

WOODS' FAIR J. M. THOMPSON'S WOODS' FAIR

Every Item in This Ad. Is Good For
Friday and Saturday
Extraordinary Bargains on Our Main Floor

White Embroidered Waists
Regular \$1.25, for 75c.
Ladies' White Lawn Waists, front made of embroidery and tucks, sleeves and back tucked, collar trimmed with lace. Regular \$1.25, Friday and Saturday 75c

Stationery Package, Value 50c, Friday and Saturday, 25c
1 box Paper and Envelopes, 10 yards Shelf Paper, 1 Album English views, 1 Watercolor Landscape, 1 box Stencils, 1 bottle Ink. This lot for.....25c

200 Pounds of Walnut and Almond Taffies, Friday and Saturday, 2 Pounds for 15c
\$1.00 Underskirts, 69c
Ladies' Black Satteen Underskirts, made two styles, full gored, deep flounce, made of shirring or tucks, with two small frills. Regular \$1.00, Friday and Saturday 69c

25c Vests for 15c
Ladies' Ribbed Cotton Vests, in grey only, shaped waist, taped neck, with lace front. While they last, Friday and Saturday 15c

GOETTING'S PERFUMES (Bottle free. Pure and lasting. All the latest odors.) 30c Oz.
Regular 50c oz., as a special Friday and Saturday

20c Ribbons for 12 1/2c
A GREAT BARGAIN.
500 yards All-Silk Taffeta Ribbon, 4 1/2 inches wide. Colors: White, sky, pink, rose, yellow, red and black. Regular 20c yard. Friday and Saturday, a yard 12 1/2c

25c Hose Supporters for 17c
Ladies' Front Pad Belt Hose Supporters, all colors. KLEINERT'S FAVORITE—Regular 25c pair. Friday and Saturday, pair 17c

One 10c Comb Given Away Friday and Saturday With Every 25c Hair Brush
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY Two Last Days of Our Big 20 Per Cent Off Sale
DON'T DELAY—You can't make money any easier. Find out what you want or will want in the near future, and

BUY IT NOW

20 Cents in cash on every dollar's worth of goods purchased on Friday and Saturday in our Basement, Wall Paper and Toy Departments, will be given you back. THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING, ONE-FIFTH OFF.

\$5.50 forty-piece Tea Sets.....	\$4.40
\$1.00 Granite Slop Pails.....	80c
\$1.50 Copper Bottom Boilers.....	\$1.20

ONE-FIFTH OFF ON WALL PAPER, TOYS, ETC., ETC.

8c Wall Papers, roll 6 1/2c	12c Wall Papers, roll 9 1/2c
10c Wall Papers, roll 8c	15c Wall Papers, roll 12c
20c Wall Papers, roll.....	16c
40c Best Mixed Paints, quart.....	32c
50c Lace Curtains, pair.....	40c

40c BROOMS..... 32c
5c White Cups and Saucers.....4c
75c Galvanized Tubs.....60c
75c Jardinieres.....60c

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LIBRARY EXTENSION IS BADLY NEEDED

The Annual Report of Librarian Shows Excellent Conditions—East End Building.

At last night's meeting of the public library board ex-Ald. Thomas Gillen was chosen chairman for the coming year, and after thanking the members spoke of the work to be undertaken during the year.

"I have a feeling," he said, "that this year may be a turning point in the life of the library. If we desire to see a continued growth we must consider the advisability of extending the various departments. Last year our appropriation was \$2,000 less than we could claim. To make the changes suggested in Librarian Carson's report we will require \$2,500 more than last year, which will still leave the amount of the city appropriation \$1,300 less than we are entitled to, and will increase the value of the library to the citizens 100 per cent."

East End Library.
Chairman Gillen stated that two years ago the matter of an east end library had been taken up. The use of the public library, he thought, had increased beyond the most sanguine expectations and he thought that demands calling for still further development had evolved.

"For this reason," he said, "I would say that our attention should be first directed to the present library. The debentures issued for the purchase of the lot and erection of this library building will be paid off five years hence, then we will be relieved of \$2,100 annual expenditure for interest and sinking fund charges, and will be in a position to open a branch without increasing our annual expenditure."

Miss Leigh's Death.
He spoke with regret of the death of Miss Leigh, and urged the careful consideration of her work.

Committee Selected.
The library committee was appointed as follows: Mr. McDonagh, chairman, Dr. Sage and Dr. Ross. The finance committee was chosen to be ex-Ald. Forristal, chairman, J. L. Carson.

A New Idea in Medicine

Which Accounts for the Enormous Success of DR. A. W. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD.

