CANADA FOR

Our Annual Carpet Sale.

During the past few years we have held our Great Annual Sale of Carpets in February. This year owing to the great severity of the weather we postponed it until this month and now we will make it more interesting for you than ever. Bring in the measurements, especially of your halls and small rooms and you will be surprised to see at how little cost you can cover them. Bring in also the measurements of large rooms and the cost will be proportionately low. Come in and see us this week—the earlier you come the better chance you have of getting just what you want.

VELVET CARPETS-

English Velvet Carpets in elegan

WILTON CARPETS-

One pattern of Wilton Carpet in very handsome design, with border to match, regular price \$1.25 a yard; on sale, very special, made and laid at a vard

TAPESTRY CARPETS-

Crossley's Balmoral Tapestry Carpets, positively recognized as the best
value in the trade, in excellent designs and colorings, borders to match,
regular price 85c. a yard; on sale,
special, made and laid at a yard

8-wire English Tapestry Carpets in good designs and colors, regular price 75c. a yard; made and laid for

3 good designs in heavy Eng. Tapestry Carpets in excellent designs and colorings, regular 68c. a yard; on sale, made and laid, for

CARPET ENDS-Ends of Velvet, Brussels and Tapes-try carpets, up to 10 yards long, re-gular price 50c to \$1.25 a yard, on sale at exactly half price, 25c to 65c,

TAPESTRY CARPETS

Three good designs and colorings good well covered Eng. Tapestry car-pets, regular price 58e yard, on sale made and laid at a yard

Two nice light designs in Eng. Tapestry carpets, regular price 40c a yard, on sale very special at a yard

NEW MATTINGS-

Choice new designs in Japan mat tings, are just arrived and marked at special prices for this sale at 12 1-2,

Thos. Stone & Son.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS WENT OFF IN A RUSH.

Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c. Granite-3 in 1-save gas bills. Cook three things \$

Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, roc. White Enamelled Wash White Soap Dishes, 15c.

Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash. No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

ARE took is the Largest. Our Prices the Lowest. Read this List. A Few of Our Prices.

No. 9 Boilers with Copper Bottom 9 Teakettles with copper bot-No. o Steamers, stamped covers,

to Quart Flaring Pails, 14 Quart Flaring Pails, very large,

Large Dippers, 5c.
Steel Retinned Dippers, 15c
3 9 in. Pie Plates, 15c.
Deep Jelly Plates, 5c.
Milk Pans from 6c. up.

10 Quart Sap Pails with Eureks 10 Quart Strainer Pails, 30c

Wash Bowls, 7c. Teapots, nice shape, 15c. 1 Quart Pudding Pans, 5c.

Wire Broilers, 10c. Heavy Teaspoons 8c. Dozen. Heavy Table Spooms 15c. Doz.

SPOT CASH. H. Macaulay, 89 KING ST

ZEALOUS MEN MAP OUT WORK

Important Annual Meeting of the Public General Hospital Board Yesterday

President Malcolmson Outlines Plans for the Future---Tributes from his Col-

"All that the Board of Trustees had

Such were the words that ex-Mayor Hugh Malcolmson addressed to those present at the Annual Meeting of the Public General Hospital Society held in Harrison Hall yesterday after-

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Mr. Malcolmson said it and it will be.

The Society is organized under the Hos ital Association Statute of the Province of Ontario. On the 25th of August, 1890, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall. From that meeting, over which Mayor Hugh Malcolmson presided and of which J. B. Rankin, K. C., was secretary, the fine public general hospital, now a feature of this city grew. To none for its growth and prosperity is more credit due than to Hugh Malcolmson the president of the Board. In fact it can easily be said that the hospital would not be wre it not for Mr. Malcolmson. What he has done for the hospital only those who know Mr. Malcolmson intimately are aware of He has spent his time, his ability and his money to make the Public General Hospital, and the Institution stands as an evidence of what he has accomplished. Associated with Mr. Malcolmson in advancing the welfare of the hospital have been Mr. S. F. Gardiner, T. K. McKeand and Judge Houston. All except Mr. Houston have been in active work all the time, Mr. Houston dropped out for a few years, but is again in active service. The first board of trustees appointed, at the meeting on the 25th of August, 1890 were the following:—Hugh Malcolmson, then mayor of Chatham; the late Andrew Heyward, the late Thomas Stone, S. F. Gardiner, the late Thomas Stone, S. F. Gardin

