

**FUTURE CERTAINLY ASSURED**  
Hamilton Choirmaster's Opinion of  
New Scale Williams Piano.

The tonal qualities and general excellence of the New Scale Williams Piano continue to draw forth words of praise from the best musical artists. Mr. Bruce A. Carey, the Choirmaster of Knox Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, whose letter is herewith appended, expresses eloquently his appreciation.

**WILLIAMS PIANO CO., Oshawa.**  
Gentlemen,—It is with pleasure I write you regarding your "New Scale Williams Piano," received a week ago. It is all that is desirable—from the brilliant, fluent treble, to the full, broad baritone and bass. The future for it is certainly assured.

Wishing you the success you so richly deserve, I am, most sincerely yours,  
**BRUCE A. CAREY.**

The Williams Piano Co., Oshawa, publish three booklets on the history and construction of their piano, which should be had by any one contemplating a piano purchase. Write direct or call at the warehouses of the local representatives of this famous piano.

MILLER BROS.

**MADE A BIG HAUL.**

TIFLES, Caucasasia, April 21.—A train on the Trans-Caucasian Railroad was held up between Novosenski and Abascha by four armed men, who entered the mail car and after binding the officials escaped with registered letters and valuables worth \$50,000.

Buy drug and other drug store goods here for a while. Note the quality of the goods you get, and the uniformly low prices at which you get them. Then judge whether it will not pay to make this your regular family drug store.

**J. G. Jamieson**

DRUGGIST,  
The Medical Hall.

**200 Men Wanted.**

Just as soon as the Spring opens up, between the 15th inst and the first day of May, I will want all the men and boys who worked with me last season, and as many others as want employment, to go to work on the Murray Harbor Branch Railway.

I will also be starting work at Curtis Creek on the P. E. I. R. near Charlottetown, about the 15th inst.

For further information apply by letter or telephone to  
**WILLARD KITCHEN,**  
Murray River, P. E. I.

**ABOUT MATTINGS**

We can show a very nice line of Mattings. These goods were bought and shipped direct from

**Yokohama, Japan.**

They are more in favor this spring than ever before—they make a very tasty, cool, covering for bedrooms, are all one yard wide—and cost but little—you'll find the prettiest patterns in the city in our stock—all priced to sell quickly.

**Mark Wright Furnishing Co.**

Sunnyside Carpet and Furniture Store.

**SIGNS OF OLD LONDON**

Few of Them Now Remain as Reminders of Era When Each Tradesman Tried to Outdo His Neighbor.

The Magazine of Commerce contains an illustrated article entitled "The Romance of the Sign of Old London." The interesting history of these quaint mementoes of bygone days is written by Mr. Colford. When once the system of signs (writes Mr. Colford) as distinctive trading marks gained full headway, each tradesman tried to outdo his neighbor in the size and glory of his particular advertisement, until the city became one vast display of decorative humor. Later on, by permission of Charles I., every house had its sign hanging from wooden brackets or iron rods fixed into the walls of the house. The streets of old London were narrow, winding and dark. The houses projected as they rose above the highway until one could almost shake hands with a neighbor across the street. These narrow places were filled with long-armed signs, ponderous in their weight of iron, ridiculous in conception and fantastic in their dress of paint. In storm and wind they groaned and twisted on their rusty hinges, hindering ventilation, making the night hideous, and becoming an absolute menace to the traveler on the street.

In 1762, after many people had been killed by the falling of lumbering things, an Act of Parliament compelled their removal, and they were to be placed level with the wall, or carved in stone and set into the structure. This struggle of litigation to make a literature in trade makes a story of surpassing and perpetual interest. Those who could, advertised their name by a rebus; thus a hare and a bottle stood for "Harebottle," and two cocks for "Cox." Those who could not employ a rebus adopted pictorial objects, until they had ransacked the heavens above and the earth beneath. In due course of time the occupant would move from his place of business and leave his sign behind him, and a trade of another order would then be carried on under the old flag.

Addison, writing in The Spectator, enjoys every shopkeeper to make use of some sign that bears some affinity to the wares in which he deals. A tailor at "The Lion," a cook at "The Boat," a shoemaker at "The Hoasted Pig," are reprobated by the author, who adds, "and yet, for want of this regulation, I have seen a Goat set up before the door of a perfumer, and the French King's head at a sword cutler's." And then he goes on to enumerate signboard absurdities. "When was there ever such a combination of incongruous objects as 'The Bell and Nut's Tongue,' 'The Dog and the Gridiron?' 'The Fox and the Goose' have met, but what have 'The Fox and the Seven Stars' to do together, and when did 'The Lamb and the Dolphin' ever meet, except on a signpost?"

