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70c. Tops for 46c.

Two dozen handsome lithograph tops in two designs, "Girl's Face" and "Sleigh." These are the best quality lithograph tops and sold anywhere for 70c and 75c each, on sale To-Night for 46c.

Applique Pieces 25c. Under Value

Fine Swiss worked pillow shams, table covers and dresser covers, in large variety of styles, heavy applique work, light lacy tambour work, lacy effects with insertions set in, etc., bought at our quarter off regular values, and on sale To-Night and Monday special at 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c and \$1.00.

Articles at 25c each

We are making a very special showing of gift articles at 25c each. Such useful things as match holders, pipe racks, laundry bags, letter holders, key racks, memoranda books, dresser baskets, whisk holders, etc., etc., almost an endless variety, that you must see to appreciate, special at 25c.

Silk Waists at \$5.00

What would make a more acceptable gift than a silk waist? New styles at hand—made of good wearing effects—hemstitched and tucked in at the waist, in colors black, white, pink, sky and navy, very special value at \$5.00.

Men's Ties at 25c and 50c.

New lot for the Holiday trade just opened out to-day. The new narrow and medium width four-in-hands in very pretty colorings, light and dark, including polka spots and broche effects, all reversible, very special value at 50c and 25c.

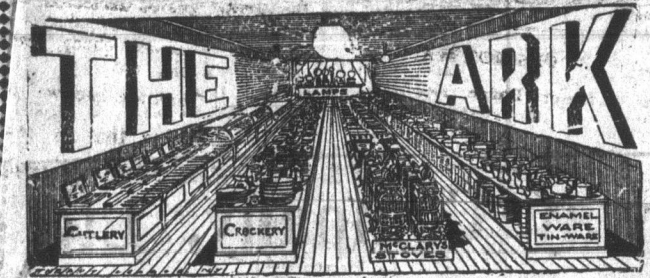
Impense Variety of Cushion Tops

We have just passed through the customs an immense variety of handsome cushion tops direct from New York City. The latest Oriental novelties in Tapestry tops at 40c and 50c—pretty effects in silk top at \$1.00 and \$1.50—new designs in stamped tops, top and back complete for 50c., rich designs in silk velvet tops at \$2.00, a pretty variety of best quality lithograph tops at 65c.

Dress Goods at 23c.

Do you want to give an inexpensive dress? Then here is your chance! 48 in. wide 5 yards makes a dress—good heavy suiting in good colors, regular value 35c a yard, on sale very special at 23c.

THOS. STONE & SON.



We Are in Advance

Of our usual time in our Christmas preparations for the usual rush at "THE ARK" We would now kindly ask our friends, every one who can, to come and make their selections before the rush of the last week before Christmas. The goods are now in place. We can attend with more comfort and pleasure to you now than later.

A Consignment Just Arrived of Fine China (American Beauty). Do you want some pieces? If you do you need to come quick.

WE HAVE SOME STOVES LEFT. Are clearing them out at a discount of 10 per cent. off spot cash. See them in the rear room of "The Ark."

H. MACAULAY,
Prompt delivery of goods.

The Best the Mills Make

Is here for your choosing. Every shade and weave and pattern that is stylish and popular is likely to become popular in ready to be transformed by expert hands into

Perfect Fitting Suits, Overcoats and Trousers.

W.N. Morley & Co.

Chatham's Millinery Store.

OUR HATS

Are going very fast—we have reduced them to low prices. Hats left at 49c, also a few at 75c. See our \$1.98 and \$2.50 Trimmed Hats. They are extra quality.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST. CHATHAM.

...IT PAY TO...



CANADA BUSINESS COLLEGE, CHATHAM, ONT. Canada's great School of Business, shorthand and penmanship will reopen for the New Year on Monday, Jan. 4th. We shall need some more bright young men and women, in addition to those we now have, to meet the calls for office help this year, and will guarantee to place that number or more at good wages. We placed 343 in the 11 months ending June 30th at wages averaging \$600 per annum, and nearly as many more good positions had to go unfilled. If you have not seen our Catalogue you are not yet familiar with the best Canada has to offer. Write for it, D. McLAUGHLIN & CO., Chatham, Ont.

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BRISCO'S, Opera House Block . . .

CHRISTMAS

AT THE Central Drug Store.

CUT GLASS.

See our window display of Cut Glass, it is pronounced exquisite. You cannot get anything more acceptable for a Christmas present.

