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JANUARY SALE PRICES FOR TUESDAY.

TREMENDOUS PURCHASE

MILL ENDS OF Shaker Flannel

3,500 Yards Shaker Flannels in lengths from 4 to 15 Yards, a clearing purchase of Mill Ends, various widths, Light and Dark Colored Stripes, regular values 5c, 7c, 8c and 10c. a Yard, on Sale **TUESDAY MORNING** priced per piece at a saving of

25 Per Cent. Off Regular Prices

LADIES' JACKETS.

All our Ladies' Cloth Jackets reduced for our January Sale. Prices run this way on Cloth Jackets:—

\$18.00 Coats for.....\$12.00
15.00 Coats for.....10.00
12.00 Coats for.....7.75

Astrachan Jacket

Reductions are:—

\$50.00 Coats for.....\$45.00
45.00 Coats for.....40.00
40.00 Coats for.....37.50

DRESS GOODS.

48 in. Serge Cloth Suits in every desirable shade of Navy, Black, Brown, Fawn, etc., regular price 35c. a yard, January sale price Tuesday is.....**27c**

56 in. wide all wool Homespuns in correct shades of Grey, etc., regular price 35c. a yard, January sale price on Tuesday Morning is.....**56c**

GRAND OFFERING IN UNBLEACHED COTTONS.

1475 yards of Unbleached Cottons, Mill Ends, in Lengths from 6 to 10 Yards, worth regular 6c. to 10c. a Yard —on Sale **TUESDAY MORNING** at a saving

25 Per Cent. Under Regular Prices

Thomas Stone & Son.

OVERSHOES

For men and women and for children, nowhere on earth can you find a more comfortable place for your feet during the cold weather than can be found inside our Arctic and Button Overshoes. All sizes.



FOR MEN

6 to 13

FOR WOMEN

2 1/2 to 8

FOR MISSES

11 to 2

FOR CHILDREN

7 to 10

TURRILL The Shoe Man

FLOUR

Be sure our registered brand "**Kent Mills**" is on every sack. It is a guarantee of best quality.

Stevens' Breakfast Food

Is pure and wholesome. :: :: Your grocer sells it.

The Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

MAYOR McKEOUGH DELIVERS IMPORTANT INAUGURAL MESSAGE

Several Matters of Moment Dealt With in his Opening Address
—Will Present Prizes for the Best Kept Gardens and
Boulevards—The New Civic Committees
Formally Drafted.

The City Council for 1903 held its inaugural meeting this morning in the Council Chamber. Mayor McKeough and all the aldermen were present, including Ald. G. G. Martin and his dog. The Council are seated this year as follows, naming them from the right: Ald. McCoig, Marshall, Scullard, Piggott, Mounteer, Robinson, Edmondson, Taylor and Martin. Ald. McCoig and Ald. Martin, the two liveliest debaters in the Council, are the end men.

When the Council had assembled, City Clerk Merritt reported that all the aldermen had taken the declaration of office.

City Clerk Merritt then read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mayor McKeough wrote his first official signature when he signed the minutes.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL.
Mayor McKeough then delivered his inaugural address as follows:



MAYOR W. M. E. McKEOUGH.

Chatham, Ont., 12th January, 1903.
To the Aldermen of the City of Chatham:

Gentlemen,—Through you I wish to convey my heartiest thanks to the Electorate of Chatham for having elected me to sit in the Chief Magistrate's chair, which has been heretofore filled by a long line of honorable men, who have devoted their time and talents to the City's weal and by their wise counsel have advanced her interests and assisted in placing her in the front ranks of the proud cities of the Dominion. Among those who have preceded me in the chair, I cherish the name of my father, the late William McKeough, who was Mayor of Chatham during the year of 1871. Sir Walter Scott, in his great novel "Ivanhoe," makes the skillful archer, Hubert, say: "A man can but do his best; my grandfathers drew a good, long bow at Hastings, and I trust not to dishonor his memory." I appreciate the honor of occupying a distinguished position similar to that held by my sire in his lifetime, and I trust not to dishonor his memory, but shall do my best to fulfill the duties of this office worthily and in a manner acceptable to all concerned.

The duties of a Mayor are like those of a captain of a ship—to guide and direct—the real work of the Council devolves upon the Aldermen, and, in congratulating you, gentlemen, upon the honor conferred upon you by your fellow-citizens in electing you as their Aldermen, I trust we shall all work together harmoniously and put forth our best efforts to guide "this ship of state" safely through this year with credit to ourselves and satisfaction to the electorate.

There are a number of matters to which I desire at this inaugural meeting of the Council of 1903 to draw your attention.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

In the year 1893 the debt of our City was consolidated and debentures were issued for \$210,000 payable in 35 years. Since then the City has purchased the Water Works system and made extensions costing \$175,000, and installed an electric light plant at a cost of \$15,000, thus increasing our indebtedness by \$109,000—this sum is payable in yearly instalments. Besides these, there are the Queen Street debentures and the City's share of local improvement debentures, which fall due each year, and the debentures issued for the loans to the new factories, which are all being paid as they fall due. Our floating debt, however, has been increasing each year until now it has reached the sum of \$25,000 or more. I would like the Financial Committee to devise some means whereby this amount will be paid.

