

Christmas at Hand

We have made a very choice selection of all the finest goods in our line.

The Florida Naval Orange this year is a failure, so after inspecting a number of cars of Florida Fruit we found some very fine Pineapple Florida Oranges. These are the heaviest cases of Oranges that ever came to Stouffville, weight denotes quality and Christmas shoppers demand quality. Why buy poorer at the same price. SEE THESE.

Prepared Almond Icing. Candied Pineapple
Fancy Table Raisins. Grenoble Walnuts
Early Black Cranberries 18c. or 2 lbs. for 35c
Malaga Grapes of the best. Sicily Filberts
Taragona Soft Shell Almonds

Large washed Brazil Nuts & Fresh washed Peanuts
Holly (well berried) and a full assortment of Candies
A fine line of Whisks and Kiddies Brooms, a nice
CHRISTMAS GIFT

We solicit your trade and desire to give you only the best, both in quality and service

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Ringwood Garage

Phone 6005

PREST-O-LITE BATTERIES NEW TIRES

If you are having trouble to start your car these these cold mornings, come in and have your engine drained out and re-filled with MOBILIOIL, it makes them easy to start and takes the slant out of the bills.

There are several kinds of anti-freeze solutions, on the market which are very injurious to radiators, and the best way to avoid getting them is to get your supply at Ringwood Garage.

PERMANENT REPAIRS and a SQUARE DEAL

To keep the Feet Warm.

Winter weather is here, and people should keep their feet and hands warm, and avoid consequent sickness. We have a fine stock of

RUBBERS, SOX, MITTS, OVERSHOES, SPATS
FELT BOOTS, FINE GLOVES AND FINE
HOSIERY, for men, women and children.

Come in and see our fine Slippers which will make an excellent Christmas gift. We have everything ready for the winter wear.

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The People's Shoe Store.

Store Open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday Evenings.

Christmas Furnishings For Gentlemen.

We have an ideal line of MEN'S WEAR, including NEW TIES from 50c. up Handkerchiefs, Collars, etc.

SPECIAL—Macanaw Coats in heavy winter style, just the thing for fall and winter weather.

CARHARTT'S OVERALLS and SHIRTS—they last longest, and are cheaper.

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GASOLINE and COAL OIL for SALE.

Don't Pay More If You Can

Get It For Less

Large Supply of

Ladies AND Men's Footwear

For Immediate Use

Ladies' FELT BOOTS with leather soles, all sizes, for \$2.50
RUBBERS to fit 90 cts

Ladies' OVERSHOES, made of heavy felt, and silky cloth, 11 inches high, all sizes, at \$1.50

MEN'S HEAVY RUBBERS, eye lets 4, and 2 buckles all white at 3 50

Black and white soles at \$3.25
Black and red soles at \$2.85
Boys' Heavy RUBBERS, grey and white sizes 8 to 13 at \$2.00

ALL THESE RUBBERS WILL WEAR YOU TWO WINTERS
Men's all-wool SHANTY SOCKS at only \$1.25

By getting your supply at these prices you will save an extra pair free of charge.

J. FINGOLD

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

There was an Educational Convention in Barrie last week, and the speakers advocated some drastic changes in the educational system as it pertains to the rural sections. The addresses all lead to consolidated schools, which no doubt are all right in the more thinly populated districts. Locally the consolidated school question is not a pressing one. The attendance at the schools in Whitechurch township, for instance, run from 35 to 50 pupils. This is not the case, however, in some other sections.

According to the Minister of Education, there are 1932 schools in the Province of Ontario with an attendance of less than 12. There are 26 of those with one pupil in each 27 with two scholars, 50 have three and 641 have from six to nine pupils. These figures are ample proof that change of some kind is necessary. There must be a grouping of schools in some way; and it would seem that consolidated schools, drawing children from those sections to a centre, is the logical solution. The proper education of the children in rural districts must not be neglected.

