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A Snap in Dress Goods

4 1/2 in. wide all wool Hopsack weave dress goods in excellent shades of navy, grey, brown and green, correct wear and weight for skirts and shirtwaist suits, regular price 50c. a yard, on sale to clear, very special at a yard, 25c.

A Ribbon Opportunity

40 pcs. Satin and Silk Ribbons, in widths number 16 and 20, every wanted shade, just the thing for fancy work, regular prices 15c to 25c. a yard, on sale very special at 8c.

35 pieces Silk and Satin Ribbons, in widths number 5 and 9, in every wanted shade, suitable for fancy work and hair ribbons, regular prices 8c. to 12 1/2c, on sale very special at 5c.

A Shaker Chance

10 pieces Sky Blue Shaker Flannel, full width, perfect goods, but we have too many of the shade and want to clear them out. These prices will rule in the lot—all sky blue.

36 in. Shaker 12 1/2c for 10c; 34 in. Shaker, 11c. for 9c; 30 in. Shaker, 9c. for 7 1/2c; 28 in. Shaker 6c. for 4 1/2c.

Ladies Jackets 1/4 Off

In spite of our large selling of ladies' jackets since we advertised the great reduction we still have too many for this season and will continue our offer of one-quarter off. This means to you a saving like this:

\$5.00 jackets for \$3.75.
\$10.00 jackets for \$7.50.
\$12.00 jackets for \$9.00.
\$15.00 jackets for \$11.25.

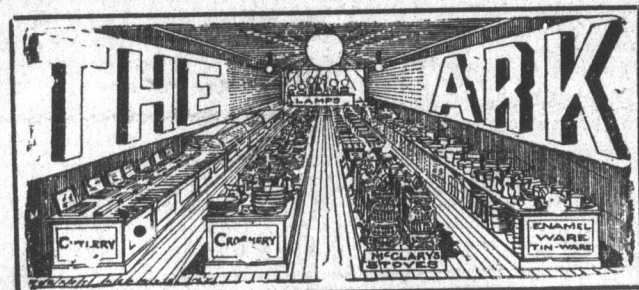
Remember you have your choice of our entire stock of over 200 jackets.

Furs

We do not sell you furs below cost, because no merchant can do that and live; but we sell you furs on as close a margin of profit as can be done, and we buy our furs a little better than any firm in the country. We ought to know where to buy best; we have been buying and selling furs for over fifty years.

Every fur garment that leaves our store carries with it our guarantee to be as represented. You are safe in buying furs here, and you have a magnificent assortment from which to select.

Thos. Stone & Son



We Greet You This Season

With the choicest lines of Holiday Goods ever imported into the city, being the best that could be procured in the world's markets.

A Look Into Our Window

Will give you an idea of the style and superior quality of our Games and Toys. We never forget the little folks, are always careful to get what will delight them.

We will not attempt to describe our stock of Metal and China Ornaments, Fancy Mirrors, Photo Frames, Genuine Ebony Brush and Comb Sets, Fancy China Plates, Salads, Vases, Bon Bons, &c.

Dinner, Tea, Toilet Sets and Fancy Lamps are on the 2nd Flat. Pandora Ranges and Famous Stoves are nicely arranged in the rear room. We are prepared with willing help to wait on you quickly.

H. MACAULAY

CHRISTMAS CAKE

We have over 1000 pounds of it made in all sizes from one pound to fifteen pounds each, and it will pay anyone to come and look and sample them and buy one and save money and trouble. We will guarantee them to be the best that can be made.

Try Our "BUTTER SOOTIE"

W. S. RICHARDS, KENT BAKERY.

TELEPHONE, 186.

MAY BE MURDER

Terrible Tragedy Said to have been Enacted near Chatham Last July—Crown Investigating

Evidence recently procured and now in the hands of the authorities goes to prove that a murder was committed near Chatham just outside the city limits on July 9th last.

