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A SPECIAL BARGAIN LIST OF XMAS GIFTS Tonight and Monday

This store is always to the front with the right goods at the right time, and at prices that mean a saving in every item purchased. Here's a list that will interest anybody and everybody, and if what you want is not mentioned here, just come to the store, we have it. There is no safer, surer or more satisfying place than STONE'S.



Dress Patterns

The very latest novelty, panne cloth, in navy, ox-blood, brown, castor and fawn, reg. price \$12.50, now \$7.50

French Flannel, in polka dots and stripes, colors sky, turquoise, pink, purple, black and blue, reg. price 50c, to-night and Monday at 35c

Men's Umbrellas

Extra fine silk covered Scotch umbrellas, at each \$1.50

Others at from \$1.75 up to \$6.00

(Name engraved on these free of charge)

Ladies' Umbrellas

The very newest handles and best quality covers, at \$1.50, \$3.50 and \$6.00

Silk Waist Lengths

Containing 4 yds., a special line of the very newest plaid, on sale to-night and Monday at each \$4.00 and \$6.00

Two Wonderful Bargains in Black Silks

Suitable for Ladies' Waists and Dresses.

French Peau-de-soie, extra heavy

and rich finish, to-night and Monday at per yd. 85c

Heavy quality Lyon's Taffeta, rich finish and heavy quality, to-night and Monday at 50c

If you do not buy your wife a silk dress it's not our fault.

Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, special to-night, 7 for \$1.00

Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, special to-night, 4 for \$1.00

Kid Gloves

Nothing pleases a lady more than to have a pair of gloves. You here, for if the size is not right they can be changed after Christmas. SIZE and every pair



a gift of a pair of Gloves. You here, for if the size is not right they can be changed after Christmas. SIZE and every pair

PERRIN'S finest dressed Kid Gloves, at \$1.00 and \$1.25

PERRIN'S finest Suede Kid Gloves, silk lined, \$1.25, \$1.50

Hosiery

Ladies' extra fine and heavy full fashioned Cashmere Hosiery, extra special to-night and Monday, 3 pairs for \$1.00

Suggestions from Housefurnishing Department

RUGS at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$7.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00

Table Covers

Tapestry, Velvet and Chenille, at \$1.50 to \$12.00
Folding Screens and Fire Screens, a special sale at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Tapestry Carpets at from \$2.50 to \$10.00

Children's Caps

With peak, in cloth and velvet, colors navy and cardinal, reg. price 35c and 50c, to-night and Monday your choice at 25c

Fancy Goods

Department

Toilet Baskets, round and square (according to size) at from 8c to 30c

Bows and Ribbons for the hair, at 25c and 35c

Ties, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Fancy striped Ribbon Ties, 50c and 75c

Thomas Stone & Son

Store Open Evenings

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Fine Furnishings

THINGS THAT MEN LIKE

so you will no doubt be glad to hear of them. The tastefulness of our selections will make your choosing both satisfactory and pleasing. And the completeness of this store's stock, not only in the furnishing, but in every department, is calculated to meet every demand of the holiday buyer of masculine apparel and adornment.

Neckwear

A matchless assortment—all the latest shapes in richly patterned silks and satins, 25c. Four-in-hands, Imperials, English Squares and Ascots, made of the heaviest richest imported silks and satins—beautiful designs and colorings, 50c, 75c to \$1.50. Slip your card in the box with one and your gift is ready.

Suspenders

of fine silks and satins, plain and beautifully and quaintly patterned—silver and gold trimmed—each pair neatly boxed—\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Mufflers

White, black and patterned silks and cashmeres—\$1, \$1.50 and \$2. The Oxford Muffler, 50c \$1, and \$1.25.

Evening Dress Protectors

of silk and satin, in all the new shapes, \$1.50.

Gloves

for dress and street wear. American, English and French makes—the finest and best made, \$1 to \$3. Scotch Knitted Gloves, 50c. Fur and wool-lined Kid Gloves, \$1 to \$5.50—thrice the selection of any other store.

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SLATER SHOE AGENTS

CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

City Schools Celebrate the Festive Season by Glad Gatherings.

Fascinating Exercises at the McKeough School Kindergarten.

"Comparisons are odious." If it were not so we should have instituted comparisons between the monotonous, dry-as-dust, and grind school days of our ancestors and the interest-quickening, effort-embuing variety of modern school life.

And, perhaps, no principal in the Public schools of the Province is more alive to the advantages springing from an entire and unexpected change in the every-day program than Mr. James Brackin, of the McKeough School. For years he has planned and successfully carried through the most delightful and original diversions for the children under his charge, and yesterday's proceedings ranked among the most satisfactory and refreshing. The large concert room of the building was most elaborately and befittingly decorated with evergreen streamers, gracefully festooning the ceiling, with beautiful sprays and branches of holly adorning the curtains, and last of all most important for some of the children, with a large Christmas tree gaily rearing in its most welcome burdens of fantastic and many colored presents.

To Mr. Clements, the janitor of McKeough School, is due the credit for the laborious part of the decorating. Mr. Clements always enters heartily into the spirit of the Christmas festival, and he has made the children his object.

At two o'clock this room presented a very interesting scene. The parents and friends were seated upon the side, while the centre was occupied by the children of the kindergarten sitting upon little chairs prettily arranged in curves. With heart and voice and gestures they entered into the following songs: "Christmastime Hymn, Greeting to Parents, Sunbeams, Tick-Tock, The Family, Mother Tree, Jack Frost, Good-bye Little Flowers, The Wonderful Weaver, and Merry, Merry Christmas. While the children were preparing for the march Miss Aylesworth, the director, addressed the mothers as follows:

"The children of the McKeough School Kindergarten desire to express their heartfelt gratitude and pleasure at the interest and appreciation shown by the parents in members of the Kindergarten festival. For days, and weeks, and months, not vainly, have we been turning our hopes and expectations on this day. The McKeough Kindergarten is still but a few and a half years of age and, like the babe, combines all those simple imperfections with endless possibilities. Its birth proclaimed the establishment of a new grade in the institution, which was to be a foundation for the child's after education. In place of leaving the child for four or five years at the merciless uncertainty of his own caprice or a strict education, the McKeough School becomes his Kindergarten at the age of four. Here an honest attempt is made to respond to the needs of the first stages of development. Mothers, here assembled, have you not often marvelled at the ceaseless overflowing activity of your child? Have you not grieved at his destructive tendencies? Have you not noticed their tireless imitating? These instinctive expressions on the child's part are his unconscious way of telling you that he wants to come to the Kindergarten, where those destructive will be evolutionized into constructive tendencies and all his activities will be directed into educative channels. Here in his play with concrete material, as blocks, paper-cutting and folding, weaving, etc., etc., he will undergo definite logical experiences organized by one who has ever in mind his growing needs and powers. At four years of age the child's efforts and results are crude and simple, and it is certainly most interesting to observe his powers of mind and body gradually unfold. We shall not stop to-day to consider the beneficial influences springing from the music in the Kindergarten. But if the child is to gain due profits from the Kindergarten he must enter at four years of age and complete a prescribed course of training. This year's register for the primary room gives it out in black and white that only one-third of the children there enrolled have ever attended the Kindergarten. Are we wholly alive to our privileges? The tendency of the age is to aim at the highest good of little children, and the Kindergarten is allowed to be one of the most potent agencies in the realization of the same."

Then followed the marching and the games, in the direction of which Miss Aylesworth was most ably assisted by Miss V. Farquharson and Miss Rose Morrison. The tree was hereupon speedily strung of its presents, and the children sang the following song as they gave them to their parents:

"Hurry were our fingers
Stitching day by day,
Making little presents
That we give away.
Little hands were willing

For a loving thought,
Helped to make this present
We to you have brought."

The second part of the program was just as interesting, but the attendance was larger. The little Kindergartens returned to their rooms and then all the pupils of the school assembled and were seated on the floor in the open space where the Kindergarten pupils had played their games.

The following program was then presented:

Chorus—God Save the King—School.
Address—Chairman Dr. Bray.
Chorus—The Maple Leaf—School.
Presentation of McKeough medals—Inspector Park.

Chorus—Summer Farewell—School.
Presentation of Rapid Adding prize—Judge Houston.
Song—Selected—Willie Hoig.
Presentation of Joe Kenny drawing prize—N. H. Stevens.
Chorus—Sleigh Ride—School.
Presentation of Conduct prize—Dr. Thornton.

Recitation—Selected—Gladstone Henry.
Presentation of special prizes—The Chairman.
Chorus—Greeting to the King—The School.
Chorus—Sleigh Ride—School (by request).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Room III.—Annie Douglas, for reading.
Room IV.—Otto Field, for adding.
Room V.—Frank Smith, for home-work.
Room VI.—Mabel Handysides, for spelling book.

Room VII.—George Gaudin, for improvement in writing; Milton Way, for neat class book.
Room VIII.—Lida Clements, for drawing.
Room IX.—Rosa Duncan, for home work book.
Room X.—Henry Sylvester, for spelling.
Room XI.—Pearl Thompson, for spelling.
Room XII.—Perry Grandbois, for spelling.
Room XIII.—Arthur Ruthven, for home work.
The Joe Kenny prizes in drawing were won by Mary Kerr and Harry Groves.

The Dr. Thornton prize for conduct was won by Jessie Reeves.

Rapid Adding—

Room II.—Violet Clements.
Room III.—Ethel McCubbin.
Room IV.—Douglas Stewart.
Room V.—Henry Sylvester.
Room VI.—Stanley Head.
Room VII.—Forth Hoig.
Room VIII.—Hazel Pritchard.
Room IX.—Alex. Bousnel.

Metallists—

Room III.—George Way.
Room IV.—Mabel Handysides.
Room V.—Muriel Locke.
Room VI.—Rosa Duncan.
Room VII.—Alice Barton.
Room VIII.—Star Stevens.
Room IX.—Clark Locke.
Room X.—Ray Peck.

Dr. R. V. Bray occupied the chair and made a nice speech complimenting the school on its appearance and the work which he had seen and heard.

Inspector Park, in presenting the medals to the successful pupils, made an exceedingly apt address.

After adjourning, the McKeough school was visited by the principal, who said that this school should bear the name of one who gave so much of a long life to up-building of our schools and the education of the youth of our city. The name honored the school, the school honored the name.

"Fitting it was that these medals should be founded to perpetuate his memory, and for the furtherance of the work which he had so much at heart. Proud should the boy or girl be who won one of them, for it bore the name of one who built not for his own time alone, but for the ages that are to be."

Dr. Thornton presented the prize offered by himself to be given to the pupil who should be judged by the teachers to have exhibited the best conduct while attending McKeough school, from the first room to the principals.

Dr. Thornton in his brief but happy address paid a warm tribute to Principal Brackin.

He said that he envied Mr. Brackin his position. The Principal of McKeough school was anything but selfish and it was with a great deal of pleasure that he had accepted of the request of Mr. Brackin to make the presentation. The presentation wasn't made haphazard, but for nearly seven years the eyes of the teachers had been on the winner of the good conduct prize. Dr. Thornton said that, after puzzling over what to give, he had decided on a steel engraving so presented the winner with a bank note.

Two pupils of the school gave an example of the talents possessed by those who are educated at McKeough school. Willie Hoig sang an excellent song and Gladstone Henry, the talented young orator, gave an excellent recitation.

