

Christmas is Near

Though we do not realize perhaps, just how near. Our stock is complete now, somewhat earlier than usual, but we found this year that early buyers had the best of it. We found this year that early buyers had the best of it. We think you will find it decidedly to your advantage, also to shop early. You get the best goods, biggest selection and proper attention. These are sufficient inducements no doubt, but there is still another—the question of price. As we stated before, our second purchases meant higher prices, we are sure you would profit by our early buying.

Items Sugar, 2 lbs. for 25c.

tee reported as follows:

Central School—R. Cooper, supplies, \$15.-60; J. L. Scott, \$41.52; J. Marquand, \$1; teachers' salaries, \$342.05; extras, \$12; janiteachers' salaries, \$344.758.

McKeough School—J. L. Scott, \$21.70, D. C. Clements, \$2.20; teachers' salaries, \$287.48; janitor, \$29.16; total \$340.54.

Queen St. School—R. Cooper, \$1.60, teachers' salaries, \$74.99; extras, \$4.50; janitor, \$10.25; total, \$91.34.

Payne School—Mr. Green, 50c; teachers' salaries, \$54.16; janitor, \$9; total, \$63.66.

Selected Raisins, 10c a lb. Cleaned Currents, 12½c a 16 Mixed Peel, 20c a lb.

Best Extracts, 2 bottles for 25c. Pure Ground Spices

Seeded Raisins, 121c a pound.

Our Candy Counter...

Has grown and expanded until it threatens to over run the store. You will be delighted with the many pretty boxes we are showing. Some in particular are patriotic, Kharki color and tied with the Red, White and Blue. The prices you will find very reasonable. We ask you to come in and look around—anything you select now and do not wish before Christmas will be put aside for you. A short time spent in here will do more to show you quality, and quantity than columns of writing.

Butter Scotch, 25c a lb.

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Perput Candy, 20c a lb. Has grown and expanded until it threatens to over run the

Good Cream Candy, 15c a lb. od Chocolates, 15c a lb. ine Taffies, 15c a lb.

Peanut Candy, 20e a lb. Maple Cream, 25c a lb.

Our Special Assortment, 25c a box, is a good one

Cardinal Cream Chocolates, 30c a pound. Fancy Chocolate Creams, 40c a pound Our Finest Chocolates, 50c a pound.

H. Malcolmson.

ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of Chatham Ladies and Gentlemen: At the urgent request of several re-At the urgent request of sevent presentative citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.

Yours, W. F. SMITH,

Barrister.

Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is my intention to again offer my It is my intention to again offer my services as Alderman for 1901.

I trust that my record as alderman during 1896 and 1897, and as chairman of the finance committee in the latter year is such as to entitle me to your confidence. If elected, I will, as before, strive to look after the city's interests to the best of my ability, and I respectfully solicit your support.

Yours faithfully, S. B. ARNOLD.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen I am again a candidate for the of-fice of Sshool Trustee. Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited. R. M. PAXTON.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physi-

Mayorality

To the Electorate of the City of Chatham

Ladies and gentlemen: I am a candidate for mayor To the Electors of the City of for 1901, and I respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours, W. E McKEOUGH.

Chatham, Ont, 19th Nov., 1900

Awful Experience with Heart Disease.—Mr. L. J. Law, Toronto, Can., writes: "I was so sorely troubled with heart disease that I was unable for 18 months to lie down in bed lest I smother. After taking one dose of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure, I retired and slept soundly. I used one bottle and the trouble has not returned."—oo.

Sold by J. W. McLaren, Chatham. Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.—
J. R. Lovell.

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That will burn coal or wood perfectly, keep fire over night and save you one-third your bill, we have them at

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School Board Must Provide Some Additional Accommodation.

Cost of Education in Chatham Said be Lower Than in Any Other

The school board met last evening. Be ood natured chaffing amongst the mem ers in regard to the election. Mr. Morley ame in and Mr. McCorvie suggested that Andrew Thomson shake hands with him out Trustee Thomson said he wasn't shaking hands this year. He would leave that for Mr. Campbell. When the meeting opened Chairman Wilson and all the members of the board were in their places. The report of Inspector McColl was read and adopted.

Payne-Miss Sprentall 36, Miss Moun-Queen street—Miss Snell 42, Miss Kern 30, Miss Dawson 34.

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McKeough—Miss Garrett 44, Miss Lafferty 49, Miss Longwell 39, Miss Morrison 39, Miss Young 51, Miss Irving 51, Miss Samson 45, Miss Abram 53, Mr. Brackin 40, Miss Aylesworth 46.

Central—Miss Barassin 41, Miss McKellar 43, Miss King 43, Miss Macpherson 44, Miss Arnold 36, Miss Ryan 48, Miss Birch 30, Miss Gordon 52, Miss Doherty 40, Miss Hillman 25, Miss Bell 27, Miss Green and Miss Schwemler 42.

