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Sale of Swiss Applique and Tambour Work on Saturday

Last summer when in England, Mr. Stone placed a large order with a Swiss agent for Pillow Shams, Dresser Covers and Table Covers of applique and tambour work, which were to have been delivered in Chatham by October 1st. These goods did not arrive and in the meantime a clearing lot was purchased from a large Canadian jobber at 1/3 off regular prices. The original purchase arrived a few days ago and has just been released from bond. On marking them up we find our stock immensely heavy and have decided to make a clearing sale of them on Friday. This sale comes at a very opportune time for you—just when you are looking for gifts and nothing you could give would be more acceptable.

Swiss Applique and Tambour Muslin Shams and Dresser Covers marked to sell at 60c each—on sale Saturday very special, at 47c.
Swiss Applique and Tambour Muslin Shams, Dresser and Table Covers, marked to sell at 75c each—on sale Saturday, very special, at 67c.
Swiss Applique and Tambour Muslin Shams, Dresser and Table Covers, marked to sell at \$1.00 each—on sale Friday, very special, at 85c.

Extraordinary Sale of Ladies' Jackets on Saturday.

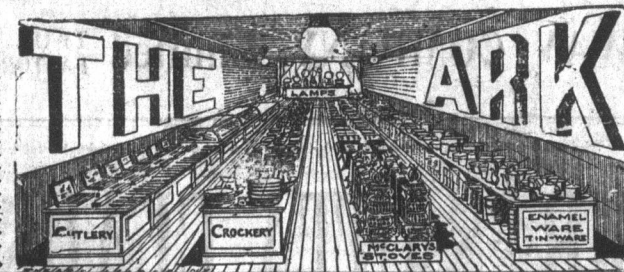
On Friday only we offer the choice of our entire stock of Ladies' Girls and Children's cloth jackets at

One Quarter Off Marked Prices.

Do you realize what this means to you? It means that you buy a coat at less than manufacturer's price. It means a saving to you of 25 per cent. on your purchase. It means that you get the selection of over 250 jackets cheaper than we can buy them. It means that you buy coats at these reductions:—

\$5.00 Jackets for \$3.75. \$8.00 Jackets for \$6.00. \$10.00 Jackets for \$7.50. \$12.00 Jackets for \$9.00. \$15.00 Jackets for \$11.25. \$16.00 Jackets for \$12.

THOS. STONE & SON.



WHAT WILL PLEASE FATHER—

Will be a good Carving Set to carve the Christmas turkey.

MOTHER—

A Set of No. 1847 Genuine Rogers guaranteed Silver Knives and Forks—one of our many choice Dinner Sets, a Banquet or Library Lamp—the choicest at THE ARK.

SISTER—

The Big Doll in THE ARK WINDOW—A 5' 0" Oloock China Tea Set, Pair of Skates, Gold Plated Mirror and a Picture Book for 11c sister.

BROTHER—

A \$1.25 Pair Nickel Plated Hockey Skates and a Hockey Stick for 15c or 25c, or a Pair of Spring Skates for 50c, or a better pair for \$1.00, a Sleigh and a Trail for little brother.

YOUR FRIEND—

By buying her or him a nice Christmas Gift at THE ARK. Carving Sets, 75c to \$5.00; Knives and Forks, 1/2 dozen each in set, 65c up to the best Rogers cutlery; Rogers and Boker Pocket Knives; Boker King Cutters and "ARK" Razors at \$1.00 to \$1.50.
The Ark is filled to the door with thinks useful and ornamental; come early please and get your pick of the choicest. Goods promptly delivered.

H. MACAULAY,

The City Bakery

STILL TO THE FRONT WITH

Christmas Goods, Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, Bread, Cakes and Pastry of all Descriptions.

LUNCHES AT ALL HOURS.

FRESH OYSTERS served in all styles and for sale in bulk.
WEDDING CAKES A SPECIALTY.

WM. SOMERVILLE.

LITTLE FOLKS HOLD CLOSING

Charming Exercises by the Students of McKeough School Kindergarten

Miss Abram Presents Graduation Diplomas—Gift and Address from the Class—Pleasant Ceremonies

The closing exercises of the McKeough School Kindergarten, which is always a popular and pleasant event for the parents of North Chatham, were held yesterday afternoon at the school. The entertainment was as usual a grand success, for which the teachers of the Kindergarten are to be highly complimented.

