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## DO YOUR Christmas Shopping

here. Extra special offerings.

Reduced Prices on Many Lines.

We explained to you the reason why we were selling this magnificent line of Swiss Applique and Tambour Works at less than their regular price—suffice to say that to-night you will find the assortment large and you will have a chance of buying the most acceptable gifts at very small prices.

Swiss Applique Shams and Swiss Covers, regular price 60c, on sale at 47c.

Tambour Muslin Shams, Swiss Applique Dresser and Table Covers, in the season's very newest designs, regular price 75c, on sale at 67c.

Swiss Applique and Tambour Muslin Shams, Dresser and Table Covers, regular price \$1.00, our special sale price 85c.

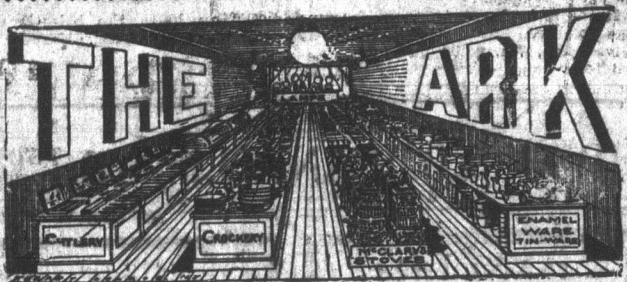
Some elegant bargains in Sable Ruffs. If you are thinking of presenting a fur collar and ruff, we can save you dollars.

Foot Stools, Hassocks. These should have been here three weeks ago—they just arrived to-day—and in order to clear them before Christmas, we place them on sale at about one half price. Upholstered with rich velours, with four iron legs bronzed, reg 75c, on sale at 49c.

## Detailed Shipment---Jardinier Stands and Umbrella Racks.

Only three days to clear them out—they are the very latest and just what you have been looking for, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

# THOS. STONE & SON.



## The Rush is On

We have the crowd  
We have the room  
We have the goods  
We have the prices to suit you.

Wishing All a Very  
Merry Christmas....

## H. Macaulay,

89 KING ST.

GOODS DELIVERED PROMPTLY.

## The City Bakery

STILL TO THE FRONT WITH

Christmas Goods, Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Bread, Cakes and Pastry of all Descriptions.

LUNCHES AT ALL HOURS.

FRESH OYSTERS served in all styles and for sale in bulk.

WEDDING CAKES A SPECIALTY.

WM. SOMERVILLE.

## CENTRAL SANTA GLADDENED 'EM

Many Little Folks Voted the  
"Mysterious \$100 man" as  
"Just all Right"

Christmas Closing at the Central School Light Royally Celebrated

The children of the Central school yesterday afternoon appeared in their happy role—that of first assistants to Santa Claus. The Central School Santa Claus, a most modest and mysterious man, possessing wealth, a big and generous heart—made his happy journey to the real Yuletide joy and we saw the delightful and happy results of his splendid gift. The \$100 cheque which he forwarded to Principal Ploew, was well spent in the gladdening of homes and hearts where the spirit of the jolly old gift-giver was a special friend.

The pupils all voted themselves little cavaliers of the Central Santa and started forth on their missions with genuine joy and enthusiasm. The city merchants entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion and put forth every effort to assist and encourage them. During the day about 50 children were fitted out with shoes and comfortable clothing through the generosity of the Central School Santa Claus.

The Christmas closing was right royally celebrated in the school. There were two programs, for the Juniors and Seniors respectively, presided over by Principal J. W. Ploew in the upper hall and Principal's assistant Miss Dackberry in the kindergarten room. They consisted of numerous songs by the children, splendid addresses by Rev. Dr. Bateman and Rev. G. H. Cobble and recitations by Harry Dill and Florence Thompson.

After the programs the children marched to their room, where they enjoyed most delicious prepared feast. In addition, the little folks had a Christmas tree and each pupil received an orange and a plentiful supply of candy provided through the kindness and forethought of Mr. Robert C. Clements, manager of the school.

