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A SPECIAL BARGAIN LIST OF XMAS GIFTS

Tonight and Monday

This store is always to the front with the right goods at the right time, and at prices that mean a saving in every item purchased. Here's a list that will interest anybody and everybody, and if what you want is not mentioned here, just come to the store, we have it. There is no safer, surer or more satisfying place than STONE'S.



Dress Patterns

The very latest novelty, panne cloth, in navy, ox-blood, brown, castor and fawn, reg. price \$12.50, now \$7.50

French Flannel, in polka dots and stripes, colors sky, turquoise, pink, purple, black and blue, reg. price 50c, to-night and Monday at 35c

Men's Umbrellas

Extra fine silk covered Scotch umbrellas, at each \$1.50

Others at from \$1.75 up to \$6.00

(Name engraved on these free of charge)

Ladies' Umbrellas

The very newest handles and best quality covers, at \$1.50, \$3.50 and \$6.00

Silk Waist Lengths

Containing 4 yds., a special line of the very newest plaid, on sale to-night and Monday at each \$4.00 and \$6.00

Two Wonderful Bargains in Black Silks

Suitable for Ladies' Waists and Dresses.

French Peau-de-soie, extra heavy

and rich finish, to-night and Monday at per yd. 85c

Heavy quality Lyon's Taffeta, rich finish and heavy quality, to-night and Monday at 50c

If you do not buy your wife a silk dress it's not our fault.

Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Fine Lawn Hemstitch Handkerchiefs, special to-night, 7 for \$1.00

Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, special to-night, 4 for \$1.00

Kid Gloves

Nothing pleases a lady more than are perfectly safe in buying them can be changed after Christmas. SIZE and every pair



a gift of a pair of Gloves. You here, for if the size is not right they We have every SHADE, in every GUARANTEED.

PERRIN'S finest dressed Kid Gloves, at \$1.00 and \$1.25

PERRIN'S finest Suede Kid Gloves, silk lined, \$1.25, \$1.50

Hosiery

Ladies' extra fine and heavy full fashioned Cashmere Hosiery, extra special to-night and Monday, 3 pairs for \$1.00

Suggestions from Housefurnishing Department

RUGS at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$7.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00

Table Covers

Tapestry, Velvet and Chenille, at \$1.50 to \$12.00

Folding Screens and Fire Screens, a special sale at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Tapestry Carpets at from \$2.50 to \$10.00

Children's Caps

With peak, in cloth and velvet, colors navy and cardinal, reg. price 35c and 50c, to-night and Monday your choice at 25c

Fancy Goods

Department

Toilet Baskets, round and square (according to size) at from 8c to 30c

Bows and Ribbons for the hair, at 25c and 35c

Ties, 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Fancy striped Ribbon Ties, 50c and 75c

Thomas Stone & Son

Store Open Evenings

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Fine Furnishings

THINGS THAT MEN LIKE



so you will no doubt be glad to hear of them. The tastefulness of our selections will make your choosing both satisfactory and pleasing. And the completeness of this store's stock, not only in the furnishing, but in every department, is calculated to meet every demand of the holiday buyer of masculine apparel and adornment.

Neckwear

A matchless assortment—all the latest shapes in richly patterned silks and satins, 25c. Four-in-hands, Imperials, English Squares and Ascots, made of the heaviest richest imported silks and satins—beautiful designs and colorings, 50c, 75c to \$1.50. Slip your card in the box with one and your gift is ready.

Suspenders

of fine silks and satins, plain and beautifully and quaintly patterned—silver and gold trimmed—each pair neatly boxed—\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50.

Mufflers

White, black and patterned silks and cashmeres—\$1, \$1.50 and \$2. The Oxford Muffler, 50c \$1, and \$1.25.

Evening Dress Protectors

of silk and satin, in all the new shapes, \$1.50.

Gloves

for dress and street wear. American, English and French makes—the finest and best made, \$1 to \$3. Scotch Knitted Gloves, 50c. Fur and wool-lined Kid Gloves, \$1 to \$5.50—thrice the selection of any other store.

THE 2 T'S

SLATER SHOE AGENTS

CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

City Schools Celebrate the Festive Season by Glad Gatherings.

Fascinating Exercises at the McKeough School Kindergarten.

"Comparisons are odious." If it were not so we should have instituted comparisons between the monotonous, dry-as-dust, and grind school days of our ancestors and the interest-quickening, effort-embalming variety of modern school life.

And, perhaps, no principal in the Public schools of the Province is more alive to the advantages springing from an entire and unexpected change in the every-day program than Mr. James Brackin, of the McKeough School. For years he has planned and successfully carried through the most delightful and original diversions for the children under his charge, and yesterday's proceedings ranked among the most satisfactory and refreshing. The large concert room of the building was most elaborately and befittingly decorated with evergreen streamers, gracefully festooning the ceiling, with beautiful sprays and branches of holly adorning the curtains, and last of all most important for some of the children, with a large Christmas tree gaily rejoyicing in its most welcome burdens of fantastic and many colored presents.

To Mr. Clements, the janitor of McKeough School, is due the credit for the laborious part of the decorating. Mr. Clements always enters enthusiastically into any enterprise of the school, particularly if it is a treat for the children is the object.

At two o'clock this room presented a very interesting scene. The parents and friends were seated upon the side, while the centre was occupied by the children of the kindergarten sitting upon little chairs prettily arranged in curves. With heart and voice and gestures they entered into the following songs: "Christmastime Hymn, Greeting to Parents, Sunbeams, Tick-Tock, The Family, Mother Tree, Jack Frost, Good-bye Little Flowers, The Wonderful Weaver, and Merry, Merry Christmas. While the children were preparing for the march Miss Aylesworth, the directress, addressed the mothers as follows:

"The children of the McKeough School Kindergarten desire to express their heartfelt gratitude and pleasure at the interest and appreciation shown by the parents in members of the Kindergarten festival. For days, and weeks, and months, not vainly, have we been turning our hopes and expectations on this day. The McKeough Kindergarten is still but a few and a half years of age and, like the babe, combines all those simple imperfections with endless possibilities. Its birth proclaimed the establishment of a new grade in the institution, which was to be a foundation for the child's after education. In place of leaving the child for four or five years at the merciless uncertainty of his own caprice or a street education, the McKeough School becomes him at Kindergarten at the age of four. Here an honest attempt is made to respond to the needs of the first stages of development. Mothers, here assembled, have you not often marvelled at the ceaseless overflowing activity of your child? Have you not grieved at his destructive tendencies? Have you not noticed their tireless imitating? These instinctive expressions on the child's part are his unconscious way of telling you that he wants to come to the Kindergarten, where those destructive will be evolutionized into constructive tendencies and all his activities will be directed into educative channels. Here in his play with concrete material, as blocks, paper-cutting and folding, weaving, etc., etc., he will undergo definite logical experiences organized by one who has ever in mind his growing needs and powers. At four years of age the child's efforts and results are crude and simple, and it is certainly most interesting to observe his powers of mind and body gradually unfold. We shall not stop to-day to consider the beneficial influences springing from the music in the Kindergarten. But if the child is to gain due profits from the Kindergarten he must enter at four years of age and complete a prescribed course of training. This year's register for the primary room gives it out in black and white that only one-third of the children there enrolled have ever attended the Kindergarten. Are we wholly alive to our privileges? The tendency of the age is to aim at the highest good of little children, and the Kindergarten is allowed to be one of the most potent agencies in the realization of the same."

Then followed the marching and the games, in the direction of which Miss Aylesworth was most ably assisted by Miss Violet Aylesworth, Miss Vida Farquharson and Miss Rose Morrison. The tree was hereupon speedily strung of its presents, and the children sang the following song as they gave them to their parents:

"Hurry were our fingers stitching day by day,
Making little presents
That we give away.
Little hands were willing

For a loving thought,
Helped to make this present
We to you have brought."

The second part of the program was just as interesting, but the attendance was larger. The little Kindergartens returned to their rooms and then all the pupils of the school assembled and were seated on the floor in the open space where the Kindergarten pupils had played their games.

The following program was then presented:

Chorus—God Save the King—School.
Address—Chairman Dr. Bray.
Chorus—The Maple Leaf—School.
Presentation of McKeough medals—Inspector Park.

Chorus—Summer Farewell—School.
Presentation of Rapid Adding prize—Judge Houston.
Song—Selected—Willie Hoig.
Presentation of Joe Kenny drawing prize—N. H. Stevens.
Chorus—Sleigh Ride—School.
Presentation of Conduct prize—Dr. Thornton.

Recitation—Selected—Gladstone Henry.
Presentation of special prizes—The Chairman.
Chorus—Greeting to the King—The School.
Chorus—Sleigh Ride—School (by request).

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Room III.—Annie Douglas, for reading.
Room IV.—Otto Field, for adding.
Room V.—Frank Smith, for home-work.
Room VI.—Mabel Handysides, for spelling book.

Room VII.—George Gaudin, for improvement in writing; Milton Way, for neat class book.

Room VIII.—Lida Clements, for drawing.
Room IX.—Rosa Duncan, for home work book.
Room X.—Henry Sylvester, for spelling.
Room XI.—Perry Grandbois, for spelling.
Room XII.—Arthur Ruthven, for home work.

The Jos. Kenny prizes in drawing were won by Mary Kerr and Harry Groves.

The Dr. Thornton prize for conduct was won by Jessie Reeves.

Rapid Adding—

Room II.—Violet Clements.
Room III.—Ethel McCubbin.
Room IV.—Douglas Stewart.
Room V.—Henry Sylvester.
Room VI.—Stanley Head.
Room VII.—Forth Hoig.
Room VIII.—Hazel Pritchard.
Room IX.—Alex. Bousnel.

Metallists—

Room III.—George Way.
Room IV.—Mabel Handysides.
Room V.—Muriel Locke.
Room VI.—Rosa Duncan.
Room VII.—Alice Barton.
Room VIII.—Star Stevens.
Room IX.—Clark Locke.
Room X.—Ray Peck.

Dr. R. V. Bray occupied the chair and made a nice speech complimenting the school on its appearance and the work which he had seen and heard.

Inspector Park, in presenting the medals to the successful pupils, made an exceedingly apt address.

After adjourning, the McKeough school, which he had seen and heard, was the subject of a long life to the up-building of our schools and the education of the youth of our city. The name honored the school, the school honored the name.

"Fitting it was that these medals should be founded to perpetuate his memory, and for the furtherance of the work which he had so much at heart. Proud should the boy or girl be who won one of them, for it bore the name of one who built not for his own time alone, but for the ages that are to be."

Dr. Thornton presented the prize offered by himself to be given to the pupil who should be judged by the teachers to have exhibited the best conduct while attending McKeough school, from the first room to the principals.

Dr. Thornton in his brief but happy address paid a warm tribute to Principal Brackin.

