

For the Last Sat'day OF THE... Year

Possibly you overlooked some friend for a Christmas Gift. If so, and if you want to make it up for New Year's, here are some money-saving chances for you.

Chiffon Ruching

4 inches wide with ribbon ruching on the edge, in accordion pleated, chiffon, white and black, regular price 20c a yard, on sale special at 13c.

Pillow Slips

Ready to use pillow slips, 45 in. round, 34 in. long, with deep hem, on sale special at a pair 34c.

Handkerchiefs

Men's fine white cambric hem-stitched handkerchiefs, put up half dozen in very pretty boxes, regular price 80c a box, on sale special 69c.

Fine cambric centre with cream Battenburg lace around, in very neat pretty designs, worth regular up to 50c each, on sale for 10c.

Embroidery

Flannellette embroideries 1 1/2 to 3 inches wide, in a pretty variety of desirable shades, for trimming gowns and underwear, regular price up to 10c a yard, on sale for 5c.

Sheeting

Twilled unbleached sheeting, two yards wide, good heavy thread, regular price 28c a yard, on sale for 23c.

Carpet Sweepers

Toy carpet sweepers that will do the work, on sale 35c sweepers for 24c, and 25c sweepers for 19c.

Fancy Articles

A splendid assortment of fancy articles, including such items as these: fancy covered baskets, 5 inches and 6 inches square; basket, comb and brush; trays in various sizes; fancy skein silk holders; fancy painted match scratchers; fancy post card albums, burnt wood and satin covered key holders; basket whisk holders, etc., regular price 25c each; all go on sale to clear at each 14c.

Toweling

Brown linen toweling 13 1/2 inches wide, bordered, coarse, for dish cloths, on sale special at a yard 3 1/2c.

Boys' Underwear

Boys' Scotch knit all wool undershirts and drawers, all sizes up to 13 years, regular value up to 70c a garment, on sale special any size for 47c.

Curtains

Bonne Femme door curtains, made of good wash net, handsomely flowered and trimmed with fine Val. lace insertion, regular value 85c each, on sale special at 64c.

Gloves

Girls' fancy knitted golf gloves, all sizes, pretty variety of colors, regular 25c pair, on sale for 16c.

THOS. STONE & SON

To all our customers, to all who may become such, to the entire public everywhere we extend our sincere wishes for a Happy New Year and a full measure of prosperity.

VonGunten Bros.



Wishing every user, and all others a very Happy New Year.

H. MACAULAY. PHONE 169

Judging from the great number of Sweepers which we sold during the Christmas rush proves that the Bissell "Cyclo" is the favorite. We have sold a great number during the past 15 years.

Every user is a delighted customer. See Sweeper display in THE ARK Window.

The manufacturer's fixed price is \$3.00.

NEW NOMINATION

Absence of Candidates For Bothwell Council Necessitates Unusual Course

Bothwell, Dec. 28. — Town Clerk Braddy to-day posted notice calling for nominations to be held on the first day possible after the expiration of the time required by law, for the offices of councillors. This is the result of the peculiar state of affairs following the withdrawal and failure to qualify of those named at the nominations of Friday last. The action of the prospective candidates in failing to qualify was caused by their neglect, but since that time several have intimated their intention of allowing their names to go before the ratepayers.

At the nomination meeting three were named for mayor, J. B. McMurich, M. D. widow, Geo. Johns resigned, leaving Thomas Haller to be elected by acclamation. For the council Geo. Mahler, A. D. Graham, M. D., Alex. Calderwood, R. H. Johnston, Arch. McLean, Wm. Leidsner, Joseph Dillar, Charles Clarke, Thomas Gurd, Henry Brewer, Henry Richards and Alex. Elliott were nominated. Of these only the first named qualified, the last six failed to qualify and the remainder withdrew. How many of these will consent to stand is not known.

The election of Mayor Haller is well received by the citizens, who consider him a strong man for the position.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE ELECTORS OF CHATHAM.

Ladies and Gentlemen: At a meeting of the W. C. T. U. held on Wednesday afternoon of this week the question of the attitude of the candidates for alderman to the question of the reduction of licenses and local option was discussed with a view to determining what candidates should receive the support of the body. Previous to the meeting on the day mentioned I freely expressed my opinions on these questions to Mr. A. D. Westman.

Mr. Westman attended this meeting and reported the conversation, but evidently left the impression that I was antagonistic to the principles advocated by these friends of temperance. In order that there may be no misunderstanding I will simply state the facts: In conversation with Mr. Westman I learned that it was the intention to apply to the Council for a further reduction of hotel licenses. I frankly told Mr. Westman that so far as I was concerned I would not pledge myself to support a motion to reduce the number of licenses.

