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DO YOUR Christmas Shopping HERE.

Very few days left now in which to shop. Large varieties are here for you to look over. Shop early, get good choice, avoid the crush of the last few days.

LAKE CURTAINS.

The prettiest and daintiest assortment of Lake Curtains ever in our drapery department. Nothing could be more acceptable as a gift than Lake Curtains and you can get them here at any price you care to pay, at a pair \$15.00 to \$1.00.

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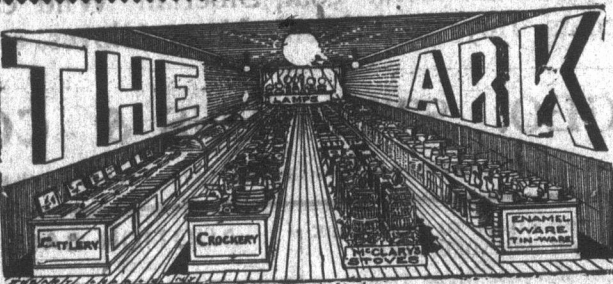
RUGS.

What a picture is to the wall—so is a rug to the floor—a room however well carpeted is not really furnished without a rug. The popular sizes are 20x30 and 30x72 inches. We have them in Wilton, Axminster, Moquette, Velvet, Smyrna, etc., in very handsome variety at \$7.00 to \$2.50.

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A foot stool is indispensable to the comfort of every man, woman or child. The person who is anxious to present a Christmas remembrance wants one. We have them in different shapes covered with Brussels and Velvet carpets at each 50c, 45c and 40c.

THOS. STONE & SON.



We Are in Advance

Of our usual time in our Christmas preparations for the usual rush at "THE ARK" We would now kindly ask our friends, every one who can, to come and make their selections before the rush of the last week before Christmas. The goods are now in place. We can attend with more comfort and pleasure to you now than later.

A Consignment Just Arrived of Fine China
(American Beauty). Do you want some pieces? If you do you need to come quick.

WE HAVE SOME STOVES LEFT. Are clearing them out a discount of 10 per cent. off spot cash. See them in the rear room of "The Ark."

H. MACAULAY,
Prompt delivery of goods.

Full Dress Suitings...

WHEN properly clothed you feel more comfortable, and are better able to enjoy yourself. The winter gait is commenced. **Have you an up-to-date suit?** If not call and get one from a line of cloths specially ordered for these suitings.

Call and See Them

Albert Sheldrick,
MERCHANT TAILORS, CHATHAM

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CLAIM OF MAPLE CITY SOLDIER BOYS

The Moral Obligations of the Aldermen Pointed out by Ald. Scullard—Ald. Martin Slips a cog on his Time Record—Other Civic Business Attended to

There is a certain little alderman, elected last year, who has always prided himself on being on time at the Council meetings. It was quite a surprise, therefore, when the Council meeting opened last evening to find his seat vacant. It was soon rumored around the board that Ald. Martin was ill and would be unable to attend. The whispering grew as they went along until the last report was to the effect that he was so ill that he would be unable to go through the coming campaign. All fears were set aside, however, when he came struggling in a few minutes afterwards, looking in the best of health and wearing the ever present smile.

Ald. Edmondson thought that a vote of censure should be passed, as no alderman would in his own interests be either late or absent when the elections were so near. Ald. Taylor had a strong suspicion that Ald. Martin was stealing the public's time and using it for canvassing votes for next year.

Ald. Martin, however, assured his colleagues that he was in the building when the bell rang eight, and so the matter was dropped.

Every member of the Council was present at last night's meeting. Rufus Baxter's assessment was changed from \$1,600 to \$1,200.

It was decided to sell the old horse cart to the town of Wallaceburg for \$30.

A letter from Henderson & Small, re Robinson of Inches estate, was referred to the Board of Works.

A petition against an asphalt block pavement on St. Clair street, from Head to Cornhill street, was reported not sufficiently signed. Received.

A petition against the initiatory proceedings for an asphalt block pavement on Victoria avenue was reported not sufficiently signed. Received.

The Forest City Paving Company asked for their marked cheque for \$500. Referred to Finance.

A letter from W. Woollett, re the Colbourne St. siding, was received.

S. T. Martin wrote the Council, stating the present position of the Victoria avenue pavement question. The residents now wished the Council to advertise for both asphalt block and brick pavements.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the contracts for new phones.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Chairman Marshall, of the Finance Committee, presented the following report:

1. That the assessment of J. Jenkins be reduced \$500, as asked for.
2. Re the communication of J. W. Young, re the balance of moneys due the Police Department, as per Auditor Macpherson's report, that we accept \$70.45, being the correct amount.
3. Re the appeal from W. J. Bradley, for damages arising from an accident, the city disclaims any liability. No action.

4. That the Harrison Hall account of \$71.02 be paid.
5. That the administration of justice account, \$348.25, be accepted.

6. We were advised the acceptance of J. Davis and O. E. Fleming as bondsmen for C. W. Caldwell on the King street and Lacroix street pavements, and of J. Piggett, Sr., on Blight & Fielder on the Thames and William streets pavements.

