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JANUARY ...SALE...

Bargains from Our Staple and Linen Department...

500 yards Bleached Tabling, the very finest quality, bought from one of the largest Glasgow Linen Manufacturers, at 50c. We have cut all the imperfections out and can give you any length cloth without a spot in them at **75 Per Cent. Less than Regular Cost.**

Regular \$1.00 Bleached Tabling at 75c.
" 1.25 " " " 1.00
" 1.50 " " " 1.15
" 85 " " " 60

Men's Underwear at 1-2 Price.

13 dozen men's all wool union and fleece-lined shirts and drawers, regular price 50c, January sale price 25c.
Also a lot of odd shirts and drawers, some of the very finest quality at 1/2 price.

Men's Shirts

One dozen men's white dress shirts, reg. price \$1.25 and \$1.50, January sale price 75c.
5 doz men's neckties, four-in-hand and make-up, reg. price 25c, sale price 15c.

Great Clearing-up Sale of Furs.

Space will not permit quoting prices. We ask you to come and see for yourself. You can buy furs very cheap.

THOS. STONE & SON.

New Year's Bargains

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Westman Bros.

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Cross Cut Saws, Axes, Files,
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All at interesting prices and
the best in quality.

WESTMAN BROS.
CHATHAM.



The ARK Stock-Taking Snaps.

This week at The Ark we are selling you lines of BANQUET and RECEPTION LAMPS, handsomely decorated in assorted tints.

3 Doz. Regular price \$1.25, now \$1.00
2 " " 1.50, now 1.25
2 " " 3.00, now 2.25
1 " " 5.00, now 3.75

The \$3.00 and \$5.00 Lamps have lift founts. These Lamps are all up-to-date 1903 patterns.
12 Doz. No. 1 Incandescent Burners, regular 25c, now 20c.

12 Doz. No. 2 Incandescent Burners, regular 30c, now 25c.
These Burners give a very brilliant light; it is a great oil saver.

This Special Sale will continue until
Saturday Evening.

Samples of the Lamps and Burners are in THE ARK WINDOWS.
Terms Strictly Cash. No goods reserved or exchanged during this sale.
Goods Promptly Delivered.

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PHONE 159

GEO. STEPHENS DULY CHOSEN

Gathering of West Kent Liberals Renew Allegiance to Present Member.

Mr. Pardo Makes a Significant Statement—Address of Mr. Stephens and Other Speakers.

The convention of the West Kent Liberal Association, which is being held in the I. O. O. F. temple to-day, was opened this morning about eleven o'clock. Although the convention was announced for ten o'clock there were only about a dozen people there, including the president and secretary of the Association, and Geo. Stephens, M. P., who was seen, wending his way, through the crowd throughout the entire convention shaking hands and appearing jovial.

About half-past ten o'clock the crowd commenced to come and by eleven, when the convention opened the auditorium was about three quarters filled with delegates, a large number of whom were from the city. The riding was very well represented by delegates and the affairs of the morning which were mostly routine, were carried through harmoniously.

Among the delegates present were: From Blenheim, Jno. S. Laird, C. L. VonGuntzen, Geo. Thompson, J. H. Ferguson, D. Denholm, F. Hagart, W. C. R. O'm, James McQuigan, S. Burke, H. Burke, Jas. Sterling, David and M. Samson, From Div. No. 2, R. L. G. Fred. Dolsen, A. Chrysler, N. Newcombe, Jno. Trudell, A. Edwards, Geo. Hitchcock, and D. Smith, J. E. Tremblay, Tilbury Centre; Dr. Samson, of Windsor; From Dover—P. Demaree, P. Caron, C. Gore, A. Peck, J. D. Le Plant, Ed. Caron, Wm. Fessenden and C. Hart; From Harwich—Richard Young, A. Nelson, J. Galbraith, D. Galbraith, Alex. Young, R. Johnson, J. Johnson, Jas. Nash. From the city the faces of Dr. Fleming, W. Anderson, J. Colby, M. Gardiner, W. Benson, G. B. Douglas, Dr. Charteris, Frank C. Charteris, J. W. Humphrey, Col. Sam Holmes, W. Stone, W. A. Hadley, Jno. A. Walker, A. Jahnke, and N. H. Stevens, were noticed.

