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OUR Gigantic 2 Weeks Sale HAS BECOME THE TALK OF THE CITY

With each successive day's business, the interest increases. Those discriminating buyers who have visited the store and taken advantage of our Bargain Offerings have been our Best Advertisement. Surprised at the values they have been able to get, they have gone home and shown their purchases to neighbors, with the result that they in turn visit the store and get their share of the good things that are going. We intend that this interest shall continue up until the last day. New lines will be added to the Bargain list, so that it will be in your interests to visit us frequently. Come in every time you are down town—visit the various departments—examine the bargains. If you do—you'll buy.

Wool Delaines at 25c.
8 pieces Wool Delaines, new goods, in dainty floral designs, white and cream ground, 28 in. wide, regular value 35c., Special Sale Price 25c.

Ladies' Wrappers, 89c.
10 only Ladies' Wrappers, made of Percales and Wrapperettes, regular values were up to \$1.50 each, our Special Sale Price 89c.

Black Sateen Underskirts \$1.19
10 only Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts, double flounce, good quality of cloth, an excellent value you would say at \$1.50. Special Sale Price \$1.19.

White Pillow Shams 39c each.
There is not a large lot of these, and they were laid out of our regular stock because they were slightly soiled. The regular prices were 50c to \$1.25. The Sale Prices are 39c, 48c, 65c, 74c each.

27 in. Japan Silk 39c.
In ivory shades—just the proper thing for summer waists, a good quality, and very special value. Only a limited quantity of it—while it lasts our price will be 39c.

White Lawn Waists at \$1.19
Only 18 of them, the fronts made almost entirely of Cotton Tulle lace. Short sleeves, finished with hand of insertion. A special line bought for the sale. They went last long at \$1.19 each.

Torchon Lace, 7c per doz. Yds.
1 dozen yards on each card. Good designs of Cotton Torchon Lace. You would think them cheap at 15c a dozen yards, so you cannot expect them to last long at the Sale Price—7c doz.

Wool Fascinators at 25c.
Not the large kinds, but very cheap at the price. They are nearly all white and cream grounds, with in some cases a touch of blue or pink. They were worth up to \$1.25. The Sale Price is 25c.

Ladies' Black Gloves at 10c.
Not a big lot of them, but a good variety of sizes. They come in Silk and Lisle, and the regular prices were 25c and 35c. Our reduced Sale Price is 10c pair.

Men's Black Lisle Half Hose at 12 1-2c.
A wonderful line of fast black Men's Socks, double heels, a special value at 20c pair, Sale Price 12 1-2c.

Wrapperettes at 7 1-2c.
The regular 10c and 12 1-2c cent kinds in good colorings and designs. You know the quality of the cloth, and you know they are cheap at the sale price, 7 1-2c.

Berlin Wool 5c. oz.
68 lbs. Berlin and Zephyr Wools in good shades, but the stock was too heavy so we will sell them at 5c. oz.

Remnants of Table Linens
An opportunity of replenishing your stock of Table Cloths at reduced prices. Many of these ends are in good serviceable lengths, perhaps the very cloth you want is here at sale price, you might look and see anyway.

Navy Denims at 17 cents.

The regular price was 25c. It is 36 in. wide, and good quality and color. This line has been much in demand for various purposes and is certainly a bargain at the price.

Flowers at 5c.

In the rummage department we culled these from our Millinery stock, and you will be surprised to see some of the good things this lot contains.

Wool Carpets at 68c.

The regular price of this line was 85c. and though many cuts have come off in the past few days, there is still a good assortment of patterns to select from.

Tapestry Carpets at 58c.

Worth 75c. per yd. and splendid value at the price too. There were too many of them though, and although all the designs were good, some of them had to be sacrificed and they are moving out rapidly at the sale price.

Rope Portieres at 3.75 and 5.00.

Two qualities in these, and the regular prices were \$6.00 and \$8.50. They are much in demand in the regular way, but at the Sale Prices they are snapped up in a hurry.

French Tapestry Table Covers at 6.98.