The large upper room of the school which is always used for these entertainments was crowded with interested mothers who were deeply impressed with the clever achievements of their baby children. Miss Aylesworth and Miss Morrison have had a very clever class of pupils this year and they have made the most of it. One particularly noticeable feature of the exercises was the excellence of the children's singing. The little tots seemed to put their whole hearts into their voices, and the result could not help but be inspiring. It was surprising to note the pleasure the children take out of their work. The work of the kindergarten is intended to get the children interested and to provide pleasure for them out of school work and the present class of McKeough school have indeed learned their lesson well.

The hall was very beautifully decorated for the occasion with streamers of blue and red draped from the centre of the ceiling to the walls on all sides.

A large Christmas tree was erected at one side of the room and on it were hung the presents, made by the children themselves, for their parents. The walls were also very tastefully decorated with evergreens and holly. On the blackboards were two artistic and appropriate drawings which called forth many words of praise from the visitors. One was Santa Claus with his cutter and reindeer, and the other was a mantle covered with Christmas stockings. These drawings were the work of Miss Samson and Irwin, of the teaching staff.

The exercises commenced at three o'clock and were opened by the singing of songs by the pupils, led by Miss Aylesworth, assisted by Miss McCrae and Miss Erie Strapp. Miss Rose Morrison, one of the Maple City's talented pianists, presided at the piano during the whole entertainment. The song-sung were, Christmas Hymn, Greeting to Parents, The Sun, September, The Farmer, Jack Frost, Family, Lullaby, Blacksmith, Moon Weaver and Santa Claus. The singing was accompanied by gestures explaining the songs.

After the singing, the children marched from the room carrying their chairs with them. One pretty feature of the concert was that everything was directed by music, the piano giving the scholars their cues to rise, sit down, etc.

The games were next given. Among them were skipping alone and in pairs, squirrel, snowball, knights, snow bird, skating. After the games the children presented their presents to their parents. These presents were all made by the children themselves and the work displayed was surprisingly clever. The children in their turn were all presented with a bag of candy by the teachers of the school.

During the entertainment, Miss Aylesworth was presented with a couple of books on Shakespeare, accompanied by the following address: Dear Miss Aylesworth, The girls and boys of the school appreciate very much the work you did for them this fall and desire to show in some slight way their gratitude for your kindness.

Please accept our little offering of books with our best wishes for your present happiness and welfare. (May you have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.)
DOUGLAS STONE,
LILA WATT.

The address was read by Douglas Stone and the books were presented by Lila Watt.
Miss Aylesworth made a suitable reply, and said:

"Of all the children in the world, those of the McKeough School are nearest my heart."

Miss Abram also presented the entrance diplomas to the last year graduates of the school. This year Miss Abram introduced a splendid new idea; giving with each diploma a certificate of graduation from the McKeough school. The following are the graduates:

Maud Binning, A. E. Barton, Carrie Brunner, Tom Baxter, Bertie Bennett, Mabel Carter, Clara Clements, Harry Coatsworth, Harry Campbell, Guy Cooper, Fergus Duncan, Bessie Field, Dora Graham, Clarence Higley, Pearl Leverton, Orville Moore, Ethel Paxton, Helen Paxton, Walter Teck, Hazel Pritchard, Clara Phillips, Elsie Rankin, Nellie Radley, Arthur Ruthven,

Roy Ross, Ida Stringer, Mabel Sparks, Irene Sauerbann, Pearl Thompson, Daisy Ward, Harold Williamson, Geo. Glades Winters, John Waller.

Miss Aylesworth was also presented with a hand mirror from her students, Miss McCrae and Miss Strapp. Miss Aylesworth, Miss Morrison and their assistants, deserve great credit for the success of the entertainment. It was a very pleasant one indeed and keenly enjoyed by the large number present. Trustee John McCorvie and Inspector Park were among the visitors.

WHERE SANTA STAYS

There is not another man in Chatham who has made such rapid strides in the commercial world as has Fred H. Brisco.

Mr. Brisco started up in business here and has grown up rapidly until now he is ranked among Chatham's most wide-awake business men. Each year sees him branching out into new fields of commerce, and each year finds him more popular and more energetic. He has indeed proved himself to be a clever young business man.

