures, which alone can make laws. They had made none when Chamberlain, for the purpose of his propaganda, selected a wrong word to express their real sentiment and attitude.

The Manchester Guardian says that Chamberlain's speech combined nearly all the faults of nearly all his other speeches. It was vitriolic, of a personal nature, with sneers endless, begged the questions or gave slippery substitutions.

The Manchester Courier, commenting on Mr. Balfour's speech, believes ultimately that with fuller knowledge of people of these realms will submit to the taxation of food or anything else if Canada or other colonies will give us any preference we desire when the dream has been realized.

TO ATTACK PANAMA.

Colombians Gathering—United States Warships Will Land Forces.

Colon, Jan. 12.—United States naval authorities here appear to be convinced from the tenor of the reports which are continually brought in that Colombia is determined to send an army to attack Panama. The Colombian troops at Tiumbo number at least 4,000 men, well armed and supplied with ammunition and provisions.

It is expected that all the warships will leave Colon to-morrow for the purpose of making a demonstration along the San Blas coast. The vessels will land a number of at least 4,000 men, well armed and supplied with ammunition and provisions.

Colombian troops, have crossed into Panama territory.

Steel Corporation and Employees.

New York, Jan. 12.—The United States Steel Corporation has extended its profit-sharing plan and invites subscriptions to the preferred stock from employees at \$5 per share, instead of the original price of \$25.

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