

OPEN TO-NIGHT. OPEN TO-NIGHT.

2 More Shopping Days

Not much time left for you to do your Christmas Shopping, but, with an Extra Staff of Salespeople and a Stock Largely Replenished During the Last Few Days, We are Ready to Serve You as Well or Better than Ever. We offer you great inducements to come in and see us. Here is an Interesting List for Late Shoppers. You have certainly Lost Nothing by Delay.

- Apron Lawn.**
38 in. wide, wide hem, trimmed with 4 rows of tucking. Regular value 20c, on sale at 14c.
- Marseilles Spreads.**
Full Double-bed Size White Marseilles Spreads, in very elegant designs. Regular value \$2.25 each, on sale for \$1.65.
- Runners.**
Pure Crepe Linen Runners, half bleached, fancy hem-stitched and drawn work. Worth up to 40c each, on sale for 29c.
- Handkerchiefs.**
Ladies' Fine Irish Handkerchiefs, beautifully embroidered, edged with very fine val. lace. 75c values for 50c, 40c values for 25c.
- Dress Goods.**
15 Pieces of Dress Goods in Tweeds and Canvas Weaves, 42 to 44 in. wide, in excellent colors, worth up to 75c a yard, on sale special at 39c.
- Kimono Cloths.**
12 Pieces Fine Heavy Kimono Cloths, in very pretty stripes. Regular price 17c to 25c a yard, on sale for 14c.
- Hand Bags.**
Ladies' Black Leather Hand Bags, more lined, inside purse. Special at \$1.00 each, on sale for 85c.
- Sable Ruffs.**
Warranted Natural Undyed Sable Ruffs, 42 in. long, trimmed with three large tails at each end. Regular value \$12.00, on sale for \$6.50.
- Waist Silks.**
Elegant Silks in Fancy Blacks, Fancy Creams and Colors, single waist lengths, in boxes, worth per length up to \$6.00, on sale for \$3.75.
- Handkerchiefs.**
Half-dozen Ladies' Fine Hem-stitched Handkerchiefs, put up in very attractive box, on sale, very special. Fine Cambric, at a box Pure Linen, at a box. 50c 75c
- Sateen Skirts.**
Made of Extra Fine Black Mercerized Sateen, accordion flounced and frilled, all sizes, worth up to \$1.50 each, on sale for 98c.
- Table Linens.**
Pure Bleached Table Linen, in very pretty floral design, 61 in. wide. Reg. 60c value, on sale for 39c.
- Silks.**
Cream Corded Wash Silks, for Ladies' Waists and Children's Dresses, guaranteed for wear. Regular value 60c a yd., on sale for 39c.

THOS. STONE & SON, RUGS.

CLEARING SALE OF FURS

AT THE WHOLESALE HOUSE

EXTRAORDINARY VALUES WHILE THEY LAST.

AGAR & NEFF, WHOLESALE FURRIERS.
SCANE BLOCK (Upstairs). OPEN EVENINGS.

Not Hard To Decide

China ware is always pleasing and you can get so many useful things in this line at

GRAY'S CHINA HALL

That everyone can afford to buy a whole lot for a small amount of money and still not feel that they are not giving good presents.

For the Children

Cups and Saucers

5c, 10c, 15c, 20c. Children's Sets, tea-pot, sugar, cream, cups, saucers, and plates, 50c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Porridge bowls, Mugs, Jugs, Plates, Vases, Pictures, Night Lamps, etc., 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c.

For Young Man or Young Lady

Fancy China cups and saucers 25c to \$3. Fancy bon bon dishes 25c to \$2.50. Fancy Plates and plates, 25c to \$5.00. Shaving mugs, an elegant line, 15 to 75c. Art Ornaments and Vases, 50c to \$5. Cut Glass bon bon, and nut bowls, \$3, \$4.75.

For the Married House-keepers

A new Dinner or Tea Set wouldn't come amiss, or a Toilet Set, of which we have a new lot just opened up at special prices. Carving Sets, a special line of English Sheffield steel goods, in fancy lined cases, \$3 to \$8.

Knives and Forks

1847 Rogers goods in fancy boxes, \$5 to \$6.50 a set. Tea Spoons, \$2, \$3, \$4 a dozen. Dessert spoons, \$3, \$5, \$7 dozen. Table and Dessert Knives, white handles, securely fastened on steel blades—1/2 doz. in box, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Hanging & Hall Lamps

\$1.25, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$8 and \$10.00.

