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Estate Administration Sale.....

What is a bargain? A good thing selling for less than it is worth. You know the attraction of a real bargain line in other things than the price only. IT IS A QUALITY AT LOW FIGURES THAT COUNTS now and always and that is what we are offering you day after day. Do not let December slip by without coming in to see what we have to offer, and to those who have been in we would say that many lines have been cut down lower than ever in order to clear them out.

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They must go no matter what the price is that we get for them. Jackets in all sizes, all shades at your own price. If you have a small amount of money come here expecting to get a fine jacket.

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Regular \$1 Velveteens at.....89c yd
Regular 50c Velveteens at.....46c yd
40 pcs. Braid and Dress Trimmings, worth from 10c to 40c your choice at.....5c yd

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Not only are the short lengths of twenty yards and under cut down to 1/2 price, but every piece of Carpet in the store is selling at reduced price:
50c Tapestry Carpet for.....30c
45c Tapestry Carpet for.....25c
1.00 Wool Carpet for.....70c

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Not very many left, only about half a dozen and they are marked at prices that will soon clean them out:
\$10.00 Robes for.....\$7.69
\$12.00 Robes for.....\$9.13
\$7.50 Robes for.....\$6.27

Comforters and Blankets

Seasonable goods these cold nights—the kind we will show you are very fine:
\$3.00 Comforters for.....\$2.48
\$4.00 Comforters for.....\$3.13
\$5.00 Comforters for.....\$4.13
\$7.00 Comforters for.....\$6.24

Kid Gloves

A large shipment ordered some time ago for the Xmas trade arrived to-day, these go on sale at reduced prices:
Regular \$1 Gloves for.....89c
Regular \$1.25 Gloves for.....\$1.13
Regular \$1.50 Gloves for.....\$1.33
Regular \$2 Gloves for.....\$1.87

Mantle Cloths

Of Beaver, Frieze and Curl Cloth, suitable for Jackets or Capes:
Regular \$1 quality at.....87c
Regular \$1.25 quality at.....\$1.00
Regular \$1.50 quality at.....\$1.13
Regular \$2 quality at.....\$1.67

Ladies' Underwear

A line of small sizes in Children's Drawers, your choice at 10c each:
Ladies' 25c Vest at.....23c
Ladies' 50c Vest at.....46c
Ladies' \$1 Vest at.....87c

Millinery Dept.

40 pcs. Ribbon, worth from 25c to 75c, your choice at.....15c
100 fancy Wings, worth from 25c to \$1, your choice at.....15c
Your choice of any Trimmed Hat or Bonnet in the store at 1/2 price.

Shaker Flannels

Why not economize in these as well as in the larger articles, the chance is yours:
124c Shakers at.....9c
10c Shakers at.....9c
5c Shakers at.....4c

Men's Underwear

In fleece-lined and all wool, the finest goods in the market:
Regular 50c quality at.....46c
Regular 75c quality at.....69c
Regular \$1 quality at.....88c

Men's Hose

Regular 25c quality at.....22c
Regular 50c quality at.....46c

Fur Capes and Jackets at Cost

and under in order to clear them out before January 1st.

Umbrellas for Xmas Presents

A magnificent stock of the newest handles and best covering—it will pay you to buy them now.

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Imported direct from the mill in Belfast Ireland, before the advance in price which means an extra saving to yourself if you buy now.

Regular 25c Linen Tableing at.....22c
Regular 40c Linen Tableing at.....40c
Regular 36c Linen Tableing at.....29c
Regular 72 in. Glass Bleached Linen regular 90c quality at.....82c
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20 dozen special 3-4 size Napkins worth \$3, \$3.25, \$3.50 for.....\$1.64, \$1.76 and \$2.83

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UNVARNISHED FACTS

This store's advertising is nothing more than store news. Facts plainly, honestly stated. It's no trick to use big adjectives and make huge statements, but this space costs us money. We can't afford to fool it away. Then each month the printers call on us and ask us to settle up. We want to get results from our advertising. We can only get them as we keep faith with the public. What we want to emphasize is you can always depend upon every statement we make in these columns. Everything as represented and your money back if you want it. FOR WEDNESDAY BUYERS.

DRESS GOODS,

8 Colorings Fine Imported Venetians Cloth Suitings, warranted pure wool, full 44 in. wide, being part of a delayed shipment from a European manufacturer, all new Fall shades and good value at 60c, extra special at.....47c
48 in. Heavy Suiting Serge, black and navy, clean smooth finish, firm weave, best dye, easily worth 75c, our special price.....50c
12 Shades Pure Japan Silk, 23 in. wide, bright finish, special per yd.....25c
Pos. Black Satin, 24 in. wide, heavy weight, bright finish, special Wednesday.....36c
Colored Satins, 24 in. wide, rich bright finish, in range of new Fall shades, the best quality we ever saw at.....50c

KID GLOVES,

Ferris Fere's best French make, in black and new Fall colors, made

to fit, and every pair guaranteed to wear, special at \$1.25 and.....\$1.00

LADIES' UNDERWEAR,

Fortunately we made heavy purchases in this line before the advance took place, and are still in a position to give our customers the benefit of old prices.

Ladies' Heavy Vests, long sleeves, soft elastic weaves, shaped, very special values at 12 1/2c, 15c, 18c and.....22c

Extra Quality Ladies' Heavy Vests, long sleeves, open front, fancy trimmed yoke, the best value in the market at.....25c

Ladies' Wool Vests, choice quality, soft elastic rib, fancy front and yoke, extra value at.....50c

Ladies' fine Wool Vests, soft elastic weaves, extra finish, special at 75c, 90c and.....\$1.00

CURTAINS, COVERS AND RUGS,

Chenille Curtains, a choice range of colorings with rich borders and

heavy fringe, full length, extra special, pair.....\$2.95

Chenille Curtains, extra size and quality new colorings, handsome borders, rich heavy fringe, special per pair \$5, \$4.50 and.....\$3.25

Tapestry Curtains, a choice range of new designs and colorings, large size, the best values we have seen at per pair \$2.45, \$3, \$4, \$4.50 and.....\$5.00

Tapestry Table Covers, fine quality in new Oriental designs and colorings, with heavy knotted fringe, special as follows.....7-4 Covers at \$1.00

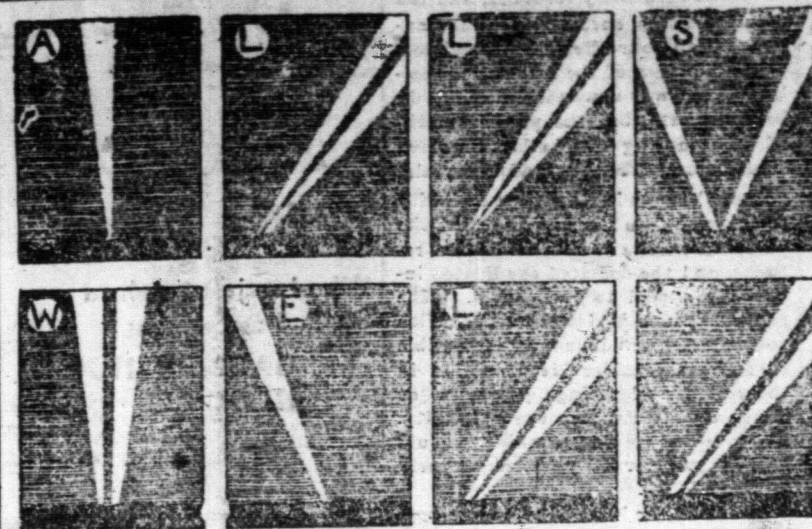
Heavy Quality 8-4 Covers at.....\$1.25
Heavy Quality 10-4 Covers at.....\$1.50 & \$1.75
Extra Quality 10-4 Covers at.....\$3.00

Chenille Covers, new rich colorings, with heavy fringed borders, 4-4 size, special at.....75c
5-4 size special at 90c and.....\$1.00
6-4 size special at \$1.25 and.....\$1.50

Rugs, very special values in Wool, Tapestry, Armistees, Moquette, etc. at 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2.75, \$3.90, \$5.00, up to.....\$8.50

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SEARCHLIGHT SIGNAL CODE.
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BOERS LOST FIFTY MEN

For Gen. Methuen Counted Them.

THREW MOST OF THE BODIES INTO THE RIVER—BOER FIRE EFFECTIVE AT 1600 YARDS.

The censorship continues to be of the strictest character. Virtually no news is allowed to pass except the diaries of events within the beleaguered garrison and positions. According to the latest accounts of the battle of Modder River the Boer



LIEUT. C. C. WOOD,
A Canadian and a graduate of the Military College at Kingston, who was recently killed in battle in Cape Colony.

fire was the hottest on record and will revolutionize existing theories. It was effective up to 1,600 yards, but the casualties among the Boer troops were trifling. It was found impossible to bring the British ammunition reserves

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COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proceedings at the Present December Session of that Body.

The Warden's Address—Some Notices of Motion Presented.

The December session of the county council opened yesterday afternoon at 3.30. There were present, Warden A. Leyerton, Jonas Gosnell, Arthur Leyerton, John Davidson, S. P. Sturgis, J. N. McCoy, Arthur Stuart, Malcolm Campbell, B. W. Wilson, David Campbell, C. L. Vongutien, L. B. Marshall, Francis Rankin, William Hickey and Thos. Robinson.

Warden Leyerton, in his opening address, said: It affords me pleasure to see you all in your places. I can see that you are ready for business. There is no particular measure to come before you that I am aware of. I would like to draw the attention of the education committee to the fact that there is considerable business before them, some of which was partially transacted at the last meeting of the council. It



KILLED AT MODDER RIVER.

Col. Northcott participated in the Shenbro expedition, West Africa, in 1888, where he was desperately wounded in the Zulu war, the Ashantee expedition, 1893, for which he was made a companion of the Bath. Recently he commanded in Northern Gold Coast territories.

will also be necessary for this body to pass a by-law to provide for the Moravian bridge. There is also another thing I would like to draw your attention to, the special meeting Thursday evening at the Rankin House. As the business is of considerable importance I sincerely trust there will be a full board.

Mr. Caughill gave notice that he would move that Mrs. Snook be admitted to the County House of Refuge as a county pauper.

Mr. Hickey gave notice that he would move that the resignation of County Magistrate Houston be accepted, and that he would move for the appointment of a successor.

Mr. Gosnell gave notice that he would introduce a motion to release the cash security furnished by John Elliott, of St. Mary's, for the completion of the Moravian bridge.

DRESDEN

Dec. 6.—Miss Kate McCrae, of Wallaceburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hamilton Waddell.

The Board of Trade were given a free trip to the Eau du jour by the L. E. & D. R. where they will view the new boat which will run regularly from the Eau to Cleveland.

