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January Sale

Ladies' and Children's Underwear

In addition to our clearance sale of our ordinary stock of Ladies' and Children's Underwear we have just added a big purchase of "left overs" of an Eastern mill. These goods are now on sale at very low prices, and together with the reductions on the balance of the stock give you a great chance to buy your underwear at very low prices.

Ladies' Scotch Merino Undervests in heavy winter weight, two thirds wool, unshrinkable, reg. price \$1.00, on sale for **75c**

Ladies' heavy Merino Vests and Drawers, winter weight, fine soft finish, unshrinkable, reg. price 85c. and 90c. a garment, on sale for **50c**

Ladies' fine pure natural wool Vests, full fashioned, Penman's make, slightly soiled but perfect in weave, reg. \$1.25, on sale for **1.00**

Ladies' union ribbed Vests, well made and neatly trimmed, special purchase, January sale price is per garment 25c. and **20c**

Ladies' winter weight union ribbed Vests, reg. price 50c. ea. on sale **39c**

Infants' union ribbed Vests, in assorted styles, long sleeves, winter weight, very special sale price is **10c**

Children's black Tights in three sizes only, 2 years and 6 years, reg. price 35c. and 40c., on sale for **28c**

CLEARING ODD LINES OF CORSETS

Your choice for 50c. pair

Crompton's Corsets, 5 clasp, medium length, black only, sizes 18, 19, 20, 23 and 24, regular price \$1.25.

Crompton's 5 clasp, medium short Corset in black only, sizes 24 and 25, regular price \$1.00.

D. & A. "Crest" Corset, medium long laced hip, in grey only, in sizes 20, 23 and 24, regular price \$1.50.

Crompton's C. P. Corset, long waist, white only, sizes 19, 20, 22 and 23, regular price is \$1.50 a pair.

Your choice for 50c. pair

REDUCED PRICES IN MEN'S UNDERWEAR

Men's heavy, soft finish, winter weight Shirts and Drawers, exceptional value at reg. price 50c garment, on sale for **44c**

Men's all wool Shirts and Drawers extra fine soft finish, special January sale prices are

50c. Underwear for **44c**

75c. Underwear for **56c**

1.00 Underwear for **83c**

1.50 Underwear for **1.35**

THOMAS STONE & SON.

SWEEPING Bargain SALE

At WESTMAN BROS.

20 per cent.

Discount

Off all JEWEL BASE BURNERS AIR TIGHT and other HEATERS

Also off HORSE BLANKETS of all kinds, ROBES, GRAIN BAGS, STOVE BOARDS, LANTERNS. Don't forget the place for Bargains.

WESTMAN BROS.

Big Hardware and Implement House, CHATHAM

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Monday, January 12th, AND ALL WEEK.

MARKS BROS.
NO. 1 COMPANY.

Bigger and better than ever. More Specialties than any other repertoire company on the road.

POPULAR PRICES:
10c., 15c. and 25 Cents.

MONEY TO LEND

ON LAND MORTGAGE, ON CHATTEL MORTGAGE, OR ON NOTE. To pay off mortgages. Very lowest rate. Pay when desired.

J. W. WHITE,
Barbier
Opp. Grand Opera House, Chatham

Lime, Cement AND Cut Stone.

We keep the best in stock at right prices.

JOHN H. OLDERSHAW,

Thames Street, Opposite Police Station...

Money to Loan

—ON MORTGAGES—
4-1-2 and 5 per cent.
Liberal Terms and privileges to borrowers Apply to

LEWIS & RICHARDS

MEET AND RAISE AN EBENEZER

Congregation of First Presbyterian Church Celebrate the Close of Successful Year.

Reports Show Splendid Progress Made—Officers Elected for New Year—Votes of Thanks Extended.

No better evidence of the progress and growth of any city can be found than the work which is being accomplished from year to year by its churches. The Maple City is exceedingly fortunate in this respect, and possesses churches of every denomination, which are equal, in work accomplished, to those of any other city of the same size.

The First Presbyterian church, under their able pastor, Rev. W. E. Knowles, have just closed a most satisfactory year's work. A meeting of the members of the congregation was held in the church last night when reports were received from the managers of the different departments of the church's work, and officers elected for the coming year.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. W. E. Knowles, who opened the business with the usual devotional exercises, after which the minutes of the last annual meeting of the congregation were read by the Secretary, T. McKendall, and approved.

The report of the Session was first read. It is noticed that during the last year there has been a slight increase in the membership. In 1901 there were 364 members in the church. This year there are 393 on the roll. While this is not an extraordinary increase it serves to show that the church is by no means neglecting their membership.

