NEWS OF NORFOLK

The Christmas Market —Board of Education Dismisses Teacher

(Fro mour own Correspondent)

Simcoe, Dec. 21.—Owing to an error in fixing the value of prizes in the Christmas market list, the offering was light. The following winners were among the leaders:

W. Barlow, Simcoe. Best plucked gobbler over 20 pounds; best plucked gobbler, 18 to 20 pounds; best do., 16-18 pounds; and do., 14 to 16 pounds.

Ruby Davis, Wilsonville. Best pair plucked ducks, this year, over 14 lbs; do., 12 to 14 lbs.; best duck, 8-10 lbs., and best dozen fresh eggs, brown.

Geo. Eatwell had best white eggs.

H. H. Groff had best plucked chicken, 6-8 lbs.

Wm. Pullen was in on the turkey awards, and had a splendid first prize peck of hickory nuts, which brought $1.25.

Ryerse Bros. had the best celery.

John Anderson, Port Dover, won first and second in the special for red streak apples, and Ernest Irwin 1st and 2nd for spies.

A. Widner took 1st and 2nd for plucked geese.

The Chicken Show

The task of judging the chicken show exhibits kept the judge busy most of the day yesterday. The show is in full swing to-day.

Board of Education Dismisses Teacher

The Board of Education held a special meeting last night to deal with matters pertaining to management. At the request of the teachers concerned, Miss Clara Porter, of the public school staff, and classical master Mr. Messmore, of the High School staff, were each given six months' extension of leave. Both are incapacitated through ill-health. Mr Barrow, of Port Dover, who has been supplying for Mr. Messmore, will be offered re-engagement for the remainder of the term. There was a possibility of Mr. Messmore being able to resume duty earlier, but Mr. Barrow and the students had to be considered too, hence the disposition. The secretary was instructed to advertise for a teacher for Miss Porter's class.

Absent Without Leave

The commercial specialist at the High School, who, at a special meeting held about a month ago, asked for leave of absence "for January and perhaps February," to accompany her mother on a trip to California, to improve her health, and who was refused the leave requested, had taken French leave last Saturday. Half of the High School students were said to be absent this week, and a petition signed by a representative from each form was presented to the board, asking that as school resumed on Thursday Jan. 3rd, the vacation be extended till the following Monday.

The impression was quite general that matters were getting fast and loose, and members expressed their views very emphatically. When it was learned that the work of the absent teacher was being divided among the others, the chairman of the management committee wanted to know if it would not be better to reduce the staff. There was a general agreeent that the time had come for action.

Principal Christie was called in by phone and requested to report in writing regarding the absent teacher. It was now ten o'clock, perhaps later. The principal certified that the teacher was absent on her own leave without his consent. No member of the board had previously been notified, nor had the secretary.

To Fill the Vacancy.

A motion to advertise for a commercial specialist to fill the vacancy was put through, and the secretary was instructed to notify the teacher in question that as she had been guilty of a breach of contract her services were no longer required.

No More Nonsense.

The board directed that school be re-opened on January 3rd. Chairman Innes of the Management Committee said that he had been out somewhat through the country recently and had heard complaints about looseness of discipline and lack of industry at the High School and the reputation outside was such that students from the country were going elsewhere. He thought it time for a protest.

All the members were in attendance and there was but one dissenting voice when the yeas and nays were called on the vital motion of the evening.

Mr. Butcher's Exemption Protested.

The military authorities have protested the exemption till July 1st granted to Mr. Butcher of the High School staff, and the Board of Education requested Secretary E. F. Curtis to represent the board in the matter.

This is another example of disregard for conservation of resources. Mr. Butcher has locked up in his cerebial convolutions about $3,000 of his own money and about $2,000 of the country's money. In other words he has just completed a long academic course of education. His falling for his country would mean the loss of a good man, physically speaking, and $5,000. In the name of all the gods at once, then, why not—if it is absolutely necessary to use this man—send him out to farm and let a farmer's son with a less expensive head go overseas. Mr. Butcher would be quite capable on the farm, and could return to the halls of education when the war is over. By all means let us have conservation. There's no provocation for making washers out of gold half crowns while we have plenty of good iron plate.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS.

