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Fits  
Like  
Ours.

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Main Street, Woodstock.

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We have been for weeks getting ready for the Christmas trade—getting out the best things—ordering special snaps in clothing and furnishings, and have spared no pains to obtain the choicest selections, liberal variety, the newest goods—in fact, we face the coming Holiday Trade in better position than ever before.

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### Statement as at Dec. 31st, 1900.

Assets,	\$3,204,358.00	The first six months of
Income,	975,255.00	1901 gave us applications for
Insurance in force,	26,000,000.00	\$3,019,309.00 new insurance.

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### HOUSE FOR SALE.

A house on the west side of Grover street, Woodstock, owned and occupied by Mrs. Robert Stinson. For terms apply to CHARLES COLEMAN, Solicitor.  
Oct. 23, 3 mos.

### MONEY TO LOAN.

Money on good real estate mortgage security, on reasonable rates of interest, may be obtained at application to the undersigned at his office opposite the Carlisle Hotel.  
LOUIS E. YOUNG, Woodstock.

### Musing.

President Roosevelt's trade policy as announced in his message to congress, though expressed in rather better terms than is usual in such documents, is the same old policy. He says, in substance, "We will open the markets of the United States to all people who can't possibly be benefited thereby. We will allow Canada to send us all their products of the mind and fancy, including such poems as "Watch my smoke next year" by I. Tarte and "The lips that touch bay-rum shall hardly ever touch mine" by G. Foster, if they will allow us to send into their country all our manufactured goods."

This policy reminds me of the old story of the man and the indian who on a hunting trip shot a turkey and a buzzard. The man said to the indian, "Now Paul, will you take the buzzard and I take the turkey, or shall I take the turkey and you the buzzard?" Said the indian, "You no say turkey to me every time."

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The worst of all the diseases that afflict the citizen's and citizenesses of our country is that known to the medical profession as catalogitis. The symptoms of the disease are, a nervous desire to write for the catalogue of every house that advertises one, a crazy fancy that one can't buy anything at home half so cheaply as one can from some city chap who issues a catalogue, an idea that the town one earns one's money in isn't good enough to spend it in. This particular variety of disease manifests itself in a desire to spend in Montreal all the money it earns in Carleton County, and then it sits down and wonders why times are not better here. The physicians regard it as a species of lunacy that involves an entire loss of the sense of loyalty as well as of common sense. It is a disease observed most frequently among females and women. There is no cure except that of bringing the victims into contact with the commercial necessities of a growing community. The disease generally proves fatal unless the victim has a father or two brothers who sternly repress her desire to ship out of the place all the cash she can get her hands on.

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Bourke Cochran, a New York lawyer, says that President Roosevelt can stop the war in South Africa in two shakes if he will only say the word, and Bourke says he ought to stop it. Of course no one pays any attention to such twaddle as this we've heard of Mr. B. Cochran before, and so, no doubt, has President Roosevelt. It might not be out of place to suggest that Bourke turn his wandering attention to the little affair now going on in the Philippine Islands and procure a settlement of that before trying to settle things in which he can have no possible interest.

### Woodstock Market.

The cash prices being paid for farm produce at Woodstock are phenomenal. Whatever hay is coming in is selling at \$8.00 per ton, but, though most of the hay in the county is already pressed up, the farmers are unwilling to haul it in as they are looking for higher prices. Oats were selling at 45 cts. per bushel on Saturday and they were scarce at that, for the farmers are holding oats as well as hay. There is no prospect of any immediate rise in hay. One man prophesies that oats will drop to 42 cts. in a week and another says they will go to 50 cts. On account of the high prices of feed beef is rather off. The very finest cattle, for shipment, will bring 5 cts. per lb. The beef generally used for the local trade brings from 3½ to 4 cts.

Potatoes per bbl. \$1.00.  
Beans per bus. \$2.00 to \$2.25.  
Eggs per doz. .19 to .20.  
Butter per lb. .18.  
Carrots per bbl. .80.  
Turnips per bbl. .40 to .50.  
Buckwheat meal per cwt. \$1.50.  
Pork per cwt. \$6.50.  
Turkeys per lb. .11 to 12.  
Chickens per lb. .7 to .8.  
Geese per lb. .8.  
Ducks per lb. 8.  
Dry Hard Cord wood per cord \$4.00.

