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White Spread Special

30 only white honey comb bed spreads, full double bed size, knotted fringe on all sides, fine soft finish, regular value \$1.25 each, on sale for \$1.00.

Dress Goods Special

42 inches wide, silk and wool crepe de chine, fine silky finish, serviceable and stylish, in shades of cream, sky blue, pink and biscuit—regular price \$1.00, on sale for 75c

Towelings at 10c a Yard.

We are showing the greatest range and best values in all sorts of towelings ever in this store at a yd. 10c

19 inches wide, pure linen crash, rolling, red borders, extra fine and heavy, good value at 12 1/2c, on sale at 10c

18 inches wide, fine linen Hygeia crash, washes soft and fine, a very popular towel and special value at 10c

17 inches wide, stripe oxford linen rolling, one of the best selling roller towelings we have, washes well, extra good value at a yard 10c

20 inches wide, Barnaby crash, plain heavy weave, usually sold at 12 1/2c a yard, our special price is a yard 10c

24 inches wide, check glass cloth in red and blue checks, no lint, fine and soft when washed very special value at 10c

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18 inches wide, excellent linen check towel, suitable for bedroom towels, very extra value at a yard 10c

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Shaker Blankets

Full double bed size, fine soft shaker blankets, in cream and grey, with pink and blue borders, extra fine and heavy, special value at a pair 95c

Complete stock of fine wool blankets, made by the best makers in Canada in 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 pounds weight, and good big sizes—special prices.

Fancy Goods For Christmas

We are ready for you in fancy articles for Christmas and the sooner you come the better choice you will get. We have been preparing for weeks and now can show you a pretty assortment—

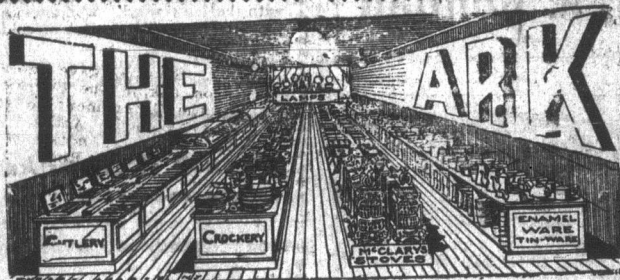
Work Bags, Laundry Bags, Pin Cushions, Cushion Tops, Cuddie Sticks, Wood Pieces and Fancy Novelties of various descriptions.

Fancy Linens

Dozens of buyers tell us we have the best and largest assortment of fancy linens ever in Chatham—at any rate we have far too many and to make them move quickly we have marked them at extremely low prices.

Doppies, Tray Cloths, Carvers, Centre Pieces, 5 o'clock Covers, End Cloths, Side Board Scarfs, all in both damask and plain linen effects—see them

THOS. STONE & SON.



1903 CHRISTMAS 1903

We are busy this week preparing for the Christmas trade

Our extra heavy stove trade required our attention. We are arranging our stoves in the rear room, and filling the stove space with the choicest lines of holiday goods ever imported into the city. We will not attempt, at present, to describe our stock of Fancy, Japanese, French and German China. You will require to visit this store.

"THE ARK" never forgets the wants of the little folks. We have heaps of toys, dolls, books, sleighs, skates and games for old and young.

"THE ARK" will be in full swing next week with Christmas goods.

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Is the best preparation on the market for Coughs and Colds.

Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

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CLOSING OF A GOOD YEAR

Public Library Board Conclude a Term of Exceptional Achievement.

Secretary's Valued Services Recognized—Letter from Mr. Carnegie—Other Matters.

The Public Library Board closed the business of 1903 at their final meeting of the year last evening in the Board Room of the new Library. All the members of the Board with the exception of the Mayor were present. The members of the Board are, Chairman Dr. Charteris, W. J. Twohey, A. Sheldrick, I. L. Davis, J. W. Humphrey, Fred. Stone, S. M. Smith and J. Thibodeau.

A communication was read from Mr. Carnegie:—

I. L. Davis, Chatham: Yours of October 3rd received. Mr. Carnegie cannot consider any application for an increase in the amount to pay for Library building, unless there is a correspondingly increased guarantee for maintenance on the part of the community.

Respectfully yours, JAS. BERTRAM, Secretary to Mr. Carnegie.

The Board took no action.

The Office Specialty Co., Toronto, wrote enquiring what satisfaction the stacks supplied by the Library Bureau were giving. The secretary was instructed to state they were satisfactory.

The Essing Co., ornamental gardeners, Detroit, wrote asking to fix up the Library lawn.