I have every confidence in the ability, faithfulness and probity of our City Officials and I am sure they will be pleased and the ratepayers satisfied to have a thorough audit of the City's financial affairs by professional chartered accountants, and I strongly recommend you to see to it that this be done.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

While I shall certainly discourage any reckless extravagance, I would

like all improvements to our City this year to be of as permanent a character as possible. Last year's heavy rains showed the futility of expending money on our roads, except it be for proper pavements. In my opinion, gravel is not suitable for Chatham's highways. If we ever expect good roads the streets must be paved, and I should be pleased if the Board of Works could discover a pavement less costly but as good as vitrified brick. I should like to see the property owners on several of our leading streets petition early in the year for permanent pavements, and if sufficient numbers cannot be obtained for the improvements let the Council take initiative proceedings for same.

I would not recommend the laying of any more plank walks. The life of a plank walk is five years and it has to be paid for in that time, so that it is more burdensome to pay for than a good granolithic walk, that will last 25 years or longer, and for which the frontage taxpayer has 15 years in which to pay. Some plank walks laid five years ago are in very bad condition already, although the owners of property fronting on same have just completed the fifth year's payment. While a great many of our prudent citizens have petitioned for granolithic walks and many of our sidewalkers have been put down under the City's initiative, so that we possess many miles of excellent walks, still there are many streets yet that have old plank walks that are beyond repair which should either be replaced by good granolithic walks or torn up to avoid accidents to pedestrians which might render the City liable in damages.

I think it would be a wise investment for the City to secure a gravel pit in some convenient place on the shores of Lake Erie, so that we could furnish gravel to contractors at first cost and avoid delays to the work of the city.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

Since the new pavement was put down on King street our stores have been remodelled and our main thoroughfare now boasts of as many handsome fronts as any city of its size; but our homes are not as attractive as those of some other cities and our boulevards not so neat, and to encourage our citizens to improve in this particular I propose offering prizes amounting to one hundred dollars in value for the best kept lawns and premises in the City, and I would ask the Parks and Cemetery Committee to formulate a scheme for the distribution of these prizes.

The question of thinning out the trees on some of our streets, which could be done without expense to the City, should have the earnest deliberations of the Parks and Cemetery Committee.

CLUB FOR YOUNG MEN.

The formation of a club house and gymnasium for our boys is being considered by many; and two of our enterprising citizens are in correspondence with certain philanthropists in reference to the erection of a suitable building for the purpose, and I am desirous of having swimming baths in connection therewith so that our children may all learn the art of swimming, and I would suggest that the Property Committee put themselves in touch with the organizers of this club and correspond with the Dominion Government for the purpose of obtaining a grant of the north east corner of Tecumseh Park for the use of the Club House and swimming baths.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The people decided a few years ago that they did not require a new Market Building. The foundation, walls and roof of the present structure are in good condition. The Police Court building is in a wretched state of repair and would require a large expenditure to put it in first class condition. Now I would advise the sale of the Police Court property and apply the proceeds in fitting up the Market Hall for a new Police Court room with proper offices and cells and at the same time improve the basement and fit up therein suitable conveniences for men and women attending the market.

The Electric Light plant requires enlargement. There is not sufficient power now to light the City satisfactorily, and as all ratepayers contribute towards its maintenance, lights should be furnished to all parts of the City alike, as one part should not be more highly favored than another. The cost of increasing the power could be paid either by issuing debentures covering several years or out of the general fund distributed over two or three years.

If natural gas could be furnished at 25 cents per thousand feet to our ratepayers, they would not complain about the taxes being so high; and if any individuals or company will undertake to explore for gas at once, I would advise giving the exclusive franchise to the City to them. I know you would all favor giving the franchise to a local company, but if they will not do as well for us as strangers, by all means give it to the company who will do the best for us and who will commence operations immediately, as natural gas would confer the greatest blessing upon the poor and rich alike, while coal and

wood are so costly and difficult to obtain.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

We are all anxious to secure additional factories in our midst and we shall be glad if the Industrial Committee can attract some new ones to our City, although I am inclined to think that the ratepayers will not countenance large bonuses. Other cities, however, give exemptions and offer large inducements to manufacturing establishments and we must not be behind them but keep well abreast of the times. If we can induce the Wabash Railway Company to locate their car repair shops here it would be a great boon to our City, as would an oil refinery if the Raleigh oil well factory would not only benefit Chatham enormously but would also confer benefits on the farmers of the surrounding Townships of Kent. Among other matters with which the Industrial Committee will have to concern themselves will be to see to the inauguration of the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway repair shops.

