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The  
Reliable  
Store

**Thos. Stone & Son**

The  
Store of  
Quality

ESTABLISHED 1852.

## Children's Coats AT REDUCED PRICES

We have divided our entire stock of children's winter coats into two lots, and for a speedy clearance, have marked them to sell at

**\$5.00 and \$7.50.**

Lot No. 1—priced at \$5.00, includes Children's coats that were formerly priced as high as \$8.50. They are all this season's buying, not an odd garment in the lot, but all bright, fresh, stylish goods.

Lot No. 2—Marked \$7.50 comprise all our children's coats up to \$13.50. These are exceptionally fine garments in newest styles and correct shades, of fine broadcloths. We bought too many of these high class garments, but they'll not last long at the special cut prices.

See the display of these garments in our window. The early buyer will get the best selection.

## THOS. STONE & SON

The Christmas Bargain Sale At  
**Westman Bros.**  
A GREAT SUCCESS.

LARGE NUMBERS SHOW APPRECIATION.

ALL NEW GOODS.

ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

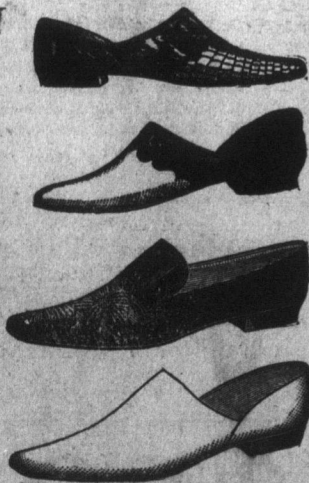
Look at Some of the Reductions.

\$1.00 Carvers .....	\$0.80	\$1.00 Nickle Teapots .....	0.80
1.25 " .....	1.00	1.00 Coffee Pots .....	0.80
1.50 " .....	1.20	0.75 Granite Teapots .....	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives .....	4.00	1.00 Leather Mitts .....	0.80
3.00 " .....	2.40	0.75 " .....	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives .....	1.40	0.50 " .....	0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons .....	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets .....	1.60
0.50 Nut Cracks .....	0.40	1.75 " .....	1.40
1.00 Butter Knives .....	0.80	1.25 " .....	1.00
Safety Razors .....	1.50	10.00 Robes .....	8.00
" .....	3.50	6.50 " .....	5.00

COME AND GET SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

—AT—

**WESTMAN BROS.' BIG SALE.**



**CHRISTMAS  
...GIFTS**

There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$1.00.

Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c. to \$3.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50  
Men's Women's and Children's Felt House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

**WM. SOMERVILLE & SON,**

4 DOORS WEST OF MARKET  
CHATHAM

## TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL

W. A. McGeachy Returns  
From A Tour Through  
The West

### MUCH FRUIT WAS SOLD

W. A. McGeachy, western representative for the Chatham Fruit Growers Association, has returned from a most successful trip through the Northwest in the interests of his company. He has had a record-breaking year as far as successful sales is concerned, visiting every city of importance in the West. He returned by way of St. Paul and Chicago. He was accompanied on his trip this year by his wife, and both enjoyed the trip to the fullest extent. "It was 25 degrees below zero when we left Winnipeg," said Mr. McGeachy to the Planet this morning. "The snow was 18 inches deep and they had a regular blizzard there. I can tell you, we were glad to get away. Kent is still the banner country for us. The railway traffic was blocked and the trains were all running behind time."

"There was considerable competition in the fruit line this year in the Northwest. Americans were taking stuff in there and selling it fast. Their fruit looks better than ours but it has not the same quality, ours being much superior in that respect. We would not get our fruit up fast enough owing to poor transportation facilities on the railways."

"There was a big crop in the West this year. There is a lot of the wheat not threshed yet. I know of one man who has 1,200 acres unthreshed. It is impossible to get enough threshing machines."

During his visit he saw many old Chathamites, including Lex Heath, who is travelling for a firm in Winnipeg, Chas. Dunn, Percy and Gray Mitchell, Reg. Degge, Dan Robertson and Burney Weldon. He got The Planet every day and said to the reporter that it was just like money from home.

Mr. McGeachy was unfortunate in being struck down with an attack of typhoid fever while he was in Winnipeg. He was in the hospital for three weeks, and left it three weeks before he started for home. Typhoid is quite prevalent in Winnipeg at the present time, and he had to wait three days before he could secure admittance in any of the hospitals. He is now fast recovering, however, and his many friends will be pleased to see him back safely once more.

## LETTER FROM CAPT. DAVIDSON

Writes Ald. Austin Relative To Building A  
Sugar Factory Here

### CHATHAM AN IDEAL SITE

Ald. C. Austin some time ago wrote to Captain Davidson, of Bay City, relative to the matter of him building a sugar factory in Chatham. Ald. Austin to-day received the following reply from Mr. Davidson:

Bay City, Dec. 8, 1906.  
Mr. Chas. Austin,  
Chatham, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—Referring to your favor of the 6th, will state that I have just arrived in the city, and intend to leave to-morrow. Will spend one day at Mt. Clemens and then go to Buffalo.

