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The Reliable Store **Thos. Stone & Son** ESTABLISHED 1852. The Reliable Store

Cushion Tops 19c

We were fortunate in securing 15 dozen Cushion Tops in choice designs. They are the kinds that always sell at 25c, but, for a

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL,
We Offer Them at 19c Each.

SEE THEM IN THE WINDOW

LEATHER HAND BAGS.

Nothing better for a Christmas present, nothing more useful than a nice hand bag. We show a large assortment in Black, Brown, Navy and Green. We have three lines that are special value at 50c, 75c and 98c.

FANCY LINENS

Make a sensible Christmas gift. You can spend little or much, just as you wish, for they are here in all sizes and styles—from the small embroidered or drawn work Doyley, that you can send in a letter, to the elaborate hand embroidered five o'clock cloth.

FANCY NECKWEAR

Our range of ladies' fancy collars is immense. We think we have variety enough to please the most particular buyer. Every stylish shade is here. Every new design is represented in our collection. The prices run from 25c to \$2 each.

LADIES' BELTS

You won't make a mistake in giving a belt. One more is always acceptable. The new styles are all here, whether in Black, White or Colored Silk, Leather, Elastic, or the Black or Steel Beaded kind. For price they range from 25c to \$2.50.

CHRISTMAS RIBBONS

All the wanted shades and makes are here for Neck and Hair Ribbons, Fancy Work or Christmas Parcels. Having the variety is what draws the crowds here for ribbons.

THOS. STONE & SON

The Christmas Bargain Sale At Westman Bros. A GREAT SUCCESS.

LARGE NUMBERS SHOW APPRECIATION.

ALL NEW GOODS.

ALL MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

Look at Some of the Reductions.

\$1.00 Carvers	\$0.80	\$1.00 Nettle Teapots	0.80
1.25 "	1.00	1.00 Coffee Pots	0.80
1.50 "	1.20	0.75 Granite Teapots	0.60
5.00 Tea Knives	4.00	1.00 Leather Mitts	0.80
3.00 "	2.40	0.75 "	0.50
1.75 Pie Knives	1.40	0.50 "	0.40
2.25 Salad Spoons	1.80	2.00 Horse Blankets	1.60
0.50 Nut Cracks	0.40	1.75 "	1.40
1.00 Butter Knives	0.80	1.25 "	1.00
Safety Razors	1.50	10.00 Robes	8.00
	3.50	6.50 "	5.00

COME AND GET SOME OF THE BARGAINS.

—AT—

WESTMAN BROS.' BIG SALE.

WE HANDLE THE
National Portland Cement
THE CEMENT OF QUALITY
ONE GRADE—THE
HIGHEST.
Also Lime, Plaster,
Sewer Pipe, Fire
Brick, &c., at
Lowest Possi-
ble Prices

J. & A. OLDERSHAW,
KING ST. WEST,
TELEPHONE 25.

Minard's Liniment for Sale Every-
where.

BRISCO OPERA HOUSE
MONDAY, DEC. 17

Musical Recital
.....BY.....
Carmen MacIntyre
Violinist and Soprano Soloist
late of Berlin, Germany, and
Helen Badgley
Expressionist, of Boston, U. S.
Seats on sale Thursday.

Doors closed until end of each number
Prices—50 cts to any part of house

NO WORD FROM W. T. RANKIN

Young Man From Dover
Seems To Have Dropped
Out Of Existence

RIVERS BEING DRAGGED

No trace has yet been found of William T. Rankin, the young man from Dover Centre who suddenly disappeared from his home last week. It is feared by his friends that he either met with foul play, or else met with some accident whereby he lost his life. The belief that he is not living is strengthened by the fact that the young man if alive, would immediately communicate with his parents. He never stayed away from home so long before without notifying his parents at home that he intended to do so. It is not thought that he has deliberately left home, because he had no reason for so doing. He had no quarrel at home with anyone, and when he left for Wallaceburg, he seemed to be in the very best of spirits.

