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COAL COMES DOWN.

To-day the delivery carts of the local coal-dealers are placarded with printed announcements, "ANTHRACITE COAL, \$7.50 PER TON." This quotation is a drop of \$1 and of 50 cents on the former prices, and is the first result of The Planet's action in directing attention to this situation. A citizen and ex-alderman this morning telephoned the following kind message to this great home journal,—"I want to thank The Planet on behalf of some 300 of the poorer citizens for calling attention to the local coal situation and thereby instituting and securing a reduction in the price of that commodity."

The Planet appreciates the kindly congratulations it has received, but does not wish to do any injustice to the local dealers. This journal sincerely compliments them on their now prompt decision to reduce their prices, more especially when they assured us only yesterday that the coal was costing them \$7.55 per ton!

While The Planet always seeks to be fair, it trusts it may be found loyal first to the interests of the people, rather than to the big corporations and monopolies that, too often, seek to take advantage of unfortunate exigencies.

And our contemporary yesterday commented on the situation and prices as follows:

Last night The Chatham Planet cooked up a lot of figures designed to place Chatham coaldealers in the category of common highwaymen. The facts show that these figures are utterly false, and that Chatham coaldealers have handled the difficult situation with fairness and moderation towards their customers.

A WORTHY ENTERPRISE.

The news, conveyed exclusively by The Planet yesterday, that a definite proposition was now undergoing preparation to furnish Chatham and Kent Co. with a thoroughly modern and well-equipped electric radial railroad, was received with much satisfaction by the citizens.

The project as outlined will prove immensely beneficial to the entire territory covered. Chatham is to have the main power house, which will, of course, mean the employment of scores of skilled mechanics, both in the new shops and operating the cars. Wallaceburg is to be similarly benefitted, while the station at Rond Eau may mean the nucleus of the development of a thriving summer centre. The convenience and advantages to the farmer are also manifold and apparent.

It is one of those happy enterprises that will benefit all.

The support and practical encouragement of the people to be benefitted is all that seems necessary to make this splendid project an early success. And it will not be withheld.

In the meantime the thanks of the community are due Mr. N. H. Stevens and his worship, Mayor McKeough, for their energetic and earnest initiatory efforts, which promise to result in so great an acquisition to Kent county.

AN IMPORTANT MEETING.

The meeting of the Public School Board last evening was an important one in many respects. Several matters of more than passing interest were dealt with and the views of the trustees taken thereupon.

It was evident from the individual opinions expressed that the Board favors the abolition of the ward system of election. With but three exceptions the trustees all spoke in favor of the movement and, while they did not adopt the motion endorsing the action instanter, they referred the matter to a committee for investigation under the most favorable auspices. It will now be the duty of that committee to complete the investigations at the earliest possible date in order that the Legislature may be approached for the necessary amendment to the Act at its next session.

The trustees deserve credit for their practical decision to adopt this important advancement. That it is popular with the citizens—and deservedly so—is without doubt, and the excellent results realized from the adoption of a similar course by the Council has given a decided prestige to the present movement.

The re-arrangement of the teaching staff of McKeough school and the recognition of the past and present good services of teachers in both Central and McKeough schools were vigorously recommended by Inspector Park—who is in a position to know—and are undoubtedly wise steps in the right direction, calculated to bring about encouraging and excellent results.

The increase accorded Miss Esther

Abram, the principal of McKeough school, was particularly pleasing and appropriate—if somewhat tardy, in the opinion of this journal. Miss Abram's appointment to her present responsible duties was made under the most disadvantageous circumstances, but, in spite of this fact, she has more than made good. Miss Abram is universally recognized as a teacher of exceptional ability, while as a disciplinarian and organizer she is proving daily that she has few superiors. The Planet only regrets that the Board did not do the generous and place the recognition at double the paltry sum mentioned, and we hope that the expressed intention of Trustees Heyward to ask a more liberal evidence of the Board's appreciation of Miss Abram's splendid services on the completion of her year as principal, if the results warrant it, will afford the trustees an opportunity to give further testimony of their practical estimate of the good work going on.

