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## SILK ENDS.

Ends of Japan Silks and French Satins, in lengths 1 yd. to 3 yds—just the thing for fancy work and coming just now should be interesting to you for this purpose.

15 ends of Japan Taffeta, 20 in. wide, in such shades as Nile, Moss, Sky, Pink, Blue, Rose, etc, reg. price 25c a yard, on sale Saturday for 14c.

20 ends of Japan Silks, 27 in. wide, and French Satins in a big range of light and dark shades, reg. price 50c, on sale Friday for 28c.

### Sheet Special

What more acceptable as a gift than a pair of good cotton sheets, hemmed, ready for use. We make a special offering of hemmed sheets, made of extra good linen finish sheeting, 70 in. wide, 90 in. long, regular value \$1.50 a pair, Saturday special at a pair. \$1.23

### Apron Lawn Special

Fine White Apron Lawn, 38 in. wide, deep hem, 4 rows fine looking, 2 in. wide, insertion set in, very special value at a yd. 25c

### Handkerchief Special

Boys Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs, fast color, neat designs, extra at 6 for. 25c

### Ladies' Umbrellas

Exquisite handles, good silk coverings, tight rollers with cover, the very latest styles, good size, special at \$4.00 and. 50c

### Sateen Sofa Cushion Special

Sofa pillows, covered with beautifully designed art sateens, wide full fill, nice assortment of colorings, very special values at \$1.25 and. 40c

THOS. STONE & SON.



## A Look Into The Ark

As the windows indicate, will show that Santa Claus has his headquarters here, gathering dolls, skates, drums, guns, sleighs, steam engines, mechanical toys, rocking horses, games, picture books and everything else that he can get into his bag, for boys and girls. And for the older folks, "Pandora" and "Famous" Stoves and Ranges to warm your house or roast your Christmas turkey. Nice steel and silver knives and forks, dinner and tea sets in best English Semi-Porcelain to the finest Haviland French China, price \$3.75 to \$30.00 per set.

Lamps and globes, all the latest styles. Come at once please and make your shopping a pleasure. See what we have and buy what you require at "THE ARK."

H. MACAULAY,

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Prompt delivery of goods.

## The City Bakery

STILL TO THE FRONT WITH

Christmas Goods, Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Bread, Cakes and Pastry of all Descriptions.

LUNCHEONS AT ALL HOURS.

FRESH OYSTERS served in all styles and for sale in bulk.

WEDDING CAKES A SPECIALTY.

WM. SOMERVILLE.

## GOOD RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

Successful Annual Meeting of the Local Branch of the Children's Aid Society.

Excellent Report of the Various Officers—Dr. Bray's Good Work—Address by Rev. Mr. Ledyard.

The best meeting in the history of the Children's Aid Society was the one held in the Oddfellows' Auditorium last evening, celebrating the eighth anniversary of the organization of the Society. The work of the Society throughout the past year has been exceedingly commendable and a great deal of good to unfortunate children has resulted.

Although the attendance at the meeting was not as large as the officers would have liked to have seen, the meeting was an enthusiastic one as was possible. A splendid program was given.

Rev. F. E. Malott, pastor of Victoria avenue Methodist church,

The report of the Executive Officer, Dr. J. V. Bell, was read by that very efficient officer of the Society. He had made 90 visits in the children's cause and had written 74 letters. The work of the local Society was hampered by there being no inter-communication between the different societies. The number of cases reported during the year requiring attention was 35, embracing in all 66 children, 41 of whom were from the city and the remainder scattered throughout the different Townships of the County. Eight children taken before the magistrate were all made wards of the Society and placed in good homes, excepting one, who is undergoing treatment for a disease of the eye.

Thirteen applications for children were received by the Executive Officer, but the supply was limited, not only here, but throughout the province. There are several still open.

In closing the officer heartily thanked the other members of the society who had so kindly aided him in his work, and hoped to see even greater results in 1904 than in 1903.

President Patterson now introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Mr. Ledyard, of Owen Sound, one of the greatest workers in the province in the interests of the children. The speaker experienced great pleasure in being present in such an auspicious occasion in the children's work. He was greatly pleased to see such a wide-awake and progressive society as he had the pleasure of seeing to-night. All societies of the kind in the province were not that way. The idea of interesting the rural

## THE QUEEN IN DANGER.

HER BEDROOM ON FIRE WHILE SHE WAS ASLEEP.

Wakened by Her Secretary, Miss Knollys—Great Excitement Among Guests at Sandringham.

London, Dec. 11.—A fire occurred yesterday at Sandringham, and Queen Alexandra and her Secretary, Miss Knollys, had a narrow escape. It broke out at 5 o'clock this morning in Miss Knollys' bedroom in the chimney-fue, where a beam is supposed to have been smouldering for some days, and spread to the bedroom of the Queen, who was asleep at the time. She was awakened by Miss Knollys, who raised an alarm. But the fire obtained a good hold of both rooms, and considerable damage was done before the flames were extinguished. The outbreak caused a great deal of excitement at Sandringham, where a number of guests are staying at present.

