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Ten Thousand Dollar Stock Of Carpets

... AT YOUR DISPOSAL ...
FOR TWO WEEKS,
COMMENCING SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

On Saturday, April 20th, we inaugurate the greatest Sale of Carpets ever held in Kent County. Our immense spring purchases, coming in on top of an already too large a stock, forces us to undertake rapid reduction.

You, no doubt, are aware that during the past year and a half carpets have advanced very largely in price. Yet, in spite of this, we are in a position to offer you the greatest price inducements that we have ever made.

Our reputation for handling only reliable carpets has been established for many years, and we have guarded it jealously. Our present immense stock has been purchased only from the most reliable manufacturers in Great Britain and Canada.

While most of the lines advertised are here in large quantities, yet some of them are limited, so that to get the full benefit of our offering it would be well to come in early during the sale.

NOTE:—As a special inducement to out-of-town customers we will pay your railway fare and prepay all shipping charges on a purchase of \$25.00 and upwards.

SALE COMMENCES SATURDAY, APRIL 20th,

CONTINUES FOR TWO WEEKS,

COME WHEN YOU CAN

**NO RESERVE. EVERY CARPET IN THE STORE WILL
BE SOLD AT REDUCED PRICES.**

BRUSSELS CARPETS.

\$1.40 Quality for \$1.18.—Best 5-frame English Brussels, guaranteed for wear and colors, with and without borders, in excellent color combinations of moss, olive, fawn and green, in floral and conventional designs, regular price \$1.40 a yd. On sale for \$1.18

\$1.35 Quality for 98c.—Best 4-frame English and Canadian Brussels, with and without borders, in a big range of designs, including the new artistic two-tone green and red patterns, conventional and floral designs, in fawn, brown, green and red grounds, regular price \$1.25 and \$1.35 a yard. On sale for 98c

\$1.15 Quality for 77c.—Extra quality 4 frame English Brussels, with borders to match, in red ground, with Oriental design and brown ground, with two-tone floral effect, reg. price \$1 and \$1.15 a yard. On sale for 77c

TAPESTRY CARPETS.

90c Quality for 74c.—A splendid range of excellent colorings and designs in the very best quality 8 wire English tapestry carpets, with and without borders. The ground colors are red, blue and green, with very new floral and conventional designs, reg. price is 90c a yard. On sale for 74c

85c Quality for 69c.—Super quality English Tapestry carpets in very choice designs in red, green and floral effects, an extra good quality at 85c a yard. On sale for 69c

68c Quality for 56c.—Our 68c quality of Tapestry Carpet is known to many of our customers as being the best value in Chatham at that price. Neat two-tone designs in green and red, fawn and green ground, with floral designs, extra value at 68c. On sale for 56c

VELVET CARPETS.

\$1.35 Quality for \$1.12.—Our \$1.35 Velvet Carpet is unsurpassed for value in the trade. We have selected three good designs from this line in Oriental and floral designs and place them on sale at \$1.12

\$1.15 Quality for 98c.—An exceptionally elegant Velvet Carpet with border to match, in bronze green ground with a handsome floral design, reg. price \$1.15. On sale for 98c

UNION CARPETS.

45c Carpets for 34c.—Yard wide Union Carpets in a good range of every desirable coloring and design, reg. 40c and 45c a yard. On sale for 34c

50c Quality for 39c.—Yard wide Union Carpets in a large range of excellent designs, in such wanted colors as red, fawns, browns and greens, reg. 50c. On sale for 39c

Remember that every Piece of Carpet in our immense stock shows a price reduced for this great sale, as well as the Special Lines advertised above.

THE SALE COMMENCES ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20th, AND CONTINUES FOR TWO WEEKS.

Find Time To Come In During the Two Weeks. It Will Pay You.

Thos. Stone & Son

CHATHAM TAX RATE WILL

PROBABLY BE 27 MILLS

The Planet Interviews City Authorities And Receives
Interesting Information—Rate Will Be Reduced
One Mill Anyway

Chatham's tax rate for the year 1907-08 will likely be 27 mills, and may possibly be reduced to 26 or even 25 mills.