On the 8th of January, 1891, the first public subscription was taken up by the ladies of the city.
On October 22, 1891, the corner stone was laid. In April 1898, the hospital was opened.

was opened.
There was not a very large attendance yesterday, and the chairman in his opening address referred to this with regret. Hugh Malcolmson, President of the Board, presided. There were also present Mrs. W. J. Taylor, Mrs. S. F. Gardiner, Mrs. J. C. Britchard, Miss Kingston, Rev. Mr. McGillivray, Judge Houston, Manson Campbell, Secretary T. K. McKenad, S. F. Gardiner, and Rev. Mr. Cobbledick.

dick.
The financial report was very gratifying showing cash on hand at present \$1,847.54. This is certainly a tribute

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Fourteenth Annual Statement of the Trustees of the Public General Hospital Society, Chatham, for the year ending December, 31st, 1902, Receipts Cash Account, Cash on hand Dec. 31st, 1902 \$ 1174.28

Ladies Ass. Soc'y, addn. to

Di bursements.

Insurance
Gas \$716.40, wood \$14.50....
Ice \$45.35, flour \$39.20.....
Household expenses
Coal \$1173.52, Telep \$15...
Plumbing bal. Watt & Son...
Storm: windows, etc., P ggott
Safe for Office
Drugs and Medicines
Furniture etc. Milk \$473.92, meat \$635.42... Vegetables \$124.02, groceries, \$1347.40... Elevator... Bread \$249.13, Expn. \$664.61 Market ...

Market
Addition to Nurses Home...
Service pipes to N. Home.

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Baildings, furnishings, fix-21437.76

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carries his doctrine into **Practical Channels** His Platform Suggestions to the Board warmly endorsed by Dr. McKeough-Important

The regular monthly meeting of the Public School Board was held last evening with the following pres-ent: Chairman John McCorvie, Sec-retary T. C. Macnabh, Inspector Robert Park, and Trustees Herbert Clements, Dr. McKeeugh, Wm. Cor-nish, W. N. Monley, R. M. Paxton, Wm. Robentson and Dr. R. V. Bray, The following accounts were pass-

Meeting.

CENTRAL SCHOOL. W. W. Snell. \$64.66. Geo. Plumenidge, repairs, 50c

L. R. Brock, repairs, \$5.50.
The Planet, supplies, \$1.00.
W. J. Kenny, supplies, \$4.50.
Geo. Stephens & Co., 35c.
Deputation to Detroit, \$16.50.
J. A. Wilson, \$1.53.

McKEOUGH SCHOOL. Teachers salaries, \$319.54. Substitutes, \$7.50.
D. C. Clements, \$45.83.
Northway Co., 27c.
W. J. Kenny, \$16.65.

KINDERGARTEN NO. 1. Teachers salaries, \$83.74. W. J. Kenny, \$3.40. KINDERGARTEN NO. 2. Teachers salaries, \$65.33. W. A. Necham, \$1.00.

FUEL ACCOUNT. MANUAL TRAINING. W. J. Kenny, \$8.00. S. Hadley Co., \$1.25. S. Hadley Co., \$1.40.

INSURANCE. W. H. Hamper, \$6.00. MODEL SCHOOL LIBRARY.

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J. W. Bressey, 38.40.

A communication was received from Misses Lily Walker, Alteen McLean, Vera Watson, Mary Snackleton and Muniel Hog to Trustee Geo. Heyward, acknowledging the kindness of the Beard for Kindergarten supplies. Inspector Robert Park, referring to his report which had just been nead, said that no doubt the difference in attendance of the two city schools had been noticed by the trustees. It was due, he said, to the poor healing in one case and igood heating in the other. The percentage attendance of McKeough school was the record for a city school. was the record for a city school. The Central school was generally in the lead and the poor heating was the explanation of the small attend-

the explanation of the small attendance for February.
The committee which had been appointed to look into the heating of the Central school gave their report. The report dealt with the trip to Detroit and explained the steam heating system with fan attachment for ventileting. The committee had seen this system work perfectly with the weather several degrees below in the Franklin school, one of the langest and most modern in Detroit. The committee had been introduced to the arghitects who put in the sys-The committee had been introduced to the arphiteotic who put in the system, Messrs. Field, Henchman and Smith, a firm which makes a specialty of this sort of work. The report recommended the securing of one of the firm for an inspection of the Centrali school at \$2.00 year hour, or if given the plains for putting in the system they would charge 3 1-2 per cent. of the total cost of the job.

