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## January Stock-Taking Sale

We are making January a busy month. We have thousands of dollars worth of merchandise that we do not want to take in stock, and the most rapid way we know of to get rid of it is by great price reductions. This is an interesting store for you this month—goods are priced in plain figures all through the store at such reductions as cannot fail to interest you. Come and see.

### Blankets

Good, Heavy Blankets, made of extra quality Canadian wool, with about 15 per cent. cotton carded in to prevent shrinking, sizes 60x80 inches, pink and blue borders, on sale very special, at per pair—

\$2.69

### Dress Goods

12 pieces Dress Goods in "black and white," black grounds with neat white checks, stripes and small designs, mostly all wool, suitable for waists and house dresses; regular price 50c and 75c a yard; on sale, special, at

37½c

### Shaker Flannel

15 pieces Shaker Flannel, in the good, staple, light and dark stripes, a good, heavy, even woven cloth, 29 inches wide, on sale, special, at a yard—

5c

### Cors

Odd lines of Cors in white, drab, and black, in sizes from 18 to 24; regular price \$1.00 to \$1.50 a pair, all good, correct styles, clearing at less than half price, \$1.98 to

48c

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Ladies' Coats, made of good, heavy tweed, herringbone style, 44 in. long, cuffs, cloth strapless, extra value at the regular price, \$8.50, on sale, very special, at—

\$5.75

### Mens' Underwear

Mens' extra weight, ribbed Under-shirts and Drawers, elastic finish, soft make, unshrinkable; regular price 75c a garment, on sale for

56c

### Wrapperettes

20 pieces Wrapperettes, in a good variety of designs and colorings, dark and light shades, the regular 10c and 12½c kinds, on sale, special, at—

7½c

### Linoleum

Scotch Linoleum, 2 yards and 4 yards wide, in tile and floral patterns, and in wood effects, a good cloth that will wear well, on sale, very special, at—

43c

### Black Silks

Black Tulle de Soie Silk, fine, glossy finish, splendid quality for waists and dresses, on sale, very special at—

69c

## THOMAS STONE & SON



### FOR WEDDING... GIFTS

There is nothing better than a pair of Shoes or House Slippers for a present.

Men's Fancy Velvet Slippers, all sizes, 75c to \$1.00.  
Men's Leather Slippers, all sizes, 75c to \$1.50.

Men's Leather Elastic Side House Shoes, \$1.25 to 3.50  
Men's Women's and Children's Felt House Slippers, Fancy and Plain, all prices.

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FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY, FROM JAN. 5 TO JAN. 19, 1907.

\$2.00 value in Black only at.....\$1.50 each  
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\$1.50 value in Black only at.....\$1.00 each  
\$1.25 value in Red and Black Mixture at.....\$0.90 each

SUITS to order, made in the latest styles, with a perfect fit, best trimmings and lowest prices

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## School Board Has Surplus Of One Thousand Dollars

Rumors Of An Overdraft Were Entirely Without Foundation  
—Chairman Paxton, Mr. Robertson And Mr. McNabb Come In For Words Of Praise

The last Public School Board meeting that the reporters of the Maple City dailies will record for some time was held last evening in Harrison Hall. Those who were present to witness the last moments of the Public School Board in Chatham were Chairman Paxton and Trustees Robertson, Somerville, McKeough, Morley, Lentest, Andrews, McArthur and Brackin.

The most important part of the meeting was the announcement from the chairman of the Finance committee, Dr. Geo. T. McKeough, relative to the state of the finances of the Board of 1906. A short time ago it was rumored in certain municipal circles that the Board would have to overdraw their account this year. It was shown last evening that there were absolutely no grounds for this report, and instead, the Board after paying all running expenses of the year and extra expenses incurred through building and repairs which were necessary, they are not in debt, but they have a surplus of about \$1,000. This is a most satisfactory state of affairs and speaks volume for the excellent business ability of the members of last year's Board. They have proven excellent managers, and it is to the credit of the city that so many of them have been elected to positions on the new Board of Education.

The following was the Finance committee's report:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.  
The committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,859.50. The committee decided to recommend that the following accounts be referred back for further discussion—Brisco Bros., football, \$3.00; The Planet, \$1.75; and Thomas Stone & Son, \$63.37. The committee deemed it advisable to bring to the attention of the Board the gratifying fact that after paying all the running expenses for the year as well as paying out all indebtedness in respect of building and repairs, the Board will conclude the year with a cash balance in the bank of at least \$1,000.