Ald. Piggett seconded the motion, which carried, and the Mayor appointed the Finance Committee.

Ald. McColl asked that all accounts of the present Council be handed in before the close of the year so that no bad debts will be left over next year.

It was decided to grant the Humane Officer a Christmas box of \$5. He has been a faithful officer. It was decided to advertise for tenders for plankton for bridges.

Two by-laws were then put through their several readings and finally passed. One was for the extension of the Bell Telephone franchise and the other was for the opening up of the alleyway from the market square to William street. The new street was christened last night and it will be called Jahne street.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.
Alex. McDonald, balance Wilson avenue sewer, \$19.10.
James Gutteridge, \$2.00.
R. Stevens, \$1.00.
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Horn Bros, \$1.00.
Dominion Paving Co., \$1.00.
Dominion Paving Co., \$3,683.78.
W. M. Drader, \$379.63.
Chatham Paving Co., \$60.90.
Chatham Paving Co., \$91.26.
The Bloude Mfg. Co., \$148.87.
Geo. Lammiman, \$1-referred.
S. Hady Lumber Co., \$11.50.
Mussallion Stone & Fire Brick Co., \$13.14.

J. & J. Oldershaw, \$188.28.
Waterworks Department, \$4.99.
Waterworks Department, \$250.
Waterworks Department, \$7.07.
W. R. Baxter, \$1.75.
Waterworks Department, \$46.
Registry office, \$2.50.
Warren Paving Co., extras, \$901.75-referred.
W. R. Baxter, \$4.50.
Con. E. Shea, \$6.75.
Pay sheets, \$161.01.

The News, \$50-referred Finance.
McKeough & Trotter, \$87.80.
A. R. Crow, \$13.30.
R. G. Fleming, \$8.43.
Chas. Moore, \$19.75.
J. N. Newby, \$1.75.
McKeough & Trotter, 73 cents.
S. Hady Lumber Co., \$2.50.
Con. E. Shea, \$1.
James King, \$14.74.
Col. Martin & Co., \$3.50.
Waterworks Department, 25 cents.
J. & J. Oldershaw, \$14.90.
Chas. Moore, \$18.75.
Park Bros, \$5.15.
T. J. Rutley, \$10.
Fountain & Canary, \$9.74.
Geo. Stephens, 85 cents-referred.
Messrs Jackson, rent of five acres garbage land, \$25.
Council adjourned.

"GOOD EGG"

Message Upon One Brings an Interesting Letter Back from Old England

Walt Anderson was working for the Walker Produce Co., packing eggs this summer. On one of the eggs he wrote his name, and the egg travelled to Burnley, England, and the man who bought it, has written to Mr. Anderson. The letter is now in Toledo, O. His mother received the letter, and it will be answered by a fellow countryman of J. W. Lord. The letter, which is as follows, contains some interesting facts and some hints to Chatham on Municipal ownership.

"Burnley, Eng., Nov. 26, '03.

"Mr. Anderson, Dear Sir,—You may think it strange to receive a letter from England, but to-day, in getting some eggs out of a Canadian box, I found one with these words written upon it, 'The person who gets this egg please write to Walter Anderson, Chatham, Ont.' Well, that is the reason of this letter. I could not let a request like that pass. I may say the egg was a good one. I could not tell for a time what to write about and then I thought that a description of our life here might not be uninteresting, so here goes. Burnley is a large weaving centre and also a manufacturing town of about 100,000 inhabitants. We have several coal pits about the town, and they employ a large number of workers, as well as the mills and sheds. We have also iron works and of course many other industries. We have a town hall, electric tramways, gas and water works, slaughter houses, markets, cold storage warehouses, etc., belonging to the corporation. We have for miles around country places and villages. The farms are all grass. No corn is grown within 20 miles. Milk is sent here.

Farm land, just around the outskirts of the town, rents for from 3 to 5 pounds per acre. Of course, as you get away from the town, land gets cheaper, down to about 20s. or even less, according to quality and situation. Within an area of 10 miles around Burnley there are some fine old mansions. In the town we have many places of worship and plenty of drinking places, the ruin of the young and the curse of the old.

I may say that the workers, speaking generally, go to work at 6 o'clock a.m. and quit at 5.30 p.m. Winter and summer, wet or dry, inside work goes on. The average wage of a worker is about 30 shillings a week, joiners 35 shillings, painters, plumbers and mechanics 36 shillings, farm laborers 18 shillings, and some less. Food is fairly cheap and clothing is also. You can get a good tailor made suit of clothes for 3 pounds.

I have a wife and five children, two lads and three girls, and they take a dream of Canada sometimes and wish me to ask you to write and tell us how you live over there.

Believe me,
Yours respectfully,
J. W. LORD,
86 Greg St.,
Burnley, Lancashire, England.

A MILE-STONE WELL TURNED

Fitting Finale to an Important Epoch in the History of Park St. Church

Splendid Banquet and Subsequent Program of Speech and Song—Memorable Occasion

The re-opening services at Park St. Methodist church were right royally finished last evening by a sumptuous banquet in the Sunday school hall, followed by an excellent musical and literary entertainment in the church. The ladies of Park street Methodist church are to be highly complimented on their achievement in the banquet part of the evening. The supper served was luxurious in its entirety; all the good things imaginable were there in almost unlimited quantity. The tables were all daintily decorated and the viands delicately served by dainty hands of many fair young maidens and gallant gentlemen.