The time has long gone when the streets of London were filled with blue hours, black swans, red lions, flying pigs and hogs in armor, together with many creatures more extraordinary than any in the deserts of Africa. To study that history is to read the literature of the English people doing business at their great London office at a time when they knew not their alphabet.

**RELIABLE MEN WANTED**

In every locality to introduce our goods, tackling up show cards on trees, along roads and conspicuous places, and putting up small advertising matter. Salary or commission \$60 per month and expenses not over \$2.50 per day. Steady employment to good men. No experience needed. Write for particulars.  
**EMPIRE MEDICINE CO., LONDON, ONT.**

**England Not on the Map.**

A British minister has just been sent to Bolivia, and this is the first representative England has had in that country for nearly 40 years. The last diplomatic agent sent there arrived at the capital on a feast day and immediately applied for an audience with the president. It did not suit His Majesty to receive ministers on that particular day, so he sent word for the Englishman to come around some other time. This rebuff rather nettled British dignity, and the president was very much surprised to receive a note a little later, saying that the accredited representatives of Great Britain were not accustomed to being put off on pretexts by presidents or any one else. Then the president got ruffled. The upshot of the matter was that the British minister was tied to a mule, head backward, and driven out of the country in this undignified attitude.

When the outraged Englishman finally reached a cable office, he communicated the account of his woes to the British Foreign Office. The story goes the official in charge, without taking the trouble to look up Bolivia's geographical position, ordered a battleship to the scene to insist upon proper amends being made for the insult. This was a great joke, for the reason that Bolivia is an inland country and has no port at all. When the British head of foreign affairs got down his map to look up Bolivia, he took his pen and scratched a line through it, thus severing all diplomatic connection with it. When the President of Bolivia heard of this several months afterward, he retaliated in smart fashion. A United States firm were getting out some new geographies for Bolivia, and he wrote them: "Leave England blank on maps in our school books." This was many years ago, but there are still many of those old geographies in circulation, which show no British red.



**Colds. Their Proper Treatment and Cure.**

Commonly, the first symptom of a "cold" is a chilly feeling, accompanied by sneezing, or a tickling in the throat. The most frequent of external causes are draughts, wet or cold feet, or going from hot rooms suddenly into cold ones. More frequently there is an inner cause—namely the stagnation of the blood caused by constipation or biliousness. Almost the first symptom is the feeling of cold in the feet and increased discharge from the nose.

No one ever takes cold unless constipated, or exhausted, and having what we call mal-nutrition, which is attended with impoverished blood and exhaustion of nerve force. Tonics consisting of large portions of alcohol, iron or cod liver oil do not bring the desired changes in the blood, because they do not enter the system and are not absorbed into the blood, with the exception of the alcohol, which shrivels up the red blood corpuscles when it does come in contact with them. We recommend the botanical extract of Dr. Pierce because it contains no alcohol, and offers a reasonable and scientific method of treating the blood, by improving the nutritive functions of the patient. The "Golden Medical Discovery" accomplishes this, by first restoring the enfeebled digestive organs, so that food, the natural tissue builder, will be digested and assimilated. Accept no substitute for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. There is nothing "just as good" for diseases of the stomach.

**FOOD**

A dose of PARK'S PERFECT EMULSION is as good as a meal. It puts flesh on thin people. 33

**SPRUCE BARK MOTH PROOF BAGS**

for the prevention of moths and dust. Coat hanger goes with each bag. Price according to size of bag, price 40 to 70c. See them at

**ELLIS**

DRUG STORE,  
Charlottetown.

**READ WHAT THE PATRIOT MAN SAYS**  
He Advised Everyone to Attend Paton's Opening.

Visions of Beauty will Open up to Your View and the Sight will be an Inspiration to Purchasers.

SEE THE FURNISHINGS IN THREE BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED ROOMS

Some New Ideas on the Carpet—The Flowers That Were Made to Blush and be Seen—Other Features of the Big Display.

The well known firm of James Paton & Co. will hold their grand spring opening.

The display will be a feast for the eye and an education to the purchaser.

This morning The Patriot reporter had the pleasure of being shown through the various departments of the spacious establishment, and can vouch for the announcement that profit and pleasure are in store for the public.

There is a newness and brightness about the big store that at once favourably impresses the visitor.

The interior has been completely renovated and repainted in colours that blend harmoniously and unobtrusively.

In the downstairs department a number of transpositions have taken place with improving results.

The counter containing millinery trimmings has been placed midway in the main store, and splendid facilities thereby given for the inspection of goods.