The chairman reported receiving the Revised Statutes of Ontario from the Hon. Richard Harcourt. The secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same.

The accounts of Robt. Cooper and W. J. Kenny, \$2.38 and \$1.40, were passed.

The room arranged the buying of papers and magazines the same as last year—\$12.00 to Cooper, \$30.00 to Sullivan, and \$23.25 to Kenny.

The account of Westman Bros. for \$2.35, was ordered paid, and the gas account, \$5.32, was referred to Finance with power.

R. Riddell's account, \$2.50, was referred to Building Committee, and the account of I. L. Davis and Geo. Stephens & Co., for \$1.92 and \$2.29, were ordered paid.

It was decided to charge the city \$12 per month for the big light instead of 50 cents per night as formerly.

Cartwright & Wilson's account for \$16 was ordered paid, also J. A. Tilt's for \$5.00.

The extra tinting and light account of the painter was referred to Building Committee with power.

Sheldrick reported for the Building Committee that the secretary had been instructed to issue an order on the treasurer for \$2,229.92, being \$75 less than the total amount, in favor of the contractors, Robertson & McKee, who had signed a guarantee against liens, etc.

The tiling was accepted, with the understanding that a coat of oil be given it.

"During the past year the Board has done a good deal of work in putting up this building," remarked Mr. Sheldrick, "and the Board has been materially assisted by Secretary I. L. Davis, in fact the bulk of the work has fallen to him, and I think it is more than right that his services be recognized. I move that the secretary receive \$25 as a bonus." Mr. Thibodeau seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously, notwithstanding Mr. Davis' protest.

The Auditorium for Thursday afternoon at \$1.50.

The delegation which had visited the Sarnia opening reported a very pleasant time and excellent treatment at the hands of the Sarnia Board.

Architect Wilson was voted \$15 on account.

It was decided to give the County Council free use of the reading halls of the Library while in town.

The Librarian's report was adopted as follows:—

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:
New borrowers, 105.
Books given out, 966.
Received for fines, \$1.57.
Cards, \$5.25.
Township fee, 50c.
Total, \$7.42.

TALENTED ACTOR

The patrons of the Grand will be given an opportunity this evening of witnessing Mr. Elmer Buffham as Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," supported by Miss Anna Lovering as Portia, assisted by a select company of artists. Mr. Buffham is said to play the role perfectly, while his company is keeping in view his acting.

Mr. Buffham will give a reading on the third act of Henry the VIII. to the members of the Macaulay Club, to-morrow afternoon at 4.30, in the Auditorium of the Public Library.

AS SHYLOCK

Elmer Buffham in a Fine Representation of the "Oursish Jew"—Address to Macaulay Club.

To-lovers of the dramatic art a treat is in store to-night when Elmer Buffham will appear, with a strong company, in "The Merchant of Venice" at the Grand to-night.

Mr. Buffham is reputed to play a magnificent "Shylock" and is supported by Miss Anna Lovering as Portia. His production to-night promises to be one of the best seen in the Maple City for some time.

This afternoon at 4.30 o'clock Mr. Buffham will deliver a talk to the members of the Macaulay Club and all interested citizens on the third act of King Henry VIII. to be given by the Club during the present season. All are invited to this talk.

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WOMAN GAVE THE CLUE.

John H. Leonard of Pennsylvania Arrested in Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—After being sought by the best detectives in the United States for nearly five months, John H. Leonard was arrested in this city yesterday by Detective Forrest.

This morning Leonard was taken to Sunbury, Penn., and arraigned on the charge of stealing the sum of \$400 from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Leonard was formerly assistant superintendent for the company in the Shamokin, Penn., district, and was regarded as one of their most reliable representatives. On July 23 last he left for Montreal, and reached Toronto by a roundabout route over two months ago. Here he got a situation in a departmental store, where he was arrested yesterday.

Leonard would probably not have been under arrest today had he not corresponded with his former boardings, keeper, Mrs. Jenkins, who came here to meet him. The woman was followed from place to place by Detective R. A. Schwartz, who reached here on Monday night.

The woman had been here two weeks when he came, and was living with Leonard at 600 Yonge street. She had been very much surprised when her former boardings, keeper, Mrs. Jenkins, who came here to meet him. The woman was followed from place to place by Detective R. A. Schwartz, who reached here on Monday night.

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GREAT FIRE IN OTTAWA.

MAIN BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY DESTROYED.

