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A Clearing Sale Japanese Wash Silks

We place on sale for clearing 200 Yards of Japanese Wash Silks in the most dainty stripes and colorings, suitable for Summer Suits or Waists, Children's Dresses, etc., regular price 50c., on sale while they last, at **21c**

Ladies' and Children's Fancy Parasols

Nice assortment to choose from, fancy handles, ranging in price from 50c to \$3.50, your choice at **Half-Price**

Special in Ladies' Cravenette Rainproof Coats

The most useful garments, just what you should take with you on your summer trip, in light and dark grey, green, fawn, navy and tweed effects, extra special, at **\$6.50**

Great Remnant Sale

You will soon have to get the children ready for school. This is your chance to buy their dresses at **One Half-Price**. Remnants of nice Dress Goods containing from 1 to 4 yards, your choice at Half-Price

Print and Cotton Remnants

A large number to choose from. See them.

THOS. STONE & SON

THE ARK

Summer Goods Must Go Quickly To Make Room for Stoves.

This is your opportunity, if you require anything in these lines, as the prices are away down.

Gasoline Stoves—Regular price \$7.50, now \$6.00.

Dangler Oil Stoves, the best, \$8.50, now \$7.00.

Refrigerators—Some of the best sizes for family use, on hand, at a big reduction.

Hammocks—Palmer's best, full colors, just see the big cut in prices

Lawn Mowers—We have the size to suit you. Call at once and get your choice at reduced prices.

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This is the best
finished and most up-
to-date ready-to-wear
Clothing manufact-
ured in Canada.

STONE & CO.

PRaise FOR CITY SCHOOL

McKeough's Splendid Ex-
hibit at Winnipeg Dis-
tanced all Others.

Interesting Message from Miss Ayles-
worth to the Parents and
Friends.

Miss V. Aylesworth, the accomplished director of the McKeough school kindergarten, writes The Planet from Manitoba enclosing an interesting sketch of the educational gathering in Winnipeg which she attended. The letter will be much appreciated by the parents of pupils and friends of McKeough school.

Miss Aylesworth's letter to them is as follows:

Brandon, Man., Aug. 3, 1904.
To the parents and friends of McKeough school the undersigned sends greeting! May the longest life, the greatest prosperity, the highest joys be yours! Above all may your interest in and appreciation of the work done in McKeough school, for and by your children, grow stronger and stronger, until, like a mighty oak, it spread its great branches lovingly over that institution, as a shade and defence, sheltering it from the glare of noon-day fame at home and abroad and protecting it from the storms beating down upon it from the heavens—and other quarters.

It is a saying worthy of universal acceptance that we must go away from, to fully appreciate home. And to carefully consider the work done by the city schools in other provinces of the Dominion is to foster deeper admiration for that accomplished by the schools of Chatham. Not that we can afford to boast of superiority over our Western neighbors. In Winnipeg the curriculum of school work is very comprehensive, embracing the regular course of studies, together with domestic science, manual training, sewing, music and nature study. The exhibit in the latter department represented a whole year's careful work—a year of keen observations, thorough investigations, painstaking collections and faithful representations. And the sewing by the girls of the different grades was particularly praiseworthy for it seemed both both in its accuracy and intricacy quite beyond the reach of fingers so young and tender. The results of musical training were certainly eye-opening. Mr. Minellin, supervisor of music in the Winnipeg schools, gave, at the convention, an excellent demonstration of his system of teaching, using a class of children in the Part Second as a means of concrete illustration. Could they sing at sight? Well now they must just enough mistakes to convince an all-too-suspecting public that they were really reading at sight and their eagerness and quickness were positively soul-refreshing. Oh parents and friends, music is the chariot of fire that carries a boy or girl with incredible rapidity from the deepest depths to the highest heights, yea even to the very holiest of holies.

