

WILLIAM FOREMAN & CO. WILLIAM FOREMAN & CO.

Exclusive Silks
and Dress Goods

For Gifts

Our Christmas stock of Silks and Dress Goods are ready, and in Dress Goods we have the choicest collection of Dress Goods we have ever had. Can you think of anything a lady appreciates more than a silk waist or a dress pattern? We will be pleased to show you these stocks of Silks and Dress Goods.

Individual Silk Waists

A choice range of silks arrived on Monday the designs are exclusive. Beige Silks in colors Tuscany, Rose, Blue, Pink, White Cardinal and Navy, \$3.00 at per waist. Black and Beige Silks in White and Green, and Rose, sold at per waist, \$5.00.

An extensive range of colors, Taffetas, Grosgrains, Failles, Bangalines, Peau de chine, Etc. Excellent values in Black Silks for costume Skirts or waists in Taffetas and Peau de chine.

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FORGOTTEN.

STORES to rent—and stores cannot be rented. Stores are growing and stores are decaying—what does it mean? Business conditions—and business privileges. The best service—giving is the growing store—the practical store—the popular center—despite any location—any condition or any privilege. Ours is a growing store—bouncing ahead as at no previous time in its history. The store is better this season than it was last—better this month than it was a month ago—better today than it was yesterday—for that matter. Never so much better—in stocks—in service—in workmanship. It's the spirit of the management—enthusiasm, growth—good—new—prompted by your immediate acceptance. COME AND SEE US.

MORLEY & CO. - The Leading Tailors.

Leather Goods
For Christmas Presents

FOR a serviceable Christmas gift and one certain to be appreciated there can be nothing better than something in leather—a Purse, a Card Case, a Music Roll, Travelling Companion, Chatelaine Bag, &c. We invite inspection of our Leather Goods Stock with every confidence. The assortment is large and well bought—purchased in fact direct from the makers—and our prices will be found very reasonable for really good goods. We offer below a few suggestions.

Music Satchels.

In solid leather, leather-lined, strongly sewed throughout, fitted with handle, in shades of tan, black, dark green and red, extra value at \$1.50. Pebble leather Music rolls in blacks, tans, browns. Extra fine Solid leather Music rolls, with handles finely made and finished, colors tans, black, purple, etc., special. \$1.25.

Playing Card Cases

A dainty gift for lady or gentlemen. Handsome cases in Seal, Morocco and Alligator at \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Every case fitted with best gilt edged cards, and pair of celluloid counters.

Finger Purses

have become a necessary part of a woman's shopping outfit. We have a special value finger purse at \$1.00.

Others at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up in choice leather, and an assortment of colors, we put silver initial on all purses when desired.

It is no idle boast to say we carry the largest assortment of purses in the city. They range in price from 10c to \$3.00, and in kind from the small coin purse to the handsome combination purse and card case. Purse in Seal, Morocco, Alligator, Monkey Skin, Texas Steer, Snake Skin, Etc. For a lady no more desirable present could be given.

This cut represents one of six lines of purses that are specially good value at 25c. Bought in the regular way these would sell at 35c. and 40c. These are good serviceable purses, made of leather, and finished with good strong frames.

Chatelaine Bags,

In Seal Alligator, Etc., colors black, brown and gray, at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.

and up. A most acceptable gift to a lady.

Flat Leather Collar and Cuff Holders. \$1.00

Writing Portfolios made of Seal and Morocco, leather-lined and finely finished, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$6.00

Bill Wallets, Secret Pocket Purses For Men, Cases, Olgar and Olgarotto Cases. Almost every remarkable thing in leather is here.

Travelling Companion, for lady or gentleman, made of leather and leather lined and fitted with all the necessities of travel—hair and clothes brush, tooth brush holder, mirror soap box, tooth powder box, salve pots, etc.

The Price. \$2.50, \$3, \$4 and \$5

DINGMAN'S - BOOKSTORE, CHATHAM.

Coal and Wood

Lehigh and Scranton Coal, Virginia Splint Coal, for domestic use, anything Coal, Hard and soft Wood, in all lengths. All at the lowest prices. Delivered promptly to any part of the city.

J. GILBERT & CO., Office add Vards, William Street, near G. T. R. Crossing.

Our New Grocery

At Xmas time all stores look their best, and ours is no exception. We have everything new and nice, so nice that we are anxious for you to come in and see us. English Holly 20c a lb. In layer Raisins we have them at 25c, 20c, 15c a lb., also 1/4 boxes, very choice, for \$1.00. New Nuts of all kinds, also a mixture 2 lbs. for 25c.