BURNED WOOD WORK . . .

We have a good assortment of pieces for burning. If you have not tried this fascinating work, get a set and TRY IT. One of these sets would make a very appreciated present.

C. H. GUNN & CO.

BOOKS...

FOR Holiday Gifts

All the Best, Both Old and New...

Some of the choice things—
"The Mistle of the Pasture";
"Barlath of the Guard";
"Vice-Admiral of the Blue";
"The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come";
"A Checkered Love Affair";
"The Heart of Rome."

A book is an intelligent gift. It comes with the most grateful sense of remembrance when it represents absolutely the giver's own selection.

The variety is unlimited.

W. J. KENNY,
Phone 225. King St. East.

THREE BY-LAWS GO TO PEOPLE

Important Issues to be Voted Upon at the Coming Municipal Elections.

The Consolidation of the City Debt Discussed—The Road Project Outlined.

Mayor W. E. McKeough made a very startling announcement at the City Council meeting last evening. It was in connection with the by-law for the consolidation of the city's debt, which will be voted upon at the next municipal election, and which appears in another column of today's issue of The Planet.

"I want to use this by-law pass," said he, "I'm sure the electors will simply have to pass it, or the city will have to stop doing business altogether. The banks may call on us any day for the amount, and if we have not got it, it means that the Sheriff will come into possession of the city property. If this by-law does not pass the only thing we do is to dismiss the police force, dismiss the fire department, and stop all public works, and any person knows what that means. These facts ought to be impressed upon the electors so that they may vote intelligently on this by-law."

Ald. McKeough thought that these remarks should not be sent broadcast over the country, as they might give a false impression to people in other places. The Mayor, however, stated that the by-law is merely a necessary business transaction and would be understood by anyone who knew anything of civic business.

Three by-laws came before the Council last evening and all of them will be presented to the voters in the coming election. Those present at the meeting were the Mayor and Ald. McKeough, Marshall, Ferguson, Mounter, Edmondson, and Martin.

The first by-law was the one for encouraging the building of an electric road between Lake Erie and Wallaceburg.

Ald. Ferguson for the joint committee from the City Council and the Board of Health composed of Messrs. Marshall, Edmondson, and Hadley, and Ald. Marshall, Ferguson, and Mounter, reported that the committee had met several times with the promoters of the road and the city council, and had decided to submit a by-law to the people. This by-law was then put through its several readings. By the city will tend to the railway company \$50,000 of which will be paid within two years from the passing upon the completion of the Wallaceburg road, and the other \$15,000 when the road to Lake Erie is built. The head office, cars, shops and power house will be situated in Chatham. The company must expend \$80,000 in the city. No exclusive rights will be granted the road on any street, but they will have a perpetual franchise to pass through the city. Any other railway company may be granted the privilege of running over their city tracks as per the agreement between the two companies. They shall keep in repair the pavements between their tracks and for 18 inches on either side on all city streets. Their plan as far as the city is concerned will be to be approved of by the Council before acted upon. The city will not be held liable for accidents.

Ald. Martin took exception to the clause granting a perpetual franchise to go through the city. "Ald. McKeough thought with Ald. Martin that at the end of a certain time, when the road is on a paying basis, the city should have a dividend from the profits of the road upon the actual amount in interest that the city would lose in granting the loan. He said: 'I am not in favor of granting the road \$30,000 on the conditions imposed. When it was first brought before us it was for the purpose of opening up Dover, now it is proposed to run a straight line between Chatham and Dover. It appears to me that the committee have simply allowed the promoters to vary from their promises and have fallen in with the wishes of the promoters out and out.'"

Ald. Marshall, a member of the committee, took exception to Ald. McKeough's remarks. "I wish to make a denial to the statement that we have given in to the promoters," he said. "He can't show a single instance where we have given in. For myself I never give in to any man. From Ald. McKeough's remarks it would seem that we are the tools of the promoters." Ald. McKeough made that statement and I stick to it. I was in favor of the line through Dover because I thought it was badly needed, but we are now granting a loan for a road parallel to the one we have franchised and are still paying for it. Mr. Dunn was then heard, and he explained that the promoters felt that the by-law presented was the most stringent on them, that they could stand. Any more conditions heaped upon them would only make

it so much more difficult to make the road a success. We have been giving in constantly, and I have had a hard fight with the committee in getting a scheme which we can carry to a successful issue.