Miss Schwemler 42.
County Model—Mr. Plewes 27.

Chairman Johnston of the finance tee reported as follows:

Payne School—Mr. Green, 50c; teachers' salaries, \$54.16; janitor, \$9; total, \$63.66.
Central Kindergarten—Mrs. Vanzant, 50c, teachers' salaries, \$48.33; total, \$48.83.
McKeough Kindergarten—R. Cooper, \$3.99; Selby & Co., \$1.30; teachers' salaries, \$39.58; total, \$44.87.
Model School—W. J. Kenny, \$275; Globe Printing Co., \$6c; The Planet, \$3; teachers'

Printing Co., 86c; The Planet, \$3; teachers rinting Co., Soc. The Planet, \$5; teachers salary, \$40; total, \$46.61.
General account—Supplies, \$5.40; insurance, \$24; King St. caretaker, \$1; total, \$30.-40; grand total, \$1113.83.

A LACK OF ACCOMMODATION.

one of the large closk rooms into a class room. Some 25 additional scholars could thus be accommodated and the trouble

Mr. Robertson moved that the managers along with Mr. Plewes have power to fit up

Cooper's account, for Globe, amounting to \$9.50 be referred to the with power .-

Re the letter, from the St. Thomas School Board requesting co-operation with them to petition the Legislature to hold an entrance examination dur-ing the Christmas holidays for those

ing the Christmas holidays for those who failed to pass at midsummer, the finance committee recommended that no action be taken.

Re Insurance, which matter was referred to the finance committee, they recommended that the renewals made by the Secretary-Treasurer be confirmed.

PUSHED TOO HARD.

Mr. Johnston said that the matter re entrance exams at the Christmas hogi-days had been carefully looked into days had been carefully looked into and it was feld that the young children were being pushed forward too rapidly as it was. In addition there was expense, which would be heavy. Chairman Wilson asked if the question had been considered in the light Chairman Wilson asked if the question had been considered in the light of expense to the families. Some pupils fail who are up in the work, and it is a hardship to the families to be under the expense of keeping their children a whole year back.

Mr. Johnston said that this phase of the question had been considered.

Trustee McCorvie said that in his popinion his girl would have been the better of another year in the public school.

Dr. McKeough spoke along the same ine pointing out the difference be-tween work in public schools and the C. C. I. The Doctor was of the opinion that another year in the public school would prove advantageous to the pu-nil.

pil.
Applications for positions on the staff were received from Miss Josephine Ferguson, of Tilsonburg, and Miss Effie Lafferty, of this city.
On motion of Mr. Thomson, seconded by John McCorvie, the applications were filed and the names of the applicants placed in the list of supply teachers.

Jenkin Richards, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Richards, wrote thanking the board for their kindness in reference to their daughter's death. On motion of Mr. Johnston the letter

On motion of Mr. Johnston the letter was received and filed.
Mr. Morley seconded the motion. He said he thought this a good-way to get over the difficulty.

Trustee Thomson said that there was the same complaint from over the creek, through children being sent from the Central back to Payne school. from the Central back to Payne school. He had no complaints, but he understood other trustees in No. 4 Ward had had complaints. The parents Mr. Thomson had seen were quite satisfied that their children had been sent back. Dr. McKeough thought that Mr. Robertson's motion was pushing the matter through too rapidly. He counselled time, and made an amendment that the matter of fitting up a cloak room be referred to the managers of Payne school, Queen St. school, and the Central. This committee of managers to look into the matter and report at the special meeting. the special meeting. Campbell thought Dr. Me

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BIG BARGAINS IN SILK WAISTS For evening wear—beauties—pick them at a special inducement at \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. LADIES' DRESSING SACQUES Of heavy outing flannel, crochet edges. We close out the balance of these de-FUR COATS Every lady knows the comfort of a Bokhara, Astrachan, Raccoon, Wallaby, or fine Seal Jacket, ranging from \$20 to \$45.

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FUR COLLARETTS A special line of samples—plunder from a traveller. Plums. A gentle hint—Remember a Fur-CHILDRENS' JACKETS Children come in for their share of the plunder, in Reefers, Jackets, Sailors, Cloaks and Ulsters from \$1.50 to \$4.50.

BEAVERS AND CURLS All colors and black, for heavy coats and Ulsters, from 75c up

Miss Cathcart's Millinery Section On the second Floor has some new, bright and catchy creations. All her untrimmed and outing hats she will close out at cut in two

Remember the large stock, the low prices, the greatest variety of styles in every department to select from.

... WILLIAM GORDON.

Christmas **Furniture**



WE have received a large assortment of handsome Tables Sideboards, Bedroom Suits, Rocking Chairs, Cabinets, etc., suitable for holiday presents. Owing to the large demand for this class of goods during the holidays, we frequently find ourselves out of special lines that we are unable to reorder in time for Christmas and we would suggest if you intend making such purchases to call at once and make your selection. Your purchases will be put aside for you until the holiday. You can get what you want now and can save money by buying while we have plenty of time to serve you properly.