Fresh Lettuce

Choice Celery

Fresh Fish

We will have on Monday a small lot of fresh Smelts, fresh Haddock and fresh Cod Fish. We say a small lot because on account of the very rough weather these fish are very scarce, so that we were only able to get half our order.

Get your order in first if you want some. We expect to have FRESH SHRIMPS on Monday.

Give Us Your Xmas Order. We Guarantee Satisfaction

Geo. A. Young, Grocer.

Theatrical

Theatre-goers in this city are to be given a treat of no mean proportion on the night of December 21st, when Shipman Bros. will present their elaborate production, "A Cavalier of France," at the Grand Opera House. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer are featured in the production and the company which has been engaged for their support is exceedingly strong and well balanced. The attraction bids fair to be one of the most noteworthy and highly enjoyable productions which will be presented here this year. The scenic and costume effects are so infinitely superior to the general run of stage appointments for costume plays that a comparison is not permissible. The play has a romantic vein. It treats of France in the time of Henry III. A period always ripe for plays of interest. Theatre-goers in this city who forego the pleasure of witnessing a performance of "A Cavalier of France" will miss the treat of the year. The advance sale of seats will be open on Monday and Tuesday, to subscribers only.

CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

Continued from First Page.

N. H. Stevens presented the prizes to those who had proved the best at drawing. Mr. Stevens said that he had served seven years on the Public School Board of Blenheim and always tried to keep in touch with the educational interests of this city. He had wondered where the talented musicians and artists who annually made their debut before the public came from, but after attending yesterday's exercises he now knew. They must come from the city schools. And Mr. Stevens was glad to see the way the children of Chatham were being educated.

A surprise was sprung on the teachers of the upstairs rooms at this point. Their pupils presented Misses Samson, Irving, Abraham and Principal Brackin with Christmas gifts. Mr. Brackin's room presented him with a chair, the address being read by Mary Wood.

Mr. Brackin in reply wished all a Merry Christmas. He was glad to have the opportunity of thanking the parents for the interest they had shown. The day was cold yet the attendance was excellent. This recalled an incident once when McKeeough school was putting on a concert in the Opera House. It rained all day and Mr. Brackin was naturally feeling blue. One of the boys noticed his downcast spirits and thought he would cheer his teacher up. "Never mind, Mr. Brackin," said he, "they will come just the same." The boy was right. The people did come. The house was filled to overflowing.

This year was just ending Mr. Brackin's 22 years of service and he could truthfully say that it had been 22 years of pleasure and happiness. All the pupils of the school were then presented with a piece of taffy and sent home to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Trustees Dr. McKeeough and John McKeeough were among those present. Miss Grace Aylesworth played the accompaniment for the Kindergarten exercises and Miss Rose Morrison presided at the piano during the second part of the program. Wilfrid Peck, cornet, Pearl Brock, violin, and Stanley Ruthven, violin, played during the singing of the choruses. Miss Charlotte Hild played the accompaniment for her brother.

AT THE CENTRAL. The entertainment given the children at the Central School yesterday afternoon, was a decided success.

At 1.15 all the pupils of the school were seated on the floors and stairs of the corridors, and presented a very impressive sight. A splendid concert was given, first, and afterwards the new things were given to the pupils in their rooms, and a delighted lot they were, too.

The program was as follows: May God Preserve Queen Canada. Chorus by the children. Recitation—Miss Edna Hicklin. Instrumental Duet—Misses Thomas and Foreman. Violin solo—Russell Paxton. Solo—Miss Rose Swan. Recitation—Mildred McLean. Instrumental solo—Miss G. Fleming. Vocal Solo—Miss Grace Patterson. Recitation—Miss Grace Hall. Solo—Miss Grace Gammage. Baton swinging—Percy Moss. Recitation—Frank Snider. Song—Nettie Guy.

After the concert the children went to their respective rooms, where lunch was served, after which the gifts for regular attendance were given out.

The pupils were so liberal in bringing in nice things for the lunch that Mr. Plewes says there was enough to feed 2,000 people and he intends offering what was not used to the Salvation Army for the free Christmas dinner they are giving to the poor.

A VERY SIMPLE REMEDY FOR WOMEN. When in need of a stimulant to aid nature's work, women will find Malchers Red Cross Canadian Gin a most beneficial and effective tonic. It is well known that the effects derived from the medicinal properties of the juniper berry, from which gin is made, is invaluable to a woman's constitution, and especially when the Geneva is of a refined quality as the "Red Cross." It is not only an absolutely Pure Gin but it is the only Gin which, before being offered to the trade, is matured for years in bonded warehouses, where it has acquired that delicacy of flavor, unknown to any other gin.