The above statement is not given out as an authentic one, but is the result of a careful inquiry instituted by The Planet yesterday afternoon. It would be difficult to make a definite statement as to the tax rate just now, as the estimates have not yet been struck for the various committees and boards, and there is nothing authentic given out as to what the assessment this year will bring in. These are the features which have the most vital bearing on the tax rate.

Ald. Charles Austin, the Civic Minister of Finance, was first interviewed. He was asked point blank what he thought the tax rate for the coming year would be. He replied that he would not care to make any definite statement at the present time, on account of the fact that the estimates had not yet been struck, and the returns for the assessment were not yet in.

"While it might be safe to say that our current expenditures will not be any higher this year than last," he said, "it is quite likely that we will have a lot more uncontrollable expenditures to meet. There will be new debentures falling due, and these may make a vast difference."

"Until we can secure a material increase in the amount of our assessable property, I fear that our rate will not go down to any great extent. At present we have all the necessary municipal machinery required to run a city twice our size, and we cannot hope to have our rate reduced much until we have an influx of population."

Pressed for a statement as to

what the rate will be, Ald. Austin said:

"It may possibly be 27 mills, but this is only a matter of guesswork until the returns for the assessment come in. There are only two ways in which our tax rate will be decreased, and these are: increase in population, or when heavy debentures cease to fall due."

City Treasurer Fleming and City Clerk Merritt were also seen, and from what could be learned, it looks to be quite probable that the tax rate can be reduced if the City Council keep expenses down as low during the balance of the year as they have during the past few months. The Council's expenditures so far are much lower than they were last year at this time.

A great deal also depends on the money market, at the time when the debentures are sold. If they sell high, Chatham will be the gainer, and vice versa. The Planet was informed by the City Treasurer that it is not likely that the uncontrollable expenditures will be very formidable this year. When this is taken into consideration, it would seem that the reduction of the tax rate will depend much on how Mayor Stone and his colleagues at the Board keep down expenditures during the balance of this year. So far they have done creditably and well, according to the quarterly reports made by the Treasurer.

Should the Council's expenditures, and those of the other Boards be lower than last year, which it is hoped they will be; if the assessment returns are as high, and the uncontrollable expenditures be no higher, it is quite reasonable to surmise that the tax rate next year will not be more than 27 mills at the most, and may be as low as 25 or 26 mills.

The tax rate last year was 28 mills.

KING ST. PAVEMENT

"Weather permitting, and should there be no accidents, we expect to have the concrete laid on both sides of King street west by next Wednesday," said local representative John Fallahee, of the Warren Bituminous Company, in reply to a question by a Planet reporter. "By the end of next week the concrete should be set, and we will commence to put the hot stuff down the following Monday or Tuesday. This work will only take a day or so."

"You might mention that we are getting our plant in shape at the G. T. R. depot. There was a rumor to the effect that our plant was not in town. This was not true, as our plant has been here all the time, and has not been moved. It would not pay us to move it."

A MISSIONARY SCHEME

A special meeting of the Bible Class of St. Andrew's Church was held last evening in the school room of that church. A large number were in attendance and several important business matters were discussed. The chairman of the different committees, which were appointed at a previous meeting, gave their reports on the work done by them, and a new committee was formed for the appointment of ushers. It was decided to give a portion towards the new scheme to raise money for missions in collecting a mile of pennies. This society will contribute about \$30 of this amount. Addresses were prepared for two teachers who have gone to the Northwest. These addresses will be sent to these teachers.

TALK OF THE CITY

The most important engagement booked at the Chatham Theatre in years is the presentation of Mr. Thos. E. Shea in "The Bells" Monday night. Special prices have been arranged for this city, and no theatre-goer can afford to miss this play. It was "The Bells" which made Sir Henry Irving famous, and Mr. Shea is the only other actor who ever made a success of this piece.

