

Aylmer's Leading Store.

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TRADE BUILDING.

The trade of this store is increasing; new customers every day, because of the reliability of this store and the complete stocks to be found here. Throughout our business career in Aylmer customers have known that they could buy Goods with absolute security and a great deal of satisfaction. Our many customers know that we sell the most reliable Goods for the least money, and sell them just as represented.

**SATURDAY'S BARGAINS**

**SHIRT WAIST BARGAINS**

A quantity of good colored Blouses, odd sizes, in prints, percales, piques, some slightly soiled, were 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25, clearing sale price..... **49c.**

**SAILOR HAT BARGAINS**

Special line of Sailors in mixed, straw, brown, navy and cardinal, mixed straws and white, our regular price, 40, 50, 60 and 75c, clearing sale price..... **25c.**

**CHILDREN'S CORSET WAISLS**

10 dozen Children's Corset Waisls, made of good heavy white coutil, bone buttons, good value at 40c., our clearing sale price, **25c.**

**COTTON SPECIAL**

Fine English Bleached Cotton, absolutely pure and free from dressing, fine Lonsdale finish, 38 inches wide, regular 10 cent. goods, **8c.**

**BUY SHIRTINGS NOW**

About 15 pieces best Standard Shirtings, extra heavy, and warranted pure indigo, in checks and plaids; if purchased now would have to sell at 15c., while it lasts..... **12½c.**

**LADIES' WHITE UNDERMUSLINS**

This Muslin Underwear section of ours is doing a largely increased business just now, and it ought to, for the collection is more varied than ever before, and every price represents a saving. Gowns, Corset Covers, Skirts, Chimeses and Drawers, from 25c. **3.50**

**A DRESS GOODS EXTRA**

5 pieces of black figured seamless, 42-in. wide, in small and medium figures, nice glossy goods for skirts and dresses, worth in the regular way 40c. to 60c. yd, Saturday **25c.**

We invite inspection; we court comparison. We want business on merit, not sentiment. We urge nobody to buy our Goods. We believe most people know their business better than we can tell them, and should have the privilege of deciding where and what to buy without the cajoling of the merchant and his employees.

**Elgin County Council.**

TRANSACTION BUSINESS AND END UP WITH A FREE TRIP TO CLEVELAND.

The June session of the Elgin county council took place last week at the Court House, St. Thomas. Warden Moore's address was extensive as well as interesting. He referred to the business which would come up for consideration, among which were the question of establishing a police village at Port Burwell, a number of school section appeals, the effects of the Municipal Amendment Act, the action of Miss Paul against the act for damages, the new court house, and other matters of interest.

A large batch of communications and reports were read, prominent among which were the following. From John McCausland county treasurer, stating that there is \$1,320.64 to the credit of the county. On account of a portion of the county rate of 1899 not having as yet been paid, the finance committee on their own obligations borrowed from Molsens Bank \$3000 which is now due and it will be necessary for you to pass a bylaw authorising the warden and treasurer to borrow say \$20,000 to pay the \$3000 due at bank and meet current expenses as may be required until the county rate of 1900 is paid on the new court house and furnishings \$46,255.64.

From J.A. Bell, county engineer, as follows: The Port Stanley bridge has been completed in a satisfactory condition. The whole cost of the work was \$3,867.27. The only damage done by the spring freshet was to wash out an approach to the bridge from the Otter Creek near Tilsonburg Junction, and also to wash out a portion of the Beaver creek bridge between Southwold and Yarmouth. Both of these have been repaired with but slight delay to traffic. Nothing has been done yet towards the erection of the Selburne bridge next week. The wooden approaches to the Graham road bridge from the river Thames should be replaced. There is an agitation to change the north approach, and I understand that a committee from Middlesex has been appointed to act with this county regarding the matter. The other bridges throughout the county are in a good state of repair.— Referred to Public Improvement Committee.