Vases and Jardinieres

A grand showing of newest goods imported for this year's Holiday trade.

In odd Fancy Fruit and Salad dishes is where we excel all competitors as we look after this line the whole year around, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c up to \$7.

Our open stock French China Dinner Sets are more popular than ever this year and we will sell you one piece or a whole set. A good time to begin is right now.

Have you seen our new art wares in English Pottery?

Farm Yard Scenes, Old Greek Ware, Georgian Ware, Also Royal Vienna and fine Japanese Ornaments and Vases.

Gray's China Hall

KING ST.

Poultry Meats

Having Purchased the Business of Mr. W. H. Currens we desire to inform the public that we have had many years experience in the business. We shall maintain the same high standard of Meats and Poultry the public have been getting. Hoping to have the old customers and many new ones.

MOLAN & WEAVER,

Successors to W. H. Currens, St. Clair Street.

DR. OVENS, M.D.,
L. R. C. P., etc., London, England.
SURGEON, DENTIST, SPECIALIST.
Diseases: Eye, Ear and Nose treated and all kinds of diseases. Will be at Radley's Drug Store, Chatham. Next date of visit, Wednesday, Dec 27th.

Minard's Liniment cures Burns, etc.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Christmas Day

MATINEE AND NIGHT

The Hilarious Musical Comedy 'A BELL BOY.'

Introducing JOHNNY GALVIN as Patsy the Hilarity Producer.

Prices, First Floor—50c, 75c, \$1.00
Second Floor—35c, 50c, and 75c.
Gallery—25c.
Matinee—25c, 35c, and 50c
Seats selling at Brisco's

Plum Pudding.

Fruit Cake.

Oyster Patties.

Ice Cream.

CHRISTMAS ORDERS WILL BE PROMPTLY FILLED.

W. E. SMITH,

Somerville's Old Stand, King Street.

Till Half-Past 9 o'Clock

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN

for the Sale of Crockery, Lamps, China, and Glassware, of which we have a Large Stock bought expressly for the Christmas Trade. We want your help to clear out these goods during the next 8 days. We will help you by reducing 7 per cent. from all Dinner, Tea, and Chamber Sets, also Lamps, China, and Glassware. Come Early and Get Your Choice.

GROCERIES.

Our Stock for Christmas is complete. The quality and prices are combined to please you—

Seedless Oranges, 25c per dozen.

Select Raisins (cleaned), 8c per lb.

3 lbs. Currants (cleaned), for 25c

Mixed Nuts, 15c per lb.

2 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c

3 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c.

Seedless Raisins, 9c per lb.

3 Cans (1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes) for 25c.

Mixed Pickles, 10c. per bottle.

Mince Meat, 9c. per lb.

John McConnell,

Clark St. Phone 190

Tom and Harry,

WILLIAM STREET LAUNDRY.

We do All kinds of Laundry and Family Washing. Prices reasonable and work guaranteed.

'GIVE US A CALL'

TOM & HARRY,

WILLIAM STREET. OPPOSITE C.P.R.



HOCKEY SHOES

For Men at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
For Boys at \$1.25 and \$1.50
For Ladies at \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$2.50
Call for Free Catalogue.

Wm. Somerville & Son
4 Doors West of Market, CHATHAM.

SAD FUNERAL

Many Mourn the Death of Tracy Waddell—Service Held in the Church.

The funeral of the late Tracy Waddell took place yesterday and was one of the largest attended funerals ever held in Chatham.

The sad accident through which this bright young man lost his life has caused general sadness. His death is mourned by the whole community and everywhere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

The funeral service, which was held in Christ Church, was very solemn and impressive. The church was crowded to the doors with friends of the young man who had come to pay their last tribute to the dead.

Rev. Rural Dean McCosh conducted the obsequies, assisted by Rev. W. H. G. Colles. The choir rendered two hymns and the male quartet rendered "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

The funeral procession left the family residence on Water street at half past two and after the service in the church proceeded to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

The popularity of the young man was shown by the many floral tributes. Chief among these were designs from Christ Church congregation, Christ Church Sunday school, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, his intimate companions, the C. L. and numerous others sent by friends and relatives. His school mates from the Collegiate Institute, with whom he was ever popular and a favorite, marched to the cemetery in a body.

The pall bearers were eight young friends of deceased, Harry McCosh, Shirley Holmes, Frank Dennis, O. K. Laidlaw, Percy Chinnick, Frank Thomas, F. Munroe and Harold Williamson.