I am very busy now attending to my ships, which are making their final trips for this season, and I do not expect to be in Mt. Clemens on the date you mention. Cannot now state when I will be at liberty, but presume it will be after the first of January.

I cannot now state about making further investments in the sugar business. The plant at Mt. Clemens and also in Wisconsin are running well, and doing a good business."

"Would be glad to do anything I could in the interests of your city, and no doubt such a factory would be a good thing for your town and surrounding country. I have no doubt that sufficient beet could be raised in the immediate vicinity of Chatham to keep a large factory going. It would be a good thing for your town as it would disburse about a million dollars during the campaign."

I will have to see you later in regard to this matter, as I cannot now state when I would be at liberty to either visit your city or meet you at Mt. Clemens, for the reasons I have above given.

With very kindest regards, beg to remain,  
Yours very truly,  
JAMES DAVIDSON.

A free sample copy of The Weekly Planet will be sent to any address in Canada or the United States upon receipt of the address of any former resident of this city. The address can be left at this office or sent to The Planet on a postal card. Why not send this 16 page paper to a distant relative for one year as a Christmas present. The price is only one dollar.

## FRANCE HAS RELIGIOUS WAR

The Pope's Call to Rebel  
Against Common Law  
Worship

### DEADLOCK IS COMPLETE

Paris, Dec. 10.—France seems to face an alarming religious crisis. Saturday night's reports of the Pope's rejection at the eleventh hour of the Government's final proffer, under which Catholic worship was to be continued under the common law, turned out to be true. The deadlock now is apparently complete. Accordingly to the Pope's orders declarations under the law of 1881 are prohibited, but the parish priests must remain in their churches until driven out by violence.

#### Created a Sensation.

The official confirmation of this communication has created a sensation, both in Government and in Catholic circles. Cardinal Leont, Archbishop of Bordeaux, Archbishop Germain, and others who had advised compliance with the law, have hastily instructed the parish priests in their dioceses that their former advice is null and void. Yesterday in all the churches of Paris shops and priests, after mass, read the letter from Cardinal Richier, Archbishop of Paris, communicating the directions of the Holy See, to the French clergy to "continue services in the churches, but to abstain from any declaration," and Cardinal Richier's own instructions, in view of the order issued by the prefect of the Seine: Saturday forbidding for the present the employment of ceremonial disparities at marriages or funerals. The church wardens, whose legal existence will expire next Tuesday, were thanked yesterday from the pulpits of the various churches. Prayers, also, were offered for the protection of God during the coming period of persecution.

#### A Summons to Relief.

The Government regards the action of the pontiff as little less than a summons of the French Catholics to open rebellion, as rendering the situation exceedingly grave, and possible as entailing the most deplorable consequences.

Premier Clemenceau and M. Briand, Minister of Public Worship, were in conference all day yesterday. There is no sign of the Government faltering, but it recognizes that it may be proved to resort to extreme measures.

#### Government Will Prosecute.

"The encyclical is very grave," said M. Briand. "While condemning the law of 1905, it advised recourse to the common law. To refuse to form cultural associations was the church's legal right. In a spirit of conciliation, and to do nothing to disturb peace and tranquility, the Government thereupon prescribed this easy means of continuing worship by a simple declaration in accordance with the law of 1881. The Pope no longer acts as the spiritual head of the church, as the canonical objections of the law of 1881 cannot be invalid against that of 1881. The Pope now assumes a political leadership, and the vital question is whether the Catholics of France will consent to follow him or not. If they do, the Government will act with even greater energy because of the tolerance it has manifested heretofore. Every violation of the law will be prosecuted, and furthermore, special measures, legislative and otherwise, may be taken."

#### Punishment Threatened.

The special measures referred to by M. Briand are those intimated by Premier Clemenceau in the Chamber of Deputies, namely, to strip the clergy of their privileges, to compel them to perform military service, and, as a last resort, to treat them as foreign subjects.

Militant Catholics are rejoicing at the stern attitude of the Pope.

## DISASTERS DURING STORM

More Shipwrecks Reported  
From The Upper  
Lakes

### LATE SAILING COSTLY

Mishipicoten, Ont., Dec. 10.—During the northwest gale and heavy snow the steamer Golspie stranded in Burie Bay, south of this point. The vessel is lying on a gravel beach broadside to the sea, and is out two feet forward. The captain says the boat can be saved if wrecking outfit can be sent at once to the assistance. The Golspie has on board a cargo of oats, mill stuff and general freight, and was bound from Fort William to Owen Sound.