This year he has expanded his business to an enormous degree, and



Mr. Brisco, the present premier of France, has announced his early retirement from office. As the successor of M. Waldeck Rousseau, Mr. Brisco assumed the premiership at a critical juncture. His forcible closing of all sectarian schools not conforming to the public law, has been shot at. It is the intention of Mr. Brisco to devote much time to literary work.

the name "Santa Claus Headquarters" gives a good description of his store at the present time. Besides his usual line of bicycles and sporting goods, he is at present handling all kinds of Christmas goods, including toys, games, razors, etc., in fact anyone who is looking for a suitable Christmas gift need go no farther than Brisco's. Mr. Brisco himself is a very obliging young man, and he would like to receive a visit from every parent in the city who desires to make his children happy on Christmas day. Already his store is being packed every day by delighted purchasers, and everyone is perfectly satisfied with their purchases.

THE HADLEY COMPANY

This is a voluntary testimonial of the goods manufactured by the S. Hadley Lumber Co., and shows what is being accomplished by local factories.

Copies of telegram and letter received by The S. Hadley Lumber Co., Limited, Chatham, Ont., from Geo. J. Waugh, architect, Stratford, Ont., Dec. 15, '03. The S. Hadley Lumber Co., Chatham, Ont.

Finished its elegant, grand, splendid. Very satisfactory. Will write to-morrow.

GEORGE J. WAUGH.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 16, '03. The S. Hadley Lumber Co., Chatham, Ont.

Gentlemen,—My telegram expressed my feelings in regard to fixtures. I am delighted and the "Boys" likewise. So please find cheque payable at Bank of Commerce (at par) Chatham, for the full amount of your bill.

Now, allow me to express my kind feelings towards your firm for the courtesy and kindness shown me, and for the thorough completion of your contract to my entire satisfaction. I sincerely thank you Mr. Carnovsky for your valuable services and your Mr. Stokes is to be complimented for his share of the work. This job was undoubtedly done by

good here. It is a good ad. and Waugh will be only too willing to do anything to advance your interests here. With kind regards to all,
Sincerely yours,
GEORGE J. WAUGH.

ENERGETIC LADIES

The special meeting of the Ladies of the Home of the Friendless to arrange for Christmas was held in the Library Room on Tuesday. President in chair and the following ladies present: Mesdames Tissiman, Laird, Johnson, Brady, McDonald, Hugh McDonald, Gardiner, Ball, Fleming, Ferguson, Campbell, Stevens, Tyrrell, McLean, and Miss Ryan. The usual routine business transacted, Christmas cheer arranged, and following accounts ordered to be paid: Wm. Fidler, meat, \$8.35; W. Somerville, bread, \$13.00; G. E. Young, groceries, \$13.17.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to why the ladies returned \$166 to the Council last year. It was explained to the ladies of the Home that in the year 1892 the Board of Management of the Home asked for \$150 from the Council over and above their usual allowance, it being granted, the ladies to

WOULD DESTROY CANADA.

ACQUISITION OF FRENCH ISLANDS BY U. S.

Lord Brassey Thinks Britain Should Aid Fast Atlantic Service—Trade With Motherland Increases—Criticism of Mr. Chamberlain's Commission.

London, Dec. 18.—Professor Lorin of the University of Bordeaux says that to allow the United States to buy St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands would be to sign the death sentence of Canada. Newfoundland has already thrown in her lot with the republic. A closer rapprochement between Newfoundland and Canada was not possible until the former had settled the French shore question. An honorable compromise was being delayed by Newfoundland and politicians who favor the Americans and desire the extinction of the French fisheries.

Lord Brassey, speaking at Rotherham yesterday, said that Australia should be relieved of any contribution to the cost of the navy. Canada earnestly desired an accelerated mail service with the motherland, which should be assisted by Imperial funds. Such a service would promote the commercial prospects of Canada and provide a fleet of great value for training in the engineering branch of the navy.

London, Dec. 17.—The report of the Board of Agriculture shows that since British ports were closed to Argentine cattle the increases of cattle and sheep from Canada have been greatly augmented and American supplies have declined. Canadian bacon imports have increased and American have steadily declined since 1901.

The Standard, referring to the list of members of Mr. Chamberlain's commission of inquiry, says: "We could afford to laugh at the personnel if the whole subject were not so grave. The scheme involves a complete change in our constitutional methods, and something like a defiance of the Crown, the Cabinet, and the Legislature. It is a hasty referendum. The plain duty of Premier Balfour is to discountenance an irresponsible dictatorship."

The Times says, "The commission forms an extremely powerful and efficient nucleus to conduct an inquiry. If only the preliminary difficulty of getting the colonial representatives to give their services in London can be surmounted, there will be no trouble in getting able men."

The News says there has been nothing lugubrious since Swift drew his immortal picture of the island of Laputa and its top-heavy inhabitants. It asks: "Where are the bankers, the statesmen, the shipbuilders and the great coal interests?"