J. G. Kerr, the president of the Association, opened the meeting with a short address explaining the object of the convention. "I am glad to see so many here," said he. "I do not intend to speak on any political subject. There are many interesting ones which will be spoken upon this afternoon. I shall, however, only speak on what is directly concerned with the organization."

He then read the constitution and explained that as there was no competition as to the nomination, there would be no call for credentials and that every one present would consider himself a delegate.

The election of officers then took place and the following gentlemen were elected:—
(President)—Fred. Stone.
Vice Pres.—J. W. Smith, Tilbury.
Secretary—A. McColl.
Mr. Kerr announced that he was not a candidate for the presidency and that A. B. McColl's name was mentioned, but he declined. Mr. Smith had no opposition for Vice-President.

Archibald McColl asked that another secretary be appointed in the place of the one who had resigned. The meeting then adjourned until 2 o'clock, when the meeting resumed. Mr. Stone, the new President, then walked to the front and as he took the chair he was greeted with loud applause. He said:—

"Gentlemen, I don't know whether to thank you or not. There is no great honor attached to the position, but there is also a great amount of work. During the last election I was close enough to the centre to learn that there is enough work to do. Perhaps that is why I have veered from the presidency in the past. Some have said, however, that the honors should go round, and so I feel gratified in accepting the presidency from this representative convention to-day. I see no reason why we cannot carry this election as we have carried those in the past. We have everything in our favor."

The following gentlemen were then nominated for the executive committee:—Thomas Brady, Chatham; Jas. Ross, Tilbury; J. H. Ferguson, Robert Smith, Dover; H. Y. Thibodeau, Dover; J. W. White, Chatham; Wm. Haviland, Dr. Rutherford, Chatham; W. E. B. Brook, Merivale; C. L. VonGuntzen, Blenheim; G. W. Rieborough, Harwich; N. H. Stevens, Chatham; Dr. McFarlane, Chatham; W. A. Hadley, City.

A committee consisting of Dr. Chapman, Tilbury; J. A. Walker, City; D. Denholm, Blenheim; Jno. Grant, Dover; Dr. Oliver, Merivale, and R. Young, of Harwich; selected the following gentlemen for the executive committee, and the action was carried:—Thomas Brady, City; Jas. Ross, Tilbury; J. H. Ferguson, Blenheim; Robert Smith, Dover; N. H. Stevens, Chatham.

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A WINNER IN MR. WILLSON

East Kent Liberal-Conservatives' Enthusiastic over Their Chosen Candidate

One of the Largest and Most Representative Conventions Ever Held in the History of the County

From The Planet's Correspondent.

Dresden, Jan. 5.—The largest and most representative convention in the history of Dresden was held in the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon. Delegates from every municipality in the new riding of East Kent were in attendance, and the spacious opera house was crowded to the doors with enthusiastic Liberal-Conservatives.

The object of the meeting was the selection of the Conservative candidate to contest the riding of East Kent, at the coming Federal election, and judging by the large and enthusiastic gathering, we can safely predict that Mr. B. W. Willson, of Ridgetown, the unanimous choice of the convention, will be the first member for the new riding of East Kent.

The meeting opened at 2 p. m., with J. W. Sharpe, President of the East Kent Liberal Association in the chair. Nominations were called for at once and after a short eulogistic speech, Mr. A. B. Carscadden, of Wallaceburg, proposed the name of Mr. B. W. Willson, of Ridgetown, the motion being the signal for a storm of applause.

