DIED.

KELLY—At the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. Ramshaw, Acton, on Saturday, 17th February, Mary, widow of the late William Kelly, aged sixty-four years.

MCLENNAN—At 656 Pomeroy St., Winnipeg, Man., on Saturday, 17th February, James McLennan, son of Donald McLennan, miller, of Highfield, near Dingwall, Scotland,—late of Acton—in his seventy-fifth year.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1900.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Guelph City Council at a special meeting last Friday evening passed a by-law reducing the number of liquor licenses by two. This action is regarded with favor by citizens generally. The Council is governed by a Mayor who is anxious for moral improvement of the citizens and when Mayor Nelson takes strong ground it is creditable indeed to the city that the Council places its imprimatur to by-laws of this character.

General Hutton said farewell to the militia of Canada last week in a speech which he delivered at a dinner in his honor given by the Ottawa garrison. The General was very complimentary in his references to the improvements effected in the force. He has been a very efficient officer but like several of his predecessors, if has been difficult for him to realize that our militia is not a regular army, but is made up of loyal citizen soldiers, because of whose positions they can hardly be regarded in the same light as men of the regular army who are soldiers for a livelihood.

We are convinced that the majority of the people of Acton will regret the backward step taken by the Council at the meeting on Monday evening in reducing the fee for tavern licenses for the present year. It was perhaps a natural thing for the hotelkeepers to petition the Council for a substantial reduction in their fees, but that was no good reason for the Council to comply with the request, even to the small extent they did. Taxpayers might petition for a reduction in their taxes but they would not be likely to receive any reduction as a result. Since the term of Mr. A. E. Nicklin, as Reeve, three years ago, the license fee has been $165, not an reasonable or unusual sum. In this county both Oakville and Burlington have their fees fixed at $200. Georgetown's is $160 and Milton's is lower. It is true, but the reasons given for reduction in Acton might be used as arguments for higher just as logically as for lower fees. Acton's rate for 1900 will be $175, the same as it was for years prior to 1897.

LICENSE FEES REDUCED.

The Municipal Council Takes a Retrograde Step With the Tavern License By-Law.

Council met in regular session on Monday evening. Members were all present, Reeve Pearson in the chair.

The Committee on Finance presented the report and recommended payment of the following accounts:

G. T. R. freight and duty on coal	$142 36
R. W. Chisholm & Co., 8 cars coal	119 07
E. Kingsbury, teaming coal	19 45
Canadian General Electric Co. supplies	14 80
The Acton FREE PRESS, printing &c.	19 15
F. Guyett, railway fare of Maggie Thomas and Dr. Macdonald to Toronto Hospital	7 05
John McKinnon, wood	8 00
United Electric Co., supplies	8 00
G. A. Fannabecker, supplies	1 70
	$ 319 57

Moved by John Williams, seconded by Robt. Wallace, that the finance report just read be adopted.—Carried.

The auditors' report of the books, accounts, etc., of the corporation, for 1899, was presented.

Moved by John Clarke, seconded by John A. Henderson, that the auditors' report for 1899 be accepted and that three hundred copies be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.—Carried.

Moved by Robert Wallace, seconded by John Williams, that the Reeve be and is hereby authorized to purchase a clock for the power-house.—Carried.

Moved by John Clarke, seconded by John A. Henderson, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint a municipal officer for the year 1900 for the performance of the following duties: Assessor, collector, sanitary inspector, care-taker of the town hall, public school, cemetery and public park, collector of electric-light rates, cutting weeds, repairing and building sidewalks, pound keeper, truant officer, and such other duties as may be required in connection with the work of the municipality.

By-law was read the required number of times and passed, R. D. Graham being reappointed at same salary as last year.

Moved by John Clarke, seconded by John A. Henderson, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to limit the number of tavern licenses to be issued in Acton for the ensuing year, and for fixing the sum to be paid therefor.

At this point a joint petition from the three hotels, asking that the license fee be reduced from $165 to $140, was presented for the hotel keepers by Councillor Williams, who quoted the fees in the various places of the county and argued that Acton's should not be higher than those of the county town.

The Reeve and Councillor Wallace opposed any change, but after considerable discussion, upon motion of Councillors Clark and Henderson, a compromise was made and the fee for 1900 fixed at $170, a reduction of $15 from last year.

