



YOU'D think to look in here that good old St. Nick had known just what you wanted—there's sure to be the style that pleases you most. And don't forget how welcome a gift a nice, new pair of shoes is for ANYBODY—or some comfortable slippers.

MEN'S SHOES

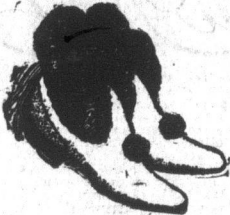
Our stock ranges all the way from the splendid solid shoe we sell at \$1.50 to those wonderful examples of superior shoemaking, the Kneeland shoes at \$5; also slippers in various fancy leathers, 40c to \$3.

WOMEN'S SHOES

You can begin at \$1.25, for which you get a first-class well-made shoe or you can work along by easy stages to \$4 which gets the very best. Pretty house slippers in patent leather and party slippers of every hue and color.

FOR THE CHILDREN

The best for each price—from 25c to \$2.00.



GEO. W. COWAN

The BIG BOOT Shoe Store

DRS. CORNELL & FISHER

DENTISTS

Corner Sixth and King St.
Over the Bee Hive.
Phone 317.

PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—11 a. m.—Cloudy not much change in temperature; light snow falls. Sunday, high south-westerly winds and cold.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

E. E. Dason, of the Wallaceburg Sugar Co., is in the city.

Read McConnell's advt on page five. It will interest you.

Miss Eric Quakenbush, returned home to Blenheim yesterday.

Sterling silver tea spoons, dessert spoons and forks in great variety. Prices the lowest. E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician.

The jury selectors met this morning and chose the jurors for 1905. The board is composed of Judge Bell, Judge Dowlin, Sheriff Gemmill, Warden Sifton, Mayor McKeough, City Treasurer R. G. Fleming, County Treasurer J. C. Fleming, and Clerk of the Peace, H. D. Smith.

You are suspicious of a cure-all remedy! So are we. That is why we don't exaggerate the virtues of Vito Tonic, but we do claim positively that it is a wonder tonic. If you are run down buy a bottle and prove the truth of our statement. Messrs. Gunn & Co., druggists, keep it in stock.

This afternoon a committee of teachers headed by Harry M. Fleming, President of the West Kent and Chatham Teachers Association, waited upon Inspector Park and on behalf of the association in a suitable address presented him with a beautiful gold watch as a testimonial of their regard. Inspector Park in reply thanked the committee in fitting terms, and expressed his confidence in and appreciation of the work done by the teachers of Chatham and West Kent.

Hot, Cold, Medicated and Electric BATHS
Massage, Electric Treatment and Physical Culture. Try my treatment for Rheumatism and Neuritis. Address **W. R. ROBERTS**, Physical Culturist, Chatham, Ont. box 131 King St. opp. Bank of Montreal.

CUT SALE

Monday only, as long as they last, only one of each style to any person.

100 Sterling Silver Thimbles good weight and good sizes.....

75 Sterling Silver Stickpins in Filagree, Owl's Head, etc.....

50 Sterling Silver Brooches neat and natty in style, up to the minute....

15c each

VonGuntzen Bros.

RELIABLE JEWELERS

OPEN LETTER TO ELECTORS

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given cash bonuses to induce industries to locate in their city. Now I cannot see where any citizen can take objection to the above proposition, which has been endorsed by the Board of Trade, by a letter published in the papers in connection with the by-law, as well as by our city council.

Trusting that the above by-law will meet with your approval, I am, Yours sincerely,
W. T. PIGGOTT,
Chairman Industrial Committee

NEXT COUNTY COUNCIL

So far little has developed as to who will enter the contest for election to the County Council. Warden Sifton and George Handy, of the old council, have definitely decided not to seek re-election. Up in the northern part of the county a three-cornered fight is promised, in which S. P. Sturgis, H. J. French and Mr. J. E. McGlothin, will altogether likely figure. In Division No. 1, Joseph Hornal will be nominated. Several other gentlemen are mentioned but there is nothing definite to hand. Ex-Warden Robinson and James Ross may come back but Reeve Campbell, of Tilbury, is mentioned as an aspirant for county honors. In the other divisions all the old councillors are seeking re-election, and there may be some new faces. In the Ridgetown district John Reycraft, Archie Campbell, Edwin Bryan, will very likely be the candidates. Mr. Bryan is sure of election.

O. B. O. NEWS

One of those social events enjoyed so much by the students, was given last evening in the large senior commercial hall, and it is needless to say it was very much enjoyed by the students. Those who took part in the program were: Miss May James, Mr. Wells, Mr. Roy Brown, Dr. DeCowan, Miss Margaret Farquharson, Messrs. Harvey Hicks and H. Spooner.

Misses Vida and Laura Adams left for their home early in the week and will not return until the beginning of the New Year.

Robert Wilson, of Indian Mountain, New Brunswick, and his son Roy arrived in the city on Wednesday and commenced work in the Business Department.