The ladies worked hard to make the affair a success and their zealous efforts were responsible in a great measure for the excellent success of the banquet. The many tables were filled quite a number of times with appreciative patrons. The entertainment in the church, which followed the banquet, proved a suitable finale to a most auspicious opening. The musical numbers were, without exception, almost perfectly rendered by many of the most talented in Maple City, musical circles.

The literary part of the evening consisted of addresses from different city ministers. Dr. Langford, of Stratford, and Dr. Griffin, of Toronto.

Dr. George T. McKeough presided and, as he always does, made an irreproachable chairman. His opening address was an oration well worthy of the doctor, and his happy remarks between each number were clever and well administered. All speakers of the evening complimented the congregation on the splendid appearance of the church and upon having such an excellent and zealous pastor as Rev. G. H. Cobblehead. One of the speakers, in fact, said he was not at all surprised at the vast improvements which had been made, taking place in the present pastor's time.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Babbie, pastor of St. Andrew's church, opened the concert with prayer and the choir, under the leadership of Miss H. Edythe Hill, rendered in fine style an anthem. The program followed: Chairman's address—Dr. George T. McKeough.

Solo—Miss Gertrude Somerville. Address—Rev. F. E. Malott, pastor Victoria avenue Methodist church. Quartet selection—Misses Potten and Peate, and Messrs. Wilson and Sheldrick.

Address—Rev. Dr. Griffin, Toronto. Trio selection—Misses Somerville and Hill, and W. Brackin. Address—Rev. T. Baverley Smith, rector Holy Trinity church. Solo—Miss Ada Rose.

Address—Rev. Dr. Langford, Stratford. Quartet selection—Misses McKellar, White, Peate and Hill.

Secretary's report—Wilson Taylor, B. A. Closing address—Rev. G. H. Cobblehead, M. A., B. D. Doxology.

W. W. Everett, of No. 1, Harwich Debating Society, was in Detroit yesterday, and arranged for costumes for the production of the trial scene from the Merchant of Venice, which will be put on in No. 1 next Friday evening. Mr. Lane, of the C. C. I., will take the cast through a rehearsal to-night and will superintend the production.



Dolls...

Of every kind and quality to suit every taste and purse—China, Kid, jointed, Unbreakable, Wool, Bisque, in fact everything that the factories produce, ranging in price from 1c. to \$6.50 each. The same remarks apply to all of our stock of

Toys and Fancy Goods
for Christmas. Every line complete in price, quality and quantity.

Come to the store with the BIG ASSORTMENT.

We have just received a shipment of Palms and Holly for decorations. Palms from 30c to \$2.00. Have a look.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE,
Opp. Garner House.

THE SITUATION ON THE AVENUE

The following letter was received at the Council meeting last evening from S. T. Martin. It is worthy of the consideration of the ratepayers on Victoria avenue:

Mayor and Municipal Council of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—The paving Victoria avenue, many of our ratepayers seem confused as to how we stand in this matter, and, by way of explanation, I may say that your honorable body took initiative proceedings under a petition partially signed, proposing to construct a 27 ft. wide pavement of asphalt blocks, but a counter petition was sent sufficiently signed to prevent you going on with the work.

A large and representative meeting of the Victoria Ave. ratepayers assembled at the Police Station on the evening of the 27th of November to discuss the situation, and it was then unanimously agreed that a 24 ft. pavement should be made. A petition to that effect was hurriedly prepared and signed by all that were present, some twenty or more of these among the heaviest ratepayers, praying that the Council would construct a 24 ft. pavement, but on submitting the petition to our city solicitor he said the wording of it was such that he could not advise the Council to act upon it, and therefore no more signatures were solicited, until a properly worded petition could be prepared.

In the meantime a sufficient number of those who signed the said counter petition withdrew their names, leaving it in the minority, and thus leaving the Council at liberty to continue the initiative proceedings. I am informed that those names were withdrawn under a strict understanding with the Mayor that the Council would proceed only so far as to advertise for tenders for both asphalt block and for brick pavements, by the yard, and when those tenders came in the ratepayers will be asked to sign a petition properly prepared asking the Council for what they want. Knowing as they will the exact cost of each kind and having a petition sufficiently signed, the Council are to abandon the initiative proceedings and act upon the majority petition. I am, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
S. T. MARTIN.

BOOKS...

FOR
Holiday Gifts

All the Best, Both Old and New...

Some of the choice things—
"The Mistle of the Pasture";
"Barlisch of the Guard";
"Vice-Admiral of the Blue";
"The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come";
"A Checkered Love Affair";
"The Heart of Rome."

A book is an intelligent gift. It comes with the most grateful sense of remembrance when it represents absolutely the givers own selection. The variety is unlimited.

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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 appreciated 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 \$1.95 and \$2.50 Trimmed Hats. They are extra quality.

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

Headquarters for

Christmas Slippers

Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$3.00....

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