After the children had done ample justice to the good things, all the unattached foods gathered up and carried under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Sheldon. These were sent to a number of poor homes and to the home for the Friendless.

During the afternoon the boys who had never been late or absent during the year, received handsome pocket-knives and the girls pretty handkerchiefs. Rev. Dr. Bateman made the presentations to the boys and Miss Hylman to the girls. The winners were: Campbell, A. E. Schilling, R. Swon, R. Simon, E. Mitchell, A. Webb, C. McGrover, L. Hooper, Edna E. McDougall, N. Thomson and A. Heath.

## END WORK

Public School Board Conclude  
Year with a Short Business-  
like Session

The Public School Board held a short but business-like meeting last evening. There were present Chairman Robertson and Trustees Dr. R. V. Bray, W. H. Benson, Geo. S. Heyward, W. N. Morley and John McCortie.

It was decided to leave all of the unfinished business of the year in the hands of the Finance committee with power.

Misses Kaud, Garreth, G. Morrison, G. Holmes, F. Nichol and V. Aylesworth wrote the Board thanking them for their increase in salaries.

Moved by Benson and McCortie, that the matter of appointing Miss Farquharson as assistant in the afternoon kindergarten of the Central school be left with the kindergarten committee with power. Carried.

Miss Lily Walker was granted a present of \$5 for her generous work in the Central school kindergarten.

The Inspector's report was then read, showing the enrollment to be 60 less and the average 19 less than for November. The enrollment is 5 greater than for December, 1902, but the average is 23 less.

The Finance committee recommended the payment of the following accounts:

**CENTRAL.**  
Teachers' salaries, \$526.53.  
Mrs. A. Skinkoff, \$25.00.  
W. W. Snell, \$64.74.  
Chatham Gas Co., \$23.26.  
Westman Bros., \$14.48.  
James Watt & Sons, \$20.00.  
W. J. Kenny, \$14.85.  
Geo. Plummer, \$4.50.  
Powell & Davis, 30 cents.  
Robert Riddell, \$38.87.  
James Watt & Sons, \$20.00.  
**McKROUGH.**  
Teachers' salaries, \$303.21.  
Miss M. Farquharson, \$15.00.  
D. C. Clements, \$45.87.  
W. J. Kenny, \$20.00.  
M. Campbell, \$13.15.

**KINDERGARTEN NO. 1.**  
Teachers' salaries, \$78.74.  
W. J. Kenny, \$10.13.  
Norway Co., \$1.75.  
**KINDERGARTEN NO. 2.**  
Teachers' salaries, \$51.25.  
**TUEL ACCOUNT.**  
C. R. Hancock, \$27.00.  
M. Abram, \$154.00.  
**GENERAL ACCOUNT.**  
Miss C. Irwin, assistant, Model, \$40.00.  
Robert Park, \$100.00.  
Thomas C. Macnabb, \$50.00.  
James Birch, \$34.64.  
W. A. Needham, \$1.00.  
Grand total, \$259.76.  
Board adjourned.

## RESULT OF MODEL EXAMS.

Successful Candidates in the  
Recent Model School  
Examinations.

Twenty-Four Candidates Pass  
Out of Twenty-Five—Certifi-  
cates Are Granted.

The following are the successful candidates in the recent Model School examinations, with the marks obtained:

Gregory, L., 807; Crosby, S., 707; McDonald, G., 695; VonGutten, E., 678; Buchanan, W., 672; Mahler, R., 662; Gilhuly, J., 657; Patterson, J., 650; Stripp, E., 638; Carter, M., 627; Langford, C., 620; Brown, L., 621; Hoig, C., 620; Wier, H., 606; Nethercott, O., 604; Wickwire, A., 604; Bullis, L., 595; Moreland, M., 585; Engle, E., 578; Hutchison, A., 572; Tyrrell, R., 550; Wagoner, J., 540. The minimum required for pass is 540 marks, and the maximum 900. Twenty-four candidates were successful out of twenty-five who wrote. Renewal certificates were granted to V. Lowry, M. Wheelman and A. McCoy, they having passed the written examination. The certificate of E. Boycraft was extended for six months, under Reg. 57.