An old resident of Dresden and vicinity in the person of J. Farlow died at his home in North Dresden yesterday afternoon.

J. W. Harris left for Bay City yesterday morning and will return Thursday.

M. Labuschagne, a member of the Natal Legislative Council, has been arrested on his farm near Colenso on suspicion that he was assisting the Boers.

QUITE A MYSTERY.

Canadian Corps Sailed From Quebec 1019 Strong.

Reached Capetown With 1038 Men on the Muster Roll Besides 22 Specials.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The exact wording of the cable which the Militia Department received from Col. Otter, in command of the Canadian regiment at Cape Town, is as follows:

"Cape Town, Nov. 29.—Chief Staff Officer, Ottawa: Just landed here in excellent health and spirits. Des Lauriers, Ottawa, died 3rd inst.; heart failure. Battalion strength 1,038; Special 22.—(Signed) OTTER."

The strength of the regiment is a surprise to the authorities here. When the contingent left Quebec the strength was 1,019, but Col. Otter has found the number to have increased to 1,038. There may have been a few stragglers on board.

It is learned that the contingent from the moment that it sets foot on African soil, coming as it does under the regulations of the Imperial army, will entitle the men to Imperial pensions or compassionate allowances in case of losing a limb or being incapacitated.

Word also reached the city that Private Martin, of this city, had broken his leg just before landing at Cape Town.

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The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.

THE STORY OF A HAY CONTRACT.

When the Imperial Government asked the Government of Canada to purchase 3,000 tons of hay for use in South Africa The Planet, as well as many other journals, found fault with the fact that the authorities at Ottawa very generously let the contract for 2,000 tons of this to an American contractor to be pressed and loaded at Boston. The reply to this was that the American contractor controlled the latest and best apparatus for pressing hay and that the contract had to be given to him. This now turns out to have been all deception.

As all the facts in connection with this hay contract given to Mr. Bloomingdale, of Boston, are made public one can realize what a narrow escape Canada has had from a scandal in connection with the first shipment of Canadian hay to South Africa. Prof. Robertson's alertness alone has saved the country from, so far as its influence on Canadian trade and the good name of the country are concerned, what would have been little short of a calamity.

Mr. Fitter, the experimental farm foreman at Ottawa, had been sent to Boston to watch the shipments, and when he found that Bloomingdale's manager was endeavoring to put hay on board which any respectable horse would not be down upon, much less eat, he at once protested, and telegraphed the facts to Prof. Robertson. Within 12 hours the Agricultural Commissioner was on the spot, and the interview between the professor and the smart Yankee was, as it is said, a stormy one. Bloomingdale's manager used language not quite up to a Sunday school standard, and threatened to block the whole thing if he were not permitted to load hay of the quality that he might select. He claimed that Mr. Bloomingdale controlled the presses, and could stop the entire shipment.

It then occurred to the commissioner to make inquiries about the Lowry presses, and soon he ascertained that Bloomingdale neither owned nor controlled them; that he had simply leased them from the Farmers Press Association, of New York, on the strength of representations that he had a contract from the Canadian Government to press 3,000 tons of hay for them. These representations were made to the New York concern before Bloomingdale had got the order from the Department of Agriculture, and, being unfounded, the Farmers Press Association agreed to cancel the lease to Bloomingdale and give a direct lease of them to the Agricultural Commissioner.

Thereupon, the department immediately undertook the work of pressing the hay with its own staff. Those of the Canadian contractors who had received orders for hay were asked to double their supplies, and purchases were also made from other dealers in Canada, including "Clothing" Brothers, of Chrysler, and O. Newcomb, of St. Hilare. The work of pressing and loading the hay is now going on rapidly and satisfactorily, and it is expected that the Montauk will sail from Boston next Tuesday. The difficulties with Bloomingdale have caused probably a week's delay, but the hay will arrive in Cape Town about the 15th of January.

W. B. Searle, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, will go to Cape Town on the Montauk to make the formal transfer of the cargo to the Imperial authorities.

CHOICE OF
Gifts

T gift buyer who usually puts off till a day or two before Christmas knows how scarce the prettiness are. We have just opened out the best selection of

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THE COST OF MARRIAGE LICENSES.

In a speech in West Elgin Premier Ross said to the electors:

Ten years ago a marriage license cost \$6, and now the price is \$2; but when the state of the provincial exchequer warranted it the Government would give a marriage license for nothing.

Commenting on this the Hamilton Spectator says: It is quite possible that Mr. Ross does not know that the Government now gives marriage licenses for nothing. The price to the consumer is \$2; but that all goes into the pocket of the vendor, who is appointed by the Government to sell the license, as a reward for party service. In other words, the Government, in order to reward a partisan worker, empowers him to levy a tax of \$2 upon every man who desires to get married. The Government gains nothing by it; it all goes to the license seller. To tax people to put money into the pockets of private individuals, while none of it goes to the state, is a piece of villainy highly characteristic of the Ontario Government.

An interesting fact that both Mr. Ross and the Spectator appear unaware of is that the former's statement about \$6 licenses is incorrect; marriage licenses cost no more ten or fifteen years ago than they do now. The Spectator is right about the provincial exchequer receiving no revenue from this source, and it seems incredible that the premier, holding the treasury portfolio as he does, is not posted on that fact. Another point that has always puzzled this great family journal is, why these licenses should not be issued by the municipal clerks instead of by Government proteges?

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President McKinley's message to Congress this time is exceedingly lengthy. It opens with congratulations to Congress and the people upon the unprecedented prosperity of the country, and the satisfactory condition of the revenues, even when the government is carrying on a distant war.

The president abandons all his former hopes of bimetalism and declares positively for a gold standard.

Steps for the rehabilitation of Cuba under a civil government are urged upon Congress.

Much stress is laid upon the Philippine question, and on this the president is most positive. His suggestion, that the granting of complete autonomy under a protectorate of the United States is not to be thought of, has almost the tone of a command, although it is couched in diplomatic language and backed by strong argument.

The president hints that as soon as peace is restored, he will send another peace commission to confer with the natives and facilitate the restoration of order and civil government.

He also thinks it is in the power of Congress to crush out the trusts and combines evil. In this connection he says:

"It is universally conceded that combinations which engross or control the market of any particular kind of merchandise or commodity necessary to the general community, by suppressing natural and ordinary competition, are obnoxious not only to the common law, but also to the public welfare. There must be a remedy for the evils involved in such organizations. If the present law can be extended more certainly to control or check these monopolies or trusts, it should be done without delay. Whatever power the Congress possesses over this most important subject should be promptly ascertained and asserted."

VOTING MACHINES.

If voting machines had been used in the recent election in Kentucky the peace of that commonwealth would not now be menaced by the conflicting claims of the rival candidates for governor, says the Chicago Times-Herald. There is little doubt that General Taylor has received a plurality of the votes cast, but the counting is largely under the control of Goshel adherents. The people have registered their verdict in favor of Taylor. If Goshel is declared governor, it must be through a fraudulent count.

This is the feature of an election contest that emphasizes the value of the voting machine which not only registers the population, but makes falsification of the returns impossible. As it works with mechanical accuracy, and counts the votes as rapidly as they are received, there can be no holding back the returns in certain localities for needed alterations in tally sheets, or for manipulation of the ballots.

The practicability of voting machines has been repeatedly demonstrated in elections of recent years, but never so satisfactorily as in the election last week, in Buffalo, Brooklyn, Utica and Detroit. In all these cities the results were such as to greatly strengthen the faith of all honest seekers after ballot reform in machine voting. In the city of Buffalo the result of the election was known at six o'clock, and the last returns were at the city hall in 35 minutes after the polls closed. The test in that city was a particularly severe

one, because of the unusual number of "split" votes as shown by the fact that that part of the Republican ticket carried by 9,000 plurality, while one candidate received only a few hundred plurality. The number of election districts was reduced from 150 to 108 when the voting machines were purchased, and on election day some of the machines received votes at the rate of two a minute. In Brooklyn the vote was unusually heavy, but the vote was accurately recorded, and the result for the entire city was announced an hour after the polls closed.

The adoption of the Australian ballot system was a wonderful stride in ballot reform, but the present method of counting the ballots is slow, cumbersome, laborious and uncertain. Where the vote is close the possibility of error or fraud is so great that the public has little confidence in the returns, and the defeated candidates invariably appeal to the courts. The present system is also expensive. With voting machines in use it is possible to make a considerable reduction in the number of voting precincts or election districts in every locality. Moreover, a voting machine should last a number of years if properly handled.

Of course the hand of the party boss and the spoilsman is against the voting machine. It will not serve his nefarious purposes. But this constitutes the principal reason for the increasing public demand for the voting machine.

The weather is now proceeding to set the city council an example in street paving.

To-morrow Canada expects Manitoba to do its duty, but we don't know whether Manitoba will or not.

The St. Thomas Journal seems to have the political D. T.'s, these days in its frantic efforts to condone the crimes of the machine.

The Tartlet organ in Quebec highly disapproves of Hon. Joseph's Chamberlain's recent speech. When Joe learns this he will no doubt take it all back.

For the purpose of clearing Tarte, a number of cheap journals are dining it into the ears of the Quebecers that their loyalty is being questioned. This is disreputable business, for it is untrue, and certainly calculated to stir up race troubles. Out of a very extensive exchange list we have yet to find one solitary journal that has even insinuated anything against French Canada.

The British channel squadron is now scattered about the Mediterranean, and the Mediterranean squadron is at Gibraltar. The special service squadron has been ordered there, together with a further reinforcement of a battleship and three cruisers. With the Channel fleet, which is also rendezvous at once at the Rock, Britain will have mobilized the strongest fleet that has ever been together in the world's history. There is some thing in the wind but nobody seems to know what. Such a concentration is most unusual.

THE FRENCH OF ONTARIO.

St. Thomas Times, Con.

All along the Detroit River and in various sections of the western peninsula of Ontario, there are remains of old French settlements. The people of French descent retain a fond remembrance of "la belle France. They love her flag, take an interest in her history, and the older ones even speak the language of France. But they are good, thrifty, industrious and generally speaking, prosperous citizens. The younger people read and speak English. The Times has many subscribers among them and will be glad to take some more. They coalesce with their English neighbors and give a very desirable and valuable element in the population. Nobody worries about the older ones speaking French or keeping up any old-time customs that remind them of the land of their origin. The motto of the English part of the population is: "Trouble your head with your own affairs, and leave others at liberty to do the same."

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The morning mists lift o'er the Transvaal plains.
Shrill bugle notes echo thro' valley and craig;
The boom of cannon gives vent to its rumbling strains,
And Majuba we remember as we hail to our flag.