In these branches McKeough School entered not into the competition but on the other hand stood alone in her excellent work with raffia and reed weaving and card-board modelling. Moreover, the boys and girls of McKeough School ought to be told that in lines where they entered into the race with the children of Winnipeg, they were by no means outstripped by them. I go further? With drawing by our school had simply no equivalent at the exhibition. There was nothing to compare with those scenes of the children in Miss Nicholls' room nor was there anything nearly so beautiful as the color work which had for its inspiration the suggestion of the direction of that highly artistic teacher, Miss Samson. Do the people of North Chatham realize that the staff of McKeough School sustains a well-nigh irreparable loss this summer.

The photograph of our school, which accompanied our exhibit, occasioned not a little comment and interrogation. More than one wanted to know if I worked in a private school in Chatham. "Well," said they, "that's not a public school is it? It looks so homelike." Modestly restrained the explanation that rose to my lips. Ah! Could they but know what a sincere friend and devoted mother the children (and staff) of that school own in their principal, Miss Abram, who so happily combines the strength and firmness of men with the sympathy and tenderness of woman! "Truly the lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places and we have a goodly heritage." I desire to thank most sincerely the friends in Chatham, who, in giving me this trip, have rendered the dearest and most desired dream of my life a supreme reality.

I am,
Your humble servant,
VICTORIA AYLESWORTH.

Toulon Fire Spreading.
Toulon, France, Aug. 9.—The fire which broke out at the arsenal here at midnight yesterday is still spreading, in spite of the desperate efforts of the firemen, troops and sailors, who are encouraged by the presence of generals, admirals and other officers. Two ships, one of which is a torpedo gunboat, are in flames, and are momentarily expected to collapse. Several soldiers have been injured, one of them fatally.

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BURG BLAZE

Vicious Fire Broke out in
Wallaceburg at Noon
To-day.

One Building Almost Completely Destroyed—Heavy Loss Partially Covered.

(Special to The Planet).

Wallaceburg, Aug. 9.—Fire broke out this morning about eleven o'clock in the White Swan Laundry. The fire gained considerable headway and the department had their hands full. For a time it looked as if the fire would spread. The butcher shop of James Purser adjoining did catch but the flames were extinguished. After considerable difficulty the fire was got under control. The laundry building, which was a large wooden structure, was almost completely destroyed. The building, which was owned and occupied by Duckett Bros., was valued at \$2,000. The butcher shop of James Purser, owned by Harry Martin, was damaged about \$2,000. Both buildings were insured.

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FINE TRIPS FOR HOLIDAY

Three Excellent Excursions
Were Featured on Chat-
ham's Civic Day

A. O. F. and Bugle Band at Pt. Huron
—Sons of England at
Niagara.

At precisely 7 a. m., yesterday morning there pulled out from the Grand Trunk station seven coaches and a baggage car with a merry crowd of pleasure seekers. Ancient Order of Foresters and their friends on the new route over that road, through the tunnel to Port Huron. The day was an ideal one and Port Huron was reached at 11 a. m. Those who were fortunate enough to be on the rear end of the train, saw the sight of a life time as they entered the tunnel, and on arriving at the centre of it your sight of the large "hole" lost and went into darkness.

The return trip was started at 8 p. m., and the special arrived in the city at 11.45, all pleased with the day's outing. Too much praise cannot be given to G. T. R. agent Pritchard, for many courtesies extended to the committee to the conductor and the different attaches for their kindness in looking after the welfare of their patrons. Many expressed their intentions of taking in the same route next year should the A. O. F. take it in hand again. The A. O. F. although handicapped, on every side, made a success of their first trip through the tunnel.

The Foresters were favored in having a brother Forester, Bro. Nash, of Saratoga, at the throttle in going through the tunnel. Much of the credit for the success of this outing must be attributed to A. E. Landfester, who with Chas. Baxter, Wm. H. Clements, John Head and Jas. Dyer, worked so earnestly and enthusiastically in preparation for it.