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Public School Inspector Atkin presented his report for 1899, which in part was as follows: The following shows the amounts expended for public school purposes and the cost per pupil in the different municipalities: Aldborough... \$9,640 39; per pupil, \$ 8 07 Bayham..... 6,134 09; " 6 80 Dunwich..... 5,732 49; " 8 09

Malahide.....	7,451 24;	"	8 70
S. Dorchester..	4,028 48;	"	10 04
Southwold.....	9,159 45;	"	9 60
Yarmouth.....	8,262 96;	"	8 34
Dutton.....	1,822 40;	"	7 72
Pt. Stanley....	1,041 58;	"	7 71
Springfield....	1,342 81;	"	7 27
Vienna.....	566 07;	"	6 46
Aylmer.....	4,627 33;	"	10 31

School Population.—Number of boys registered, 3,672; number of girls, 3,437. The schools were open an average of 203 days and the 7,109 pupils attended an average of 115 days each. Twenty-two children between the ages of 8 and 14 are reported as not having attended any school during the year, and 876 between the same ages are reported as having attended less than 100 days.

The following shows the amount received from the government on account of combination of classes: Rodney, \$100; West Lorne, \$100; Shedden, Fingal, Belmont, Springfield, \$50 each; Sparta and Eden, \$25 each. There are 108 school houses in the county—73 brick and 35 frame.

The inspector paid 250 visits to the schools during the year; the trustees, 168; clergymen, 42, and 263 trees were planted.

**WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.**

Upon enquiry Councillor Pollock was informed that the cannon would be mounted in front of the court house. Councillor A. J. Leitch, chairman of the special committee appointed to arrange with the city in regard to the amount to be paid for the administration of justice account, reported that the committee had met the city committee and agreed that the city should pay \$3,000 per year, commencing January 1, 1900, and that the cost of building the court house be provided by a separate agreement, under which the city is to pay to the county their proportion of the total cost, to be divided on the basis of the census population in 20 annual instalments, with 3 per cent. interest. The total expenditure connected with the court house will amount to \$50,000. An equal payment of the city's proportion will be \$840.81 per annum. The report was adopted by the county council at their Thursday session.

Councillor Jackson read the report of the public improvement committee which said that the tender of B. C. Bulmer was the lowest for both the Selburne and Zavitz abutments, but their sureties not being satisfactory, the contract for the abutments was awarded to Ponsford Bros. and G. A. Ponsford; that the contract for the steel work was awarded to the Dominion Bridge Company of Peterborough; that a grant be recommended towards the construction of a bridge across the Thames at Muncey, provided it can be made without rendering the

county liable for the maintenance of the bridge; that the Port Bruce bridge had been satisfactorily completed and the Hunter Bros. be paid the amount of their contract less \$100; that Kent county be paid \$3 for painting Bothwell bridge; that the county engineer's report be adopted; and that the warden, chairman of public improvements committee and engineer be appointed a committee to meet a committee of the county of Middlesex in regard to the changing of the approach to the Graham road bridge over the River Thames, and that they be empowered to make the change if they think desirable and let the contracts therefor.

The report was considered in committee of the whole, S. B. Morris in the chair, and finally adopted. Councillor Yarwood, chairman of the educational committee, reported recommending that no action be taken in regard to the alteration of the boundaries of the school sections No. 12 and 13, Southwold; that arbitrators be appointed in compliance with request of D. McGregor and 120 others in the formation of a new school section between the township of Dunwich and Alborough, near Lake Erie; that no action be taken in reference to appeal for appointment of arbitrators to consider the boundaries of Union S. S., No. 5, Dunwich; that the resignation of Dr. Hoover, trustee of Vienna High school, be accepted and that S. S. Clatton be appointed for the balance of the term.—Adopted.

Councillor Lyon read the report of the committee on petitions and legislation, reporting that they had examined the petition from the residents of Pt. Burwell and found that said petition is signed by the majority of ratepayers in the area described that the said area be set aside as said village and the required bylaw passed; that the petition from the county of Oxford re width of roads be not entertained; and that the petition from the county council of Frontenac recommending the law respecting jury service be concurred in and that we co-operate by a petition to be signed by the warden and clerk for presentation at the next session of the Legislature.—Adopted.

The Elgin Historical Society was on motion, granted the use of a room in the court house, for a museum and meeting room until such time as the council meeting the use of the room.

**THURSDAY.**

James Thayer addressed the council protesting against the manner of transacting statute labor. The matter was referred to the Warden and Mr. McKenney at the November sessions. The Finance Committee reported that the amount required for the lawful purposes

of the county for 1900, was \$38,257, and recommended that the amount be raised as per following schedule, the rate being 2½ mills on the dollar.

