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OUR SUMMER Millinery Opening TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY

And the following Days of this Week.

It will interest you to come in and see our display of Summer Millinery to-morrow. You will see entirely new styles, new materials and new ideas. We have been making great preparation for this opening and have imported a lot of new hats and materials direct from London, Eng. and New York, the very latest productions and whether you are intending to buy a summer hat to-morrow or not we would consider it a pleasure to show you the latest millinery art. Come to-morrow.

White Waisting Sale

To increase the interest in your visit to our store to-morrow we place on sale a range of pure white mercerized spot waists. These goods are a light weight, pongee weave with mercerized spots of various sizes from a pin spot to a medium size polka spot, regular price 35c a yard, on sale during our summer opening at

-23c.-

Japan Matting

At 10c., 12c. and 20c. Your bed rooms and up stair hall floors are what we especially recommend Japan Matting for. We have now a very extra assortment, a yard wide, very neat designs and colorings, special values, at a yd.

-10c., 12c. 20c.-

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Members of the Canadian Dry Goods Purchasing Syndicate
We Save You Dollars.



We are sole
Agents for -

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLOTHING

This is the best
finished and most up-
to-date ready-to-wear
Clothing manufact-
ured in Canada.

STONE & CO.

Spring Suits.

The Spring patterns this year in imported English and Scotch Tweeds and Worsteds are the prettiest and Nobbiest that have been shown for many years.

Our stock is complete; Fit Guaranteed, Prices Right; We invite you to call and inspect. No trouble to show goods.

A. SHELDRICK,

Tailor and Woolen Mer-
chant, King Street,
near Garner House.

COLLARS

Largest assortment in the city of Silk Stocks and Wash Collars—25c.

BELTS

Just received a shipment of Crush Belts in silk and leather—from 25c to 50c

HARDARGER

Trim and Flossin for making the latest fad—Hardarger Embro.

WELDON'S

Door to Malcolmson's Open Evenings

ALDERMEN ARE AFTER RECORDS

Long-Drawn-Out Talkative
Session of City Council
Held Last Evening.

Mr. Baxter Appointed to Health
Board—Will Play Baseball—Priv-
ileges to the Carnival.

The city council last evening gave a very effective demonstration of how to "put in time." The members proved how handily three hours can be occupied in the transaction of 45 minutes' worth of business—that is if you talk enough.

And it was a case of talk, talk, talk last night. The Mayor wearily gave up the effort to get something like order out of the vociferous chaos and even some of the aldermen punctuated the steady flow of verbiage with more or less audible yawning.

If the city clerk kept tab it is doubtless true that some new records were established. On the proposition to purchase a new dynamo, for instance, Ald. Westman spoke nine times, while Ald. Edmondson was a close second, speaking seven times. On the proposition to grant privileges to the Old Boys' Re-union committee the speaking record was Marshall 5 times, Westman 4 and McCog 3.

And so on. It was little wonder that the Aldermen ran well into the eleven o'clock limit.

Ald. Piggott was the only absentee. Citizens who wrote asking permission to form a team, were referred to the Chief of Police.

Petitions for granolithic sidewalks were received from residents on Queen St., from 4th to the C. P. R. corner Raleigh St. from Cross to Harvey. Jas. Cornhill wrote asking co-operation with Dover council, in remedying sewer on adjoining property.

Referred to Engineer to report. The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign the various contracts let for local improvements.

The call men of the Fire Department wrote asking a uniform in addition to salaries—Property Committee. The city engineer reported in favor of purchasing a new dynamo.

John H. Oldershaw wrote asking use of street subject to supervision of Chief of Police—Board of Works.

The Ladies of the Home of Friendless wrote declining to pay house rent for charity—Received.

The Harwich council wrote declining to aid this year in the Park St. pavement.

Resolutions from Board of Health, recommending construction of various sewers, were received.

The Algonac council wrote challenging the city council to a return game of baseball.

The city grocers wrote asking repeal of by-law prohibiting purchasing on the market before 10 a. m., and giving reasons therefor—Property.

Lieut.-Col. Rankin wrote on behalf of the officers and men of the 24th Regiment, stating that the Regiment was ready to defend any threatened action against the city by G. B. Atkinson, K. C., providing they carried out the promised grant.