The Chronicle says the absurdity of the thing is solely the semi-official air of State enveloping it.

LABOR PARTY GAINS.

Result of the General Elections in Australia.

Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 18.—The new Parliament is constituted as follows:—In the Senate there are six supporters of the Ministry, while the Opposition has thirteen members, and the Labor party seventeen. In the House the Ministry has twenty-seven supporters, the Opposition twenty-six and the Labor party twenty-nine. This means that Premier Deakin is hopelessly beaten.

This was the first of the Commonwealth general elections, at which women exercised the right of suffrage, and the result was unexpected. The struggle was chiefly over the fiscal question. The Government party favored protection, and the Opposition supported free trade, and the third in importance, the labor party, agreed to sink the question of fiscal differences with a view to securing the balance of power, which they virtually held in the last Parliament. The women voters were excellently organized and cast a heavy ballot almost exclusively in support of the labor ticket, regardless of other considerations, the result being that the labor party won many seats, mainly from the protectionists, in districts where the three parties contested.

MR. F. T. WILKES' DEATH.

A Prominent Brantford Business Man.

Brantford, Dec. 17.—Mr. Frederick T. Wilkes, Secretary-Treasurer of the Watrous Engine Works Company, and one of the prominent men of Brantford, died very suddenly about half-past 11 this afternoon from paralysis. He had not even complained of feeling unwell, but as he was walking home this afternoon he was seized with a fainting spell. He went into the office of the Good, Shapley & Muir Company to telephone for a cab, and was removed to his home. He passed away before medical assistance could reach him. The deceased was in his 50th year, and had apparently been in the best of health up to the time of his death. He was a well-known figure in local business circles, was particularly active, and a man of determination and courage.

It is reported that the wages of the employees of the Crucible Steel Company at Pittsburgh, Pa., will be reduced beginning with next month, and that a number of employees are slated for dismissal.



SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, Opp. Garner House.

SAY!

Have you heard McConnell, Park St. is selling off his whole stock of fine china, lamps, and glassware. Now is your chance to buy china and glassware for Christmas presents. We have some of the best. The cut in prices will astonish you. It must all go. Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets will be sold at lower prices than ever before. Come, see the goods, the prices will sell them. I want to clear it all out before Jan. 1st. My store is not large enough to attend to crockery and grocery business properly, as the latter has increased rapidly. So that I shall give all my attention to the grocery and provision business in the future.

Thanking the people for their liberal patronage in the past and asking a continuance of the same, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

John McConnell, Phone 190, Park St.

BRISCO'S

SANTA CLAUS Headquarters

BRISCO'S, Opera House Block . . .

KENNY'S

Purses and Wrist Bags

at greatly reduced prices. As our stock is large we must reduce it.

Every kind of fountain pen made from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Book Lovers

A good book is a comforting kind of Christmas present, and a good book, which you can give, keeps the pleasure of gifting always in mind. We shall take care of your order—a pleasing way.

Dolls

Of every kind and of every taste and price. Kid, Jointed, Wool, Bisque, in fact that the factories print in price from each. The same result to all of our stock of

Toys and Fancy Goods

for Christmas. Every plate in price, quality a pity.

Come to the store with BIG ASSORTMENT.

We have just received shipment of Palms and Holiday decorations. Palms from \$2.00. Have a look.

CHRISTMAS

—AT THE— Central Drug Store.

CUT GLASS.

See our window display of Cut Glass, it is pronounced exquisite. You cannot get anything more acceptable for a Christmas present.

BURNT WOOD WORK . . .

We have a good assortment of pieces for burning. If you have not tried this fascinating work, get a set and TRY IT. One of these sets would make a very appreciable present.

C. H. GUNN & CO.

Chatham's Millinery Store.

OUR HATS

Are going very fast—we have reduced them so low. A few hats left at 49c, also a few at 75c. See our \$1.98 and \$2.50 Trimmed Hats. They are extra quality.

C. A. COOKSLEY, KING ST., CHATHAM.

SNAPS for Saturday...

200 Pairs Ladies' 60c Rubber boots for 25c
60 pairs Ladies' Fancy Kid Slippers for 25c
58 Pairs Ladies' 1.50 Over-shoes for 50c
49 Pair of Men's Alligator Slippers, 75c value for 75c
And our world famous Men's Box Calf shoes, all sizes, at \$2.00

Peace & Co.

The Christmas Bargain Store

Any irregularities in the part of the store will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning.