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JACKETS FOR
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Extraordinary Offering

\$4.85

100 Ladies' Jackets in Black and Colors, all sizes from 32 to 42 in.; Jackets that were personally selected by our buyer in Berlin; Jackets that represent the very choicest productions of the German makers; Jackets that were marked to sell at \$8.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00 and were extra value at those prices.

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In order to make this a record month in our business we will offer for sale the balance of this week, at reduced prices, the remainder of our big stock of Christmas China.

33 1-3 Per Cent. Off all Fancy Salad or Fruit Bowls, Cake Plates, Fruit Sets, Bread and Butter Plates and Fancy Vases.

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OUR ADVERTISEMENTS PAY.

LET US HAVE A PROVINCIAL HOUSE-CLEANING

TRIBUTE TO THE MAYOR

Council Pass Congratulatory Motions to His Worship Mayor McKeough and City Clerk Merritt

Wind up the Year's Business With Last Night's Session—Ald Martin Says McColg Sees a Storm Ahead.



MAYOR W. E. McKEOUGH,
Who Has Just Closed His Two Years
Service as Chief Magistrate
of the Maple City.

All the members attended the final sitting of the City Council for 1904 and the session was a long and busy one.

Geo. Morrell was granted \$50 reduction on assessment through mistake of assessors.

Samuel Holmes was granted a reduction in assessment on dogs if assessors certificate is secured.

On motion of Ald. McColg the Bitulithic Co. were paid balance of account.

Dowley Co. forwarded statement of water rates.—Finance.

Chief of Police Holmes reported collection of \$250 poll tax.—Received.

C. S. Hyman acknowledged receipt of petition for outlet to prevent flooding of river. He said it was not a matter of governmental appropriation.

Ald. Marshall reported for Finance that they had settled the Turill suit at \$60, contractors paying half; that the Chatham Navigation Co. be relieved of dock discharges for years 1903-4 (withdrawn and left for new Council); that \$54.65 be returned to

BUT HE DELIVERED THE GOODS



Poor Little George W. Ross never saw Santa Claus.

"I want to say, by way of confession, that some of those who have been associated with the irregularities in the Liberal ranks are entire strangers to me. (Cheers.) For instance, Captain Sullivan—Sullivan?—never saw him. Frank Sullivan—saw him once two months ago at a distance. I was told so-and-so was Frank Sullivan—never saw his face. Robert Sutherland, concerned at the Soo—never saw him. Go over the whole list of the Liberals that have been reported for corrupt practices, and I think I can say truthfully that I have never seen them, and have no personal acquaintance with them."—Hon. Mr. Ross at Napanee.

heartily and well-deserved tribute by the Council last evening.

After Ald. Martin had been called to the chair, Ald. McColg in a few well chosen words moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. McKeough for his splendid services, paying a warm tribute to his worth and ability.

Ald. Scullard seconded and every member spoke enthusiastically in support thereof.

Mayor McKeough made a feeling and appropriate response. The term of office had, he said, been a great pleasure to him and he took occasion to pay a tribute to his colleagues at the aldermanic board. He spoke

elegantly of the progress and development all the time going on, and concluded with a splendid eulogy on our fine young city.

The City Clerk was next honored by a well-merited vote of thanks, also the members of the press, Ald. Edmondson and Martin, being the sponsors. Mr. Merritt was generally characterized—and truthfully so—as the best city clerk in the Province.

City Clerk W. G. Merritt, who was greeted with applause, in a few brief words expressed appreciation of the tribute paid.

The usual Christmas boxes were then passed.

Raleigh on Mud and Indian Creek drains; and that \$5 be paid to the B. M. E. trustees.—Adopted.

Ald. Piggott reported for Industrial committee that they had corresponded with 135 concerns during the year. Several negotiations were still in progress.—Adopted.

Ald. McColg presented the Engineer's report on the work done during the past year, including 15,950 feet of granolithic walk, 10,820 feet of sewers and 11,970 feet of pavement, the total cost of local improvements being \$104,720.53. Some works, Ald. McColg said, the Board were un-

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CALLED AWAY TO THE UNSEEN

Robert Mercer, the Esteemed Governor of the Jail Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon

A Long and Useful Life—Was for 30 Years a Valued Official—Sketch of a Good Life.

Robert Mercer passed away yesterday afternoon at five minutes to three o'clock. His son Samuel and Mrs. John Waddell were at the bedside when the end came. He suffered from a paralytic stroke Friday night at Sam Perrin's rooms in the Victoria Block. While chatting with some friends there he complained of a numbness on his right side and said he believed he was suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Soon after he became unconscious and was removed to the Public General Hospital, where he lingered till yesterday, never regaining consciousness. Mr. Mercer was one of the best known and most highly respected residents of this city. He came here when he was seven years old and everybody in Chatham knew him.

Robert Mercer, who for thirty-two years was governor of Kent County jail and one of the most experienced officials in the County, was the descendant of one of the early families of this section of the Province.

In 1833 the grandparents came to Canada and settled on a farm in Amherstburg. In 1835 the family moved to Windsor; there John, the father of the late Robert Mercer, was made postmaster, deputy collector of customs and deputy sheriff for Essex, Kent and Lambton. On the division of the counties he came to Chatham and in 1855 was appointed sheriff, an office which he held for more than forty years.



THE LATE ROBT. MERCER

The sheriff had a family of four, Mrs. F. G. Elliott, Mrs. A. G. McWhinney, Robert and Harry, of St. Clair, Mich. The last named is the only surviving member of the family.

The late Robert Mercer was born Nov. 29, 1843, in Windsor, County of Essex, and was in his 61st year at the time of his demise. He obtained his early education in the old barracks on Tecumseh Park under Mr. Jamieson. He also attended the Chatham Grammar School and Upper Canada College. He held the office of deputy sheriff under his father till 1873 and then resigned to accept the position of governor of the jail. A modern biographer says of him: "With its many duties and grave responsibilities, Mr. Mercer has efficiently contended for almost 30 years his administration being perfectly satisfactory to the County. A thorough disciplinarian, at the same time he was as open to these kindly feelings which make of him the excellent and reliable officer he has always been."

In June, 1870, Robert Mercer was married to Miss Annie D. Eberts, daughter of the late Wm. D. Eberts, one of the pioneers of Chatham. Five children blessed the union. They were—Samuel, Robert, James and William and Miss Kate. Robert, now in Stratheona; Kate, Victoria, B. C., and Samuel, of this city, alone survive.

A particularly sad feature of the demise of Mr. Mercer is the fact that three members of the family have passed away within three months. Mrs. Mercer died just three months ago to-day and William passed away a month ago.

James A. Mercer, of Oronagon, Mich., and Mrs. Spackhall, of Royalton, Minn., uncle and aunt respectively, are the only living near relatives besides his brother.

Robert Mercer, Jr., of Stratheona, is expected home to-morrow, when the funeral arrangements will be completed.

He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and the Woodmen of the World.

Old pipe or ten lead wanted at this office at once.

A. Boyle, of Clachan, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

It seems quite natural that the burglar should take things for granted.

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