Half the misery in the world comes of want of courage to speak and to hear the truth plainly, and in a spirit of love.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Boys' Own \$1.75, Chatterbox 75c, Young Canada \$1.00 at Sulman's Bazaar.

Mrs. Geo. B. Merritt and daughter Gladys, are visiting their parents for a few days.

Miss Blight arrived from Cleveland last evening, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Robert Knight will sing a solo in the William St. Baptist church on Sunday afternoon.

G. H. Connibear, of Victoria, B. C., will spend the holidays with his parents in North Chatham.

Will Chanter, of Boston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chanter, corner of Harvey and West Sts.

Walker Bonnie, a member of this year's Model class, has been fortunate in securing a school near Wallaceburg.

Mrs. J. J. Fletcher, of Burlington, Iowa, has been visiting relatives and friends in this city, has returned home.

Miss Ida Tobey, a member of this year's Model class, has been engaged to be married to a public school near Blenheim.

Photographs, mandolins, guitars, banjos and mouth organs are all to be found at Tschirhart's music and art store.

"Said Pasha" opera rehearsals will, commencing on Monday evening, meet at Northwood's Hall, at 7 p. m., sharp for rehearsals.

The plan opens on Monday for the Cavalier of France. The subscribers only. The general public cannot have access to the plan till Christmas Day.

Miss Laura Williston entertained about sixty of her friends to a dance on Thursday evening at her residence Park street. Kenny & Pritchard furnished the music.

The Mayor's proclamation appears in this issue, in which the attention of the public is called to Section Fifteen of an act respecting vaccination that it is in force in this city.

50 cent sheet music, all the latest, for 10 cents or three sheets for 25 cents, also pianos and organs at special prices for the Christmas trade at Tschirhart's music and art store.

R. Victor Carter left for London this afternoon, to hear the Lyceum Opera Company play Richard Stahl's comic opera "Said Pasha," which they are billed to play at London to-night.

Walter Mills, barrister, of Ridgeway, has issued a writ in the high court against Edgar Morden for damages for fraudulent conversion of a mortgage. So says the Ridgeway Standard.

Trooper James Kendall writes to his parents from Halifax that the second C. M. R. is largely composed of young doctors, lawyers and teachers, and among the number was Chas. Adams, a former teacher in this city.

W. S. Marshall's card appears in today's issue, and his candidature should have the support of the ratepayers. No more contentious or painstaking alderman ever sat at the council board, a fact that has been appreciated by the public.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 21.—Miss Galloway, of Bothwell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. N. K. Cornwall.

The Messrs. Tuck, of Glencoe, were in town to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson are in Chatham.

Charles Taylor, of Harrow, is visiting friends here.

Robert Smith is visiting at Robert Duffus.

DRESDEN

Dec. 21.—John A. McVean and sisters Sarah and Alice, are home from London, and will spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yorston of Toronto, are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rudd.

Mrs. R. Aldin very pleasantly entertained a number of young people last evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Eva.

Invitations have been issued by a number of young people for an assembly to be given in the opera house on New Year's Eve.

Claude Lynch, of Tupperville, was in town last evening.

The English Church S. S. entertainment took place last evening and was well attended. Too much cannot be said in praise of the excellent program, which was faultlessly presented.

Mayor Bibbe has received a letter from the Best Sugar Co. authorizing him to complete the purchase of the different parcels of land necessary for the construction of their factory. Speedy purchases were desired, as the contracts for erection had been completed and signed.

ANCIENT ORDER UNITED WORKMEN. Attention—As next meeting is election of officers for 1902, let every Workman that can, attend, and do his part in making the best selection. All intending to insure their lives in Peninsular Lodge, should be examined at once, your health is uncertain, only the healthy are passed by medical examination. Be on hand Friday next at 8 sharp.

CHAS. KELLY, J. R. SNELL, Master Workmen, Recorder. Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

Thornton & Douglas.

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The Calendar Says "Two Days."

Two short days are left in which to finish all the select wind up the fun of expectant preparation. Holiday enthusiasm grows swiftly as the climax approaches, and with seasonable weather to give the right setting, we believe the business of the next two days will eclipse all local records.

In the line of articles for men's and boys' wear we have made it wonderfully easy to get just what you want, and to get it at the price you want to pay. It's a big, brimming, brilliant stock that our customers are choosing from, and we have prepared in every way for the crowning test of these final days. Since the busy days began we have taken time outside of regular hours to re-arrange, replace and enlarge the stocks as fast as depleted, so that now you have just as good an assortment to pick from as when the holiday season opened. In fact it's better, because some choice things have come in since then.