Right well the gallant Devonshires and Manchesters form,
Flanked by the Gordons and Lancers ready for the fray;
Whilst the dashing artillery, as the heights they storm,

Cover the Irish Fusiliers, as they boldly dash away.
Over the plains swiftly, rush the brave Fusiliers,
Abreast of them, cheering, come the gallant King's Own;

At the bugle charge sounding, 'midst the Devonshires' cheers,
Follow after them quickly, the brave Gordons alone.

There's a flash and a clack, as the cold steel engages;
The honors and glories of war are at stake,
The Gordons are holding their prestige for ages,

As the Irish beside them, ne'er waver nor break.
The Imperial Light Horse, with their chargers are coming,
Brave Chisholm, he leads them well up the steep slope,

Watch them charge, comrades, they've got the foe running,
Though their colonel has fallen, forlorn in his hope.

In the heat of the battle, 'midst the fury and storm,
Over the kopjes, bayonet and sword wield the contest,
The Boers are retreating, they've lost their good fortune,

Majuba's reversed, Elandslaagte is won, our arms take a rest.
Alas! brave leader, though met the warrior's fate,
In the brunt of the battle, inspiring thy men;

To thy memory, gallant Symons, let thy victory, Elandslaagte,
Proclaim thee a hero, for country and Queen.

W. C. W.

LEHIGH VALLEY TRUNK LINE.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad has finally met with success in the long drawn out attempt to secure the right to lay its track across Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City.

An ordinance permitting the crossing was passed by the Jersey City authorities some time ago, but its operation was held up, owing to an objection from a technical legal standpoint, that was raised by its opposers. The legal objection was removed by the State Court of Errors and Appeals, the decision being handed down at 12:15 p.m. on November 20th. As soon as the decision was announced, the railroad people prepared to get started with the work of laying the tracks, which work was completed, four tracks being laid, by 12 o'clock midnight the same day. The street was cleared of all obstructions at 12:40 a.m., and the first train passed over the crossing at 12:50 a.m. A force of about 250 men was employed in doing the work.

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From Barred Plymouth Rocks, and Black Minorcas, all from the best selected stock, good healthy birds. Received first prize at the Pomona Fair. Exhibited for several years. Price for setting of 12 eggs \$1.00. For large quantities All orders promptly filled.

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To bring them into perfect condition for the coming winter work. Try

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Price 25c per 3 lb. Bag
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"SALADA"

A black and white illustration of a man in a workshop. He is wearing a cap and overalls, kneeling on the floor. He is using a hand pump to inflate a tire. The pump is connected to a hose and a valve on the tire. In the background, there is a window with a view of a house and a tall, narrow cabinet or safe. The word 'COPYRIGHT' is visible in the bottom left corner.

or your furnace; are they going to work all right when old Boreas makes you a sudden visit? Cold weather will be here soon now, and it is well to have your heating apparatus put in order before you start your fires! We will overhaul them or put in new hot water steam or hot air furnace and heating apparatus at a reasonable cost.

BIRKS' ASSURANCE.

Contains a mint of hints for Christmas jewellery shoppers.

Our Xmas Stock

The Big Clock, A. A. JORDAN'S

FOR
HARNESS

A black and white illustration of a horse rearing up on its hind legs, holding an open umbrella in its raised right front hoof. The horse is depicted in profile, facing right. The background consists of numerous short, slanted lines representing rain falling. The entire illustration is framed by a simple rectangular border.

Geo. Stephens & Co.

Subscribe Now.

public bathhouse numerous in which
"public bathing" was practiced until
recently; but now a bamboo fence sepa-
rates the sexes, though it does not
prevent them from viewing the fence
bathers. In the bathhouse which I vis-
ited the interior of Japan. Some houses
have a wooden bathtub, circular shape,
a stove built in one end, and the
water. The whole family,
beginning with the father, bathe in the
water. Sometimes women "tub"
themselves and their children outside
the doors in the winter, with their
edges. This should be. The first time I
saw a father fall over one of these bath-
parties and into the arms of the
er he feels that the situation is
true, but by the time he has tum-
over half a dozen he tires of the
rubs his shoes and makes some
unconscious and very comment.
the polite little woman under-
sneaks out, "Sayonara." (Sir,
he call again.)

A black and white illustration of a man in a top hat and suit, holding a lantern and a pistol, standing on a path with a forest background. The man is depicted in a dynamic, slightly crouched pose, looking towards the right. He holds a lantern in his right hand and a pistol in his left. The background consists of a dense forest of tall, thin trees. The style is reminiscent of a woodcut or a detailed line drawing.

Phone 33, Cor. King and William

Other things do or do not, though
 you may try to induce you to do oth-
 er. An unobtrusive individuality in
 is always charming.—Margaret
 is in St. Louis Republic.

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Over Geo. E. Young's Grocery

THE PROBABILITY.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Dec. 6.—10 a. m.—North to west winds; fair and decidedly cold weather, with snow flurries. Temperature will fall to near zero to-night.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mrs. Jas. Rinehart left for Detroit, a few days ago, on a visit.

We dressers' emmas dresses well. Gordon & Coyne.

Buy the Tiger Brand clothing for boys. The 2 T's, sole agents. If Ex-Adm. Henry Weaver will be a candidate for alderman this year.

The L. E. & D. R. R. officials ate dinner at the C. P. R. Hotel to-day.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a patriotic rally on Thursday, Dec. 6. There will be speeches and music.

The official nominations took place yesterday in East and West Elgin, South Brant and South Ontario.

The grand jury at Essex has returned a true bill against Levi Stewart, colored, for murder.

Wear the Tiger Brand of Boys' Clothing at The 2 T's.

A delightful evening of literature and music, with some fun thrown in, at the C. C. I. on Friday night.

Miss Maud Heyward, who has been visiting friends in Chicago and Kansas City for the past three months, has returned home.

A fair audience took in The Bachelor's Baby last night at the Grand. It proved very amusing. There were some excellent specialties.

There will be an exhibition of the burning properties of Canadian Compressed Peat Fuel in the Grand, Thursday of this week.

Messrs. W. B. Shaw and Perry Slater, Meritt, brought in a prisoner last evening for carrying concealed weapons.

The Stephenson Quartette, of Cincinnati, one of the finest ladies' string quartettes in the country, will give a charming program of popular and classic airs at the C. C. I. on Friday night.

The Detroit News says: "M. L. Menard, ex-governor of Belle River, said that everything was in readiness for the establishment of a public school in the village. A few Protestant families and about 15 Catholic families will support it. If Bishop McEwen carries out his threat to excommunicate us, we'll appeal to his ecclesiastical superiors, said Menard."

The eyes have a potent influence over the mind—first, by strain accompanying vision, and again by the tax on the nervous system. No one knows like a nervous person these peculiar mental conditions. My glasses relieve the strain by removing the cause. E. J. McIntyre, leading optician, opposite Grand Opera House, Chatham.

DON'T BE A RUBE.

Don't buy a ready-made overcoat until you see what Gordon & Coyne can make you for the same money, or near it, and be well dressed. Don't be a Rube.

IT IS ONLY CHICKEN-POX.

Dr. Bryce, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, and Dr. Hall, City Medical Health Officer, went to the Tilbury Centre to meet the local health authorities there yesterday and settle the small-pox dispute. They found only chicken-pox in Tilbury, but ordered some quarantine restrictions as a preventive, as the "real thing" exists about seven miles out of the village, but nowhere nearer.



FOR HIS BEST GIRL

For his best girl, the proud young man takes a stock of our fine confectionery, as an offering. Those who are fortunate enough to receive a box of our delicious and toothsome chocolates and Bon Bons will be pleased. We have a great variety of all kinds and prices that cannot help to please you.

See our Xmas Cakes.

W. S. RICHARDS

KENT BAKERY

PHONE 15

MORLEY & CO.
Tailors.

"Sartorial Art" says: "The overcoat for either day or half-dress may be of almost any style that is long enough entirely to cover the coat (this includes the covert), but is generally a Chesterfield, though the Raglan is now very popular, and the Surtout, the Paletot and the Fly Front are well liked." We have all the proper and fashionable fabrics for producing any of these garments in highest class tailoring.

Opposite Bank Montreal,
Chatham.

If you want your watch or clock cleaned or repaired, cheap and well, go to W. Mellish, Fifth St., under Butler's Photograph Gallery. Gasoline Gas Lamps also sold.

The case against Arch. Patterson before Judge Houston in the county court was again laid over till to-morrow at the request of defendant's counsel, W. E. Gundy.

Our Overcoats are having a great run. Like our Trousers, they are the best value in the city. Plenty of variety in both goods and prices. \$3.50 Pants better than ever. Gordon & Coyne.

Mr. Forsythe, organist and choir master in Christ Church has asked for a full attendance of the members of the choir and all willing to assist in the musical services of the church, this evening, immediately after divine service.

EXCURTED TO THE EAU.

A special train took a large number of citizens from Chatham, and Blenheim to Erietta this morning to meet and inspect the Shenango. Unfortunately, however, rough weather interfered with the arrival of the boat and the excursionists had to return after inspecting the improvements at Erietta.

NATURAL WOOL UNDERWOOD.

Have you given careful thought to this matter? Many people seem to think any kind of an undergarment is good enough for them. They mainly consider warmth—not health and comfort. Others, again, are not satisfied with heavy and bulky garments, and made of soft, pliable goods, that will not shrink. It is health, warmth and comfort they want. These goods are just the thing. There are none better for the money. \$1 a garment at The 2 T's.

FLORENCE.

Miss Kingston, of Bothwell, was the guest of her sister here last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Mickle, of Wallaceburg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Webster, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Law are both seriously ill of typhoid fever.

Robert McLevey is slowly recovering.

John Webster spent Sunday in St. Mary's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Robinson, of Bothwell, spent Sunday at her home, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scullard.

The Robt. Calderwood Co. purchased last week by tender, the stock of M. V. Morrill, insolvent.

Our store "findings" are assuming their usual festive appearance.

Harry Morrill, of Detroit, visited his home here last week.

On account of the anniversary services of the Cairo Presbyterian church next Sunday, which will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Wilson, of London, the usual Presbyterian service will be withheld here. The Florence Presbyterian church will furnish music for the occasion.

Itching, Burning, Creeping, Crawling. Skin diseases relieved in a few minutes by Agnew's Ointment. Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly and cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eczema, Ulcers, Blisters, and all Eruptions of the Skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in all Baby Humors, Irritation of the scalp or rashes during teething time. 35 cents.

Sold by J. W. McLaren.

The siege of Mafeking is practically over. It is reported that Commandant Snyman, who succeeded Cronje there, has been killed.

LIVERPOOL HOUSE

We Are Prepared

And our XMAS FRUITS are in stock and we can supply you this season with the finest fruits ever offered in the city.

