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## The Reliable Store **Thos. Stone & Son** The Reliable Store

### SPECIAL LINEN ORDER

One Tuesday, Oct. 30th, the representative of one of the largest Irish Linen Manufacturers will make a display of their entire line of samples in our linen department. Among the lines will be found a complete assortment of Damask Table

Cloths, in all sizes, square and round—table napkins, hand embroidered doilies, centre pieces, five o'clock table covers, bed spreads, sheets and pillow shams and towels. We will take SPECIAL ORDERS FOR delivery in about eight weeks from any of these samples.

#### This Exhibition of Fine Linens

Will afford an opportunity to the ladies of Chatham, of making their selection from a very large assortment of designs, much larger than any merchant can afford to carry in stock.

We shall be pleased to have you call on Tuesday and have a "look through" whether you desire to purchase or not. Any orders entrusted to us, will be carefully executed.

Come early, the morning is the best

## THOS. STONE & SON

### WESTMAN BROS.

Have Ranges to Burn Coal or Wood from \$15.00 to \$60.00....

See our Coal Heaters from \$4.00 to \$50. The very best value in Canada.

### WESTMAN BROS.

BIG HARDWARE

### CLOAKINGS

We are showing all the new designs in cloakings in checks and overcoats for this fall and winter in all wool 54 in. wide at \$1.25 a yard.

Serge cloakings in all colors, all wool, 54 in. wide at \$1.15 a yard.

Blanket cloakings in all colors, all wool, 54 in. at \$1.00 a yard.

**Mens' Suits and Overcoats**  
Made to Order.

**The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited**

READ THE CHATHAM PLANET THE PAPER WITH ALL THE NEWS

## GRAND TRUNK CONDUCTORS SHAKING IN THEIR BOOTS

### A MALE QUARTET

Expected Singers Failed to Show up at Providence Social but Chatham Men Make up for Deficiency

J. M. Pike, Geo. W. Sulman, J. M. Northwood, and C. H. Mills of Thos. Stone & Son's, formed an entertainment company Wednesday evening, and landed at Providence where a bazaar and tea meeting was in progress. They were primarily engaged as speakers, but when they arrived at the entertainment, they found to their sorrow that the musical part of the program had decided to remain in Chatham. It being such a long time since any of them had participated on the musical stage, they were rather rusty at first.

Mr. Sulman had rather an unfair advantage over the other members of the quartet. While he was in Germany and Italy recently he had the opportunity of hearing some of the very finest vocal talent on the Continent, and as a result he was on to all the latest dodges. It was rather hard for Mr. Mills, for being of larger dimensions than his brother artists, he found considerably more difficulty in moving around quickly on the stage. As a result he was the favorite target for the people in the audience. Mr. Northwood's notes were of a primary character. John is used to running the "scale." What he lost in singing, he made up at supper time. Mr. Pike assumed the "role" of thunder, and his well rounded voice not only provided ample bass for the various selections, but also came in handy in calling for order while the quartet was performing.

The item on the program which seemed to please the largest number of people was an instrumental gem, executed on a common mouth organ by some man who just happened along. This item was considerably extended by request of the performer himself. It was evidently a strain from a comic opera success and judging from the audience, they caught the spirit of the humor—and the strain.

Other numbers on the program were recitations by J. M. Northwood. It is unnecessary to add that the bazaar was a howling success.

### ALL WANTED TO GO

The City Fire Department All Turned Out At The Call Of One Lady

The joke was on the members of the Fire Department the other night. The story leaked out, and since has become common property, though the members of the brigade endeavored to keep it a secret.

One night recently the dressmakers in one of the King St. stores were working overtime. When they got through with their work they had in hand it was after 12 o'clock, and as the stores were quite dark, one of the ladies who had quite a distance to go home, became decidedly nervous. She was afraid to go home alone. In her predicament she thought of an obliging young man of rather giant turn, who slept at the fire hall. A bright idea she would ring up the department and ask him to go home with her.

She never dreamed that the members of the department retire several hours before midnight.

"One, two, three, Central, please," she called up the Fire Hall.

"Clang! Clang! A very different scene was being enacted at the department. No sooner had the telephone rang than the night-alarm startled the inmates from their peaceful slumbers.

The horses snorted and pawed in their stalls in anticipation of the run, and several firemen who had been dreaming of benefit concerts with immense profits, tugs-of-war and theatrical managers had to leap from their cosy beds and into long rubber boots and overalls. There was a scramble down the brass pole.

The apparatus was all ready for action when the Chief reached the phone, and made the interesting discovery that the only alarm was that felt by a young lady who was afraid to go home in the dark alone.

All's well that ends well, however, and although the firemen lost a little sleep, the lady had an escort home, who saw to it that she met with no mishap.

### KENT BOY HONORED

All of the boys from Raleigh and Tilbury East who go or have gone West, send home flattering reports as to their successes in their new homes, but not all of them are honored with Government positions as Am. Hugheson has recently been.