Miss Lily Gregory, of Kent Bridge, leader of the Model School Class, solved 400 marks ahead of any other, taking 807 out of 900 marks, or 89 per cent. This is the highest standing yet taken in Chatham. Miss Gregory is a graduate of the Thamesville Public School, 715 worthy of remark that the 125 high school graduates never attended a High School, but were educated at our progressive public schools.

## EAST KENT ENTHUSIASTIC

All Energetic Liberal-Conserva-  
tives Preparing for the  
Elections

Convention to Select Candidate  
Called for Jan. 5th at Pres-  
den—Mr. Clancy Speaks

Dresden, Dec. 22.—The meeting of the Conservatives of East Kent, which took place this afternoon was largely attended, the opera house being filled to the doors.

President J. W. Sharpe called the meeting to order, after which the election of officers took place, resulting as follows: President, J. W. Sharpe (re-elected); vice-president, G. A. Fraser, Thamesville; secretary, H. J. French, Dresden; treasurer, J. B. Garssallen.

A resolution was moved by F. M. Gifford, seconded by J. B. Garssallen, that the meeting assembled have perfect confidence in their leaders, Messrs. Borden and Whitney—Carried unanimously.

Moved by J. C. Fraser, seconded by Jno. Stewart, that this meeting's thanks be extended to Jas. Clancy, M. P., for past favors, and wishing him success in his fight in West Lambton. Carried amid cheers.

Mr. Clancy and others then addressed the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on January 5th, in Dresden, to select a candidate. The meeting closed with the usual cheers.

Buy your Christmas cakes at Richards'. Large assortment and all sizes. W. T. Poile, Tilbury, was in the city last evening. Mr. Poile recently experienced a severe loss in the burglarizing of his jewelry store. The first trace of the robbers was found yesterday in Chas. Johnson's bush at Prairie Station. The burglars had evidently camped there after the raid, and in the remains of their camp fire were found a couple of bags used for keeping watches in, a pair of rubbers, some cards used for holding jewelry, etc. Mr. Poile was notified and identified the things as having been taken from his store.

## MASONS MEET AND CELEBRATE

Annual Banquet of Wellington  
Chapter held at Hotel Ran-  
kin Last Night

Many Splendid Speeches Follow  
a Delightful Menu—a Capital  
Treat List

Wellington Chapter No. 47, R. A. M., held their annual banquet at Hotel Rankin last evening. The spread, as becoming such a splendid and intellectual gathering of representative men, was indeed sumptuous, and John Plesance had spared no pains to make the banquet the best possible from an edible standpoint. The table was very tastefully decorated with sprays and flowers and at each plate was a pretty boutonniere in the shape of a white carnation.

George Macy, surrounded by Judge Houston, W. H. Benson, Dr. Wyllie, of Dresden, occupied the head of the board, and Joseph Kenny presided in the vice-chair. Arranged around the board were Ald. W. S. Marshall, Jas. Munsey, W. T. Poile, Alex. Gregory, Jos. Kime, A. C. Woodward, C. H. Gunn, D. McLaughlin, W. W. Seane, Will Hadley, W. G. Richards, Dr. Tye, Capt. F. B. Stevens, Chas. Hadley, Robert Park, Robert Riddell, Will Stevens, Frank D. Laurie, James Davidson, James McDougall, Robert Henry, James Goshell, A. L. McCall, Geo. Crumb, L. Lewis, Mr. Lewis, T. Russell, Dr. Russell, Harry Naylor, W. E. O. Workman, Will Turner, B. Carnovsky, E. F. Bites, and Grand Supt. Ed. Worth, Kent Bridge.

After the substantial repast had been taken care of, the toast list was presented by Toastmaster, Excellent Z. Geo. Munsey. He was certainly the man for the position and introduced each toast with a very appropriate little speech.

