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## Week of Clearance.

The actual buying for Christmas is past, but you have possibly overlooked some. This list will remind you of something, and now you can buy them cheaper than ever.

### Have You Forgotten Anything?

Handkerchiefs  
Umbrellas  
Rugs  
Neckwear  
Silk Waists  
Dress Lengths  
Lace Curtains  
Comforters  
Blankets  
Furs  
Hosiery  
Gloves  
Fancy Linens  
Table Covers  
Fancy Baskets  
Fancy Work

THOS. STONE & SON

CHATHAM, ONTARIO

## No Disappointment

To any that could not get in to make their Holiday Purchases during last week.

The supply has been more than equal to the heavy demand.

After Monday's rest we are prepared with a willing staff of helpers to show you some of our choicest lines of French, German, and Japanese China at

## THE ARK.

In Ornaments, Fancy Dishes, Dinner and Tea Sets, &c., Gold-plated Metal Goods in Mirrors, Photo Frames, and Odd Pieces. Lamps for every purpose for which a lamp can be used for, 20c to \$20.00. Silverware and Table Cutlery, Skates, Books, Dolls, Games, Toys, &c., &c.

If it is a "Pandora" Range or a "Famous" Stove we have them. Everything at popular prices. Come straight to THE ARK. Goods promptly delivered.

H. MACAULAY, PHONE 189

## Avoid Holiday Rush

AND

## Have a Better Choice

Rings,  
Diamonds,  
Silverware....  
Bracelets,  
Locketts,

Chains  
Clocks

Umbrellas.

And hundreds of beautiful articles suitable for Christmas Presents

CHARGE FOR ENGRAVING.

VONGUNTEN'S, JEWELLERS

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE

ONE NIGHT ONLY  
WEDNESDAY, DEC'R. 27TH

Engagement extraordinary.  
The quaint, fascinating, thrilling, superb melodramatic Companion to "Shore Acres"

### THE LIGHTHOUSE ROBBERY.

Is a portrayal of actual events with characters and incidents taken from real life. It proves to you that "Truth is stranger than fiction." Fine scenery, Specialty Company. Prices—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c.

## Tim Half-Past 9 o'Clock

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN for the Sale of Crockery, Lamps, China, and Glassware, of which we have a Large Stock bought expressly for the Christmas Trade. We want your help to clear out these goods during the next 8 days. We will help you by reducing 7 per cent. from all Dinner, Tea, and Chamber Sets, also Lamps, China, and Glassware. Come Early and Get Your Choice.

GROCERIES.  
Our Stock for Christmas is complete. The quality and prices are combined to please you:—

Seedless Oranges, 25c per dozen.  
Seedless Raisins (cleaned), 8c per lb.  
3 lbs. Currants (cleaned), for 25c  
Mixed Nuts, 15c per lb.  
2 lbs. Pure Lard, 25c  
3 lbs. Mixed Candy for 25c.  
Seedless Raisins, 9c per lb.  
3 Cans (1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes) for 25c.  
Mixed Pickles, 10c per bottle.  
Mince Meat, 9c per lb.

John McConnell,  
Park St. Phone 190

A contented mind is most to be desired of earthly blessings. A policy from

### The Empire Accident

### Surety Company

Will bring you contentment as nothing else will.

### A CANADIAN CONCERN

A. J. PIKE, Agent, Chatham

## China Bargains

—AT—

## GRAY'S CHINA HALL

Did you forget anyone at Christmas? Now is the time to buy something for a New Year's Gift. Extra specials all this week in order to make this the largest business year we have experienced.

Discounts from 10 to 25 Per Cent.

Everything marked in plain figures; the old price and the new quick selling price. Come any day this week; you will get a bargain.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL,  
KING ST.

Yes, and sometimes I half regret that I'm the sole benefactor.

## HIS VALEDICTORY

Mayor Cowan Will Deliver Address at Closing Session of City Council To-Night

A feature of tonight's session of the City Council—probably the last for the representatives of 1905—will be Mayor Cowan's valedictory.

His worship has been an earnest and strenuous executive and his concluding address will naturally be marked with much interest. Under his vigorous regime Chatham has unmistakably made progress and it is to his credit that his name has been heralded throughout the press of the Province as a reformer and an active, zealous chief magistrate.

Even those who differ in judgment from his worship do not hesitate to pay him the compliment of being conscientious and thorough. Other matters of public interest will characterize the official finale of the busiest Council the Maple City ever owned.