He said that he envied Mr. Brackin his position. The Principal of McKeough school was anything but selfish and it was with a great deal of pleasure that he had accepted of the request of Mr. Brackin to make this presentation. The presentation wasn't made haphazard, but for nearly seven years the eyes of the teachers had been on the winner of the good conduct prize. Dr. Thornton said that, after puzzling over what to give, he had decided on a steel engraving so presented the winner with a bank note.

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HOME WORK FOR STUDENTS

Dr. McKeough Furnishes the Planet With an Interesting Interview.

Favors the Assigning of Work to the Senior Students Under Certain Conditions.

The question of homework in the public schools has been agitating many parents of this city recently. Dr. McKeough, who has been associated with the history of the schools of this city for so long and has had many opportunities of studying this question both in his own family and in the city generally, has some valuable ideas in regard to homework. In an interview with The Planet, he said:

"One of the characteristics of the present age is a restless tendency to review and criticize the methods by which the work of our various lines and institutions is carried on. In this way a beam of electrical searchlight, so-to-speak, is turned upon our various systems and institutions, and our newness, enterprising and up-to-date home journal has been saying much, and putting it well, about home studies."

"Our Inspector, Mr. Park, has been quoted as an authority condemning it, and the cause of the so-called ineptitude is placed upon the Board of Education. In his remarks before the Board on this subject Mr. Park limited his censure to homework for children of younger years, first and second book. I do not quite know where the responsibility lies. I have heard the Educational Department blamed, at other times the teachers, and again the parents; and The Planet censures the Trustees."

"I have sometimes thought, however, the responsibility lies in the bracing atmosphere, figuratively speaking, of this country of ours—in the spirit of energy, strenuousness, competition and rivalry of the age, and generated through environment and hereditary influences, our statesmen and leaders of thought do not require to inform the people of Canada that they are 'too complacent,' as Lord Rosebery told an English audience recently, and advised his English friends to acquire the spirit and energy of the Americans if they wished to maintain their present ascendancy in the world."

"The children of Canada do not propose to be left behind in the race of the survival of the fittest, and Canadian boys and girls intend to be fit, both physically and mentally, for whatever may turn up in the world. That much is born in them. As a matter of fact, in a practice of nearly 25 years, I could count on the fingers of one hand the children I have seen injured by overstudy."

"We all agree with Mr. Park, however, that the younger children should not have homework, and also that the kind of lessons assigned for home study to the older children should be selected with judgment and should involve, I believe, merely the exercise of memory and observation."

"Practice in reading, writing, spelling, drawing or examination of a map with a view of improving a knowledge of geography—fascinating work, even for old people—or reading some history, could do no possible harm. It is said by authority that difficult problems in arithmetic or the solutions of any problem not within easy grasp of the child's attainment should never be assigned for home study."

"Home study is not obligatory under the law. A note from a parent to a teacher, requesting his child to be excused or when it is evident to the teacher that the work of the school room is a sufficient strain upon the mental energies of this pupil no homework can or should be prescribed. It is doubtful to me, however, if it would be wise, in case of the older children, at present to entirely proscribe home studies. What will the children do with themselves between the hours of seven and eight or seven and nine o'clock? You know the old problem about Satan and idle hands. Quite frequently I have occasion to walk about the city in the evenings, and I almost invariably meet boys engaged in some questionable amusements. The question often occurs to me—would not these boys be beneficially better at home engaged at their studies or reading?"

"The introduction of school libraries by Mr. Brackin and Mr. Plewes, when complete, and every child enabled to take home accessible and greengable literature, will largely overcome many difficulties connected with this important question of evening employment for the young."

POLL TAX FIGURES.

In 1900 the city police force collected over \$500 in poll tax. This year they have collected only about \$150. "There are two reasons for this difference," said Chief Young this morning. "One is that last year the election was held and all persons over 21 years of age registered so that they could vote. By consulting the list of those registering the police added 80 names to the poll tax list and collected \$80 in addition to the amount collected from the names the police received from the assessors. Then again, the militia men are now all exempted."

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THE WARDEN TALKS.

Warden VonGuten was in the city yesterday. Speaking of the topics most in men's mouths in this city just now Kent's Wardens said:—"Blasphemy is all right. We have no small-pox there, but we are prepared for it. Blenheim and Harwich have joined together and they are going to get a tent to use as an isolation hospital in case there should be any outbreak in either of these municipalities. There is going to be a great contest for seats in Harwich. There will be no less than four candidates. Peter Morrison, Richard Young, E. B. Toll, are already in the field, and a fourth man is expected."

SORE ARMS

The City Council at a Special Meeting Order Compulsory Vaccination Throughout the City.

A special meeting of the City Council was held at twelve o'clock to-day, the Mayor deeming it advisable to call the meeting after a special meeting of the Board of Health held last night at which, under the advice of the Medical Health officer, they had decided that compulsory vaccination was advisable, as it was not in the power of the Board of Health to enforce it, they appealed to the council and at the meeting to-day this course was decided upon. The City Clerk has made out the proclamation, which appears in another column.

The members of the council present at the meeting were Mayor Sullivan and Aldermen G. G. Taylor, E. W. Seane, E. A. Mounter, Jas. Edmondson, W. Fleming, W. S. Marshall and A. McCoig.

NEW TEACHERS

List of Model School Candidates Who Were Successful in Their Examinations.

The following are the names of the Model School candidates successful on the final examination, with aggregate marks of each. The total number obtainable was 900, and the minimum for pass 540—
G. Griffin 791, A. Russell 735, A. Husband 727, A. Estabrook 701, I. D. McLean 689, F. McLean 675, M. H. Rankin 671, M. Neilson 669, G. Somers 668, M. Waterworth 667, W. F. Walsh 667, F. Buchanan 652, W. Bennie 650, C. Doyle 643, I. Robertson 638, L. Scott 638, E. Mackie 636, A. Richards 618, B. Richardson 618, J. Tobey 616, J. Reid 609, E. Tiffin 609, E. Hyatt 605, H. Adams 596, E. Parks 595, K. McMillan 592, J. Richardson 592, E. Shreeve 587, H. Richardson 578, L. McArthur 545, M. Jeffs 543, A. Bates 540, P. Bedford 540, T. Gosnell 540, H. Scott 540, E. K. Simpson 540, L. Scriven 540.
Renewals, under Regulation 87, were granted to H. F. Thomson, S. Seafe, J. L. McDonald, M. Power, G. Taylor and J. Snell.



...Xmas... Slippers

A MORE appreciable present for your gentlemen friend can not be had than a nice comfortable pair of slippers or a pair of

'Invictus Shoes'

a number of advance spring styles of "Invictus Shoes" just to hand.

INVICTUS SHOES WEAR LIKE IRON....



TAXES

All taxes unpaid on January 1st, next, will have 2 per cent added.

WM. RANNIE, City Collector.

All Eyes Are Towards

"THE ARK"

At Christmas
Time....

EVERYBODY knows that this is the most popular and up-to-date Housefurnishing, China and Crockery House in the West. The fine Chinese imported from France, Germany, Austria and Japan, is the best, at the price that the beginning of a new century affords. Cake Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Celery Trays, Cream Jugs, Berry Bowls, Fruit Sets, Honey Dishes, Butter Dishes, Cheese Dishes, Pickle Dishes, Bread and Butter Plates, are a few of the many things on our tables.

THE prices are from 25c to \$5.00. Lamps, Statuary, Vases, Jardinieres, Fern Pots, Candle Holders and Bisque Ornaments are here in great quantity. Fancy goods in plush, celluloid and leather, including glove, handkerchief, collar, jewel and work boxes, purses, travelling companions, music rolls, ebony hair and cloth brushes, mirrors, etc. Dinner sets, tea sets, fancy parlor lamps, are on the second floor. Ask to see them. "THE ARK." The greatest Toy Store in Chatham.

"THE ARK," Chatham's Greatest Toy Store.

KING STREET CHATHAM.

H. MACAULAY,

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TO SUBSCRIBERS OUTSIDE OF CHATHAM.

If your paper fails to arrive regularly, or if you suggest a better connection, or a better route please communicate with the circulation department.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21.

APPRECIATED

Last Saturday was The Planet's birthday and by a unique series of circumstances this great home journal was called upon to celebrate the semi-centennial of its inauguration as a weekly and the first decade post of the daily upon the same day.

The occasion has resulted in our being the proud recipients of many voluntary kind and eulogistic comments from pleased patrons and esteemed contemporaries. These, with the good wishes which invariably accompanied them, have been keenly appreciated.

The Planet returns its hearty thanks and will, in future, more than ever seek to earn a continuance of the confidence and appreciation of its readers.

From the many kind things said of us by the Canadian press, we take the liberty of reproducing the following:

"The Leading Paper."

London Free Press.

Fifty years ago last Saturday The Chatham Weekly Planet launched upon journalistic sea, and forty years later, to a day, The Daily Planet was issued. It has during that long period, like many other enterprises, had its "ups and downs," but to-day it is brighter, newer and more energetic than ever it was. It is the leading paper of Kent County, and is conducted with marked ability, both from an editorial and business standpoint. The people of the city of Chatham could not get along without their Daily Planet, and the weekly issue is indispensable to the country readers.

A Metropolitan Paper.

Ridgeway Dominion.

On Saturday The Chatham Planet reached the half-century post and celebrated by issuing a paper that would do credit to a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants. Forty years a weekly and ten years both daily and weekly, is the history of The Planet, which is a household word throughout the Western counties. The Planet has had its ups and downs, but it is now at "high water mark" and is one of the best edited and brightest papers in the province. Long life to The Planet and all connected with it. The Dominion's holiday greeting to Chatham's journalistic luminary.

One of the Best.

Toronto Globe.

The Chatham Planet has entered upon its fiftieth year of publication. It points out in a reminiscent article that fifty years ago there were no railways in the western district. District Councils had only just been done away with, and the County of Kent had only just been established. Judge Wm. B. Wells had been appointed to administer justice, and Captain Glendinning—an old Waterloo veteran—was appointed to be Clerk of the First Division Court for the County. The Town of Chatham was newly incorporated, and its ratepayers sent five Councillors to the Municipal Board. The County Council consisted of eleven members, George Duck, Sr., being chosen to be Kent's first Warden, George Young, afterwards Warden, was the architect of the new court house and jail. Mr. Archibald McKellar, late Sheriff at Hamilton, was Reeve of Chatham Town. Mr. George Brown, the editor of The Toronto Globe, was member for Kent in the Parliament of Upper and Lower Canada. There was no Dominion of Canada in those days—hardly a united Upper and Lower Canada, so bitter were the feuds between these two Provinces. The Planet has a long, honorable and enterprising history, and it still, as it has been for many years,

Difficult Digestion

That is dyspepsia. It makes life miserable. Its sufferers eat not because they want to—but simply because they must.