The question of electric light rates engendered a long discussion. The rates of other towns, none of which by the way are uniform with each other, were referred to. No action was taken, the feeling prevailing that with slight readjustment and a little more care in avoiding waste of current, Acton's schedule is about as fair and equitable as present circumstances require.

The Council adjourned at 10 o'clock.

SECOND CONTINGENT ARRIVED.

The H. S. Laurentian Completes the Trip to Cape Town in Twenty-seven Days.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17.—The British steamer *Laurentian*, which sailed from Halifax, Jan. 21st, with the first artillery section of the second Canadian contingent of troops for service against the Boers, arrived at this port to-day.

The troops were welcomed by Major John Hanbury Williams, military secretary to the Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner in South Africa, Hon. Alfred Milner, on behalf of His Excellency.

Bushels of Money

Thrown away by women annually in the purchase of cosmetics, lotions and powders, none of which ever accomplishes its object. Beauty depends on healthy blood and good digestion, such as Karl's Clover Root Tea guarantees you for 25 cts. and 50 cts. per package. Take it and we guarantee your complexion. Sold by A. T. Brown.

LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

Kimberley Seige Raised and Lord Roberts in Pursuit of the Retreating Boer Forces.

10 CANADIANS KILLED, AND 66 WOUNDED.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The latest despatches go to show that the importance of the movements of the British troops during the last few weeks has not been over estimated and blows have been struck the past week which go a long way to ensure a speedy termination of this cruel war.

Last Thursday Gen. French by rapid marches, splendid generalship and courageous engagements marched into Kimberley and relieved the town which for 124 days had been besieged.

Gen. Roberts succeeded in getting Gen. Cronje and his forces so completely surrounded that the latter hurriedly left all his guns and supplies at Magersfontein and beat a hurried retreat in the direction of Bloemfontein, the Free State capital, and interesting news from this quarter is expected during the next few days.

A despatch just received at Winnipeg Castle says Buller's forces have just reached Ladysmith and relieved that long beleaguered town. This report is not yet confirmed from the War Office, but Buller was within 12 miles last night and the cheering news is believed to the authentic.

TORONTO, Feb. 21—A special cable was received here this morning to say that in an engagement at Modder River, on Sunday nineteen Canadians were killed and sixty-five wounded. Of these two of the killed and eight wounded were Toronto boys. The flags of the city are flying at halfmast to-day.

EN ROUTE TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Experiences of the Second Contingent on Board the "Laurentian."

FREE PRESS Special correspondent, with "D" Battery, H. C. A. South African Field Force, 100 N. Lat., 20° W. Long.

S. S. LAURENTIAN, Jan. 30—On the 15th Jan., we arrived at Campbellton, N. B., and were met by almost every English-speaking resident of that pretty, little New Brunswick town and greeted with truly patriotic cheers. "Lights Out" sounded through the train at 10.30 but all was merriment on board and the trumpet was unheeded. As we approached Halifax next morning kits were packed, beds folded, breakfast hurriedly eaten, men mustered into their respective sections, details made for horses, baggage, etc., and we pulled into the I. C. R. freight sheds. In five minutes every man is at his post unloading. Your correspondent was endeavoring to break his record as a baggage handler and glanced out of the car door when his eyes fell upon that familiar and welcome smile of ex-Reeve A. E. Nicklin. A hurried shake of the hand and a promise to meet at the Queens was all that time would permit.

During our stay in Halifax a very busy time was spent, and if our new Khaki uniforms we loaded the horses and guns on the S. S. *Laurentian* on Friday. In the evening an enjoyable entertainment was given in the Armories and was attended by the elite of the city.

Saturday morning broke foggy and generally miserable. At 9 a. m. "D" and "E" batteries formed up in the armories and after a farewell address by General Hutton, marched out into the muddy street, escorted by the Leinster regiment and local corps with three bands. The route to the wharf was about four miles, but, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather the entire route was thronged with people of all classes, and a continuous din of cheers greeted the boys along the way and when the wharf was reached the cheers were simply deafening.

At 1.30 p. m. all were on board and lined up on deck to return the cheers of the spectators. The lines were cast off at 2.30 and we began moving up the harbor but had only gone a couple of miles when we were compelled to drop anchor owing to a dense fog.