Paul Schendel, of Curt Hill, Assn., is one of the recent additions to our Business Department.

Norman McLachlan, of Palmyra, has accepted a position in Molson's Bank, Ridgetown.

Alma Smith, of Harrow, is among the recent additions to the Shorthand Department.

J. A. McLachlan, Wyoming, entered the Business Department, a short time ago.

Miss Laura McGee, of Wilkesport, is another of our recent additions to the Shorthand Department.

J. C. Brown, Castleton, Northumberland Co., has entered the Business Department.

Roy Brown, of Dresden, recently extended his term to the June closing.

Chas. Colville, of Chesley, Bruce Co., left for Toronto on Thursday last to accept a position with the Toronto Guarantee & Surety Co. Mr. Colville was a member of our Star Football team of this fall.

Florence Hetherington, of Newbury, recently registered for a six months business course.

Wm. Topliffe, of Rutherford, is one of the recent additions to our business class.

Grace Harris, of Dresden, has extended her term in the Business Department.

Bertha A. Ellis, of Langbank, has just registered for a year's course in the Business Department.

The Agency Office is in charge of Harvey Hicks as Senior, with Miss Mary Jenkinson as Junior. They broke the record in getting the books closed for the week. They had the books closed and the balance out by four o'clock on the closing day of the week. Hicks is a hustler and he had an excellent assistant in the person of Miss Jenkinson.

Among the many students registered for mail courses since our last items appeared we have one from Broadview, Assn., Newport Station, N. S., Hespeler, Harrington East, Ont., Nantimo, B. C., Amick Harbor, Ont., with a number of others from points near at hand.

Miss Ouellette, of the Convent, lost a purse yesterday on Fourth street. Honest Joe Tucker found it this morning, and returned it to the owner.

ELECTION CARDS

ELECTORS OF NO. 1 WARD.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am a candidate for School Trustee for Ward No. 1 at the coming elections and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

W. M. DRADER.
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward 5: Ladies and Gentlemen,—On the solicitation of a number of friends, I have decided to become a candidate for School Trustee in your ward, and, as such, I shall much appreciate the honor of your vote and influence.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I am,
Your obedient servant,
W. C. McKEITHUR.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FIRST CLASS FARM TO SELL OR LEASE—East half of 15, in 7th concession, Raleigh, 100 acres. Apply to J. B. Rankin, K. C. Chatham.

Genuine Gas Coke

REDUCTION IN PRICE

For a limited period this cheapest and most satisfactory fuel will be sold as follows:—

NATURAL SIZE—full cart load of 30 bushels \$3.25 delivered.

CRUSHED SIZE—full cart load of 30 bushels \$3.75 delivered.

Smaller quantities 10c per bushel Natural Size, 12c per bushel Crushed Size, at Gas Works.

Chatham Gas Company, Ltd.

YOUNG'S

OUR STOCK OF

Nuts
Dates,
Candies
Figs and
Table Raisins

is very large and will be sold at very low prices in order to clear out quickly.

OUR MIXED CANDY at 3 lbs. for 25c. is a winner. Try it.

GOOD GUM DROPS, 10c a lb.

GOOD CHOCOLATE DROPS 10c a lb.

Our 25c. CHOCOLATES (assorted flavors) are extra good value.

CHOCOLATE BURNT ALMONDS, 40c a lb.

CHOCOLATE WALNUTS, 40c a lb.

These are regular 60c. Chocolates.

English Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts, English Holly.

GEO. A. YOUNG,
PHONE OUR GROCER. 151

Christmas Candies

Our stock of Christmas Candies is a very large one this season, in spite of the very high price of sugar. Our prices are as low as ever.

Best Mixed Candy, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Christmas Mixed Candy, 3 lbs. for 25c.
Good Creams, 10c a lb.

Good Chocolates, 15c a lb.
Chocolate Nougat, 20c a lb.
Caramel Nougat, 20c a lb.

Chocolate Chips, 20c a lb.
Cream Almonds, 20c a lb.
Maple Creams, 20c a lb.

Packages Butter Scotch, 5c each.
" Chocolate Chips, 10c each.

" Marshmallows, 10c each.
" Chocolate Burnt Almonds, 10c each.
" Bitter Sweets, 10c each.

Wm. Anderson

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"Likely"
Gift

A bottle of Perfume is the most acceptable of Christmas presents, because it is a pleasing suggestion of luxury. The ordinary necessities of life, people buy to suit themselves, but a dainty package of perfume is something entirely different.

See the Display in our Window.

The best American and French Brands.

Prices from 25c to \$4.00

J. H. DENNIS,
DRUGGIST

Phone 375

Bad Weather Coming....

which demands good strong SCHOOL SHOES for the BOYS and GIRLS.

WE'VE GOT THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES

in stock now that we ever had, and at small prices, too.

Our Lines at \$1.25 and \$1.50 are extra good quality.