Mr. Buller seconded Mr. Carscadden's motion and the nomination was carried by a large majority. He asked the delegates to support the nomination, and an outburst of enthusiastic applause. Mr. Willson's appearance was the signal for continued applause, after which he gave a short, forcible address, endorsing the nomination and pledging himself to support the progressive policy of the Liberal-Conservatives, and if elected to vote always in the best interests of his constituents and of his constituents' support of the delegates present, and promised that if such were given him he would be their representative in the next Dominion parliament.

Richard Blain, M. P., for Peel, was next introduced to the audience. He first congratulated the candidate upon the large and intelligent gathering which had pledged him its support, and declared that such a meeting was a rare and a happy one. He then went minutely into both provincial and Dominion political conditions, making a conclusive arrangement of the Reform party, for the corruption in our own province, and for the introduction of resolutions were passed expressing the confidence of the convention in the Conservative leaders, Messrs. Borden and Whitney.

Short addresses were given by John Davidson, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. George Langford, Mr. Graham, Mr. Buller and Mr. B. Carscadden.

A discussion followed as to the necessity of proper organization, and steps were taken to ensure the formation of a central fund and to place the organization of the riding upon an efficient working basis.

A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Mr. Richard Blain for his able and profitable speech, after which this splendid meeting dispersed with enthusiasm, with Mr. Willson, our chosen member, Mr. Willson, our leader, Mr. Borden, and the president of the Association.

MARKS BROS. CO.

Marks Bros. Company, who are holding forth at the Grand this week, are pleasing large and appreciative audiences. The play presented last night was "Larry Brogan's Promotion," with the clever young Canadian comedian, Ernie Marks, in the title role, judging from the applause that attended his every appearance, he lost none of the prestige which he gained here last season, while special mention might be made of Mr. E. S. Golds, Oscar O'Shea, Frank Fielder, Ed. Paul, Bether Evans, Edythe Winchester and Mabel Grace Purdy, who all played their respective roles in an acceptable manner. Clever and up-to-date specialties fill all waits between acts, making each performance continuous. Each evening prize coupons are being distributed for the ton of hard coal, which is to be given away on Saturday night. At the Saturday matinee numbers will be given to all school children attending for the choice of a suit of clothes from Geo. Meynell and choice of a pair of hockey boots from Fred. Briscoe's store.

Matinee prices, 5 and 15 cents. Night prices, 10, 15 and 25 cents. Seats on sale at Briscoe's.

INSPECTOR PARK ALLUDES TO GOOD WORK OF PLANET JUNIOR

Official Report of Inspector Complimented by Public School Board—Trustee Heyward Pays High Tribute to Principal of McKeough School—Congratulations to Chairman and Re-Elected Trustees—Some Humorous References to Busy Izzies.

One of the best reports ever read before the Chatham Public School Board was presented last evening by Inspector Park. Mr. Park in his report made a brief review of the work done by the two Public Schools during the last term, and made some excellent recommendations along the line of bettering the Public school work in Chatham.

The following is the report as read:—
Chatham, December 30, 1903.
The Public School Board,
Chatham:

Gentlemen, I beg herewith to report upon the progress and condition of the city schools for the term just closed.

Though the classes in both schools have been considerably broken and the attendance at times seriously affected by outbreaks of contagious diseases, the term just closed has been marked by more uniformly excellent work through the various rooms than hitherto, and as these contagious diseases seem now to have vanished we shall begin the work of the spring term under most favorable conditions.

McKEOUGH SCHOOL.

