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AN INTERESTING WEEK!

We want to make the week between Christmas and New Years one of the most interesting weeks of the entire year and for this purpose offer special inducements in

Dress Goods and Dress-Making

In Black Dress Goods

We have laid out a splendid assortment of the most correct weaves, including French Cheviots. Satin Cloths, Canvas Cloths, Armures, Eolines, Etc., and have divided them into four prices 39c, 59c, 69c, 98c. Each price represents a saving to you of 25 per cent. and more.

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We offer you very exceptional values right through an entire line, and, in many instances, prices are cut almost in half. See them.

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Commencing Thursday morning and until Monday evening, we will take your orders in our Dressmaking Department under Miss Howard's Management.

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These charges for making apply only until Monday evening, and only for goods purchased in the store during this week and on Monday. Miss Howard will be pleased to show you the styles when you come in.

You Save in the Goods

You Save in the Making.

Thos. Stone & Son

The Christmas Bargain Sale At Westman Bros.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

LARGE NUMBERS SHOW APPRECIATION.

ALL NEW GOODS.

ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

Look at Some of the Reductions.

\$1.00 Carvers	\$0.80	\$1.00 Nickel Teapots	0.80
1.25 "	1.00	1.00 Coffee Pots	0.80
1.50 "	1.20	0.75 Granite Teapots	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives	4.00	1.00 Leather Mitts	0.80
3.00 "	2.40	0.75 "	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives	1.40	0.50 "	0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets	1.60
0.50 Nut Cracks	0.40	1.75 "	1.40
1.00 Butter Knives	0.80	1.25 "	1.00
Safety Razors	1.50	10.00 Robes	8.00
"	3.50	6.50 "	5.00

COME AND GET SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

-AT-

WESTMAN BROS.' BIG SALE.

Store Open Every Evening.

CHRISTMAS FURS! AT BARGAIN PRICES

In order to make room for our Raw Fur Business, we are making sweeping reductions in all lines of furs. They won't last long at these prices:-

\$25.00 Alaska Sable Scarf, now	\$18.00
18.00 "	14.00
17.00 "	12.00
25.00 Isabella Fox Scarf, now	18.00
10.00 Squirrel Ties, now	8.75
9.50 River Mink Ties, now	6.00
35.00 German Mink Ties, now	28.50
35.00 Stone Martin Scarf, now	17.50

AGAR & NEFF, The reliable Furriers

SALESROOM SCANE BLOCK, CHATHAM, OVER RADLEY'S DRUG STORE

ALD. SCULLARD ENTERTAINS

Members Of The Council And Newspaper Men Are Banquetted

A PLEASANT EVENING

Last evening after the Council meeting, Ald. Thomas Scullard banqueted his colleagues at the Board and the reporters at his home on Victoria avenue. The invitation to partake of the genial alderman's bounty, coming as it did after a strenuous evening's work on the part of all concerned, was hailed with much joy. The brisk walk over to Ald. Scullard's house against the fresh breezes, further tended to sharpen the appetites of the municipal celebrities, who with two or three equally as hungry newspaper men, took care of them, covered the distance in very creditable time indeed.

Arriving at their destination they were met and made welcome by Mrs. Scullard. The spread prepared was a most satisfying one, and after all the courses had been served, the inner man was left with no causes for regrets. Incidentally, it might be remarked, that a note was taken of the ease and exceeding grace with which Ald. Scullard carved the turkey. None other but so deliberate a gentleman as Ald. Scullard, could do the job with so much satisfaction to his guests, and honor and glory to himself. And the turkey—alas, no Christmas bird brown from the oven, ever disappeared with greater alacrity. Oysters and cake were among the many other good things provided, and it must be conceded that Ald. Scullard and his good wife make an ideal host and hostess.

After the courses had been all served, and the haze of the Havannas had crowned the festive board, there was speechifying—such eloquence as only the members of the 1906 Council are equal to—and after the host had been many times thanked and congratulated on a very pleasant evening, the guests departed for their homes in the wee small hours this morning.

Those present were Mayor Marshall and Ald. Austin, Edmondson, Stone, Thompson, Potter, Bensen, Massey, City Clerk Merritt, and the reporters for the local press.

BANK WAS BURNED

Cashier Jumps Through Window and is Badly Hurt and Burned.

Duck Lake, Sask., Dec. 27.—The Bank of North America here was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday night, all the books being burned and the ledger only being saved. The condition of the safe cannot be ascertained at present.

Cashier Adam was asleep when the fire broke out and was only awakened by the crackle of the flames as they ran up the bed curtain. He jumped through the window, but is badly hurt and burned.

Manager Robinson is away on his holidays in Fredericton, N. B.

Lawless Bands In Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 27.—United States Secretary of War Taft has received advice from Governor Magoun at Havana indicating that a more or less unsettled condition of affairs exists in certain parts of Cuba and that in Santa Clara Province some lawless bands are operating and pillaging. Therefore, at the governor's instance, Gen. Bell has ordered a considerable reinforcement of the garrison of American troops in that province.

Wm. Vance Loses His Life.

Bloomfield, Dec. 27.—Early yesterday morning William Vance was burned to death in his residence, which was destroyed by the flames as he was on fire, and, with scarcely any clothing, the family managed to get out. Vance went back to the burning building and was unable to return. Not even a chair was saved.

THE SINARD STRIKE

The latest sensation in the Tilbury oil fields is the rich strike made by the Central Oil and Gas Co., on the Augustus Sinard farm, on lot 3, concession 6, Tilbury East. This is one of Mr. Peter McNaughton's leases.

Oil was struck in the Sinard well when a depth of 1,445 feet was reached, and the well has since been gushing at the rate of from fifty to sixty barrels an hour. It is yielding both oil and gas. The Sinard well is farthest north of any well yet completed.

The well on the Murphy farm, just south of the Sinard gusher, started to flow Monday, and in making a very good showing. It is expected that this well will produce 100 barrels and upwards a day after it has been shot.

The Chatham and Tilbury Oil and Gas Co.'s well on the Purdy farm and the Central Co.'s well on the St. Peter's Church property are both showing very good indications, and it is likely that favorable reports will be heard from this direction in the course of a few days.

POISONED BY GAS FUMES

Whole Family Inhaled Deadly Carbolic Acid Gas

DIED IN FAMILY CIRCLE

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—From inhaling the poisonous fumes of carbolic acid gas as they sat in a circle before the family hearth yesterday afternoon, four members of the family of James Harris, the father, mother and two children, are dead, and the sole remaining member, a girl of 8 years, is not expected to live.

James Harris lived in a little rough-cast cottage on Ferry street, at the south end of the city. At about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon little Lucy Campbell, the 11-year-old daughter of O. F. Campbell, and niece of Mr. Harris, had been skating on the sidewalk and went into the house of her uncle to get warm. Sitting in his chair in front of the natural gas stove was her uncle, apparently asleep. That was her first impression, but not finding her aunt on the floor with arms outstretched toward the door, and the little baby girl, Gertrude, aged 5, both dead, and her cousin, Myrtle, lying on the floor unconscious, she screamed, and smelling the strong gas and feeling herself becoming partially overcome, she dragged the limp form of her cousin Myrtle out of the house, dropping her body on the snow. She then gave the alarm to a linesman working across the street.

The man rushed into the house, followed by others and found the father sitting in his chair cold in death, his wife and two young children both dead on the floor and a gas flame burning high up into the little living room, with two jets of the gas burner turned full on and a lid off the top of the stove.

Sick Boy Also.

In the next room lay the lifeless form of Arthur Harris, a 13-year-old son, in bed, where he had been confined sick. He had breathed the poisonous fumes and slept away in his sick bed unconscious of what was going on in the next room with his door open, through which the fumes entered his room.

Mr. Harris came here from Whitby about nine years ago and was employed as night furnaceman at the Vermillion Works on the American side. He got up each afternoon at 4 o'clock and evidently was enjoying the companionship of his wife and little 5-year-old daughter, playing with her Christmas toys on the floor when the poisonous carbolic gas fumes from the burned natural gas from the open lid of the stove gradually stole on the little family group unawares.

The little girl Myrtle was taken to her uncle's home. A thorough search was made of the premises by Mr. Smith, superintendent of the Provincial Natural Gas Co., and an expert, whose pipes supplied the house. He says there was no free gas or unburned gas visible and claims the family died from breathing air from which the oxygen had been burned and charged with carbolic acid gas from the open flame.

The Dead.

The dead are: James Harris, father, 44 years; Ella Harris, mother, 36 years; Arthur Harris, son, 13 years; Gertrude Harris, daughter, 5 years; Myrtle Harris, aged 8 years, is not expected to live.

Mrs. Harris was a Miss Warner of Whitby. A room has been cast over the entire city by the calamity that has befallen the little happy family.

The only explanation why Myrtle had not succumbed to the fumes as readily as the others is that she probably had been out doors and coming into the house and finding the family unconscious completely collapsed.