O. B. Hulth wrote resigning his position on the Board of Health, on account of ill health.

R. Bingham wrote saying he had been informed by Ald. Piggott that a letter from T. A. Smith had appeared in The Planet and emphatically contradicting the same.

The K. O. T. M. asked for privilege of decorating King St.

The Pere Marquette wrote asking what the city was prepared to do in aiding the railroad to remove the Head St. track—Board of Works.

Adelaide St. residents wrote protesting against additional expense of paying an inspector over two men—Board of Works.

"It's a repetition of the Kentucky militia problem," declared Ald. Martin, "two private soldiers to every ten Colonels."

Ald. Marshall said the Finance Committee was working on the opera house fire protection by-law.

Ald. McCog reported for Board of Works in accordance with the report of their meeting as previously published in The Planet.

Ald. Marshall moved that the freedom of the city and the use of King St. be granted to the Maccabees for their celebration. Ald. Martin seconded—Carried.

Moved by Ald. Edmondson and Martin, that W. B. Baxter be appointed to the Board of Health.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Westman that Chas. Austin be appointed. The clerk was asked to write Mr. Hulth, tendering him the thanks of the council.

Ald. Westman withdrew his amendment and Mr. Baxter's nomination carried.

Ald. Edmondson and Martin moved that the city purchase a new 60-light dynamo.

Ald. Westman said that there would likely be many changes and thought the matter should be left over in the meantime.

Ald. Edmondson replied that the citizens had protested very vigorously against the city continually being in darkness. The committee had gone into the matter very thoroughly and the purchase of a new dynamo was the only remedy.

Ald. Martin said Chatham's streets were as bad as those of old Athens, when Diogenes wandered around with his lantern. Ald. Martin said he "would never buck light."

Ald. Edmondson said he had done all he could to secure satisfactory light for the city. He hoped if there was a break-down or trouble with darkness again he hoped the aldermen who voted against the recommendation would not blame him.

On motion of Ald. Mounteer and Edmondson, the city engineer was asked to make a report upon the matter ere the vote was taken.

On motion of Ald. McCog and Westman, the challenge of the Algonac council was accepted, game to be played during Old Boys' Re-union week.

On motion of Ald. Marshall and Mounteer, the Old Boys' Re-union committee were accorded certain privileges in connection with the carnival.

Ald. McCog asked for the yeas and nays which were recorded as follows: Yeas—Tye, Marshall, Mounteer, Edmondson, Martin—5.

Nays—Scullard, McCog, Westman—3.

Andrew Harbert was heard and asked for an increase of salary—Property.

Col. Rankin's letter was referred to the three chairmen of standing committees.

Several by-laws for local improvements were then put through.

ACCOUNTS.

Austin & Co., \$2.81.
Horace Rogers, \$10.50.
David Lee, \$2.00.
R. J. Dunlop, \$5.00.
Patrick Gorman, \$3.12.
A. H. Patterson (referred), 68c.
Fishers, May 5, \$154.83.
Pay sheets, May 12, \$178.16.
John H. Oldershaw, \$174.51.
J. & J. Oldershaw, \$119.65.
Mr. Macpherson, \$2.00.
Park Bros., \$75.30.
A. H. Patterson (ref.), \$19.73.
Jas. Cornhill (ref.), \$2.18.
A. H. Patterson, \$12.03.
Geo. Jamieson, 40c.
Geo. Bagley, \$1.00.
The Planet, \$1.50.
Dunn & Merritt, (ref.) \$5.00.

THE SOUVENIR EDITION

The handsome art Souvenir Edition of The Planet is rapidly nearing completion and it is intended to formally issue the same on the first day of the Big Re-union.

The order demand received for copies of this edition is already large and it is suggested that those who are desirous of having copies reserved for them should place their orders with the business office as early as possible as the total edition will be limited to 10,000 copies.

The price of the Art Souvenir will be 25 cents—and we venture to say that it is the best value ever given for the money.

TROUBLE IN SIGHT

The circus bill boards at the corner of Park avenue and Queen street are bare, also one of them is leaning over affectionately toward a nearby telegraph pole. The bill boards are erected on the property of John Whelan, on whose property lives a tenant, Mrs. John Watson. Mrs. Watson, it is alleged, uses the site of these bill boards for a booth at times, and seeing that, if the bill boards were to stay there, the booth could not go up at circus time. It is said she knocked out the supports of one of the bill boards, making it lean over as aforesaid. A law suit is said to be on the tapis, and developments are awaited by the neighborhood.