How About A New Umbrella?

A lot of these umbrellas have come in within the last few days, and you can find no more original or pleasing collection at the prices anywhere. Plenty of distinctive handles—sorts that look out of the common, and are not likely to be duplicated anywhere else in town. All grades are here. Some not too fine to give to the average careless man, who keeps an umbrella only till he loses it—some good enough for the man of memory who prides himself on never having lost one. Mostly all have the 20th Century runner, which pushes up without your finding the spring. It's a handy notion, and adds nothing to the weight.

At \$1.50—Good fast black mercerized cover with steel rod, 20th century runner and neat crook handles with German silver mountings.
At \$1.75—Mercerized saffron cover, self opener, steel rod, silver-mounted crook handles.
At \$2.50—Silk cover, strong slender frames, choice of fancy crooks, polished wood handles with silver mountings, fancy bone handles, silver trimmed.
At \$3.00—Elegant close-rolling umbrellas with taffeta silk cover and crook handles of highly polished wood. Handles have all sorts of fancy mounts in silver.
At \$6.00 High-grade silk covers, with selvedge edge, fine silk tassels, novelty handles of bone and wood with gold plated mounting. Closest possible roll.
At \$10.00—Similar line but with very heavy gold plated mountings.

Christmas Overcoats--Two Brand New Styles.

These coats are the most recent things in the house—still warm from the factory. To the dressy man who thinks of presenting himself with a new winter coat before Christmas, their appeal is convincingly strong. The ripest mid-season ideas in style and making are fully carried out in them.

Both styles made from a magnificent quality of imported chevot—soft heavy and compact—in the darkest Oxford mixture. Just a word of description:

Yoke Back Coat cut very full with cuffs and vertical pockets. \$12.00
Raglanette, extra wide, and as stylish in effect as our expert cutter and staff could bring about. A stunner.
Plenty of other fashionable coats in medium and extra length and fullness. We are showing a most alluring range of Chevot garments, rough and smooth cloths in all the popular shades of mixed grey at \$10.00 to \$15.00.

Old Probs Suggest
Driving Gloves

We are not predicting much in the weather line, but it does begin to look like a good old-fashioned white Christmas, and in that case what a lot of driving will be done. That means warm gloves if the merry sleighbells are to be really enjoyed. We have more sorts of wool-lined kid and leather gloves than you have time to hear about. A few styles by way of suggestion—different in fineness, but all serviceable and warm.

Colored kid gloves with heavy lining. A 1-dome price. \$1.00
Imitation mocha, made with warm comfortable wool lining and that wise contrivance the gusset wrist. One dome fastener. \$1.00
Flexible English kid in medium and dark tan shades with finest wool lining. One dome, kid-tipped wrist, size 7 1/2 to 10. \$1.25
Beckham mitts and gloves—the favorite sort with old drivers and frontiersmen. Made in the best way with finest wool lining, and sure to give long wear and comfort. \$2.00

Christy Stiffs

A hat is above suspicion if the Christy stamp is in it.

The celebrated Christy stiffs in medium shapes, lined and with best silk trimmings. All colors firm and fast. \$2.50
Christy's best quality stiff hats in the most recent shapes. Colors guaranteed to stand sun and rain. \$3.00
Christy's soft felts, all the fashionable shapes and styles of trimming, at prices ranging upwards from \$1.00.

Little Boys' Trimmed
Suits

Winsome suits these and daintily trimmed. Sizes for little fellows just graduated from kilts and up to seven or eight years. Mostly finished with opera flannel and braid in prettily contrasting colors.

Suit of invisible check in brown. Separate front with red embroidered fleur de lis. Navy vest and knicker. \$3.75
Dark cloth suit with front of cardinal opera flannel, double breasted vest, lapel or shawl collar, narrow braid trimming. \$4.50
Swagger blue worsted suit. Red shawl collar, trimmed with black braid. Double breasted vest to match the collar. Front piece trimmed with black braid. \$7.00
Also for little boys, a stock of separate knickers in Halifax and fancy sweats, serge, worsteds and corduroys. Prices range according to quality and size from \$5.00 to \$1.50.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS

With a View to meeting the growing demand for our goods we have had made ready a large Assortment of

DRESS GOODS

That will make suitable and acceptable CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

These goods are worn by the wealthiest families in the large cities, and for durability and cheapness cannot be excelled. Call and examine this large assortment.

THE T. H. TAYLOR CO. LIMITED.