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The
Reliable
Store

Thos. Stone & Son

The
Store of
Quality

ESTABLISHED 1852.

Children's Coats AT REDUCED PRICES

We have divided our entire stock of children's winter coats into two lots, and for a speedy clearance, have marked them to sell at

\$5.00 and \$7.50.

Lot No. 1—priced at \$5.00, includes Children's coats that were formerly priced as high as \$8.50. They are all this season's buying, not an odd garment in the lot, but all bright, fresh, stylish goods.

Lot No. 2—Marked \$7.50 comprise all our children's coats up to \$13.50. These are exceptionally fine garments in newest styles and correct shades, of fine broadcloths. We bought too many of these high class garments, but they'll not last long at the special cut prices.

See the display of these garments in our window. The early buyer will get the best selection.

THOS. STONE & SON

SWEEPING

CHRISTMAS BARGAIN SALE

—AT—

Westman Bros.

Great Reductions in all lines of Cutlery, Carving Sets, Table Knives, Spoons, Forks, Silver Ware, Copper Ware, Graniteware, Horse Blankets, Robes, Mitts.

All \$1.00 Goods in the Above Lines	80c
" 1.50 " " " "	\$1.20
" 2.00 " " " "	1.60
" 2.50 " " " "	2.00

All Nice New Stock. All Goods Marked in Plain Figures.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS FOR EVERYBODY

—AT—

Westman Bros



**CHRISTMAS
...GIFTS**

There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$1.00.
Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$3.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50.
Men's Women's and Children's Felt House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

WM. SOMERVILLE & SON,

4 DOORS WEST OF MARKET
CHATHAM

THE BANNER'S "VINDICATION"

Mis-leading article Published in The Local Liberal Organ

RUBBISH NOT CONFIRMED

Our quixotic friend on the Banner has been seeing things again. A short time ago he published a scare line article in which he conceived the idea of a re-distribution in Kent. No one believed it, however, and the writer of that article was the only one who knew anything about it. At that time the story was labelled "Rubbish" by Premier Whitney as "rubbish without the slightest foundation." Last evening they came out with another mis-leading article headed "News Prediction Comes True," in which they gave publicity to a rumor which has been circulated by some irresponsible person in Toronto, and denied by Premier Whitney, in reference to an alleged re-distribution in that city. In reference to this last rumor the Mail and Empire has the following to say:

"The question of re-distribution has not yet been considered by the Government," was the statement of Hon. Mr. Whitney, the Prime Minister of Ontario, regarding a report which had it that a re-distribution of the constituencies of the Province would of a surety be included in the program of legislation at the approaching session of the Provincial Assembly. This, it was said, would not be of a startling nature, and would provide for a closer adherence than at present to the Conservative principle of representation by population, following county lines as far as possible. Toronto would then be entitled to an increased contingent of members in the Legislature, and it was said that the city would, under the new measure, receive eight seats. How they should be distributed is a problem which will present some difficulties. In some quarters it is said that the plan to be adopted would be simply to provide for two members in each of the four existing constituencies. This system was utilized by Sir Oliver Mowat when in his redistribution Toronto was given three representatives, and did not meet with general approval. The city was not divided into ridings, and each elector was given two votes. This enabled the party in the minority in the municipality to assure the election of one member and thus neutralize the voting power of one of the two representatives of the majority in the House. The claims of

DEATH IN THE FLAMES

Seven Men Roasted in A Fire At Cornell University

FOUR WERE STUDENTS

ITHACA, N.Y., Dec. 8.—All day smoke has drifted across the Cornell campus from the ruins of the Chi Psi fraternity house, the burning of which at an early hour yesterday morning was attended with a loss of life that has thrown not only the university, but the whole city into mourning.

Last night the dead numbered seven. Of these four were students, and the others prominent townsmen, who had responded to the alarm as volunteer firemen.

Among the students who escaped death in the flames, seven were injured, and of these C. J. Pope of East Orange, N.J., it is feared, will not long survive. He was removed to the City Hospital after having been badly burned, and last night his condition has not perceptibly improved.