To tear down the diseased tissues was the old principle of medicine. To cure by building up new, healthful tissues was the new method.

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food is a splendid illustration of the new method, for it cures by increasing the quantity and quality of the blood, by creating new nerve force, and by overcoming weakness and disease with new vigor, new energy and new vitality.

The time to begin using Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food is when strength fails you and you find yourself out of sorts and losing health and vigor.

It is easy then to get back to normal condition by using this great restorative treatment. The blood is enriched, the nerves revitalized, new firm flesh and tissue is formed, and you feel the snap of new vigor as it is being instilled into your system.

Don't wait for nervous prostration or paralysis, but keep the system at high water mark. Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food. Fifty cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Librarian's Report.

The fifteenth annual report was submitted by Librarian Carson and adopted. The increased use of the library he estimated at 25 per cent, as compared with 29 per cent last year, and 10 per cent the year before that. During the year 2,465 new books were added, and of these 2,339 were purchased at a cost of \$2,442.23. The various departments of the library have been materially strengthened. During the year a new charging system was introduced, and a second borrower's card. Both improvements are most successful. With the increase of 25 per cent in the use of the library, the necessity of a larger staff to handle the work is becoming most important. Mr. Carson made feeling reference to the loss sustained by the death of Miss Leigh.

The financial statement showed that the receipts for the year totalled \$11,730.56, of which \$10,682.00 was from the city's appropriation. After meeting all expenses a balance of \$75.72 remains.

There are now 24,573 books on the shelves, and the circulation during the year was as follows:

Class	Number	P. C.
Miscellaneous.....	2,692	2.2
Philosophy.....	661	.6
Holiness.....	1,063	.9
Sociology.....	1,096	1.7
Natural science.....	1,979	1.6
Fine arts.....	2,149	1.7
Literature.....	3,623	3.0
Travel and geography.....	1,811	1.5
Biography.....	1,801	1.3
Novels.....	15,170	12.4
Reference.....	23,961	18.7
Fiction.....	60,132	49.7
Periodical literature.....	12,077	9.7
Totals.....	132,551	100

There were present: Chairman T. Gillen, Dr. Sage, Dr. Jeffery, Dr. Ross, John Forristal, J. L. Carson, W. H. Winnett, M. P. McDonagh and Librarian Carson.

It was decided to leave the appointment of a successor to the late Miss Leigh over until a special meeting. There are fifteen applications in for the position, but Librarian Carson was instructed to advertise in the Saturday papers, so that all who wish to apply may be given a fair notification. Dr. Sage and Mr. P. McDonagh were chosen to assist Librarian Carson in the examination of the candidates. All applications must be in by 5 o'clock on Monday afternoon. Librarian Carson has prepared an examination paper, which will be submitted to the candidates, and afterwards their standing will be reported to the board. The finance committee are considering the salary to be paid.

EMBRO HAPPENINGS

Presentation to a Popular Sunday School Superintendent.

Embro, Feb. 3.—Word has been received of the death in Toronto on Tuesday, Feb. 1, of Mrs. J. H. Thorne, aged 89 years. Mrs. Thorne was for many years a highly-respected resident in our village, and removed to Toronto some years ago. A daughter, Mrs. McKay, is left to mourn her loss. The funeral takes place to North Embro cemetery on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Slater and little son, Wilfred, have returned to their home, after spending some time in London.

Mrs. A. J. Kirkpatrick and son John, of Woodstock, are visiting at Mrs. John McMurphy's.

Miss Devina Munro has returned to her home, after visiting with Thamesford friends.

Miss Kate Eden, of Woodstock, was a Sunday visitor at Mr. D. R. Ross's.

Dr. G. A. Sutherland went on a business trip to Toronto on Monday.

Messrs. W. J. Geddes and R. A. Geddes are spending the week in St. Marys.

Miss Maggie Murray spent a few days with Thamesford friends recently.

Mr. James G. Ross has returned to

Goodburne, W. H. Winnett and Mayor Beattie.

Montreal, after spending a few weeks at his home here.

Miss Mills Laycock spent a few days with friends in Woodstock.

Miss Florence Sutherland is spending the week in London.

On Monday evening the pupils, teachers and Bible class of Knox Church Sunday school assembled at the home of Mr. John McLeod. For several years Mr. McLeod has ably filled the position of superintendent in the Sunday school, and now, when he has resigned the position, all connected therewith wished to show their appreciation of his faithful services. During the course of the evening Mr. McLeod was called forward, while Miss Mamie Kent read the address, and on behalf of the Sunday school, Messrs. Ernie Sutherland and Wm. McLeod presented him with a handsome chair. An enjoyable time was spent by all present.