In a recent letter to his home he informs his parents that on Oct. 6th this year he was appointed by the Minister of Agriculture as Game Guardian for the Province of Alberta. While this is not altogether a sinecure, yet Mr. Hugheson gets a handsome little salary in connection with the job.

We are pleased to learn of his success in the West.—Merlin Mirror.

### Two Have Been Dismissed And it is Rumored Many More May Follow

It is Said That The Loose Manner Of Collecting Fares Is The Root Of The Trouble

Special Correspondence.

Toronto, Oct. 26.—It is rumored here to-day that 12 or 14 Grand Trunk conductors, running from Toronto to Montreal, are to be dismissed. No definite information has so far been given out by the railway officials so far, but it is understood that the G. T. R. management contemplated making a wholesale dismissal.

Two dismissals took place this morning, and it is likely that others will follow shortly.

The direct cause of this action is not known, but it is rumored that it is in connection with the collection of fares.

The action of the management of the road came when it was least expected, and it has caused quite a stir in railway circles.

### NATURAL GAS FOR FLETCHER

Volcano Oil & Gas Company Will Pipe The Village This Fall

### NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Volcano Oil & Gas Co. expect to pipe Fletcher for gas this fall. Pipe has been ordered by this company to pipe the gas to Chatham.

The Chatham Co.'s well on the Purdy farm is now down about 780 feet and drilling still continues. Central Oil & Gas Co. have a well on the H. Cooper farm down to a depth of 1200 feet. Also on the J. W. Campbell farm at about the same depth, Chas. Gore, contractor, Miller & Warner have set up a derrick on F. C. Denison's farm at Stewart, lot 9, concession 11, M. R. S. Well No. 2 on the Wm. James' farm was shot on Tuesday and is a light producer.

The Broadbent well at Buxton is down about 700 feet and is hung up on a fishing job.

Drilling operations were ceased on the David Phillips' farm on Friday and the well shot on Saturday. Immediately after shooting, the well started to flow and considerable oil was lost owing to the absence of tankage. It was then shut off. The well is on lot S 1-2-7, M. R. S. and only a few feet from Merlin. It is good for about 15 barrels per day.

The well on the Nelson Ball farm was shot on Tuesday this week and responded nobly to the shot. She has already filled two large tanks and is considered by her owners to be worth at least 50 barrels per day.

Central Oil & Gas Co. have made a location on the Oscar Simard farm north of the Williams well at Fletcher.

Oil was struck on the J. H. Williams farm at 142 feet, rather deeper than the general run. This is good for about 50 barrels.

Roth, Barnard & Co. shot a good well on Tuesday on the Jas. Stevenson farm.

Another well was brought in on the Chas. Campbell farm on Wednesday, and still another is expected in in about a week.

A well on the Chas. Campbell farm has produced 1600 barrels of oil in 19 days and is still keeping up the pace.

P. C. Stevenson has rented his farm, lot 2, concession 9, to the Roth, Barnard Co., at a good figure.

Messrs. Scott, Spencer and other Wellville operators are erecting a rig on the Leeper farm, about two miles directly south of Tilbury.

Well No. 5 on the P. C. Stevenson farm for the Roth, Barnard Co. was shot on Tuesday and shows up for a splendid well—50 barrels.

Central Oil & Gas Co. have made a location on the R. C. church property about one-half mile north of the Purdy well.

A location has been made on the Al. Graham farm at Valetta and the rig was moved there on Wednesday. Jacques Everitt, contractor.—Merlin Mirror.

### IS DOING WELL

Mr. A. Sheldrick has received a letter from H. P. Naylor, formerly bookkeeper with Thos. Stone & Son, of this city, and who was recently connected with the Nash, Carson & Naylor dry goods house of Winnipeg. Mr. Naylor is now in partnership with another gentleman in Glenboro, Man., where they are running a general store.

## SOME INTERESTING LIGHT ON PRICE OF SCHOOL BOOKS

It Cost Copp Clark Co. \$30,000 And Royalties To Get Into Ring

No Competition in Letting Contracts—Syndicate Of Three Firms

Toronto, Oct. 26.—Mr. Arnold W. Thomas, secretary-treasurer of the Copp-Clark Co., stated in his evidence before the Text Book Commission that the Canada Publishing Co. was at least a syndicate composed of members of the three firms, W. J. Gage & Co., Warwick Bros. and the Copp-Clark Co., and that there was no competition. The Copp-Clark Co. paid \$30,000 for the place of Thomas Nelson & Son in the syndicate, and in addition continued a royalty on the trade price varying from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent. A new agreement was made in February, 1906, by which the Nelson firm was to get 2 1/2 per cent. on first readers, and 5 per cent. on third and fourth readers.