The manager's report was then read and adopted. It was a very satisfactory report. There have been no special expenditures and a good balance is in the Treasury. The following is the Treasurer's statement:

RECEIPTS.	1901.	1902.
Open Collections.	\$59 50	\$39 40
Envelope Collections.	144 42	194 30
Quarterly Subscriptions.	101 25	184 75
Sundries.	23 50	1 00
	\$328 67	\$319 59
EXPENDITURE.	1901.	1902.
Pulpit Supply.	\$124 35	\$140 00
Organist, etc.	261 00	260 00
Choir.	229 75	333 16
Janitor.	175 00	175 00
Interest.	4 00	300 15
Fuel.	185 50	177 37
Light.	154 53	164 36
Taxes.	26 50	33 30
Wau. r.	8 00	8 00
Stable.	25 00	25 00
Misc.	11 01	26 29
Printing.	24 15	5 40
Repairs.	58 74	40 05
Sundry Expenses.	5 57	14 49
Gas Co.	10 00	
S. S. Furnace, etc.	229 12	
Closing Amount.	122 58	
Insurance.	128 55	
Anniversary Expenses.	15 50	
Tuning Organ.		20 00
	\$3645 79	\$3000 90
Overdraft, 1901.		133 63
Balance on hand, 1902		151 97
		\$319 59

The report of the Sunday school was very satisfactory as to number and finance. There are 247 scholars on the roll, with an average attendance of 178. The receipts last year, including the balance, were \$404.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society reported that they had 46 members, and raised last year for Foreign Missions \$142.42. This was considered an encouraging report.

The schemes of the church brought in \$251.83 last year, which will go into a general mission fund.

The chairman of the building fund reported that \$1,200 had been paid on the mortgage on the church, and the present amount yet to pay is \$5,500. The energetic members of the Ladies Aid deserve a great deal of credit for the manner in which they have worked during the year just closed, and numbers in the audience took occasion to compliment them last evening. After paying off the balance of the floating debt of the church they have now a balance on hand of \$101.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, K. C., took occasion to impress this fact upon those present, and made some very flattering remarks concerning the work accomplished by these ladies.

Mr. McKellar moved that subscriptions to the fund to pay off the mortgage debt continue to pay their subscriptions until the debt is wiped out, which, it is expected, will be accomplished in about three years' time, and that K. Urquhart, J. McKellar, W. Robertson, Sam. Glenn and the mover be a committee to solicit renewals of subscriptions. This motion was seconded by Mr. Forman and carried.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year.

New Managers—J. S. Black, A. McKay, Geo. A. Gray and E. R. Smith.

Sec'y-Treas.—T. K. McKendall.

Fin. Sec'y—D. R. Farquharson.

Pew Steward—W. Robertson.

Plate Collectors—The Elders, with Mr. Ross, Mr. McKellar and Mr. Hall.

Elders—J. Birch, K. Urquhart, J. McKellar, W. Robertson, F. Stone, J. B. Rankin, D. R. Farquharson, Mr. Lay and T. K. McKendall.

Usher—W. Robertson, A. Hall and F. Ward.

Record Agent—K. Urquhart.

Auditors—J. S. Turner and George A. Gray.

Treas. Missionary Funds—F. Stone.

MOON FEAST

The tribesmen of Hebdomec, No. 7, held a pow-wow and moonfeast in their wigwam last evening. Thirty-three pilgrims crossed the desert to meet Zerkes the Great. After a long and toilsome journey they crossed the burning sands of the great Sahara and were received in a most courteous and hospitable manner by the King.

Pilgrims were present from Blenheim, Tilbury, Jeannette's Creek, Dover, and other outside towns. After the pilgrimage a sumptuous banquet was served in the Auditorium of the I. O. O. F. to the pilgrims.

STRANGE STAND IN THE GAME

Ross Repudiates Agreement of Harcourt while Latter was Acting Premier

Hugh Clark will force him to go ahead and discredit Minister of the Crown

Toronto, Ontario, January 14.—The position of Hon. Richard Harcourt in connection with the Centre Bruce election petition is likely to prove difficult for both himself and his colleagues in the Government.

It will be remembered that last summer after the general election, Mr. Harcourt was acting Premier, Hon. G. W. Ross having left very shortly after that event to attend the coronation.

Several meetings took place between Hon. Mr. Harcourt, Hon. Mr. Stratton, and Mr. R. A. Grant, representing the Government, and Dr. Beattie Nesbit, Mr. Henry Carscallen, K. C., and Mr. Edmund Bristol, representing the Conservatives, in which it was agreed that no protests were to be presented with in certain ridings.