Ald. McKeough made a motion upholding his views on the franchise as above expressed, but the by-law passed the Council as it was drafted. The next by-law was one to assist Henry Wybro to establish a pork packing plant here. It is to give a loan of \$20,000, and a free site. Sixty thousand dollars will be expended by Mr. Wybro on the plant and he guarantees to employ 100 hands. The amount of free water must not exceed 2,000 gallons per day.

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High Court

Sittings Closed To-day.—Judgment Given in Martin vs. Currie—\$800 Damages for William Currie.

The non-jury sitting of the High Court, over which Chief Justice Falconbridge presided, closed to-day. There was a large docket and the court has been busy since it opened on Monday.

In the case of Currie vs. Camden the plaintiff, Wm. Currie, of Dover, P. was awarded \$800 damages. The road in Camden was cut up by wheels and there was one deep rut near a bad madhouse. Currie was driving a load of hay and couldn't see the hole. He drove into it and the load upset. He was thrown down and received injuries which may prove permanent. The question was as to whether the township was guilty of negligence in not having the hole repaired. They did repair it the day after the accident. The judge decided against the township. Mr. Towers, Sarnia, appeared for plaintiff, M. Wilson, K. C. and Geo. Weir, Dresden, contra.

McDonald vs. Park, a will case was laid over till the non-jury sittings of the High Court next spring. The Chief Justice to-day gave judgment in the case of Martin vs. Currie. The action was dismissed with costs. The counter claim of Mrs. Mary Martin for \$1200 with allowed with costs. Houston, Stone & Seane for plaintiff, E. F. B. Johnson for Mrs. Martin and Lewis & Richards for the two daughters.

Edmondson vs. Currie was laid over till the jury or non-jury sittings of the High Court next week as the litigants themselves may direct. This is a question brought by the executors of an estate against the solicitor to recover \$300 alleged to have been improperly paid to a third party, Lewis & Richards for plaintiff, J. B. Edmondson, contra. Simpson vs. Simpson was tried to-day. This is an action to set aside an agreement made between a grandfather and his grandson. The grounds of complaint is that the plaintiff was not properly advised and that he is 84 years of age. J. S. Fraser for plaintiff, M. Wilson, K. C., contra.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

A full line of carving sets at A. H. Patterson's.

Ladies' rubbers 25c, and men's 50c, at pair at Cowan's.

Boys' Lightning Hitch hockey shoe, sizes 1 to 5, \$2.00 a pair at Cowan's.

All kinds of wood stoves at A. H. Patterson's.

Lost—Gents' gauntlet, on Monday, A reward will be paid for its return to this office.

Don't forget Park Street Methodist church banquet on Monday evening from 6 until 8 o'clock.

Bread knives, table knives, spoons and forks in great variety at Westman Bros.

Mr. J. Arthur Blackburn, of Montreal, visiting his parents, William street.

The newest and best thing in boys' hockey shoes is the Lightning Hitch shoe at Cowan's, \$2.00.

The finest line of handbags ever shown in Chatham at E. J. MacIntyre, leading jeweler and optician, King street.

Ice cream in any style at Crump's, next Dr. Tye's office, King street west.

Girls' high buttoned overshoes in sizes 11 to 2, for 75c a pair at Cowan's.

Until December 15th connection will be made at Blenheim Junction on Tuesdays and Fridays with train leaving Chatham at 10.30 a. m. for Bond, East.

Good program after Park Street Methodist church banquet Monday evening. Tickets 35 cents.

Well, give mother a washing machine, or a sewing machine, for Christmas, or a stove or some spoons, or a carving set. George Stephens & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Smith, Sarnia, who have been visiting Mrs. Ward, Richmond street, for about five weeks, will return home next week.

Order your coal from C. R. Hancock; best Scranton at lowest market prices. Phone 303, F. Marx office.

The Ladies of the Home for the Friendless will hold a meeting in the library rooms at three o'clock on Tuesday, to arrange for the Christmas distribution.

NEW GERMAN TARIFF.

IMPORTS FROM CANADA ALMOST PROHIBITED.