Raisins, finest selected, 3 lbs. for.....25c

Currants, extra choice, cleaned, 3 lbs. for.....25c

Peel (Cross & Blackwell) per lb. 20c

Figs, per lb. from 5c to.....25c

GEO. S. HEYWARD

RAISINS SEEDED.

LADY SMITH PRESSED.

A Big Battle Imminent on the Tugela to Try and Relieve it.

London, Dec. 6.—A budget of news from Ladysmith, which arrived to-day, brings the history of the beleaguered garrison up to Nov. 19. In spite of the rumors of a retrograde movement upon the part of the Boers, the stories just received show that the Boers, although still strong, was suffering from confinement, restricted diet and the increasing volume of the Boer artillery fire, especially that of additional heavy calibre guns placed in position 5,000 yards from the western defences.

The despatches relate that the Boers had discovered the most vulnerable points of the garrison, and that shelling was becoming disagreeably effective. The rations had been reduced and there was a great deal of sickness. Nevertheless, the troops of the garrison were in every way preparing to meet the assault which it was anticipated the Boers would carry out in a final effort to reduce the city.

BOERS AGAIN READY.

A Modder river special, dated Thursday, Nov. 30, says: "The Boers occupy a strong ridge about six miles north of this point. To-day the Lancasters came into contact with them."

The war office has received the following list of casualties during the sortie from Kimberley, Nov. 28: Killed—Maj. Ewart-Turner, of the Black Watch; Lieut. C. W. Wright, of the Kimberley light horse, and 20 non-commissioned officers and men. Wounded—Capt. Walleck, Walleck, Lieut. Clifford and Watson, and 23 non-commissioned officers and men.

General Joubert is reported very ill. Mafeking is again reported hard pressed, the Boers having mounted large, long-range guns. It is expected that the Boers will be attempting to take Kimberley in a few days.

THEY ARE DOING WELL.

Notwithstanding the very stormy weather of yesterday, a large number of ladies met at Mrs. W. J. Taylor's, it being the day of the regular Hospital meeting. The receipts so far from the sale and lunches are very satisfactory, and are as follows:

Received from ladies of Holy Trinity church for lunches served, \$23.46.

From young ladies of Holy Trinity for candy sold, \$7.54.

From ladies of Baptist church for candy sold, \$5.09.

From ladies of First Presbyterian church booth, \$14.

From Ladies' Assisting Society for sale and lunches, \$142.04.

This makes a total of \$192.73.

The total receipts from the "Hospital" to date are \$110.20, making the total so far toward paying for the sterilizers \$302.93.

The Ladies' Assisting Society have undertaken the work of providing our hospital with the best sterilizers, which are now being placed, and it must be very gratifying to them to know that the Public General Hospital as it is now equipped stands second to none in the Dominion.

The Ladies' Assisting Society will be pleased to receive contributions, no matter how small, from any friends who would like to assist in this good work.

The visiting committee reported through Mrs. Holmes, that 33 patients had been admitted to the hospital during the month. All of the rooms, excepting one ward, are now furnished. The visiting committee for December are Mesdames M. Campbell and Landon. The next regular meeting will be held at Mrs. S. F. Gardiner's on the 2nd Tuesday in January. The meetings of the society are always of a most enjoyable nature, and the one held at Mrs. Taylor's on Tuesday proved even more so than usual. The cold, dismal weather was forgotten in the bright, cheerful rooms, where, after the business part of the meeting was over, a pleasant time was spent in merry talk and laughter, while dainty refreshments were partaken of, and all were sorry when the meeting was brought to a close.

Our Annual Sale

Boys' Own \$1.75
Girls' Own \$1.75
Young Canada \$1.00
The Windsor 75c

We have 1000 of these beautiful Dresden Books, consisting of 80 titles of standard authors, prices 25c each. These books are worth double that in any other store but ours.

We have all the Xmas numbers of Leading Periodicals:

Figaro, Holly Leaves, Pears,
Sketch, Illus. London News,
Toronto Globe, etc., etc.

They are exquisite this season.

Will be ready for Toy Purchasers next week.

Sulman's
Beehive
Garner House
Block



"Looking back-I see I never saw before." This is the exclamation of satisfied customers. We have fitted successfully stubborn cases that others have failed in. Satisfaction guaranteed. Consultation free.

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OPTICIANS AND DRUGGISTS,
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Books

We want especially to direct attention to our book stock, nowhere else in Chatham will you find so large and complete an assortment as here and at close prices too. Standard books for boys and girls and older folks, best of the newest and most popular books will be found here.

Bibles

We make a specialty of Bibles and carry a large stock at prices ranging from 25c to \$7.00. Exceptional value is our

Teachers' Bible at \$1.00

This is an international bible and contains very complete and accurate notes of value to Bible Students, besides index, concordance, references, maps, etc.

Storing
Purchases

The early buyer gets the benefit of first choice and better assortment. We'll store purchases for you now for delivery later on. Store open evenings until Christmas.

King Street,
Chatham.

MORPETH.

Miss C. Liebner is spending a month with her sister, Mrs. D. McRitchie, and her brother, Albert Liebner, of Rodney.

John Serson, teacher, has secured a school near McKay's Corners for the year 1900.

Mrs. Charles Spoham, "Woodlawn," will spend the winter in Toronto for the benefit of her health.

Miss Scott, of London, has been the guest of Mrs. J. Duck for the past week.

Isaac Bell and wife have returned home, after spending the past months visiting relatives and friends in the Northwest.

Mr. Robinson, from near Chatham, has been engaged as principal of our school, and Miss Mabel Birch, of Chatham, will take charge of the junior department for the year 1900.

A concert, under the auspices of St. John's church, was held Monday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. A fine program is promised.

Mrs. Frank Guyett, west of the village, is away on a visit to her daughter at Pontiac and Vassour, Mich.

Miss Minnie Campbell has been engaged to teach the school in S. S. No. 1, for the year 1900.

The funeral of the late John Loucks, who died at the family residence, near Palmyra, from the effects of a hemorrhage, on Saturday, 25th ult., took place on Monday last from his late residence to the Methodist church here and thence to Greenwood Cemetery, Ridgeway. The deceased carried a \$1,000 policy in the C. D. F. and \$500 in the C. O. F.

Mrs. Wood, daughter of Mrs. Jas. Richards, near the Eau, was reported to be dying on Saturday night.

The remains of the late John Brown, of Scotland, who died of illness, at 25th inst., after a lingering illness, the age of 79 years, were interred in St. John's cemetery on Saturday afternoon, and were followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

NO SUFFERING IN CAMP.

From Dread Catarrh—Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Kills the Disease. Cures and Relieves in ten minutes.

Alf. Leblanc, of St. Jerome, Quebec, says he used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder for an acute case of catarrh in the head and it cured him. He has 125 men working under him in the lumbering camps, and what it has done for him it has done for many others. He buys it for camp use and gives his faith to it as the quickest relief for colds in the head, and sorest cure for catarrh.

Sold by J. W. McLaren.

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

Camel Hair
Plaids....

We were fortunate when visiting the markets recently to pick up some advance shipments of the spring patterns in these dressy goods. They are now here for your inspection. Only one skirt length in each pattern, prices \$5.50, \$6.25 and \$6.75.

A Bargain in Comforters

20 only, com'rters, made of best English print, fast colors, filled with white cross-battening, the price we are asking is less than the material alone, \$1.50.



All-Wool Blankets

Made of best white wool, already shrunken so that you have no further trouble when washing, new lefty finish, the greatest blanket value in the trade, prices \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 per pair.

A Quaker Yarn

Is something you can depend on, pure wool, well soured, as honest a weaver as a Quaker knows how to make, we have all the colors, 3 ply for 50c per pound.

Fur Buyers

Study their interest by seeing our stock, values here that will surprise you. Quality is the attractive point about Furs, prices are less than you pay elsewhere.

Millinery Reductions

The late buyer will find Hats here that have all the style and finish so desirable, at prices that are all in your favor.

All Ladies' Jackets 20 Per Cent. Off

..Clothing Department.

These Are Facts
About Clothing
For Men and Boys

That some people do not consider the reason we have such a strong hold upon the clothing trade of Chatham, is because we sell better clothing than most stores and don't ask any bigger prices than some want for poorly made garments. Nothing is cheap no matter how little the price if its not worthy quality. Our ability with ready cash allows us to buy our clothing where best value is offered or made if it suits us best. No house in Canada has a better possibility of serving you well in Ready-made Clothing than we have.

\$3.48 Small Boys' 3 piece Brown Suits, not the good for nothing kind, but solid wearing suits, in the very newest styles, \$3 48, \$4 00 and \$4.50, for ages 3 to 8 years.

Special We have a very fine range of boys' 2 piece Suits, sizes 22 to 30, from the lowest wearable prices to \$4.50, tweeds, serges and worsteds.

\$1.25 Boys' Reefers, made from heavy serges, rough goods, heavy frizzes, big storm collars, all the comforts, just the thing for the boys, sizes 22 to 34, at \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

Extra Range of Boys' 3 piece Suits, in tweeds, worsteds and serges in excellent patterns, new, fit is right and value is away above the average, sizes 22 to 34, prices \$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.

\$2.25 Boys' Heavy Storm Ulsters—Big collars, lots of pockets, made from heavy frizzes and serges, for ages 5 to 16 years, at \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Trouble It's often lots of trouble people have in fitting the big boys, we can make that easy, bring in the big boys we can fit them just as easy as the small chaps.

Suits and Overcoats for Men

We're simply delighted with the Suits and Overcoats we show for men. The way every part of the garments are made, the pockets, the linings, the canves, the inside stays, are all the very kind that will please a hearty buyer. The sort of suits and overcoats we like best for men are what we have made up to our own ideas. Clothes bought from the makers, linings selected, so we can tell just what we are selling our customers and special attention is given to the little things that go to make a handsome fitting, good wearing garment. See us for your outfit.

Leading and Reliable Clothiers

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

The Money Saving Spot for Men.

REPLIES FAVOR IT

Physical Culture a Great Advantage in School.

Makes the Children Healthier and Fits Them For Better Mental Work.

With the view of introducing physical culture into the public schools here the Board has a committee examining into its advantages. To this committee's inquiries so far the following replies have been received:—

Givins Street School, Toronto.
Yours of the 25th to hand, and in reply would say that physical culture is of the utmost importance in any school system worthy of the name, but in order to be of any value it must become an integral part of said system, taught by teachers every day (yes! oftener than once each day) and this should be regarded as a part of the school routine. If you propose to have physical culture taught by a "Traveling Instructor," say once a week or once a month, flee the idea as you would the plague. Your "Physical Instructor" should teach your teachers (if necessary) and then inspect the work done by the individual teachers in the class rooms. You see what I mean: Physical culture worth the name must be taught regularly by the regular staff, and must be regarded by the staff as of much importance as arithmetic or examinations.