## KEEP OFF GRASS

Mayor Cowan Receives Federal Authority to Thwart Yankees With Gunboat Ambitions

This morning his worship Mayor Cowan received the following official letter, which speaks for itself: Department of Public Works, Canada, Office of Engineer in Charge, 23rd December, 1905.

Dear Sir:—With further reference to our conversation relating to the alleged attempt of certain Americans to raise the sunken war vessels now lying in the Thames River about two miles above the city of Chatham, I would ask you as Mayor and Chief Magistrate of the said city, acting on behalf of the Federal Government of Canada, to prevent any person or persons from raising or attempting to raise said vessels unless they have previously secured permission from the Government of Canada, of which you will be duly notified. Please consider this order in force until you are otherwise notified.

In event of your not being Mayor for the coming year you will please delegate this authority to your successor in office. As precaution it might be advisable for you to arrange with some person, residing in the vicinity of the wrecks, to keep you informed as to the movements of any of these ambitious relic hunters in any attempt they may make to remove the remains of the old war ships.

Yours obediently,  
J. G. SING,  
Engineer in Charge.

His Worship  
Mayor Cowan,  
Chatham, Ont.

## DROPPED DEAD

William Sands of Dawn was Taken Ill and Passed Away Suddenly

William Sands, a much respected resident of Dawn, dropped dead in Dresden on Saturday. Heart failure was the cause.

The death has caused much sorrow and thought he should get out of the rig and walk. He did so and told Mr. Scott to drive on. He was afterwards found dead on the roadside.

Besides a widow, three children are left to mourn his loss. Some years ago his mother died suddenly while sitting at the breakfast table. The funeral will take place to the Dresden cemetery.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Yesterday Christmas service was held in Holy Trinity Church, the sacred edifice being prettily decorated. There was a good attendance, over 70 to holy communion, which was the largest in the history of the congregation for Christmas Day. The music was excellent and reflected great credit on those in charge. As is the custom in all the congregations of the Church of England the offertory was presented to the rector as a Christmas gift.

At Christ Church the service was of a peculiarly appropriate and pleasing Christmas character. The rector, Rev. Rural Dean McCosh, delivered an earnest and much appreciated address, and administered holy communion to a large congregation. The decorations were superb, thanks for which are due to the taste and skill of Mrs. Geo. S. Heyward and Miss Edith Holmes. The music was very delightful and much enjoyed. The service in its entirety was one which will be long and happily remembered by all present.

Colors of the Rainbow. Next time you enter the Central Drug Store just stand to one side of the cut glass show case. You will see if the day is bright; all the colors of the rainbow. How about that holiday gift?

## SANTA'S STAFF WORKED HARD

Record-Breaking Stacks of Christmas Mail Handled at Maple City P. O.

Post Office Officials did Excellent Work and Deserve Hearty Congratulations

If the Santa Claus that lives afar did not secure the delivery of his letters promptly yesterday, the Maple City Post Office and its capable staff are not to blame, for never in the city's history has the Christmas rush been greater or so well handled and with such expedition as it was this year.

Only one extra help was added to the regular staff, but they all worked like bees and no one was disappointed on that account.

Yesterday's staff comprised Postmaster S. Barfoot, Deputy Postmaster Chas. Kellar, S. A. Reid, L. King and Misses Hattie Mount, Edna Smith, Lottie Smith, Edith Reid, Jennie Reid and Gladys Barfoot.

The lobby was open from 7:30 a. m. to noon and from 1 p. m. till 6, while the wicket, parcel and registration delivery opened between 9 and 10, and 2 and 3.

The two morning mails were excessively large.

Every parcel during the week—and there were thousands—was sent upon its journey on the first mail following its posting. The incoming rush was handled with all despatch possible. All the parcel racks were jammed full and extra tables were in use. The English mail this year was also exceptionally heavy.

Postmaster Barfoot and his capable staff are deserving of congratulations.

## CROWDS THROG MAPLE CITY

Big Day of Business Preceded Christmas Festivities

Electric Railroad Brings In Hundreds of Purchasers—Splendid Service of Special Cars

Saturday will long be remembered in the business annals of the Maple City. It broke all records. From early morning till well nigh midnight merchants and clerks were on the go, and the emissaries of good old Santa Claus were out in force with roving shopping bags and well-filled parcels all day long.