Aldborough.....	\$4,703 00
Dunwich.....	5,217 00
Southwold.....	7,270 00
Yarmouth.....	7,538 00
Malahide.....	5,783 00
Bayham.....	2,840 00
South Dorchester	3,293 00
Aylmer.....	903 00
Vienna.....	143 00
Springfield.....	172 00
Port Stanley.....	170 00
Dutton.....	225 00

Total..... \$38,257 00

The committee also recommended payment of accounts amounting to \$20,917; also that Aylmer and Pt. Stanley lock-up-keepers be paid \$15 each and those at West Lorne, Springfield, Rodney, Vienna and Wallace-town, \$10 each.

W. Ford was again elected as county auditor, the clerk was granted two months holidays during 1900.

**FRIDAY.**

W. M. Ford, chairman of the House of Industry Committee, reported recommending that no action be taken in reference to agreements with Daniel Luton regarding tile drain outlet; that your committee be authorized to take such action as they may deem advisable in reference to Christie McKenzie monies deposited with county treasurer; that we be authorized to put an addition on the barn and rearrange interior and rebuild the main chimney.—Adopted.

Moved by M. E. Lyon, seconded by W. M. Ford, that the warden, the chairman of the Public Improvements Committee, S. H. Yarwood and A. J. Leitch, be a special committee with power to engage a special expert to report as soon as possible on the condition of all cement abutments erected in connection with county bridges, and if the work is found to be defective in any particular, to make such recommendations in reference to the specifications, inspection, material, etc., as may be necessary to improve future work, and that a copy of the expert's report be forwarded to each member of this council as soon as it is received by the clerk.—Carried.

Moved by J. H. Yarwood, seconded by W. M. Ford, that this council approve of the action of the Public Improvements Committee in not awarding the contract for building the abutments to Shelburne and Zavitz bridges to the lowest tender under the circumstances.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. Jackson, that Mr. James Ellison be appointed inspector of the Shelburne and Zavitz bridges, and in case of being unable to act, that the engineer and chairman of the Public Works Committee have power to appoint an inspector.—Carried.

A number of by-laws were passed and the council adjourned.

**Card of Thanks.**

The W. C. T. U. and Kings Daughters desire to thank the citizens of our town who so heartily responded to their appeal on behalf of India's famine stricken. Rich and poor alike, seemed willing and anxious to assist in this most noble work. The kindly sympathy met with everywhere made the work of the collectors a pleasure. With gratitude in behalf of the societies.

**GLENCOLIN**

Misses Mattie and Sarah Peacock and Mr. John Peacock and Miss Hazel Barrett, of St. Thomas, were the guests of Mrs. S. Young last Sunday.

Mrs. D. B. Roy has returned from Detroit. Mrs. I. B. Haney and Miss Alice Haney visited friends at James town on Monday.

Mrs. S. Young is on the sick list. On the 13th inst., the wife of W. E. Brooks, of a daughter Miss Gracie Knight, of Brantford Institute for the Blind, will spend her summer vacation with Miss Enod Loop.

**The House of Ayer**

NEW CANADIAN OFFICE OF AN OLD ESTABLISHED CONCERN WHICH IS CONTINUALLY EXPANDING

The well-known proprietary medicine firm of the J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass., has recently opened an office in the Bell Telephone Building, Montreal, in order to give closer attention to their Canadian business. It is not generally known that they already have a large laboratory in Montreal, having manufactured there for several years. The intention is to make the business thoroughly Canadian and to strengthen their facilities so as to keep pace with a constantly growing demand.

The J. C. Ayer Co. are not only one of the largest manufacturing concerns of their kind in the world, but they are among the largest advertisers, spending a million dollars every year in newspaper advertising.

For sixty years the leaders in regard to family medicines, they are more in evidence to-day than ever before. The home office has just completed improvements costing \$100,000, which represent new ideas and new methods in the manufacture of Ayer preparations. They intend that every bottle of the Ayer remedies shall be prepared as carefully as the druggist compounds a medicine by prescription, and in reorganizing their Canadian facilities they anticipate in advance a largely increased business.

**The Big Busy Corner.**

It is utterly impossible in the limits of weekly advertising to mention all the good values that show themselves at our counters. Many quick values never get into the papers at all. When trade is briskly active as here, bargains come and go very rapidly, all of which suggests that you visit the store in person as often as convenient. No matter whether you are a judge of values or not, you can shop here with the utmost confidence that the prices are the lowest to be found in the trade.