While I believe that several licenses might be cut off without materially affecting the hotel accommodation of the city, still I thought it inadvisable to suggest any reduction at the present time least any rearrangement might result in still longer depriving the Rankin House of a license, while houses with much poorer accommodation received licenses. I have no desire to enter into the controversy whether Mr. Pleasence should or should not be granted a license, that question is one solely for the Commissioners to decide. The point I wished to make was that the Rankin House should have a license if licenses are to be granted. As far as local option is concerned I am not fully persuaded that in a municipality situated as Chatham is, that any attempt to enforce such a law would be conducive to the best interests of the cause of temperance.

If these friends of temperance had secured and discussed the views of all the other candidates I would have remained silent, but as mine were the only views discussed I felt, as a matter of justice to myself, that all the electors should have the matter placed fairly before them. The temperance question is only one of many moral issues affecting the city. If in my ten years' residence my relation to all questions affecting the welfare of the city has been such as to merit commendation I shall be pleased to receive your support, but I wish frankly to state that if elected I shall fearlessly and honestly, regardless of my personal views, represent all classes of the community.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES AUSTIN.

STRONG CANDIDATE

The aldermanic candidature of W. M. Stone — popularly known as "Stone the Hammer" — is meeting with very general approval. Mr. Stone has had considerable municipal experience in the past and proved himself a capable and efficient civic representative. His friends are particularly pleased that he has been prevailed upon to re-enter the municipal arena, and feel assured that his presence at the Council Board will be a decided acquisition during the coming year. Mr. Stone is an energetic, wide-awake, progressive citizen of the calibre best calculated to give the city good service and assist in its development.

Work on the new Glassford hotel is progressing very favorably. The men have now commenced the plastering. When this building is completed it will be one of the most modern and up-to-date hotels in the city.

GIFT TO GEORGE W. ROSS

His Personal and Political Admirers Pay Tributes.

An illuminated Address and a Cheque For \$35,000 Presented to the Late Premier of Ontario by Senator Cox For the Givers—Mr. Ross, in His Reply, Reviewed His Long Connection With Politics.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Hon. G. W. Ross was presented yesterday afternoon with a cheque for \$35,000, and an illuminated address by a committee representing personal and political friends of the late Premier, throughout the province. The deputation waited upon Mr. Ross at his home in Elmley place. The address was read by Senator Cox and the former Premier made a feeling reply, reviewing the ambitions actuating him in his extensive public life. The address was as follows:

"The Hon. George William Ross, M. P. F. L.L.D., etc.
"Sir,—A number of personal as well as political friends in Canada, here address you, desiring to express their appreciation of your services as a public man to your country, and especially to the Province of Ontario, and to beg you to accept the accompanying cheque as showing a gratitude which cannot be expressed in verbal compliment alone. Sir, for years you have set aside your private interests and avocations and given with lavish hand of your talents and energies to the public service, and we beg you to accept a free and spontaneous gift which can be turned into a form to be chosen by yourself rather than by us.

"Your rise from public school master in Ontario to be a member of Parliament and then Premier of your own Province was due to your own ability and your own unaided effort and capacity for hard and honest work, and your career has been viewed with pride and affection by your political friends, and with respect by your opponents.

"We desire to express our acknowledgment of the manner in which you have been able to place fiscal and educational legislation upon the statute book to the great advantage of the people.

"We have also to thank you for the many occasions upon which you have publicly and with great eloquence expressed for the people of Canada their just aspirations as to national concerns, and their deep-grounded beliefs upon the essentials of democratic government.

"For yourself and your nearest and dearest, sir, we wish long life and continued health, happiness and prosperity.

"Dated this 29th day of December, 1905.

"On behalf of the givers,
"Signed: G. A. Cox, chairman of the committee; S. C. Wood, secretary of the committee."

The illuminated address, the work of Miss Shaw, is excellently done. It bears as part of the border design "A little red schoolhouse," and excellent pictures in colors of the Parliament buildings at Ottawa and Toronto, all commemorative of Mr. Ross' long connection with educational and legislative affairs.

Miss Ross assisted her father in receiving the deputation.

HIGHER DUTY ON PAINTS.

One of Many Requests Laid Before Tariff Commission.

Quebec, Dec. 29.—The sittings of the Tariff Commission opened yesterday morning.

The Paint and Varnish Association asked a duty of 30 per cent on paints, equivalent to the duty on white lead.