In the meantime the boys were assigned to their hammocks and places at the tables. Your correspondent has travelled on almost every ocean on the globe and on all classes of vessels, but never had the misfortune before to travel on so crowded and uncomfortable a craft. Hammocks were hung two feet above the dining tables and from the centre of one hammock to the centre of the next is only eighteen inches, so you can imagine how the boys are packed in like sardines.

At the break of Sunday morning, 21st January, anchor was weighed and we were drifting out on the broad Atlantic. A heavy swell was running and in a few hours the *Laurentian*, had on board over one hundred and fifty sea-sick soldiers with more being constantly added to their numbers. Imagine those scores of sea-sick men crowded into hammocks hanging over the tables upon which meals were to be served. The call for breakfast was not responded to by very many.

Everybody is forbidden to shave and we are a dirty-faced lot. Orders are at this moment being issued to the effect that no man is to be allowed to write anything about the trip, so the public is to be kept in ignorance of the various discomforts and miserable meals served the early part of the voyage. Of course a soldier is a slave when in uniform but a time will come when some matters will be ventilated. For my part I have not experienced the hardships which fall to the lot of many as I am experienced in the ways of sea-faring people and am a good forager.

The second day out I was appointed hospital assistant and will remain on that duty until we reach the Cape, when I will resume the duties of collar maker, or as you would call it harness repairer and inspector. In addition to looking after the harness I take my place as gunner on No. 4 gun in the centre division and am exempt from all guard and picquet duties.

In another day or two everything will look brighter as the boys are feeling better and the evidences of sea-sickness have disappeared. All hands were vaccinated two days ago and as a result there are many sore arms to-day.

Up to date we have lost only fourteen horses, which is a small percentage for a trip like this. We have yet about twenty spare horses and expect to land with a full complement.

We have about four hundred men including the chaplain, but we don't know much about him as he has never come near our boys to ask how they are getting along, though we have now been out ten days.

Our officers seem to be a very fine lot of men and the non-commissioned officers are second to none in the British service.

We expect to pass Cape Verde Islands in the morning and will be able to post this on some British ship. Will endeavor to write again from Cape Town.

W. J. MOORE.

WELLINGTON MUTUAL Fire Insurance Co.

Financial Statement for the Year Ending December, 31st, 1899.

The 60th annual meeting of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held according to advertisement in the office of the company on Tuesday, the 13th day of February, at two o'clock p. m.

Present: George Bleasman, George Randall, James Goldie, John I. Hobson, J. R. Wissler, Thomas Gowdy, H. Murton, H. P. Moore, John Kennedy, H. Gummer, James Watt, James McIrose, J. J. Kelso, John Davidson and others. The amount of share capital represented in person and by proxy was $44,500 00.

On motion the President, Geo. Bleasman, took the chair, and John Davidson was appointed to act as Secretary.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the minutes of last meeting be taken as read.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The President called on the Secretary to read the report as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—Your directors beg to submit the 60th Annual report of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the year ending 31st December, 1899, with statement of receipts and expenditure and balance sheet showing liabilities and assets.

The number of policies in force at the end of the year was 4747, carrying a risk of $3,336,036.55.

A dividend of six per cent. has been declared on the paid capital stock.

We regret having to record the death of Mr. Alexander MacKenzie, for many years one of our Auditors.

At the request of the Secretary and Accountant, a member of the Chartered Accountants' Association has been appointed Auditor for the company.

The Inspector, Mr. John A. Rose, having accepted a similar position with another company, your board decided to leave the appointing of an Inspector in abeyance, the Secretary wishing to visit all the agents during the year, and we are convinced from the result of his visits during the last two months of the year that the business of the company can be materially increased from his meeting with the agents, going over the territory, getting acquainted with the insurers and also obtaining a personal knowledge of the various places in which the company is doing business.

Your Directors have passed a by-law changing the date of the annual meeting from the second Tuesday in February to the second Wednesday in February, and would ask this annual meeting to confirm the same.

The Directors who represent the policy holders on the premium note system are James Goldie, John I. Hobson and John R. Wissler, and not will therefore only require to elect six Directors to represent the share capital holders.

The following Directors retire and are eligible for re-election, viz., George Bleasman, George Randall, George A. Clare, Thomas Gowdy, H. Murton and H. P. Moore.

