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Big HardwareCHRISTMAS GIFTS
Arriving Daily

GIFT giving is always a pleasure, but choosing gifts is always perplexing. However we've a multitude of beautiful and reasonably priced gifts that make the choosing easy and pleasurable. Our summer trade having exceeded our fondest hopes, it became necessary to enlarge our salesroom.

Our salesman, silent but attentive, displays our attractive goods most charmingly. Space will not allow to enumerate in detail the attractions which may gladden the hearts of our friends. We are displaying hundreds of pretty and useful gifts in sterling silver and our show cases glisten with hundreds of gift suggestions in the way of gold jewelry for man or maid.

Come One, Come All, and make Purchases
that will gladden the Recipients
of these Gifts.

A. A. JORDAN
SIGN OF BIG CLOCK.CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST HOME INDUSTRIES

Letters From Three Large City Manufacturing Firms Concerning Recent Report of Industrial Committee—Passing of Accounts and Closing of Year's Business.

A short session characterized the meeting of the City Council last evening. Those whom the city owed evidently attended to Ald. McCoig's request to send in accounts, for that was the chief matter before the Council. The Mayor and all the aldermen were present except Ald. O'Brien.

The accounts of John Bowes, \$6.90; Park Bros., \$429.84; J. H. Oldershaw, \$30.96; John Tait, \$41.10; Mrs. F. J. Park, \$45; and Blight & Fielder, \$187.74, were referred to the Board of Works.

Requests for free water from the firms of John Piggott & Sons, The S. Hadley Co. and The Blonde Co. were referred to the Industrial committee.

The Mayor stated that the statements, in the communications in regard to opposition firms having free water were erroneous. The Council had granted free water to Colby & Scott in their mill erected for the purpose of manufacturing box racks and to William Drader on condition that he start a box manufactory. The other firms were dissatisfied because these two last named firms had gone into the lumber business more than into the manufacturing business, but the Mayor said that this was a question for the Industrial committee to decide, and so referred it.

The S. Hadley Co. wrote asking permission to put a private fire alarm system in their works and attach it to the city system.

A request from the Union of Canadian Municipalities for the annual fee of \$10 was referred to the Finance committee.

Ald. Taylor presented an account from B. Pritchard and Frank Ryall for \$5 for cleaning the fire engine on its return from use in Wallaceburg and Ridgetown.

The Mayor said he wasn't in favor of paying the account. The cleaning of the engine required no extra time and they might better be cleaning the engine than sitting around in chairs.

Ald. Taylor—I understand that Park Bros. agreed to pay for this work.

The Mayor—They say not. Ald. Taylor asked that the account be referred to the Property committee to be investigated.

The accounts of the Chatham Electric Co., \$60.53, and Fred Wood, \$1.50, were referred to the Property committee.

Joseph Wanless sent in an account of \$1 for hauling two cords of wood to the Old Town Hall from the city wood yard.

The Mayor—How much did he charge? Ald. Taylor—Fifty cents a load. The Mayor—That account is not right.

The account was referred to the Property committee. An account of David Lee, \$1.50,

for hauling leaves from Tecumseh Park was ordered paid.

Ald. (O'Brien)—What is the price? Ald. Fleming—Fifty cents a load; but the leaves were difficult to collect and had to be carted outside the city and destroyed.

Ald. McCoig—The leaves were heavier than that rail wood.—Laughter.

The accounts of the waterworks department, \$40, for Tecumseh Park and \$6 for Victoria Park were referred to the Parks and Cemetery committee.

The account of the city treasurer, \$52, amount paid deputy returning officers on the referendum, was ordered paid.

The Planets' account, \$23.20, was referred with power to the Finance committee.

Ald. McCoig, for the Finance committee, reported re the Victoria block assessment, that the rooms of the U. S. Consul had been assessed at \$1,700 in mistake for \$700, and that the mistake be rectified.

Re assessment of Philip Vollmer, that he be allowed \$6.51 plankage on plank sidewalk on the corner of the street.

The report was adopted. The Property committee reported re account of James Watt & Sons, \$4.05, that it be paid.

Re account of W. H. Carswell for shingling the market, that it be referred with power.

The report was adopted. Ald. Fleming, for the Parks and Cemetery committee, reported re W. J. Kenny's account, \$5.30, that it be paid.

The report was adopted. Mayor Sullivan, for the special fuel committee, said that he had expected to have a statement of receipts and disbursements ready for the meeting but it wasn't ready. As the next meeting didn't take place till after nomination, and as the hour might affect Ald. Cowan's candidature, the Mayor asked that the Council return the \$450 still due him. The Mayor said that he hadn't asked the solicitor and didn't know for sure that it would affect Ald. Cowan's candidature.