Notwithstanding that school work was much interfered with in the middle of the term through considerable contagious sickness the McKeough school has never done better than in the term just closed. The Christmas promotions have been very satisfactory and as a result the higher forms of the school are full and this is the best evidence of progress. The Principal's form has about 45 pupils preparing for the high school entrance examination and with excellent prospects of success. Great progress has been made in drawing in all the rooms, while color work has received considerable attention in some of the junior rooms. The Christmas examinations in the Kindergarten, and with excellent results. I expect this school to make a good showing at the Art examinations in April next. That the English work of this school is not neglected is fully borne out by the many excellent essays written by the pupils of the various classes for the Planet Junior competition in essay writing. In general management and discipline I do not think the McKeough school is surpassed.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Like the McKeough school, the Central has suffered from the outbreak of contagious diseases, and particularly in the closing month of the term, but notwithstanding this neither the Principal nor myself were ever so well satisfied with the work accomplished in the fall term before. Indeed, we have made such progress that, as foreshadowed in my report of July, we shall have four large Fourth Book classes, at the opening of the schools in January instead of three as heretofore, and this advance has been maintained throughout the school. We have now from 80 to 85 pupils. Senior classes, needing two rooms for Entrance work; from 100 to 105 Junior Fourth, needing two rooms; 80 Senior Third, needing two rooms; 110 Junior Third, needing two rooms; 80 Senior Second and Junior Second, needing three rooms; 165 Senior First, needing two rooms, and 140 Junior First, needing three rooms. That is, instead of four Second classes and three Fourth classes we shall have three Second and four Fourth classes. This advance makes it necessary to promote some of the teachers, and after mature consideration of the merits of the teachers and in conjunction with the Principal, I beg to recommend that Miss Birch be changed from Senior Third to Junior Fourth, Miss Ryan from Junior Third to Senior Third, Miss Munster from Senior Second to Junior Third, and Miss McColl from Senior First to Second Class.

At the McKeough school, the Central is also making excellent progress in drawing and color work, the latter especially so in the Kindergarten. Nowhere in this school is there a weakness in discipline, and the general management of the whole school is excellent.

In connection with our schools there is nothing more gratifying than the general advance in popularity of the Kindergarten. Less than three years ago a majority of the parents wished their children to enter the schools without passing through the Kindergarten. To-day we rarely find a parent expressing a desire, and it may be said now that every pupil who enters the schools now passes through the Kindergarten first. The Kindergarten was thought to be a playhouse, nothing more, but results have proven that the child who passes through the Kindergarten is much farther advanced in school work at eight

years of age than if he had spent his whole time from entrance at regular school work. That parents and teachers have learned this is best shown by the very large numbers attending the recent closing exercises of our three excellent Kindergartens. If Kindergarten work has become so popular, is this not an evidence that the people desire the extension of Kindergarten methods farther into school life? In other words, is there not a strong desire for something in the direction of Manual Training? I am firmly convinced that this is so, and I am certain that both of our wide-awake Principals are convinced of it, too. If we had a room at the Central school that could be fitted up for the Second Section of Manual Training I would recommend this Board to establish the whole work at once. There is nothing, however, to prevent us from taking up the first section, Drawing, Cardboard Exercises, Weaving, and Modeling, but a lack of material, and, as the expense of supplying it for the experiment will be slight, I, in conjunction with both Principals, recommend this matter to the immediate consideration of the Board. We are willing and anxious to attempt to carry the first section of this work to a successful issue.

Any further information the Board may require of me will be cheerfully supplied, if within my power.

I have the honor to be,
Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,
ROBERT PARK.

Mr. Morley moved that the report be adopted and that the recommendations contained therein be referred for consideration to the Board. "We ought to be proud of our Inspector," said Mr. Morley. "He has given us an excellent report."

Mr. Heyward—I would like to second that motion, and I would also like to congratulate Mr. Park on his report. It is the best report I have ever heard read at the Board. I am glad to know that the McKeough School is making such progress under Miss Abram. When McKeough school last year the former principal was imagined by some that the school might be handicapped. I am glad, however, to see that, according to the Inspector's report it is in better position than ever before and making strides second to none in the province, for which I wish to congratulate Miss Abram. Since the Board have engaged Miss Abram she has proven herself to be a far superior teacher and principal to any the school has ever had. The managers appreciate this fact very much.

