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The Reliable Store **Thomas Stone & Son** The Reliable Store

THIRD FLOOR BARGAIN DEPT.

—OPENS ON—

Wednesday Morning

As Stock-taking progresses, we find from day to day, odd lines of desirable goods, that we wish to clear before the stock is "written in". Some are short lengths, others perhaps are slightly soiled, other we would prefer to sacrifice in price rather than carry them over till next season, as these lines are laid out and prices on them marked down we are sending them to our third floor where, on Wednesday morning we will open a "Bargain Department". Fresh lines will be added to this department daily during stock-taking, so it will be in your interest to visit it frequently. Come on Wednesday morning and come early. Every line displayed will be at bargain prices. Here are a few of them—there are plenty of others:—

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| 98c
10 only, ladies' trimmed felt hats, this season's shapes, good colors, 98c each. | 7c each
10 dozen, ladies' hemstitch, pure linen handkerchiefs, at 7c each. |
| 10c
2 boxes of wings, in cardinal and navy blue, at 10c each. | 48c each
A choice assortment of ladies' shopping bags, the best value you ever saw at 48c. |
| \$1.98
This season's style, in black and navy, plain stylish skirt, button trimmed and plaits, very special at \$1.98. | 15c
A choice assortment of misses' and child's fancy ringwood gloves at 15c. |
| \$1.98
Cashmere waists, this season's styles, in cardinal, navy and blk., a very stylish waists, hem stitched and tucked, reg. price \$2.75, special sale price \$1.98. | 10c
A big selection of baby's wool mitts and booties at 10c. |
| 98c
Ladies' black satin underskirts, a very special value at 98c. | 25c
A big lot of dress goods reduced from 40c, 50c and 75c, your choice at 25c per yard. |
| 98c
4 only, child's grey lamb caps, at 98c. | 48c
Another lot of choice dress goods including many that were regularly 75c and 1.00, any of them 48c per yard. |
| \$1.48
3 only, child's grey lamb caps, at 1.48. | Remnants
of dress goods, flannelles, wrap-pettes, grey cotton, toweling, table linen and many other attractive bargains that we have not space to enumerate. Come early on Wednesday. |
| \$1.48
6 only, ladies' electric seal caps, at 1.48. | |
| \$1.48
7 pairs misses' grey lamb gauntlets, at 1.48. | |

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MAYOR STONE'S INAUGURAL RECEIVED BY COUNCIL

First Meeting Of Aldermen Held This Morning—Committees Drafted—Important Meeting Tonight

The first meeting of the City Council was held this morning at eleven o'clock in the Council Chambers, Harrison Hall. There was a full attendance. The aldermen reading from left to right, as they sat at the Board, are, Aids. Westman, Austin, Kerr, Bullis, Bensen; Stephens, Massey, Potter and Meynell.

After the drafting of the committees—the slate being the same as before mentioned in The Planet, Mayor Stone gave the following fine inaugural address:

Gentlemen of the Council: I am flattered by my election (over a worthy opponent) by the ratepayers for the position of first magistrate in this fine, up-to-date city—the more so when associated with you gentlemen who comprise the Council over whose deliberations any man should be proud to preside. Apart from the positions you individually occupy in the community, as respected citizens, it is a gratification to realize that I will have the benefit of the extensive municipal experience of a number of you, as well as the varied and commendable business methods of the whole; and I expect your assistance, as first class business men, in the conduct of the city's affairs at every stage of the proceedings, and I want you to feel that, while I am to preside, I am not to dictate, but that everything must be done during the year for the best interest of the city after the fullest and freest consultation and consideration of the whole Council. We will have no Star Chamber methods—no hole and corner meetings, no wire pulling, no secret, conclave—nothing but business methods, which we will always ask the press to make public.

I therefore ask your support and assistance, and will be pleased at all times to have your advice and to discuss with you everything that may be construed to be in the city's interests.

I will expect, and I am sure I will receive the hearty co-operation of the officers of the city in the discharge of my duties, and I trust they will not consider me too exacting in my efforts to find out from time to time, for your information, just where we are at.