The report was unanimously adopted amidst great applause.

A communication was read from Mr. Merchant of London, asking for the names of the Chatham kindergarten instructors. He wished this information for the Ontario Educational Association. Referred to Mr. McArthur with power.

An account with Ward Stanworth was ordered paid.

WAS PLUMBERS' FAULT.  
A communication was read from the Steam Heating Company asking relative to the heating account for the Central school. The statement had been made to the effect that the accounts were high on account of negligence on the part of the company. It has been shown since that the fault did not lie with the company but with the plumber who installed the system. The first report had injured the company's business.

Mr. Somerville—it is not right that the company should be liable for this insinuation. We have no trouble at all now and it has been found that the trouble in the first place did not lie with the company. We were assured by the company that our rate for heating for the last year would not be over \$1,000, and we are almost sure to come out for far less than that amount. During the holidays the heat was not turned on in the radiators but left in the main pipes. All through the holidays, the heat from the main pipes was sufficient to heat the whole school. Of course the weather was warm, but even in the cold weather, there is no trouble about the heat.

ONE TEACHER WILL GO.  
Mr. Park drew the attention of the Board to a recommendation made in his report to the effect that a reduction of the teachers in the Central school was necessary. At present there is one teacher too many, and one of the teachers was not a qualified teacher but was teaching on a renewal. The Board have a by-law to the effect that teachers holding either a first or a second class certificate shall be employed by the Board, but when the teacher referred to was appointed, it was impossible to get anyone else. Now there is no necessity for the extra teacher.

After some discussion, it was decided to adopt the Inspector's report. Inquiry was made as to the committee appointed to consider a reduction in the Kindergarten staff.

Mr. McArthur reported that the committee was appointed to consider a reduction of the whole teaching staff of the city. They had not met, and therefore had no recommendation to make to the Board.

It was decided to leave the matter over for the Board of Education.

NON-RESIDENT FEES.  
Mr. Macnabb reported that during the year he had received from non-resident pupils in the schools the sum of \$191.50. This was considered a small sum, but it was

found difficult to keep track of all the fees.

A PARTING SHOT.  
Mr. Morley referred again to the Blight & Fielder account which had been charged up to the School Board and for which the Board claimed they were not responsible. He thought that the Board should not be compelled to pay this account. Mr. Robertson was of the same opinion.

Dr. McKeough thought that in view of the surplus the Board might afford to be generous and pay the account.

Mr. Macnabb reported that he had written to the clerk in reference to the matter, but he had not received a reply.

Mr. Robertson—Was it an honest transaction?

Mr. Paxton—Far from it! It was decided to leave the matter over for the new Board.

PRaise FOR PAXTON.  
Then came one of the most interesting parts of the evening's program. Dr. McKeough called for the chairman to vacate the chair and asked Mr. Robertson to officiate in that capacity for a few minutes.

Dr. McKeough then addressed the retiring chairman, Mr. Paxton, and in a few well chosen words he expressed the regret of the Board that his term of office was completed.

"I now make a motion with a great deal of emotion," said he, "to take the greatest pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to the man who has so ably presided over the meetings of this Board during the past year. We regret that his term of office is completed. He has filled that position in many respects in a more admirable way than any of his predecessors. Since what the doctor had said, Mr. Paxton had often helped Mr. Morley in many matters, especially in the steam heating matter, where his advice was most valuable and saving to the city.

## Split In Local Liberal Party The Cause Of Much Uneasiness

The Machine Element Is Becoming Bolder As It Grows Stronger And The Thinking Men Of The Party View This With Much Alarm—Discontent Prevails

Those who are next to what is going on in the inner political circles of this city, had something interesting to watch in the recent municipal elections. It is now almost common property that it would have been much better for the local Liberal party, had the election turned out somewhat differently. The results of the polling, together with the scheming which preceded the election, have by no means tended to lessen the breach which has existed for some time among local Liberals, and those who hold the best interests of the party before everything else view the situation with alarm, and hopelessly long for a patching up of the split which is silently becoming wider every day, and which threatens to overthrow organization and any chance for future unity.

It has been known for some time that a certain clique has been earnestly at work in the Liberal party, gobbling up everything in sight, and trying to manage things to suit themselves. In many ways they have been successful. They have to a great extent captured the Liberal patronage in both Houses, and have by no means forgotten themselves when there are any benefits to be received from the party. Their actions have been noted by the stronger element of the party with anything but approval, and there is a pronounced impression among many honest-minded Liberals that these men are after too much. They think there are other men in the party who have done more for the Liberal cause in this county who should receive a little consideration, and some have gone so far as to express themselves quite strongly on the subject.