## JAPANESE IRRITATED.

Ministers Impeached and People Getting Beyond Control.

London, Dec. 11.—The Times Tokyo correspondent says that the opening



Interesting group of men who figure officially in the recognition given to the new republic of the Isthmus, including many who have been instrumental in bringing about the decision which now gives the U. S. authorization to proceed with the construction of the Inter-Oceanic highway by means of the Panama route.

opened with a short prayer.

The vocal solo given by Miss Gertrude Somerville was a splendid rendition of "When Sylvia Saunters By." Miss Somerville was in excellent voice and her solo was much appreciated.

C. H. Gunn, tenor, was the second soloist and his efforts drew considerable applause.

Miss Olive Richards, the possessor of a splendid soprano voice, rendered "All for You" in excellent style. "Love's Consolation" was the title of the pretty song admirably sung by Miss Edith Dolson. The song was entirely suited to the singer's rich soprano voice and her stage appearance added greatly to her winning power.

The recitations given by Miss Eva Barassin were well up to the high standard set by this popular and excellent elocutionist.

The President of the Society, D. S. Patterson, opened the business part of the session with a short address on the work and aims of the Society. He then asked for the annual reports.

Mrs. W. D. Sheldon's report showed that 384 pieces of clothing had been received during the past year and 261 had been distributed where needed, leaving 123 pieces—principally summer clothing—on hand; all made by the Willing Workers of Holy Trinity church.

The Secretary, Mrs. Fraser, reported that the Sunday schools of the city had been asked for one Sunday's collection and a heavy response had been the result. The County school would be asked shortly for a collection. During the past year the Society had lost a valued member in the person of Mrs. Banning. It was the intention of the Society to ask for a special Christmas collection in the Sunday schools in town.

The report of Treasurer, Dr. J. V. Bell, was read and showed a balance in bank of \$81.87, due on legacies left to the Society, \$10.00, and a balance of \$91.87, a most excellent shape.

teachers in the interests of the good cause was a splendid one and the local board was to be complimented on it. The Chatham society, too, was to be complimented on being rich, and the more so in rural districts the better results will accrue.

Child life, continued the speaker, has become more valuable ever since our Lord Jesus Christ had put a new value on it, when He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." The value of children has been on the increase ever since that time.

The three great drawbacks in the rescue of the children are, first, and probably the least, "heredity," second, "surroundings," and third, the greatest of all, "parental laxity and carelessness."

Nothing can be done in the first instance; in the second the surroundings can be improved, but with the latter, what can be done?

To this luxury of many parents, add positive vices, and in many cases abject poverty, and what can you expect from the child? Something must be done to make the home life different.

The speaker urged that all cases which come under the eye of the society be put immediately in the hands of the agent.

The services of judges and magistrates should be elicited in this work. Many instances which Mr. Ledyard had gone through himself were narrated and proved very interesting.

Visiting the wards was a very important factor of the good work, to watch them until really able to take care of themselves.

In closing, the speaker complimented the Chatham executive officer on his efficient work.

On motion of Messrs. F. E. Malott and W. R. Baxter, the Rev. Mr. Ledyard was given a hearty vote of thanks for his excellent and instructive address.

An advisory board, consisting of 19 persons, was appointed, with power to increase its number, and to elect the officers of the society for 1904.

of the Diet was attended by a remarkable incident. The Imperial speech, which was delivered personally, did not contain anything striking, but merely stated that the Ministers had been instructed carefully to conduct important negotiations for securing the peace of the east and maintaining the rights of the empire. Subsequently the House voted a reply to the speech containing the following clause—

"The present is a time when the country's destiny has reached a point of unprecedented importance, and yet the Ministerial measures are inadequate to the situation, inasmuch as the Ministers pursue an opportunist policy at home and abroad."

Regarding these things with profound solicitude, we earnestly pray his Majesty to exercise his enlightened judgment thereon. It is the first time in Japanese Parliamentary annals that the representatives utilized the reply to the Imperial speech as a vehicle for impeaching the Cabinet. It is practically certain that the House of Representatives will be dissolved tomorrow.

SHOT A TRESPASSER.

Victor Allar Receives a Charge in the Neck.

Windsor, Dec. 11.—Because he was trespassing on the game preserves of the Detroit Club in the Canard River district, below Sandwich, Victor Allar received a charge of birdshot in the neck from a shotgun in the hands of a man alleged to be Henry Meloeche, the guardian of the grounds. The affair happened last week and was hushed up, no arrests being made.