Yours truly,
M. PARKINSON,
Principal.

Convent of the Holy Names, Sarria.
Our first experience with physical culture was through Miss McNaughton and so far as we went all seemed well pleased with her teaching. We only regretted not been able to continue the course.

Physical culture cannot but be beneficial and should be part of the curriculum in any school whose board can afford it.

Trusting this delay has caused no unpleasantness to any one, we are, dear sir, yours respectfully,
SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES,
The Detroit Schools.

Sir,—In reply to your question concerning physical culture will say of course I favor it in the public schools because:

I. It is one of the greatest agencies in the prevention of disease.

II. It helps keep the body in a condition in which the mind can do the most efficient work.

III. It diminishes nervousness to a great extent. A pupil learns to feel that he can succeed.

IV. It almost completely corrects breathing.

These reasons occur to me on the spur of the moment. Much can be said for physical culture and to my knowledge nothing against it to one who makes a study of it.

Yours truly,
S. L. HOUGHTON,
Principal of the Eastern High School.

FATHER LOISELLE'S VIEWS.

Father Loisel, of Big Point was asked yesterday regarding the views expressed to The Planet by certain ratepayers who are opposed to any change in the present school system.

The Reverend Father says, a very large proportion of his parishioners are in favor of the early establishment of separate schools, but his desire is that to effect the changes in accordance with the bishop's views it should be done in a manner to meet the wishes of all ratepayers, if that is possible, and for this reason it is not his intention to force the issue to an early conclusion. There are about one hundred and sixty families who are Catholics at present supporting public schools in divisions 9 and 1.

Quite recently it was decided to erect another public school that will be supported by families from the 10 sections. This proposition will mean the withdrawal of about fifteen ratepayers now supporting the public schools.

By the establishment of a separate school many children residing at too great a distance from the school house will be enabled to get the advantages of education. With regard to the additional taxation that appears to be the only cause for any opposition, Father Loisel says the greatest care will be taken to incur no additional burden upon the taxpayers, and he is of opinion when the separate school is fully established the taxes will be less than at present.

Gordon's Annual December Clearing Sale

As in the past, we again close up the year (and the century) with our Annual Clearing Sale of heavy reasonable merchandise, at such reductions in price as will insure us against carrying these goods over. It will pay you to read our descriptions and quotations below:

Black Dress Goods

Our collection of Fine Black Dress Goods of which we made a notable offering a few weeks since is so unusual that we again call your attention to them as just the thing for present wear or Christmas gifts. See our further reduction to clear:—

Blistered Black Crepons, \$1.25 to \$1.40, now.....85c
Black Silk and Wool Crepons, \$1.50 to \$1.60, now.....\$1.00
Fancy Wool Mohair, regular \$1.00, now.....84c
Black Cheviotte, Black and Lustre and Serges, Black Henriettes and Solids, Pezgalines, Etc.

Colored Dress Goods

54 inch Ladies' Tweeds \$1.00 to \$1.25, now.....70c and 70c
36 inch Ladies' Tweed Dress Goods.....125c
39 inch Ladies' Dark Mixed Tweed Goods.....15c
Fancy Silk Mixed Plaids.....19c
42 inch Fancy Silk and Wool Goods, 50c, now.....25c
Fancy Polka Dots, newest styles, this season's stock, 75c, now.....35c
All-wool Covert Cloth, special 50c, now.....40c
All-wool Broad Cloth, 50c, now.....40c
All-wool Venetians, all colors, 75c, now.....50c
\$1.00 quality.....75c
\$1.35 quality now.....\$1.00

School Boys' Tweeds, to clear them out
Now 25c
500 yds. all Linen Towelings, 16, 18, and 19 in. reg. va ue 6, 7 and 8c,
Now 4c

Men's Navy Ribbed Wool Under-shirts 50c and 50c, to clear,
Now 25c
1 case, 2400 yds. English Prints, dark and light colors, 8c and 10c,
Now 7c

We Make a Specialty of

FINE FURS

Our stock is well assorted with the finest and largest variety ever shown in Chatham—Askam S. J., Perlan L. mb, Sabie, Astrechan, Electric Seal—Jacket, Ruffs, Collar-ettes, Cap s, Fur Lined Capes, Mitts, Caps, Fur Trimming etc., etc

Men's Colored Shirts, 8ne Can. bric, all sizes, 75c,
Now 60c
The Standard Patterns are the Cream of Fashion—Universally approved

Fancy Waist Silks, 4 beautiful lines, to clear
25c 50c, 75c \$1 yd
Men's and Women's Linen Collars, 4 ply all sizes,
3 for 25c

Fancy Wool Coat Cloakings, all colors, \$2.00 goods,
Now \$1.25
Our Great Sale of Ladies' Embroidered Hdkfs, One-Third less than regular price.

THE EARLIER YOU COME THE BETTER THE SELECTION WILLIAM GORDON

Fresh Taffies

We receive by express "made by Crawford" is a guarantee of goodness, good material, good flavor, well made—15c a pound.

Our Special, 1 lb. box, 25c.
Maple Cream, 25c a pound.
Good Chocolate, 15c a pound.
Fine Chocolate, 25c a pound.
Mint Candy, 10c a pound.
Super Mixed Candy, 3 p. unds for 25c.
Mint Candy, 15c a pound.
Grenoble Walnut, 20c a p. und.

H. Malcolmson

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

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

BREVITIES FROM BLENHEIM.

Geo. M. Baird, clerk of Harwich, was in Chatham to-day.

Bishop Baldwin returned to London yesterday morning.

A. N. Hyman, of the firm of Hyman & Murphy, is seriously ill.

R. M. Thompson, barrister, was in Chatham yesterday on legal business.

E. E. Toles has announced himself as a candidate for the reeveship in Harwich.

Arthur McDowell, clerk in Babcock's drug store, spent yesterday and to-day in Detroit and Windsor.

The annual Public school commencement will take place in the Opera House to-morrow evening.

Police Magistrate R. L. Gossnell was a Chatham visitor yesterday on an important legal business before the Master.

Mrs. Joseph Clark is seriously ill at the residence of her son, Wm. Clark, 4th line. Mrs. Clark is in her 89th year of age.

Wm. D. Sheldon, of Chatham, was in town yesterday in connection with the business of the estate of the late O. B. Sheldon.

W. D. Samson yesterday visited Rond Eau, which, despite the wintry weather, is still greeting its quota of daily visitors.

Wm. Snow's large power wind-mill was blown down with yesterday's storm. An expert from Toronto will be on hand to-morrow to repair it.

Work was started yesterday on the rectory barn. Geo. Thompson, who has the work in charge, hopes to have it habitable by Saturday night.

Rumor has it that R. J. Gossnell will dispose of his private banking business some time about the first of the year. Who his successor will be is not known.

The Blenheim town council held their regular meeting last Monday evening with Mayor Haggart presiding. This session was occupied with routine business only.

R. Kilpatrick, furniture dealer and undertaker, yesterday sold out his entire stock to Greenwood Bros., who are moving the same to their new premises and intend shortly to put on an appeal sale.

C. O. Trusler, of Port Huron, deputy supreme commander of the K. O. T. M., is visiting Blenheim in the interests of the K. O. T. M. He has enlisted many new members for Erie View Tent, No. 15.

County Commissioner Chas. L. VonGuten, of this town, is in Chatham this week attending the December sessions of the county council. It is understood that Mr. VonGuten will be a candidate for the wardenship next January, and his election to that honorary position would be heartily appreciated by Blenheim's citizens.

CHURCH GIVING.
Rev. J. P. Rice, Ph. B., of the Blenheim Methodist Church, is engaged in an energetic canvass of the congregation and citizens in aid of the Twentieth Century Fund. Blenheim has a splendid reputation for liberality and the reverend gentleman reports that he is meeting with exceptional success in his canvass.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.
Mayor Peter Haggart, grain and produce merchant, yesterday furnished The Planet with some local market quotations. Beans he quoted at \$1.25 per bushel. This, however, is a speculative price. The cool weather and good roads are causing free deliveries of pork and farm produce at the following prices:—Wheat 65c, oats 25c, dressed hogs \$4.80.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
A visit by The Planet to Blenheim's Public Library was a revelation. This is one of the most fully and best equipped institutions of its kind in the province. "We have over 3,000 volumes," said Librarian Deacon, "and are now getting in a large number of extra books. Unfortunately our members

ship list of 110 is not what it should be, as we are anxious for the public to appreciate the advantages of the library and accord as a better support.

BLENHEIM A MARKET TOWN.
"You will be astonished to see the rapid progress that Blenheim is making as a market centre of considerable magnitude," said County Commissioner Chas. L. VonGuten, to The Planet. "This satisfactory and very encouraging state of affairs is largely attributable, in my opinion, to the increased and better railway facilities established by the L. E. & D. R. R."

Our town is rapidly taking a front position among the most enterprising market towns of Western Ontario, and is becoming a large and regular supply centre for the marketing agricultural community. Of course our magnificent roads should also get considerable credit for this fact. We have good reason to be proud of our good and profitable roads."

PUBLIC HEALTH AFFAIRS.
"Blenheim has been paid many high eulogies," said Dr. S. G. Storey, medical health officer, to The Planet, "but there is perhaps none that she enjoys as the accolade of health. Oh, yes, we have a public health board in connection with the town council, and it is a progressive and energetic one. Yet, fortunately, there is very little for the board to do and meetings are only held when emergency requires or there are matters of special interest to consider. As a matter of fact I think we have only held about three meetings this year. To what do we attribute this high health standard, you ask? Largely to the elevated and advantageous situation of the town and the good water. While the water is now secured from wells, the gravel in the soil proves a most purifying filter. Yes, I think this is one of the healthiest towns in the Dominion."

PUBLIC SCHOOL DOINGS.
The annual commencement exercises of the Blenheim public school will be held next Friday evening, when an excellent program of choice renditions will be presented, largely by the students of the school. This will be followed by the presentation of certificates and diplomas to the pupils and members of the continuation classes. The Blenheim public school is under the direction of Principal J. O. Hamilton, B. A., an honor graduate of Queen's University, and this accomplished and enterprising gentleman is rapidly bringing the institution into marked educational prominence. Speaking of the forthcoming entertainment to The Planet Mr. Hamilton said, "We hope, in addition to proving a most pleasurable evening of enjoyment, it will result in an impetus to the school by increased interest from parents and citizens generally. We are sometimes crippled by lack of regularity in attendance, although of course unavoidable, and are anxious to do all in our power to remedy this."

EXPLORING FOR PEAT.
T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., was in Blenheim last evening, and in an interview with The Planet expressed his intention of visiting the Eau to-morrow, in company with J. L. Scott, of Chatham, and a Toronto expert, with a view to boring down into the bog land, ascertaining its depth and sending a sample to Toronto to be valued for peat.

