

January Sale OF Men's and Boys Underwear...

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- Men's extra fine winter weight fleeced lined shirts and Drawers, well made and neatly trimmed, regular price 50c. a garment, January Sale Price, Thursday, is **44c**
- Men's fleeced lined Shirts and Drawers in finest and best make produced, silk stitch trimming, soft finish, regular price 75c and \$1.00 a garment, January Sale Price for Thursday **56c**
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- Men's all wool winter weight Shirts and Drawers, good weight, well finished, regular price 50c. a garment, January Sale Price for Thursday **44c**
- Men's fine Scotch wool Shirts and Drawers, extra fine soft finish, regular price \$1.00 a garment, January Sale Price for Thursday **83c**
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- FOR MEN 6 to 13
- FOR WOMEN 212 to 8
- FOR MISSES 11 to 2
- FOR CHILDREN 7 to 10

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We have received a special line of Carvers in Cases, Knives, Forks, Specially prepared for Christmas Presents at Lowest Prices.

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CLOSE YEAR

Public School Board of 1902 Winds up its Business—Inspector Park Eulogized

The last meeting of the Public School Board for 1902 was held in Harrison Hall last evening with the following members present: Dr. Bray (in the chair), Robertson, Benson, Paxton, Morley, Gansh, McCordie and Heyward.

The following are the accounts which were passed:

CENTRAL SCHOOL.
The Rutley Warming and Ventilating Co., repairs..... \$ 2.50
Express..... .45
J. A. Morton, repairs..... 1.25
W. J. Kenny, supplies..... 13.30
McKEOUGH SCHOOL.
Westman Bros..... \$ 3.88
W. J. Kenny, supplies..... 36.40
W. Martin, repairs..... 1.50
J. L. Scott, coal..... 16.20

KINDERGARTEN.
No. 1—C. Austin, supplies..... 45
No. 2—W. J. Kenny, supplies..... 6.45
No. 2—W. L. G. Snell, supplies..... 2.71
LAW EXPENSES.
Atkinson & Atkinson..... 77.00

Miss Isabella Wilson solicited a place on the city teaching staff as soon as a vacancy occurs. Her application was placed on file. Inspector's statistical report was then read and adopted. The summary of the attendance for the month is as follows:

School	Enrollment	Average	Percentage
McKeough.....	395	354	90
Central.....	721	657	91
Kindergratena.....	142	113	82
Total.....	1258	1127	90
Dec., 1901.....	1227	1225	88

As compared with November, the enrollment is 62 less, and the average attendance nine less. The average attendance at both schools—1127—is two higher than for December, 1901. The average attendance at the Central school is 57 higher than for the same month a year ago. At McKeough it is 55 less.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT PARK.

Messrs. Morley and McCordie moved the adoption of the report, and both spoke in flattering terms of the past work of Mr. Park. Dr. R. V. Bray also spoke in very laudable terms of Mr. Park, who in return thanked the different members for the many kind words which had been addressed to him.

The account of R. Cooksey for the improvements on McKeough school, for 1906, was received. The members of the Board inspected the work yesterday and found everything most satisfactory. The matter of payment was left in the hands of the Finance committee and the managers of the school with power.

Mr. Robertson reported that the improvements to the Central school have been completed. A large marble slab belonging to the old drinking fountain was now of no use and the managers have received an offer for it. The matter of disposing of it was left in the hands of the managers of the school.

The managers of McKeough school were granted the privilege of purchasing two dozen small chairs and tables for the kindergarten department.

Inspector Park's annual report was received and read to the Board. He reviewed the work of the past year and reported the schools to be in a very prosperous condition.

A vote of thanks was then passed to W. E. Campbell, the retiring chairman of the Board, for his efficient work during the time he has been on the Board.

MAYOR McKEOUGH

William E. McKeough took the oath of office this morning and is now Mayor of Chatham. There is a meeting of the Water Commissioners tomorrow night, and as the Mayor, by virtue of his office, is a member of the Water Board. Mr. McKeough this morning at 11.30 took the oath of office.

Up to the time of taking the oath Mr. McKeough was Mayor-elect. Now he is Mayor and G. W. Sulman takes his place in the rank of ex-Mayors.

LADIES' AID

The annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Ladies Aid was held Monday, January 5th, in the church parlor. The following officers were re-elected:

President—Mrs. M. Campbell.
First Vice—Mrs. Somerville.
Second Vice—Mrs. Rennie.
Treasurer—Mrs. Burrell.
Secretary—Miss Battisby.

It was found necessary to appoint an assistant secretary and treasurer, and an executive committee.

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Oomb.
Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. Turner.
Executive committee—Mrs. Badley, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. London and Mrs. Greening.
During 1902 the Society cleared \$1,480.

Local Briefs

Robt. Tait, of London, is a Chatham visitor to-day.