A RADIAL RAILROAD.

All are of one mind that an Electric Railway through the County from Wallaceburg to Mitchell's Bay and thence to Chatham and through Raleigh to the Eau would greatly enhance the value of property in our City and be of incalculable advantage to its people, besides being a good investment for the proprietors of such a Railway. When the Erie & Huron Railway was first organized many pessimists prophesied that it would never pay running expenses, but it turned out to be one of the best paying Railways in Canada, and if we cannot induce foreign capitalists to build an Electric Railway through our County I trust we shall be able to form a local company to undertake this much needed enterprise which, I have no doubt, will prove as profitable an investment as the Erie & Huron Railway was to its shareholders.

During the year the franchise of the Bell Telephone Company will expire, and I would like the Finance Committee to place themselves in communication with other cities and ascertain what concessions have been obtained by them so that we shall be able to treat the company intelligently when they ask for a renewal of their franchise. I understand some cities receive about ten per cent. of the gross receipts annually as an equivalent for the same.

"It is a good thing for brethren to dwell together in unity," and I would ask you gentlemen to endeavor to act as a unit and to confer with each other frequently, and to aid each other as much as lies in your power, and unitedly strive to conduct the City's affairs openly, honorably and to the credit of all, and thus while associated together as directors of the corporation we may be enabled at the close of the year to look back upon 1903 as the most pleasant, the most prosperous and the most progressive year in the municipal history of the Maple City.

W. E. McKEOUGH,
Mayor.

THE COMMITTEES.

Ald. Marshall then nominated the following committees and the Council expressed their approval of them.

The full draft was as follows:

Finance—Ald. Marshall, McCoig and Scullard.

Board of Works—Ald. Mounteer, Piggott and Robinson.

Property—Ald. Taylor, Edmondson and Martin.

Parks and Cemetery—Ald. McCoig, Marshall and Scullard.

Industrial—Ald. Piggott, Scullard, Robinson, Edmondson and Martin.

The Mayor is a member ex-officio of all the committees.

The first named on each committee is the chairman.

THE FIRE HYDRANTS.

Ald. Mounteer asked if the fire hydrants had been examined to see if they were frozen or not. He didn't want to see the same thing happen here that had happened in London.

Mayor McKeough said that he had noticed M. O'Mara examining the hydrants on Saturday.

Ald. Taylor asked if the Property Committee had the right to examine the hydrants. Was it not rather the duty of the Water Commissioners?

Ald. Mounteer said he didn't know who was responsible, but the hydrants should be examined at once.

Ald. Piggott said that three weeks ago they had occasion to need water

from the hydrant near their factory, and on opening the hydrant found that it was frozen. Other hydrants in the city might be in a similar condition.

Ald. Taylor promised to have the matter attended to.

GOOD SHOWING OF OUR SOLDIERS

Members of the 24th Attend
Church Through the Blinding
Snow Storm.

Discourse by Rev. Robt. McCosh
—Good Music—The Colonel's
Complimentary Comments

The soldiers of the 24th Regiment paraded to Christ Church yesterday morning, headed by their splendid Drum and Bugle Band. It was the finest turnout of any church parade yet held this season. The ranks in each company were almost filled and the boys made a splendid appearance. The weather was not as agreeable as could be desired, but this did not hinder the men from parading. It only tended to bring out in a small degree their true soldierly spirit. Each company was comfortably dressed in great coats and caps. One unfortunate circumstance in connection with the parade was the absence of the Brass Band. The orders read for them to turn out without instruments, but these orders were evidently misunderstood, as only a few of the members of the band were present. The soldiers paraded at the drill hall at half-past ten, and, after being put through a number of drills, the march was made to the church via King and Wellington streets. Returning they marched down Sixth and King streets.

Rev. Mr. McCosh, who occupied the pulpit, preached an excellent sermon on lessons from the life and ministry of John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ. The choir, under their able director, J. W. Wilson, gave special music. Miss McKellar, the newly appointed solo soprano, gave a most pleasing solo, and during the offertory a mixed quartette gave a selection.

After the return to the drill hall the Colonel addressed the men, praising them for the good turnout and complimenting them upon their splendid soldierly appearance and good behavior. He, however, announced his intention of dealing severely with the absentees, who will be paraded before him in the Sergeants' Mess rooms to-night.

The next church parade will be held on all probability three weeks from yesterday, when every man will be required to turn out.

Rubbers

AND

Overshoes

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS..
CHEAPEST IN
CHATHAM...

PEACE & CO'Y

=LAMPS=

We have still a number of the Choicest **BANQUET, HALL and HANGING LAMPS**, which we must clear out this week.

Remember, Our Discount Sale is On.

Now is the time to purchase odd pieces of **LIMOGES, HAVILAND or JAPANESE FANCY CHINA**.
Bargains for Spot cash at

THE ARK

H. Macaulay "THE ARK" will close at 6.30 evenings excepting Saturdays and evenings before holidays.