#### Five Sailors Badly Frozen.

It is reported that Capt. Bault and the members of his crew suffered terrible hardships; the temperature was 22 degrees below zero, and five of the sailors were badly frozen before they reached shore. The boat is valued at \$20,000, and her cargo is valued at \$17,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The Golspie was formerly the Oceola, and was on the Government lighthouse route. The Mackays of Kingston bought the boat a few years ago.

#### The Ionic Ashore.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—The passenger steamer Ionic of Port Huron, Mich., belonging to the Northern Navigation Co., ran ashore Saturday on Lake Superior in a snowstorm, a mile and a half from Whitefish Point. Wrecking tugs have been sent to her aid from Sault Ste. Marie.

#### Coal Steamer Wrecked.

Detroit, Dec. 10.—The steamer E. L. Ireland, stranded near the Apostle Islands, Lake Superior, during a blinding snowstorm Thursday night.

Her mate and a part of the crew, nearly exhausted from a nearly all-night battle with wind and wave in attempt to reach shore, report the accident and secure assistance.

They say she can be saved if help is sent at once. She is loaded with coal for Duluth, and was already chartered for a return trip with grain for Lake Erie. Her cargo is insured for \$260,000.

The Ireland is a steel steamer of 4,470 tons, owned by Gilchrist and built in 1903.

#### Victoria Goes Down.

Brookville, Dec. 10.—The steamer Victoria, the property of the Brookville Navigation Co., was sunk in the severe wind storm that prevailed here Friday night. The craft was in winter quarters, and the ice jam is thought to have opened her seams, causing the hull to fill and the boat to sink.

#### Fairmount Ashore.

Kingston, Dec. 10.—The Montreal Transportation Co.'s steamer Fairmount, grain-laden, from Fort William to Kingston, ran aground on Snake Island, eight miles west of here, Saturday afternoon. Tugs and a lighter have been sent to her assistance.

Many a fellow sidesteps a banana skin only to be tripped up on a lie.

Conditions carry people beyond the bounds of reason without cause.

## ALL THE NEW BOOKS Are Now In

THE DOCTOR—Ralph Connor  
THE UNDERTOW—Knowles  
THE TREASURES OF HMA-  
VEN—Marie Covelli  
SIR NIGEL—Conan Doyle  
THE TIDES OF BARNGAZ-  
Hopkinson Smith  
PUCK OF POOK'S HILL—Kipling.  
RIDOLFO—Egerton Williams  
BLINDFOLDED—Earl Walcott  
JANE CABLE—George Barr McCutcheon  
SILVER MAPLE—Marie Keith.  
WACOSTA—Major Richardson  
DISENCHANTED—Pierre Loti.  
BILLY TOPSAIL—Norman Duncan.  
A LADY OF ROME—Marie Crawford.  
WHITE FANG—Jack London  
And many others. We have a complete line. Come and get the ones you want laid away. We will keep them for you till Christmas.  
REMEMBER, I will duplicate any CLUBBING OFFER for Magazines made by any house in the world, at the same price. I want your Magazine and Paper Subscriptions for 1907.

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

### THE MAGNIFICENT CALIFORNIA TRAINS

Via the Chicago Union Pacific and North Western Lines, the "Los Angeles Limited," to Southern California and the "Overland Limited" to San Francisco are considered by travellers as the finest trains leaving Chicago. Less than three days to California. Drawing room and compartment sleepers, buffet, observation and dining cars. Trains electric lighted throughout. The "China and Japan" Fast Mail carries Pullman Standard and Tourist sleepers to all California Coast points. Illustrated California literature, folders and rates to be had on application to B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 East King Street, Toronto, Ont.

Marriage ceremonies present a picture of vanity done in the most glowing colors.



The earlier you can start to do your Holiday Shopping, the greater will be your satisfaction on Christmas Day.

Don't forget your determinative made and registered last December that this year you would surely buy early before all the good things were picked up.

I don't want to see you disappointed at my store. My complete stock of Holiday Slippers is now here. It will pay you to do a little looking.



**COME  
AND  
SEE**

**GEO. W. COWAN**

## FIRST CHOICE IS ALWAYS BEST ...

Is certainly very true of our Christmas Stock. Certainly the early buyers have the best choice and have more time to make their choice.

Just now we want to call your attention to CUTLERY. You know we are leaders in this line, and our Cutlery Stock is now at high water mark.

We'll reserve your purchase until Christmas for you.

Table Cutlery.

Pocket Cutlery.

Silver-plated Knives, Forks and Spoons.

Silver-plated Fruit Spoons, Meat Forks, etc.

Scissors, Razors.

You will not find equal value in the city.

**J. C. Wanless,**

THE UP-TO-DATE  
HARDWARE MAN

## GREAT 1-4 OFF SALE

From now until the end of this month we will give 25 per cent. off all Suits, Overcoats and odd Pants.

**STONE "THE HATTER."**