The Boot and Shoe Manufacturers' Association asked for an increase of duty on American products in boots and shoes.

Two advocates of the Farmers' Association protested against any increase in the tariff, or rather in favor of a reduction from 30 per cent, to 20 per cent, on certain agricultural implements and seedling machines.

G. A. Vandary, protested against the dumping act as a nuisance for the dry goods trade on the general and asked for a higher tariff on American hats.

Lorenzo Robertaille of the Eureka Distillery, Beauport, Que., asked for a prohibitive duty on acetic acid and protested against the indirect sale and use of wood alcohol.

Morales Joins Partisans.

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Dec. 29.—The greater part of the Northern Santa Domingo is said to be in favor of Gen. Morales. It is understood here that Morales left the capital in order to join his partisans in the north and Gen. Rodriguez, the Governor of Monte Cristi, with his followers of that vicinity, have gone to meet Morales. Rodriguez's forces are said to be numerous. It is claimed here that the report that Morales intends to establish a new capital at Monte Cristi is correct.

Minister Gives Up \$5,000 Job.

St. Catharines, Dec. 29.—Rev. M. D. Colman, B.A., who resigned the pastorate of the Queen street Baptist Church a couple of weeks ago, and signified his intention of leaving the ministry to accept a mercantile position in Montreal, was presented with an almost unanimously signed petition from the congregation, requesting him to remain. He accordingly withdrew his resignation. The stipend is \$1,200; his new position, it was stated, was at \$5,000 a year.

When there is an abundance of bliss there also is to be found much ignorance.

HIS REPLY

President Westman of the Temperance Association Writes Concerning Ald. Austin's Letter

Editor of The Planet:

In reply to open letter from Mr. C. Austin to the electors, I would say that it is true that the W. C. T. U. and the Royal Templars held a joint meeting to discuss and consider who of the many aldermanic candidates were entitled to their influence and support. It is true that I attended that meeting and reported a conversation held with Mr. Austin as to his attitude on the question of license reduction, as he particularly intimated in the course of that conversation that he wished the W. C. T. U. to know that he did not want them to support him excepting that he was in favor of license reduction for 1906. This is my justification for reporting the conversation. We did not ask Mr. Austin or any of the candidates to pledge themselves, although they may have been approached by other individuals along this line, but we were considering the candidates entirely upon their record and reputation and to say that those who attended were surprised at Mr. Austin's stand would be putting it mild, as they all thought they had a right to expect better things of him. Mr. Austin has acknowledged his belief that several licenses might be cut off without affecting the hotel accommodation of the city. Then we wondered why he has not the courage of his belief and not allowed himself to be sidetracked by the matter of sentiment over which the temperance people have had no control and for which they are not responsible in any way. Mr. Austin is not the only good citizen who realizes that an injustice has been done to Mr. Pleasence, and a great majority of the right thinking people of this city are in accord with the granting of a license to the Rankin House as long as licenses are being granted, as his accommodation had been second to none, but we have reason to believe that any action that the temperance people might take, would not effect the Rankin House situation either favorably or prejudicially.

The W. C. T. U. and Royal Templars are pledged to do all in their power to curtail the drinking evils and we will not ask Mr. Austin or any of the aldermen elect for 1906 to support a measure for license reduction unless we give them good evidence that it is the wish of the majority of the ratepayers, and under these circumstances we think we have a right to look for their support.

If any injustice has been done we think that Mr. Austin is entirely responsible for it himself from the situation he has taken.

Thanking you for your kindness in inserting this reply, I am,

Truly yours,

A. D. WESTMAN.

Chatham, Dec. 29, 1905.

The world's week of prayer begins Monday, Jan. 8th, and not Jan. 1st.

CARPET BALL

The standing of Carpet Ball League is as follows, including last Wednesday night's deferred game:—

	WON	LOST	TO PLAY	PER CT.
S.O.E.	2	0	18	1000
A.O.U.W.	3	2	15	600
Hope	3	3	14	500
I.O.F.	1	1	18	500
S.O.S.	0	1	19	000
C.O.F.	0	2	18	000



MEN'S SLIPPERS FOR Christmas

Of course, real solid comfort may be possible without a pair of slippers—but it's surely more like the real Simon-pure article when the slippers are there.

That opens the way toward making somebody a present that will

- gladden him for a whole year or more.
- Low or Opera Slippers in a variety of leathers. 75c to \$2
- Ridge-Out or Romeo Slippers. A draft resister for winter. \$1.50 to \$2
- Felt and Warm Lined Slippers. 65c to \$1
- Carpet and Rep Slippers from 40c

GEO. W. COWAN