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HAND BAGS

—FOR—

SATURDAY--59c.

Another great big shipment of Hand Bags, and better than ever. Those who were disappointed in not securing one at our last sale have another opportunity.

Leather Hand Bags with good metal mountings, good clasps and well made. The leather is in heavy corrugated and fine styles. The colors are Black, Brown and Tan. The price is extraordinary low and they are on sale Saturday only at....

...59 CENTS...

Small Items for Friday

Ladies' white cotton, open work, face hose, all sizes, on sale, special

28c

Hair combs, made of good, strong composition, on sale, special

12 1-2c

Children's "Buster Brown" belts, in black, brown and navy, on sale for

15c

Cushion tops and backs complete, all sewn up ready to slip the pillow in, in pretty Dutch designs, on sale for

19c

Ladies' Stock Collars, made of the new, heavy, Gimpure Lace, very stylish and effective—on sale for

19c

Children's Straw Sailors in plain white and fancy straws, with ribbon band and streamers, on sale for

19c

Small Items for Friday

Cushion girdles in two sizes and full length, all good plain colors and good combination colors, long girdle with full tassels complete, on sale special at

15c

Tinsel belts in gold and silver effects, special at

25c

New Windsor ties, pure silk, in plain, colors, plaids and polka spots, extra value at

25c

White embroidered stock collars with tab front, pretty designs, on sale special at

10c

Lithographs cushion tops in all the popular designs, on sale special at each

19c

Fine lawn handkerchiefs, on sale special

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GREAT SWEEPING SALE

—OF—

Summer Hardware!

25 per cent. cut off all Refrigerators, Hammocks, Oil Gas Stoves, Go-Carts, Express Wagons.

Come for one of the bargains to

WESTMAN BROS.

BIG HARDWARE

PLEASE REMEMBER WE SELL

Mason & Risch Pianos

—AND—

White Sewing Machines

We also have GARLAND and SOUVENIR STOVES, and the best quality of GRANITE WARE in the city at low prices.

GEO. STEPHENS & Co.

ARE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS EARNING SUFFICIENT SALARIES?

A Woodstock Resident Writing To The Planet Thinks Some Are Deserving Of Increases And Others Are Not Worth What They Get.

A short time ago this journal gave an editorial comment on the question of the smallness of teachers' salaries and the scarcity of good teachers. We have since been in receipt of the following letter from a resident of Woodstock, who has something to say in the matter: To the Editor of The Planet:

Sir,—The Globe of to-day quotes some remarks of yours referring to teachers being able to do much towards increasing their wage earning powers. I have often wondered at the wages that seem to prevail as a rule and the question perhaps turns on the point as to whether they are after all worth more than they get. Doubtless many of them are worth more and some are unquestionably worth less. A teacher (so called) who tells some children to "move them there things" or asks another "when did you come" is not the sort of person who might reasonably expect to obtain a very large salary. Yet it is deplorably true that such cases are not as rare as one would wish to see. Of course there should not be any, but there are those who to-day are teaching in our schools, who need to learn instead of trying to teach. The number of such solecisms one hears nowadays would indicate that there is something very unsatisfactory in our schools. As an instance, a young

lady in a public office in a small town some miles distant from here, was asked if she had seen a certain party. Her reply was to the effect that she "had not saw him since morning." This kind of error so exceedingly gross is becoming more and more common. And those who make such horrible mistakes would be much amused if some English person should fail to emphasize the h, in "had" for instance with a gust of wing strong enough to blow over a barn. If larger wages are to be paid, then we shall have a right to expect some better results from our teachers work. At present it is the exception rather than the rule to hear young persons indicate an object, in other terms than "that there."

One thing is certain, teachers that are teachers are born and not made, and it is the kind that can impart knowledge with tact and judgment that is wanted and that is worth large salaries. The other kind that is so numerous and follows the profession simply to pass away a year or two, and make a few dollars is a menace to the progress of public education. If the schools are open only to teachers of the right kind there will be no need of unions, etc., for the supply will scarcely ever be so large as to bring down the wages below a reasonable and proper level.

Yours truly,
A. B. C.
Woodstock, Aug. 14, 1906.

THE VILLAGE OF MERLIN SHOULD HAVE CUSTOMS OFFICE

H. S. Clements, M. P., Has Taken The Matter Up With The Customs Department At Ottawa Who Refuse Request—Clements Still Working For It.