They complain of a bad taste in the mouth, a tenderness at the pit of the stomach, a feeling of puffy fullness, headache, heartburn and what not.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cured Joseph F. Laine, Flanagan, Ky., who writes: "I was troubled with dyspepsia for a number of years and took medicines that did me no good. I was advised by friends to try Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did and it put my bowels in perfect condition, gave me strength and energy and made me feel like a new person."

Hood's Sarsaparilla Promises to cure and keeps the promise. Beware of substitutes. Buy Hood's and only Hood's.

one of the best newspapers in Western Ontario.

A Kind Greeting.

Hamilton Spectator.

The Chatham Planet is 50 years old—only a few years younger than this great family journal. May it have many semi-centennials.

Deserved Success.

Montreal Free Press.

The Chatham Planet has just celebrated its 50th birthday. It is an up-to-date and prosperous publication and well deserves the success it has achieved.

Brightest and Best.

Montreal Star.

The Chatham Planet has turned the fiftieth milestone of a successful existence. It is one of the brightest and most vigorous dailies in Western Ontario.

"Almost Indispensable."

Tribune Times.

The Chatham Weekly Planet was 50 years old last week, and the daily was 10 years old. It is one of the most readable papers in the province, and almost indispensable to Chatham.

"Long May It Shine."

Blenheim News.

The Chatham Planet last week celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. During all that time it has been a leading exponent of the public life of this county. Long may it shine.

"Wields Mighty Influence."

Blenheim Tribune.

The Chatham Weekly Planet celebrated its 50th anniversary last Saturday, and The Daily Planet its 10th anniversary. The Planet is a well edited, well managed newspaper, and wields a mighty influence, not only in Kent County, but in the whole western district. We are pleased to know that since its inception in the old county town, over 50 years ago, it has continued to prosper, and to-day it boasts of one of the best established printing houses in the west, and ranks among the leading papers of the Province. We trust that the next 50 years may be as prosperous as the past 50 years have been.

An Awful "Almost."

Chatham Banner-News.

Our esteemed contemporary is a few days over fifty years of age. It celebrated that auspicious event by issuing a special edition as modest, as it was excellent in tone. We extend

HOPEFUL VIEW

The hopeful view consumptives take of their own cases is strongly in their favor. Each year is showing a larger percentage of cures.

One of the best reasons for good hope is the record of Scott's Emulsion as a medicine for consumptives. So long as the system is strong enough to use medicine of any kind it can use Scott's Emulsion.

The reason for its helpfulness in this disease is because of its long tolerance by the patient; one does not tire of it as quickly as other medicines and that is where the great benefit comes.

Because it cured Rheumatism the MAGI Caledonia Water got its reputation. People drink it, too, for its goodness and not to be ill at all. Sold everywhere

Minard's Liniment Cures Gargol in Cows.

our most sincere congratulations on the event. Fifty years is a lifetime—and a strenuous lifetime, if it be expended in newspaper work. The Planet has been a very successful agency in the upbuilding of Chatham. It is not a whit less of a force than it was in the old days, and we wish it a bright and prosperous future. There will always be two newspapers in a city of this size, and the people are to be congratulated in having in The Planet a newspaper of such marked excellence as to be often referred to as "almost as good as the Banner-News."

An Old Industry.

Chatham Market Guide.

While we welcome and aid our newly arrived industries, we should not forget to appreciate those of older growth, among which The Weekly Planet stands without a rival, having seen the light exactly half a century ago last Saturday. At one time it was practically the only newspaper in the three counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton. Since then, newspapers have sprung up all over Kent in the smallest villages, thus cutting off a certain amount of advertising, but the roots pruned in one direction have expanded in others, so that The Planet's circulation has been continuously increased and this journal is second to none in Canada outside a few of the big cities. When we reached Chatham in 1880, The Planet was run as Weekly and Tri-Weekly, and in 1891, the proprietor boldly struck a new departure and inaugurated a large daily, which has increased in size, and is ably edited by Mr. Harry Anderson.

When the daily started there were 33 employees, including those working in the job room, bindery, and correspondents and carrier boys. To-day there are 116, so that a very large sum of money is paid out every week, in Chatham, in wages alone.

That the relations between the proprietor and employees are pleasant is shown by the number of years during which the heads of departments and many of the hands have been working for him.

The Bindery has hardly received the notice it deserves. It turns out a special ledger which lies flat wherever opened, a point appreciated by every practical book-keeper, and supplies orders from Vancouver to Halifax.

An American commercial traveller of extensive connections with the Acting fraternity, tells us that The Planet did the largest theatrical show printing in Canada. All this brings money from afar into Chatham, and The Planet, from a strictly business standpoint, irrespective of politics, should be appreciated as one of our chief industries.

The Hamilton Spec. now refers to William as "his Two-centennials."

See to it that the little folks learn the joy of giving. They don't have to be taught the joy of receiving.

The old message of "Peace on earth; Good will to men," will have a truer significance this Christmas if chanted by the white winged angel of Peace over war-ravaged South Africa.

This is glorious weather. And just think of it, they are having blizzards with twenty feet of snow here and there in the old country! We Canadians should be grateful that we live in a mild climate.

The Stratford Beacon has issued an exceedingly fine Christmas supplement. The edition is splendidly gotten up, and deals in a most entertaining and enterprising manner with "Stratford Illustrated."

We may have mentioned it before, but this great home journal would like to see every ratepayer in Chatham turn out on election day and vote for the by-law. Incidentally, we believe, they will be giving a big boost to our city.

The schools closed yesterday and The Planet tenders the young students its best wishes for a happy Christmas holiday. It has received a list of examination results, which will interest them. They will appear in Monday's Planet.

The recent Christmas Kindergarten exercises in the Maple City have again brought this important branch of our school work prominently before the public. And no branch is more deserving of encouragement and endorsement. The Planet heartily congratulates the Kindergarteners on their achievements.

While Canada is preparing to dispatch a third contingent to South Africa, New Zealand is sending off its eighth contingent, and the premier of New Zealand says the little colony will cheerfully send a ninth if it is wanted. New Zealand is noted for some things beside the compulsory arbitration law.

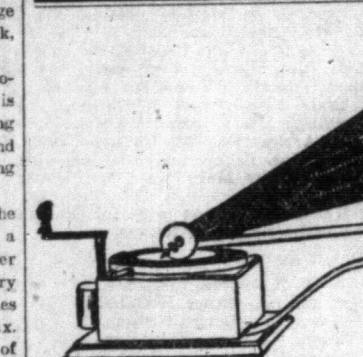
Danger Next Door.

Perhaps it's diphtheria, or scarlet fever. Keep your own home free from the germs of these diseases. Prevent your children from having them. You can do it with our Vapo-Cresolene. Put some Cresolene in our vaporizer, light the lamp beneath, and let the vapor fill the sleeping room. Have the children sleep in the room every night, for it's perfectly safe, yet not a single disease germ can live in this vapor. Ask your doctor about it. Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. A Vapo-Cresolene outfit, including the Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Cresolene, complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 15 cents and 50 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. Vapo-Cresolene Co., 150 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

The Planet is in receipt of three interesting letters, viz., from "Onlooker" on the proposed electric railway, from "Citizen" re the city engineer, and from Mr. Thos. Groves re Sunday papers, which, owing to the crowded condition of its columns, this great home journal is unavoidably obliged to hold over for a later issue.

"The message which our Prince brings to us from over the Seven Seas is a trumpet call to a more strenuous national life," is the terse and expressive comment of the London St. James' Gazette on the description of the Prince of Wales gave of the places in the empire that he visited, and what he saw and heard.

Anyway, the poet who dwells in a garret isn't troubled with book agents.



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A. A. JORDON



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For the Ladies—Margarites, bath robes, laundry bags, tray cloths, table linen, finished and unfinished, and all kinds of fur-lined leather goods.
While for the children and babies we have a well assorted stock of all kinds of wearing apparel and toys of every description.

WELDON'S King Street, East.

WANTED

GIRL WANTED—Apply to Mrs. Frank Kesteven, Third St.

WANTED—General servant in family of three. Country girl preferred. Mrs. Lovell, 210 Cottingham St., Toronto.

TEACHER WANTED—As assistant for S. S. No. 4, Harwich. State salary and full particulars, before Dec. 14, to CHAS. BUCHANAN, Sec'y-Treas., Blenheim.

WANTED—A Female teacher, Catholic, holding a second or third class certificate, must be able to teach French and English, for S. S. No. 14, Dover Township, County of Kent. Duties to commence at the first of the year. Robert A. Glover, Sec. Treas., Dover Centre P. O.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

TO RENT—One large unfurnished room, also stable. Apply 39 Barthe street.

CATTLE FOR SALE—Five head with cows, one coming in one week, and four milking, all in first class condition. Apply to A. F. CROW.

FARM FOR SALE.

Fifty-three acres in Harwich township, Lot 15, Con. 5, about seven miles from Chatham. Five acres of good bush land. Barn 36x56, 24 foot posts, shed 30x50, 22 foot posts, with stone foundations, and stable. Two storey frame house, containing 9 rooms, one first class young orchard. The buildings are all new and in good repair. Two good wells. For particulars apply to Daniel Chasid, Chatham P. O., or on the premises.

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WELDON'S King Street, East.

THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited THE BUSY CASH STORE THE NORTHWAY CO., Limited



To-night and Monday

A mere glance at this list shows how important it will be for you to shop at this store for your Holiday needs. Hundreds of useful and practical gift articles at much less than you would pay for similar goods elsewhere. Come with the crowds of cash buyers to the cash buyer's store.

Store Open To-night, also Monday and Tuesday Evenings

Ladies' Coats—These special prices will bring crowds of buyers to our mantle department.

Ladies' Heavy All Wool Frieze and Boucle Coats, latest semi-box back, storm or coat collar, double front, extra well finished, lined and unlined, in black and Oxford grey, sizes 32 to 44, clearing at \$1.50.

Ladies' Coats, fine heavy beaver, in fawn and black, latest cut, storm collar, rich fur trim, lined, perfect fitting, sizes 30 to 42 in. special at \$5.00.

Superior quality frieze and Boucle cloth coats, 27 inches long, lined, unlined, well tailored, storm or coat collar, in dark grey, and black, worth up to \$7.50 each, clearing at \$1.50.

Ladies' 3-4 length coats, all wool Frieze cloth, superior quality in grey and black, semi-box or fitted back, double front, silk faced or plain lapels, storm or coat collar, lined and unlined, sizes 32 to 42, regular value up to \$8.50 each, price \$5.50.

Ladies' Coats, 27 inch, 35 inch, and 45 inch lengths, in fine Kersey Beavers and curls, made up in latest styles, in colors, fawn, black, blue and grey, matchless values at \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$11 and \$12.50.

FURS—Ruffs—Pretty styles in fashionable furs, special at \$2, \$2.50, \$3.25, \$4, \$5, up to \$24.00.