It will be remembered that on that day the Forepaugh Sells Bros. circus visited Chatham. It will also be remembered that the body of a young man apparently about 25 years of age was found on the G. T. R. tracks early in the morning of July 9th by trainmen in a very badly mangled condition. Deceased had nothing in his clothes to identify him by and had 85 cents in his pocket. He was supposed at the time to be one of the employees of the show and was five feet six inches tall, light complexion, with brown hair and blue eyes. The show people reported that one man was missing, but the description of the man they said was now supposed to be the man who was found dead on the track.

Thus the mystery ended at the time and the incident was soon forgotten. It now appears that a certain colored man who is now serving time in Central Prison, Toronto, for a burglary committed in St. Thomas, was with some pals, following up the circus train, and robbing the employees. It is claimed by an eye witness that as the train was moving into Chatham on July 9th this colored man robbed one of the circus gang and then threw him off the fast moving train. This employee is now supposed to be the man who was found dead on the track.

The Crown is investigating the case.

PETTY THEFT

James Massey's Store Entered Last Evening—No Clue to the Mystery.

Chatham was visited by another petty burglary last night when the grocery store of Jas. N. Massey was broken into.

Entrance was gained from the back door. This door was locked with a night latch and the burglars cut a hole in the door large enough to get a hand through and after they had done this they pulled back the latch, opened the door and walked in.

There was not much money that the burglars could get as Mr. Massey has been very careful where he left his money owing to so many burglaries having been committed recently in the city; but queer to say, the till was not disturbed and as far as Mr. Massey can find out, no goods were taken. However, the burglars could have taken \$100 worth of goods and it would not be detected and might never be known. Mr. Massey is not worrying very much as he cannot mourn for something he doesn't know has been stolen, still it is not the most pleasant thing in the world to know that someone has been prowling around through your store at night.

The same thing happened about a year ago when entrance was gained in the same manner.

There is no clue as to who were the robbers.

CURLING CLUB

The Executive committee of the Chatham Curling Club held a meeting yesterday afternoon, and began to discuss a general meeting of the Curling Club, at the rink at 7:30 Monday evening, President Robt. Gray presiding.

The membership lists were carefully gone over, on which there are now in the neighborhood of 70 members, with a large number yet to be seen. It is urgently requested that all the members on the executive lists be seen before Monday evening, at which time suggestions as to rink competitions might be had. President Robt. Gray generously donated a gold medal, Vice-President G. W. Cornell also donated a medal, while there are other trophies in view from other members.

It is suggested that on Christmas or New Year's Day there be a game between the President and the Vice-President for a barrel of flour, to be donated to charity, the losers to pay for same.

The curlers must look forward to a very busy season for 1904-5, inasmuch as there will be the contests for the Ferguson trophy, held by the Wallaceburg Curling Club, the J. R. Johnson medal held by James Graves, and the rinks for the Ontario tankard, besides the games arranged for outside club competition, likely with Detroit, Windsor, Sarnia, Thamesville, Glencoe and Wallaceburg.

It is absolutely necessary that all lists of membership be in the hands of the Executive committee by Monday evening, in order that players may know their positions selected for the year, skps being selected in the rinks as far as possible to play together for the whole season, if same schedule is of great importance to the best interests of the Club.

Any information in regard to new members will be appreciated by the Secretary-Treasurer or the Executive committee.

Let everyone come Monday evening.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Wellington Chapter, No. 47, G. R. C., held their election of officers last Thursday evening. The following was the result of the election:

Ex-Comp.—W. J. Kenny, Z.
Ex-Comp.—Robert Park, H.
Ex-Comp.—James Davidson, J.
Comp.—A. Gregory, Scribe E.
Comp.—D. McLachlan, Scribe N.
Comp.—J. M. Pike, P. S.
Comp.—J. Kime, S. S.
Comp.—Dr. Russell, J. S.

Patton & Perry in Jerry from Kerry, at the Grand to-night.

TO BE ELECTED

Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Club will Select their Rulers Wednesday Night.