One Dead, Many Injured—Professors, Students, Domestic Leagues, Life—New Building Will Be Erected—Loss Half a Million.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—One death, six casualties and a loss of half a million dollars, of which only \$200,000 are covered by insurance, are the results of a fire at the University of Ottawa this morning. The alarm was given at 7.30 o'clock, and in the course of half an hour the main building was completely gutted.

At the time the 200 student boarders and the professors and seminarists were in the refectory in the basement, while about 30 domestics were making up the beds in the dormitories in the upper stories. So quickly did the fire spread that the inmates had only time to flee from the building with their clothes. The casualties occurred to the priests and domestics while jumping from upper story windows.

The only life lost was that of Miss Danis, an elderly domestic. Rev. Father Emory, rector of the university, expressed to The Globe correspondent his conviction that she had perished in the flames. In company with Miss Dupuis, she was hurrying along the corridor of the fourth floor to a place of safety, when, overcome with smoke, she dropped upon the floor. Her companion, unable to rescue her, was driven off by the smoke, and nothing had been seen of Miss Danis.

Exciting scenes were many. Rev. Father Fulham, Prefect of Discipline, was in a room on the fourth floor. The brigade were rushing up and ladders were being elevated, but the flames were burning and crackling, and in order to escape them the priest climbed out on the windowsill and shut the window behind him. His position there was most precarious. It was with great difficulty that he could retain his hold on the frozen sill. A furnace yawned behind, and in front there was a sheer drop of 40 or 50 feet. The ladders put up were found too short, and a blanket was stretched out, but it was too late. Suddenly the heat cracked the window frames and a gust of flame burst out. The priest could stay no longer, and letting himself go, he dropped from the sill. He was caught by the blanket and the velocity of his fall caused him to break through the fabric. Rev. Father Bayon, who only recently came from France, dropped from a third-story window. The fall was a bad one, but he was caught by Father Bayon, escaped with comparatively slight injuries. Mrs. Bastien jumped from the fifth story at the rear part of the building and landed on the roof of the balcony three stories below. She broke her left leg and dislocated her elbow joint. The shock was severe, and, being 63 years old, she may die.

Miss Tremblay, appeared at a dormitory window, and a net was held out for her to jump into. Instead of that, however, she climbed out on the sill and, grasping it with both hands, let herself drop. In her descent she struck against a ladder and instead of falling into the net, dropped on her back on the ground. It was at first thought that her spine was broken, but she escaped with a dislocated hip. Simeon Harvey of Brunswick, Maine, behaved with great coolness. He stood at a top story window while the crowd below employed him to jump. Harvey smiled and waited while the brigade put up a ladder. Then he descended very leisurely and the crowd cheered his pluck. A lay teacher named Nagle escaped from the rear of the university. He was on the fifth floor and descended by a fire escape to the roof of the handball alley. The latter was very steep, and Nagle slid down this to the ground as though it were a toboggan slide.

ADVANCE IN COTTONS.

Shortage in Raw Material Felt by Manufacturers.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—One of the leading cotton manufacturers of this city, who did not wish to be quoted, said that the Canadian mills in a few days would advance the price of their products from 5 to 10 per cent, according to weight. The rapid rise in the price of raw cotton was given as the cause, for the local mills have not much raw stock on hand, having had to depend all season on what was in store earlier. Ever since the big advance during the cotton corner, they have been unable to increase their supply, owing to the prohibitive price.

It was reported here a few months ago by some of the local cotton manufacturers that the Canadian mills would likely shut down in view of the shortage, but so far their stocks of raw material have held out. Just what will be the outcome of the present advance is uncertain.

ANOTHER EXTORTIONIST.

Friend of Sam Parks Found Guilty by the Jury.

New York, Dec. 3.—The jury in the trial of Timothy McCarthy, walking delegate for the Housewives and Bridgemen's Union, and a great friend of Sam Parks, charged with the extortion of \$300 from Herman Loebel for terminating strikes on the Martha Washington Hotel and the Republican Club, have returned a verdict of guilty.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Kent's Parliament Is Now in Full Swing—Warden Robinson's Able Opening Address.

The Council resumed after dinner with the Warden in the chair and all the members present.

A. H. White wrote asking for the grants to the Raleigh Agricultural Society for the years 1901 and 1902.—Referred to Finance.

Mr. Haggart presented the report of the Harrison Hall committee. Arthur Merritt had been hired as janitor. On August first the committee had met with the Property committee of the City Council. On examination they found that the furnaces in Harrison Hall had played out. Orders for a new system of heating were asked for. The tender of James Watt & Son was accepted. The work had been done and the committee found the heating system to be working satisfactorily.

