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ANNOUNCEMENT

...EXTRAORDINARY...

Our One Hundred and Third Grand Semi-Annual Opening —ON— Wed., March 25, And Following Days.

WE point with pride to our long business career in the city of Chatham, over half a century of continual trading with the people of one community is, we think, something to be proud of. We are gratified at the progress we have made—every Semi-Annual Opening has been better than the previous one. No slipping of cogs or jarring of machinery—just one continuous round of successes. We know the people are with us—they appreciate our efforts to place before them the most reliable and strictly up-to-date goods to be found on the two continents.

OUR OPENING COMMENCES WEDNESDAY..

It will eclipse all previous efforts. **Dress Goods and Silks, Suits and Skirts, Silk Waists and Gloves.**

Millinery. Millinery. Millinery IN A MOST TEMPTING ARRAY.

About Ready-to-Wear Suits and Skirts

We save you a heap of trouble here, and at the same time give you more style than can be obtained from the average dressmaker and at much less cost.

5 different styles to choose from, every one of them strictly up-to-date in all the leading shades, perfect fitting, and exceedingly stylish.

Skirts at \$5.00.

This price represents some of the finest ready-to-wear suits we have ever shown. Skirts that are a pleasure to look upon, every new and approved style among them, so nice that if the price suits you when you see them you cannot resist making a purchase.

Skirts at \$10.00.

Tailor-Made Suits

We will not attempt a detailed description. We would like to have you come and see them, if nothing else than to get posted on what is strictly correct—

\$13.00 to \$30.00.

25c. to \$1.50

Thos. Stone & Son.

KID GLOVES.

Here's a showing that cannot be equalled in Western Ontario, all the pretty styles and shades, the new stitching and clasps, in the best French makes—

\$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

SILK WAISTS READY-TO-WEAR.

Suitable for evening or afternoon wear, tucked and hem-stitched, and trimmed, all shades, perfect fitting. You will be delighted when you see these. At

\$5 and \$6.

LADIES' COLLARS and BELTS

Everything new and nobby is shown in this department, dainty and economically priced. You must see them to appreciate their beauty—

25c. to \$1.50

Thos. Stone & Son.

WAS CAPITAL

Splendid Entertainment Presented under auspices of Bugle Band Last Night.

The Bugle Band Benefit Concert, put on last night at the Grand by the Wilson-Frye Co. was very successful in every respect. The boys of the Bugle Band worked hard and the representative and select audience which attended showed the results of their labors.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rankin, K. C., of the 24th Regiment, opened the entertainment with a short address, expressing his pleasure at being present and welcoming those present on behalf of the Bugle Band.

The orchestra rendered some excellent music and received well merited applause. The Wilson-Frye company is composed of two people, Miss Marion Wilson and Mr. Frye. They have their own stage settings and their entertainment is original, unique and decidedly enjoyable. Miss Wilson is an actress of no mean capabilities and wins the audience from her first appearance, being quite pretty and of good stage appearance.

Mr. Frye is very good in his short sketches. Mr. Frye's first selection was the horse-racing story, in David Harum, and Miss Wilson's "The Wood Nymph" in stories from the Heart of the Wood. Both took very well, Miss Wilson's being particularly good.

The prologue to the original Prologue Farce, "The Rose," was very pleasing and unique in form and verse.

The playlet itself was full of laughable situations, and the audience was kept in an uproar from the beginning to the end. The play was written by Miss Wilson herself, who has had it copyrighted.

The concert was a very delightful one and a good part of the success is due to the Bugle Band, Wm. Plumridge, who put the concert on at big expense. Mr. Plumridge is to be congratulated on presenting such a refined and entertaining evening's amusement.

This company plays a return date here Friday night, and will, no doubt, be greeted with a bumper house.

SAN DOMINGO CAPTURED.

THE REVOLUTIONISTS ARE IN FULL POSSESSION.

Gen. Pena, Commander of the Government Forces, Killed—All the Political Prisoners Released.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, March 24.—The revolutionists are in full possession of the City of San Domingo. They have taken charge of the cable office and of the Government land lines. Foreign Minister Sanchez has sought refuge in the United States Consulate. The fighting continues. Assistant Governor Echenique and the commander of the Government forces, General Pena, have been killed. It is expected that the Government troops outside the city will attack the revolutionists. General Wey Gil has assumed command of the revolutionary forces. The number of men killed or wounded is not known, but it is expected many have been killed on both sides. General Pepin, at the head of a force of revolutionists, attacked the fort at 1 o'clock yesterday, and released the political prisoners. The stores are all closed and business is at a standstill.

NEW NORTH YORK PETITION.

More Unspecified Charges Against Hon. E. J. Davis.

Toronto, March 24.—A petition against the return of Hon. E. J. Davis, member for North York, was entered at Osgoode Hall yesterday. The petitioners are Messrs. Christopher Kennedy of Whitchurch, William H. Proctor of King and Uriah Marsh of Whitchurch. Every offence known to the election courts is alleged in the petition, and included in the preamble is the charge that persons have been employed by the respondent as agents who had been guilty of corrupt acts within the past eight years. The disqualification of the respondent is asked for by the petitioners.