A great and interesting time is expected at the I. O. O. F. Auditorium Wednesday night, when the Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Club will meet and elect their officers. Ballotting will take place from eight to nine o'clock. Every member is entitled to a vote. After the poll is closed speeches will be delivered and a stirring address will be delivered by Jas. Clancy, the Liberal-Conservative candidate.

GOOD MEN CHOSEN

Court McGregor, No. 8, I. O. F., assembled Thursday evening, a very large attendance being present. The occasion was the election of officers for 1905. The following were chosen:

P. C. R.—W. Simpson.
C. R.—John Vanstone.
V. C. R.—H. A. Johnson.
R. S.—D. H. D'mond.
F. S.—W. G. Burrows.
S. W.—Jas. Glover.
J. B.—W. Gallie.
Orator—C. W. McCubbin.
Court Deputy—A. Keeley.
Court Physician—Dr. McKeeough.
Organist—Wesley Clements.

HORSES MAD DASH

A runaway accident, which might have resulted seriously, occurred on King St. this morning. Just before twelve o'clock a wagon and team, owned by G. C. and Alex. Park, of Raleigh, took fright at the Patton & Perry band playing in front of Malcolmson's, and becoming unmanageable, bolted up King street. The driver, Alex. Park, was thrown out of the wagon, but fortunately escaped with a few slight bruises. The wagon was badly damaged, one of the front wheels being completely smashed. The horses broke loose opposite the Gas Co.'s office, but were caught later below St. Joseph's Hospital.

City Depot Ball Bowling League Standings.

The Workmen and Macarbons were scheduled to play last night, but it was agreed by both captains to play the game next Friday evening. Following is the standing up to and including Wednesday night's two games:

	WON.	LOST.	PER CENT.
S. O. S.	3	0	100
O. U. W.	2	2	714
R. A.	2	1	667
A. O. F. (Court Hope)	3	2	600
K. O. T. M.	3	2	600
S. O. E.	3	4	429
A. O. F. (Court Unity)	3	4	429
I. O. F.	0	5	000

AN INVESTIGATION

E. C. Lalonde, of the Railway Commission, Ottawa, is in the city as a result of several strong complaints made by Maple City merchants against the poor freight service on the Pere Marquette railroad.

It appears from what local shippers say that the service has been particularly unsatisfactory lately, and so Mr. Lalonde was appointed to come to Chatham to investigate the complaints.

L. E. Tillson, the local Pere Marquette agent, says that the railroad freight trains have not been running on scheduled time caused by heavy traffic on the road.

The merchants and shippers all along the line have been complaining of the service and in Blenheim the shippers have also been making a vigorous complaint.

George Peltier was convicted yesterday of stealing two decoys from Mr. Taylor. He was found guilty and released on suspended sentence on paying the costs, \$23.50.

THE ROSS GOVERNMENT AND THE MAN WHO SUPPORTS IT

"Definitely and positively I will not be the candidate. I couldn't if I would and I wouldn't if I could."

"What use would it be to me to go down to the Legislature and sit in some back bench in opposition? And what use would it be to my constituents to have me there?"

"I think the Ross government is a goner. They've been there altogether too long and they've got too many heelers and hangers-on."

"The whole thing is corrupt and rotten, and I believe they should be turned out."

"No; I tell you solemnly and honestly, I wouldn't be their candidate if I could."—A. B. McCOIG, November, 19, 1904.

BEAUTIFUL GIFT

Ladies of St. Ursula Honor Eminent Visitor—Exquisite Program at the Pines this Afternoon.

This afternoon the ladies of the Ursuline Academy are tendering a reception to two eminent Maple City visitors, his Excellency Mgr. Donatus Sbarretti, apostolic delegate to our Dominion, and the Rt. Rev. Fergus McEvay, D. D., Bishop of London. The Pine is a beautifully decorated in honor of the distinguished guests. Dainty streamers of yellow and white bunting—the papal colors—adorn the corridors and halls, and delicate flowers and foliage grace the walls.

The luncheon hall is richly prepared. The yellow and white floral effect is maintained and the table exquisitely dressed. From the candelabra pretty ribbons float to the corners, and the center design of yellow and white chrysanthemums with traceries of smilax and maidenhair fern gives a charming effect.