Centre Bruce was one of these, and Hon. Richard Harcourt affixed his signature as acting Premier to such an agreement.

Despite this undertaking, Hon. G. W. Ross is alleged to have ordered the proceedings go on, owing to his indication that no provision had been made to save Hon. E. J. Davis, thus ignoring the obligation entered into by his colleague.

Mr. Hugh Clark, the member for Centre Bruce, has already once refused to attend examination for discovery, on the ground of indignation that no provision had been made by the court to attend to-day, but will probably maintain his former position, and the Liberal organization will be forced to go and publicly repudiate Mr. Harcourt's agreement.

The Minister of Education, when approached by a News representative on the subject of to-day, said he would leave the matter to the solicitors.

FINE FELLOWS

Students Were so Popular that Their Host Confiscated their Baggage—Police Court Case Now Looms up.

Four young Business College boys were boarding at J. J. Neahr's residence. They paid their board weekly at \$2.75 per week. The boys decided to seek new pastures and to sleep and eat under another roof. Now, so it is said, this was not pleasing news to the owner of the roof that had sheltered them. He had formed an attachment for the youths and liked their company. When he learned of their intentions, he sought for a means to retain the society of the quartet and consulted a lawyer.

The learned legal light advised following the time-honored custom in vogue with boarding house keepers, namely, to bolt the trunks. That no board was due did not appear to bother the lawyer man, so rumor hath it. Therefore Mr. Neahr hastened home and the boarders alighted, locked up their trunks. The boarders then sought the legal advice also and they consulted J. B. Rankin, K. C.

He told the boys to go and get their trunks, as the boarding house people had no right to hold them. This the young men did, and in doing so Mrs. Neahr claims that they used her roughly and nearly broke her arm. She consulted the police magistrate and desired to lay an information against the young men. She, however, decided to postpone the laying of the information for a few days.

The claim of the boarding house people is that they took the boarders at a reduced rate and that they will sustain considerable damage if left without boarders.

UP AGAINST IT

"It's all up with the Chatham Oil Co. in Raleigh," said Superintendent Sam Trotter this morning. "The well which the company is putting down on the Edwards place is 200 feet deep and prospects are not very bright. The farmers' syndicate who are putting down a well on Mr. Edwards' other farm struck 15 feet of shale. It is safe to remark that the Chatham Co. won't sink another hole where they now are."

THE COAL BILL PASSED.

MEANS REBATE ON DUTIES ON FOREIGN COAL.

Was Rushed Through Congress and Senate—Anthracite Permanently Placed on the Free List.

Washington, Jan. 15.—The bill reported from the Ways and Means Committee to provide for a rebate of the duties on foreign coal for a period of one year was passed in short order by the House by practically a unanimous vote—258 to 5—those voting against it being Messrs. Cushman and Jones of Washington, Gaines of West Virginia, Mondell of Wyoming and Patterson of Pennsylvania, all Republicans. The bill was considered under the operation of a rule which cut off opportunity to amend. The only opposition to the measure came from some of the members representing coal States, who expressed the fear that the admission of coal mined in Canada by Chinese would injure the coal industry in their States.

Both Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania and Mr. Payne of New York, the Republican leaders, expressed the opinion of the floor that the bill would not relieve the existing distress. They said it would satisfy public demand for action, and show the disposition of Congress to do what it could. The Democrats, although they all supported the bill, took the view that it did not go far enough, saying that coal should go on the free list, and when the bill came back from the Senate with a provision which virtually placed anthracite coal on the free list they applauded vigorously.

Mr. Dalzell in the course of his remarks said that there was practically no anthracite coal in the world except that in the United States and a little in China. When a message from the Senate announced the passage of the coal rebate bill with an amendment, Mr. Payne (New York) moved to concur in the amendment. The amendment was adopted without division, thus passing the bill.

The Senate acted promptly on the House bill providing rebates of the duty on coal, and passed it unanimously without debate a few minutes after it was brought over. Mr. Aldrich offered a committee amendment adding a new section to the bill, providing that the provisions of paragraph 41 of the Dingley act shall not be construed hereafter to authorize the imposition of any duty on anthracite coal. The amendment carried.

WITH CANADIAN MONEY.

Electric Power Will be Furnished City of Mexico.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—To supply electric power to the City of Mexico is the latest great industry in which Canadian capitalists are interesting themselves.