The delightful cold, clear weather gave an impetus to trade and the magnificent service provided by the electric railroad had much to do with swelling the visiting throng. What this splendid enterprise has done for the people of Kent County was never better evidenced than on Saturday, when car after car laden with passengers passed in and out of this city. By afternoon two more extra cars were doing duty and the staff was so tired out that one of the afternoon cars found General Manager Warburton himself in charge at the motor. Throngs visited both Chatham and Wallaceburg and all to the utmost capacity.

The number of passengers carried is variously estimated as from 2,000 to over 3,000. The employees of the company could furnish the Planet with no detailed information as to the traffic and General Manager Warburton, tired and smiling at the close of the day, when asked for an estimate, said, "I am unable to say, other than that we have had an exceptionally satisfactory day, and I trust the public was pleased with the service provided."

It is a great tribute to the railroad that, throughout the whole day of an overwhelming business, not the slightest accident occurred nor was any annoyance experienced by the carrying of noisy or drunken passengers.

The stores were rushed all day and shoppers were delighted with the enterprise and activity of our energetic merchants. Planet advertisers were exceptionally successful and several record days are chronicled. Altogether the Christmas season, notwithstanding the preparatory unseasonable weather, was an exceedingly good one.

Papeteries—A memory of styles and designs at the Central Drug Store. "A sure way," says a well known proverb, "to judge a person's character is by the quality of the paper used in correspondence." Fastidious is the verdict passed upon women who use our stationery.

## THE FAST TRAINS

To California are run over the Union Pacific, via Omaha, 16 hours other line. No change of roads, no detours, "The Overland Route" all the way. Be sure your ticket reads over the Union Pacific. Inquire of E. E. Carter, G. P. A., 14 James Building, Toronto, Canada, or E. B. Choate, G. A., 128 Woodward avenue, Detroit.

## A GOOD SHOW

The Light House Robbery Will Delight Patrons of the Grand on Dec. 27

Patrons of the Grand may look for a treat in the production of The Light House Robbery, which comes here during the latter part of December. This show will be one of the best of its kind to hold down the boards in Chatham this year.

It is a quaint, charming play, resembling "Shore Acres" with a dash of the "Old Homestead," and is a new wholesome play. The atmosphere of the sea and the fine types of New England are almost perfectly reproduced, as the play is founded upon actual facts, which occurred in 1875, and the truth going to prove that truth is often stranger than fiction.

This show carries a splendidly balanced company and fine scenic effects.

## LITTLE FOLKS

Delightful Sunday School Christmas Entertainment at St. Andrew's S. S. Hall

"Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes let us have good cheer."

So thought the lady teachers of St. Andrew's Sunday School when they went to the trouble of providing a free supper for the children of the school. Sandwiches, cake, oranges, apples, ice-cream, were the staples and were heartily partaken of and enjoyed. Then followed a varied program. — Selections from George Kerr's gramophone, and Christmas hymns, recitations, piano and vocal solos, an illustrated song and fine moving pictures from John Bennett's collection, made up a very pleasant and enjoyable evening, the children being dismissed at the seasonable hour of nine.

Misses Ross and Somerville and James Trotter contributed vocal solos with their usual ability. Diplomas were awarded Pauline Stringer and Katie McDonald for repeating the Shorter Catechism at one time, and to Murray Paterson for reciting two hundred selected verses at one sitting. These diplomas are issued by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. It is expected that during the coming year many more will qualify for them.

## ASK YOUR GROCER

—FOR—  
RED FEATHER TEA

## LEAVE YOUR ORDERS

—NOW FOR—  
CHRISTMAS CAKES  
CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS  
MINCE PIES, and  
BREAD at

The North Chatham Bakery

LAMON BROS.

PROPRIETORS. TEL. 480

## We Have 500 Calendars

Left over after Saturday's rush, and these must be sold this week. To do so we cut the price in two. These beautiful floral calendars at 2 for 5c.

All better goods Half-price.

1906 Diaries (office and pocket) now complete.

Canadian Almanac, 40c.

Subscriptions for any periodical published solicited.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

## ICE CREAM PARLORS

OPPOSITE BANK OF MONTREAL

One of the finest assortments of Candy in the city, fresh every day.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL

Ice Cream or goods delivered to any part of the city. Light lunches served.

J. H. Rhody

In Wigzell's Old Stand.



## 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 - 75c to \$2

n a variety of leathers.

High-Cut or Romeo Slippers - \$1.50 to \$2

A draft resistor for winter.

Felt and Warm Lined Slippers - 65c to \$1

Carpet and Rep Slippers from 40c

GEO. W. COWAN