MORE EARTHQUAKE

Half of the Town of Arica, Chili, Shaken Down, and Other Places Nearby Badly Damaged.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 27.—Half of the Town of Arica, in the Province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake, and other towns in that neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iniquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged.

With the recollection of the August disaster fresh in their minds, the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

Tacna is in the northernmost province of Chile, and borders on Peru. It has an area of 8,000 square miles. It is mainly a rainless desert, crossed by scanty and intermittent streams. Earthquakes are frequent. Arica is on the sea coast. It was formerly a much more important place than now. The population, once estimated at 30,000, is to-day about 3,000.

In August of this year, when a disastrous earthquake visited Santiago and Valparaiso, severe and numerous shocks were experienced in Tacna province.

Names stamped in gold on books, purses, music rolls, etc., while you wait, at The Planet Office.

JOHN LIDDY SPEAKS UP

He Gets A Stall In The Market And Says A Few Things Too

ALD. MASSEY ATTACKED

Ex-Ald. John Liddy attended last night's meeting of the City Council. John sat in the auditorium during all the earlier portion of the evening, quite meek and unassuming. But John had his fighting clothes on. He wasn't looking for trouble, but when trouble came his way he took occasion to see that there was lots of it, and his own were not the only feelings hurt before he got through. John won a reputation for repartee during the plying days when he sat at the Council Board, and he proved last night that a few years of retirement from the aldermanic field has not in the least impaired the fiery Celtic eloquence with which he was wont to wither an opponent.

Ald. Potter reported to the Council last night that he had rented the corner stall in the new market front to Mr. Liddy for the sum of \$15 a month. Ald. Potter believed that he had made a good bargain for the city in this deal, as this was the highest amount offered for the stall. The report passed through without comment, and was adopted by the Council.

Later in the evening, when the clock was on the home stretch for the eleventh hour, and after Ald. Austin arose to move adjournment, Ald. Massey referred to the matter of renting this stall. He said that he had entirely forgotten about certain points when Ald. Potter's report was adopted. He said he was not clear on some features of this deal, and he asked that Ald. Potter explain to the Council what Mr. Liddy intended to use the stall for.

He was told that Mr. Liddy intended to use it as a barber shop.

Ald. Massey questioned the legality of the deal. He said that he was sure an injunction would be issued against such proceedings.

Ald. Potter remarked that Ald. Massey was a little belated in his remarks, and he said that he did not think that any injunction would be issued. The right-thinking ratepayers would uphold the Council in trying to make the best bargain they could for the city. Anyway, he said the City Solicitor had been consulted by the Council, and he had advised that it was quite within legal bounds for the city to rent these stalls, under certain conditions. These conditions had been lived up to in the leasing of the market stalls.

Mr. Liddy was given permission to address the Board. "I intend to run a legitimate business in that stall," said he, "just as respectable a business as Ald. Massey runs. I don't see why the aldermen should question me about the matter. He should know as well as I do that I am not going in for any skin game on the city. I am going to run a barber shop there, and I am going to try to make an honorable living out of the business the same as Ald. Massey is doing. I am paying a good rent, and I don't see why there should be any kicking about the matter. While we are on this point, I would like to ask Ald. Massey how much he is paying for the use of a portion of the market as a store-room. I understand that he is using a part of the building for that purpose, and I would like to have him explain how much he is paying the city for the use of it. The Council knows how much I am paying; now let Ald. Massey explain if he will, how much rent he is paying for the part he occupies."

The discussion would probably have lasted quite a while longer, had not Mayor Marshall reminded the Council that there was a motion for adjournment before them, and that this must be considered before any other business could be taken up.

The motion for adjournment carried on a majority vote, and the matter was dropped.

COMING OUT

During his address at Ald. Scullard's banquet last night, Mayor Marshall, while referring to things municipal, said it had come to his ears from a very reliable source, that despite their previous resolution not to run for civic honors this year, Ald. Austin and Bensen had been besieged by friends who were bound to have them come out. He said that he hoped that the two gentlemen referred to would give in to the requests of their friends, and he was sure that if they did so, both would be elected.

Ald. Austin in replying, said that he had to confess that his friends were urging him to stand. He stated that he was not yet in a position to speak definitely about the matter, but he would give the subject his serious consideration between now and nomination day.

Ald. Bensen did not make any definite statement about coming out, though he also owned up to the fact that it was rather hard to refuse the persistent requests of his friends, who are very anxious to see him in the fight.

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