The first toast was the King, and was responded to by the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. The toast to the Grand Chapter of Canada was replied to by W. H. Benson and Ed. Worth.

Mr. Benson made a very neat speech in which he paid glowing tribute to the Grand Lodge. Edward Worth, Grand Supt., speaking to the same toast, gave some figures in connection with the Royal Arch Masons. While the Grand Chapter, New York, numbered 47,000, while in Scotland there are 12,000, it stood second on the list for benevolence. He believed that he behoved the Royal Arch Masons to do their work, as officers or private members so as to leave a record for others to imitate. The best work he had seen done in the district had been done by Wellington Chapter, C. H. Gunn sang "Here's to the girl you love so well." Mr. Gunn's solo was a capital addition to the brilliant and pleasing program. His rendition was much enjoyed by all present.

With the toast to the Grand Lodge of Canada A. F. & A. M., was coupled the name of F. D. Laurie. Mr. Laurie felt very deeply the honor that had been conferred upon him in asking him to respond to this most excellent toast. It was one that should be responded to by the most able brethren. The Grand Lodge looked on Chapter Masons as the most enthusiastic and the best Masons. Masonry was one of the safeguards of the country, because it would inspire the country to noble deeds and instill nobility into those fortunate enough to be members of the craft.

Dr. Russell rendered the solo "Tim Toodle." The doctor was in good voice and his song was much appreciated. The toast Wellington Chapter was responded to by L. E. Tilson, Robert Park and Joseph Kenny. Mr. Tilson made a splendid speech referring to the prosperity the lodge had shown since he had come to the city, and he assured his brothers that they would have his hearty support.

W. J. Kenny spoke on the history of Wellington Chapter. He referred to the excellent support it had received from T. C. Macnabb and Judge Houston.

Robert Park, Public School Inspector for East Kent, said that he had joined the lodge in 1877 but he seemed but yesterday. The lodge had grown so much that it was felt that larger rooms should be secured. His concluding words a short stanza of original poetry.

Byron Carnovsky contributed a solo to the evening's enjoyment. His song was exceedingly well received. With the toast Sister Societies, were coupled the names of O. L. Lewis and Fred. Bates. O. L. Lewis said that he didn't consider this by any means the least important toast on the list. The foundation of all the societies was fraternity, and as the toastmaster had said, Fraternity was associated with benevolence. If the foundation stone of any society was fraternity, then the society would progress. More charity was dispensed through the medium of the lodge than through the medium of the church. The O. O. F. Lodge on the 50th of this month, would celebrate its 50th anniversary in this city.

Frederick Bates made a capital address on the same toast. W. E. O. Workman sang "The Flower of our Great Old Army."

Mr. Workman also played all the accompaniments during the evening. Mr. Workman certainly shines as a pianist. He is a musician of rare merit and has a wonderful mastery of the piano. His instrument is as a child to be enticed or commanded. His execution is truly marvelous and he has no peer in this part of the province. His number was warmly endorsed and he sang "A Love that Shall not Die."

Our city and county was spoken to by Ald. W. S. Marshall and Judge Houston.

Ald. Marshall said that he hadn't had the privilege of being born in Chatham, one of the foremost younger cities of the province. This was a most excellent city and was preparing. The city needed paving and were fast getting them. The business men were progressive. There were fewer failures in Chatham than in any other city in Canada.

When Judge Houston stood up these words burst into a spontaneous singing "The Dandy." The Judge said that he was in the Council 31 years ago in 1872. The people would come to him and say "if you don't do such a thing we won't vote for you." His reply was "that's what I would do the best he could and, if he was forgiven, they would never have the chance to vote for him again. He remembered Chatham when it was a village and had seen it grow into the fine city it was today. He also traced the growth of the county. He was a charter member of Wellington Lodge.

W. W. Seane sang the southern melody, "I know the gal." Mr. Seane is always funny. His song was a real treat. Brethren and Companions from Outside Points and the Absents was responded to by Dr. Wiley, Dresden. Dr. Wiley referred to the size of Macnabb Chapter in Dresden. He also paid a grateful compliment to T. C. Macnabb, after whom the chapter in Dresden was named.