R. T. Hunter, of Hamilton, is a Maple City visitor to-day.

Office boy wanted at Wm. Gray & Sons. Apply at once.

Miss Bragg, Tacroix St., entertained a number of friends last evening.

The journeymen painters have received the outfit for their new union lodge rooms.

Miss Edith Boyd, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is recovering.

W. H. Walters has returned from a two weeks' visit with his son in Cadillac, Mich.

Went New Method Clothing, Suits and Overcoats, \$1.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00. The 2 T's.

The 24th Regiment Band will hold a rehearsal to-night in the band room at eight o'clock sharp.

James Gray, of the Bazaar, has returned from a four days visit in Toronto and North York.

Capl. Crow has purchased a new 80 horse power engine and boiler for his tug the D. W. Crow.

The Blonde Mfg. Co. completed its contract for the fixtures for the physical laboratory at the C. C. I. yesterday.

The Maple City Gun Club hold the first shoot for the London & Lancashire trophy to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock.

Miss Olive M. Birch left this morning to assume her new duties as teacher of the public school at Baginall's, Dover township.

Horse Blankets, Fur Coats and Fur Robes in great variety at Quinn & Patterson's, cheapest place in Chatham for these goods.

W. Harold Smith, Toronto, will be at Wm. Gray & Sons carriage works on Saturday, January 10th, to purchase horses. The highest cash prices will be paid.

The City Treasurer was to-day engaged sending away the local improvement debentures to W. C. Brent, Toronto, who recently purchased them.

The quarterly audit of the criminal accounts took place to-day.

Board of Audit were Judge Bell, Crown Attorney Smith, County Clerk J. C. Fleming and Warden Rankin.

For Cutters and Harness, go to Quinn & Patterson. They took three first prizes out of a possible five on harness at the Fall Fair.

Miss Annie D. Anderson, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in the Maple City, left this afternoon to resume her studies in the Presbyterian College, Ottawa.

Alx. Baxter, the man remanded to jail for attempting to commit suicide, was brought up to-day for sentence.

As his relatives were here from Rodney, Baxter was allowed out on suspended sentence.

A number of young lads appeared before Magistrate Houston yesterday morning on the charge of stealing a revolver. Two of the boys were given a suspended sentence and all received a severe lecture from the Magistrate.

Julius Leguille was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Central Prison by Magistrate Houston yesterday at the police court on the charge of wife beating. This is the heaviest sentence possible on this charge.

Dr. and Mrs. McDonald, of Grand Rapids, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Somerville, Wellington street, for the past week, returned home yesterday. Miss Gertrude Somerville travelled with them and will spend a couple of weeks in Grand Rapids.

Chief Pritchard, of the fire department, has received a letter from Richard F. Jordan, of Port Huron, formerly of this city. Mr. Jordan has been appointed chief of the Port Huron fire department. His many friends will wish him every success in his new position.

Dr. Owen, of London, Ont., surgeon, oculist and specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat, will be at Chatham Saturday, Jan. 24th; Saturday, Feb. 28th; Saturday, March 28th; Saturday, April 25th; Saturday, May 23rd; Saturday, June 27th, 1903. Glasses properly fitted. Office at Radley's drug store.

A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st, 1902, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Patterson, London, when their sister, Miss Lillie Victoria Payne, fourth daughter of Mr. William Payne, Winter Line, Dover, was united in marriage to Edgar Chalcraft, by the Rev. T. W. Ten Eyck, of Hamilton.

A READY REPLY.

At Blenheim, on the evening of election day, when the members of the 1903 Harwich Council were known, "Uncle" John Burke was asked what the political complexion of the Harwich Council was. The veteran municipal campaigner readily responded: "There are two Grits, two Tories and Pete Morrison."

WARD OF THANKS.

To the Public School Electors of Ward No. 2:
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I beg to thank you for the splendid majority given me on January 5, and will endeavor to merit the confidence you have reposed in me.

Very truly yours,
R. M. PAXTON.

ORGANIZING

Non-Coms. of the 24th Kent Regiment Planning a Busy Winter at the Mess Rooms.

The annual meeting of the non-commissioned officers of the 24th Regiment was held last evening in the Mess Rooms, Merchants' Bank building. It was the largest attended in the history of the Mess, demonstrating the revival of interest in the Regiment and its affairs.

Sergeant-Major Geo. Embrey occupied the chair and addressed the meeting to some length, pointing out the advantages and uses of the Mess. He spoke of having some kind of entertainment once a week for the members of the Mess, and their friends, each company to give an entertainment—one company one week, another the next, and so on. This idea was thought to be a capital one as, as many said, it would be a means of bringing the boys in closer contact with each other.

"B" Company Non-Coms were instructed to get up the first entertainment, for Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Friendly boxing bouts, too, were spoken of and a good subscription was secured for the purchase of a set of boxing gloves, a Whittely exercise bag and the repairing of the punching bag. A billiard table, too, was discussed, but left over till next meeting.