His disappearance has aroused the alarm of both his family and his many friends, for he was very popular in Dover. He was last seen at a hotel in Wallaceburg, where he had gone on business. This was on Thursday night last. From this on, he seems to have dropped out of existence. The theory advanced by some of his friends who are now looking for him, is that he either fell in, or was thrown into the Sydenham River at Wallaceburg. This theory seems to be the only possible one, and it has gained such a strong foothold in the minds of the parties engaged in the search that the river is now being dragged with the expectation of finding the body. In the meantime the police officers in different places where it is thought that the young man may have gone, have been notified to look out for him, but up to the present time no word has been received as to his whereabouts.

Rankin went to Wallaceburg last Thursday with a friend named Jackson, who lives in Dover. He had about \$125 on his person and had been drinking some during the day, although it is stated that he was not intoxicated. When it was time to go home Jackson and Rankin went to the station on the small station platform together, and both made a move to get on the car. Jackson got on first and when he turned around to see where Rankin was, he had gone. Jackson went into the car thinking that Rankin would follow, but when the car pulled out the missing man was not on it. This was when he disappeared, and he has been seen by no one since.

Rankin was married and leaves behind him a wife and two small children, the elder of whom is only two years of age. Some one who saw the big roll which Rankin carried around with him all day may have followed him to the car and nabbed him for his money. The case is a complete mystery as far as ascertaining the facts is concerned.

McFADDEN—TAYLOR

A happy event occurred at the home of Mrs. Green, Lorne Ave., on Wednesday, Dec. 12th, when Mrs. Melissa Taylor, of Bothwell, was united in matrimony to William McFadden, a prosperous farmer, of Flateford. Miss Emma McFadden supported the bride, while Meaford Gilbert supported the groom. Elder Stewart Lament performed the ceremony, after which a sumptuous past was partaken of. The happy couple left for their large and beautiful new home in Fletcher, amidst congratulations from their many friends.

LOST H.S. MONEY

Tommy Givins, an American pensioner, was an anxious caller at the Police Station Saturday evening. He had gone with another man to draw his pension, which amounted to about \$18. The two went to the post office and then started out to have a few drinks. After the drinks, according to Givins, he went to a barber shop to get shaved. He had the money in his boot and when he paid for the shave, he put the balance in his pocket. This was the last he saw of the money. He wanted the police to find it for him. He suspected that the man who went with him when he drew the money had got it in some way, but the judge refused to make a warrant, as Tommy was then intoxicated. He came back this morning, but the police could get nothing to work on. They found out that Tommy, after getting his shave, had gone to sleep on the street with the money in his pocket, and it is thought that while he was sleeping someone who knew he had money came along and took it away from him. It looks as if Tommy will have to let the money go as a Christmas present to the man who got it.

Benevolent feeling ennobles the most trifling actions.

Stinginess is not true economy, nor is extravagance wise liberality.

MEET IN JANUARY

Farmers Of This County Will Then Discuss The San Jose Scale.

Mr. P. H. Bowyer is in receipt of the following letter from the Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes: P. H. Bowyer, M. P. F.:

Dear Sir,—You will be pleased to learn that I have received a number of communications from fruit men who are interested in the proposed work to be undertaken by the Department towards combating the San Jose Scale in East and West Kent.

I am arranging with the secretaries of the two institutes to complete arrangements for meetings at Eberts, Kent Bridge, Harwich, Blenheim and Ridgetown. This, I think, will cover the ground fairly well, and enable the Department to learn from those in attendance at the meeting and by the speakers visiting the orchards of the fruit men, just what lines to proceed upon.

It is proposed to hold the meetings during either the week beginning January 7th or the week beginning January 21st. I would be glad to have your advice as to which of these times would probably best suit the fruit men.

Very truly yours,
GEO. A. PUTNAM.

Mr. Bowyer has written in favor of the week beginning January 21st. I would be glad to have your advice as to which of these times would probably best suit the fruit men.

MR. ROBT. SCOTT



Chatham's Newly Appointed C. P. R. Station Agent Who is Making Many Friends in the Maple City.