A FIRE

At 9.30 yesterday morning the firemen were called out to Park street, where an old wooden house occupied by a family named Wilson had caught fire. The firemen checked the fire before it spread to other buildings in the vicinity, but the house itself was destroyed beyond repair. The building was not a very valuable one, as it was among the first wooden houses built in this city, and was becoming pretty much of an eye-sore on the street.

WALLACEBURG BLAZE

Wallaceburg, April 17.—The dwelling occupied by J. E. Cullen and owned by Miss Florien Crow, of Chatham, was totally destroyed by fire about 11.30 last evening. The fire originated in the kitchen from a defective chimney, and as there was a heavy wind blowing at the time, the premises fell an easy prey to the flames. A small army of citizens assisted in getting out most of the household furniture, and conveyed them across to the Salvation Army barracks. Messrs. G. L. Mylne and John Zavitz received several cuts and burns while carrying out articles. The house next door to Mr. Cullen's, and owned by Wm. Moreland, was badly scorched, as were several other houses. The firemen saved these, however, and accomplished good work. There is an insurance of \$800 on contents, and the loss on house will be covered by insurance.

"THE BELLS"

The company in support of Mr. Shea in "The Bells," which will be presented at the Brisco Opera House Monday night, is one of exceptional strength and merit, and his scenic equipment, numerous electrical devices and rich costumes of the period, are all carried complete. Mr. Shea is meeting with wonderful approval this week in Detroit.

REAL SWELL WEDDING

New York, April 18.—Miss Ethel Geraldine Rockefeller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rockefeller, was wedded to Marcellus Hattley Dodge, grandson of the late William Dodge, to-day at the home of her parents on Fifth avenue. No bride of recent years had such an elaborate and costly trousseau as Miss Rockefeller.

POSTAL DELIVERY

Berlin, April 18.—The decision arrived at by the post office department to give a free postal delivery to a number of smaller cities is to be commended. Berlin is to be one of the lucky cities to receive this service; at least this is confidently expected ever since the Board of Trade took steps to secure the same. As a first step towards this end the Board of Works will very shortly commence numbering the houses, which is a necessity to a free delivery system.

"SEATS SELLING"

Manager Brisco has received orders for seats for the presentation of "The Bells" on Monday night from Ridgetown, Blenheim, Wallaceburg, Dresden, Charing Cross and Merlin. Special railroad rates are being arranged for theatrical parties.

Large, handsome lilies 25c; magnificent aprazas 25c, at Victoria Avenue Green House. All plants delivered.

GOOD QUALITY

... and ...

LOW PRICES

Are the two distinguishing features of our

Wall Paper

this Spring. When you combine these two desirable attributes to perfection in tone, style and color, you reach the climax in the decorative art and that is what our papers represent this Spring. Every country is here represented that makes good Paper—England, Germany, France and America.

Come in and see some new patterns and perfect designs.

Borders Same Price as the wall.

Come to the Store With the Stock

Sulman's Beehive
King and 6th Sts.

EVERY DAY NOW

We are getting in New Spring Goods. Last week it was Toilet Sets and a New Lot of Fancy China, and this week it is New Dinner Sets and another lot of Knives, Forks and Spoons.

The Dinner Sets are from the celebrated firm of Alfred Meakin, the noted English maker, and, as we have repeated calls for this high-class dinner ware, we are importing in larger quantities than ever before.

These new sets will cost from \$12 to \$15, and wonderful value at that, as we bought these before the advance in prices.

A lot of the large Fancy Lamp Chimneys have just been cleared at Customs, and they are especially good decorations, and selling at same price as formerly, each 13c

Come In And See the New Goods.

GRAY'S CHINA HALL

FOR SALE

Cottage containing parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry and three bedrooms, city water and gas, in first-class condition and in good location. Price if sold before May 15th—\$800.00.

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The value of wealth cannot be estimated by those who do not possess it.