Asked concerning the forthcoming political by-elections, the member for West Kent said that the nominations would now be over.

"And in a week a time all will be over with the Government candidates, eh, Mr. Pardo?"

"Don't be so sure of that," was the smiling response. "Though I wouldn't be surprised if the Conservatives win West Elgin. There has, no doubt, been

lots of bad practices there, although I am positive that Donald McNish, who is as fine a man as I ever met, had nothing to do with them."

One of the regular fortnightly hops, given by the Assembly Club, was held last night in the Opera House and was largely attended. A very enjoyable time was spent.

TRIP TO THE EAU.
This morning a special L. E. & D. R. R. train went through to the Eau, with the railway officials and several other prominent gentlemen to view the arrival of the steamer Shenango in the new slip dock on the occasion of her first visit to the Eau. At this point Mayor Peter Haggart and a large number of other prominent citizens, upon invitation, met the special and accompanied the other visitors to the Eau.

ANOTHER NEW YACHT.
The report in The Planet of yesterday that W. E. Campbell, E. R. Smith, C. C. Greening and W. R. Phillimore, of Chatham, are contemplating the building of a large yacht to be launched at the Eau next summer to rival the Outlaw, was of considerable interest to the yachtsmen here. Blenheim has always held a premier position in Eau yachting and the possibilities are that a number of its most enthusiastic and enterprising yachtsmen will direct the building of another companion and rival to the Outlaw. With three white-winged monsters there should be some real good sport in yachting circles at the Eau next summer.

MUNICIPAL PROSPECTS.
"Everything is phenomenally quiet in municipal matters," said Mayor Peter Haggart yesterday in response to The Planet's enquiry, "and present prospects do not point to many exciting contests next January. Yes," he added with a smile, "I expect to be mayor again in 1900. I intend offering for re-election, and so far have heard of no opposition to my candidature. I have not heard many definite statements from them on the matter, but my impression is that a majority, if not all, of the members of the present council will seek re-election, while there has been very little talk of opposition in any quarter."

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

WALLACEBURG

Dec. 6.—J. C. Welch left for Lorain, Ohio, on Monday morning.

Miss Kate Taylor, after a two month stay in Detroit, has returned home, she Miss V. Bean, after a short visit with her parents here, has returned to Marine City.

Preparations are being made for the various Christmas entertainments. The Kenmore Camping Club give their first annual ball on Christmas night.

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Latest Quotations Which are of Interest to Everybody.

Retail Prices in Chatham—Gossip About Grain.

CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.
J. B. Springer & Co. give the following market gossip:

Wheat—The price paid for wheat just now is 65 cents standard. The market is firmer in Chicago, and it may reflect a hardening tendency on our market here, so that there will be a little better demand for it. Receipts continue light.

Oats—Receipts very light. Nearly all deliveries are required for local use while the export value is unchanged. Barley—This grain shows a little demand for export. Seventy-five cents is the value of it.

Beans—Market weaker. The cause is mainly due to a very light demand for jobbers in Ontario. There are no orders in our market and in order to sell it is necessary to reduce the price.

Corn—Receipts more liberal with lower values. American corn is now competing strongly for the Canadian trade and the price is down two cents, so it will be necessary to reduce the price here to 23 cents per 75 lbs, in the ear.

Dressed Hogs—Receipts are more liberal, and as the weather is hard, hogs are arriving in good condition. The values are a little higher, \$4.80 to \$4.85 per cwt, being the price paid now.

Wheat, 65.
Mixed oats, 21-2 to 21-2c.
White oats, 21-2 to 21-2c.
Barley, 70 to 75c, per cwt.
Corn in the ear, 25c per bush.
Corn, new, shelled, 25c.
Beans, \$1.15 to \$1.18.
Buckwheat, 45c.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alaska, \$5 to \$6.50.
Red Clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.

HAY AND HOGS.
Hay, timothy, per ton, \$8 to \$9c.
Hay, clover, \$8 to \$9.
Hay, baled, \$9 to \$10.
Live hogs, \$3.75 to \$4.
Dressed hogs, light weights, \$4.80 per cwt.
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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

THE SOMERSAULT DOGS.

How They Are Trained to Do This Amazing and Difficult Trick.

Although it is by no means an uncommon thing to see dogs throw somersaults after command in stage performances, it is a somewhat remarkable fact that few people know how such animals can be taught to do such difficult feats.

As there is more than one way of cooking a goose, so there is more than one way of training a dog to throw somersaults. But the most practical and thorough manner is to fasten a cord around the body of the animal—close to the fore legs—and the dog should hold the end of the cord in its mouth. A third party, armed with a stout rope, takes a position immediately in front of the canine acrobat and with a flourish and masterly stroke flings the dog over his shoulders to the dogs' feet.

At each stroke of the rope the dog springs backward, and that movement is the training backward. As the dog springs backward the rope passing under the dog's feet is pulled quickly upward, and although the first few attempts may prove futile, the somersault is acquired in course of time. The intelligent dog soon tires of the order of things and throws somersaults without the assistance of ropes.

When Auntie Cut His Hair.



This little boy has done his best. He has cut his hair as short as he can. He is now a little boy.



And now the boy is full of gloom. His hair is short, and he is a little boy.

Deputy and His Sister.
Admiral Dewey spent his younger days at Norwich, Vt. All the old residents of that place New England always remember him. As a lad Dewey had a most congenial companion in his sister, now Mrs. Dewey. They were fine, vigorous children, with a large amount of courage and imagination. They delighted in dangerous adventures. They were fond of making believe that the boy was some mythical hero and the girl a forlorn heroine who was to be rescued by a sea monster. They put into their play some very realistic action. A neighbor who watched the scene said: "I saw Mary with outstretched arms, and then George, with a wild yell, dashed out after her, brandishing a big stick, with which he brandished the water in every direction. He then took her in his arms and escorted her to the house. When they came up the porch, I asked what the water was, and the little girl, with a charming lip, said: 'I was being rescued from a terrible monster by my brother George, who came just in time to save me!'"

The Dancing Figures.
Years ago I read a description of a game which was always a source of fun on rainy days. Take a pane of glass—a broken one will do—and secure it by placing the ends between the leaves of two large books, setting the glass between two of these books from the table. Cut from lightweight writing paper or, better still, from tissue paper, dolls, dogs and other figures. Place them on the table beneath the glass. Rub the glass vigorously with a silk handkerchief, and the figures will cut all kinds of antics.

Hints on Conduct.
As you enter upon life choose your friends as you would choose guides on the borders of a wilderness. Friends trace their path and determine the path, which most of us follow.

There is a distinct difference—all the difference, in fact, between sense and nonsense—between ability to converse well and ability to chatter incessantly. If you light your lamp by another's torch, do not forget that the light you borrowed is the light you owe. Forward.

Her Best Behavior.
"Now, dear," said mamma to little Flo, "the Andrews are coming to see me this afternoon, so you must be on your best behavior and come into the drawing room."

"Mummy," said Flo to her mother half an hour later, "the Andrews didn't find my best behavior, but I've put on my best pinface and made. I really think that it does as pretty as anyfink."

Frozen Butterflies.
It is a common experience among mountaineers to find butterflies lying frozen on the snow and so brittle that they break unless they are very carefully handled. Such frozen butterflies, on being taken to a warmer climate, recover themselves and fly away. Six species of butterflies have been found within a few hundred miles of the north pole.

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

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SCARCITY OF IPECAC.

It is a Sovereign Emetic for all Children

It Grows in Rio and in Brazil but the Importation of the Drug from the Latter Place is Prohibited.

Ipecac, that sovereign emetic for children, is becoming scarce. The Rio variety is well known to the drug trade here, while the importation of the Carthagena variety is prohibited by the customs authorities of Brazil. But the increasing scarcity of the Rio variety has directed attention to the Carthagena or New Granada root which, in appearance, does not materially differ from the Brazilian root excepting that the rings which characterize ipecac are less conspicuous. It is in its physiological effects that the Carthagena ipecac is supposed to differ from the Brazilian variety, the former containing less "emetine" than the latter and acting on its activity more to the active principle "emphaline," which is understood to have a different action from that of emetine. The prohibition of Carthagena ipecac is no doubt justifiable in view of the danger information regarding the physiological action of the drug as compared with Rio ipecac, on which the efficacy of ipecac as a therapeutic agent is based. It is surprising that physiological research to determine the action of emetine, the alkaloid which distinguishes the Carthagena variety, has not been undertaken earlier. In this respect the history of the two varieties of ipecac is in contrast with that of many other remedies which have been the subject of pharmacological study.

Ipecacuanha is a low, creeping, perennial plant, growing wild in Brazil, having a faint, peculiar odor and a bitter, subacid, nauseous taste, the root of which is largely used as an emetic. This root is small and wrinkled, being marked by regular protuberances or rings. Since the collection of rubber in Brazil has assumed such proportions that gathering and preparing roots for the market have abandoned the latter occupation for the former, which is more profitable and less laborious. The result has been to curtail greatly the supply of ipecacuanha, in fact, practically none is gathered.

The possibility of an earlier scarcity of the drug was foreseen by the United States dealers, who, says The Pittsburg Dispatch, have almost a monopoly of the market. Prices have been advancing steadily for 10 years. In 1883 the price a pound was \$1.25, but now it is \$4.25. In view of the great increase in price the Brazilian gatherers might, for a time, find the gathering of ipecac a more profitable employment than the collection of rubber.

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NOON TIDE.

From portals that glowed with the rarest splendor,
Sailed the sunbeams and the moon,
She came and passed in her grace so tender,
And noontide hangs in the silent sky.

The butterflies flit in the drowsy weather
Hither and yon in a merry way,
Or dreamily fan their wings together
To the hum of the loom's drowsy whirr.

In signal courses the wings shimmer,
Forth and back in the pallid moon,
The sun leaves off and the poplars glimmer
And drowsily wait for the south wind's boom.

Aid airy and white as a wing drifts over,
Flit and fair in the silent blue,
A ghost of a cloud, through holes of clover
His shadow is trailing slowly through.

The poplars leave in the silent quiver,
Restless in slumber, while all things seem—
The birds and the bees and the shaded river—
Lapped in the haze of a noontide dream.

—Benjamin F. Lippett in Youth's Companion.

BEYOND THE GREEN BAIZE DOOR

A Wife Forces Her Husband's Secret Chamber and Makes a Discovery.

There was mystery beyond the green baize door, tangible or intangible no body knew, since no one but Mr. Blakely ever saw the inside of the door which shut his private room at Messrs. Blakely & Stephens' bank from the narrow passage connecting it with the general offices.