"I am interested in a power scheme in Mexico," said Mr. William Mackenzie to a reporter yesterday. "We are going to develop electric power for the lighting system of Mexico, for the factories and everything else that will use electric power. We are making our plans at present to develop 40,000 horsepower, but we will be able to produce 80,000 horsepower there when it is required."

A meeting will be held in Montreal to-day, when it is expected that final arrangements will be made for the formation of the company, which will be known as the Mexican Light & Power Company, with a capital of \$12,000,000, of which \$7,500,000 is stated to have been already subscribed.

The necessary concessions have been granted by the Mexican Government, and the company will go to work at once. The work will require two years to complete, the power having to be developed about 80 miles from the City of Mexico.

It has always been considered an impossibility to get water-power into the City of Mexico. Situated in the bed of an old lake, it is almost entirely surrounded by mountains, in which not a single waterfall of any size is to be found. There is not a single stream within a radius of 50 miles. At a distance of 90 miles, however, in the direction of the Gulf of Mexico, are to be found, in a small range of the Sierra Madre Mountains, three rivers known as the Mecaxa, the Tenango and the Catapustia, and the exclusive use of all the three rivers, with all privileges necessary to transport the water-power to the City of Mexico, has been granted the new company.

GOVERNMENT MAY SUE.

City of Toronto Refuses to Pay Military Transportation.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—The new Board of Control met yesterday promptly at the hour appointed, and in a session of an hour and ten minutes, under the guidance of Mayor Urquhart, disposed of business that under the old regime would have required at least a week. They decided not to pay the account for \$3,892 presented by the Dominion Government for transportation of troops at the time of the street car strike. City Counsel Fullerton's opinion was that, while by the militia act the city is responsible for the pay of any corps called out, the act does not make the municipality responsible for the transportation of any such troops from any other locality to the municipality.

It was stated that the men had been paid, and the board decided to let the transportation account stand to be used for by the Government if they saw fit.

TO INVESTIGATE AN UGLY RUMOR

Judge Bell Will Hold a Re-count on Ballots in No. 1, Harwich.

It is said that Forged Certificates Were Granted to Individuals Not on the Lists.

Richard Young, the candidate for county commissioner for District No. 5, who was defeated by one vote, has made application for a recount. The application has been granted and will take place before Judge Bell in Chambers next Wednesday.

Rumors are rife that there was crooked work done in connection with the recent municipal elections in Harwich, and Mr. Young's friends are confident that he will be elected on a recount. It is currently reported that fraudulent certificates were issued at No. 1 division. This is the polling place just outside the city limits. The report is that certificates were given to persons to vote at No. 1 whose names weren't on the list at all and they had no right to vote. It is alleged that these certificates were forged.

W. W. Everitt was the deputy returning officer at this division. He stated afterwards that he was pretty sure something was wrong somewhere, but he couldn't just locate the place where the trouble was.

UNLUCKY LAD

Master Vernie Pritchard, ten-year-old son of James Pritchard, foreman of Park Bros. boiler shop, is a most unlucky little chap. Tuesday, while tobogganing at the McKough school he met with a mishap, lacerating his nose and mouth very badly. This is far from Vernie's first experience in the accident line. Although only ten years of age he has had his collar bone broken three times and his leg broken twice.

FERRY BUSINESS STOPPED.

G.P.R. Boats Struggle All Night in Detroit River.

Windsor, Jan. 15.—The warmer temperature only makes the snow in the river worse for the car ferries. The Canadian Pacific boats, Ontario and Michigan, left their Windsor slips for Detroit at 6 p.m. Tuesday, but though they struggled all night they were unable to get into their slips at Seventeenth street. The Michigan carried a load of freight, and the Ontario had on board a C.P.R. through passenger train, with about 25 passengers. Finally yesterday the Ontario succeeded in touching at Third street, to allow the passengers to jump off. Both boats then retraced their way to the Canadian slip without landing any cars. The continental flyer and other Walash trains are being sent around by way of the Port Huron tunnel. The Promise and the Pleasure of the Windsor Ferry Line are making only half-hour trips between Detroit and Windsor.

G.T.R. TO NEW YORK.

Entrance to be Secured Over Pennsylvania Road.

Detroit, Jan. 15.—The Tribune will say to-morrow, on the authority of a prominent railroad man connected with one of the roads entering Detroit, whose name, however, is not disclosed, that an agreement has been reached between the Grand Trunk and the Pennsylvania Systems by which the Pennsylvania will come into Detroit over the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line, recently acquired by the Grand Trunk, and the Grand Trunk will reach New York over the Pennsylvania tracks from Buffalo.

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Overshoes

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