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## Santa Claus Headquarters



or house is at SULMAN'S BEEHIVE. Never has there been such a complete stock in Chatham to select from. Everything and anything suitable for young and old, rich and poor. Splendid values in many lines and good values in all. Remember this is the store where you can get anything in small goods you may want. Special attention is devoted to our stock of books. We have all the new copyrights and readable literature of the day. Mail orders promptly filled. Deal at the store with the big stock.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, Opp. Garner House.

## ERNEST CASTEL ESCAPES.

MURDERER BREAKS OUT OF CALGARY BARRACKS.

Holds Up His Guards With Revolvers and Bids Them Adieu—To be Hanged on Tuesday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Ernest Castel, who was under sentence of death to be hanged on Tuesday next for the murder of Rufus Bell, escaped from the police barracks at Calgary at 6.30 p.m. Constable Piper, who was on guard, ordered the prisoner out of the cell until he should make a search. On the outside were Constables Leslie and Phillips. Castel walked out and sat on a bench in front of a window facing the street. Piper, after the search, ordered Castel back to the cell, whereupon the prisoner suddenly flashed two shining revolvers in the face of his guards and ordered all three into the cell he had just vacated. He took their revolvers and locked them in, and then walked in his shackled feet to the place where the boys were kept, unlocked the shackles, and after taunting the guards, kissed his hand to them by way of adieu and left the barracks. Fifteen minutes later the night guard came in to find the three mounted police in Castel's cell. Castel is supposed to have started for the United States. He was 21 years old to-day.

## ATLAS HEARING OVER.

Facts in Most Cases Agreed to—Argument at Toronto.

St. Thomas, Dec. 11.—When the hearing of appeals of the Atlas Loan contributories was resumed yesterday, a number of cases were rapidly disposed of through counsel agreeing as to the facts. They were as follows: Ald. Sperrin Chant, St. Thomas, holds 65 shares, \$1,000 unpaid, and had on deposit \$1,385.64; W. R. Jackson, 250 shares, \$800 unpaid, nothing paid to reserve fund, and no deposit; Mrs. C. A. Middaugh, 65 shares, on which \$500 is unpaid, and had on deposit \$1,174; C. Calcott, 50 shares, \$1,000 unpaid, no reserve fund payments and no deposit; Miss Hattie Robinson, ten shares, \$500 unpaid, \$200 on deposit, and gave a note of \$370 to reserve fund, which he unpaid; Mrs. Elizabeth Spence, 30 shares, \$50 unpaid, no reserve fund, and no deposit; Miss Lizzie Wyatt, eleven shares, \$500 unpaid, \$244 paid to reserve fund and nothing on deposit; W. Clark has admitted 51 shares, \$4,800, nothing paid to reserve fund, and no deposit; Wm. Gay, nine shares, \$300 unpaid, \$444 paid to reserve fund and \$275.00 on deposit; Mrs. Elizabeth McKay, 40 shares, \$1,500 unpaid, on deposit \$266.64; Wm. Royal, 45 shares, \$3,700 unpaid, nothing paid to reserve fund and no deposit.

Mr. S. Price, solicitor for Rev. H. T. Crossley, evangelist, admitted that he held one hundred shares, and received dividends thereon. The amount unpaid was \$6,000. There had been paid to reserve \$2,000. He had on deposit for himself \$17.00, and a deposit in trust of \$544. Rev. Mr. Crossley in a letter, which was in the hands of the Master in Ordinary, said that he held certain property as "trustee for the Lord," a claim which Mr. Hunter said he was not prepared to admit.

Mr. Price, for Rev. J. E. Hunter, evangelist, admitted holding sixty shares. The amount unpaid was \$4,000. Paid to reserve fund, \$450. Balance on deposit, \$700.98.

THE EMPIRE DANGER.

Manchester Courier Fears Trouble From Delay.

London, Dec. 11.—The Manchester Courier, dealing with the cry that the empire is in danger, says: "Why disguise from ourselves the fact that in every colony there is not only a free trade party, but a party of disruption, a party of independence, a cutting-the-painter party, that think England and the colonies would be better apart? The annexation party is dormant in Canada owing to the awakening of the Imperial spirit, but let the tariff question wait much longer and Canada will conclude special commercial treaties with the United States."

## CALL OF DEATH

The death of one of the oldest settlers of Kent County occurred in this city this morning at 12.30 o'clock, in the person of Mrs. Wildgen. Deceased was 85 years of age and was born in Germany. When she first came to this country she settled near Buffalo. Thirty-two years ago she took up her residence in the German Settlement, Harwich, and about ten years later moved into the city, where she has lived ever since. Her husband died about sixteen years ago.

The four who survive are, Theodore, of Pontiac, Mich.; Henry, of Hoisington, Kansas, John of Harwich; Mrs. Charles La France, of this city, and Matthias, of London. Mrs. P. Danier, of Buffalo, N. Y., is a sister of deceased.

The funeral will take place from the residence of Charles La France, corner of Lacroix and Edgar streets, on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, to St. Joseph's Church. Interment will be made in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Headquarters for

## Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$3.00....

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