Ald. Thomson—What is on hand? The Mayor—There is no wood on hand and the city will come out about even.

Ald. Thomson moved, seconded by Ald. Marshall, that the money be paid back.

Ald. Mounter then had the by-law regarding the extension of Patterson avenue put through its several stages and finally passed.

Ald. Mounter also moved that the Mayor and Clerk be empowered to sign the contract for the Wade street sewer.—Carried.

The following accounts were passed:

George Stephens & Co., \$4.
Park Bros., \$7.
Richard Stevens, \$177.50.
Dominion Faving Co., \$1188.89.
John Piggott & Sons, \$53.31.
T. J. Rutley, \$7.50.
J. W. Shackleton, \$5.
H. Terrington, \$2.
Mrs. Westmore, 75 cents.
Pay sheets, two weeks, \$303.63.
R. Pritchard, \$2.15.
Backus & Dennis, \$3.75.
Waterworks department, \$292.50.
Mr. Nagle, \$12.20.
Fire department, \$19.69.
Canada Flour Mills Co., \$3.
Fountain & Canary, \$8.20.
S. Hadley Co., \$5.75.
Alfred Mann, \$2.90.
Frank Judson, \$1.
James Couzens, \$5.

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MAGI CALEDONIA
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Sold everywhere.
J. J. McLaughlin, Sole Agent, Toronto.

Skates Galore.

Quinn & Patterson have just received direct from the Starr Manufacturing Co., of Dartmouth, N.S., the largest consignment of skates ever brought to Chatham, at one time. These are not cheap German made skates, but genuine steel skates. They have them in all sizes for men, boys and girls. Their prices are right, and their goods are fully warranted.

Quinn & Patterson,

King Street, 3 Doors East of the Market.

John A. Morton, \$9.01.
John McCorvie, \$7.32.
G. T. R., \$4.11.
Waterworks department, \$11.35.
George A. Hodgins, \$1.50.
Bon Marche, 20 cents.
Con. Shea, \$1.50.
Daniel Glass Co., \$16.20.
George Stephens & Co., 60 cents.
McCall Bros., \$31.40.
Angus Deloge, \$1.
Peter McMillan, 40 cents.
Bell Telephone Co., 55 cents.
Con. E. Shea, \$4.50.
Robert Cooper, \$2.20.

THE LETTERS.
The text of the communications received was as follows:

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—On Nov. 3rd last we asked your honorable body to grant us the same privileges that your Industrial committee have granted others in the same line of business, viz., a fixed assessment, not-withstanding the report of the Industrial committee being against treating us the same as you had others.

We are respectfully asking you to grant us free water, and same to date from the date you gave it to rival planning mills. We have never asked any favors from the municipality until you had dealt with every other firm that is in competition with us and cannot understand why any member of your honorable body is opposed to our request, as it is a reasonable one.

We do not think it is right or equitable for you to grant new concessions privileges which you decline to give to others that are already established and in the same line of business.

We are,
Yours truly,
JOHN PIGGOTT & SONS.

Chatham, Dec. 15th, 1902.
To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—We would respectfully ask you to give us free water for our plant, to date from the time that water was supplied free to the two factories or lumber firms that are now receiving it.

We have been paying at the rate of \$65 per year ever since the waterworks were started in this city, and we presume that your honorable body desire to deal fairly with all rate-payers in the same line of business, and all that we ask is similar treatment to that received by our competitors.

We trust that you will therefore arrange to comply with our request and oblige,
Very truly yours,
THE S. HADLEY CO.
per W. A. Hadley, Secretary.

Chatham, Dec. 15th, 1902.
To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—We are aware that two manufacturing concerns of this city have been granted free water, and as we are now and have been manufacturing the same goods, and as these firms are now also engaged in the retail lumber business, we deem it unfair to us that we should be charged water rates when they are not, and would ask your honorable body to grant us free water, thereby placing us on an equal footing with our competitors.

We might also add that these firms are not new firms in the business, and that we have made an extensive improvement in the city by erecting a large factory, thereby giving employment to from seventy-five to one hundred men.

We are now and have been for some time one of the heaviest rate-payers in the city, and think that our claim is a just one.

Trusting that your honorable body

CHRISTMAS WREATHING!

(PINE GREEN) by the yard, or loose HOLLY, HOLLY WREATHS, MISTLETOE, &c. Our GREENS are well made, out of superior stock, suitable for Store and Home Decorating. Write for Price. WHOLESALE ONLY.

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WINDSOR

will give this matter your careful consideration, we are,
Respectfully yours,
THE BLONDE CO.
T. J. Doyle, Sec.-Treas.

Theatrical

CASTLE SQUARE CO.

The Castle Square Co. opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night with "The Deserter." The company is a good one of the class, and carries some very strong people.