If a consolidated school was formed at Stouffville, taking in, say from 6 to 7 miles in each direction no less than 15 schools would be taken in. Advocates of consolidation would argue that four teachers would conduct the classes where now 15 teachers are employed. There would be one school to heat instead of 15 class rooms as at present, also one caretaker, and better equipment could be provided.

The problem is transportation. Where consolidated schools are operated a bus service is maintained—big warm busses. It is doubtful if roads could be kept open for them all the year through, but in any event many other sections will have tried out the scheme before the question becomes a vital one in this locality where the schools all have very good attendance.

Twelve thousand persons were killed last year in the United States by automobiles, and many thousand were severely injured. Were the "joy-rider" a menace only to himself, there would be little to feel very concerned over—he would deserve his fate because of his astounding disregard of the safety of others. The reckless driver, however, is a menace to all who have the temerity to use the same street. Automobile associations have declared repeatedly—and it is to their credit—against furious drivers; it would appear, however, that this has not borne much fruit. Much stricter measures are evidently necessary than the mere passing of "resolutions." There must be far stricter regulations in the matter of issuing licenses to automobile drivers. In the case of an engineer of a steam locomotive, he has many years to serve before he is given charge of the "throttle"—and rightly so—but almost any "incompetent" can secure a license to drive a motor car.

MUNICIPAL FACTS

It is now forty five years since Stouffville was incorporated as a village. The late James Dougherty was the first reeve, and it was twenty years later (1897) when the first water works system was installed, Mr. J. H. Ratcliff being the reeve at that time.

In all these years this municipal, it has been honored but once with the Wardenship. This was in 1887, thirty-five years ago, when Mr. W. B. Sanders was elected warden of York County. Mr. Sanders had been reeve for five years when he secured the honor. It is largely due, no doubt, to the fact that our Reeves are not left in office long enough to secure this coveted honor, that we have not had the wardenship since that time.

Following are the names of the Reeves and the years they served since Stouffville was incorporated:

- 1879-1880—A. Wheeler
- 1877-1878—James Dougherty
- 1883-1889—W. B. Sanders
- 1890-1892—R. J. Daley
- 1893—W. B. Sanders
- 1894-1896—Hiram Johnson
- 1897-1898—James H. Ratcliff
- 1899-1902—W. J. Stark
- 1903—John L. Baker
- 1904—Joseph A. Todd
- 1905—R. Underhill
- 1906—James McCullough
- 1907—Dr. W. A. Sangster
- 1908-1913—R. P. Coulson
- 1914-1918—Dr. W. A. Sangster
- 1919-1921—James H. Ratcliff
- 1922—A. G. Lehman

"DRAMA OF LIFE" BY RINGWOOD BOY

The Rev. Thos. Mitchell scores a triumph with his recently published book.

Congratulations are pouring in upon the Rev. Thos. Mitchell. The

stimulating discussion contained in his recently published book, "The Drama of Life" calling forth enthusiastic endorsement from such scholarly men as Sir Wm. Robertson Nicol, "Ralph Connor," Archdeacon Cody, Prof. Frances Peabody and many others.

Press reviews too, are highly complimentary. One critic "strongly suspects" the Reverend Gentleman of being the writer of another volume and concludes his eulogistic comments thus. "If Mr. Mitchell is as I suspect the same man who wrote 'Anthropology Up-to-date' you may consider this review as ending in prolonged cheers."

Fine, isn't it? for our one time Markham High School student, and old Ringwood boy.

The same critic compares Mr. Mitchell's writing with that of Thoreau & Emerson because of its "longnetic virtues" and "does not wonder his church is crowded."

The seven essays contained in the "Drama of Life" are based on the Shakespeare's "Seven Ages," the seven ages of man and deal with many pressing problems. The author outlines no rigid scheme of life but deals decisively with dozens of the practical issues of the day.