Herbert S. Clements, M. P., took up a very important matter some time ago with the Minister of Customs at Ottawa in reference to providing a customs office at Merlin. In his letter to the Department he pointed out that owing to the development of the oil territory around Merlin, many foreigners are coming in with goods and people are put to endless trouble through not having a customs office at that point. It seems that the Minister is not favorably disposed towards the scheme and he writes the following letter to Mr. Clements:

Ottawa, Aug. 9th, 1906.
H. S. Clements, Esq., M. P.,
Chatham, Ont.

Dear Mr. Clements,—I have your letter of the 6th inst., in which you strongly urge that a customs office be established in the village of Merlin.

I am anxious at all times to facilitate the business of the country as much as possible, but to be frank with you, I am somewhat averse to adding to the number of custom offices at small places, as I have found by experience that the more small

customs offices we have the more difficult it is to ensure uniformity in the collection of the revenue, which is so desirable in the public interest. Then there is the financial aspect. Every office we open at a small place means additional expenditure without corresponding increased revenue.

We have been very generous indeed in the past in the matter of establishing customs offices, but I think the time has arrived when we should go somewhat slow. You may not be aware of it, but it is an actual fact that there are more customs offices in Canada to-day than there are in the whole of the United States, although that country has thirteen times our population and a much larger settled area.

In the circumstances, I cannot promise you now to open an office at Merlin. I would ask you to believe, however, that I am not discriminating against the people there. For some time past I have had before me forty or fifty applications for new offices, but I have steadily declined to take action.

You say the importers at Merlin are obliged to go to Tilbury or Blenheim to release their goods. Could they not obviate the necessity for doing so by employing a customs agent at Tilbury or Blenheim?

Yours very truly,
WM. PATTERSON.

SPENT NIGHT ON THE STREET

Visitors To The City Last Evening Were Unable To Get Hotel Room

ANOTHER HOPEL NEEDED

The circus brought immense crowds to the city last night and this morning, and by ten o'clock the streets were quite dense with people. The large number of city guests has proved too much for the local hotel accommodation. The visiting delegates to the Sons of England convention and the oil men had previously taken up much of the available accommodation, and when the extra crowds commenced to flock into the city last night, conditions turned out to be very bad.

A number of persons who could not secure rooms at the hotels were supplied with accommodation at private houses, but it is said that there were some who were unable to get in anywhere, and had to stay on the streets all night. James A. King and John Liddy, who were talking about the matter this morning, informed The Planet that they met people who were still looking for some place to stop at a very late hour last night.

Claims Agent Archie Skirving, of the Pere Marquette, says that he also saw a number of persons who were unable to secure a night's lodgings in the city. One man and his wife who came to town last night, after endeavoring to get accommodation without success, were forced to leave town for the night and return this morning.

The liquor interests are taking advantage of the opportunity to point to the fact that there is not at present sufficient hotel accommodation in this city, and they claim that there should at least be one more good hotel in Chatham.

A great many of those who came to the city this morning were unaware that the great Barnum & Bailey shows have done away with the old time idea of holding a street parade. They lined up the streets and when, on asking, they were informed that there was to be no procession, they appeared very much disappointed. Others, though, who had come to see the big show, expressed themselves as believing that the doing away with the parade was quite a sane idea. The merchants say that the parade interferes with business to quite an extent and it is detrimental to traffic.

It is estimated, however, that the crowd in the city to-day is just as large, or larger, than on occasions when a street procession has been a feature of circuses. Undoubtedly, the worthy show will be largely attended both this afternoon and this evening.

No man can be provident of his time who is not provident of his choice of his company.

PARTIALITY CHARGED AGAINST TWO PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES

It Is Claimed That Tenders Were Not Asked For Work Done On The McKeough School—The Painters Up In Arms.

The alleged action of the managers of McKeough School in letting contracts for work on the building without properly calling for tenders has been the cause of considerable dissatisfaction among certain contractors, and more particularly among the painters, a number of whom believe that they have been deliberately done out of a chance to tender for quite an expensive job. To judge by the remarks of some of the men of the brush, there will be more trouble than enough before they let the matter drop, and they want an explanation for the seeming peculiar action of some of the managers.

At a special meeting of the School Board, held in the Central School on Wednesday night, Trustee McArthur reported that he had asked Tilt & Hildreth what they would charge for tinting the walls of the building. Their price was \$325. It is claimed that Mr. McArthur did not approach any of the other painters—at least he did not mention that he had when he brought the matter up.