Judge Houston presented the money prizes to the best pupils in addition to McKeough school anything but self-denied \$2 to McKeough school annually to be presented in whatever way the Principal should desire to the best at addition in the school. Principal Brackin decided to divide the money into quarters and give 25 cents to the best pupil in each room, making the presentation Judge Houston said:

"I am glad to be with you to-day. A great many of you are no doubt feeling melancholy and despondent because school is going to close, but that cannot be helped. The foundation of all mathematics is addition. It doesn't matter whether you will be a farmer, a merchant, a book-keeper, or a worker in any calling, addition will come in your way. I believe there is no greater benefit for a man in business than to be good at addition."

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HOME WORK FOR STUDENTS

Dr. McKeough Furnishes The Planet With an Interesting Interview.

Favors the Assigning of Work to the Senior Students Under Certain Conditions.

The question of homework in the public schools has been agitating many parents of this city recently. Dr. McKeough, who has been associated with the history of the schools of this city for so long and has had many opportunities of studying this question both in his own family and in the city generally, has some valuable ideas in regard to homework. In an interview with The Planet, he said:

"One of the characteristics of the present age is a restless tendency to review and criticize the methods by which the work of our various lines and institutions is carried on. In this way a beam of electrical searchlight, so-to-speak, is turned upon our various systems and institutions, and our newness, enterprising and up-to-date home journal has been saying much, and putting it well, about home studies."

"Our Inspector, Mr. Park, has been quoted as an authority condemning it, and the cause of the so-called ineptitude is placed upon the Board of Education. In his remarks before the Board on this subject Mr. Park limited his censure to homework for children of younger years, first and second book. I do not quite know where the responsibility lies. I have heard the Educational Department blamed, at other times the teachers, and again the parents; and The Planet censures the Trustees."

"I have sometimes thought, however, the responsibility lies in the bracing atmosphere, figuratively speaking, of this country of ours—in the spirit of energy, strenuousness, competition and rivalry of the age, and generated through environment and hereditary influences, our statesmen and leaders of thought do not require to inform the people of Canada that they are 'too complacent,' as Lord Rosebery told an English audience recently, and advised his English friends to acquire the spirit and energy of the Americans if they wished to maintain their present ascendancy in the world."

"The children of Canada do not propose to be left behind in the race of the survival of the fittest, and Canadian boys and girls intend to be fit, both physically and mentally, for whatever may turn up in the world. That much is born in them. As a matter of fact, in a practice of nearly 25 years, I could count on the fingers of one hand the children I have seen injured by overstudy."

"We all agree with Mr. Park, however, that the younger children should not have homework, and also that the kind of lessons assigned for home study to the older children should be selected with judgment and should involve, I believe, merely the exercise of memory and observation."

"Practice in reading, writing, spelling, drawing or examination of a map with a view of improving a knowledge of geography—fascinating work, even for old people—or reading some history, could do no possible harm. It is said by authority that difficult problems in arithmetic or the solutions of any problem not within easy grasp of the child's attainment should never be assigned for home study."

"Home study is not obligatory under the law. A note from a parent to a teacher, requesting his child to be excused or when it is evident to the teacher that the work of the school room is a sufficient strain upon the mental energies of this pupil no homework can or should be prescribed. It is doubtful to me, however, if it would be wise, in case of the older children, at present to entirely proscribe home studies. What will the children do with themselves between the hours of seven and eight or seven and nine o'clock? You know the old problem about Satan and idle hands. Quite frequently I have occasion to walk about the city in the evenings, and I almost invariably meet boys engaged in some questionable amusements. The question often occurs to me—would not these boys be beneficially better at home engaged at their studies or reading?"

The introduction of school libraries by Mr. Brackin and Mr. Plewes, when complete, and every child enabled to take home accessible and greable literature, will largely overcome many difficulties connected with this important question of evening employment for the young."

POLL TAX FIGURES.

In 1900 the city police force collected over \$500 in poll tax. This year they have collected only about \$150. "There are two reasons for this difference," said Chief Young this morning. "One is that last year the election was held and all persons over 21 years of age registered so that they could vote. By consulting the list of those registering the police added 80 names to the poll tax list and collected \$80 in addition to the amount collected from the names the police received from the assessors. Then again, the militia men are now all exempted."