Macmillan and other companies had the copyright for many selections which it was desired to use in the Ontario Readers, and for these the "Schoolbook ring" had to pay large sums.

Mr. Frank Wise, president of the Canadian Macmillan Co., said he did not think the fourth reader, for which 40 cents is charged, is worth more than 15 cents.

E. F. Townner and Albert Britnell spoke of the effect on the retail trade. They would like fair prices maintained.

How Firm Shared Business. E. H. Caswell of the Methodist Book Room, said the firm published books in use in the high schools, some being authorized.

"And the other publishers came to us and threatened to compete with us unless we came to terms with them," he said.

"Did they let you into the Readers?"

"Not likely."

"So that although they have no contract they are sharing the business with you?"

"That is just it."

"Do you make a return to the Government of the number of sales?"

"Yes, but I can't say if that includes those sold by Gage and the others."

"What was your agreement with Gage & Co.?"

"I could not say off hand."

"Were there any other agreements?"

"Yes, one in connection with the Latin Primer, in which Gage took advantage of the contract law. They came to us with an ultimatum that we should either make a deal with them or they would endeavor to cut us out, and we are now selling to them at the rate of 6 1/2 cents a copy, and that includes the royalty of 2 1/2 cents."

Never Encouraged. His firm had never been able to get a contract from the Government, because of the copyright plea.

"We wanted to get in, but on fair terms and not at the caprice of the Government, and considered, as an old house, we should have had a chance. We protested against the monopoly," said Mr. Caswell.

"And the answer was?"

"That the three firms had the exclusive right to publish."

"If you had taken a contract, it would have been at the risk of being sued in regard to copyright."

"Yes, and the Government did not offer to minimize the risk in any way."

Rose Co. Kept the Readers. George M. Rose, manager of the Hunter-Rose Co., testified that in 1894 a five-years' contract had been received from the Government to publish the Public School Euclid and Public School Algebra. He gave considerable information about prices and royalties.

As to copyrights, a good many in the High School Reader were accorded free.

The Gage Co. had wanted to break in on this, but the Hunter, Rose Co. would not stand for it. Then Mr. Gage had gone to the Premier, Mr. Ross, concerning copyright, but to no purpose.

Fred Casman said that a \$1 book, which cost the retailer 75 cents, was now to be sold at 90 cents, owing to competition.

The Commission will not meet again until next week, when Mr. Townner will again be called.

### A VERY SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL

On Wednesday evening the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends held a social evening in their hall, over Go-don's Store, for the members and their friends. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting. The first part of the evening was taken up with a good program, and was listened to with much enjoyment by all present.

Light refreshments were served, after which games were played, which everyone took part in and enjoyed for a few hours.

After singing God Save the King, the gathering broke up shortly before the midnight hour, everyone present pronouncing the social a good one, and all having had a fine time.

QUITE A DIFFERENCE, TOO. Johnny, queried the teacher of the juvenile class, what is the difference between electricity and lightning? Well, you don't have to pay nothing for lightning, answered Johnny.

### ESCAPE A MIRACLE

Walter Anderson Meets With Serious Accident In Gray's Factory—A Close Call

Walter Anderson, a young lad about 16 years of age, who lives on Queen street, met with a rather serious accident while at work in Wm. Gray & Sons carriage works this morning.

The mishap occurred at about 11.30 this morning. Young Anderson was standing in the elevator, which was some distance up when the cage dropped to the floor beneath, throwing the unfortunate young man violently to the ground.

Burrows ambulance was summoned at once and the injured boy was taken to a surgeon's office, where his wounds were attended to.

He is not thought to be seriously injured, but his face about the chin was somewhat lacerated. Those who saw the accident say that it is a miracle that he was not killed.

### NO CIGARETTES

Manager Parkin of the Lindsay junior hockey team last year, and who will probably handle the team again this season, has been giving an interview, in which he makes the following observations:

"The second consideration was the type of player we wanted. The first requirement was that he should be what is known in sporting circles as 'straight,' which means he will always do his best and cannot be bought. Next, he must not drink intoxicants or smoke cigarettes. The cigarette end of it troubled some of the boys, but those who had a few 'sub-rosa' at least out the number down so materially that they were in pretty fair condition. This year it is NO CIGARETTES or no hockey. If the game is not worth the cigarettes, stick to the cigarettes."

### A PUBLIC WARNING

Seats go on sale to-morrow morning at ten a. m. for "Babe in Toyland," which plays the Brisco Theatre on Monday night. A rush for tickets is expected and those wanting good seats should not neglect securing them as early as possible.



## Shoes For Evening Wear

Ladies White Kid Sandle Slippers

IN EITHER ONE OR THREE STRAPS

Ladies Fine Pat. Leather Slippers

Ladies' Fine Vici Kid Sandels,

EITHER LINE WITH FROM 1 to 4 STRAPS.

Men's Light

Weight Dress

Shoes.

Right Shapes

and Weights



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