Matters were drifting along in an unsatisfactory state until the municipal campaign commenced. Then the wires commenced to hum. The Liberal machine was in evidence early and it worked late. The result is that the party men favored by the clique fared well while others of the same shade of politics were not in it very strong at the finish. Just why this was the case is only known by the favored few who happen to be in the most of it.

It will be noticed from the returns that the Liberals elected are in the majority. As the better element of both parties believe that municipal elections should be run apart from politics, the Liberal machine had the field to themselves and they certainly made the most of it.

It is a conspicuous fact that Mayor-elect Stone is a Liberal. In the new Council, the Liberals have a majority. The first three elected are Liberals, and others appear later on. The two men at the head of the polls for the Board of Education are Liberals. So it will be seen that the machine was not idle. They practically carried the men they wanted to carry.

Conspicuous among the Liberals who lost was ex-Ald. John Edmondson. Mr. Edmondson was a good alderman and is also a good Liberal. Two other men who are generally looked upon as the two strongest men who ever sat at the Public School Board, and men who rank high in the estimation of the Liberal party of this county, are Messrs. Robertson and Paxton. These two men have served the city faithfully for a number of years on the School Board, and their worth is universally recognized both

as men and as public servants. People are asking why they were left when the Liberal sentiment was so strong throughout the whole election. "Knitted by the Machine" is a common explanation by those who have been watching events, and in this case the little Liberal clique of relatives and chosen friends is not only dangerous to the friends of its own party, but it is also a menace to the city at large, by robbing the citizens of the services of these worthy representatives.

The men who were not included in the "Liberal state" are the least interested in the matter. They look upon the present defeat with comparative indifference, but there are other men of influence in the Liberal party who look beyond present events, and to them the results of the election are not pleasant to think about. They see danger ahead. The strong-minded element of the Liberal party do not entirely approve of the actions of this clique, but they have kept them in office because they are energetic and untiring workers at election time, thinking of course that there are enough of the better class of Liberals in the party to keep these men in check and to keep everything balanced.

The machine, however, made a big mistake by carrying everything before them in the municipal elections. They have now proven their strength and this is what causes so much uneasiness among the Liberals of the old school. Flattered by their success the clique is already planning for the future, and how they will control the whole party. There are whisperings of whom THEY will elect as candidates for the political elections. It is hinted that it will not make much difference if the men they select will be defeated or not—they will have the patronage. This idea of greed behind it all is what alarms the thinking men of the party, and just at present there is a strong feeling among most Liberals that a re-organization of the party along improved lines is in order, and must be accomplished if the party itself is to sustain any degree of prestige in the community.

Lumber famine in Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—Lumber prices have taken a sudden leap and the outlook is far from bright, for Winnipeg builders this year. Since Dec. 1 the price of wholesale lumber has gone up nearly \$3. The principal cause of the advance is the inability to get the lumber out this winter, owing to the heavy fall of snow and the scarcity of men.

New Motto on Coins. Paris, Jan. 9.—Finance Minister Cailloux has directed the authorities of the mint to substitute on all coins the words, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," for the old device of "God Protect France," in accordance with the amendment to the budget appropriation, forming a coin which was adopted by the Chamber of Deputies.

Premier Scott Improves. Regina, Sask., Jan. 9.—The marked improvement in Premier Scott's condition continues. It is more hopeful than at any period of his illness.

THE NEW OFFICERS  
The P. M. S. S. have elected officers for 1907 as follows:  
Supt.—Mr. Jas. Doo.  
Asst. Supt.—Mr. L. Johnson.  
Secy.—Mr. Leroy Robinson.  
Asst. Secy.—Mrs. M. Anderson.  
Treas.—Mrs. N. S. Roswell.  
Organist—Miss O. Matthews.  
Asst. Organist—Miss A. Anderson.  
Librarian—Mr. F. Blencowe.  
Assistants—W. Johnson and H. Parker.

Following are the teachers for the six classes:  
No. 1—Mrs. Doo.  
No. 2—Mrs. S. Chase.  
No. 3—Mr. N. S. Roswell.  
No. 4—Mrs. M. Anderson.  
No. 5—Rev. J. C. Richards.  
No. 6—Rev. Mr. Eady.

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School Shoes for girls and boys has become such a staple commodity that every mother in Chatham will tell you that she never has to shop around for her children's shoes. New comers in this city soon realize the economy of shoe buying at

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