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\$1 50 pair. "President" Suspenders, 50c pair.

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are suitable for Xmas presents, and as they were bought for that purpose we do not want to carry them over and have decided to inaugur-

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This is not what they are worth but what we will sell them at in order to clear the lot in THREE DAYS.

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S. lk, initialed, 25c to 50c. Plain Linen Hemstitched, 10c, 25c, 35c and 50c. White Silk, with colored borders, 50c.

Full Dress Shields, from \$1.50 to \$2.25.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Munsing Union Suits, at \$2.50. Separate Garments, 50c to \$2.50 each.

CLOSE THEIR THIS STORE will YEAR'S WORK Saturday Monday & Tuesday

Nights Until 10

Public School Trustees hold the Final Meeting of the Present Year.

Retiring Members Eulogise Inr Park and His Good Work-Annual Report.

Chairman Dr. R. V. Bray and Trustees Robertson, Wilson, Mc-Keough, Morley, Thomson and Mc-Corvie formed a quorum at the last meeting of the Public School Board held in Harrison Hall last evening. During the evening Mr. Wilson and Mr. Thomson, the retiring members both expressed their regret at leaving the Board. Both were well satisfied with the work that has been done

with the work that has been done during the past year and contributed a large amount of credit to Mr. Park, the Inspector.

Mr. Wilson—I think there are very bright prospects for the future of the city schools. During the past year we have worked up many things that have resulted in the good of the schools. There are several matters that may have to be taken up in the future, such as the teaching of Domestic Science and other matters, but I consider that the present School Board are quite able to grapple with these matters.

Mr. Thomson—I concur with every-hing that has been said about our schools. Our Inspector is second to none in the Dominion and it has been a pleasure to listen to his reports to this Board.

A communication was read from Misses S. Abram, M. Samson, M. Irving, and E. Longwell, teachers of McKeough school, thanking the Board for the increases made in their

It was decided to add some improvements to McKeough school. The stairs leading from the first to the second floor will be repaired, and every one of the rooms will be refloored. The whole work will cost about \$500. Each room, it is esti-mated, will cost about \$20. Two of them will be done during the Christmas holidays.

The Board, Secretary and scribes

were tendered an invitation to the closing exercises of McKeough school through Trustee McCorvie.

The following is the Finance committee's report as tendered by Trustee Morley.
To the Public School Board:

Gentlemen,-Your committee beg to report the payment of the following

CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Teachers' salaries, \$392.41. W. W. Snell, janitor, \$41.66. R. Cooper, supplies, \$2.50. Thos. McKie, supplies, 550 J. Piggott & Sons, repairs, \$48.50. Total, \$485.62. McKEOUGH SCHOOL.

Teachers' salaries, \$287.72. Miss Reid, assistant, \$2.50. D. C. Clements, janitor, \$30. D. C. Clements, wood, \$7. Total, \$327.22. QUEEN ST. SCHOOL.

Teachers' salaries, \$100.11. Chas. Moore, janitor, \$23. E. C. Radley, supplies, 75c. Total, \$123.86.

KINDERGARTEN NO. 1. Teachers' salaries, \$53.37. E. C. Radley, supplies, \$8.85. .W. Reddick, repairs, 50c. R. Cooper, supplies, 40c. Thos. McKie, supplies, \$1.95. Total, \$65.09.

KINDERGARTEN, NO. 2 Teachers' salaries, \$54.16. Jas. A. Tilt, supplies, \$3. Selby & Co., \$1.40. F. Raynor, \$1.65. R. Cooper, supplies, 55c. Total, \$60.56.

PAYNE SCHOOL. Arthur Green, \$1. KING ST. SCHOOL

W. A. Needham, \$1. Total for Payne and King, \$2. GENERAL ACCOUNT. Robert Park, Insp., \$100. Thomas C. Macnabb, \$50. James Birch, \$34.60. Thomas C. Macnabb, \$8.40.

MODEL SCHOOL. Jane Coltart, \$40. Grand total, \$1,312.57 INSPECTOR PARK'S REPORT. The following is Inspector Park's

semi-annual report :-

Chatham, Dec. 19, 1901. The Board of Public School Trustees, of the City of Chatham: Gentlemen,-I beg to report upon

white the discipline and management of each school as a whole reflects the highest credit upon the Principals, and is, I am certain, unsurpassed in the Province. I am satisfied also that the Province. I am satisfied also that excellent progress has been made throughout, which will be made evident by the Christmas promotions. While I am gratified by improvement all along the line, I am especially gratified by the advance we have made in the work done by the teachers in the junior rooms of Queen St. and the Central. Beginning the term in each with weakness, we have wound it up with a strength that is highly Import direct from London, England, the the Central. Beginning the term in finest Ceylon, Assam and China Tess. Try each with weakness, we have wound our English Breakfast Tes. 35c and 40c. it up with a strength that is highly

creditable to both Miss Snell and Miss Birch, who are developing into excel-lent teachers.

I do not care to point out in detail the advances and improvements we have made, preferring to leave them to the test of time. I content myself to the test of time. I content myself with the fact that every change in organization effected at mid-summer has worked out to the eminent advantage of the children and the public, and to my entire satisfaction. I have found the whole teaching staff anxious to do what is best for the education of of our youth, and not only that, but enthusiastic in the highest degree; and I am satisfied that it would be very difficult to select a better or more determined staff of teachers that are at present in the teachers that are at present in the employ of the Chatham School Board.