Paton & Co., have deservedly built up a high reputation on their carpet department and last year they supplied this branch of their business with furniture, building the large annex, and providing the splendid facilities, which have been previously fully described in these columns.

Take a good look at the furniture department tonight.

Observe closely the drawing room, dining room, and bed room, which Manager McKie has furnished, thus displaying the goods to great advantage. The walls of the drawing room are hung with crimson and black felt. Silk tapestry, Swiss portiers and curtains, a silk upholstered set, Crossley's world famed velvet square, pictures, mirrors, &c., make up an attractive picture.

That drawing room furniture is worth \$400.

Look in the northeast corner of the dining room and you will see a china closet that is just wanted there. The sideboard is a beautifully finished thing. The table will suit your fancy. It will be set with silver ware provided for the occasion. The place looks like home, and

there is no place like home. \$150 will buy the dining room furniture.

Just outside is a leather three piece set. Substantial, serviceable and suitable is the trio slinging their own praises to the tune of \$120.

The bed room furnishings are in keeping with those in the other rooms. See them and you will endorse this assertion. The furniture is valued at \$150.

The whole stock of the department is complete with up-to-date goods at appealing prices.

The carpet department, which is in charge of Manager Stewart contains 300 rolls, including stock direct from the celebrated Crossley looms of Halifax, England. Scotch linoleum from Kiraonady, Japanese matting, American Abrettes and other makes.

The clothing department is well supplied with all lines. The little Admiralty suits of navy serge and the Fautleroy blouse suits will catch the fond mother's eye.

In the main store down stairs the millinery display tonight will be an important feature. Among the many attractions is a line of new English hats, direct from Luton, the city of straw near old London town. There is also a splendid assortment of ready to wear chiffon hats which their buyer secured on his recent trip to the Old Country. Those popular hats known as flops are represented in different colors, styles and shades.

Miss King, the head milliner, who is a native of Charlottetown, is to be commended on the excellent taste and skill displayed in her work. This spring she spent two weeks in a Broadway establishment, New York, securing the latest ideas in the millinery world.

In the ready-to-wear goods for ladies there is a splendid line of skirts ranging from \$2 to \$17.50, and silk coats from \$10 to \$24.

In all the other departments a creditable exhibit is made in silk waists, neckwear, silks, dress goods and so on. Their names appear from day to day in Paton's big ads.

Come to-night and see everything for yourself.

**There is no Salt for table use that can compare with WINDSOR SALT.**

It is absolutely pure, never cakes, and is always the same perfect quality.

**HEMLOCK OIL**

"The hemlock of the forest was for the healing of the nations."

Hemlock Oil is the Greatest Cure on Earth for

- HEADACHE
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Last year the sale of Hemlock Oil was unparalleled, and many of the cures it made were almost miraculous.

PRICE 50c A BOTTLE.

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Resolve to let us make your next Suit.

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A. Winfield Scott, Manager.

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The Direct Route to  
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The S. S. Halifax will make the first trip of the season from Charlottetown for Boston, via Halifax Tuesday, May 10th inst, at 1 o'clock and every Tuesday thereafter.

From Boston, Saturdays at noon. For all information apply to

**Plant Line Office,**  
Plant Line Wharf, Ch'town.  
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**THE STEAMER "CITY OF LONDON"**

Will until further notice leave Steam Navigation Co's., wharf on Tuesday and Wednesday at 3 p. m. for Halifax and Brush Wharves, Thursday at 3 30 p. m. for McEwen's and West River Bridge.

Friday at 3.30 p. m. for Hickey's, Haggarty's and Hayden's Wharves, East River.

Saturday at 3 p. m. for Crapaud. Every second Monday to Vernon River Bridge according to tide.

**T. J. CRAIG,**

Manager, Charlottetown.  
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Everyone is looking for the Spring. Bring your watches and clocks to us and we will find the spring for you and if they need a new one we will furnish it and warrant it for one year.

**L. W. COOK,**

Watchmaker and Jeweller.

**LIME! LIME!**

We are now burning, and can supply from kilns on St. Peter's Road or in Charlottetown

**BEST QUALITY**

Of Roach Lime, suitable for building and farming purposes.

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**Gauvin, Gentzel & Co.,**

High Grade Photographer,  
Sunnyside.

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All kinds of Fresh, Salt and Smoked Fish, Salmon, Halibut, Cod, Haddock, Finnan Haddies, etc.

Also all kinds of Beef, Pork, Lamb, and a choice variety of usages.

Give us a call; We'll treat you right.

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