Mr. Blakely was sole proprietor of the bank, which was the only one in the town and showed every semblance of the soundest financial basis.

Mr. Blakely was a man strangely devoid of eccentricities. The chief fault the bank staff found with him were his indefatigability and that whenever there was business to be done in London—selling or buying stock, buying cash, etc.—he invariably attended to it himself.

I was seated at the desk of the head cashier, who was away on a short holiday, one morning in September, when one of our clients entered the counting house.

"Mr. Boynton, look here," he said, slipping a crown piece upon the counter. "Where did you get it?"

"What's wrong with it?" I inquired, examining it closely without noticing any defect. "Did I give it to you?"

"Yes, look at the edge. It's quite smooth."

I passed him two half crowns, and as he went away I slipped the crown into my pocket, intending to keep it as a curiosity, but later in the day, when Mr. Blakely was in the office, I showed it to him.

"Curious," he muttered. "One of an experimental mint, no doubt, for it's dated 1896. Do you think we've any others similar?"

"No, I have been through them."

"Strange! Well, I'll keep it. It is probably unique."

I was disappointed with his decision, as I wanted the coin myself. It was against my principles, however, to protect it, I forgot it entirely until some weeks later, when Mrs. Blakely, to the utter astonishment of the bank's staff, turned up an hour or so before lunch on time.

Up to that time, although she had been married more than ten months, Mrs. Blakely had never been inside the bank. Now, she drove up in her carriage, came in proudly and asked for Mr. Blakely.

I replied that if she would step into the waiting room I would summon him in the usual way.

"No. Show me into his private room. I am Mrs. Blakely," she said hastily.

"I recognized you, madam," I replied. "But the rule is that all visitors who ever they may be, are to be shown into the waiting room, where Mr. Blakely will interview them."

"Nonsense!" she ejaculated. "Such rules do not refer to Mr. Blakely's wife. The room is at the end of the passage, is it not?"

"You are putting me in an awkward position," I replied. "I am not allowed to let visitors approach the green baize door."

"Ah!" Her proud eyes flashed. "So there is a green baize door which no one approaches?"

When Mr. Blakely came he did so in his habitual leisurely manner, and he walked into the waiting room, leaving the door ajar.

"Mr. Blakely," she said haughtily. "I have been insulted by one of your clerks. Since when has your wife been denied the right to enter your private room?"

"Ever since she wrongly assumed that she had such a right. My wife's clerks have their orders; they obey them. You cannot blame them for upholding rules I myself have framed. What do you want? I am very busy this morning. The market is very unsteady just now."

"Tell me, Richard, had you known I was coming would you have allowed your clerk to deny me access to your private room?" Mrs. Blakely inquired.

WHY HE WAS ANXIOUS

An Amusing Story of a French Editor's Interest in his Serial Contributor.

He wanted him to Run no Chances While his Story Remained Unfinished

One of the stories of the late Victor Cherbuliez, the French-Swiss man of letters, illustrates finely the true spirit of the publisher. Balzac, the editor of the Revue des Deux Mondes, once had at his country house in Savoy a numerous company of literary people, one of whom was Cherbuliez. Cherbuliez contributed regularly every other year a novel to the columns of the Revue, and a story of his was at that time running in the periodical.

The guests had been out for a walk, and had amused themselves with gathering mushrooms, which were cooked for dinner. As the company were sitting down, it occurred to one of the party that undoubtedly some of the people who had taken part in gathering the mushrooms knew nothing about them, and that there might be poisonous fungi in the collection.

This reflection so affected the company that all the people present, with the exception of Cherbuliez, declined to partake of the dish. He alone attacked it with gusto.

Thereupon Balzac showed sudden and intense alarm.

"Cherbuliez! Cherbuliez! What are you about?" he exclaimed. "Remember that you haven't finished your story in the Revue!"

Greatly to his relief, the mushrooms turned out to be innocuous, and the story was finished—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

The Poor Authors.
Here is an interesting leaf from an author's diary:

"Sold one poem and had five returned. Made almost enough to pay the butcher."

"Sold a short story and came within an ace of making enough to pay \$10 on the grocery bill."

"Wrote an obituary on an ancient citizen and had Maria's shoes mended with the proceeds."

"I must try and write enough tonight to buy a gallon of kerosene oil."

An author, being hard pressed by his creditors, wrote to an editor for whom he had done some work:

"Please send check at once, as my gas bill is due."

The candid editor replied in this brief fashion: "So is mine. God help us all!"—ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.

Not Tactful.
Some one asked Archbishop Langley of England once what tact was. "Well," replied the archbishop, "it is difficult to say what it is. Here, however, is an instance of what it is not: Only this morning a clergyman in my diocese wrote to me, 'In consideration of your place to many infirmities and failing powers, that was not tactful!'"

Necessary to Warn Her.
"When you get your groceries today," said the butcher to his wife, "don't go to that little grocer next door to my shop."

"Why not?" she demanded.

"Because he sent in yesterday and borrowed an old pair of my scales."

The One Flaw.
"Don't you think Broughne is a perfect gentleman?"

"He would be if he didn't know it."—INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.

The earliest pottery which printed designs of American subjects was made at Liverpool at the end of the eighteenth century.

The hearts of men are their books; events are their tutors, great actions are their eloquence.

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THEIR WORRIES.

She met him at the door and frowned.

Her heart was full of woe;

She was a child of trouble, and

She freely told him so;

She gazed at him as if she hoped to wear

Would not he be so that night?

She fretted and she fumed and there

Were tears that blurred her sight.

She wanted him to sympathize,

Alas! the man sat down,

As though there were no such thing as

An uncompleted gown.

He merely gazed away at space

And twined his thumbs, nor saw

The bitter tears that streaked her face,

Nor seemed to care a straw.

She left the soulless wreath and threw

Herself upon her bed,

And mourned that she were treated so,

And wished that she were dead.

"Ah, men are selfish brutes!" she sigh-

ed,

"Who neither think nor care!"

And, with breaking heart she cried

"Twas more than she could bear."

He sat and twined his thumbs and

looked

At something far away:

To-morrow there would be a note

They'd call on him to pay—

A note for thousands more than he

Could hope to steal or borrow!

Upstairs, alone, distressed, she

Kept pouring out her sorrow.

—S. B. Kiser.

HERE IS A GOOD IDEA.

A Very Useful Sled Around a

Stable.

It Will Save Time and Labor in Cleaning

Out—Is Easily Made.

Where stable doors are too narrow

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move manure from barn to manure

yard, use the following device. Select

two pieces of hard pine 2x18 feet

in length and cut as in Fig. 1. Next

cut a piece of the same material cut three feet

long and bolt to top of runners as

in Fig. 2. Now turn frame upside

down and cover tightly with inch

boards, nailing them thoroughly to

bottoms and clinching nails on top

of same. Your board complete now

looks like Fig. 3. Notice it is smooth

on top so manure will slide off easily.

Also made to hitch at either

end. Now bore four holes in centre

cross-piece. To ends fasten short

chains (Fig. 3) and around centre

piece hitch (from bottom) a rope of

suitable length, say 12 feet.—Practical

Farmer.

The Cow More Than a Machine.

It is all right to speak of the cow

as a machine for converting certain

elements into milk, but she has a

mental side that must be taken into

account to get the best results. The

condition of her mind and feeling

has a great deal to do with her

work.

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Shed a Tablespoonful at Night.

Half Full of White Scales. Offer

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Last summer I had company, a man and his

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scales on them, and his head was covered with

scales, his hair being full of those white scales

or scales. His wife said, "Some mornings she

would find a tablespoonful or more of them in

the bed." I asked him what ailed him, and he

replied "that he did not know." "Why don't

you cure yourself?" "I would give a hundred

dollars, but I don't know how to do it." I

told him "I would cure him for less than that"

and told him to get the CUTICURA remedies and

use them. As he was living in Bristol,

vt., I did not see him for some time after, and

then he fairly shouted to me: "I am cured."

Cuticura has done it. The Lord bless you and

Cuticura." Mrs. SARAH E. MINN, N. O.

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of health, in nine cases out of ten,

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THE DISTRICT.

RIDLEY.

Mrs. Jno. Ridley is quite seriously ill,

and little hope for her recovery is held

out on account of her advanced age.

She is 84. Her son John, who was

thrown out of a wagon a week ago,

is also very low.

Arthur Crawford was hurt last

Wednesday by a heavy stick falling on

him. Dr. Stevenson, of Morpeth, was

called and pronounced his injuries not

serious.

Mr. and Mrs. John Craig were in

Windsor last week for a few days.

Whooping cough is prevalent around

here at present.

Mrs. M. McBrayne, of the Centre

Line, near Blenheim, and son, Alex.,

spent Sunday in Ridley.

GLENWOOD.

Miss Verna Voy, of Wheatley, spent

a few days this week with her aunt,

Mrs. McNair.

Mrs. John Brethour and family have

returned to their home in Merlin, after

spending a few days with relatives

here.

Miss Mary Gordon visited in Mer-

lin on Saturday and Sunday, the guest

of Mrs. McVitty.

Glenwood has two resident ministers

now, Mr. Fox, Baptist, and Mr. Bain,

Presbyterian.

Rev. Mr. McVitty preached in the

Methodist church Sunday morning to

a large congregation.

Last Friday evening the regular

election of officers was held in the R.

T. of T. council here. The council is

in a very prosperous condition and doing

good work.

On the 28th inst., to the wife of John

Charlton, a daughter.

UP THE CREEK.

James Fitzgerald and wife, Chicago,

arrived Saturday to spend a month

with friends on the creek.

Mrs. W. Douglas, West Flamboro, is

visiting at W. Ferguson's.

Sunday was the eighth anniversary

of Dr. Jamieson's pastoral

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F. M. Puncheon, son of the late Rev. Dr. Puncheon, the distinguished preacher and lecturer, will deliver his original lecture on "Buddhism" at the C. C. I. on Friday night. Mr. Puncheon will also contribute some humorous songs.

MISS SWAN'S RECITAL.

At the Victoria Ave. Methodist Church last evening a most delightful recital was given by the talented and talented, Miss Gertrude Mae Swan, under the auspices of the Ladies' aid of the church. There was a large attendance, and Miss Swan was assisted by Mrs. Cooper, Miss Ferguson, J. W. Wilson and Henry McCaw. The Misses W. H. Locke, pastor of the church, made a few appropriate remarks in introducing the program. The Mandolin Club rendered a number of excellent selections during the evening. All the numbers were excellently well rendered, especially those of Miss Swan, who is a very clever and versatile musician. This young lady proved a great favorite in all her renditions.

The program was as follows: Introduction by Mr. Locke. Mandolin Club. Solo, Mrs. Cooper. Mr. Thickhead's call, Miss Swan. Violin solo, Mr. McCaw. Retrogression, Miss Swan. Piano solo, Miss Ferguson. Pro Patria et Gloria, Miss Swan. Mandolin Club. Solo, the Window, Miss Swan. Solo, McCaw and Wilson. Flute solo, Mr. Wilson. The Steeple Chase, Miss Swan. Solo, Mrs. Cooper. The story of a leaf, Miss Swan. Duet, Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Wilson. Mr. Preston's Dinner, Miss Swan. National Anthem.

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Deserving Teachers at Last get it.

TRUANCY REPORTED TO BE RIFE IN THE SCHOOLS—MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The school board held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening. There were present Chairman Wilson, John McCorvie, J. E. Johnston, Andrew Thomson, W. E. Campbell, W. N. Morley, Dr. McKeough, J. N. Paxton, Wm. Robertson, and Dr. R. V. Bray. The secretary read communications from Toronto, Sarnia and Detroit, all strongly favoring the teaching of physical culture in the schools. The communications were referred to the committee on physical culture to report at the next meeting.

The inspector's report was read and adopted. It was as follows: Payne School—Miss Spentall 38, Miss Mounter 31, Queen St.—Miss Tackaberry 53, Miss Kerr 30, Miss Dawson 37, McKeough—Miss Game 46, Miss Irving 51, Miss Longwell 42, Miss Errett 50, Miss Samsen 54, Miss McCorvie 60, Miss Richards 41, Miss Abram 42, Mr. Brackin 38, Miss Aylesworth 21, Central—Miss Barassin 47, Miss Young 49, Miss Birch 57, Miss Arnold 38, Miss McPherson 47, Miss A. Birch 41, Miss Coltart 44, Miss Gordon 49, Miss Thomson 31, Miss Hillman 30, Mr. Shepley 21, Misses Green and Schwemler 48.

County Model—Mr. Smith 21. This gives a total of 1,143 exclusive of the model class. J. E. Johnston, for the finance committee, reported as follows: That the McGeorge mortgage and interest has been paid and the amount deposited in the bank to the credit of the building fund account. We would also recommend the payment of the following accounts: Central school, \$371.56, McKeough school, \$345.82, Queen St. school, \$93.34, Payne School, \$276.16, Kindergarten, McKeough school, \$205.72, Model school, \$41.75, General expenses, \$6.23.

Total, \$1,383.58. Re Whittaker's account for blackboards for McKeough school, would recommend that it be left with the managers of McKeough school, with power to settle as soon as they are satisfactory. The report as a whole was adopted.

SALARY QUESTION.

Dr. McKeough said, as chairman of the committee appointed to consider the salaries of the teachers of the Central school, it was his duty to report that a majority of the committee passed the following changes:

Miss McKellar, \$275, an increase of \$25.

Miss Thompson, \$100, an increase of \$50.

Miss Hillman, \$100, an increase of \$50.

Miss Green, \$100, an increase of \$75.

Mr. Smith, \$300, an increase of \$100.

This makes a total increase in the salaries of the Central school teachers of \$300, said the doctor. I could, however, have to ask one of the other members of the committee to move, the adoption of the report, as I am quite opposed to any such lavish, unnecessary and unjustifiable increases of our school expenditures. While I would not object to any reasonable increase in certain instances, I feel that in the condition of the finances of this city the increases are altogether too liberal, except in the case of Miss McKellar. We have a council of representative men elected by the entire people of this city for the express purpose of encouraging and curtailing expenses, and in spite of their best efforts we have a very heavy tax, and our taxation for many years to come can only be kept within reasonable bounds by the strictest economy. Our school taxes must necessarily be larger independent of any salaries, because we have about exhausted our building fund that we have been drawing upon for the past few years for our repairs, which this year amount to over \$300, and which every year will mount up to some considerable sum, as our schools must be kept in a proper state of repair. I believe the majority of the

members of the committee are too generous altogether and should divide their sympathy between the taxpayer and the teacher.

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Mr. Johnston—I agree with Dr. McKeough. Although I am in favor of increasing some of the salaries, as a member of the committee I couldn't agree to the increase named in the report.

Mr. McCorvie—I would just say the same. Some of the salaries should be raised, but I can't support the motion as it is.

Chairman Wilson—I might say that we are paying a heavy tax and no one feels it more than I do. We have people earning more money than they receive and I think they are entitled to it. Miss Thomson and Miss Hillman should have had an increase some time ago. In regard to Miss Green, she has borne the brunt of carrying on the kindergarten here. She is only given her former salary. As regards Mr. Smith, he is getting a smaller salary than any other model school teachers by a long way. It is the practice to give model school teachers more than public school teachers, because of their higher qualifications. To their support the county pays \$150, the government a like sum, and the pupils \$5 each. High school teachers are paid over \$1,000 each, on the average. It is a humiliating position to put Mr. Smith in to pay him a less salary than other teachers receive. I will support the motion.

Dr. Bray moved that the report of the committee be adopted. Trustee Morley seconded it, and the motion carried.

Dr. McKeough called for the yeas and nays.

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Dr. McKeough moved, seconded by Trustee Morley, that Leslie Shepley, Model School assistant, be given a recommendation, signed by the chairman and secretary—Carried.

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In making the motion Trustee Campbell said that Ald. Stephens had told him the city had purchased a number of the maps and intended to present them to the school board.

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This ended the discussion and the board adjourned.

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Prohibitionists Want One Hundred Thousand Electors

To Pledge Themselves to Support Only Parliamentary Candidates Who Will Back Their Cause.

In general with temperance organizations in other places, the W. C. T. U. have issued the following appeal: To Every Temperance Man in Canada:

Dear Friend,—You are respectfully and earnestly requested to unite with many thousands of your fellow citizens in a campaign to secure the enforcement of 100,000 voters, pledged to consecrate the mighty power of their franchise to the welfare of humanity, and the total overthrow of our beloved country's greatest curse, and despair.

Under the sanction and protection of law the liquor traffic now wages its relentless warfare against all that is pure and good, filling thousands of homes and homes with sorrow and shame. It fosters all physical, moral, and political uncleanness and crime. It is the ally of all that drags men down to wickedness, crime, and despair. It hinders every effort to help humanity upwards to goodness, happiness and success.

Thank God that the Christian sentiment of Canada was strong enough to record a substantial majority of our voting electorate in favor of putting this foul evil under the ban of law. We are deeply disappointed at the refusal of the government to recognize the enormity of the drink traffic. It is still legalized, though its advocates were beaten at the polls.

After careful deliberation, we have decided that we cannot consent to the continuance of the liquor with its fearful and inevitable consequences. Total National Prohibition is our aim. One province has declared its opinion. This is no reason why the rest of the Dominion should be barred from the deliverance which the people have so overwhelmingly demanded. The majority for prohibition in the other provinces and territories is 108,011. Let them have their rights now. The battle must be won at the emancipation of Quebec is also secured.

Herewith we submit to you a pledge which explains itself, and which we trust you will cordially approve. We propose to get 100,000 voters to join this promise. It is not binding until 25,000 have signed. The pledge is to be signed only by men who are voters, or expect to be voters before the end of the year.

The voting power of the Christian people of Canada is great enough to throw the liquor traffic. It has been ineffective because we have refused to sacrifice our party preferences, because we were afraid others would not do the same, and that our sacrifices would therefore be ineffective. Our plan will change all this. It will give us union among ourselves, power in elections, and influence in parliament. You are not asked to promise to abstain from your party, but to promise not to vote for any man who is an enemy to our cause.

You are to be one of 100,000 who love humanity and hate the cause of men suffering more than you love any political party.

You are to be one of 100,000 men united to deliver Canada from a curse that causes thousands of premature deaths, wrecks thousands of homes, plunders our nation of millions of wealth, and loads us with taxation, poverty, sorrow and sin.

THE PLEDGE.

We, the undersigned, promise that, at the next general election for the Dominion Parliament, we will vote only for such candidates as will agree

to do all in their power, if elected, to obtain the immediate enactment of such legislation as will secure the total prohibition of the liquor traffic in at least those provinces or territories that gave majorities for prohibition in the plebiscite. This pledge is null and void unless 25,000 signatures to it are secured.

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It is easy to keep well if we would only observe each day a few simple rules of health.

The all important thing is to keep the stomach right, and to do this it is not necessary to diet or to follow a set rule or bill of fare. Such pampering simply makes a capricious appetite and a feeling that certain favorite articles of food must be avoided.

Prof. Wicthold gives pretty good advice on this subject. He says: "I am 68 years old and have never had a serious illness, and at the same time my life has been largely an indoor one, but I have discovered that the way to keep healthy was to keep a healthy stomach, not by eating bran crackers or dieting of any sort; on the contrary I always eat what my appetite craves, but for the past eight years I have made it a daily practice to take one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal and I attribute my robust health for a man of my age to the regular daily use of Stuart's Tablets."

My physician first advised me to use them because he said they were perfectly harmless and were not a secret patent medicine, but contained only the natural digestive, pepsines, and diastase, and after using them a few weeks I have never ceased to thank him for his advice.

"I honestly believe the habit of taking Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after meals is the real health habit, because their use brings health to the sick and ailing and preserves health to the well and strong."

Men and women past fifty years of age need a safe digestive after meals to insure a perfect digestion and to ward off disease, and the safest, best known and most wisely used is Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.

They are found in every well regulated household from Maine to California and in Great Britain and Australia are rapidly pushing their way into popular favor.

All druggists sell Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, full sized pills, at 50 cents, and for a weak stomach a fifty cent package will often do fifty dollars worth of good.

THAMESVILLE.

Dec. 6.—A decided drop in the temperature is experienced and furs and overcoats are much in demand.

Miss Lydia Kathleen Duffus will elope at the C. O. F. entertainment at Croton to-night, and Wm. McKenzie, of this town, will preside as chairman.

Miss Alice Spackman, of Alvington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Stewart.

Miss Nellie Morton returned home from Toronto yesterday.

S. A. Tye and Commissioner Davidson were in Chatham yesterday.

Mrs. Rockey, of Morpeth, who has

been visiting friends in town and vicinity, returned home yesterday.

Born on Dec. 5th, '90, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. deFencier.

Watte & Osbey have a fine assortment of Xmas goods on exhibition now.

Wednesday is bargain day at F. J. Mayhew's.

For sale by C. H. Gunn & Co., Druggists, Chatham.

Chatham's Only Millinery Store

Don't Miss The Opportunity

Of this week's sale of millinery. We have had a very great success this season and we have some big snags in Ladies' and Children's Hats and Bonnets—so many that we cannot quote all the prices, we have them from \$1.00 up. Wings from 50c.

C. A. COOKSLEY, Opp. Market

Cooper's = Book = Store

Near the Post Office

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

These are done up in tubes for mailing long distances

R. Cooper,

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