McKEOUGH SCHOOL. Further inspection has only confirmed and strengthened me in the opinion expressed in my report of July last. There have been no changes in the staff, and I can still say that there is not a weak spot in either the teaching or management any where in this school. The pupils are especially noted for the neatness of their written work, and drawing, which I do not think is excelled any-

CENTRAL AND QUEEN STREET SCHOOLS.

The results from the changes in rganization at the Central and Queen Street Schools have, as stated before, met our most sanguine expectations, As a result of the progress made, two shall have, after the Christmas promotions are made, about 70 pupils in the High School Entrance Class, and 30 in each of the junior 4th classes un-der Miss Coltart and Miss Hillman, As the entrance class is too large for individual teaching by the principal, we propose to combine the two junior 4th class for some lessons by Miss Hillman, and, during the time that Miss Coltart is not engaged with her own class, she will be able to hear the recitations of half the entrance class alternately. For recitation purposes we propose to use the waiting room between the rooms of the prin-cipal and Miss Hillman, seating it with chairs, of which there are sufficient in the school.

There will, of course, be necessity for more seats in the rooms of Miss Hillman and the Principal but we think this can be accomplished without incurring expense by the removal of seats from other rooms where they

are not now needed. The object of this arrangement is to enable us without, extra cost to send up to the High School Entrance examination a much targer class than heretoford. In my report of June last I stated that our policy should eventually lead to the forma-tion of a second Senior Fourth or Entrance Class. We are now taking our first step in that direction and hope to realize our full expectation a

As a further result of re-organization, the number of pupils in each of the other classes of the Central and Schools will be after Christmas more nearly equal. We shall have about 47 in each of the two Senfor 3rd classes, the same number in 3rd classes, the same number in 3rds, about 50 each of the Junior 3rds., about in each of the three 2nds, in the Cen-tral School and about 45 in the one 2nd in Queen St., We have now reduced the First Book classes from 6 to 4, as I stated should be our policy; and I am certain the pupils have made greater progress in the four classes than they ever did in the six. The classes in Queen St., will at New Year's, have about 45 pupils each. As may be expected from the rapid change effected, which I did not think could be accomplished before next midsummer, the classes in the Central are still large, but from the rapid progress now being made, these classes will scon be reduced to the

If the recommendations mentioned with reference to the entrance class be carried out, we shall be able to bring Miss Mounteer's class has well as Miss McPherson's class from Queen St. to the Central School, thus reducing Queen street school to three classes, or exactly what it was before the Payne school was closed. We are therefore carrying on the work on the south side of the river with one teacher less, and have provided an-other teacher to do higher work; and have no longer to incur the expense of of keeping up Payne School. We are quite willing to allow the results of the future to be the justification of

At the November meeting of the Board, a resolution was passed advancing the salary of the Junior First class teacher at \$400 per annum in the Central and McKeough schools, and to \$350 in Queen street. The selection from the staff of experienced teachers to fills these positions was left with the Principals and Inspector. After a full consideration of the mutter with Principal Plewes, I begin connection with him to recommend Miss Annie McKellar for this position in I have visited the schools frequently during the term, and completed my inspection on Monday, the 9th instant. The discipline in each of the rooms of the City Schools is very satisfactory, while the discipline and management of each school as a whole reflects the highest credit upon.

aging power of any teacher upon the staff as well as any information con-cerning any other matter within my jurisdiction I shall supply, if within my power.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen.

obedient servant, ROBERT PARK, Pub. Sch. Insp.,

Macnabb, Esq., Secretary P. S.

TO HIS DEATH

Well-Known St. Thomas Contractor Killed at Ridgetown To-day.

Was Working on Roof of new Town Hall When he Lost his Balance and Fell.

Special to The Planet

Ridgetown, Dec. 20.-John Riddell, the well-known roof contractor, whose home is in St. Thomas, met his death here at nine o'clock this morning.

Mr. Riddell was engaged in work upon the new town hall here and, while working upon the roof, slipped and fell to the ground-a distance of

He was killed instantly.

The deceased was highly esteemed all who know him. He leaves a wife, one son and one daughter, who live at home in St. Thomas. Mr. Riddell celebrated his 65th birthday only a few days ago.

The body will be taken home this

John Riddell is well known in the Maple City, having handled several contracts here. His sudden death will cause much regret among acquaintances here.

ESCAPING GAS.

Galt, Ontario, Dec. 18 .- Thomas Mc-Givern, clerk of the Division Court, insurane and real estate agent, was found in his office in the Gore Block, about one o'clock this morning in an unconscious condition, caused by gas escaping from an opening in the pipe leading to the metert Medical assistance was obtained and restoratives applied, which, after some hours, proved effective and it is now thought the patient will recover. Mr . Mc-Givern had been a trusted public man was reeve of the town and councillor for several years, and was also a prominent member and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Methodist church. He was about a month ago discovered to be short in the funds of the church, of which he was treasurer, and otherwise financially involved. Criminal proceedings were threatened, This in conjunction with other circumstances of the case leads to the general belief that suicide was at-

East Hastings Liberals have nominated Samuel Russell, M. P. P., for the

The manager of the Windsor Gas Company was fined for supplying gas below the standard power.

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