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The Reliable Store

Thos. Stone & Son

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## Handkerchief Sale!

(A Foretaste of Holidays)

**Lasting Four Days, Commencing WEDNESDAY**

We have just received from the makers in Switzerland and Ireland our complete Christmas assortment of Handkerchiefs. In order to anticipate the holiday rush for these goods, and to enable you to make your selection early and in comfort, we decided to hold a **Four Days Special Sale** commencing Wednesday and closing Saturday night.

If price is any inducement for you to buy early, the inducement is here to a high degree. The values we offer during this sale are very exceptional, and it will pay you to take advantage of them.

We have a splendid assortment of Ladies', Men's and Children's Handkerchiefs, put up 3 and 6 in a box. The boxes are very pretty and attractive with lithograph and photogravure covers. There is a fancy Christmas card in each box with "Greetings." These boxes are priced specially for this sale:—

Fine H. S. Lawn Handkerchiefs, put up 3 and 6 in a box, at per box  
**15c., 20c., 25c., 30c.**

Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, put up 6 in a box, at per box  
**75c., 90c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.**

Men's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 6 in a box, at per box  
**\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75**

Ladies' fine lawn, pure linen, and fancy embroidered red hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 6 in a handsome plush trimmed, metal mounted box, at per box—  
**75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75**

Children's Colored Picture Handkerchiefs, special at **2 for 5c.**

Ladies' pure linen hemstitched handkerchiefs, narrow hems, hand drawn very special at **3 for 25c.**

### Very Special.

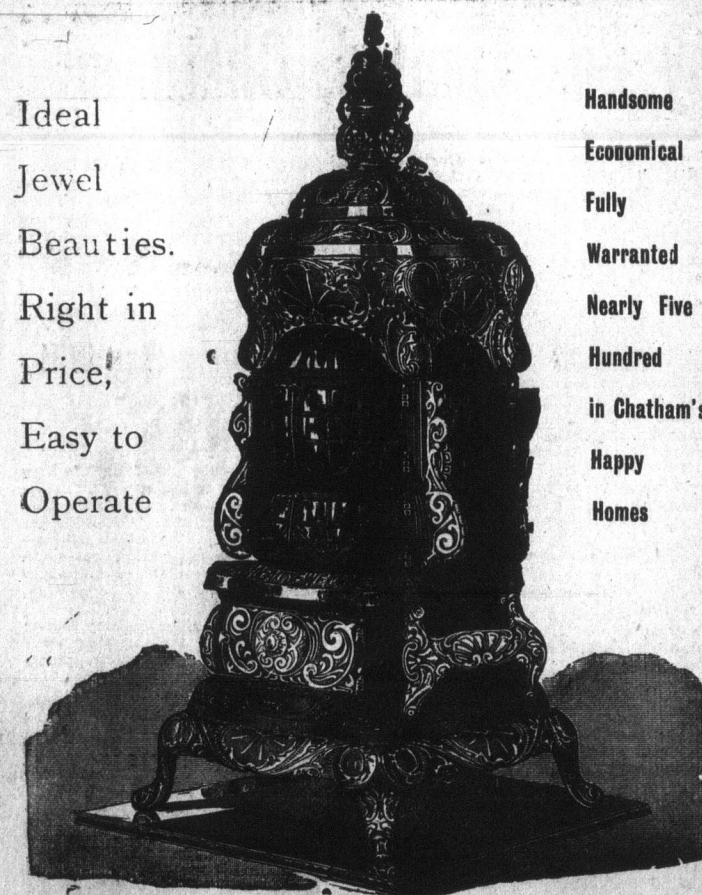
25 dozen ladies' fine white Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, mostly scalloped edges, made of fine materials and beautifully embroidered, (some few are slightly imperfect) regular value 25c each—on sale very special  
**15c.**

A special assortment of fine Irish linen hand embroidered hdkfs., marked for quick selling at this special sale at each  
**50c., 65c., 75c. up to \$2.00**

Souvenir Silk Hdkfs., with the Canadian emblem and the word "Chatham" embroidered on the corner, a pleasing gift to mail—special at **50c.**

**SALE COMMENCES WEDNESDAY.**

Ideal  
Jewel  
Beauties.  
Right in  
Price,  
Easy to  
Operate



**Westman Bros**  
SOLE AGENTS.

**You Wire for Us  
And We'll Wire for You**

PHONE 434.

It doesn't matter at all what you want, we'll let you have it at lowest prices.