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Trustee Cornish said he would not be in favor of spending any money whatever on the other side if there was a possibility of getting the work done in Canada.

Mr. Paxton, one of the committee—There is no one in Chaltham who can do the work. This frm in Detroit know their business and make a specialty of it.

Trustee Clements—I would not favor getting the work done by Detroiters until the most sincere attempt to have the work done in Canada had failed. Let us give our jown architects and contractors the first choice. I believe in Canada for Canadians.

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Dr. Bray said that the superintendent of schools of Toronto, C. H.
Blshop, had been communicated with, and in reply had said that the Smead Dowd systems were not being chainged.

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Trustee Dr. McKeough—Mr. Clements has introduced his platform Canada for Canadains. Well, I can saly that it is a good one and Mn. Clements is making an admirable fight of it. I hean Mr. Clements spoken of most favorably all over the country and, if Mr. Stephens thinks he is going to have is twalk-over, he is greatly mistaken.

I think the committee re this heating problem is to be commended on their work, and yet I agree with Mr. Clements' comments. They have zone to a great deal of trouble. We want the best information possible. Torponto, I don't think, can compare with Detroit in school heating systems. I don't want to Continued on 8th Page.

ETHICS OF THE **COURT ROOM**

School Trustee Clements **Touring Chathamite Gets a** Few Pointers on Republican Ideas in North Chatham

> Judges and Lawyers Have Habits Distinctly Their Own--Contrast to Maple City.

A Maple City gentleman travelling in the South writing to a Chatham friend from North Carol na, gives an interesting pen picture of a Southern court house, its judge and the methods of dispensing justice in Dirie's land. The picture is one on a par with a Canadian's opinion of Southern justice.

The writer says in part—"I had the pleasure or rather the opportunity, of visiting the court where criminal cases are tried, something like our assizes. You never saw such a gathering in your life. The judge sat on a raised platform and squarted tobacco juce into a cuspidor ten feet away with absolute precision, reminding me for all the world of the American in Mart'n Chuzzlewitt. The memme for all the world of the American in Mart'n Chuzzlewitt. The members of the bar were a most ordinary looking lot, dressed in every conceivable style from a dress coat to a corduroy suit. They were arranged around, some with chairs tilted back and feet on a level with their head, others talking and lauch ng as though others talking and laughing as though in a bar room. As the din increases, the judge pounds on his desk for order and this has the desired effect about as much as pouring water on a duck's

"Justice is dispensed upon some-what peculiar lines in north Carolina. They sentenced a white man to 30 years for murdering his three chil-dren. They hang a colored man for

**** .PIANOLA MUSICAL.

Thursday Evening, March 3rd, at 8.30 o'clock.

Detroit, Mich MRS. JOHN COOPER -

At Mason & Risch Studio, King, St (Over Turner's Drug Store)

So successful was the Pianola Musical held some weeks ago, that another opportunity is offered to those who may find it convenient to attend.

Included in the programme are several vocal numbers by the above artists, whose presence add much additional interest to the occasion. Mr. Slade will sing the "Armourer's" Song from the opera "Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the Overture to Robin Hood," also the Overture to Robin Hood, "also the R Hood will be played on the Pa-

I extend you a cordial invitation to be present but would suggest that you come early if you desire a choice of seats,

FRANK BABCOCK, Dist. Mgr. Mason & Risch Piano Co. Toronto. Please present your Visiting Card at the Door.

entering a dwelling to steal. This is a literal fact; it being a capital offense to break into a place where people live.

"The square in front of the hall is lined with loafers sunning themselves and while there is an ordinance providing for a fine of \$1 for spitting on the sidewalk, the pavement is a river of tobacco juice, everybody chewing the weed, or rather eating it."

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This is indeed a very graphic description of a Southern court room, and one not at all pleasing to our Canadian tasets and instincts. The reference to the attitude of the lawyers, sitting with their "chairs tilted back and their feet on a level with their heads," is in marked contrast to the etiquette of a Canadian court room and recalls a little incident that happened at the nonjury sittings in Chatham last fall.

Chief Justice Falconbridge was presiding and a lawyer from Ridgetown leaned back and put his feet upon the tables in front of him. The Judge was busy writing and didn't notice the attitude of the barrister at first, Glancing up, he saw and a not at all agreeable smile crossed his features. Stopping the proceedings and calling the sheriff, he whispered instructions to ask the man of law to either remove his feet from the table or himself from the court room. The lawyer man saw the sheriff coming, and, anticipating his mission, resumed a normal attitude. Court then proceeded. The judge spitting tobacco juice was only equalled on one occasion in this city. At the Pat-foot church over the river a comple of years ago, there was a colored divine who held very animated activices every Sunday even ing. Quite a number of white people used to attend after the other churches were dismissed. A feature of the service was the minister. He chewed tobacco all the time, and did his bast to fill a cumbersome spittoon that sat along side him on the dias.