Vital truths are put before the readers with lucidity of expression. Unexpected flashes of humour add lustre to the pages and many pithy anecdotes leave the impress of most essential points.

Mr. Mitchell's chapter on "Youth" is especially fine. Here are some extracts from among the concluding paragraphs. May they prove an inspiration to those among us who read.

"In view of recent world wide social unrest, writes the author, all men and women of authority should be more than willing to aid, in all possible ways this great drive for citizenship and character among the most plastic elements of the nation. 'Youth'

An old legend tells of Fingal and his men who lay asleep in a West Highland cave. Whoever first should blow three blasts upon the horn that hung at its mouth, should suc-

ceed in calling back to life and activity the sleeping warriors.

"A huntsman found the place one day and blew two blasts upon the horn."

The men awoke and started up each resting on his elbow. Fearing to blow the horn again the hunter fled. And so these half aroused heroes of the old Celtic world are said to await the final blast that will bring them to their feet.

In every community, up and down our land, there are bands of young folks in like position. They are awake; expectant, eager, they merely need a summons that is clear and

authoritative.

Happy the home, the school, the church, the state that can interpret the needs and the privileges of our time in such a way as will constitute them an effectual call to the varied potentialities latent in aspiring youth."

"So near is grandeur to our lust, So near is God to man, When truly whispers low 'thou must' The Youth replies 'I can'."

Almost needless to add Mr. Mitchell is a native of Ringwood and is at present pastor in charge of St. Andrews Presbyterian church, New Westminster, B. C.

New Store

NOW OPEN at GOODWOOD

This week we opened with part of our Big Stock of GROCERIES, DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES

and CLOTHING, and we are anxious to

get introduced to the trade in the

section. To do this we offer

GENUINE BARGAINS in every Department.

The Goodwood Economical General Store

Harold Borinsky, Prop.

Christmas Season Is Drawing Near.

Oh, yes, we have had a call from Santa Claus's advance agent and he left us a complete stock of all the nice things required for old Santa himself when he arrives. Just step in and pick out your needs. Be sure you get a good choice.

Real Cut Glass with the sparkle and ring—just the present to please anyone. Also Rose Bowls, Vases, Berry Bowls Butter Dishes, and many other articles.

Fancy China, hand painted, and gold ornamented, in all the unique shapes and dainty colorings. Single pieces and sets to choose from. See them now on display.

A pretty and durable present is a baby A.B.C. plate. We have them in stock now.

JARDINIERS—We never had a prettier lot to choose from. Every one is a work of art, and best of all, they are reasonable in the matter of price.

Four stock patterns in dinner sets to choose from. Each pattern is so attractive that a choice could be made blind-folded, and still you would be pleased.

DOLLS—Yes, for every kiddie, for we have all sizes, colors and makes from the size of a real baby to the vest pocket edition.

LADIES PURSES—In many designs, with metal and with leather clasps, full leather and suede finishes, fully equipped with the necessary articles inside. These values will interest you, so come in and see them.

LADIES CAMEL HAIR SETS—We have them in wide shawl scarfs, and caps, in several colors to choose from.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS—In all the latest and delicate finishes, colorings and materials. Prices to please all.

LADIES' FANCY HOSE—Our stock of these never held more surprises to intending purchasers.

Men's and boys' Brushed Wool and Silk Mufflers. These are beauties, and you bet they are warm.

Say Boys! We've got a sox for every foot from the one to plow in to the very finest.

Our Christmas specials in Braces, Arm Bands, Garters, and combined sets in beautiful boxes never offered such opportunities before. Be sure and see them.

TIES AND GLOVES that make Christmas purchasing easy

SWEATERS, CAPS and FANCY SHIRTS—A COMPLETE STOCK AWAITS YOUR INSPECTION

Our SUIT and OVERCOAT stock is waiting, and sure will please the needy, and the hard-to-please ones.

W. H. SHAW

'Phone 9512

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