It will be with universal regret that the citizens of Chatham will learn the intention of Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, expressed last evening, to retire from the Board at the end of the present year. Dr. McKeough is the senior member of the School Board, having served thereon continuously for the past fifteen years, during which time he has contributed inestimably to the educational advancement and progress of our city.

A colleague once said of the doctor, "He is the brains of the Board," and, while, of course, he does not monopolize the mental machinery in a sound body of business-like and zealous colleagues, his keen intellectual ability, intense interest in education, sound business methods and, above all, his devotion to the cause of nation-building in the public schools, have instinctively and spontaneously won for Dr. McKeough a premier position in the minds of his colleagues and the public at large.

Chatham cannot afford to yet allow him to relinquish his connection with the Public School Board. Strong men of his stamp, educationists of his thorough and advanced methods, citizens of his large ideals, are needed now as, perhaps, never before. It is to be earnestly hoped, then, that the people may be successful in inducing the doctor to reconsider his present decision.

After hobnobbing for so long with the big oil corporations it comes easy to the Banner-News et al to link arms with the coal barons.

It is the most natural thing in the world for our contemporary to suddenly espouse the cause of the coal barons, since its own and only discovery of that throbbing anthracite yield in Raleigh Township.

DISTRICT DOINGS

RICHARDSON'S SIDING.

J. Doyle has material on the ground for a new barn.

John Doyle has sold his general purpose team to J. L. Scott, of Chatham. T. Maynard is travelling for a London tea and spice house.

F. Dunlop has purchased a farm four miles from Dresden.

Mr. English, of Blenheim, has moved on the F. W. Wilson farm.

WALLACEBURG

Feb. 3.—Rev. J. M. Nicol exchanged pulpits Sunday with the Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Comber.

The St. James Church Young Peoples Guild met last night at the home of Mrs. Frank Smith for the first time.

The Misses Chubb entertained a few friends on Saturday last, where a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Miss Walker and Miss McPhedon were prize winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chubb are visiting friends in town.

Marks Bros. are continuing their performances till Wednesday evening, Feb. 4th.

A number of the young people of this place are attending the assembly in Chatham this evening which is being given by the Bachelors and Benedicts.

Miss Annie and Bella Colwell have returned from a visit with friends at Essex.

TILBURY

Feb. 3.—Miss Nellie Farley, of Detroit, is the guest of Mrs. Jas. Magee. Married, at Wheatley, on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, Miss Lizzie Baker and J. Hyatt, both of this village.

Mac Laing, of Detroit, spent Sunday with friends here.

The collections in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday last, which were devoted to the building fund, amounted to \$35.

Mrs. D. Smith has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. Filby, in Charlotte, Mich.

Tilbury East Council met yesterday.

G. Graham, late proprietor of the Model Meat Market here, has purchased from James Stewart 50 acres, lot 19, Campbell side road, and purposes moving there shortly.

Joe Funston, of Tilbury East, was the winner of the diamond ring, the first prize for guessing the number of seeds in the pumpkin at W. T. Poile's, 489 being the correct number. Mrs. Phillips, of Merlin, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. McAllum.

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Stocktaking.
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We will be through stocktaking on February 6th. All Clothing and Furnishings, this season's, will have marked prices that will move them.

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BLENHEI

Feb. 2.—Born, Sunday, Feb. 1, 1903, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McColl, Communication Road South, a daughter. Congratulations.

Mr. James Glendenning, South Harwich, is seriously ill with quinsy.

Mrs. Brant, who is now residing in town, will shortly remove, with her family, to Chatham.

The new principal for our Public school arrived to-day.

Peter Morrison is having a handsome grey stone monument erected in Evergreen cemetery in memory of his son Archie. The granite used in the completion of the monument arrived last week—part from Scotland and part from Italy.