There's nothing that will please the old folks so much as a pair of our gift slippers. Coles Shoe Co., 123 Colborne street.

CHRISTMAS STORE NEWS

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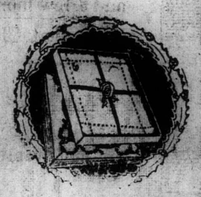
Attention! Are You Ready for Xmas?

HAVE YOU DONE ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPINQ? YOU'VE ONLY TWO DAYS MORE IN WHICH TO DO IT IN. WITH EXTRA SALESPEOPLE WE ARE ABLE TO HELP AND SERVE YOU QUICKLY. WE MENTION MANY USEFUL GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS BUYERS BELOW:

Gifts for Father or Brother



Linen Handkerchiefs, in plain or initial, 50c, 40c, 35c, ea. **12½c**

Silk and Knitted Mufflers, finished with silk fringe ends, $4.00 to .. **$1**

Silk Neck Ties, $1.00, 75c, 50c, 35c and **25c**

Cashmere Hose, black and colors, all sizes; $1.00, 75c, 50c and ... **35c**

Suspenders, good and strong, 75c, 50c, and **25c**

Men's Heavy Grey Wool Working Sox, 60c, 50c, 40c, and **35c**

Umbrellas, large variety to choose from at $7.00, $6.00, $5.00, $4.00, $3.00 to **$1.25**

Wool Gloves, in black and colors, $1.00, 75c and.. **50c**

Mocha Mitts and Gloves, $5.00 to .. **$2**

Underwear, separate shirts and drawers; also combinations, in Watson's, Turnbull's and Stanfield's makes, all at special prices for Christmas.

Furs Make Useful and Serviceable Xmas Gifts

FURS FOR MOTHER SISTER OR WIFE

Children's Furs

White Thibet Setts, stole and muff at ..... $12.50, $11.50 and $7.50
Odd White Thibet Muffs, at ..... $7.50, $5.00 and $2.50
White Kit Conly Setts, at ..... $12.50, $7.50 and $6.50
Taupe Kit Conly Setts, at ..... $11.50 and $6.50

Furs for Ladies' and Misses

Red Fox Sett, large animal stole and pillow muff, at **$72.50**
Taupe Lynx Sett, animal boa, ball muff at **$82.50**
Sable Sett, dropped skins, stole and melon muff, at **$75.00**
Natural Lynx Sett, animal stole, ball muff, at **$35.00**
Black Coon Sett, animal stole, pillow muff; at **$50.00**
Black Wolf Sett, animal stole, ball muff at **$36.50**

Odd Muffs

Muskrat Muff, ball shape, dark skins, special at **$18.50**
Black Wolf Muff, ball shape, special at **$25.00**
Black Manchurian Wolf Muff, pillow shape, at **$13.50**
Mink Muff, pillow style; at $85.00, $75.00 and **$50.00**

These are excepttonal values and are worth 25% more

One of Thefe Cosy Bath Robes or Kimonas Make a Delightful Giit

Eiderdown Bath Robes, grey and white, copen and white, gold and rose, at $7.50 and **$6.75**

Japanese Silk Robes, heavily padded, copen and black; at **$6.95**

Wrapperette Kimonas, at *$3.50, $3.00, $2.25 and $1.50*
Cotton and Crepe Kimonas, all shades $3.50, $3.00, $2.25 and **$1.50**

Why Not Buy Her a Fur Coat?

Hudson Seal Coats

Hudson Seal Coats, in plain and sable trimmed; lined with satin and fancy silk poplins; special at $275.00, $235 and **$165.00**

Muskrat Coats, made from the best northern raf skins, several styles to choose from; special at $165. and **$100**

Military Brushes, Manicuring Sett, Sewing Cases, Etc.