The relatives from out of town who attended the funeral were Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Keith; Henry Waddell, Port Lambton, and Mr. Waddell, of Dresden.

HE RESIGNS

Special School Board Meeting Receives Resignation of Trustee Bensen

A special meeting of the Public School Board was held last evening for the purpose of receiving the resignation of Trustee W. H. Bensen in order that he may legally run for a seat at the City Council. Mr. Bensen has been a valued member of the School Board and many kindly tributes were paid him.

The Trustees also decided to close the schools this evening until Wednesday, January 3rd.

BUSY LODGE

The regular meeting of Hope of Ontario, A. O. U. W., was held last evening, with a fair number of members in attendance. There are two or three members on the sick list, but they are improving nicely.

The six widows of deceased brethren will be presented, as is the custom with a Christmas turkey each.

Delegates and alternates to the District Meeting, to be held in February, in this city, will be elected next Wednesday evening, the quarterly night. This Court was successful in the game of carpet bowling, for the trophy, against the L. O. F., last evening, the A. O. U. W. winning by a score of 229 to 18, this game being the first played by the L. O. F. in the league game now on the A. O. U. W. have played four games and won one game; the Workmen have played four games and lost one; the L. O. F. have played one game and lost one; the C. O. F. have played two games, won one and lost one.

PRITCHARD IN COURT

Plint, Mich., Dec. 19.—The case of Pritchard, who attempted to murder 18-year-old Hazel Pettis because she killed him, came up this morning and the case was adjourned until the evidence already submitted. The defense asked for an adjournment, but said no evidence would be offered now. Adjournment was taken to Dec. 21, when the prisoner will be held to the February term of the Circuit Court in \$5,000 bail.

PAID 100,000

City Treasurer Fleming has received from Collector Wm Rennie \$48,419.92, being the last instalment of city taxes paid before the 15th inst. Some \$100,000 in taxes has now been paid in by the time limit.

21 YEARS IN HARNESS

Ridgeway, Dec. 20.—D. Cochrane, Ridgeway's efficient clerk, has occupied the office for 21 years. Mr. Cochrane, who, by the way, is a leading Conservative, is one of the best posted and most cautious clerks in Ontario, and has given counsels of the most much valuable aid. A brother of his, seen treasurer of Wentworth county for many years.

Most people don't like to be continually running across advertisements when they are looking for news, but when you see that \$15.00 ladies' or gent's gold filled watch guaranteed for 25 years, which Von Guntzen is making an Christmas special of you would be led your attention was called to it.

Get your Christmas Poultry and Meats at McLean & Weaver's, North Chatham. Prices the lowest. Phone 274.

Mounteer's, KENT BAKERY.

THIRD ANNUAL BIG BANQUET

A Very Enjoyable Function Held at the Merrill House

Large Crowd in Attendance—Excellent Menu Provided—Interesting Toast List

The third annual banquet of the Builders' Exchange was held in the Merrill House last evening and was a decided success in every particular. There was a good crowd of jolly good fellows present and everyone enjoyed the excellent menu provided by Miss Thelma Merrill. Every want was supplied.

After the supper an excellent toast list was given and the proceedings continued far into the morning.

A very unique souvenir menu card was provided for every guest. It was printed on a wooden palette and was made up in a very artistic design. Each of the guests was also provided with a paint brush.

Among the many dishes appeared the following: Boiled oil and raw oil, with shaving sauce; ham and eggs with spring locks; sharp sand, pitch dressing and gravel sauce; architects' specials, unfinished plans and no details; bricklayers habit, hollering mortar.

The side dishes were: Man never knows how hard life is until no one will listen to his story—Cuckey; You cannot take something out of a bottle then have no obstacles on the way home—Raymond; If I do say it myself—Watt; Order up another case—Felder; Little ink—Judson; Giving you an imitation eating chicken—Jas. Carswell; Wandering Willie from Ridgeway—Bligh; and Cold wave from the West—Sawyer.

The following was the toast list presided over by President Raymond: The King.

The Army and Navy—Major Geo. Massey and Adj. W. Coltart.

Song—W. Smith.

Trade and Commerce—Wm. Robertson and John Stephens.

Song—R. W. Angus.

The City—Ald. Marshall and Ald. Edmondson.

You Know What I Mean—Chum Aitkins (by accident).

Vice-President's Address—Little Ink—Judson.

Builders' Exchange—Watt and Fielder.

Mill Men Quartette.