About 500 pleasure seekers accompanied the 24th Bugle Band on their second annual excursion to Port Huron yesterday and enjoyed a very pleasant day's outing. From Port Lambton the excursionists were given a beautiful ride up the St. Clair river, on the "Omer De Conder," to the great American port, Port Huron. The trip was an excellent one and thoroughly enjoyed. The boat's arrival at the Port was awaited by the Port Huron Mayor and a reception committee with cabs, and the Port Huron city band. Procession from the "Omer De Conder" to the Hotel, where the Bugle Band, 55 strong, was entertained.

Waterworks Park was afterwards the scene of the fun, a baseball match and a band concert. The baseball game between a Chatham and Port Huron team resulted in favor of Port Huron by a score of 21 to 15. Depew and Weidman and Cartier composed the Chatham battery. Blenheim lacrosse team was billed to play the Bugle Band team, in defence of the trophy won by them last year but the Blenheim team defaulted. All who took in the excursion report right royal treatment by the Port Huron committee, who all wore badges with "Chatham Day" on them.

The Sons of England took 315 people to Niagara Falls yesterday. The A. O. F. took 475 to Port Huron and about 500 went to Detroit via the Grand Trunk and Wabash R. Rs., besides 500 to Port Huron on the Pere Marquette. The steamer City of Chatham was crowded and still there were quite a few left in town.

FATALITY DUE TO CARELESSNESS.

Webbwood Mine Shafts Had Not Been
Cleared of Deadly Gases.

Toronto, Aug. 9.—The death of the six miners at Webbwood, as shown at the inquest, was due to carelessness. The ventilation on the lower workings of the mine was poor, and it was customary after a blast to blow air into the workings.

The fatal blast was fired at 6 p. m. and about four minutes later the miners descended, though the engineer neglected to blow air into the shaft. When the men shouted the engineer hurried to their aid, instead of rectifying his mistake in the proper way.

Manager MacMillan, when informed, turned on the air pressure, waited on the surface a quarter of an hour and then descended to his death. W. E. H. Carter of the Bureau of Mines, says the evidence went to show that curiosity to see the value of the stringer uncovered impelled the miners to unusual haste, and led to their asphyxiation. The Department will not take any action.

EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Several Public Buildings Damaged in
Wellington Monday.

Wellington, N. Z., Aug. 9.—The heaviest earthquake which New Zealand has experienced in many years occurred at 10.12 o'clock yesterday morning. Several public buildings were seriously damaged, and private firms also suffered heavy loss. The shock was general on both islands. No loss of life has been reported.

A lawn social will be given Thursday evening on the lawn of Mrs. S. T. Heklin, Murray street. Music, dancing and refreshments. Come and enjoy yourself. No admission to grounds.

FANCY GOODS

To the Ladies:—

We are pleased to say that we have a full and choice line of Cushion Tops, Battenburg Patterns, Centre Pieces and Doylies on hand at present. We can also show you all the material for working these such as Belding's Silks (in filo, twisted, royal and rope), Cotton Floss, Linen Floss, Etching Cotton, Mending Cotton, Padding Cotton, Crochet Cotton, Knitting Cotton Silco, Lace Thread (from 100 to 1000), Glasgow Lace Thread, Barbour's Linen, Battenburg Braid, Point Lace Braid Pins, Needles, Embroidery Hoops, Thread (both cotton and silk), Netting Needles, Crochet Hooks, and all the other articles used by a lady to beautify her home and dress.

Let us also remind you that the season for **Bedroom Slippers** is near at hand, and we have just received a large shipment of not only the **Hartford Soles** but also the famous all leather one, with the detachable wool sole.

So we take pleasure in extending to you a very cordial invitation to visit our store and enjoy the inspection of our choice goods.

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KING and SIXTH STREET.

Men's Canvas Shoes at Cut Price

White Canvas, both low and high cut, regular \$2.50

lines at **\$2.00**

Grey Canvas, both low and high cut, regular \$1.50 lines at **\$1.00**

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Week.

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