Mr. Robert Townsend starts for Strathcona, N. W. T., on Wednesday. Miss Wiggins lecture in the Methodist church was much enjoyed by a large audience. To-day she lectured in the Universalist church at three p. m. and eight p. m.

Mrs. L. H. Edmonds fell and broke her leg yesterday at her home on McGregor street.

The quarterly Love Feast of the Methodist church was largely attended yesterday.

Mrs. Dan. Gray is confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mr. W. J. McGregor is suffering from the effects of poison ivy.

S. S. NO. 3, RALEIGH.

Following is the report of S. S. No. Raleigh:

Class V.—Birdie Lee 61, Flora Hitchcock 60.

Class IV.—Irene Dolsen 59, Grace Wells 52, Willie Drury 50, Florence Lee 42, Leonard Wilcox 42, Ernest Chrysler 42, Clara Budd 31.

Class III.—Pearl Drury 57, Georgie Hitchcock 56, Hazel Chrysler 52, Margaret Dolsen 49, Roy Hitchcock 46, Albert Smith 46, Roy Maine 43, Norma Wardell 43, Herbie Walter 39, Morley Wilcox 38, Alex. Legue 37.

Absent in part—Nellie Mardling.

Class II.—Cora Wells 56, Clara Fountain 50, Lucy Drury 43, Grace Lee 41, Rose Wardell 41, Edith Wardell 39, Eddie Walter 37, Georgie Legue 35, Myrtle Leggett 35, Nellie Smith 33, Ida Legue 28, Percy Legue 27, Louis Legue 23.

Class I, Part II.—Ray Edwards 50, Ted Leggett 43. Absent in part—Daisy Lee, Howard Mardling.

Class I, Part I.—Roy Edwards 65, Maggie Maine 55, Jimmie Walter 27. Absent in part—Harold Wells.

A. M. RUSSELL, Teacher.

Catarrh

The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane.

It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications.

It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption.

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WHITE COTTONS

Pure bleach, fair quality, full yard wide, sale price per yard 5c.
36 inch White Cotton, fine cambric finish, pure black smooth even weave, good 10c. quality, sale price 8c.
36 inch English long Cloth Cotton, superior quality, pure finish, full yard wide, sale price 10c.
Horrocks' English bleached Cotton, extra fine heavy quality, pure finish, even weave, full 36 inches wide, special at sale price 12½c.
36 inch Lansdown Cambric, fine soft finish, regular 12½c. sale price 10c.
36 inch Lansdown Cambric, superior quality and finish, special at sale price 12½c.
36 inch Lansdown Cambric, extra fine quality, pure finish, sale price 15c.
34 inch Grey Cotton, good heavy quality, clean finish, even weave, sale price 5c.
Heavy Grey Sheetings, 36 inches wide, full round thread even weave, pure clean finish, special at 7c. 8c.

PILLOW COTTONS

42 inch plain Pillow Cotton fine, quality, free from dressing, pure bleached finish, regular 12½c. yard, sale price 10c.
44 inch Pillow Cotton, fine heavy quality, pure bleached finish, sale price 14c.
46 inch Pillow Cotton, superior quality and finish, sale price 15c.
40 inch Circular Pillow Cotton, fine pure bleached finish sale price 12½c.
42 inch Circular Pillow Cotton, fine heavy quality, sale price 15c.
44 inch Circular Pillow Cotton, superior quality, sale price 18c.
46 inch Circular Pillow Cotton, extra quality, sale price 20c.

SHEETINGS

2 yards wide fine heavy unbleached Sheetings, even round thread, special per yard at sale price 17c.
2½ yards wide extra quality unbleached Sheetings, plain and twill weave, special at sale price 22c.
Bleached Sheetings, 2 yards wide, extra fine heavy quality pure soft finish, plain and twill weaves, sale price 22c.
Bleached Sheetings, superior quality and finish, free from dressing, full 2½ yards wide, plain and twill weaves, worth 35c. a yard, special at sale price 28c.
Extra heavy twill bleached Sheetings, 2 yards wide, fine pure finish, at sale price 30c.