Hugh McDonald

KingStreet,Chatham

Opposite Garner House

Mr. Paxton thought that Dr. Mr. Paxton thought that Dr. Keough's suggestion was best. The parents objected sending their children to the Queen St. school owing to its reputation for being in an unsanity of the control of the cont tary condition. The best plan, in Mr. Paxton's opinion, was to build a new school to replace Queen St. school. The matter rests with the ratepayers, and if they want a new school they can

Mr. Robertson withdrew his motion and Dr. McKeough's, appointing the managers of the three schools, was passed. This committee of managers

will meet this afternoon. John McCorvie extended an invitation to the board to attend the com-

mencement exercises at McKeough school on Thursday, December 13th, when the medals and prizes were to be presented to the successful pupils of that school.

Mer. Morley asked that the management of the successful pupils of the successful pupils of the successful pupils of the school. er's be empowered to fix a leak in the tower of the Central school on which

tower of the Central school on which the flag-pole is. Request granted.

Chairman Walson said he was pleased to see Dr. McKeough back from his trip. The board generally showed that they were of the same opinion by clapping their hands.

Dr. Bray said the Model school had only used about \$5 of the money annually laid aside from the fees for the purchase of books for the Model school library. He moved that \$25 of the purchase of books for the Model school library. He moved that \$25 of this fund be granted to the Central school to help purchase the library which they are endeavoring to secure, and the balance, about \$16, be given to McKeough school for the same purpose. Carried.

pose. Carried. Mr. Johnston said that in view of the coming elections and the charges of extravagance that would be hurled at he trustees who were candidates for re-election, he had secured the school re-election, he had secured the school rates from some other cities. They were as follows: Windsor, 7.86; Sarnia 5.03; Stratford 4.50; St. Thomas, 4.50; Woodstock, 5.60; Chatham, 4.20.

It was easily perceived that the Maple City rate was the lowest, and, after the board had patted themselves on the back, they adjourned.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock a lantern entertainment will be given at the hall of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Joseph's Church and under their auspices. The light used in projection will be "the Drummond light" which produces the most beautiful pictures on the screen. The entertainment is under the management of the Rev. Fr. Herman whose known ability the Rev. Fr. Herman whose known ability will ensure a brilliant success. 3td.

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know it will go down into your lungs or stomach and cause serious trouble. You hould use Vapo-Cresolene at once. The cure is so easy and so pleasant. You put some Cresolene in the vaporizer, light the lamp beneath and breathe-in the vapor while sleeping, that's all. The healing, soothing vapor, goes all up through the nose, quieting inflammation and restoring the parts to a Inflammation and restoring the parts to a healthy condition. Doctors prescribe it. Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. A Vapo-Cresolene outfit, including the Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a life-time, and a bottle of Cresolene, complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and socients. Illustrated booklete. staining physician's testimonials free upon request. Vapo-

ng physicians' testimonials free upon request. VAPC RESOLENE Co., 180 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A. Recommended and sold by C. H. Gunn & Co., Central Drug Store, Chatham.

THAMESVILLE.

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Geo. Munro has sold his electric light plant to Chas. Eberlee.
D. Wallace met with a painful accident yesterday. While cutting wood the axe slipped cutting his foot very severely.
The supper and concert given by the Ladies' Aid of St. James Presbyterian Church in the school room were most enjoyable. About three hundred people partook of the supper after which they adjourned to the auditorium where the concert was held. The concert was opened with an anthem by the choir, after which addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Battisby, of Chatham, Rev. Mr. Munro, of Ridgetown, Rev. Mr. Brown, of Bothwell, Rev. Mr. Robertson, of McKay's Corners; Rev. Mr. Freeman and Robt. Ferguson, M.P. P. Mr. Hempiel, of London, gave an instrumental selection Robt. Ferguson, M.P.P. Mr. Hempiel, of London, gave an instrumental selection which was heartily applauded. Mrs. E. Taylor, of Ridgetown, sang in her usual inimitable manner; while Claire Monteith, of Chatham, who appeared for the first time in Thamesville, quite took the audience by storm, all his sings receiving a hearty enore. Miss causgrove acted as accompanied the evening. Mrs. Graves'

and Miss Jennie Laurie's recitation were rendered with very pleasing effect. The ladies are to be congratulated on their suc-On Tuesday, Dec 4, to Mr. and Mrs. E.

H. White, a son.

Mack Laing, Mrs. D. Laing and Mrs.

Henry, of Clearville, were the guests of
Mrs. E. Edwards on Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Taylor, of Ridgetown, was the
guest of Mrs. G. J. Watts, of the Tecumseh house, while in town.

Mrs. Watts and Miss Jennings Ridgetown yesterday.

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