The statement of receipts and expenditure, report on losses and Auditor's report are hereto appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) GEO. BLEASMAN, President.

Guelph, February 13th, 1900.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

For year ending 31st December, 1899.

Receipts—		
To balance on hand 31st Dec., 1899		$11,705 73
Premiums, mutual system	$18,302 13	
Premiums, cash system	22,357 57	
Extra premiums and fees	145 90	
Agents' balances	606 21	
Bills receivable	225 90	
Interest	1,150 24	
Re-insurance claims	610 04	
		43,398 19
Paid call on capital stock		10,750 00
		$66,105 41
Expenditure—		
By claims of 1899	$ 9,000 00	
Claims of 1900	22,448 15	
Re-insurance	2,540 90	
Rebate and abatements	1,366 85	
Grad's plans and revisions	262 85	
Agents' commission and bonuses	6,642 76	
		$42,661 51
Investigation, law expenses and adjustment of claims	1,562 90	
Travelling and Inspector's expenses	819 85	
Wood and light	54 70	
Interest	491 03	
Statutory assessment	131 69	
Rent and taxes	321 25	
Salaries, Directors' and Auditors' fees	4,506 15	
Stationery and advertising	615 49	
Postage, exchange, telephone and express	618 43	
		$ 9,600 63
Debenture, Globe Savings and Loan Co.		$10,000 00
		$52,262 51
Balance on hand and in bank		10,842 90
		$66,105 41

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1899.

ASSETS.

Subscribed capital stock		$116,500 00
Less paid thereon	10,750 00	
		$105,750 00
Debenture, Guelph and Ontario Investment and Saving Society	14,000 00	
Debenture, Globe Saving and Loan Co.	10,000 00	
Cash on deposit, Traders' Bank reserve fund	9,374 41	
Cash on deposit, Traders' Bank, general accounts	703 09	
Cash on hand at Head Office	171 61	
Agents' balances	618 93	
Unpaid fired payments	561 66	
Unpaid assessments	313 60	
Bills receivable	45 00	
Office furniture and Goad's plans	2,411 50	
		$144,514 14
Premium notes, less paid thereon		41,730 40
		$186,244 54

LIABILITIES.

Amount required to re-insure all current risks on cash system	$ 19,810 03	
Bills payable	7,000 00	
Claims under adjustment	1,260 00	
Total liabilities to public		$ 27,970 03
Liabilities to shareholders for subscribed stock		116,500 00
Surplus assets over all liabilities		41,774 51
		$186,244 54

Audited and approved.

(Signed) A. C. NEVE, F. C. A.

January 9th, 1900.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Guelph:

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby certify that I have made a careful audit of the cash, vouchers and books of your Company for the six months ending Dec. 31st, 1899, and verified the accuracy of the accompanying cash statement, and balance of cash on hand at that date, and also that the accompanying balance sheet signed by me is a full and correct statement of the condition of the company's affairs at Dec. 31st, 1899, as shown by the books.

I find the books in a satisfactory condition, and all desired information freely given.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. C. NEVE, F. C. A.

January 27th, 1900.

REPORT OF LOSSES.

During the year 1899 56 fires occurred, causing a loss to the company of $33,781.15, as follows:

11	fires caused by sparks emanating to	$3,156 63
3	" gas fuel	70 14
11	" defective chimneys and heating apparatus	2,113 53
8	" supposed incendiary	5,208 50
12	" burning of adjoining building	807 67
4	" lamps	330 80
3	" spontaneous combustion	887 61
3	" explosion of oil and gas	372 43
3	" children with matches	150 83
15	" unknown	15,408 86
2	" lightning	960 50
56		$30,456 15
Loss defaced for re-insurance		325 00
		$30,131 15

All of which have been adjusted and paid with the exception of three. These three have been paid since the end of the year.

The President said he was pleased to state that the company has had a successful year. He was also pleased to say that, although the losses had been considerably more than the previous year, the company had made money, although the amount was small, and that as we now have the additional share capital, the call upon which has been paid, which was evidence of the confidence of the insuring public, he could see nothing to prevent the success of the company. It depended largely on the careful selection of risks. He had every confidence in the agents, who had been so loyal to the company, and looked forward to a prosperous year. He had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the report, which was seconded by John I. Hobson and carried.