I have asked the Treasurer to lay before you at our next meeting a full statement of our indebtedness, under every head, and to be present and explain anything that may occur to us, arising out of such statement.

I have asked the Clerk to lay upon the table for your investigation the bonds of all those officials whose duties and responsibilities require such for the city's security.

I have asked the Engineer to prepare for us a statement of the mileage of the different pavements upon the different streets, with the cost of each pavement, providing the cost under all the respective headings and to give us full information as to the security we hold for the durability and life of the respective pavements. I have also asked the Engineer to prepare a statement of all the men employed by his department during the past year upon the respective works, charged to the general fund.

I have asked the Caretaker of the Cemetery to produce his books at the next meeting and to give us such information as may be desired.

I have asked the Collector for a statement of all arrears, if any, of taxes for 1905, and also a statement of the amount received of the taxes for 1906, with the amount still unpaid.

I have asked for a statement of all rents, license fees and dog tax in arrears with the names of the delinquents.

In beginning the work of the year we should know just where we stand, and we should then map out a course of action and work by it.

One of the first questions for you gentlemen to decide is: Are your officers efficient in every respect, and are we paying larger salaries than the work and responsibilities justify? We want good men in all the departments; we will draw upon them at all times, for work and information.

We will expect them to be abreast of the times in everything pertaining to the management of a live and progressive city.

We will pay fair wages for the work and ability displayed, but, as we are merely trustees of the ratepayers they must expect justice, but not generosity.

Another question I will ask your immediate consideration upon, and that is: Have we not pushed the question of pavements sufficiently far? Having the Market Square and the leading thoroughfares, generally paved with asphalt blocks, chemically prepared wooden blocks, bitulithic and brick, should we not stop and discourage further petitions for a while as we must not forget that, with every pavement, there are heavy charges against the general fund, and our bonded liability is reaching, to put it mildly, quite an unpleasant limit. In any event we should discourage the employment of agents of the paving companies to promote petitions, and when we are called upon to act upon a petition, we should

be well assured that it is the spontaneous offering of the ratepayers who fully understand the responsibility and liabilities they are assuming.

I most strongly advise against any action being taken by the Clerk or Engineer, upon any petition, until it shall have been before the Council, who should ask the Clerk to report upon it, at the next meeting, after which it could be sent to the Engineer for report to the Council, to be acted upon or not as your wisdom would dictate—by this means all petitions would be given full publicity, through the press, and the names of all petitioners made known.

While I would suggest slower methods, in respect to paving, and, in fact, practically stopping all such work for a time, I would urge a continuance of the drainage of the city. Unfortunately, when the first sewer was put down in Chatham, it was not a portion of a system to be worked to, so that, those which have been put down since, have been only for the benefit of their immediate locality. This plan will have, I fear, to be continued, and we should urge, within reasonable limits, that such drainage be proceeded with.

I therefore most respectfully urge the Board of Works not to encourage petitions for further pavements with the exception of the north approaches to Fifth Street and Aberdeen bridges, but to bend all their energies towards securing further drainage.

Another matter to which I would draw the attention of the Board of Works and which I deem sufficiently important to justify my speaking here for the benefit of the men who are employed by the Board, is that the pay sheets be handed to the Treasurer on Thursday evening of each week, whose duty it will be to provide envelopes containing each man's pay to be delivered to the men by the foreman at noon on Saturday.

I am quite convinced that it will be in the interest of the City, wherever practicable, to be let and performed by tender, and I submit this suggestion to the Board of Works with all confidence that they will act upon it.

The Industrial Committee, composed of strong men, will have every encouragement to renew their efforts towards securing new factories. Pointing to the many first-class ones, now in full blast in the City and also to the fact that we have natural gas in abundance, at the threshold of the City ready to be utilized for all purposes, I would advise them to take immediate steps towards bringing electrical energy from Niagara as has been done by almost every city and town of note between Chatham and Toronto.

While upon this theme, I would suggest that we take steps for reviving the Board of Trade, to act in conjunction with the Industrial Committee, and the Council in such matters. There are so many good, strong men in the city, whose assistance would be simply invaluable, who cannot devote their time to the general administration of the city's affairs but who would gladly meet—say once a month—to discuss such topics, I am quite sure the Chairman of the Industrial Committee could readily revive this organization.