All Tery Useful Gifts For Christmas

Sewing Cases, needle cases, etc., special $3.00, $2.50, $2.00, $1.50 to **25c**
Leather Manicure Sets, fitted with French Ivory, special at **$1.50**
Military Brushes, set in Leather Cases, $4.00, $3.00 to **$2.25**
Leather Cased Playing Cards, at $1.25, $1.00, 75c and **50c**
Leather Handkerchief Cases *$1.50*
Leather Hand Bags, large asortment to choose from. Prices ranging $7.50 to **79c**
Boudoir Caps, all colors, dainty styles; $3.00, $2.50, $2.00 to **25c**

Silk Underwear

Camisoles, Vests and Combinations.

Silk Camisoles, strap shoulder, with sleeve, in white or flesh all sizes, daintily trimmed; special at $3.75, to $1.75, $1.50 and ... **$1.25**

Ladies Silk Vests, in white or flesh, sizes 36 to 42, at $2.50, $2.25 and **$2.00**

Silk Combination Envelope, in white and flesh at $5.00, $4.50 to **$4.00**

Silks by the Yard for Dresses or Waists Make Nice Xmas Gifts

Black Duchess Satin, extra quality; $2.00 value; special **$1.50**
36 in. wide, black Pailette; a silk recommended for wear, $2.00 value, for **$1.50**
Habiuta Silk, 36 in. wide, in white, for waists, underwear, etc., special at $1.50, $1.25 $1.00 to **59c**
Washable Satins, 36 in. wide *$1.50*
40 in. wide washable crepe de chines, heavy make, in black and full range of colors; always sold at $2.00; special **$1.75**
Delaines for children's dresses, light and dark grounds, small rose bud and stripe designs, at 65c and **60c**
$2.00 Stripe Habitua Silk Waisting, 2 yds. make waist; special at **$1.50**

Beautiful Xmas Neckwear

Newest styles in Christmas Neckwear; in Georgette Crepe, washable Satin, Silk, Crepe de Chines, etc. Comes in pretty gift boxes at $3.00, $2.50, $2.00, $1.50 to **75c**

Silk Hosiery

Silk Hose, in black and colors, all colors; Special at $2.50, $2.00, $1.50 to **65c**

Give Her a Ostrich or Marabout Neckpiece

Ostrich Feather and Marabout Boas and Neck pieces, in stole and cape effects, in black, natural, black and white; special at $12.50, $10, $8, $5 **$3.00**

Ostrich Boas

10 only Ostrich Boas, in black, natural and black and white, finished with Silk Tassels; special price at **$2.75**

Silk Scarfs

5 only beautiful Spanish Silk Lace Scarfs in white, and black ,at $15.00, $10.00 and (worth 1-3 more) **$6.00**

Bath Towels at $1.50 Each

Turkish Bath Mats, in Blue, pink, and white and red; special at $2.25 and, each **$1.50**

Embro. Pillow Cases $1.50 Pr.

Fine Embro. Pillow Cases, hemstitched, with fine embro patterns at, pair **$1.50**

Initialed Pillow Cases $1.85 Pair

Initialed Pillow Cases, with fancy embro designs, al initials in stock, special, at pair ... **$1.85**

Turkish Towels, Extra Value 49c Each

Fancy White Turkish Towels, in blue, pink, and gold stripes, 22x44 size; special, each **49c**

Fancy Huck Towels 45c Pair

Fine White Huck Towels, blue or pink, fancy borders, large size; special at, pair.. **45c**

Huck Towels at 59c Pair

White Huck Towels, with fancy Damask ends, finished with hemstitch; special at ,pair .. **59c**

2 Big Silk Waist Specials for Christmas Specials

Habitua Silk Waists

New Stripe Habitua Waists, elegant range of colorings, made with convertible or roll collar, of white satin; sizes 34 to 46; special at $5.00 to **$3.75**

Stripe Crepe de Chine Waists

Beautiful Waists made of stripe Crepe de Chine; in white and black, and white and rose, all sizes; special at $7.50 and **$7.00**

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