Here are some lines for this week that may interest you

**Staple Department**

Unbleached Cotton, pure, unfilled, free from specks, full yard wide, worth..... 6 for 5c. Extra heavy unbleached Cotton, a good sheeting cloth, yard wide, free from specks or dressing, worth..... 8 for 7c. Bleached Cotton, heavy, full yard wide, worth..... 6c. for 5c. Bleached Cotton, extra heavy, full yard wide, worth..... 8c. for 7c. Bleached Cotton, heavy, pure finish, a splendid cloth, worth 10c for 8c. Cotton Shirting, heavy, fast colors, in check and stripe, worth to-day..... 12½c. for 10c. Cotton Shirting, full standard weight & width, pure indigo dye, worth to-day 15c. for..... 12½c. English Oxford Shirting, extra weight and finish, checks and stripes, handsome patterns, worth..... 15c. for 12½c. Kentucky Jean, a splendid cloth for Men's Overalls and boys' school pants, worth..... 25c. for 20c.

**Towels**

Turkish Bath Towels, regular 10c., worth..... 2 for 15c. Turkish Bath Towels, regular 15c., worth..... 2 for 25c. Linen Huck Towels, size 15 x 30, very special..... 8c. Linen Huck Towels, size 18 x 36, very special..... 10c. Linen Huck Towels, 18 x 36, very special..... 12½c. Linen Damask Towels, 18 x 36, very special..... 12½c. Linen Damask Towels, 20 x 40, very special..... 15c.

**Corsets**

Cool net Corsets for summer, strong, well made, perfect French models at..... 35 and 50c.

**Ladies' Ties**

Ladies' pure silk Rumhunda Ties, at..... 50c. and 75c. Ladies' Bows, made from two shades of satin, cardinal and white, royal and white, black and white, sky and white..... 25c. Ladies' Bows, made from Chiffonette, hem-stitched ends..... 25c.

**Ladies' Belts & Belt Buckles**

White Pique Belts..... 10c. and 25c. Leather Belts..... 15 and 25c. Jet Belts..... 25, 35 and 50c. Satin Belts..... 35 and 50c. Ladies' Belt Buckles, double clasp and pulley..... 10, 15, 20, 25, 35 & 50c.

**Gents' Furnishing Dept.**

Four specials for this week—Men's Flannelette Shirts, very special, for..... 25 cents Men's Flannelette Shirts, worth 40c. for..... 30 cents. Men's Blue Drill Shirts, with white polka dots, worth 65c for..... 50c. Men's Balbriggan Underwear..... 25c.

**Towelings**

A full range of standard makes, selling at old prices, 5, 7, 8, 10 and..... 12½c.

**Dress Goods**

Black figured Lustres, regular 30c, for..... 25c. Black figured Lustres, regular 35c, for..... 30c. Black figured Jacquard Ripps, 75c, for..... 60c. Black figured Jacquard Ripps, 60c, for..... 45c. Black figured Jacquard Ripps, 60c, for..... 45c. Black Lustres, very special values, bright finish..... 25c, 35c, 60c.

**Simpson & Case**

Dry Goods Importers and Clothiers.

**Time Rolls Its Ceaseless Course**

As the season is advancing, we have for special reasons decided to make

**A Clearing Sale**

**TAN GOODS**

Our stock is large and complete, and the following list if prices will show what big cuts we are making on our prices.

Woman's Tan two Button Trilby's.....	\$2.25 for \$1.75
Woman's Tan two Button Trilby's.....	\$2.00 for \$1.60
Woman's Tan Oxfords.....	\$2.25 for \$1.75
Woman's Tan Oxfords.....	\$2.25 for \$1.75
Woman's Tan Oxfords.....	\$2.00 for \$1.60
Woman's Tan Oxfords.....	\$1.50 for \$1.10
Woman's Tan Laced Shoes.....	\$3.00 for \$2.50
Girls' Tan Cloth Top Shoes.....	\$2.25 for \$1.60
Men's Tan Bals.....	\$2.50 for \$1.50
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We have more strictly new and up-to-date Goods than all the other stores in town combined. We have access to all the best makers in the country. We are in a position to buy at the very lowest prices, and reasonable profits satisfy us. We want your trade, and will guarantee you satisfaction.

**Christie & Caron**

The Mammoth Shoe Store. The Little Wonder Clothing and Furnishing Store.