We must use all legitimate means towards keeping up the speed of the city's progress, no matter who makes suggestions, or does the work, so long as the city derives the benefit.

I would strongly urge the Cemetery Committee to take steps towards securing some uniformity in the maintenance and decoration of the respective burial plots—all should be upon a level—no mounds or hillocks—the rich and poor should be treated alike in respect to them. Steps should be taken towards putting the Cemetery Avenue in proper condition. If a start were made this year, a couple of hundred yards might be put right, and the remainder from time to time as the city's means will justify.

I am glad to know that our Fire Department is in a high state of efficiency as is evidenced by the fact that for many years we have not had a fire of any magnitude.

The present freshet on the river recalls the efforts which have been put forth from time to time towards securing a cut off through the Township of Dunwich to Lake Erie, of the surplus water. This must be done or the damage to the farmers generally along its banks and this city especially will some day be very great.

The cost of such work should not be large and with the co-operation of the towns and townships along its banks we should succeed in having the work accomplished.

I find that steps are being taken by the Townships of Dereham, North and South Dorchester, Warwick and West Nisour towards pouring into the river a very heavy body of water which has either gone elsewhere or so sluggishly into the river as not to be a factor in the freshets.

I append a report upon the subject from the London Free Press of the 8th inst., and I deem the matter of such importance that I will ask you to appoint a Special Committee to deal with the subject.

I have thought for some time that proper steps have never been taken towards advertising Chatham abroad as should have been done. We possess many advantages over and above almost every city in Canada, but we have not as yet taken steps towards giving them the publicity they should have. The centre of a very fine agricultural section. Right in the midst of what is looked upon as one of the greatest oil fields in the world. We must no longer keep out of light under a bushel. Let us devise some means by

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STRATHCONA IS INTERESTED

Subscribes Half A Million Dollars To Blacksod Scheme

MEMBERS ARE SOLID

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M. P. for St. Lawrence, has accepted the position of Canadian representative of the British syndicate, which has been formed for the purpose of promoting a 25-knot steamship service between Blacksod Bay, Ireland, and Halifax.

It is understood that Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner, when approached in London, declared that they must have boats equal to the very best on the New York route, and although he had no money to throw away he had so much faith in the enterprise that he would become interested personally to the extent of half a million dollars.

Mr. Bickerdike said that he had already prepared a large amount of data and would leave for Ottawa in order to have the matter brought officially to the attention of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his Ministers at the very earliest possible moment.

Eastern Members Solid. "Do you think the matter will be brought before Parliament this session?"

"I think it will, the eastern members are all solid for the scheme, and all in fact realize that the time has come to act and act with energy and patriotism in the matter."

The large subsidy asked for being referred to, Mr. Bickerdike declared that Canada is a great deal better able to give \$1,000,000 to-day than three-quarters of a million ten years ago, especially when the project is a 25-knot service.

Discussing the railway end of the question, he said that all lines must have the same advantages. The C.P.R. and I.C.R., he added, are already at Halifax, and the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern are rapidly making for that port.

Lossing No Time. London, Jan. 14.—The lord mayor of Dublin has received a deputation regarding the Blacksod scheme.

May Subpoena Strathcona

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—It is said that when the public accounts committee meets on Tuesday an effort will be made to subpoena Lord Strathcona to give testimony respecting the North Atlantic Trading Co.

It is rumored that the Bourassa party will support the Opposition in this matter, and a general discussion of the immigration policy may show more dissent than is suspected among Sir Wilfrid Laurier's followers in Quebec.

The Speech From the Throne.

Toronto, Jan. 14.—At the coming opening of the Legislature the address in reply to the speech from the throne will likely be moved by W. K. McNaught, M.P.P. for North Toronto, and will be seconded either by W. A. Preston, the newly-elected member for Port Arthur and Rainy River, or Alexander Ferguson, M.P.P. for Cardwell.

Correction is good when administered in time.

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