By-law No. 26 was then passed, changing the time of the annual meeting from the second Tuesday to the second Wednesday in February.

The election of Directors was the next order of business.

Moved by Thos. Gowdy, seconded by James Goldie, that James Watt and H. Gummer be scrutineers.—Carried.

A ballot having been taken the following were declared elected: George Bleasman, H. P. Moore, Thomas Gowdy, H. Murton, George Randall and John Davidson.

Moved by John I. Hobson, seconded by James Goldie, that a vote of thanks be given the scrutineers.—Carried.

Mr. J. Watt replied, acknowledging the above, and then moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Directors, office staff and agents of the company for the work done during the past year. Mr. Gummer was pleased to second the motion, and stated that he was very much gratified with the report of the Directors. He thought that a large share of the progress and prosperity during the past year was due to the earnest efforts put forth by the Directors, the Manager, office staff and agents. He felt that both the share holders and the policy holders would be pleased with the result of the year's business, and was satisfied that the report for the present year would be an equally gratifying one. The motion was then put and carried.

The President replied as follows:

In response to this resolution the President said that he was pleased to know that the old company with which he was connected had weathered the storm which many had predicted would result in disaster. It was stated that if a special assessment were made to meet the heavy losses the company had sustained the downfall of the company was certain. The Directors thought differently, however, and levied the assessment, and it was gratifying to know that in most cases it has been cheerfully met. In addition to this the Directors resolved to issue stock, to add more strength to the company, and he was pleased to say that the whole $125,000, which it was decided to issue, has been subscribed and the stability of the company is undoubted. There has been a falling off in the amount of insurance carried by the company, but this falling off has taken place through the choice of the Directors. They decided to cancel the unprofitable business which has been done in Toronto, also all the farm risks. He thanked the meeting for the kind expressions contained in the resolution just passed, and he could assure the meeting that the officers, office staff and agents have the interests of the company foremost in their minds, and are working assiduously for the promotion of its interests, and will endeavor to maintain the high reputation the company has enjoyed for sixty years.

Mr. H. P. Moore said the old Wellington was making history, and he esteemed it a great honor to be a representative of a company with so honorable a record on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary. He expressed his pleasure at the present satisfactory status of the Wellington and the kind words of the share-holders and policy holders as stated in the resolution of Messrs. Watt and Gummer. He felt that the standing of the company, as shown by the annual report and Auditor's statement, was one worthy of confidence as well as one which will engender an increased volume of business. The Wellington to-day is in a better position than ever before. It has the valuable practice of a respectable stock capital, every holder of which stock is now speaking kind words for the company. It has shown its ability to cope successfully with the new non-tariff companies, and the loyalty of its office staff and corps of agents has not only been a satisfaction to its Board of Directors, but has been of distinctive value to the business of the company. We firmly believe we are on the threshold of a year's business which shall be eminently satisfactory to all interested.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, the Secretary acting as scrutineer, a ballot was taken and George Bleasman was declared elected President, and John I. Hobson, Vice-President.

It was moved by H. P. Moore, seconded by Thomas Gowdy, that John Davidson be Managing Director of the Company.—Carried.

COMING AND GOING.

Visitors to and From Acton and Various Other Personal Notes.

The FREE PRESS invites all its readers to contribute to this column. If you or your friends are going away on a holiday trip or if you have friends visiting you drop a card to the FREE PRESS.

Miss Mamie Masales visited friends in Guelph last week.

Mr. Neil McNabb is home from Gloversville, N. Y., on a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Mann left Montreal this week on a trip to England.

Miss Nettie Cobban is spending a week or two with friends at Milton and Galt.

Miss Nellie Gunther is spending a week with friends at Rosedale Farm, Kramora.

Miss Aggie Glover returned on Monday from a visit to friends in Erin and Orangeville.

Mrs. J. C. Nelson and children of Guelph, spent a couple of day this week in town.

Mr. Samuel McFarlin, of Point Edward, has been visiting his mother and other friends for several weeks.

Miss Coulson and Miss Bindle, of Kramora, are guests at the home of Mr. Peter Gibbons, Esquesing.

Mr. James Abraham left on Saturday morning for Gloversville, N. Y. His family will follow in the spring.