On motion of Mr. Haggart, seconded by Mr. Vester, the report was adopted.

John Vester reported for the committee appointed to investigate the necessity for two bridges on the County line between Kent and Essex. The committee had visited the locality and found the bridges referred to to be culverts about six feet wide, the sidewalks being built of square timber and very much out of repair. The committee recommended that no grant be made on the conditions set forth in Mr. Ross' resolution, as the committee was of the opinion that \$600 would build two concrete or stone culverts, and should the counties interested contribute the whole cost, they would be liable for the maintenance of the culverts.

On motion of Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. Haggart, the report was adopted.

Mr. Vester for the special committee appointed to adjust and settle all claims of interest demanded by the different municipalities of the County on their money retained by the late treasurer, reported that they had consulted the solicitor as to whether the County was liable or not. Their opinion was as follows: "In reply to your request for our opinion regarding the liability of the County of Kent to pay interest on the arrears of taxes collected by the ex-County Treasurer for the various municipalities of the County, we are of the opinion that the County has passed a by-law No. 493 under the Municipal Act regulating the payments by the treasurer to the several municipalities and has already paid the principle, thereby recognizing the liability. We are of the opinion that the County is liable under the statutes to pay interest in such cases as the amount claimed, the second, the reduction for 1901 and 1902, and the third is the amount due."

Boonville—\$446.59 less \$27.65, due \$418.94.

Boonville—East—\$973.33 less \$53.29, due \$920.04.

Village of Tilbury—\$12.77 less \$1.19, due \$11.58.

Dover Township—\$208.21 less \$27.03, due \$181.18.

Raleigh—\$727.48 less \$41.70, due \$685.78.

Chatham Township—\$179.94 less \$31.92, due \$148.02.

Barwick—No claim.

Zone—\$13.50.

Howard—No claim.

The total amount claimed is \$2,861.90; the total amount allowed is \$2,478.17.

On motion of Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. Sifton, the report was adopted.

A. H. Ripley, superintendent of the House of Refuge, presented his report.

On motion of Mr. Haggart, seconded by Mr. French, the report was adopted.

Dr. Charteris, physician for the House of Refuge, presented his annual report, which was adopted.

Warden Robinson presented his report on the County bridges.

Kent Bridge was found in good condition except that some of the stones in the buttress were of poor quality and were crumbling. Thamesville bridge is run down as regards the approaches, covering, ironwork, etc. It needs painting, as it is rusting badly.

Warden Robinson recommended the Roads and Bridges committee to take this matter up.

Moravian bridge was found in good condition except that the road drain should be diverted to prevent washouts.

Bothwell bridge is in good condition but needs painting.

Jeannette's Creek bridge needs crowning at the northerly approach.

Baptiste Creek bridge is in good condition.

On motion of Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. Handy, the report was adopted.

Mr. Vester's motion asking the Council to petition the Government to discontinue the wholesale slaughter of hogs, as the farmers should have the privilege of using known remedies to save the well hogs, was passed.

It was moved by Mr. Sifton, seconded by Mr. Haggart, that all members asking for grants from the County for any purpose whatever shall make application for same on



LISTEN

We want you to hear our message. We want you to buy your Xmas goods before the rush. Our stock is now complete in all lines. We will be pleased to put aside any goods for you to be called for before Xmas eve.

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Hokey Sticks—From 10c to 15c, celebrated King Stick, 50c.

Rolling Horses—90c, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$4.00, \$5.50, \$6.50.

Sleighs—10c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50.

Baskets—Everything new and bright.

China Goods—In endless variety.

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When you buy a Fountain Pen you want a good one; and there is only one that is first class, "WATERMAN'S." Nothing better for a Xmas gift. Come to the store with the large stock.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.

Before the third day of each season in order that the chairman of the different committees may be able to prepare their respective reports without unnecessary delay.

The motion carried.

Mr. French gave notice that he would move that all societies receiving grants from the County should furnish a yearly financial report.

Mr. Sifton gave notice of a motion asking the Council to petition the Government to amend the County Councils Act.

Mr. Ross gave notice of a motion to grant \$200 to Romney Township to assist in repaving the townline.

Mr. Devereux gave notice of a motion asking for the appointment of a stenographer for this County.

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THEIR HOUSES SHOOK.

Startling Earthquake at Louisburg, Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 3.—Louisburg was violently shaken by an earthquake yesterday. The inhabitants thought their houses would topple over. No damage is reported.

Headquarters for Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$