CONSOLS STILL FALLING.

Lowest Point in Thirty-seven Years Reached.

London, March 24.—Consols yesterday fell to go 3/4, the lowest quotation for thirty-seven years. A number of causes have contributed to this renewed slump in Britain's premier security, but the principal factor in the case was the continued selling by holders who are disappointed at the prospect of the reduction of the interest to two and a half per cent. Lord Goschen was hailed as a heaven-born financier, when, fifteen years ago, he succeeded in arranging that on the 5th of April, 1903, consols should become a two and a half per cent stock, but there are few admirers of his financial genius to-day. The feeling in the city is distinctly pessimistic, and Mr. Ritchie is being urged to postpone, even at the eleventh hour, the reduction of the interest for another decade.

WILL SECURE MAYORS' PHOTOS FOR CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

Aldermen Unanimously Adopt The Planet's Suggestion—Will Issue Request to all Chief Magistrates of the Maple City—Lake Erie Spur to be Removed—Busy Session of the City Fathers.

At last night's meeting of the City Council it was decided to ask each of the ex-Mayors of the city to donate an enlarged photo of himself, to the city. These photos will be hung up in the City Council Chamber.

This is in accordance with the suggestion advocated by The Planet during the past few weeks. The motion was brought up by Ald. Archie McCoig, who spoke a few words of commendation of the scheme.

"The walls of our meeting Chamber are very bare at present," said he, "and these portraits will be ornamental as well as serving a slight recognition of the valuable services given by Chatham's ex-Mayors."

Ald. Scullard seconded the motion and also spoke very highly of the idea as suggested by The Planet. The motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Scullard—Does that motion include our present worthy Mayor?

Ald. McCoig—Well, the motion specifies ex-Mayors, but after Mayor McKough has served the city for two years, we will ask him for his portrait also.

Every alderman was in his place last evening and the business was put through carefully and with despatch.

A petition for a granolithic walk on the east side of Prince street from Park to Wellington streets was referred to the Clerk.

A request from A. Harbert for an increase in salary was referred to the Property committee.

W. Goodson, Queen street, asked permission to lay his own sidewalk. Referred to Board of Works.

A petition for a sewer on Brock street was referred to the Clerk.

A communication from Lewis & Richards, acting for Dr. Cornell, complaining of the granolithic walk on the east side of Sixth street, was referred to the Board of Works. It is claimed that the sidewalk was not put down properly.

A communication from the Gas Co. complaining of the poor outlet of the King street sewer, was referred to the Board of Works.

T. M. French was granted \$100 on his salary as assessor.

A letter was read from the solicitor of the C. P. R. asking permission to extend sidings between Wellington and Queen streets. Referred to the Board of Works with power.

A letter from the Asphalt Paving Company, of Windsor, was received, quoting rates. Their pavement costs less than \$2.50 a square yard.

The Ontario Beet Sugar Association will send a delegation to Ottawa on March 25th to ask concessions to assist the manufacturers of this sugar in Ontario. Chatham was asked to send a delegate. It is proposed to present to raise the tariff on sugar.

Ex-Mayor T. A. Smith, who has always taken an active interest in this industry, was appointed the delegate from the City Council. His name was suggested by Mayor McKough.

A couple of petitions to cut down trees were referred to the Chief of Police.

The Kent County Poultry and Pet Stock Association asked permission to use the old Town Hall as a meeting place. Granted.

Westlake Bros. asked the Council to purchase the pictures of the aldermen at \$17.50. Referred to Finance.

Park Bros. asked payment for the Kazoo whistle which the Council lately purchased from them. Referred to the Property committee with power.

Ald. Taylor said that the whistle would not blow, but as soon as it is made to blow the money will be paid.

FINANCE.

The following is the Finance committee's report, which was adopted:

1. That the Banner account for \$12.50 be paid.
2. That the request of the Sanitary Inspector for a uniform be granted.
3. Re letter of Solicitor Doherty, of St. Thomas, re the municipal ownership of electric light plants, the city is not interested in this matter at present, but are willing to assist all they can in the matter.
4. Re the adjustment of Mr. McKerrall's taxes, we recommend a refund if he has paid an assessment of \$5,500, and that his assessment in future be \$4,500.
5. Re the petition of Geo. Connibear re taxes we recommend no action.
6. Re the communication from the Water Commissioners re change in their mode of election, we recommend that a petition be sent to the Government asking for the proposed amendment in the law.
7. In reference to the last clause Ald. Marshall said that he understood that the School Board were going to favor their election by popular vote and both of these amendments might be included in the same bill.

BOARD OF WORKS.