### Saunders-Wilbur.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Fash, of the Albert street Baptist Church, last Wednesday evening, when he united in marriage Guy F. Saunders, merchant tailor, and Miss Annie R. Wilbur, youngest daughter of the late James H. Wilbur. Only the immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony a wedding lunch was served at the residence of Mrs. Saunders, the groom's mother, Chapel St., where Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will make their home. A large circle of friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Saunders a long life and a happy one.

Doctor Brown—Well, did you keep the thermometer in the room at seventy degrees, as I told you? Mrs. Murphy—I did, indeed, doctor, but I had a hard time to do it. The only place it would stay at seventy was for a minute on the chimney-piece.—"Life."

### Matters in South Africa.

London, Dec. 9.—It is reported that when parliament re-assembles, the British government will bring forward a new proposal in regard to the reconcentration camps in South Africa. It is believed that this proposal will suggest the distribution of the refugees in the settled districts.

According to a dispatch from Brussels to the Standard, Holland has asked the powers to support her in a demand that the people in these camps be brought to Holland.

Pretoria, Dec. 7.—The operations in the last three months in the southeastern part of the Orange River Colony have resulted in the reduction of the Boers forces by about 400 men, practically wiping out the burghers there. This rapid success was attained by a system of advanced fortified bases, from which mounted troops acted without transport. Gen. Dartnell, with the Imperial Light Horse, captured 24 Boers on the Wilge River east of Heilbron. He also captured 800 cattle and 150 horses. On other days he took 14 prisoners and thousands of cattle. His operations extended over ten days. These captures resulted from forming fortified laagers, and making sudden raids and night marches.

Durban, Dec. 6.—Particulars of the fight near Heilbron show that it was very hot while it lasted, and that a portio of the 2nd Battalion of Kitchener's Fighting Scouts had a narrow escape from being caught in a Boer trap.

Owing to the persistent sniping, Col. Wilson ordered two squadrons to attack the hill which the Boers occupied in some strength. M. squadron, under Lieut. Hughes, was cleverly drawn into an ambush by his reckless pursuit of the Boers, who at first gave way before him and whom he thought to be very few in numbers. When a terrific fire was opened upon his squadron from three sides, Lieut. Hughes at once saw his mistake, and the force took shelter until G. Squadron, under Captain Hutchinson, got up and assailed the right flank. Lieut. Hughes then gallantly led his men from cover and charged the enemy, who broke and fled.

The British casualties comprised Lieut. Hughes killed, while leading his men, and two officers wounded, and six men killed and wounded. Prince Rasziwill, one of the officers wounded, was hit in the stomach and in the hand.

Colonel Wilson's pom-pom came into action as the Boers were retreating, and brought down a number of the enemy.

Lieut. Hughes was buried with military honors at Heilbron.

London, Dec. 7.—The special correspondent of the Standard at Pretoria, writing on November 2, says: The Boer, Schimpers, who deliberately shot and murdered Captain Miers of the South African Constabulary, at Riversdraai, near Heidelberg, the other day, has been taken under guard to General Botha to be dealt with. It appears that Schimpers fired at Captain Miers without the other two Boers, who accompanied him, being in the least aware of his intention. The trio came up to within a short distance of the blockhouse, under a white flag, and Captain Miers rode forward to them at their request, to ascertain their errand. It was at that moment that Schimpers fired at and killed the unfortunate officer. The deed was no sooner done than two other Boers expressed their detestation of the act, and reported the matter at once to Field Cornet Oog Meyers, who sent Schimpers under arrest to Commandant Buys. The latter held a preliminary examination, and, being satisfied that a murder had been committed, despatched the scoundrel to General Louis Botha. It is hoped and believed that Schimpers will be shot. The incident goes to prove that, although many of the charges of treachery which have been brought against Boers have substantial foundation in fact, it must not be assumed that the desire to kill our men under all or any circumstances is general amongst the enemy.

### Business Good.

Business in Woodstock and the surrounding country is good. Even the chronic grumbler is out of a job and wears the sorrowful countenance of a man pleased against his will. The stocks in the town and country stores are larger than at this season in other years and the merchants confidently expect large sales. An examination of the advertising columns of THE DISPATCH will suggest a great many thoughts about Christmas presents. The taste of the most exquisite is catered to in these advertisements. Your attention is called to all manner of suitable gifts, from a bottle of perfume costing twenty five cents to a rotary saw mill costing several hundred plunks. With such an array to choose from everyone should be suited down to the ground.