FOR ACTION

Sufficient Troops Landed in Corea-Advance May Be-1 gin This Week.

About 2,000 Russian Troops in Northern Corea-Unconfirmed Report of Bombard-

London, March 1 .- The Japanese lepatch from the Government at Tokic ving its reply to the Russian note to the powers charging the Japanes formal declaration of war. It gives details of Russia's preparations for war while delaying diplomatic negotiations, and contends that therefore the responsibility rests with Russia

and that no declaration of war hould have preceded hostilities. WHY JAPAN RESISTS RUSSIA. New York, March 1. - Under the itle "Why Japan resists Russia," Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister Washington, discusses the cause of the present conflict. He points out

the grounds for his Government's be lief that Russia's encroachments in the far East were a menace to Japan, inasmuch as the absorption of Man-churia meant "the inevitable sequence of such action, the absorption of Ce-rea," After explaining in detail some of the events that led to the war, he says:—"There is no foundation for the belief that Japan was prompted to war by ambition, or that her suc-cess, if happily she be successful, im-plies any danger to other nations. To thoughtful Japanese there can be no thoughtful Japanese there can be no greater cause for wonder than the conjecture whether their country's success may not be the precursor of a new alignment of races, Oriental on the one side, Caucasian on the other, To them it seems no more than a chimerical dream, a suggestion of memories of the age of Genghis Khan, impressible of schievement in these memories of the age of Genghis Khan, impossible of achievement in these better days of intimate intercourse and mutual interdependence among all nations. Let me add, also, that those who endeavor to attach some measure of reproach to Japan by characterizing this as a war between the conformation and non-Christian fail utterly to appreciate the efforts my countrymen have made to conform to the spirit as well as to the practices of modern civilization. Freedom of cycligious belief is as firmly guaranof modern civilization. Freedom of religious belief is as firmly guaranteed in Japan as in any country in the world; and I speak with no thought of self-laudation or of juyidious comparison when I express the belief that rectitude of thought and conduct will be as fully exemplified by the actions of my countrymen during the present struggle as by those of their adversaries. Assured of the justice of our cause, yet not desirous of escaping judgment founded on knowledge, we do feel that we have the right to expect exemption from narrow-minded criticism based on the prejudices of race or creed."

SPRING ASSIZES

The spring assizes opened yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice Britton. ham Monday at noon, but he did not arrive until yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. The case of Knox vs. Patterson was

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The case of knox vs. Patterson was at once proceeded with and was finished at neon to-day. The jury are still out on it.

The Judge left the jury to say whether under the circumstances the defendent Patterson acted reasonably in procuring the arrest of the plaintiff knox, considering, he was advised by the Crown Attorney to have him arrested. The jucge reserves the right to non-suit the plaintiff, no matter what the jury's verdict may be. Gunn K. C., and W. F. Smith, for the plaintiff and O. L. Lewis and Ward Stanworth, for the defendant. The case of Logan vs. Logan was brought on at the opening of court at two o'clock. The defendant and plaintiff are not relatives. W. A. Logan, wife, and Mrs. Batler, are against James Logan, to prevent him from closing up what is known as the Johnston road at Croton, in Camden. The plaintiff's claim that this is the nearest road to market and that it is necessary to use this road to get to the Wright burying ground. The plaintiffs have an agreement with the township whereby the road should never have been closed. Camden, however, passed a by-law closing the road and selling it and the adjoining land to James Logan, the defendant, who sets up the proceeding of the Council as justifying him in closing the road. J. R. Maybee, K. C., of Stratford, and Thos. Scullard for the plaintiff, and M. Wilson, K. C., and Mr. Gundy for the defendant.

The case of Fox vs. Bickford was settled by the defendant paying the costs of the plaintiff, in the Samday will be held to-night in the Samday.

Are the Fad of the Hour

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Window, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. cake straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House. King and Sixth Sts. The Finest Retail S'ore in Ontario....



Shoe stores are of two sorts in regard to their

Shoes.

Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by nothing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts :-

Perfect Service

Reliable Makes Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted, Trade says as much.