Mr. Charlie D. Gunn, of Detroit, spent a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. Gunn.

Miss Ethel Sutherland, of Woodstock, spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Kate B. McKay was a guest for a few days with her sister in Woodstock.

Mr. Alex. Campbell left on Wednesday for New Ontario, where he will remain for some time.

A FORMER LONDONER DEAD AT LOS ANGELES

Mr. Earnest Brown, a Widely Known Journalist, Passes Away in His 38th Year.

Mrs. William Spittal, of 22 Ridout street, received word last night of the death of her brother, Ernest B. Brown, formerly of this city, and for some time past night city editor of the New York American. Mr. Brown was 38 years old, and left London about 20 years ago. He joined the staff of the Chicago News, and his ability as a newspaper man speedily manifested itself and his promotion was rapid. From Chicago he went to the Washington Star, and several years ago joined the staff of the New York American. Mr. W. R. Hearst recognized his ability and made him night city editor. Some time ago his system was poisoned by some medicine he had taken, and he went to Los Angeles to rest, but sank gradually. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter attending Haverall College in Toronto; his mother, who lives with Mrs. Spittal, who is a sister, and one brother, G. A. Brown, inspector for the Bank of Commerce in Toronto. The remains will be brought to London, and the funeral will be of a private nature.

IDLENESS AND GIRLS.

There are certain laws that apply to mental processes with which everyone is familiar. One of them relates to the danger of idleness and its used by an individual whose name is not mentioned in polite society.

There is no class of people so apt to do foolish and imprudent things as the girls who have nothing to occupy their minds. The girl that has to work for a living is really safer than the one who is under no such compulsion. Where a girl has no serious interests her future is largely dependent upon the discretion and discernment of her parents or guardians.

The Philadelphia girl who ran away with a hotel waiter, according to reports, has been forgiven. From what is known to the public concerning the case, she should have been. But has she forgiven her guardians? She is not as much to blame as those who neglected to take care of her. If her life had been normal she would not have been seized by the notions that have drawn a cloud over her.

—Newark News.

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Tumbled Blankets! Prices Tumbled
A Chance to Save From \$1.00 to \$2.50 on Each Pair

If you need Blankets, and don't object to them being just a little mussed from handling, tomorrow will be your opportunity. We have just 31 pairs, after going through our stock, which are not just as fresh and clean as we like to show for new goods. These have been sorted and grouped into four lots and will go on sale tomorrow at reductions showing savings from \$1.00 to \$2.50, as indicated above. Our lowest to the highest-grade blankets are represented in this sale.

\$2.95 to \$3.50 Blankets for \$1.95
14 pairs good quality Union Blankets, sizes 60x80 and 64x84, regular prices \$2.95 to \$3.50. To clear at pair **\$1.95**

\$4.50 and \$4.75 Blankets for \$2.95
6 pairs only All-Wool and Fine Union Blankets, sizes from 64x84 to 68x82, regular \$4.50 and \$4.75. To clear at, pair..... **\$2.95**

\$5.50 and \$5.75 Blankets for \$3.75
6 pairs only Fine All-Wool and Fine Union Blankets, in sizes from 64x84 to 70x86, regular prices \$5.50 and \$5.75. To clear, pair..... **\$3.75**

\$6.50 and \$7.50 Blankets for \$4.95
5 pairs only, Finer Grade Blankets, sizes from 66x84 and 76x86, regular prices \$6.50 to \$7.50. To clear at, pair..... **\$4.95**

THIRD FLOOR.



February Furniture Sale
Brings Carpet Prices to Your Liking

The reductions we are making on Carpets and Rugs this month are real money-savers, as our stock is new, qualities good and many designs are exclusive, and when you figure that on top of our February reductions your Carpets are made, laid and lined free, you will realize the importance of anticipating your carpet needs now for spring. No extra charge for measuring rooms. Every floor rug is reduced, and we would also state that by paying a deposit Carpets will be held until required.

Axminster Rugs
Size 9x10.6, regular \$23.50, sale price **\$19.50**
Size 9x12, regular \$27.00, sale price **\$23.50**
Size 9x10.6, regular \$35.00, sale price **\$28.00**
Size 9x12, regular \$35.00, sale price **\$28.50**
Size 9x12, regular \$40.00, sale price **\$33.00**

The above are in a variety of very choice designs, suitable for parlor, reception or dining-room. Our large Rugs are also reduced in proportion.

Wilton Rugs
9x10.6, in handsome floral designs on green grounds. The regular price of this Rug is \$37.50. February sale price **\$29.50**

15 Wilton Rugs, size 9x12 feet, our best quality, in floral, two-tone, old rose and green, Persian, Turkish, Bokhara and Chinese designs. February sale price **\$34.00**

A splendid assortment in Turkish, Persian, florals, Bokharas, etc., size 9x10.6. February sale **\$25, \$26.50, \$28.50**

THIRD FLOOR.