The bodies of the dead, with the exception of those of W. H. Nichols of Chicago, and F. W. Grelle of East Orange, N.J., were recovered. Last night it was decided to dynamite the ruins to facilitate the search for the missing bodies. The dead:

The Death Roll.
Attorney Alfred S. Robinson, hook and ladder company No. 3.
John C. Rumsey, hardware merchant, Hosiery Company No. 1.
E. J. Landon, salesman, Hosiery Company No. 4.
F. W. Grelle, East Orange, N.J.
O. L. Schmuck, Hanover, Pa.
W. H. Nichols, Chicago.
James McCutcheon, Jr., Pittsburg.

Injured: W. W. Goetz, Milwaukee; H. A. Uihlen, Milwaukee; C. R. Sailer, Pittsburg; C. J. Pope, East Orange, N.J.

The heroism of the volunteer firemen who died at the fire was matched by the heroism of Schmuck, who re-entered the flames in a futile effort to save Nichols, his room-mate, and who died later from his injuries.

Hamilton, London and Ottawa, it has been asserted, will also be considered. Since the last redistribution in the session of 1901 they have largely increased in population, and are entitled from that point of view to more representatives in the Legislature. Cardwell as a constituency, it has been asserted, may be wiped out, while but little change in New Ontario representation is predicted."

SETTLED IN CALIFORNIA

Leonard Marshall An Old Chathamite Writes To His Brother Here

NO RAIN FOR SIX MONTHS

Edward Marshall, of this city, has received a letter from his brother Leonard, who, with his wife and family, left some time ago for California. At the time of writing, which was November 26, he was enjoying the very best of health and spirits, and his good fortune was shared by every member of his family. He is now located in San Gabriel and is engaged in agriculture.

In his letter to his brother, he gives some interesting information, which will, no doubt, be read with a great deal of interest by his many friends here, by whom he is held in the greatest of respect and esteem. "It is raining here today," he writes, "the second rain we have had since the 20th of last May. Just think—over six months without any rain! If the people in and around Chatham did not get rain for six months the country would be ruined. The leaves are green on the trees yet. The orange trees do not shed their leaves. They are always green. The peach trees are still green with foliage, which is something unusual. We have a good crop of oranges, and they are really fine. They are getting ripe nicely, but it will be January before they are real good. We expect to have green peas by New Years. We have of course no snow here in the winter time, and no muddy roads and such like to contend with. The roads are all oiled, which makes them the same as a paved street. There is practically no dust in the summer time.

"A person can make a better living on five acres here than he can on fifty around Chatham, if they manage it right. If a person should come out here and get one acre or two here, he can do well by putting them in with berries. Here you can grow strawberries all summer, and one acre of strawberries will bring you from \$1,200 to \$1,500 in a season. Laborers get from \$2 to \$2.50 a day here, eight hours a day. Board is from \$4 to \$5 a week, and some as high as \$6. Potatoes are \$1.25 a bag, 112 pounds in a bag. Butter is 40 cents a pound, eggs 50 and 55 cents a dozen and meat from 10 to 20 cents a pound.

"We have a beautiful view of the mountains here. There is one mountain called 'Old Bailey.' It is always covered with snow and is 35 miles away to the north-east. It is 10,000 feet high. Mount Williston lies to the north of us. It is about 8,000 feet high. We live in what is called San Gabriel Valley, 9 1/2 miles from Los Angeles.

"We get The Planet regularly, and it goes without saying that we could not live without it. I always knew it was a great Home Journal, but until I came out here I never fully realized what a good paper it is. We all go through every bit of it with great interest, and I can tell you it is pleasant to read about the people we know to well. It is like a huge lot of old friends. Remember me to all of my old Chatham friends."

As will be seen from the portion of the letter quoted, Mr. Marshall is having a pleasant life in California. When he left Chatham, he called at many of the western cities before he landed at his destination. Among these were Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Chicago and St. Antonio. He was delighted with the trip, and he is now in love with his new home. He reports to his relatives here that his health and the health of his family has greatly improved since they left Chatham. Their many friends will wish them continued happiness and prosperity in their western home.