### DEATH OF MISS BESSIE BLAIR.

Drowned While Skating on The Ottawa River—Mr. H. A. Harper Loses His Life in a Brave Attempt to Rescue Her.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The melancholy news that Miss Bessie Blair, third daughter of Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, and Mr. H. A. Harper, assistant to Mr. W. L. M. King, Deputy Minister of Labor, had been drowned whilst skating on the Ottawa river, caused a profound sensation in the capital to-night. The tragedy occurred near Kettle Island, three miles from the city, at about dusk, and until late in the evening it was difficult to obtain particulars.

It seems, however, that a party, consisting of Miss Bessie Blair, Miss Snowball, daughter of Senator Snowball, who is visiting at the Blair residence, Mr. Harper and Mr. Creelman of the Imperial Bank started from the interprovincial bridge between 4 and 5 o'clock for a skate down the Ottawa River. Mr. Creelman and Miss Blair were leading, and Mr. Harper and Miss Snowball followed. When near Kettle Island Mr. Creelman and Miss Blair broke through the ice and were struggling for their lives. Mr. Harper threw off his coat and rushed to the rescue. Miss Snowball dashed for assistance to the nearest house on the shore. On the way she met Mr. A. N. C. Treadgold and Miss May Blair, who were bringing up the rear of a skating party from Government House that had gone out some hours earlier and were returning home. Mr. Treadgold flew to the spot where the accident occurred and was in time to extricate Mr. Creelman. The latter was unconscious, and the other two were nowhere to be seen. When Mr. Creelman recovered he asked "Where is Miss Blair?" "Here," replied Mr. Treadgold, supposing the rescued man meant the young lady he had been escorting. "No," replied Mr. Creelman feebly, "I mean Miss Bessie Blair; she went down with me." Nothing was to be seen of either Miss Bessie Blair or Mr. Harper, and the presumption was that they were both drowned. Mr. Creelman was conveyed to a house on the shore, where he lies at present very ill from the effect of the immersion. In the darkness which had gathered nothing in the way of relief could be done until lights had been obtained and a search party organized. Mr. Treadgold and Miss Snowball made their way to the city and repaired to the Blair residence, which they reached about 7 o'clock. The cruel news was broken as gently as possible to the family, but it was a terrible shock. Mr. and Mrs. Blair are absent at Clifton Springs, New York, where the latter is undergoing treatment for rheumatism, and were not expected home for some days. Upon Mr. J. Lambert Payne, Secretary to the Minister of Railways, devolved the sad duty of informing his chief by telegraph of the tragedy.

Miss Bessie was a handsome and accomplished young lady of 21, and was her father's pet. She returned only in August last from the continent, where she had been studying in company with another sister, Miss Audrey Blair. The Minister made a special trip across the Atlantic early in the summer for the purpose of escorting his daughters home.

Mr. H. A. Harper's sudden removal is deeply lamented by a host of friends here, and his gallantry in giving up his life in the attempt to save another is the theme of general conversation tonight. Mr. Harper could not have been much more than 25 years of age. He was a graduate of Toronto University, and after leaving the university entered newspaper life.

—Of the letters and postal cards which leave the United States destined for foreign countries, Great Britain receives 35 per cent., as compared with Germany's 17 per cent. and France's 8 per cent. in round figures. So says the annual report of the United States superintendent of foreign mails. To go more into detail, Mr. Brooks says that in the last year—we presume he means the fiscal year ended with June last—the quantity of mail despatched abroad by sea amounted to 1,086,448 pounds, or 543 tons, of letters and postal cards, say ten tons a week, and 8,112,485 pounds, equal to 4,056 tons of other matter. Across the Atlantic went 79 per cent. of the letters and 63 per cent. of the other articles. Great Britain took 35 per cent. of the letters and 41 per cent. of the other; Germany, 16.92 per cent. letters; France, 7.83 per cent. of the letters. The Cunard Line steamer carried 137,000,000 letters; the International Navigation Co., 71,000,000; the North German and the Hamburg-American, 97,000,000; White Star, 62,000,000.

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