Mr. James Warren, of Walkerton, spent a few days this week at the home of his brother Mr. John Warren ex-warden.

Mrs. Thomas Mofsam Sr., who has been very ill for several weeks, it is thought the result of a stroke, is not improving.

Mrs. James Fleathrook and Master Arthur returned home last week after spending a month with Toronto friends.

Miss Lizzie Martin returned to Johnstown N. Y., on Wednesday after spending several months at her mother's home here.

Councillor John Williams is at Toronto this week attending the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. as representative of Acton Lodge.

Mr. Fred H. Storey, who went to Gloversville, N. Y., some time ago, is in the hospital there suffering from typhoid fever.

Mrs. J. W. Bawe, of Milton, came to town to sing at the Baptist Church opening services but owing to illness was unable to do so.

Mr. James Griffen and Mr. John Griffen, Brampton, and Mrs. John O'Neil Georgetown, were in town on Monday, attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weldie of Rosedale, Toronto, have gone to Florida for the remainder of the winter. Miss Millie and Miss Mollie Weldie sail from New York to-day for Genoa, where they will join their brother, for a tour on the continent.—*Star*.

Mr. John E. Bull, the newly-appointed District Manager of the Bell Telephone Co., at Guelph, was in town last week. He is anxious to have the system here placed in the highest perfection and is giving personal attention to the accomplishment of that end.

Universal regret will be felt among the Sunday School workers of Ontario at the news that Mr. Alfred Day, General Secretary of the Provincial Sunday School Association, has accepted an urgent call to take charge of the Michigan State Association. He has tendered his resignation to the executive of the Ontario Association, to take effect in April.

PALE AND LANGUID.

THE CONDITION OF VERY MANY YOUNG GIRLS IN CANADA.

They are Subject to Headaches, Heart Trouble, and an Indisposition to Exertion—Parents should Act Promptly in Such Cases.

Miss Alma Gauthier, daughter of Mr. Adelard Gauthier, proprietor of a well-known hotel at Three Rivers, Que., enjoys a wide popularity among her friends, and they have recently had occasion to rejoice at her restoration to health after a serious illness. When a reporter called to ascertain the facts of the case Miss Gauthier was out of the city on a visit, but her father very gladly consented to give the story of her cure. He said:—"I believe that had it not been for Pink Pills my daughter Alma might now have been in her grave, and I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not at all times say a kind word in favor of the medicine that restored her to health. My daughter's health first began to give way several years ago. At first the trouble did not appear to be serious, and we thought she would soon regain her accustomed health. As time went on, however, this proved not to be the case. She grew weaker, was troubled with headaches, poor appetite, dizziness and a feeling of almost constant languor. She was treated by a good doctor, but still there was no improvement. She seemed to be gradually fading away. If she walked up stairs she would have to stop several times to rest on the way. She lost all her color and her face was as white almost as chalk. Her trouble was clearly that which afflicts so many young women entering womanhood, and we feared it would develop into consumption. One day a friend of the family urged her to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she consented and procured a couple of boxes. Before they were quite gone there was a slight improvement in her appetite and we looked upon this as a hopeful sign. Another half-dozen boxes were procured, and under their use she day by day acquired new strength and new interest in life. She is now as healthy a girl as there is in Three Rivers, with every trace of her pallor and languor gone. This is entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I am rejoiced to be able to say so publicly."

The case of Miss Gauthier certainly carries with it a lesson to other parents, whose daughters may be pale, languid, easily tired, or subject to headaches, or the other distressing symptoms that mark the onward progress of anaemia. In cases of this kind Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will give more certain and speedy results than any other medicine. They act promptly and directly, making new, rich, red blood, and strengthen the nerves, and correct all the irregularities incident to this critical period.

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6 ft x 11 ft 9 in	$14.75	$9.40
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10 ft 6 x 14 ft 3 in	$28.35	$18.50

Upholstery

50-inch Satin Rodas in red, green, blue and olive.....50c
50-inch French Tapestry, new shades and patterns 75c
Special line of Tapestry, extra value, in green, blue, tan, fawn and gold, very heavy and strong, former price $1.35, reduced to.....90c
Special line of Silk Coverings in blue, green, pink and limentte, former prices $2.75 and $3.65 reduced to $2.00 and.....$2.75
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