NEW SHIPMENTS

Brisco Bros. to-day received two dray loads of toys of special order for their Christmas trade. All the toys in this shipment were of the best quality. In mechanical trains, steam engines, magic lanterns, automobiles, rocking horses, auto hook and ladders, iron trains, tool chests, etc.

CONTINUATION CLASSES

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Mr. R. H. Cowley, the recently appointed Government inspector of continuation classes, in the Public Schools, has completed his first tour. He visited some twenty counties, and over thirty inspectors. To The News yesterday he spoke very highly of the work being done.

During the trip Mr. Cowley met inspectors, trustees and County Councilors, addressed several meetings and held conferences with many of the School Boards.

"I was agreeably surprised at the general absence of complaint regarding the minimum salary enactment," he said. "When the people realize the general and far-reaching benefit of the changes they give them hearty support. In not more than three cases did I find any serious or general dissatisfaction, but as the law was explained, approval became general. There was no objection to the equipment expenditure clauses. It was entirely confined to the minimum salary proposal."

MEETING CALLED

The first meeting of the Advisory Board of Education has been called by the Hon. Dr. Pyne, to meet in the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, at 10 o'clock, on Friday, 21st inst.

The first business of the Board will be organization, and the appointment of committees for various lines of work growing out of the topics submitted by the minister for the consideration and advice of the Board. At this meeting also the Boards of Examiners for University and Matriculation examinations, the Senior Leaving and Junior Leaving Teachers' examinations, and the District certificate and High School Entrance examinations will be appointed, and various other educational matters of importance will be submitted to the Board.

NEW MODE OF ELECTION

New County Council Act
Will Go Into Effect
On Jan. 1

RETURN TO OLD SYSTEM

In rural municipalities the election of Jan. 1, 1907, will differ in many respects from those of the past ten years. The change will be due to the fact that on that day the legislation respecting County Councils passed by the Provincial Legislature at its last session, becomes operative. As a result of this measure the polling for candidates for the County Councils of the Province, as such, will be abandoned and the municipalities will revert to the old system, under which those bodies will be composed of reeves and deputy reeves of the townships and villages within the county boundaries.

The return to this plan is due to some extent to the feeling that has arisen that under the old constitution, now about to be superseded, the best men do not desire to enter subsidiary governing bodies, but seek election to the County Council. Such men when they are chosen for seats in the latter assembly are not, it is said, in touch with the affairs of the county discussed by the township and village councils.

Consequently in 1907, and in subsequent years, members of the larger deliberative bodies will perforce be also members of the ruling councils of lesser divisions of the country. Every town not separated from the county for municipal purposes, every township and every village will in future be represented in the County Council by its reeve and deputy reeve or deputy reeves. These officials are to be members of the lesser councils, and the deputy reeves will rank as councillors in the township, town or village assembly. If the municipality has the names of between 1,000 and 2,000 persons on the voters' list its electors will on New Year's Day choose one deputy reeve in addition to the reeve.

If there are between 2,000 and 3,000 names on the list they are entitled to send two such representatives to the County Council, as well as the presiding member of their local assembly. When there are over 3,000 voters they may choose a reeve and three deputies, who will sit in the County Council. As a result of this move, however, the number of seats in Township Councils will not be increased. The deputy reeves will be merely councillors, who are chosen by the people to represent them in the larger assembly of the district.

Those elected in this manner will thus be members of the two ruling bodies, and from their number the County Council will at its first meeting select the warden of the county. By means of the machinery thus outlined the old system of a double election in every rural community in the province, with the attendant expense, has been abandoned. At the same time a constitution has been adopted which will improve the personnel of both the local and the larger assemblies, and their acquaintance with the topics with which they will be called upon to deal.