When some of the other painters read the item in the report of the meeting, which appeared in last night's issue of The Planet, they were very indignant that the contract for the work should be awarded in such a hasty, high-handed manner. The Planet received a call from one of the painters, Frank Jud.

son, last evening, who expressed himself in no uncertain way.

"I have seen some pretty sly deals," said he, "but this is about the shabbiest in my experience. Why didn't Trustee McArthur call on some of the other painters to find out what they would charge for the work. It is not like as if there was only one firm in the city who did painting and tinting, but it does look as though a firm who paid taxes over the river stand a pretty good chance of getting what is going at McKeough School."

The painters want to know by what authority Mr. McArthur decided it advisable to recommend the work being done by any one firm without asking for prices from some of the others.

It seems that one of the painters met Mr. McArthur some time ago and asked him if the managers of the school intended to have any painting done. His reply was that he did not think that they would. The next thing they heard was that a certain firm had been awarded the contract for painting the metallic ceilings. They claim that this work was never tendered for, either. Some pertinent questions are being asked as to who all are authorized to order work to be done at the school. It is also claimed that H. Brackin ordered the collar of the school whitewashed without consulting the other trustees till after the work was completed. At the meeting Wednesday night he asked to have his action ratified.

But the principal grievance is that with regard to the tinting of the walls, and the painters will patiently wait to see how Mr. McArthur will explain his action with regard to the letting of the contract.

GO TO TORONTO

The 24th Regiment rifle team will leave for Toronto Monday to take part in the rifle matches to be held in that city from Tuesday till Friday of next week. The team will be in charge of Lieut. Neil Smith and will be composed of himself, J. W. Smith, T. Tilbury, C. J. Oliver, of Merlin, and M. Kerr, of Tilbury. These gentlemen are among the crack shots of the county, and Lieut. Smith and his father have at their home in Tilbury many trophies which they have won at rifle matches.

When the matches at Toronto are concluded the team will leave for Ottawa, where they will compete all the following week in the contest to be held there. The local team have been keeping in steady practice and are in splendid shape for the matches.

The man who makes something syrupy may not know a great deal about music, but he is a great composer.

PIONEER DEAD

Ridgetown, Aug. 16.—Another old resident is dead, in the person of John McKellar, who had lived here for the past thirteen years.

Deceased, who would have been 63 years of age had he lived until the 28th of this month, was born in Scotland and was, therefore, numbered among the pioneers of the township.

In 1879 he was married to Miss Janet McTavish, of the Township of Orford, who survives him with a family of five children—John T., of Wingham; Wabita McTavish, Mrs. Edward Millen, St. Thomas; Mrs. V. Goldhawk, London; Mrs. A. J. Conscience, of Windsor; and Miss Jennie, at home.

Wanted, 500 men, women and children between one and 90 years of age to enjoy the I. O. F. excursion to Detroit Tuesday, Aug. 21st, per steamer City of Chatham; one hour extra in Detroit; first class orchestra. Tickets 50c, children 25c.

Waste Paper Baskets

A grand selection of new and bright designs, ranging in price from

25c. to \$4.00 Each.

Come and see the latest triumph of the Basket Makers' Art.

We will not have room to display them again before Christmas, so we will be pleased to put any one away till then for customers who pick them out this week.

We Also Have a New Shaped Market Basket

which should appeal to every one. Prices from 25c. to 75c.

Come and have a look at them.

Our baskets are the best made in Germany and demand the interest of every one.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and Sixth Streets...

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would undoubtedly draw quite a large crowd.

Mr. M. Arnold, of Blenheim, acted as chairman over the program, and the following were among the speakers of the day—D. M. Arnold, of Bracebridge; P. H. Bowyer, M. P.; H. S. Clements, M. P.; A. B. McCoig, M. P.; S. B. Arnold, George Langford, and James Houston, of Dresden.

The refreshments were supplied and served by the ladies of the Methodist Church, Northwood, who deserve much credit for the tasty meals and the efficient manner in which they were served. The Opera House Orchestra supplied the music, and the calling-off at the dancing in the evening was done in a most satisfactory manner by George Pritchard, of Chatham.

There were representatives of the clan present from all over Canada and the States.

Love may be blind, but it has a faculty of being convinced at first sight.



Tan, Vici Kid Oxfords (Goodyear Welt.)

Tan, Russian Calf " (Goodyear Welt.)

Newest Colors.

These are this season's shoes, regular price \$3 and \$3.50, now \$2.00 A Pair.

Winding up our Low Shoe Stock, all sizes, and widths from A to E.

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