Mr. Franz Bopp, Consul-General for Germany, Explains Some Features—All German Trade Treaties Expire This Year.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Mr. Franz Bopp, Imperial Consul-General of Germany in Canada, discussing the general features of the new German tariff, said: "The principal feature is a slight general increase, and there will be a still greater difference between the rates of the general and the conventional tariffs. On account of the latter difference, Canada will be even more affected by the new tariff than by the old. The manner in which Canada will be most affected is that, if the old duty was almost a prohibitive one, the new rates will be somewhat more so. Up to the present time the difference between what Canada had to pay, on wheat, for example, and the rate for nations having a conventional tariff, was one and a half marks, while under the new tariff it will be two marks. Besides, the rate for general tariff has been increased two marks. While there has been a general increase in the tariff it is not nearly as high as that of the United States or Canada. It would, however, be impossible to give any average of the percentage of the increase that has been made, for the system followed is entirely different from that of this country. Unlike the Canadian system, there is not any fixed duty on such and such an article. It is regulated, rather, on the quantities of other articles or materials that are brought in. The tariff will, therefore, have to be in force for some time before the value of the difference can be calculated. There are, besides, some ad valorem duties."

"All the trade treaties that Germany has expired at the end of the present year, and new ones will have to be made under the conditions of the new tariff."

IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

Some Grave Charges Made Against the Officers.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—In the Reichstag War Minister Von Einem entered earnestly into the charges of brutality and immorality brought against German army officers, without attempting to excuse them. He admitted there had been abuses, but not to the extent alleged by army critics, and declared the army administration was determined to correct them as far as possible. Nobody regarded this as a move to excuse the officers, who never lost an opportunity to impress the seriousness of the offences that had been brought to light. During the year ending June last 50 officers and 377 non-commissioned officers and good-service men were punished for mistreatment of prisoners. The army administration had determined to stop it altogether. Even one hundred cases a year would be intolerable. Discussing Herr Bebel's charge that the German army was inefficient and that the German gun was inferior to the French gun, the Minister entered into a technical explanation why, in his belief, the German gun of the model of 1896 was better than the French gun of the 1903 model.

ILL-TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS

Dismissal From the Army Would Probably Increase the Evil.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The Upper House of the Bavarian Diet has rejected the recent unanimous resolution of the Lower House demanding the dismissal from the army of officers and non-commissioned officers found guilty of maltreatment of soldiers. War Minister Van Asch, who favored the resolution in the Lower House, changed his attitude in the Upper House, declaring that if the non-commissioned officers knew that they could dissolve their relations with the army by maltreating soldiers he feared the maltreatment of the latter would increase, as many of the former would regard their dismissal as a privilege rather than a punishment. Another Bavarian Commander, Gen. Von Fries, declares that the slight punishment inflicted by the military courts was mainly responsible for the abuses complained of.

PARADISE LOST.

Milton's Manuscript Offered For Sale in London.

London, Dec. 12.—It is announced here that the manuscript of Milton's "Paradise Lost" is on the market and will be sold at auction by Sotheby in March next unless previously disposed of at private sale.

GET-RICH-QUICK MEN.

First Verdict Against Them in a Series of Actions.

New York, Dec. 12.—A verdict of \$7,943.25 has been returned against Alfred R. Goslin, Col. Robert A. Ammon of Miller Syndicate notoriety, and other defendants, in the first of a series of actions brought against the alleged "get-rich-quick" operators.

Santa Claus Headquarters



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Our Holiday Line is Here

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....

Peace & Co.

IMPORTERS.

DOES NOT WANT THEM.

Senator Lodge Never Asked For French Islands.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—In all the daily newspapers a statement recently appeared attributing to Senator H. C. Lodge of the United States Senate an utterance advocating the acquisition by the United States of the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, which are situated almost in British waters, and not far distant from Newfoundland. Many of these despatches were dated St. John's, Newfoundland, and described the concern which Senator Lodge's position caused the people of Newfoundland. On being written to from this city, Senator Lodge replied, on December 9: "I have seen the article to which you refer in regard to an alleged statement of mine as to the annexation of St. Pierre and Miquelon, it having appeared in several newspapers here. I never made any such statement in my life, or any statement whatever as to St. Pierre and Miquelon."

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Everything that is new, Everything that is worth giving and Everything for lowest price.

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It cost but little to keep your feet warm and dry, while the penalty for getting them wet is often a large sum.

Ladies' Rubbers, all sizes, (21-7) 25c.

Ladies' Storm Rubbers, (21-7) 40c.

Ladies' High Buttoned Overshoes (21-8) \$1.25.

Children's Rubbers, (size 6-10) 25c.

Men's Rubbers, (size 6-11) 50c.

Boys' Rubbers, (size 1-5) 50c.

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