The menu cards are hand painted and tied with yellow and white ribbons. A panel photo of the delegate graced the cover and the cards are delicately illuminated in colors with the Academy crest on the back.

The music hall of the Academy, where the reception is being held, was a veritable picture. In the centre of the stage were the coats of arms of the delegate and the bishop, beautifully hand-painted. The young ladies, dressed in white, were grouped in tiers upon the platform, and the whole picture was perfected by the exquisite and rich floral effects. It was a beautiful—a memorable—scene.

Following a short civic greeting from his Worship Mayor McKeeough, the program was proceeded with, the distinguished guests being seated upon the throne of honor.

The programs were hand-painted in lilies and gold and were artistic gems.

The program is in progress as The Planet goes to press.

A Change in the Piano Business.

Pianos are at last within the reach of all. This is now a truth. The fact that every family nowadays contemplates sooner or later the purchase of a piano has induced the manufacture of many different instruments to meet this growing demand, some are cheap, some are good, but even a cheap piano is better than none.

Pianos are no longer a luxury; they are now a staple article of merchandise. The day of exorbitant profits is passing away, the day of the piano agent will also pass, they will in future be carried as part of the stock of the ordinary merchant to be handled on an ordinary profit basis.

Realizing the above to be true we (the old hardware firm of George Stephens & Co.) have decided to lead in this, as we have led in other things, and have now fully canvassed the piano question.

We have talked with the leading musicians in the town, we have listened to the claims of rival instruments, we have observed which of the better pianos were in the majority in the houses of people capable of buying and capable of choosing the best and everything pointed towards "The Mason & Risch" as the leading Canadian Piano.

One of the straws that indicated the drift of sensible judgment was the recent choice and purchase by the Central School teachers by the overwhelming vote of twenty-six out of thirty in favor of "The Mason & Risch" for use in their school. The fact that the Mason & Risch is in use in the King's own Palace of Windsor Castle, the choice of the Mason & Risch by that accomplished musician the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, and the selection for his own use in his own home by the great Franz List influenced us in our decision.

Being entirely satisfied as to which was the better Canadian piano we entered, into negotiations with the manufacturers.

Our plan and aim was "if we could buy the best" piano right, could we sell it to the people with a reasonable profit at the same price they were now paying for an inferior instrument? This was our problem.

We won. We bought a carload of the Mason & Risch pianos and paid spot cash for them. It was never done before in this town. And we did buy them right.

These advantages are now yours: a low wholesale cash price from the manufacturers; a slashing cut at the middleman's profit; the leading Canadian piano at the former price of a low grade instrument; your note held by a local firm that you know and trust instead of by the Bank or a distant manufacturer; your piano guaranteed by a responsible local firm who will make the guarantee good.

The quality of the piano and our way of doing business are worthy your consideration. We invite you to come in and see our stock of pianos in our new show rooms over our big store.

We are in the piano business and we want you to share with us in the advantages to be derived from it. Remember the Mason & Risch is the leading Canadian piano.

And remember you can buy one and buy it right.

We will help you to have some music in your home.

Thos. Campbell, of Windsor, is registered at the Merrill.

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of all Books the grandest of all Presents the most desirable...

Can be secured in any binding and at any price, including everything from the small pocket size to a beautiful Family Bible for Christmas or Wedding Presents.

We have them from 25c each to \$10.00 each, including everything from the small pocket size to a beautiful Family Bible for Christmas or Wedding Presents.

Prayer Books and Hymn Books

for use in churches of any denomination, can be found in endless variety at our store. It matters not what church you attend, it will pay you to come to us for your Hymn and Prayer Books.

Our Stock of Catholic Prayer Books and Rosaries is particularly fine

Sulman's Beehive

King and Sixth St.

The Empress..

Lambs Wool Slipper Soles

Solid Leather

Bottoms,

All Sizes in

Children's,

Misses' and

Women's, 25c.

a Pair.

Men's

50c. a Pair

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THE SHOE MAN.