The house was fairly well filled last night with a much pleased audience. R. B. Milloy, as Jack Hastings, was probably the best actor last night.

The specialties were many and very good. On the whole it's well worth the price and better than many higher priced productions which have appeared here.

"Two Orphans" will be the bill at the Grand to-night.

Prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

EXAM. RESULTS

The following are the results of the recent examinations for Form 4, C. C. L.:

FORM 4.

(Honor Matriculation and Senior Leaving).
Excellent—Lorne Richardson 79 per cent. Bruce McQuarrie 78, George B. Coutts 77.

Good—Robert Park 69, Robert M. Campbell 63.
Fair—Frank C. White 55, Annie Hutchison (science and languages only) 66.

By an unfortunate accident Form 3B (Pass Matriculation and Junior Leaving) appeared under Form 4 heading, and the names in Form 4 omitted altogether.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cresoline tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

MANY SOLDIERS DROWNED.
Confirmation of Loss of Steamer Bogota Near El Banco, Colombia.

New York, Dec. 15.—Advices from Barranquilla, Colombia, confirm the report of the total wreck of the steamer Bogota in the Magdalena River recently near El Banco, says a Herald despatch from Colombia. She had on board a large force of Government soldiers, many of whom were drowned. The details of the disaster have been suppressed.

Incendiaries Released.
Orangeville, Dec. 15.—Nearly six years ago startling disclosures were made of incendiarism in the Township of Meinichen. In May of 1897, Mr. Justice Ferguson sent the chief firebugs, David and James Ballard and Alanzo Smith, to the Kingston Penitentiary for ten years each. William Corbett and James E. Reid got eight years each. The announcement is made by The Orangeville Post that these men have been released on parole.

When you step up on one promise you will always find a higher and a better one before you.

How About
....the 25th?

With Christmas ahead and Christmas presents to be bought, more ladies will patronize this store this month than ever before. We want them to feel perfectly at home here and to know that courteous salespeople are always ready to show goods whether they care to buy anything or not. With a complete assortment of everything for men and boy we're constantly ready with

NECKWEAR,
GLOVES,
MUFFLERS,
HOSIERY,
COLLARS,
UNDERWEAR,
UMBRELLAS,
NIGHT SHIRTS,
CLOTHING,
OVERCOATS,
SILK HATS,
SUSPENDERS,
HANDKERCHIEFS.

After all useful gifts are the most serviceable of gifts. More useful things will be sold this year, and we're going to sell them. We've planned a bigger business for the holidays and all the conditions favor it. With newer styles and more goods to choose from, we mean to discount every December record and double our lead with Hats and Furnishings between now and the 25th.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS Limited

For Christmas and New Year's Holidays W. B. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King St., will issue special return tickets at all points in Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, also Dec. 29th and Jan. 1st, all good to return until Jan. 5th, 1903, at fare and one-third; and on Dec. 24th and 25th, good to return Dec. 26th, and on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st, good to return Jan. 2nd, at single fare for return trip; also special excursion tickets to students and teachers on presentation of certificates at fare and one-third, good going from Dec. 6th to 13th inclusive, and returning from destination not later than Jan. 19th, 1903.

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The Trying Time

EVERYTHING IS IN ELEGANT PREPARATION AT THE
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THE BAZAAR and CHINA HALL

Shopping made easy at this store, as everything is marked in plain figures and the prices are lowered just now along certain lines to make more popular prices than ever.

Why on our 10c, 15c and 25c counters you will find goods worth double the prices asked for them.

TEA SETS

Extra value just now to clear them all out. See them \$3.50, 4, 4.50, 5, 6, 7, 8.50, 9.50 and 12.

DINNER SETS

Big variety and nicest designs and styles you can find anywhere, \$5.9, 10, 14, 18.50, 22, 25, 35 and 50.

TOILET SETS

A large assortment of the best goods to be found in the west, \$2.25, 2.75, 4, 5, 6, 7.50, 12 and 18.

SALAD SETS

15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90c and \$1.

FRUIT SETS

Fine China, 13 pieces, special value for Saturday at \$1.25.

ODD PLATES

For cake, bread, etc. from 10c to \$5 each. See them, you'll buy them.

Vases and Candleabras, Jardiniers and Lamps, Bohemian Glass and odd pieces of bric-a-brac are all on sale now. Must be cleared out quickly.

You'll be sorry if you wait till the last minute. A small sum paid now will hold anything you want till Xmas Eve.

Follow the crowd and get bargains.

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Life

YOU CAN EAT
MALTA-VITA WARM.

By eating the thoroughly cooked, malted and
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—The Perfect Food.

Wheat contains all the elements necessary to sustain life and is recognized the world over as the chief food for mankind —the Proverbs say "The Staff of Life."

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A delightful winter breakfast—Served with warm milk or cream.

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