**Wire Us Once and You Will Wire Again.**

**BARFOOT & BRADDON,**  
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

OFFICE FIFTH ST.

TELEPHONE 34

## THE AUDIT IN ORFORD

A. F. Falls Has Completed  
A Government Inspection  
Of The Books

FEW THINGS CLEARED UP

The following extracts from the special Government inspection, examination and audit of the accounts of the municipal corporation of the Township of Orford by Accountant A. F. Falls, will be of interest to many of our readers:

With regard to drainage accounts, the report states:

The present Treasurer, who was auditor of the Township for some years previous to his appointment in 1903, seated under oath, that he had not included the drainage accounts in the annual audit report among the Assets and Liabilities, because he could not tell whether they were an Asset or a Liability, owing to the way records were kept.

The fact that practically all the drainage construction and cost of the drainage suits have come out of the general funds of the Township, will no doubt be a surprise to the ratepayers in general, as well as to some of those who have occupied the positions of Reeve and members of the Council. This is very clear, however, when it is known that for all the drainage work constructed since Jan. 1, 1900, debentures have only been issued to provide money for the construction of five drains; and only one instance, that of Cornwall Drain, By-law 318, has the amount levied against Township roads been included in the debentures sold.

MCGREGOR CREEK AND BULLER DRAINS.

These drains originated in the Township of Howard. Lands and roads in Orford Township were assessed to contribute to the cost of construction. At the request of the ratepayers, Orford re-assessed the lands being excessive. The matter was arbitrated, and finally referred to the Referee. The litigation covered a long period, during which time all costs incurred were paid out of the general funds of the Township.

Angus G. Lander, Reeve of Orford in 1901, gave the following evidence under oath:

"Referee's report was made in 1901 while I was Reeve; it contained no direction as to costs. I am a ratepayer on the drain, and believe the drain should pay all costs the Township was not able to recover from Howard. Howard never made a demand for the money till 1903. I talked the matter over with George Meyer, Reeve of 1901. He asked my opinion about it. I told him that, owing to the nature of the case, the long time it had been pending, and the sum we had recovered from Howard had gone to the credit of General Funds, it would be as well to pay the balance of costs out of General Funds as a great deal of the costs paid out were unnecessary to the real case at issue. It would be hard to define what were really the costs. A number of witnesses were taken at Chatham and kept there for days and not heard at all. I was speaking then as a ratepayer."

George Meyer, Reeve in 1903, swears as follows: "McGregor Creek and Buller Drain By-law was not passed because we were busy with other matters, and the By-law was not prepared. I am of the opinion that all the costs were chargeable to the drain, and to be collected from the ratepayers. The Clerk furnished some figures which I can not remember, but they were less than the amount saved by the suit."

Jonas Gosnell, ex-Reeve of Orford Township, swears: "McGregor Creek and Buller Drain By-law was passed in 1906. I have discussed the question of costs incurred on suits, but do not know that I said anything to the Council or the Clerk. I am of the opinion that the General Funds should stand all the costs, as it was a test case, the uplands being assessed for benefit of the low. I am a ratepayer on the drain in both Orford and Howard. I am of the opinion that legally the drain should bear all the costs, and believe that the ratepayers signed a petition to the Council that they would stand all costs of the suit."

R. A. Spence, Reeve for 1905, swears as follows: "The Clerk H. Watson, urged that no law costs be added to the By-law for McGregor Creek and Buller when filling in the amounts, and he filled simply the amount awarded by Referee to be paid over to Howard by Orford, adding \$24.00 to one, and \$35.00 to the other for cost of getting up the By-law. My opinion was that the ratepayers should pay the costs on these and all other drains. In 1905, I discussed the matter with the then Reeve, George Meyer, and he thought the drains should pay the costs."

Henry Watson, Clerk, sworn, stated: "I furnished the figures myself from the award, adding \$24.00 to one, and \$35.00 to the other. These charges were to cover cost of preparing and passing By-laws. Council did not instruct me to collect only amount of Referee award. There is no doubt that the Council was aware of the costs that had been incurred."

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## ONE TRUSTEE THREATENED TO CLOSE UP THE SCHOOLS

An Unpleasant State of Affairs in Connection with School Board Finances -- Trustees may Issue Personal Notes

A very disturbing state of affairs has been discovered in connection with the estimates for the Public School Board's account for the current year, as a result of which it is said that an order has been issued that no more supplies must be purchased at either of the Public schools, unless the members of the Board are first consulted. It looks at present as if the School Board will be behind about \$1,000 on the year's accounts, and this money will either have to be raised or the personal notes of the trustees themselves, or the schools will have to be closed, as the Council has not the power to advance any more money, the estimates of the Board being now registered and unalterable. On the other hand, if the schools are closed, the teachers can come on the trustees personally for their salaries, as they are engaged by the year, and must be paid.