Capt. Stevens made one of his funny speeches on general principles. Capt. then offered to sing a song. Someone suggested that his brother-in-law would play the accompaniment. W. Seane, however, was afraid that he couldn't play as bad as Capt. could sing.

The toast to the press was coupled with the names of A. C. Woodward and J. W. Young.

The toast to the ladies was coupled with the names of Will Stevens and W. G. Richards. Mr. Richards made a bright address to this toast.

The toast list was brought to a close with the toast to the best John Plesance, who had provided such a splendid spread. His motto was "eat, drink and be merry."

W. H. Benson proposed the toast to Geo. Munsey, First Principal of Wellington Chapter. This toast was one of the best and most popular of the evening. The audience sang enthusiastically "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Munsey made a splendid response in his own pleasant way. The musical part of the program was provided by members of the craft and was a credit to the talent in Wellington Chapter.

## FINE DISPLAY

Meat Market of William Potter  
Grocer and Butcher Contains  
a Splendid Array of  
Christmas Beef

William Potter, the Queen street grocer and butcher is the only one in the city who has a complete grocery store and butcher shop under one roof. The combination is a happy one and it is difficult to tell which Mr. Potter should feel most proud of, his grocery store or his butcher business. The latter he devotes considerable attention to, and has his butcher shop this year stocked with as choice an array of Christmas beef as one could well desire to see. It is really a splendid sight, and as you gaze on the display, you feel that there is no need for regretting the high price of turkeys when such splendid meat can be secured so cheaply.

William Morris, late of London, is in charge of this display and a very careful and attentive gentleman he is. He thoroughly understands his business and you can always rely on the cuts being just what he says they are. He is proud of the splendid appearance his shop presents, and well he may be. The store is stocked with a very large supply of steer and beef, pork, fresh and salt, mutton, veal, ham, bacon, sausage, head cheese and poultry. There is no room for more, and the sight is one to delight the eye. Mr. Potter has given a great deal of attention to this branch of his business, so that he well deserves the success that has attended his efforts. He has made a name for himself by his fair and honest dealings and his customers are always ready to testify to the quality of his meats. Mr. Potter's butcher shop is a sight worth seeing, and he will welcome all visitors.

Fifty acres of the best land in Raleigh is offered for sale in today's issue, as well as some desirable city property. Application should be made to Houston, Stone & Seane, solicitors for the estate.

Cigars in Christmas boxes, of ten and twenty-five, from 50c up, at Red-Jay's Drug Store.

## Sulman's Beehive

will be open each night this  
week till 10 p. m.

Our large stock of  
**Toys and  
Christmas  
Goods**

as usual is the finest in the city.

Special attention is directed to  
our

**Books, Bibles,  
Prayer Books,  
Hymn Books,  
Padded Poets,**

which make welcome gifts.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE.

Opp. Garner House.

## CUT PRICE Lowney's Chocolates

Don't fail to avail yourselves of  
this chance for cheap candies. We  
will sell you our large assortment  
of Lowney's Chocolates, in fancy  
boxes, at cost.

1-2 lb. Gold and American Beauties  
in boxes, 30 cents.

1 lb. milk boxes, 9c.

2 lbs. milk boxes, \$1.75.

3 lbs. milk boxes, \$2.75.

5 lbs. milk boxes, \$3.50.

Fancy Holly boxes, 50c.

Fancy red silk boxes, 50c.

Fancy 2 lb. flower boxes, \$1.15.

1 lb. Octagon boxes, 70c.

2 lbs. Octagon boxes, \$1.15.

See Window Display at

## RICHARDS Christmas Bargains.

Ladies' \$2.00 Vici Kid  
Slippers for \$1.25

Dorothy Dodd Slippers for  
\$2.00

Men's Slippers from 35c  
to \$2.00

Men's Patent Leather Shoes  
for \$3.50 to \$5.00.

## Peace & Co.

The Christmas  
Bargain Divers...