The Board of Works report was also adopted. It was—

1. That the account of E. B. Jones for 75 cents be paid.
2. That the tender of the Blonde Co. for lumber be accepted.
3. That the tender of J. & J. Oldershaw for sewer pipe be accepted.
4. That the tender of Geo. Stephens & Co. for hardware be accepted.
5. That the tender of McKough & Trotter for castings be accepted.
6. That the tender of J. H. Oldershaw for sand and cement be accepted.
7. That the sprinkling tenders be returned and more asked for.
8. That a shed at the rear of the market be fitted up as a store room for supplies.
9. Re the Colborne street spur, we have inspected the spur and recommend that the present track be allowed to remain on the street under the condition that no cars be left there at any time, and that Mr. Couzens be granted permission to put a spur on his own property.
10. Ald. Martin spoke at great length against this motion, and different members of the Council also spoke against it. An amendment was made ordering the Lake Erie to take up the track on Colborne street immediately. This amendment carried.
11. Ald. Mounteer said that his only intention in bringing in the report was that Mr. Couzens thought he was being unfairly dealt with if the track were taken up. The Council was of the opinion, however, that the track should be taken up.

MR. R. L. BORDEN NOMINATED

By the Conservative Association of South Ontario.

Whitby, March 24.—The annual meeting of the South Ontario Conservative Association was held yesterday. The Conservative nomination for the riding was unanimously offered to Mr. R. L. Borden, the leader of the Opposition, who was present.

Mr. Borden subsequently addressed a public meeting in the Town Hall, considering the weather and the roads the attendance was large, many being present from distant parts of the riding. The chair was occupied by Mr. Real, President of the association.

Mr. Borden thanked the association for the honor of a unanimous nomination, and promised to take it into his serious consideration. He regretted the defeat of Mr. Foster in North Ontario, but the defeat, he hoped, was only temporary. The experience and ability of Mr. Foster were so great that he should not be allowed to remain out of the House of Commons. It had been said that certain members of the House, and his own name was mentioned, were not anxious for Mr. Foster's return, but he could assure them that every Conservative member desired to see that gentleman return, and would give him a hearty welcome.

FIRE ON THE MOB.

SERIOUS RIOTING AT PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD.

Attempts Made to Burn the Government Buildings—Bluejackets Landed to Aid Police.

Kingstown, St. Vincent, March 24.—A serious riot was in progress at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in Port of Spain, Trinidad, according to a despatch just received from that city. A mob attempted to burn the Government buildings there, and the police had to fire on the rioters, killing or wounding several among them. The British cruiser Pallas, at the time the despatch was sent, was landing bluejackets.

The rioting was due to the refusal on the part of the Government to withdraw an ordinance concerning the new waterworks. A demonstration was made during the meeting of the Executive Council, and finally the mob stoned the Government building, and set fire to it. The riot act was read and the police fired on the mob. The city is in a state of great excitement.

IN THE COMMONS.

Vote on the Ottawa Mint—A Assistant Commissioner of Customs.

Ottawa, March 24.—The greater part of the day was spent by the House of Commons in Committee of Supply.

Hon. Wm. Paterson announced that owing to the increase of business in the Department of Customs, arising out of the growth of trade, which in six months now amounts to as much as it was a few years ago for the whole year, the position of Assistant Commissioner of Customs is to be re-established. He volunteered further information that he intended recommending Mr. John Bain as the new Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. W. R. Brock, against the wishes of Hon. John Haggart, who was leading the Opposition, moved to strike out the item of \$50,000 on account of the cost of erecting a branch of the Royal Mint at Ottawa. The amendment was lost by 47 to 6, as many members of the Opposition voting with the Government as voted in support of Mr. Brock's amendment.

Hon. James H. Ross, member for the Yukon, was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Walter Scott.

In answer to Mr. McGowan, Mr. Fielding stated that it is not the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation at the present session regarding private bankers, so that the transactions of such bankers might be made more public than at present. He said that persons who called themselves private bankers stand in the same relation to the general public as any other private business persons.

FOR THE DOCK.

N. E. Gibb, \$1,125.00.
Geo. Morgan and A. McKay, \$1,340.
J. Flook, \$1,165.
These were referred to the Board of Works.

There were two tenders for the fire hall repairs for a new floor and new doors: one was from Blight & Fielder for \$377, and the other from F. Spencer for \$530. The tender of Blight & Fielder was accepted.

The following are the accounts:
C. P. R., \$142.
W. J. Kenny, \$3.
Pay sheets, week ending March 12, \$111.20.

Week ending March 19, \$129.06.
Lamon & Aviehouse, \$28.50.
Gutta Percha Rubber Co., \$452.
Geo. Stephens & Co., \$3.45.
C. P. R., \$9.31.
C. P. R., \$2.18.
C. P. R., \$2.51.
J. McKay, \$1.50.

Nagle and Hughes, \$7.25.
R. G. Fleming, \$4.58.
Bell Telephone Co., 80 cents.
Central Drug Store, \$16.75.
W. Gordon, 76 cents.
City Solicitor, \$138.
Gutta Percha Rubber Co., \$221.10.
Council adjourned.

W. D. Wyndham, of Hamilton, representing the Empire Tobacco Co., is a Chatham visitor to-day. He was authority for the statement that seven billion cigars, five billion cigarettes and two hundred and forty-eight million pounds of tobacco were consumed in America in 1902.

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