LATE MR. ANDREW

The funeral of the late Arthur Andrew will take place to-morrow from the residence of his only surviving son, Harry Andrew, Murray street, at 2.30. The deceased was born in Great Coggeshall, Essex County, England, on Dec. 20th, 1827, and came to this country about 1835 with his parents and two brothers, Fred, who recently died in Omaha, Neb., and Walter, a resident of British Columbia. The family resided four miles from the city on the River Road, Dover, for many years, and the later years the deceased and his brother engaged in farming on adjoining properties. No resident of the Township was more highly esteemed, and while never taking an active part in municipal affairs, his good judgment was frequently appealed to by those holding office. Since disposing of his farm he had resided in the city, but has been in poor health for some years, and his death ends a life of a man whose every thought and act was that of a devout, consistent Christian. The widow survives, and Mrs. Mary Hissman is the only surviving daughter, and Walter, a resident of British Columbia, the only surviving son of the family.

EXTEND THEIR SYMPATHY

County Council's Message To Family Of Their Late Engineer

UN-IMPORTANT SESSION

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Council resumed, Warden Stephen Parnall Sturgis in the chair. All members were present with the exception of Messrs. Brien and Somers. A number of accounts were presented and read.

Mr. Ross presented the report of the Property committee, which on motion of himself and Mr. Haggart was adopted.

On motion of Messrs. Vester and Wilson, the by-law to amend by-law No. 684 was read a first time.

On motion of Mr. Grant, the by-law to appoint arbitrators to determine what alterations should be made in school sections 12 and 14 in the Township of Howard, was read a first time.

Mr. Hortal reported that the special committee appointed to consider what litigation should be taken against the Canada Company, had not come to any decision in the matter, and he reported no action. The matter will now have to be considered by the whole Council, if considered at all.

The House of Refuge committee reported the institution to be found in a flourishing state on the occasion of their visit. A surplus of \$824.68 over expenses was shown. The report on motion was adopted.

The Printing committee's report recommended payment of the following accounts: Banner-News \$4.35, \$2.40, W. H. G. Colles \$12, Planet 75c, 35c, \$5.58. The report was adopted.

The special committee appointed for the purpose, recommended that a resolution extending the sympathy of the County Council to the family of the late W. G. McGeorge, P. L. S., who for 25 years was engineer for the County. The Councilors extended their deepest regret and most profuse sympathy to the family of the deceased. The report also recommended that the resolution be copied in the minutes, and that a separate copy be engraved and forwarded to the day's relatives, as a token of the Council's deep appreciation of the services of the late Mr. McGeorge.

On motion of Messrs. Vester and Ross, the report was adopted.

It was moved by Messrs. French and Haggart, that the chairman of the Roads and Bridges committee and the Clerk and Treasurer have power to make a settlement with Middlesex and Essex for all repairs to Bothwell bridge since the last settlement, up to date. Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the County Treasurer be empowered to pay Mr. Somers, County Commissioner for division No. 3, the amount of the sessional fees for five days and mileage in attending the December session of the County Council in 1906. Carried.

Messrs. Ross and Vester moved that Mr. Wilson be empowered to spend \$58.52 in fixing the west brink of Two Creeks in Romney Township, and to pay expenses connected with the same. Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet again Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

ALL THE NEW BOOKS Are Now In

THE DOCTOR—Ralph Connor
THE UNDERTOW—Knowles
THE TREASURES OF HAVEN—Marie Covell
SIR NIGEL—Connan Doyle
THE TIDES OF BARNGAT—Hopkinson Smith
PUCK OF POK'S HILL—Kipling
RIDOLFO—Egerton Williams
BLINDFOLDED—Earl Walcott
JANE CABLE—George Barr McCutcheon
SILVER MAPLE—Marion Keith
WACOSTA—Major Richardson
DISENCHANTED—Pierre Loti
BILLY TOPSAIL—Norman Duncan
A LADY OF ROME—Marion Crawford
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Some women seem to think that a marriage license is equivalent to a life contract to lecture.



The earlier you can start to do your Holiday Shopping, the greater will be your satisfaction on Christmas Day.

Don't forget your determinative made and registered last December that this year you would surely buy early before all the good things were picked up.

I don't want to see you disappointed at my store. My complete stock of Holiday Slippers is now here. It will pay you to do a little looking.



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AND
SEE**

GEO. W. COWAN