Beautiful goods, exquisite colorings and designs, but at \$11.00 and \$12.00 each, the regular prices, they were too expensive for ordinary pocket books. We have made the price on these very attractive at \$6.98.

Crimson Velour at 1.05

Only 1 piece at this price. The color is deep and rich, the pile is soft and silky. A splendid thing for Portieres or Cosy Corners. Just at house cleaning time this is one of the bargains that is much appreciated.

Satin Damask at 1.13

Regular \$1.50 line, suitable for hanging or Furniture Covering. A line it will pay you to see.

Ladies' Vests at 10c & 12 1-2c.

We bought 50 doz. of these for our sale. They are seconds. Some slightly imperfect, but in others you can find nothing wrong. Many of them are worth 15c to 25c. They are great values at the sale prices. 10c and 12 1-2c. Ask to see them.

Ribbons at 11c.

In good shades of taffeta and Duchesse Satin. In the regular ways these ribbons would sell at 15c and 18c. per yard. At our sale price they are moving at a lively rate.

Whitewear Bargains

Special lines of New Whitewear at sale prices. No old goods, but fresh styles in full sizes and good qualities. Ask for them in the Whitewear Department.

THE RAILWAY COMPANY

MAKE A NEW OFFER

Withdraw all Previous Propositions And Lay a Definite Plan Before The City Council For Strengthening Old Bridge or Building a New One

COUNCIL PASS A RESOLUTION TO REPAIR BRIDGE

At their meeting last night the following proposition was submitted to the City Council by the C. W. & L. E. Railway Company:
Chatham, Ont., April 17, '06.
To the Mayor, Chairman of the Railway Committee, and Gentlemen of the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am instructed to withdraw all previous communications relative to the Aberdeen bridge question, and beg to submit the following proposals, viz:

1. Strengthening the present structure. Plans and specifications for strengthening the present structure are in your hands. The plans call for a single track in the centre of the bridge, but if it is decided that the track should be placed on the side of the bridge, we are willing to submit to the wishes of the Council in this respect at extra cost, as explained in a telegram which was handed to the chairman of the Railway Committee by Mr. John S. Fielding, the engineer who drew the plans, the only difference being a slight strengthening of the cords upon the side where the track would run, and would not affect the other side.

2. A new bridge. The company offer to join the city in constructing a new bridge according to plans submitted by the Hamilton Bridge Company, which are attached to this letter. If it is desirable that the width of the roadway be increased we would suggest that the walks remain the same width as they are at present, namely, 4 1-2 feet clear. This would leave a 24 1-2 foot road, which, in our opinion, is ample, and as such a bridge can be constructed for a very much less cost than a wider bridge, we think it is desirable that this plan be adopted as the company will not join in a bridge of any greater width than shown on the Hamilton Bridge Company's attached. The cost of such a bridge to be equally divided between the company and the city. It is understood that the bridge shall include the approaches leading to the fixed spans as well as the iron structure itself, and as such the work to be included in the total cost.

3. A tentative proposition, the company would be willing to set aside a sum of money to be agreed upon, toward the construction of a new bridge, of not less capacity than 80 tons, to be built by the city, and prepared at this moment to say what sum the company would set aside for this purpose, but I am certain that the company will be liberal, having in view the fact that I am an alternative proposition, and will fill the requirements of the company for years.

All communications on this subject which have been presented to your honorable body, which it is understood, prior to this date, are null and void. Yours respectfully,
W. N. WARBURTON,
General Manager.

After reading the above communication from the railway company, Ald. Benson moved the following resolution:
Moved by Ald. Benson, seconded by Ald. Edmondson, that in reply to the C. W. & L. E. Railway Company's proposal of the 17th of April, 1906, for the strengthening of the present river bridge or the building of a new one, the Clerk be instructed to reply that, if the bridge be sufficiently strengthened with the track located as it now is, so that no standing the company's traffic, the bridge will bear the strain, and work well, to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the Council, and if the bridge be made (as agreed) even with the top of the rails, the same will be acceptable to the Council; but in any event the pavement on Union and Third streets approaching the bridge must be widened under and subject to the direction and control and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and the chairman of the Industrial committee, as provided in the by-law and company's agreement, and the company must bear the cost of repairing and any damage done to the bridge and abutments caused by their heavy traffic, under the agreement for the temporary crossing of the bridge.