Many of the newcomers into the Mess paid their initiation fees and dues.

The election of officers was the principal event of the evening, and much enthusiasm prevailed.

Col-Sergeant Lew. Reid, of "B" Company, was elected President by acclamation.

For Vice-President, Corp. John Cartier, of "C" Company, was nominated, also Corp. C. Northwood, of "C," and Smith, of "B." The contest was a close one, Corp. Cartier being elected.

E. Harold Rankin was elected to the combined office of secretary and treasurer, by acclamation.

The Board of Management, which is composed of the officers of the Mess and two other members of the Mess, was the next on the list. Those nominated were: Sergt. Geo. Smith, Quartermaster Sergt. Joe Hadley, Corp. L. Reid, Sergt. Fred Guttridge, Sergt. Coatsworth, Sergt. Richardson, Lance Corp. Goodall, Corp. McMillan, Lance Corp. Chas. Clements and Sergt. Drum Major Douglas. Messrs. Hadley and Smith were elected, having nine votes each.

Two auditors were next. Those nominated were Sergt. Coatsworth, Lance Corp. Goodall, Corp. Reid, Corp. Hutchison and Corp. Shambleau. Messrs. Coatsworth and Goodall were appointed.

The Color-Sergeants of the companies were instructed to appoint a company orderly sergeant and corporal to report in uniform at the Mess Rooms on Monday night next.

Sergt. Lampman was appointed Regiment Orderly Sergeant, and Corp. Bechard Regiment Orderly Corporal.

On motion of Bugle-Major Plunridge, the route for the Sergt.-Drum Major was mapped out.

The meeting adjourned.

RUBS IT IN

Matthew Wilson, K. O., Makes Some Caustic Comments on Sabbath Non-observance in this City.

The second of the series of prayer meetings which are being held in the city this week was held in the First Presbyterian Church last evening. Rev. Mr. George and M. Wilson, K. O., were the speakers. The subject was Sabbath Observance. Mr. Wilson, in his speech, made some broad insinuations against the way the Sabbath is observed in Chatham.

"In Montreal, and Victoria, B. C." said he, "it is a well known fact that the stores are kept open on Sunday. In Amherstburg this was practiced for some time until it was forced to be stopped. In Windsor, Sunday pa-

pers are sold on the streets, and at Belle River, I understand, when the river is frozen over, men are in the habit of—I suppose I should not say racing—speeding horses on Sunday. Even in Bothwell, I am told that the oil wells, with the possible exception of Dr. Fairbanks, are kept running on Sunday. You also know that in Wallaceburg a short time ago men were arrested for working on Sunday.

"Of course," he went on, with a ring of satire in his voice, "in a city which is governed so well as Chatham, where the officials even go so far as to employ a special detective to catch and punish the bicyclist who turns from a muddy road to the sidewalk, we do not expect to see the Sabbath broken in these other places." He continued in the same tone, "the law is not enforced, but how different in Chatham. All that is necessary is for a private citizen to consent to the publicity of making the charges and the officials are quite willing to do the prosecuting. Of course, in many cases the citizens object to the publicity, and in such cases the offenders go unpunished. Is it not time we were asking ourselves what these officials are paid for? Of course, I am willing to admit that the law is entirely perfect, but it should be enforced, such as it is."

The meeting to-night will be held in the Park St. Methodist Church, when addresses will be given by Rev. Mr. Cobbley and Ald.-elect Thomas Scullard.

FIRE RUNS

The following are the fire runs for the month of December:

- Dec. 1—Barn on Jeffrey street.
- Dec. 5—Polson's, William street.
- Dec. 8—Tar pot, on Head street.
- Dec. 13—Robert Midner's, corner of William and Wellington streets.
- Dec. 16—Chimney on Brock street.
- Dec. 17—MacIntyre's, King street.
- Dec. 27—Chimney, Wilson avenue.

HAVE STARTED

The Chatham Oil Co., Ltd., is now a working company. The first operations of the company began yesterday on the Edwards place, 7th concession of Raleigh. Mr. Trotter, mechanical superintendent of the company, says that prospects for a good strike on the Edwards place are good.

Mr. Caldwell has charge of the outfit which is boring, and expects to be down 400 feet in about six days.

The company will have another rig at work in about a week.

T. H. Wylie, who has been engaged by Dr. A. W. Thornton, dentist, for the past two years, will manage the affairs of the office during the doctor's absence in Toronto. The doctor leaves shortly for Toronto, where he will deliver a course of lectures in the Ontario Dental College.

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Ten per Cent. off over the Premises during This Week, including Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Lamps, Fancy China Ware.

Some of the choicest French and Japanese China on our tables. We are making this Clearing Sale in order to reduce these lines at this our stock-taking season. We can save money for you during this week at THE ARK.

H. Macaulay

"THE ARK" will close at 6.30 evenings excepting Saturdays and evenings before holidays.