Mr. McColl—I would like to add to what Mr. Heyward has said, that the teachers of that school are at the present paying out their own money to buy paints for the color work, which is so highly recommended by Inspector Park.

Mr. Benson—I heartily corroborate the statements made by Mr. Heyward. The progress being made by the Central school, I would say that the schools of Chatham are inferior to none in the province.

The motion for the adoption of the report was carried unanimously. Those present at the meeting were Chairman Robertson, and Trustees Dr. R. V. Bray, Benson, Heyward, Morley, McColl, and Cornish.

The following was the report of the Finance Committee:—
Your committee beg leave to recommend the payment of the following accounts:—
Central School—
Gas Co. \$1.28
Drug Store 55

Kindergarten No. 1—
Planet \$1.00
Northway Co. 81
Insurance—
W. E. Rispin \$24.00
W. E. Rispin 1.20

McKeough School—
Drug Store \$1.00
Grand total \$32.94

The report was adopted. The Central School teachers wrote the Board thanking them for their increase in salaries.

The Kindergarten committee reported the engagement of Miss Farguharson as assistant in the Central school kindergarten. The action was endorsed by the Board.

The Finance committee were empowered to consider an offer for the King street property and report back to the Board at the next regular meeting.



JUST A WORD ABOUT OUR Stationery

Is there anything so annoying as to find bad materials when you start to write a letter. In order to write a letter with comfort and express your thoughts in a happy vein to your correspondent, you should have good pens and good ink and good paper.

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We have pens to suit every hand.

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We have a variety of papers and envelopes second to none in Ontario.

We make special mention of "Dimity" paper and envelopes in all colors. There is nothing nicer for ladies.

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Envelopes to match, 15c package.

Two packages for 25c.

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King and Sixth Streets,
Opp. Garner House.

Hot water or steam. The money expended in heating the Central School this year will be double the amount required to heat Harrison Hall.

COMPLIMENTARY EXCHANGES.

Mr. Morley—I am glad to see all of the old members of the Board back in their places again, and I hope they may remain here for many years to come.

Mr. Cornish—I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the thanks of the Board to our retiring chairman, Mr. Robertson. He has been a good chairman.

Mr. McColl—I never spent a more pleasant year at the Board than I did last year, and I second the motion to the chairman.

Mr. Benson—We have had a successful business year in the School Board, and I am glad to see all of the old members returned. I can but echo the sentiments of the mover and seconder of the vote of thanks to the retiring chairman.

Mr. Heyward—Mr. Robertson has been an excellent chairman and has conducted the affairs of the board in a business-like manner. Referring to the congratulatory comments on his re-election, Mr. Heyward added, smilingly, "I am glad to be here again for another two years. I must say I was up against a stiff proposition, owing to the fact that a few busy-bodies made it their business to look after the business of the people of Ward 5—which, by the way," he added, laughing, "was none of their business."

Mr. Morley—I can endorse everything which has been said in regard to our worthy chairman.

Mr. Macnabb, the secretary, then put the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Robertson made a suitable reply. He said:—

"I have always tried to make everything as pleasant as possible. I always felt also that I was well supported in that chair. I don't think I ever met a more congenial lot of men than are here gathered around this Board."

"As regards Mr. Heyward, I am exceedingly glad to see him back. Mr. Cornish made a good remark. I also pleased that he was returned."

"I have been asked why I did not run for the Council. I was there for one year, and I tell you I would rather be on the School Board and receive kind words and pleasant smiles from the parents, teachers and scholars of the city."

The Board then adjourned.

Ald. John Edmondson says that he may have surprised the people but he didn't surprise John Edmondson. He was bustling all the time and, while he knew he couldn't get first place, he had a pretty good idea that he could win second place, and he did. Mr. Edmondson is busy thanking all his friends and, at the same time, has his eye on the Property committee chairmanship.