Speaking to his motion, Ald. Benson said that the Railway committee had given over much time and thought to the matter, more, in fact, than the people had any idea of. Up till the present the city had no definite proposition from the Railway Company. In consequence of this their hands were tied and they could not act. The Council had now a proposition before them, which gave the options of either strengthening the old bridge or building a new one.

Ald. Austin also made remarks along the same lines, stating that this was the first proposition from the railway people which the city had no definite proposition to consider seriously. The press had been criticising the Council for delay in the matter, but he claimed the company was alone responsible for the delay, as they had never placed a definite proposition before the Council. This was the sole reason for the delay.

He thought that the resolution submitted by Ald. Benson was one that would meet with the approval of the ratepayers.

Ald. Scullard said that he would support the resolution to strengthening the old bridge for the present, but it was his opinion that the wisest plan would be to endeavor to arrive at some agreement with the company to build a new bridge, as he did not believe that the old bridge, however strengthened, would meet requirements for a great length of time.

At this juncture, N. H. Stevens and General Manager Warburton were heard with regard to the matter. Mr. Warburton stated that the company were at a great expense in getting up the plans which had been submitted. The company were also anxious that immediate action be taken by the Council, as they could not finance the road unless they had some idea as to what the Council's intentions were.

Ald. Benson—What is the company's objection to a 28 foot road? Mr. Warburton—The immense cost, which would amount to about \$50,000. A bridge with a 24 foot roadway could be constructed for \$31,000, according to the Hamilton Bridge Co.'s plans. Of this the city would be called upon to pay \$17,000, and not in excess of \$20,000. For this bridge the sidewalk space would be narrowed and the roadways widened.

Mr. N. H. Stevens advocated a joint meeting of the Council and the railway people. The only way the matter could be settled was to get together and discuss the proposition pro and con. As a citizen he felt obliged to say the building of a new bridge was the only plan in which there was much wisdom or foresight. A rebuilt bridge would be an eye-sore, and a source of dissatisfaction in a short time. As far as delays with regard to the matter were concerned, he was of the opinion that perhaps the Council and the Railway Company were not to blame, but certainly the Railway Company could not feel called upon to build a new bridge solely at their own expense, and the Council should endeavor to come to some amicable settlement with them. If technicalities were always considered this would never be reached. The building of a new bridge, he felt sure, would be much more in accord with the feelings of the ratepayers.

Mr. Manson Campbell also thought it would be an unwise move to attempt to strengthen the present structure. However, if such were inevitable, the strengthening of the old bridge at a cost of five or six thousand dollars would be the next best plan. It would be preferable to that.

Ald. Stone said that he was decidedly in favor of submitting a by-law to the people for which the building of a new bridge for which the city would pay half. If this did not carry, why, it would be time enough then to pass resolutions with regard to strengthening the old structure.

Ald. Benson said that he would be willing to submit a by-law to the people, but he thought that a definite amount should first be specified. Continued on Page Five.

OPENED YESTERDAY

The new Balmoral Antiseptic Hair Dressing and Shaving Parlors were opened yesterday to the public. In the evening over a hundred people attended a free entertainment provided by the genial proprietors, Messrs. C. J. and W. R. Cumming, cigars being handed round in plenty. James Robinson's excellent orchestra was in attendance and furnished excellent music, and graphophone selections were given. The attaching of a cosy smoke room where the day's papers can be read or checker games indulged in by patrons, is a decided innovation and should not fail to attract custom to Messrs. Cumming's up-to-date establishment.

IN A BAD WAY

Attention has been called to another awkward defect in the construction of the Police Court. When an attempt was made to scrub out the cells in which the cases are placed, it was found to be a very difficult matter to remove the water from the cement flooring, by reason of the fact that there has not been sufficient provision made in the way of outlets.