This uncomfortable state of affairs was brought out yesterday afternoon at the joint meeting of the Finance committees of the Council and the School Board held in Harrison Hall. There were present at the meeting Alds. Scullard, Stone, Austin, and Trustees Dr. McKeough, Brackin and Somerville.

At the beginning of the year the School Board put in estimates for \$19,000 for building, and \$21,000 for expenses, making a total estimate of \$40,000. They have kept within their estimates for current expenses, but it is claimed that the building account has over-run the amount set aside. This has been caused by unexpected improvements to the city schools and, it is claimed, also by the increases made in the salaries of the teachers this year.

It is understood that the matter was discovered as a result of the investigation into the account of Blight & Fielder for a sidewalk in front of the Central School. The School Board thought that the Council was going to pay it, but they found that the Council had paid it and charged it up to the account of the Board.

It was found by a rough estimate

that after the accounts for the building were paid, the Board is short about \$1,000. The accounts have been paid, and, as a result, the estimates for expenses of maintenance are short that amount. At the meeting the members of the Board asked the aldermen if a further appropriation could be made, as they felt sure that they would not be able to get along with the money they had left. This was pronounced impossible, even if the aldermen were willing to do so, and if the money gets too low before the year is out, the Board will either have to close up the schools, or get the money on their own personal notes, and then have their notes honored by the Board of Education next year. This same procedure was adopted one year in connection with the High School Board, who found themselves in a similar box.

It is said that this announcement was not received with any degree of satisfaction or feeling of acquiescence on the part of the trustees, and one of those present is said to have made the statement that he would close up the schools before he would give his personal note to advance money. This is the situation as it stands.

Ald. Stone in speaking of the matter this afternoon to a Planet representative, said that the School Board had got themselves in this fix through the improvements to the Central school, and through raising the salaries all at once.

"Take the case of Hamilton," said he. "There they did not raise the salaries all at once. They gave increases of \$50 now and more to come next year, and thus spreading the expense over a number of years. In Chatham, all the expenses has to be borne for increases during the present year, and as a result the School Board finds that their money is going faster than they thought it would. The improvements to the school buildings, too, has been very heavy this year, and it has to be paid right away."

It is thought that the Board will think the matter over seriously, and that they will consent to give their personal notes before they close up the schools. The fact that the teachers can sue them personally for their salaries whether school keeps or not, may have some influence upon them in arriving at this decision.

## MILITIA IS CALLED FOR

Mayor Of Hamilton Calls  
Out The Toronto  
Dragoons  
TO PROTECT THE CARS

Hamilton, Nov. 20.—To-night will see the Toronto Dragoons quartered in Hamilton.

Yesterday afternoon when the company notified Mayor Biggar that it would operate its cars last night the mayor asked it not to do so as he thought it would only invite trouble and the police were not strong enough to give adequate protection.

The company was at first obdurate and the mayor summoned two justices of the peace, Magistrate Jeffs and W. C. Moore, as the statute provides that the mayor and two justices of the peace may call out the militia. Sheriff Middleton was also present at the conference, which was held behind locked doors.

Agreed to Send For Dragoons.

It is understood, however, that they agreed to send for the dragoons. The company finally backed up, however, and consented not to operate after midnight until to-day, and on their understanding the call for the militia was delayed until to-day, it is said.

Another conference has been called for to-day, and it is thought that if the call for the dragoons has not already been sent in, they will be sent to-day, so that the soldiers will be here in time to protect the cars and keep order to-night. It was decided that mounted troops would have a better effect in keeping order than infantry.

Car Windows Shattered.

Although the cars were taken into the barns before dark yesterday, there were two serious disturbances and car windows were shattered with iron balls, stones and bricks. The most serious trouble occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the corner of Barton street and Sanford avenue. A large crowd collected to hoot at a car and a brick was hurled through a window.

Two ladies who were riding in the car were painfully injured. One of the victims is a teacher at the school near the Jockey Club. She was struck in the face by the brick and the flying glass. Another lady was also wounded by glass. The special detectives on the car were unable to detect the culprit.

Yesterday at noon a car was derailed at the corner of Barton street and Sherman avenue. The windows were all shattered by iron balls and stones, but no one was hurt.