Beautiful German
Size 8.3x11.6, rich conventional designs, in red and green. February sale price **\$18.00**
Size 8.3x11.6, handsome design, in two-tone brown. February sale price **\$21.50**
Size 8.3x11.6, green medallion with Oriental border effect. February sale price **\$29.50**

THIRD FLOOR.

100 Suits for 100 Men
Who Have \$7.75, \$10 or \$11.95 Each to Spend

Manufacturer's Spring Sample Models Worth \$12, \$14, \$16 and \$22

A manufacturer of High-Grade Men's Clothing, after having completed his spring business, turned the entire collection over to us at a great price advantage, and, needless to say, these styles are in advance of anything yet shown, being the samples from which the spring orders have been taken, which are not yet shipped.

Every Suit a Gem
Don't Be Disappointed—A Starter and a Startler in Spring Suits
70 regular \$22.00 Suits, spring models **\$11.95**
14 regular \$16.00 Suits, spring models **\$10.00**
16 regular \$12.00 to \$14.00 Suits, spring models **\$7.75**
Sizes 36 to 44.

Tomorrow (Saturday) should clear the lot.

Last of Our Men's Fur-Band Caps
About 40 to sell Saturday at, each **25c**

RICHMOND STREET ENTRANCE.

Spring Sewing Machine Club now being organized.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

The "Norwood" Sewing Machine \$23.65

THE CITY MAY DREDGE THE RIVER THAMES

Board of Works Asks for Grant of \$1,000 to Furnish a Dredge.

The written opinion of City Solicitor Meredith that the city had no power to dredge the River Thames, was handed to the board of works last evening.

"If we have no power, who has, then?" asked Ald. Morgan. "We want gravel, and the citizens want a deeper channel. What can we do about it?"

He was of the opinion that the Government would offer little or no objection to the city dredging the river.

Ald. Morgan then outlined a plan for the city to buy a dredge, and do the work themselves. According to the information he received, the city could buy a dredge for \$1,000 for this purpose, and it would take the gravel out at 5 cents a cubic yard.

"If we do not own the gravel, what can we do?" asked Mayor Beattie.

Ald. Morgan thought little or no trouble would arise from this, and that the Government would gladly give their consent.

"It would be a blessing for West London if the river were dredged," said the chairman.

"I move that we file the request of the board, and that \$1,000 be placed in the estimates for dredging the river," said Ald. Saunders. "It appears that we have no power to make the contract with Mr. Baham, so we had better get the money and try some other way."

"We will have plenty of time to get to the bottom of the estimates are considered. Let us get the money."

The committee agreed to that, and it is likely that a scheme for a city-owned dredge may be the result.

City Engineer Graydon wrote declaring that the London Street Railway had few teams removing snow, and the streets were dangerous in consequence. He was instructed to write the company, giving them four days in which to remove the snow, and at the end of that time if it were not done, the city should do the work and charge it to the company.

The customary accounts were passed for payment. Those present were Ald. Tancook (chairman), Ald. Saunders, Ald. Morgan, Ald. Pocock, City Engineer Graydon and Secretary Wright.

The first school for the blind was established in 1791 in Liverpool.

THE TEARS IN BOOKS.

It is not hard to understand why, when a book makes you laugh, you want to read it and to read it over and over again. But it is rather puzzling to find that one also enjoys reading and re-reading books that make one want to cry. What can there be in us that likes to be made to feel unhappy? In real life we don't try to do things that will make us suffer—not at all! But there are books that you cannot think of, once you have read them, without tears coming to your eyes, and yet you will find that you love those books perhaps more than any others.

To feel deeply is one of the best things in life; and there, maybe, lies the explanation of why we do love and read them. They make us unhappy in a way, but they do not leave behind any bitterness or sense of personal loss. And they usually have a special beauty of their own. "Books and Reading" in St. Nicholas.

"Brass" stair carpet rods are not brass, but are rods of iron coated with very thin tubes of brass. Much "non-

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Two hundred and fifty quires of beautiful Vellum Note Paper, with Envelopes to match, to clear at 5c per quire and 5c per package—less than one-half the regular price.

The Mallagh Bookshop
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"per" work is not copper at all, but coated iron. The part pure metals play in manufacture is nothing by comparison with their alloys in their many hundreds of combinations.

Recently published statistics show that during the last year the number of births in France has diminished by 12,692. The number of deaths has increased by 35,019, and the population of France has decreased by 22,327.