Capelines—Newest styles in plain and combination furs, extra values at each, \$2, \$2.75, \$3, \$4, \$4.50, \$5.50, \$7, \$9.50 up to \$35.00.

Fur Coats—Choice Astrachans, in bright curls, 30 in. and 36 in. lengths, special at \$21.50, \$25.00 and \$35.00.

Best Quality Electric Seal Coats—Smart style, 23 in. long, storm collar, superior quality, satin linings, special at \$10.00.

Ladies' Russian Lamb Coats—Beautiful curls, handsome styles, guaranteed in wear, best grade linings, worth \$50.00, special at \$25.00.

Fur Capes—Rich, bright curls, with high collars, well lined, wide sweep—25 inches long, at \$10.00. 28 inches long, at \$12.50. 30 inches long, at \$14.50.

15 Only, Tapestry Table Covers, fine English and German makes, 8-4 and 10-4 size, heavy, firm make, choice rich colorings, fringed all round; regular value up to \$2.25 each; your pick for \$1.45.

Lawn Aprons—Housemaid's aprons, fine lawns, beautifully trimmed with embroidery, insertion and lace, very pretty styles, at 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00.

Children's Wool Boas—Fine, pure white lamb's wool, fluffy shape, 36 in. long, at 25c.

45 in. long at 35c.

17 Only, English Plush Floor Rugs, extra heavy, deep pile, in rich shades of Blue, Moss, Cardinal, Terra, Beane, Myrtle and Brown, size 12x30 in. regular \$1 each; special at 75c.

For men—Latest styles in ties, scarfs, suspenders, handkerchiefs, gloves, fur cape, overcoats and suits at a handsome saving on every dollar's worth you buy.

Tea Knives, Carving Knives, Carving Sets, Sterling Silver, Tea Spoons, Fruit Spoons, Sugar Shells, Meat Forks, Butter Knives.

ALL AT CLOSE PRICES

Westman Bros.

Handkerchiefs—The choicest gathering of dainty handkerchiefs in the city, lovely patterns, in fine Swiss embroidery, lace trimmed, and hem-stitched lawns, and linen at each 5c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.

Medallions—Lovely colorings, new subjects, beautiful gilt and brass mountings, special at each 30c, 60c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.75.

Panel Oil Paintings—Pretty landscape scenes, size 10x20 in. special at 2 for 25c.

Mat Pictures—A choice assortment in panels and squares, large sizes, clearing at each 20c, 30c and 35c.

Photo frames—Pretty styles in embossed floral designs, assorted colors, clearing at 15c, 12 1-2c and 10c.

Embossed leather photo frames, pretty styles, at 15c, 30c and 25c.

Brass and gilt photo frames, very pretty designs, at 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 60c.

Wedgewood plaques, assorted designs, in round and oval shapes, special at each 20c, 35c and 75c.

Ink stands, novel styles, in oxidized and bronze metals, special at 25c.

Sterling silver nut picks in sets at 20c, 35c, 50c, \$1.00 and \$1.75.

Hat brushes, sterling handle, pure bristle, special at 85c.

Imported perfumes, in fancy bottles, assorted odors, special at each 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c.

Bottles of perfume in fancy baskets and boxes, at each 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 60c.

Dolls of every description, dressed and undressed, sleeping and wide awake, the best values in the city, at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Ladies umbrellas, fine silk and silk and wool coverings, best frames, beautiful handles, in horn, pearl, sterling silver, and gold, at \$1.50 up to \$5.00.

For men—Latest styles in ties, scarfs, suspenders, handkerchiefs, gloves, fur cape, overcoats and

CHRISTMAS TIDE.

JOHN MCCONNELL.

John McConnell, the Park street greener, with his customary push and energy, has this year a finer and choicer stock of groceries than ever before. Mr. McConnell's extensive experience in the grocery business, has taught him the wants and requirements of the public during the holiday season, and in ordering his large and assorted stock for this trade Mr. McConnell has kept before him the needs of his customers. The result is that in the Golden Star Store there is an unlimited supply of the choice delicacies of the season. In addition to a large line of groceries sold at prices that cannot be rivalled, this store has a large supply of candies, nuts and tropical fruits. A special feature is made of crockery, china and glassware. Bargains in these are offered, as Mr. McConnell has laid in a large supply, solely for the Christmas trade, and he intends that all shall be sold. Parties wishing anything in this line cannot do better than consult the choice stock shown in the Golden Star Store. Dinner services, water sets, and dishes of all descriptions are offered at ridiculously low prices. These are in all styles and the colors will suit the taste of the most fastidious. The eastern window of this store, with its beautiful display of delicacies, carried on by an up-to-date grocery, is the admiration of Park street residents. The western window with its display of lamps, and crystal ware, makes a very pretty picture.

JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

That old and established firm of John Northway and Company are again at the front in their offerings for Christmas buyers. This year, which has been the most successful of any yet experienced by this firm, they have taken particular pains in the selection of their Christmas stock and they are now prepared to offer to the public the very best goods to be found in the city.

In novelty goods they have a splendid array of oil panels, mat frames, modallion goods, and also a large range of silver, oxidized, bronze and gun metal materials. They make a specialty this year of perfumes, toilet boxes, handkerchief boxes, dolls, photo frames, and wedgewood plaques.

In the dress goods department they have a fine showing in ladies' silk waists, petticoats, single waist lengths, done up in fancy wrappers. These are very suitable for a Christmas gift. They also handle ladies' ties in chiffon or muslin, and soft lace, etc., in all the newest styles and colorings. They also have a choice line in ladies' aprons in very pretty styles with embroidery and lace. On the glove counter is to be found one of the choicest stocks in the Maple City. The mantle department is full to overflowing and contains all the latest creations in ladies' and children's coats, the product of their own manufacture.

The millinery department is unusually busy. In men's furnishings is a choice stock of everything necessary for men such as gloves, mitts, gauntlets, scarfs, etc., etc.

Among other serviceable gift articles are to be found some exceedingly beautiful ladies' silk umbrellas with sterling silver, horn, pearl and gold handles.

The large staff of clerks are very busy this season but can always find time to wait on every customer.

JOHN A. MORTON.

What would make a better Christmas gift than a carving set or a half dozen knives and forks or silver spoons? All of these goods are to be found in the very best makes at John A. Morton's hardware store, and people are commencing to realize that this is the place to buy these articles. Their stock of cutlery is one of the finest to be found in the city, being complete in every particular. The showing of these goods as displayed in the window is very attractive. They also handle a full line of fancy lamps, silver trays, granite ware, National carpet sweepers and all kinds of hardware.

For the boys they have an exceedingly tempting array of skates, hockey sticks, etc.—the very thing that is dear to every boy's heart. Then, too, they are the sole agents for the Happy Thought cookstoves, and Radiant Home heaters. These makes are very popular with Maple City housekeepers and wherever used never fail to give satisfaction.

John A. Morton is one of the oldest and most prosperous hardware merchants in Chatham, and he is entirely deserving of the immense patronage he receives.

WILLIAM ANDERSON.

A bright and attractive store even among the many bright and attractive places of business on King Street, is the establishment of Wm. Anderson. Mr. Anderson had some excellent alterations and changes made in his store, and now that his splendid stock of Christmas groceries, candies, fruits are on exhibition, the combination of artificial and natural coloring has produced a pretty effect that must be seen to be appreciated. Mr. Anderson's store is recognized as one of the leading food dispensaries of this city, and deserves the high place it holds. His stock has been chosen from the best, and when buying from Mr. Anderson, you can rest assured that you will get only what is good, pure and wholesome. In addition to a splendid assortment of candies, nuts and fruits, Mr. Anderson is making a

specialty of a new line of fruits. Fard dates, and pulled figs are something new in this city and Mr. Anderson, catering to the public's taste for novelty, has secured several cases of these fruits. In addition, Mr. Anderson has a fine display of table raisins, dates and grapes. Nothing has been forgotten and his stock of choice is particularly fine.

Special attention might be directed to the splendid supply of fancy biscuits to be found in this establishment. When the busy housewife is selecting the luxuries, and dainties for her Christmas dinner, she will do well to examine the excellent stock of such edibles to be found at Mr. Anderson's well appointed establishment.

SCOTT & CO.

When giving a Christmas present give something that will be useful, things for gentlemen can be found at Scott & Co's, next to Radley's drug store. This firm is established in Chatham for over thirty years, and its reliability is well known. The Christmas neckwear is the latest and most up-to-date, while the suspenders, shirts, and other furnishings are of the most fashionable. Ordered clothing is a great feature of this store and when one wants durability and fit he goes to Scott & Co's to get it. A large and good stock of ready made clothing is always kept and they have just what you want in your size.

This firm keeps the largest stock of fur coats in the west and are having great success with the celebrated Saskatchewan coats, Robes, and Gauntlets of which they are the sole agents. Boots and shoes are also kept here in great variety and in the size you want and the kind you like best, and the price you can afford to pay. The store is full stocked and the Christmas trade is booming, so shop early and shop often at Scott & Co's.

WESTMAN BROS.

Westman Bros., the popular young hardware merchants, are now established in business here for over six years, and in that time their business has increased fourfold and is in fact on the increase all the time. They have had to obtain larger premises since coming here and their fine large store is the admiration of all who see it.

From year to year they have added largely to their lines until now they have a complete line of hardware, heavy hardware, painter's supplies, tin-smithing, plumbing, stoves, furnaces, steam and hot water heating.

This firm deals largely in the well-known McCormick and Deere Mansur harvesting machinery, and have met with great success along these lines. The lines for the Christmas trade are very extensive and well assorted, comprising sterling silver knives and forks, tea and table spoons, cutlery of all kinds, including carving sets in the best qualities, also a good stock of sleighs, skates, etc., is kept.

The stove business has been a wonderful feature, this year the celebrated Jewell heaters and cookstoves being without rivals and have given most excellent satisfaction to the buyers.

Intending purchasers of stoves and especially Christmas buyers, would do well to give this store a call before buying.

Messrs. Turk and Kerby, the pastor evangelists, will begin a week's services at Charing Cross on Thursday evening, Dec. 25th. Their services will be held on the following Sunday, and Bible readings Friday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons. — Blenheim News.

Mr. T. Martin, of Big Point, Essex County who is finishing his studies in Montreal Seminary, will be ordained to the priesthood in the parish of Big Point on Saturday, Dec. 21st, by His Lordship Bishop McEvey, of London, and will celebrate his first mass the following day at the same place. — Leamington Post.



IT IS EASY WORK

When you are well, but when the back aches and the head throbs, a woman's work is hourly torment.

No woman can be strong and healthy of body who is the victim of those womanly diseases which are often responsible for feminine sufferings. Women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the cure of disease of the womanly organs, say that their work doesn't tire them any more. "Favorite Prescription" regulates the periods, dries up the watery humors, cures indigestion and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

There is no alcohol in "Favorite Prescription," neither opium, cocaine or any other narcotic. "I had poor health for nine years (ever since the birth of my child," writes Mrs. J. M. Watkins, of Acme, Kansas Co., Mo. "I had female weakness, was very nervous and would not do any good and I concluded to write to you. When I wrote I had no idea that I would ever get well, but when your letter reached me I began to hope. I commenced taking Dr. Pierce's medicine as directed and began to improve in health. I am now well and I think there never were such remedies in the world. I took eight bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and five of Dr. Golden Medical Discovery' and two vials of Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure constipation."

SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE.

LITTLE THINGS, LOCAL AND FOREIGN, TRIVIAL AND VARIOUS, WISE AND OTHERWISE.

It wouldn't be so bad if nature would whitewash this good city for Christmas.

"The future prosperity of the city schools is as clear as daylight to me," — Inspector Park.

A cold snap takes a good deal of snap out of the average man about the time he has to get up in the morning.

That Essex and Kent Radial Railway seems to be a phantom that still allures but still eludes" or is it deludes?

The ice men had better cut their ice now and be sure of it. Mild weather is likely to follow this spell of frost. We're not prophets; just surmises.

Dr. McKough gives some good arguments in support of home study for pupils. What the Doctor says is in another column of this issue. Read it.

Business begets business and factories beget factories. Chatham has the opportunity to add another factory. Ponder on this, ye ratepayers, and do what you can to pass the by-law.

It will cost the city only \$589.55 per annum for 20 years to get the Woodburn Sarvent Wheel Co. Can you estimate the great monetary advantages that will accrue to this city. Think this over and vote accordingly.

Dr. McKough is a firm advocate of homework, and he backs up his belief in it with some strong arguments. The Satellite of the G. H. J. is a homework abolitionist, but, after perusing the Doctor's interview, is willing to concede that the homework advocates have some good reasons for the principles they support.

... The Startling Clarion ...



Miss Linda Lee—'For de Lor' sake, what's dat ar noise, Rastus? Mr. Don Washington, Jr.—'Hush, eh! Dat's a sander ob dose aldermanic candidates 'auncin' huse'!

Citizen, have you read the factory by-law? Your vote may be the vote that's needed. Give this matter your immediate attention.

Has it occurred to you that the Woodburn Sarvent Wheel Co. make sixty per cent. of the vehicle wheels used in Ontario? This is the company that will build a factory in this city if you support the by-law.

After hearing that wounded Botha escaped from the British troops in South Africa by crawling away, we are inclined to believe that all those stories about the British being tardy in their conduct of the war in South Africa, to be rubbish. They aren't tardy, just stationary.

With the T. H. Taylor Co. erecting a new mill, the new axle factory, the new binder twine factory, the new mineral-baths enterprise and the contemplated additions to the Canada Flour Mills and to Walker & Co's pickling plant, Chatham must be prospering commercially.

Two South African heroes went out to shoot for turkeys at John Moore's place, Raleigh, in Thanksgiving day. They couldn't hit the target, let alone make a bull's eye, and Mr. Moore had to shoot them for fear they would kill some of the cattle of his neighbors three miles away. Perhaps its different when you're a shooting Boer.

Three members of the School Board are dropping out this year and it is to give them a reward represented by the retiring members that there is any contest. The two old members will, from present indications, be elected by acclamation. All of which merely goes to show that the citizens were satisfied with the School Board for 1901. Both J. A. Wilson and Andrew Thomson served the city well on the School Board. They both retire this year.

One of the most pleasing features of the closing exercises in the city schools is the work of the kindergarten. To me their work always seems the best, and nothing delights me more than to see the little ones play their games and enjoying themselves with all the abundance of childhood. Guided children are happy to the student of human nature, and their chief charm lies in the fact that you can read their thoughts in their faces and they know no concealment.

An innovation, withal, a pleasing one, made an impression in Chatham this week. This, if it means anything, means that Miss Lucile Dyer was in the city doing part of the advance work for a "Cavalier of France," which appears at the Grand Opera House, Thursday, December 26. A body advance agent is something new in these parts, and as a result Miss Dyer was very successful. She is a shrewd business woman, and deserved the success that attended her efforts.

Some reasons why some ratepayers should interest themselves in passing the by-law that gives Chatham the Woodburn Sarvent wheel factory—

THE MERCHANT—Because the employees will need what he sells. THE PROPERTY OWNER—Because the employees will have to live in Chatham. THE CARPENTERS—Because empty houses are scarce in Chatham now and any one will have to be erected. EVERYBODY—If you see it will help keep Chatham in the lead as the Manchester of Ontario.

WORKED THE DOOR KEEPER.

It is too bad that Chatham couldn't show appreciation of musical ability. The attendance at the Welsman-Yuncle recital was a disgrace. Mr. Welsman plays beyond the musical limit of this Satellite of the G. H. J.

but he was there not because he understood, but to uphold the reputation of Chatham.

A TRIBUTE TO THE WORKINGMEN. "I was both surprised and pleased at one thing that my canvas has revealed to me," said Trustee Candidate Geo. S. Heyward. "I have spent some fourteen nights canvassing in Ward 5, and I always found the workingman at home with his family. I was exceedingly glad to see this. It is a credit to them."

HE MIGHT SAW WOOD.

The Satellite of this G. H. J. has heard during his wanderings that Comedian Poole has made known his commendable intention of cleaning out this office. If Mr. Poole purpose accomplishing this by giving a specially performance, we fly the white flag instantly. But if the young man is genuinely ambitious to work we will be pleased to supply the broom.

THE CANADIANS GOT CRONJE

There is no adequate conception of the relief we experienced on Wednesday morning when that another Boer leader had been captured. The only thing now left for us to worry about is where in the world of Africa the Boers get all their leaders. The British seem to be making a collection of Boer leaders, but the only trouble seems to be that the best ones get away. We are waiting for some Yankee museum promoter to make the British government an offer for their collection of Boer leaders, for exhibition purposes in the United States. The only obstacle is that the British have no real good ones as yet. Wounded Botha, or even De Wet would give the British collection of Boer leaders a financial value.

SANTA CLAUS CONFIDENCES.

A friend of mine wrote two little children in Petrolia, asking them what they wanted in their stockings and signed the letters Santa Claus. These are letters received in reply:—

Petrolia, Ont. Oct. 30.—Dear Santa Claus, I am very sorry I have kept you waiting so long for an answer, but I was so busy with my school work and forgot. I thought it had gone until a few days ago. Well now I will tell you what I want. I would like two little dolls with jointed, one with dark hair and one with light, and a box of hair ribbons—baby ribbons, and a pair of gauntlets, real fur, and a new white dress. Hannah, the girl next door, is going to write, too. From Margaret F.

Petrolia, Nov. 14, 01.—Dear Santa Claus—I received your nice letter some time ago, and thought I would answer and let you know what I would like to get at Christmas. I would like a jointed doll with dark curly hair and a pair of bed-room slippers. No. 1, and a collar, but if you haven't got them, I will be pleased with anything else. I hope you are getting along all right with your Christmas work. I remain your little friend, Hannah M.—

SUNDAY SERVICES

International Bible Lesson for Tomorrow—Ex. iv. 13-27.

Golden Text—"I will sing unto the Lord for He has triumphed gloriously."

Egyptian slaveholders soon sorrow for their lost slaves and seek to recapture them, covered up and helpless as they were; but they were guided and guarded by God's presence in the pillar of cloud, whose dark sides blinded the pursuers, but whose bright side cheered Israel on to freedom. God's word to-day is the same to His people—it is "a light to our feet and a lamp to our path," but dark to unbeliever and sin. As Moses stretches out his rod a wonderful cyclone sweeps a pathway through the waters, which the millions of fugitives enter in perfect safety, lighted in the darkness by the pillar of fire. Slaves who make use of God's way of escape are the glad deliverance of fugitives from the hands of their oppressors, the murderers of their infants in the Nile, are met with righteous retribution in the Red Sea. God is the same at the Chatham as at the Red Sea. He can deliver every helpless slave of evil appetite from the bondage of sin and Satan, through the Christ of Calvary, the Redeemer and Leader of all who trust in Him. Art thou a trusting one? Then— "Sound the loud jubilee o'er Egypt's dark sea, Jehovah hath triumphed. His people are free!"

Church Notes.

The pastor, Rev. W. E. Knowles, will conduct the services and preach on both occasions in the First Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Battisby, will preach in St. Andrew's Church to-morrow morning on "The Incarnation," and in the evening on "Belshazzar's Feast."

Rev. T. Beverley Smith, rector, will occupy the pulpit of Holy Trinity Church to-morrow.

Rev. H. E. Kellington, B. A., of Harwich, will occupy the pulpit of Victoria Ave. Methodist Church to-morrow morning, and the pastor, Rev. T. George, will preach in the evening. Free seats and attentive ushers.

The pastor, Rev. J. J. Ross, will occupy the pulpit of the William Street Baptist Church on both occasions to-morrow, and conduct his class for Bible study at 3:45 in the afternoon. Morning subject, "The Expressive Name of the Holy Spirit." Rev. F. H. McEwen, Superintendent of Maritime and Northwest Missions, will preach in the evening.

Cures Weak Men Free

Send Name and Address To-Day—You Can Have it Free and be Strong and Vigorous for Life.

INSURES LOVE AND A HAPPY HOME



L. W. KNAPP M. D.

How many men may quickly cure themselves after years of suffering from sexual weakness, lost vitality, night losses, varicocele, etc., and enlarge small, weak organs to full size and vigor. Simply send your name and address to Dr. L. W. Knapp, 1710 Highland, Detroit, Mich., and he will gladly send the free receipt with full directions so that any man may easily cure himself at home. This is certainly a most generous offer and the following extracts taken from his daily mail show what men think of his generosity. "Dear Sir—Your method worked beautifully. Results were exactly what I needed. Strength and vigor have completely returned and enlargement is entirely satisfactory." "Dear Sir—Yours was received and I had no trouble in making use of the receipt as directed and can truthfully say it is a boon to weak men. I am greatly improved in size, strength and vigor." All correspondence is strictly confidential, mailed in plain, sealed envelope. The receipt is free for the asking and he wants every man to have it.

We Are Not



going to have a musician of this kind to attract attention at our store during the holidays, but we want to all your attention to the fact that we have a line of holiday presents that we think will surpass anything else in Chatham. Our goods are of that order that when you present them to a friend, whether man or woman, they are lasting and will remind them in after years of the friend who has been so kind to them in the past. Bear this in mind when you are selecting Christmas presents for your friend and go to Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas and get something that will remain an article of attraction for all time.

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Central Drug Store
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Our Xmas Stock.

Has been carefully selected for use as well as ornamental. Call and see our selection of Ebony Goods composed of

Brush and Comb Sets, Hair-Military, Hand, Hat, Cloth, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Etc. Mirrors—Stand and Hand, Bonnet Brooms, Manicure Sets and Files.

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Include all the leading imported and domestic manufacturers, such as

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For a Cold to Catch you. Have a bottle of Radley's Cough Balm in the house to catch and cure the cold.

A few drops relieve the cough and allay the irritation. Part of a bottle usually cures. If after using half a bottle it fails in your particular case, the bottle and your money will be refunded.

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RELIABLE DRUGGISTS
Near Garner House

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NOTICE that sweet, delicious taste that our baked goods always have? Our Bread, Pies, Cakes, Buns, etc., are always fresh and tasty. Once a customer you will stay with us.

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Keep Migard's Liniment in the House.

Leather Goods

Purses 5c to \$5.00, Toilets in leather 50c to \$12.00. Gifts of all kinds. All Xmas numbers 25c each. Books for Children. Chatterbox, etc., 60c.

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King Street, East.

CANDYS

Very store on the street sell candy at Christmas time. We sell in the whole year long and think we know what are the nicest kinds and where to buy them so as to please you. We have every article, a few of our special lines are—

MAPLE WALNUT CREAM.
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Come and see what we have, there is not enough room in this paper for us to tell you each kind.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

5,000 Quail on Toast went to Windsor to-day.

The civic pay sheets for the past week amounted to \$86.44.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiffer, Toronto, are visiting Mrs. Kiffer's sister, Mrs. Figgott, McKenough Ave.

Rodney Smith, of the Customs Dept., Ottawa, reached the city this afternoon to spend the Christmas vacation at home.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Esther Williams, of this city, and Mr. Turner, of Detroit. The happy event takes place on Christmas day.

Mr. Platt, of the firm of Turner & Platt, returned last evening from Detroit and will now take up his permanent residence in the Maple City.

Miss Annie D. Anderson, who has been attending the Presbyterian Ladies' College in Ottawa, arrived this afternoon to spend the holidays in the Maple City.

On the last of November a dark brown unlined robe was lost on the River road in Raleigh, and a reward is offered for its return to The Planet office. The finder will be prosecuted unless it is promptly returned.

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ARE HUMMING

Last—On Wednesday, in Dover, a gray robe. Finder will kindly leave at this office.

Mr. Wanless, of the C. B. C., left yesterday for his home in Varna, where he will spend his Christmas holidays.

Mr. Houston, of the C. B. C., left last evening for Petrolia, where he will spend the holidays with Mr. McNaughton, who is also a student of the C. B. C.

The turkey shoot held on the farm of John Fleming, Raleigh, yesterday, was a great success. Among those who won prizes were Percy Morley, Lloyd Scott, Alex. Dolsen, H. Dolsen, James Fleming and M. Smith.

E. H. Chapman, in putting down the fifth well for the Ontario & California Oil Company, had the misfortune to lose his bit at a depth of over 300 feet in well. He expected to have completed the well in time for a good Christmas box to the company, but now it will take a few days longer to finish it.

The Supreme Tent, Independent Order of Foresters, has issued a small book entitled Canada's Premier and Mayors. G. W. Sulman, Chatham's popular Mayor, is included in the list. The book contains a large sized photograph of Mr. Sulman with a short sketch of his life. It is accompanied by an article on the advantages of Chatham as a location for manufacturers.

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Jas. Park has returned from Blenheim.

Binder twine is being made to-day at the factory.

W. E. Gundy, of Ridgetown, was in the city yesterday.

J. A. Wilson, of Ingersoll, was in the Maple City yesterday.

Elijah Weeks, Murray street, is very low with heart disease.

Geo. Ainsley is spending his Christmas vacation at his home in Wingham.

Misses Oldham and Skinner, of this city, left last evening for Dresden, where they will visit during the holiday season.

The topic at the missionary meeting of Park street Epworth League last evening was very ably taken by Miss A. Mounter.

The fight for the councilship in Chatham Township seems to be between E. A. Tompkins and Arthur Stewart, who are working very hard for the coveted position.

D. McLachlan's thoroughbred stallion, High Noon, has put two in the list this year, Jennie Mac, 223 1-2, and Nettle, 224 1-4. The latter got her mark on a third of a mile track, so that the performance under the circumstances is a remarkable one. A further fact worthy of mention is that both of these daughters of High Noon won the races in which they got their marks in straight heats and had their fields entirely at their mercy.

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Our Candy Counter

But here we feel that we cannot do it justice. So many nice things that really we do not know where to begin. Such pretty boxes, such good candy and all so reasonable that we hope you will come in and see for yourself. Those Christmas stockings are a joy to the children. Such a lot of good things they contain. It's really wonderful how they get so many things in for the price.

25c, 40c and 60c each

Five Mixed Candy, 1 lb. for 25c.
Cream Candy 2 pounds for 25c.
Five Taffies, 1 lb. for 25c.
Good Chocolate, 1 lb. for 25c.
Extra Good Chocolate, 2 lb. for 25c.
Our Special Box, 25c.
Our Finest Chocolate, 2 lb. for 25c.
Our Finest Candy, 2 lb. for 25c.
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And a host of other things. When we tell you that we bought more than TWO TONS of good candy just for Christmas you may have some idea of how important our candy business has got to be.

H. Malcolmson

Choice Xmas Presents.

There is No Gift More Generally Given Than Perfumes.

PERFUMES are always acceptable if the quality is right. We have all the best imported and domestic odors, in bulk and in fancy package of all sizes. We feel sure we can suit you in every respect on perfumes—including the matter of price.

See Our Special Package at \$1.00

Turner & Platt
DRUGGIST.

DONT Go To Sleep

Wake up to the fact that McConnell, Park Street, is the right store to buy your Christmas presents. Lots of China, Opal or Glassware, Dinner, Tea or Chamber sets. Call and see us; get our prices. They will interest you. Small profits are bringing us quick sales. This ware must be sold in the next few days. Saturday, the 21st, 5 per cent. off all of the above goods.

Groceries Special for the 21st

7 lb. pails Jam, 50c. for the day.
1 lb. Raisins for 25c.
3 lb. Currants for 25c.
Lemon Peel, 15c. per lb.
Gold Seal Baking Powder, 14c. lb.
2 lbs. Broken Leaf Japan Tea, 25c.
Mixed Candy, 7c. per lb.
10c. boxes shoe blacking for 5c.
Coal Oil, 15c. per gallon.
Ginger Snaps, 6c. per lb.

J. McConnell,
PARK STREET.

PROBABILITIES.

Special to The Planet.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—10 a. m.—West-erly and southerly winds; fair, with slowly rising temperature. Sunday, southerly winds, fair and milder.

The following official figures were registered at noon to-day at Burt's weather bureau:
Barometer 29.70.
Thermometer 1 below zero.
Highest yesterday 13.
Lowest yesterday 1 below zero.
Direction of wind, west.

Local Budget

Eat Richards' Bread.

H. Macaulay has 42 clerks employ-

ed today.

Walter Piggett was in Wallace-

burg yesterday.

B. H. Carnovsky has returned from

a business trip to Sarnia.

A very large special went east on

the C.P.R. this morning.

Vaccine points at McCall's drug

store.

Wesley McCubbin is improving

nicely after his late accident.

Holiday sale of kid gloves Monday,

23rd, at Gordon's, \$1.00 values 50c.

A. L. Savage has received a con-

signment of white rock chickens from

St. Catharines.

Thomas McCallum and daughter, of

Blenheim, were Maple City guests

Thursday.

Ladies' kid glove sale. Dollar

gloves for 50c. at the Gordon store

it.

John Piggett & Sons have received

the contract for 100 stock racks from

Jacob Colby.

Ladies' kid glove sale at Gordon's

Monday 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Dollar

gloves at 50c.

Mrs. L. S. Morse, of Leamington, is

visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

William, Head street.

Harry Leroy, of Woodstock college,

is spending the holidays with his

parents, Grey street.

Dr. A. W. Thornton is having an

electric light service installed in his

residence, Wellington street.

If you wish to make your husband

or friend a present, call at Taylor's

Cigar Store, Victoria Block.

The water pipes at Milner's carriage

works burst yesterday, and conse-

quently the factory is shut down.

Mr. and Mrs. Keiffer, of Toronto,

are spending the Christmas holidays

at Pickmore, McKenough avenue.

See those special Xmas Cigars,

Pipes and Tobaccos, at Taylor's Cigar

Store, Victoria Block.

Miss Ethel Koffage has returned to

Detroit after an extended visit with

Mr. and Mrs. Koffage, Adelaide St.

E. Ryall, of Leamington, is spend-

ing a few days in the Maple City.

He has sold out his hotel business

at Leamington.

King Buffalo is a high class cigar,

that is sold for five cents at all lead-

ing cigar stores and by druggists.

Fred Leroy has opened a butcher

shop opposite McKay's confectionery

on Queen street, and is keeping a full

line of meats.

Cigars in 10's and 25's, cigar and

cigar cases and holders, pipes,

tobaccos in tins, tobacco pouches,

finest line in the city for Christmas

trade—Bennett, Oddfellows' Temple.

We are pleased to see Barrister

Geo. G. Martin in the field for alder-

man. Mr. Martin is not only a vig-

orous press writer, but a splendid

speaker as well. Such men are want-

ed in the council, and his friends be-

speak undoubted success for Mr.

Martin.

Here's a List

That You Should Be Interested In

It embraces some of the fancy groceries you want for Christmas.

Malaga Grapes, 20c a lb.

Finest Table Figs, 15c a lb.

Splendid Dates, 5c a lb.

Best Mixed Nuts, 15c a lb.

Cape Cod Cranberries, 2

qts. for 25c.

Navel Oranges, 30c, 40c

and 50c per doz.

Florida Oranges, 25c and

40c a doz.

Mexican Oranges, 20c, 25c

and 30c a doz.

Wm. Anderson

John Piggett Sr. was in Windsor

yesterday.

Dolls, from 1 cent to \$3 each at

Sulman's Bazaar.

A. E. Moffatt, of Tilbury, was in

the city Thursday.

J. L. Tedford, of Blenheim, was in

the city Thursday.

G. H. Rayment was in Wallaceburg

yesterday on business.

J. Parent, of Stoney Point, was a

Maple City visitor yesterday.

G. R. Langford, of Kent Bridge, was a

Maple City visitor Thursday.

E. H. Chapman, of Northwood, was a

Maple City visitor Thursday.

Kid glove sale at Gordon's Mon-

day, 23rd. Dollar goods at 50c.

R. B. Burrell and F. Tools, of De-

troit, spent yesterday in the city.

Ralph C. Ripley passed through the

city yesterday en route to Toronto.

Alex. Leitch and B. Harrison, of

Leamington, were in the city Thurs-

day.

Mr. Barr, of the Canada Jute Co.,

of Hamilton, was in the city yester-

day.

The best selection of toys and

Christmas presents can be seen at

Sulman's Bazaar.

Mrs. McDonald and daughter, of

Whitehead, were guests in the city

Thursday.

To-night, 25c and 35c bow, string

and four-hand ties, 15c or two for

25c at the Geary Bankrupt Stock.

Xmas sale of kid gloves at the

Gordon store. Dollar kids for 50c.

Monday.

Frank Beemer and B. G. Westcott,

of Leamington, were Maple City

visitors Thursday.

The assortment of Parlor Lamps,

Chinaware and fancy goods is always

of the best at The Ark.

Mr. Scarlett, of Ridgeway, brought

in a ton of White Burley tobacco to

O'Brien Bros. yesterday.

D. R. Marshall, J. R. Sanderson, Jas.

Hood and C. M. Ferguson, of London,

were Maple City visitors Thursday.

When you ask for a five cent

cigar you get the best. Try our

"King Buffalo" and you will smoke

another.

Have you seen Santa Claus? He is

in the Ark window with his annual

load of toys for the girls and boys.

Phonographs, mandolins, guitars,

banjos and mouth organs are all to

be found at Tschirhart's music and

art store.

John Piggett & Sons are shipping

seven cases of lumber and frames to

the new beet sugar factory in Wal-

laceburg.

Snell's Fair has a very choice as-

sortment of white and gold glass

ware, in wet sets and table sets,

also colored water and table sets,

at Fair prices.

B. H. Carnovsky, designer at The

S. Hadley Co. has moved his family

from Toronto, and taken up his re-

sidence on Stanley avenue.

Holiday kid gloves at the Gordon

sale Monday, 23rd. \$1.00 worth for

50c.

50 cent sheet music, all the latest,

for 10 cents or three sheets for 25

cents, also pianos and organs at spe-

cial prices for the Christmas trade

at Tschirhart's music and art store.

Parties having accommodations for

boarders, where rooms are comfort-

ably heated, should leave names at

Business College this week.

The local barbers, with two ex-

ceptions, have decided not to be open

at all on Christmas or New Year's

days, but will keep Saturday night

hours the night before the holidays.

There will be a regular meeting of

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A.

M. G. R. C. on Friday evening next.

St. John's Day, when the installation

of the newly elected officers will take

place.

F. Tschirhart has added art to his

already fine music store and has one

of the finest stocks of that kind in

the city. Give him a call before pur-

chasing.

Great bargains in Christmas pres-

ents can be procured at Sulman's Bazaar,

live, as the idea is to reduce the

stock as small as possible

before moving into the new store.

The Christ Church Sunday School

entertainment will be held on Monday

evening. Pretty tableaux, marches,

dialogues and songs by the pupils will

make an attractive program. Ad-

mission, 10 cents.

The Hersford cigar reduced from

\$2.25 to \$1.50 for the Christmas trade.

Only a few boxes left at Taylor's

cigar store, Victoria Block.

Holiday rates on the L. E. & D. R.

R. Single fare for round trip going

Dec. 24th and 25th, returning Dec.

26th; Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st return-

ing Jan. 2nd; fare and one-third for

round trip, going Dec. 21st, 23rd,

24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, 31st and Jan.

1st, returning Jan. 3rd, 1902.

The lively business carried on by J.

M. Gardner, opposite the Post Office,

King St., has been purchased and

will in future be conducted by Lethbridge

Bros. A first-class back, new rig

and cutters have been purchased and

the new owners extend an invitation

to all their old customers and friends

to call on them in their new quarters.

Telephone 91.

The City Engineer has notified the

police that people must stop filling up

the gutters with coal ashes. The po-

lice will prosecute all parties found

breaking the city's ordinance in this

respect. The ashes will not hurt the

road, so that citizens only have to

empty their ashes on the road to avoid

being fined.

For Christmas and New Year holi-

WILLIAM FOREMAN & CO. WILLIAM FOREMAN & CO.

Exclusive Silks
and Dress Goods

For Gifts

Our Christmas stock of Silks and Dress Goods are ready, and in Dress Goods we have the choicest collection of Dress Goods we have ever had. Can you think of anything a lady appreciates more than a silk waist or a dress pattern? We will be pleased to show you these stocks of Silks and Dress Goods.

Individual Silk Waists

A choice range of silks arrived on Monday the designs are exclusive. Beige Silks in colors Tuscany, Rose, Blue, Pink, White Cardinal and Navy, \$3.00 at per waist. Black and White Silks in White and Green, and Rose, sold at per waist, \$5.00.

An extensive range of colors, Taffetas, Grosgrains, Failles, Bangalines, Peau de chine, Etc. Excellent values in Black Silks for costume Skirts or waists in Taffetas and Peau de chine.

William Foreman & Co.

FORGOTTEN.

STORES to rent—and stores cannot be rented. Stores are growing and stores are decaying—what does it mean? Business conditions—and business privileges. The best service—giving is the growing store—the practical store—the popular center—despite any location—any condition or any privilege. Ours is a growing store—bouncing ahead as at no previous time in its history. The store is better this season than it was last—better this month than it was a month ago—better today than it was yesterday—for that matter. Never so much better—in stocks—in service—in workmanship. It's the spirit of the management—enthusiasm, growth—good—new—prompted by your immediate acceptance. COME AND SEE US.

MORLEY & CO. - The Leading Tailors.

Leather Goods
For Christmas Presents

FOR a serviceable Christmas gift and one certain to be appreciated there can be nothing better than something in leather—a Purse, a Card Case, a Music Roll, Travelling Companion, Chatelaine Bag, &c. We invite inspection of our Leather Goods Stock with every confidence. The assortment is large and well bought—purchased in fact direct from the makers—and our prices will be found very reasonable for really good goods. We offer below a few suggestions.

Music Satchels.

In solid leather, leather-lined, strongly sewed throughout, fitted with handle, in shades of tan, black, dark green and red, extra value at \$1.50. Pebble Leather Music rolls in blacks, tans, browns. Extra fine Solid leather Music rolls, with handles finely made and finished, colors tans, black, purple, etc., special. \$1.25.

Playing Card Cases

A dainty gift for lady or gentlemen. Handsome cases in Seal, Morocco and Alligator at \$1, \$1.50 and \$2.

Every case fitted with best gilt edged cards, and pair of celluloid counters.

Finger Purses

Have become a necessary part of a woman's shopping outfit. We have a special value finger purse at \$1.00.

Others at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and up in choice leather, and an assortment of colors, we put silver initial on all purses when desired.

It is no idle boast to say we carry the largest assortment of purses in the city. They range in price from 10c to \$3.00, and in kind from the small coin purse to the handsome combination purse and card case. Purse in Seal, Morocco, Alligator, Monkey Skin, Texas Steer, Snake Skin, Etc. For a lady no more desirable present could be given.

This cut represents one of six lines of purses that are specially good value at 25c. Bought in the regular way these would sell at 35c. and 40c. These are good serviceable purses, made of leather, and finished with good strong frames.

Chatelaine Bags,

In Seal Alligator, Etc., colors black, brown and gray, at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.

and up. A most acceptable gift to a lady.

Flat Leather Collar and Cuff Holders. \$1.00

Writing Portfolios made of Seal and Morocco, leather-lined and finely finished, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$6.00

Bill Wallets, Secret Pocket Purses For Men, Cases, Olgar and Olgarotto Cases. Almost every remarkable thing in leather is here.

Travelling Companions, for lady or gentleman, made of leather and leather lined and fitted with all the necessities of travel—hair and clothes brush, tooth brush holder, mirror soap box, tooth powder box, salve pots, etc.

The Price. \$2.50, \$3, \$4 and \$5

DINGMAN'S - BOOKSTORE, CHATHAM.

Coal and Wood

Lehigh and Scranton Coal, Virginia Splint Coal, for domestic use, anything Coal, Hard and soft Wood, in all lengths. All at the lowest prices. Delivered promptly to any part of the city.

J. GILBERT & CO., Office add Vards, William Street, near G. T. R. Crossing.

Our New Grocery

At Xmas time all stores look their best, and ours is no exception. We have everything new and nice, so nice that we are anxious for you to come in and see us. English Holly 20c a lb. In layer Raisins we have them at 25c, 20c, 15c a lb., also 1/4 boxes, very choice, for \$1.00. New Nuts of all kinds, also a mixture 2 lbs. for 25c.

Fresh Lettuce Choice Celery Fresh Fish

We will have on Monday a small lot of fresh Smelts, fresh Haddock and fresh Cod Fish. We say a small lot because on account of the very rough weather these fish are very scarce, so that we were only able to get half our order.

Get your order in first if you want some. We expect to have FRESH SHRIMPS on Monday.

Give Us Your Xmas Order. We Guarantee Satisfaction

Geo. A. Young, Grocer.

Theatrical

Theatre-goers in this city are to be given a treat of no mean proportion on the night of December 28th, when Shipman Bros. will present their elaborate production, "A Cavalier of France," at the Grand Opera House. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Spencer are featured in the production and the company which has been engaged for their support is exceedingly strong and well balanced. The attraction bids fair to be one of the most noteworthy and highly enjoyable productions which will be presented here this year. The scenic and costume effects are so infinitely superior to the general run of stage appointments for costume plays that a comparison is not permissible. The play has a romantic vein. It treats of France in the time of Henry III. A period always ripe for plays of interest. Theatre-goers in this city who forego the pleasure of witnessing a performance of "A Cavalier of France" will miss the treat of the year. The advance sale of seats will be open on Monday and Tuesday, to subscribers only.

CHRISTMAS CLOSINGS

Continued from First Page.

N. H. Stevens presented the prizes to those who had proved the best at drawing. Mr. Stevens said that he had served seven years on the Public School Board of Blenheim and always tried to keep in touch with the educational interests of this city. He had wondered where the talented musicians and artists who annually made their debut before the public came from, but after attending yesterday's exercises he now knew. They must come from the city schools. And Mr. Stevens was glad to see the way the children of Chatham were being educated.

A surprise was sprung on the teachers of the upstairs rooms at this point. Their pupils presented Misses Samson, Irving, Abraham and Principal Brackin with Christmas gifts. Mr. Brackin's room presented him with a chair, the address being read by Mary Wood.

Mr. Brackin in reply wished all a Merry Christmas. He was glad to have the opportunity of thanking the parents for the interest they had shown. The day was cold yet the attendance was excellent. This recalled an incident once when McKeeough school was putting on a concert in the Opera House. It rained all day and Mr. Brackin was naturally feeling blue. One of the boys noticed his downcast spirits and thought he would cheer his teacher up. "Never mind, Mr. Brackin," said he, "they will come just the same." The boy was right. The people did come. The house was filled to overflowing.

This year was just ending Mr. Brackin's 22 years of service and he could truthfully say that it had been 22 years of pleasure and happiness. All the pupils of the school were then presented with a piece of taffy and sent home to enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Trustees Dr. McKeeough and John McKeeough were among those present. Miss Grace Aylesworth played the accompaniment for the Kindergarten exercises and Miss Rose Morrison presided at the piano during the second part of the program. Wilfrid Peck, cornet, Pearl Brock, violin, and Stanley Ruthven, violin, played during the singing of the choruses. Miss Charlotte Hild played the accompaniment for her brother.

AT THE CENTRAL. The entertainment given the children at the Central School yesterday afternoon, was a decided success.

At 1.15 all the pupils of the school were seated on the floors and stairs of the corridors, and presented a very impressive sight. A splendid concert was given, first, and afterwards the new things were given to the pupils in their rooms, and a delighted lot they were, too.

The program was as follows: May God Preserve Our Canada. Chorus by the children. Recitation—Miss Edna Hicklin. Instrumental Duet—Misses Thomas and Foreman. Violin solo—Russell Paxton. Solo—Miss Rose Swan. Recitation—Mildred McLean. Instrumental solo—Miss G. Fleming. Vocal Solo—Miss Grace Patterson. Recitation—Miss Grace Hall. Solo—Miss Grace Gammage. Baton swinging—Percy Moss. Recitation—Frank Snider. Song—Nettie Guy.

After the concert the children went to their respective rooms, where lunch was served, after which the gifts for regular attendance were given out.

The pupils were so liberal in bringing in nice things for the lunch that Mr. Plewes says there was enough to feed 2,000 people and he intends offering what was not used to the Salvation Army for the free Christmas dinner they are giving to the poor.

A VERY SIMPLE REMEDY FOR WOMEN. When in need of a stimulant to aid nature's work, women will find Malchers Red Cross Canadian Gin a most beneficial and effective tonic. It is well known that the effects derived from the medicinal properties of the juniper berry, from which gin is made, is invaluable to a woman's constitution, and especially when the Geneva is of a refined quality as the "Red Cross." It is not only an absolutely Pure Gin but it is the only Gin which, before being offered to the trade, is matured for years in bonded warehouses, where it has acquired that delicacy of flavor, unknown to any other gin.

Half the misery in the world comes of want of courage to speak and to hear the truth plainly, and in a spirit of love.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Boys' Own \$1.75, Chatterbox 75c, Young Canada \$1.00 at Sulman's Bazaar.

Mrs. Geo. B. Merritt and daughter Gladys, are visiting their parents for a few days.

Miss Blight arrived from Cleveland last evening, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Robert Knight will sing a solo in the William St. Baptist church on Sunday afternoon.

G. H. Connibear, of Victoria, B. C., will spend the holidays with his parents in North Chatham.

Will Chanter, of Boston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Chanter, corner of Harvey and West Sts.

Walker Bonnie, a member of this year's Model class, has been fortunate in securing a school near Wallaceburg.

Mrs. J. J. Fletcher, of Burlington, Iowa, has been visiting relatives and friends in this city, has returned home.

Miss Ida Tobey, a member of this year's Model class, has been engaged to be married to a public school near Blenheim.

Phonographs, mandolins, guitars, banjos and mouth organs are all to be found at Tschirhart's music and art store.

"Said Pasha" opera rehearsals will, commencing on Monday evening, meet at Northwood's Hall, at 7 p. m., sharp for rehearsals.

The plan opens on Monday for the Cavalier of France. The subscribers only. The general public cannot have access to the plan till Christmas Day.

Miss Laura Williston entertained about sixty of her friends to a dance on Thursday evening at her residence Park street. Kenny & Pritchard furnished the music.

The Mayor's proclamation appears in this issue, in which the attention of the public is called to Section Fifteen of an act respecting vaccination that it is in force in this city.

50 cent sheet music, all the latest, for 10 cents or three sheets for 25 cents, also pianos and organs at special prices for the Christmas trade at Tschirhart's music and art store.

R. Victor Carter left for London this afternoon, to hear the Lyceum Opera Company play Richard Stahl's comic opera "Said Pasha," which they are billed to play at London to-night.

Walter Mills, barrister, of Ridgeway, has issued a writ in the high court against Edgar Morden for damages for fraudulent conversion of a mortgage. So says the Ridgeway Standard.

Trooper James Kendall writes to his parents from Halifax that the second C. M. R. is largely composed of young doctors, lawyers and teachers, and among the number was Chas. Adams, a former teacher in this city.

W. S. Marshall's card appears in today's issue, and his candidature should have the support of the ratepayers. No more contentious or painstaking alderman ever sat at the council board, a fact that has been appreciated by the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon left for Oswego, N. Y., to-day, in response to a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. Robert Gordon. The deceased lady has been in poor health for some time, and a few weeks ago Mr. Gordon spent some days with his mother, whose age was sixty-seven years.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 21.—Miss Galloway, of Bothwell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. N. K. Cornwall.

The Messrs. Tuck, of Glencoe, were in town to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson are in Chatham.

Charles Taylor, of Harrow, is visiting friends here.

Robert Smith is visiting at Robert Duffus.

DRESDEN

Dec. 21.—John A. McVean and sisters Sarah and Alice, are home from London, and will spend the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yorston of Toronto, are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rudd. Mrs. R. Aldin very pleasantly entertained a number of young people last evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Eve.

Invitations have been issued by a number of young people for an assembly to be given in the opera house on New Year's Eve.

Claude Lynch, of Tupperville, was in town last evening. The English Church S. S. entertainment took place last evening and was well attended. Too much cannot be said in praise of the excellent program, which was faultlessly presented. Mayor Bibbe has received a letter from the Best Sugar Co. authorizing him to complete the purchase of the different parcels of land necessary for the construction of their factory. Speedy purchases were desired, as the contracts for erection had been completed and signed.

ANCIENT ORDER UNITED WORKMEN.

Attention—As next meeting is election of officers for 1902, let every Workman that can, attend, and do his part in making the best selection. All intending to insure their lives in Peninsular Lodge, should be examined at once, your health is uncertain, only the healthy are passed by medical examination. Be on hand Friday next at 8 sharp. CHAS. KELLY, J. R. SNELL, Master Workmen, Recorder.

Minard's Lipiment Cures Garget in Cows.

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The Calendar Says "Two Days."

Two short days are left in which to finish all the select wind up the fun of expectant preparation. Holiday enthusiasm grows swiftly as the climax approaches, and with seasonable weather to give the right setting, we believe the business of the next two days will eclipse all local records.

In the line of articles for men's and boys' wear we have made it wonderfully easy to get just what you want, and to get it at the price you want to pay. It's a big, brimming, brilliant stock that our customers are choosing from, and we have prepared in every way for the crowning test of these final days. Since the busy days began we have taken time outside of regular hours to re-arrange, replace and enlarge the stocks as fast as depleted, so that now you have just as good an assortment to pick from as when the holiday season opened. In fact it's better, because some choice things have come in since then.

How About A New Umbrella?

A lot of these umbrellas have come in within the last few days, and you can find no more original or pleasing collection at the prices anywhere. Plenty of distinctive handles—sorts that look out of the common, and are not likely to be duplicated anywhere else in town. All grades are here. Some not too fine to give to the average careless man, who keeps an umbrella only till he loses it—some good enough for the man of memory who prides himself on never having lost one. Mostly all have the 20th Century runner, which pushes up without your finding the spring. It's a handy notion, and adds nothing to the weight.

At \$1.50—Good fast black mercerized cover with steel rod, 20th century runner and neat crook handles with German silver mountings. AT \$1.75—Mercerized saffron cover, self opener, steel rod, silver-mounted crook handles. AT \$2.50—Silk cover, strong slender frames, choice of fancy crooks, polished wood handles with silver mountings, fancy bone handles, silver trimmed. AT \$3.00—Elegant close-rolling umbrellas with taffeta silk cover and crook handles of highly polished wood. Handles have all sorts of fancy mounts in silver. AT \$6.00 High-grade silk covers, with selvedge edge, fine silk tassels, novelty handles of bone and wood with gold plated mounting. Closest possible roll. AT \$10.00—Similar line but with very heavy gold plated mountings.

Christmas Overcoats--Two Brand New Styles.

These coats are the most recent things in the house—still warm from the factory. To the dressy man who thinks of presenting himself with a new winter coat before Christmas, their appeal is convincingly strong. The ripest mid-season ideas in style and making are fully carried out in them.

Both styles made from a magnificent quality of imported chevot—soft heavy and compact—in the darkest Oxford mixture. Just a word of description:

Yoke Back Coat cut very full with cuffs and vertical pockets. \$12.00 Raglanette, extra wide, and as stylish in effect as our expert cutter and staff could bring about. A stunner. Plenty of other fashionable coats in medium and extra length and fullness. We are showing a most alluring range of Chevot garments, rough and smooth cloths in all the popular shades of mixed grey at \$10.00 to \$15.00.

Old Probs Suggest
Driving Gloves

We are not predicting much in the weather line, but it does begin to look like a good old-fashioned white Christmas, and in that case what a lot of driving will be done. That means warm gloves if the merry sleighbells are to be really enjoyed. We have more sorts of wool-lined kid and leather gloves than you have time to hear about. A few styles by way of suggestion—different in fineness, but all serviceable and warm.

Colored kid gloves with heavy lining. A 1-dome price. \$1.50. Very extra value at the price. Imitation mocha, made with warm comfortable wool lining and that wise contrivance the gusset wrist. One dome fastener. \$1.00. Flexible English kid in medium and dark tan shades with finest wool lining. One dome, kid-tipped wrists, size 7 1/2 to 10. \$1.25. Buckskin mitts and gloves—the favorite sort with old drivers and frontiersmen. Made in the best way with finest wool lining, and sure to give long wear and comfort. \$2.00.

Christy Stiffs

A hat is above suspicion if the Christy stamp is in it.

The celebrated Christy stiffs in medium shapes, lined and with best silk trimmings. All colors firm and fast. \$2.50. Christy's best quality stiff hats in the most recent shapes. Colors guaranteed to stand sun and rain. \$3.00. Christy's soft felts, all the fashionable shapes and styles of trimming, at prices ranging upwards from \$1.00.

Little Boys' Trimmed
Suits

Winsome suits these and daintily trimmed. Sizes for little fellows just graduated from kilts and up to seven or eight years. Mostly finished with opera flannel and braid in prettily contrasting colors.

Suit of invisible check in brown. Separate front with red embroidered fleur de lis. Navy vest and knicker. \$3.75. Dark cloth suit with front of cardinal opera flannel, double breasted vests, lapel or shawl collar, narrow braid trimming. \$4.50. Swagger blue worsted suit. Red shawl collar, trimmed with black braid. Double breasted vests to match the collar. Front pieces trimmed with black braid. \$7.00. Also for little boys, a stock of separate knickers in Halifax and fancy sweats, serge, worsteds and corduroys. Prices range according to quality and size from \$5.00 to \$1.50.

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