At the meeting of the board of health last evening the sanitary inspectors were given instructions not to use the cars during the strike.

## Our Annual Stock is Now Complete

Boys Own 1.75  
Girl's Own 1.75  
Chatterbox 90c  
Cottager and  
Artisan 40c.  
Child's Companion 40c.

Call early, select your color and we will keep them for you till Christmas. You know how hard it is to get just the color you want later, when our stock is depleted.

Have You Ordered the Christmas Globe?

If not please leave your order at once, as we have word from the publisher that the edition is nearly exhausted.

**SULMAN'S**  
**BEEHIVE,** King and Sixth Streets...  
PHONE 96

God does not measure our sanctity by our signs.

Ideas are worth just as much as can be worked out of them, and no more.

## LOOK !!!

Have been authorized to offer for sale at once the Van Allen property on Head Street East, eleven lots, two brick houses. Snap here for someone, as the price is away down:

**ARTHUR J. DUNN,**  
Phone 109. Fifth St.  
Next Harrison Hall.

## MAKE YOUR TABLE LOOK PRETTIER

And the whole cost will be surprisingly little.

Our French China stock patterns don't cost much the way we sell them.

## COME AND GET PRICES

Five patterns English Dinnerware will be sold at low prices to help you make your table look better.

Your friends will admire these goods.

Ask us for any of your dish wants.

"EVERYTHING TO USE ON THE TABLE"

**GRAY'S  
CHINA HALL**

The more friends a man has the more money he lends.

## PERISH IN FLAMES

Destruction of Windsor Hotel At Regina, With Fatalities.

Regina, Nov. 20.—The Windsor Hotel fire has caused the death of at least three persons and probably the fatal injury of two more, with loss of \$50,000 and \$35,000 insurance. The dead are:

M. Musseter, manager Regina planning mills.

L. Musseter, assistant manager Regina planning mills.

Robert Johnson, well borer.

The injured:

David Walker, day porter; he may die.

Henry Jones, brother of the second cook; his injuries are probably fatal.

J. W. McInnes of Regina Standard staff, received dangerous cut.

Be More Fatalities.

The hotel register was not saved and there may be more fatalities. The Musseter brothers are supposed to have been suffocated in their sleep and buried in the ruins.

Robert Johnson, well borer, escaped, but turned back into the hotel, thinking he heard a woman's cry, and was not seen again. Walker and Jones jumped from the third story.

There were 65 guests in the hotel at the time, and these lost all their belongings, while many escaped in only their night clothes. The fire appears to have started in a bedroom on the second floor.

FATAL BLOOD POISONING.

Frequently follows the use of cheap corn salves and plasters. The safest is the best and that's "Putnam's," which has a record of fifty years' success. Refuse substitutes for "Putnam's," which costs 25c. in every drug store.

The blue of heaven is much larger than the cloud.

LEHIGH VALLEY REDUCES PASSENGER FARES.

To take effect November 1st, or as soon thereafter as possible, the maximum rate per mile on the Lehigh Valley Railroad will be on the basis of 2 1-2c.

This will not change passenger rates now based on charge of less than 2 1-2c per mile.

Interchangeable mileage books, which are now sold at \$30.00, will be sold at \$25.00 with a rebate of \$5.00 on each 1,000 mile book instead of \$10.00, as at present.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

## THE DOMINION BANK

HEAD OFFICE, TORONTO, ONT.

E. B. OSLER, M. P. W. D. MATTHEWS, C. A. ROBERT  
PRESIDENT. VICE-PRESIDENT. GENERAL MANAGER

Capital, paid up \$3,000,000  
Reserve Fund and Undivided Profits 3,539,142  
Total Assets 43,000,000

A general banking business transacted. Special facilities offered to Farmers, Merchants, Cattle Dealers, Market Gardeners, Municipalities, Corporations, Traders and individuals. Sales collected at lowest rates and advances made thereon.

Savings Department—Interest allowed at highest current rates on deposits of ONE DOLLAR and upwards, compounded half yearly.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

Chatham Branch Temporary Office Scane Block.



## MY SPECIALTY IS CHILDREN'S FEET

I have given the fitting of children's feet my personal attention ever since I have been in business. The result is I have got the children's trade in the city, and it is growing every day. There isn't a careful mother hereabout who does not come here as soon as she knows that I make a specialty of fitting children. It is true economy, too, for my shoes wear longer, keep their shape better and look nicer than cheap shoes carelessly fitted.

**GEO. W. COWAN**  
CHATHAM