AN EXCELLENT SHOW

Etienne Girarde and excellent company of artists played a return engagement of Brandon Thomas' great farcical comedy, "Charley's Aunt," at the Brisco Theatre on Sunday night, to a house very much smaller than the production merited. This, however, was no reflection on either the play or the players, but can be accounted for in two or three ways, or rather all three combined. Last November, the evening, Saturday, is the busiest in the week for a great many of the patrons of the theatre, and it is the holiday season, when people in general are very much engaged preparing for the proper celebration of the most festive day of the year—Christmas.

Etienne Girarde is a very clever comedian, but he is not the only relief where this is the case. The one star organizations with a number of very minor lights, is not the kind to present any piece to the satisfaction and pleasure of the spectators—a kind that has been altogether too frequent in the past. The real beauty in Mr. Girarde's company is that he is not only an artist himself but he has nothing but artists as his associates. There is not a "stick" actor in the company, and gentlemen who take part in this most amusing production.

The play itself is clean, wholesome, laugh-provoking in the extreme—the kind of production that drives away dyspepsia and makes one forget for the time being at least, his debts and other troubles. "Charley's Aunt" is one of the best of its kind, and Manager Brisco deserves credit for securing a return engagement of this splendid company. The only regret is that there was not a greater number of dyspeptics present in order that their cure might be effectually made.

Choice canal coal for grates, Massillon and Pocahontas lump for range. Have you tried them? Fine dry pine kindling cheap. Call us up. Fleming, Tillson & Co., phone 58 or 270.

A GRAND DISPLAY

The Gas Company Provide Unique Spectacle In The Line Of Gas Illuminations

The gas light display given by the Natural Gas Co. on the vacant lot on the western corner of Lacroix street and Park avenue, was witnessed by a large number of interested citizens Saturday evening.

The gas was carried from the regulator on Lacroix street some distance inside the fence on the lot by means of pipes laid on the surface of the ground. At the end of these pipes, another length of pipe was laid, forming a "T", and from this "T", two vertical pipes carried the gas about twenty feet in the air. A smaller "T" was placed at the top of each of these vertical pipes, and the gas escaped to either side.

The gas came out of the pipes with a roar that could be heard several blocks away, and when ignited, shed a brilliant light all over the southwestern portion of the city. The reflection was discernable in the clouds above.

On account of the strong westerly wind, the blaze from the pipes did not get much chance to ascend in the air, but the four huge tongues of flame which shot out from the pipes made a sight well worth seeing. The display was kept up for upwards of two and one-half hours.

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won't cake. It is PURE—clean, dry crystals that dissolve instantly. Perfect for the table.

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Every year finds us better prepared with all the newest and latest goods to be found anywhere. New lot Fine French China just to hand, consisting of Bon-Bons, Nut Bowls, Cake Plates, Celery Trays, Cold Meat Platters, etc., and the prices range from 50c to \$2.50, which is very cheap for fine Haviland Goods. Two Crates Dinner Sets and Toilets just opened up, which gives us bigger and better variety than at any previous time. Come and see the new goods.

See our New Cut Glass \$3 to \$12
Carving Sets, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$7, \$10
"Walk in and look around."

GRAY'S CHINA HALL



Men's and Boy's Hockey



Ladies' and Girl's Hockey

Skating Shoes!

Must have
And Also
You Want
As well as

Strength
Flexibility
Moderate prices
All Sizes

Add these up and you get a fair idea of our line of Skating Boots.

GEO. W. COWAN

Santa Claus Stock is now Complete

Our store is full of Xmas Goods of every kind and description, from 5c Toys for the youngsters to \$8.00 Gifts for the oldsters.

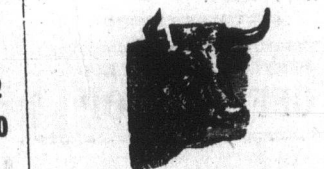
Come and Get a Glimpse of our Marvellous Assortment

A list of our specialties would occupy too much space, we merely mention the fact that the markets of the world have all contributed to the vastness and completeness of our stock of holiday goods unequalled in Canada, and underpriced by no competitor. Come to the store with the big stock and have an assortment to choose from worth of a citizen of this fair City and County.

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