WHITE BED SPREADS

Full size fine heavy quality, pure bleached finish, over cast edges, choice designs, worth \$1.10 each, sale price 89c.
Extra heavy white Crochet Quilts, fine quality and finish full size, overcast edges, in new patterns, regular \$1.25, special at sale price \$1.00
Extra large size Crochet Quilt, superior quality in desirable patterns, extra good value at \$1.50 each, sale price \$1.25

TABLE LINENS

Bought specially for this sale.
56 inch heavy cream Damask, in choice designs, sale price 25c.
64 inch heavy cream Damask, fine quality, new patterns, sale price 35c.
64 inch heavy pure Linen Damask, in large range of new designs, special at sale price 50c.
Pure grass-bleached double Damask, warranted pure Irish linen, fine satin finish, large range of handsome designs, full two yards wide, special at sale price per yard 75c. \$1.00 and 1.25

LADIES' GOWNS

Ladies' Gowns at 50c.—Good quality, cambric cut, full size, made with all over tucked yoke, neck and sleeves finished with narrow lace, special at 50c.
Gowns at 75c. and 89c.—Fine cambric, trimmed with tucks, embroidery, lace, and finishing braid on yoke, front and sleeves, special at 75c. and 89c.
Ladies' Nightgowns at \$1.00—Fine pure finish Cambric, Empire style, collar, front and sleeves trimmed with wide Swiss embroidery, matchless value at \$1.00
Ladies' Gowns at \$1.50—Fine quality Lansdowne, yoke of fine tucks and embroidery insertion, edged with fine embroidery. Fine embroidery on neck and sleeves extra value at \$1.50
Empire Gowns at \$2.50—Extra fine Lansdowne cambric, fine tucked front, neck, sleeves and collar trimmed with fine Swiss muslin embroidery, a leader at \$2.50
Ladies' Gowns at \$2.90, 3.50, 3.90 and 4.50 each—Made of fine Nainsook, lovely stripes, beautifully trimmed with fine tucks, lace, muslin, embroidery, insertions, medallions and ribbons, extraordinary value at \$2.90, 3.50, 3.90 and 4.50

CORSET COVERS

Ladies' Corset Covers at 12½c.—Good quality pure bleached cotton, all double stitched seams, special at 12½c.
Marguerite Covers at 25c.—Fine cotton trimmed with fine lace, special at 25c.
Corset Covers at 50c.—Fine cambric with pretty pattern all over embroidery yoke, fine embroidery on sleeves, extra value at 50c.
Corset Covers at 89c.—Fine Lansdowne cambric, front of cross rows of wide torseon, insertion and hemstitching, fine wide torseon lace on neck and sleeves, extraordinary value at 89c.

LADIES' SKIRTS

Ladies' Skirts at 50c.—Good quality cambric, cut full width, trimmed with deep hemstitched frill, special at 50c.
Ladies' Skirts at 89c.—Fine cambric, made with 6 rows fine tucks and frill of fine wide embroidery, extra value at 89c.
Ladies' Cambric Skirts at \$1.25—Fine quality with 6 wide tucked and 8 inch Swiss embroidery flounce, extra value at \$1.25
White Lansdowne Skirts at \$2.19—Made with 18 inch cambric flounce, finished with row of 3 inch embroidery insertion and 6 fine tucks, very special at \$2.19
Ladies' Skirts at \$2.75, 3.19 and 3.50—Dainty garments, beautifully trimmed with fine lace, embroidery, frills, tucks and insertions, a choice assortment of new styles at \$2.75, 3.19 and 3.50
Ladies' Skirts at \$4.50, 5.50 and 5.90 each—Made from finest quality Lansdowne, lovely styles trimmed with dainty laces, embroideries, insertions tucks and hemstitchings, all new styles, and special values at \$4.50, 5.50 and 5.90

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