Hambling Construction by James Carswell.

Song—E. J. MacIntyre.

The Ladies—A. M. Piper and W. B. Arnold.

Architects—Plans and Details by W. A. Hadley and Benj. Bloude.

Song—W. W. Scane and Cap. Stevens.

God Save the King.

PUBLIC MEETING

Ald. Westman suggests that in future some arrangement be made by which a public meeting be held between the dates of civic nomination and election day, at which all candidates would be required to appear and state their policy. Such a plan, he thinks, would relieve taxpayers of often voting in the dark.

PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Geo. Somers died this morning at 3:30 in St. Joseph's Hospital. She leaves besides her husband and mother, a sister and brother, living in Harwich, and a sister in Detroit. Mr. Somers is an employee of the Bloude Mfg. Co. The deceased lady has been ailing about a year and a half. Her age was 19 years and 11 months.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, from the residence of Mrs. Hughes, King St. West.

LEAVE YOUR ORDERS

—NOW FOR—
CHRISTMAS CAKES
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS
MINCE PIES, and
BREAD at

The North Chatham Bakery

LAMON BROS.
PROPRIETORS. TEL. 489

Interstate Oil & Petroleum Co., operated by Douglas, Lacey & Co., New York, offer for sale a limited number of shares at \$15c per share. Dividends at an early date. Apply to GEO. BEECH, Room 19, Victoria Block.

CLEAN CROSSINGS

Residents of Murray and Princess Streets Rightly Complain of Their Condition

Residents on Murray and Princess streets complain with considerable justification of the wretched condition in which the crossings have been left by the pavers of Murray street.

Lakes of slush and water confront the pedestrian and a condition exists which should receive the prompt attention of the city engineer.

The mud left at the side of the approaches to the river bridges is also the subject of much complaint and should be attended to.

HONORED HIM

Worthy Young Citizen Recognized Ere His Departure for the West—Annual Employees' Dinner

The firm of George Stephens & Company entertained their employees to a delightful dinner at the handsome home of Geo. Stephens, ex-M. P., senior member of the firm, last evening, when an exceedingly enjoyable time was spent.

The feature of the evening was the tribute of appreciation paid J. R. Cathcart, the secretary-treasurer of the company, who leaves for his new home at Regina, Sask., next week. Mr. Cathcart was presented on behalf of the firm with a handsome fur-line overcoat and by his fellow employees with a Persian Lamb cap and gauntlets. Mr. Cathcart made a feeling and appropriate response.

The standing of Carpet Ball League is as follows:—

WON. LOST. TO PLAY.

S.O.E. 1 0 19

Hope 3 2 15

A.O.U.W. 3 1 16

I.O.F. 0 1 19

S.O.S. 0 1 19

C.O.F. 0 2 18

The fellow with a bee in his bonnet should be careful that it doesn't sting him.

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THE ARK

What Will Please

FATHER

Will be a nice Carving Set to Carve the Christmas Turkey. A King Cutter or Safety Razor.

MOTHER

A Set of 1847 genuine Rogers Silver Knives and Forks. One of our many Choice Dinner Sets. A Banquet Lamp or a fancy piece of China.

SISTER

A Big Doll from THE ARK. A Five o'clock China Tea Set. A pair of Skates. A nice Mirror. A Picture Book for little Sister.

BROTHER

A pair of Hockey Skates and a Hockey Stick. A Coaster, or a Train of Cars for little brother.

YOUR FRIEND

If you don't know just what to get for your friend, come in to THE ARK. You will be sure to see something suitable. Allow us to assist you in making a selection.

The Store will be open until 9 o'clock. Will be open later on Saturday night. Goods Promptly Delivered.

H. MACAULAY, PROP.

If You Wish To Purchase Any GIFTS of Any Kind

For Baby, Child, Youth, Maiden, Sweetheart, Mother, Father, Brother, Sister, Grand Parents, Relative, Friend or Acquaintance,

Remember One Thing

There is a store in Chatham where you can get anything in the Gift or Toy line that the heart can wish for or the soul desire, so do not waste time running all over the city, but come straight to

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, King and 6th Sts.

"The Store With the Stock."

Open every night Christmas week till 9 o'clock.

ZAKOOR'S CONFECTIONERY

Wholesale and Retail Fruit Dealer.

Next to Rankin House.

He has a large stock of Christmas Fruits and Confectionery and all kinds of Nuts.

Give him a call. See his stock.

A. ZAKOOR