The water stood almost half an inch on the floor and it was impossible to dry it off thoroughly. Only one outlet has been provided, and this is in the centre of the floor, which appears to be at a higher level than other portions of the floor. As a result the room is left in a damp and unhealthy condition every time it is cleaned out.

STRANGE LETTER

FROM SPAIN

Local Man Receives Message From Cute Foreigner

A SMART BUNCO GAME

Another instance of what would seem to be a repetition of the famous Spanish swindles put up on citizens of the United States and this country a few years ago, has been attempted on a well known Chathamite.

Mr. John Poile, of this city, has received one of these swindling letters addressed to his father, the late Charles Poile, from a man who claims he has been cast in prison in Barcelona, Spain, in which the man asks that Mr. Poile consent to advance money to pay for a passage for the Spanish prisoner's daughter to this country, the man claiming relationship with Mr. Poile through his wife, whom he says was a Poile, and often spoke to him of her relatives in this country.

The letter, which is too long to permit of printing it, is written in a fine Spencerian hand, and is couched in the most eloquent English. The writer claims that he was secretary to General Canovas in the late Cuban war, but that he afterwards deserted and joined the rebels. He was captured by the Spaniards and thrown into prison in Barcelona. His sentence was for sixteen years, and his daughter was left without a protector. In the letter, the man states that he is dying, and that if Mr. Poile will accede to his wishes and adopt his daughter and pay her fare over to this country, that he will make over to Mr. Poile one-quarter of his fortune, amounting to £27,000. This fortune, he claims, is tied up in a bank in England, where he placed it before his capture. He says that he has the papers identifying him as the owner of the fortune, hidden away in a secret drawer of his portmanteau, and that the key to the secret drawer is also hidden, where a friendly chaplain in the jail can find it at the will of the owner. The name signed to this mysterious epistle is Louis Ramos, and Mr. Poile is asked to keep the affair secret, absolute secret. At the bottom of the letter the following post script is added:

"As you can easily understand, I cannot receive your reply directly, but to avoid danger, I beg of you if you accept my prayer, to send me a cablegram addressed as follows: Richard—Valencia—412—Barcelona (Spain)."

Contract accepted. POILE.

Mr. Poile does not know the man, and never in his life heard of him, or his mysterious fortune before. Needless to say, Mr. Poile does not intend to pay any attention to what appears to be a rather slick attempt at swindling. Were he to answer the cablegram as directed, he might find himself in a position where he might be forced to carry out the terms of the contract.

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Wall Paper
AT
Sulman's
Beehive..

Wise Ones
Buy Room
Mouldings
AT
Sulman's
Beehive..

Wise Ones
Buy Win-
dow Shades
AT
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\$1.00 per gallon can, imperial measure.

Valencia Oranges

For marmalade. 25c. per doz. or 5 dozen for \$1.00.

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Good sound white stock. \$1.00 per bag.

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We are positively underselling every store in Kent County, good or bad, by our new arrangement as manufacturer's direct agent. Our prices on our new line of Graniteware will tempt you. It is Stransky quality at prices lower than you are paying now for common goods.

For Saturday 300 Granite Cups at 5c.

GEO. STEPHENS & CO.,
Mason & Risch Pianos, White Sewing Machines

NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE

SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

The Turner Novelty, Manufacturing & Galvanizing Company, Limited, held their shareholders meeting Tuesday evening in their solicitors' office for the purpose of electing officers and permanent directors for the ensuing year. Dr. Hall, one of the largest stockholders in the company, was in the chair. The following were elected:

President and General Manager—S. R. Turner, who formerly owned the business.
Vice-President—Mayor Marshall.
Secretary and Treasurer—R. Asher, of the Blonde Co.

Directors—Dr. Hall, Mayor Marshall, R. Asher, S. R. Turner, W. Asher, Charles Rayner, and Samuel Turner.

It is the intention of this progressive concern to appoint agents in every town and city in Canada, the United States and Great Britain. The company is in a flourishing condition and are on a paying basis now. They will be in operation in a couple of days.

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