P-E-A-C-E

SELLS THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES...

BRISCO'S for DOLLS

Up-to-date Millinery.

C. Austin & Co

Fashionable Dressmaking

The Austin Store Headquarters

FOR INEXPENSIVE BUT... TRUSTWORTHY...

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There are only six more buying days until Christmas. Soon the rush immediately before Christmas will be on, stocks will begin to be depleted and range of choice will lessen each day. There is wisdom in doing your shopping at once. We earnestly recommend morning hours for shopping. Now, as well as at all times of the year, our prices are absolutely the lowest to quote consistent with a quality that will insure your gifts being appreciated.

Holiday Sale of Dress Goods and Waist Patterns

There is no better gift to a woman than a Silk or Wool Waist or Dress Pattern, so appropriate at this time of year, specially priced for the holidays, in plain and fancy weaves, tweed effects, flake and spot effects.

WAIST GOODS.—20 inch Peau De Soie in all shades, 50c per yd.
30 inch Taffeta Silk " " 50c " "
20 inch Louise Silk " " 70c " "
20 inch Taffeta Silk, black and colors 75c " "
42 inch all wool Canvas Cloth, in white, with spot, 75c per yd.
27 in all wool Waist Goods, fancy, 40c to 90c

DRESS GOODS.—42 inch Flake Goods in shades of green, brown, black, grey and red 50c
42 inch Fancy Dress Goods in tweed effects, mixed goods, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50
54 inch Black Broadcloth, prices run from 75c to \$2.00 per yd.
54 inch all wool Fancy Tweeds in lengths of 6 yds., per yd. \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50

Silk Mufflers and Handkerchiefs

To give, Oh what to give? That is the question. One of the answers is probably listed below. Every item deserves to be chosen—handsome and good.

No. 1—Assorted colored silk mufflers, broadened in very effective flower designs, at \$1.00 and \$1.25.

No. 2—Japanese Silk handkerchiefs with wide or narrow hem or embroidered with lace edge, every initial, 25c to \$1.00.

LEATHER GOODS

Hand Bags, at 50c to \$5.50. Envelope Bags at \$2.00 to \$4.00. Pocket Books at 50c to \$4.00.

WOMEN'S NECKWEAR NEWS

Good to tell and better to act upon, handmade neckpieces of chiffon trimmed tastefully, silk folds embroidered silk madonnas, beads and fancy stitching. A multiplicity of beautiful pieces to choose from at 25c to \$1.50.

WOMEN'S GLOVES

Among all the good kinds and styles of gloves that critical men and women appreciate, here are two lines especially suited to the times:—
Woman's 2 clasp dressed kid glove in all the new shades at \$1.00 a pair, every pair guaranteed.

Greylock 3 clasp dressed kid glove in all popular shades, white or self backs, every pair guaranteed, 25c a pair.

For Men's Wear

See Our Christmas Window, King St. East.

See Our Special Holiday Neckwear.

The Twenty-Five Cent Counter.



We have made special efforts to make selling easy and have arranged separate counters for our Neckwear. On the Twenty-five Cent Counter we are showing an immense range in all the new shapes, knots, flared ends, puffs, strings, four-in-hands, bows, etc. The majority of the lines are regular 50c Neckwear, special holiday price, 25c.

The 50c. Neckwear Counter—

Handsome rich silks in the prettiest combinations we have ever shown. A big choice of placed on a separate counter for easy choosing. SPECIAL—Large English Squares, the new four-in-hands—full puffs are the popular shapes. Neckwear you pay in most furnishing stores 75c. Our special holiday values at 50c.

Perrin's Celebrated Gloves for Men.

New shades, tans, browns and greys, in suedes, mochas kid, united, silk lined, noted for perfection in fit and service big choice 75c to \$2.50.

Manufacturers' Samples of House Coats.
And at a big discount off. A snap for holiday buyers—a choice of a big English makers' samples, fresh crisp patterns at a saving of 30 per cent. \$8.50 and \$9 House Coats \$5.95 \$12.00 Dressing Gowns at \$8.50.

Umbrellas for Gifts

Here are some general hints of the variety and price ranges. Men's Fancy handle umbrellas, nice quality tops, prices range from \$1.00 to \$3.50.

MEN'S NECK SCARFS

In mercerized effects and pure silk. The full squares special 50c to \$1.25. The new oblong muffler, handsome quality silk at \$1.25 and \$1.00.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Initial mercerized Handkerchiefs special 2 for 25c.
Fancy border " " 3 " 50c.
Special all linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, special 15c each.

a dozen.

MEN'S and BOY'S WINTER OVERCOATS—

An immense range for the little men of 4 years to the big man to 36 to 46 chest measure, boy's overcoats from \$3 to \$7.50, men's overcoats from \$5 to \$16.50. A selection that will suit every taste and please every purse.

This Store Will be Open Evenings Next Week—from Wednesday until Saturday

C. Austin & Co