THE WARDEN TALKS.

Warden VonGuten was in the city yesterday. Speaking of the topics most in men's mouths in this city just now Kent's Wardens said:—"Blasphemy is all right. We have no small-pox there, but we are prepared for it. Blenheim and Harwich have joined together and they are going to get a tent to use as an isolation hospital in case there should be any outbreak in either of these municipalities. There is going to be a great contest for seats in Harwich. There will be no less than four candidates. Peter Morrison, Richard Young, E. B. Toll, are already in the field, and a fourth man is expected."

SORE ARMS

The City Council at a Special Meeting Order Compulsory Vaccination Throughout the City.

A special meeting of the City Council was held at twelve o'clock to-day, the Mayor deeming it advisable to call the meeting after a special meeting of the Board of Health held last night at which, under the advice of the Medical Health officer, they had decided that compulsory vaccination was advisable, as it was not in the power of the Board of Health to enforce it, they appealed to the council and at the meeting to-day this course was decided upon. The City Clerk has made out the proclamation, which appears in another column.

The members of the council present at the meeting were Mayor Sullivan and Aldermen G. G. Taylor, E. W. Seane, E. A. Mounter, Jas. Edmondson, W. Fleming, W. S. Marshall and A. McCoig.

NEW TEACHERS

List of Model School Candidates Who Were Successful in Their Examinations.

The following are the names of the Model School candidates successful on the final examination, with aggregate marks of each. The total number obtainable was 900, and the minimum for pass 540—
G. Griffin 791, A. Russell 735, A. Husband 727, A. Estabrook 701, I. D. McLean 689, F. McLean 675, M. H. Rankin 671, M. Neilson 669, G. Somers 668, M. Waterworth 667, W. F. Walsh 667, F. Buchanan 652, W. Bennie 650, C. Doyle 643, I. Robertson 638, L. Scott 638, E. Mackie 636, A. Richards 618, B. Richardson 618, J. Tobey 616, J. Reid 609, E. Tiffin 609, E. Hyatt 605, H. Adams 596, E. Parks 595, K. McMillan 592, J. Richardson 592, E. Shreeve 587, H. Richardson 578, L. McArthur 545, M. Jeffs 543, A. Bates 540, P. Bedford 540, T. Gossnell 540, H. Scott 540, E. K. Simpson 540, L. Scriven 540.
Renewals, under Regulation 87, were granted to H. F. Thomson, S. Seafe, J. L. McDonald, M. Power, G. Taylor and J. Snell.



...Xmas... Slippers

A MORE appreciable present for your gentlemen friend can not be had than a nice comfortable pair of slippers or a pair of

'Invictus Shoes'

a number of advance spring styles of 'Invictus Shoes' just to hand.

INVICTUS SHOES WEAR LIKE IRON....



TAXES

All taxes unpaid on January 1st, next, will have 2 per cent added. WM. RANNIE, City Collector.

All Eyes Are Towards "THE ARK"

At Christmas Time....

EVERYBODY knows that this is the most popular and up-to-date Housefurnishing, China and Crockery House in the West. The fine Chinese ware imported from France, Germany, Austria and Japan, is the best, at the price that the beginning of a new century affords. Cake Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Celery Trays, Cream Jugs, Berry Bowls, Fruit Sets, Honey Dishes, Butter Dishes, Cheese Dishes, Pickle Dishes, Bread and Butter Plates, are a few of the many things on our tables.

THE prices are from 25c to \$5.00. Lamps, Statuary, Vases, Jardinieres, Fern Pots, Candle Holders and Bisque Ornaments are here in great quantity. Fancy goods in plush, celluloid and leather, including glove, handkerchief, collar, jewel and work boxes, purses, travelling companions, music rolls, ebony hair and cloth brushes, mirrors, etc. Dinner sets, tea sets, fancy parlor lamps, are on the second floor. Ask to see them. "THE ARK." The greatest Toy Store in Chatham.

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KING STREET CHATHAM.

H. MACAULAY,