FIRST DRILL

The first drill of the 24th Regiment this season was held last evening with a fairly good turnout of the companies. A portion of "C" company was detailed off to the "Made in Canada" exposition as a guard of honor.

Captain J. S. Turner, of "D" company, took charge of the parade for the first part and Lieut.-Col. Rankin also put the boys through a few manoeuvres.

A good deal of recruiting was done by the companies and the first parade will see a good turnout with the two excellent bands right in line.

ANOTHER GUSHER

Windsor, Ont., May 16.—Mr. John T. Hickey, of the Leamington Oil Co., telephoned this afternoon that the company had brought in well No. 6, which promises to be one of the best of the series. At a depth of 1,043 feet the oil began to flow and in a six-inch stream followed the drill out of the well and spouted up about 50 or 60 feet.

The New York Gas & Oil syndicate, which has started work at Leamington, has struck a large quantity of gas in its first well at a depth of 1,035.

Any person having a photo or picture of the old Port Arthur Bow will confer a favor on The Planet by communicating with this office in order that a reproduction photo may be secured.

Bert Wilson, of Wallaceburg, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends. Mr. Wilson is taking great interest in the Detroit-Chatham lacrosse game and thanks manager Babcock will have his hands full on the day of the game.

AT 'EM BY LAND AND BY SEA

Japs Vigorously Besieging
Port Arthur Night
and Day.

Heavy Firing in Kin-Chau Bay—Gen.
Kuroki Keeps Russians
Guessing.

London, Tuesday, May 17. — The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, cabling under date of May 16, says, that according to native reports from Port Arthur the Japanese are vigorously besieging the fortress night and day by land and sea, that 60 Japanese warships and transports have been sighted in Blackney Bay, and that heavy firing has been heard in Kin-Chau Bay.

CHINA'S NEUTRALITY.
The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post says that the Chinese Government is addressing an identical note to all its ministers abroad, renewing China's declaration of neutrality, and that an imperial edict will be issued enjoining the Chinese people to strictly observe neutrality.

ARRESTED AS SPIES.
A Cronstadt despatch says that two Lascar stewards and an engineer have been arrested on board the British steamer Camerons, and another on board a German steamer. They are suspected of being Japanese spies.

RUSSIANS GUESSING.
St. Petersburg, May 16. — The following despatch from Major-General Pflug, dated May 15, has been received at the war ministry:—"According to information received up to May 13, the enemy's advance from Feng Wang Cheng towards Liao Yang is characterized by indecision. It is to be supposed that the objective of the principal Japanese forces is a point beyond Hui Cheng or Hui Jou (Kai Chau). Another important group of these forces is concentrating in the district north-west of Taku Shan. Several skirmishes have occurred with Chinese bandits, in which three Cosacks were killed and four are reported missing. In the maritime province is quiet."

ENCOUNTER WITH BANDITS.
St. Petersburg, May 16.—The general staff has received the following despatch from Lieut.-Gen. Sakharoff (Gen. Kuropatkin's chief of staff), dated May 15:—"On May 14 I was informed that Chinese bandits had appeared in villages sixteen kilometers west of Liao Yang, and I sent out detachments of riflemen, mounted and on foot, and a company of infantry. No bandits were found in the villages, the inhabitants of which answered evasively. As the force was returning from the village of Shantaidtza, twelve kilometers west of Liao Yang, considerable numbers of bandits were discovered at a spot where they had been concealed by the villagers. The riflemen attacked the bandits, who occupied the outskirts of the village, from which they were dislodged. They left twenty dead and a number of rifles and many cartridges. Our loss was two soldiers killed and three wounded."

Fireworks

That give good results: that please the eye and satisfy the most exacting is the kind we sell. We have everything in this line for the 24th, from goods at 1 cent each to large and beautiful pieces at 25c

Rockets, Candles, Mines, Batteries, Rosewheels. You set the price you wish to pay and we will give you an excellent assortment.

Firecrackers

The kind that makes a report. We have them from 1/2 in. to 18 in. long; the ordinary kind sells at 1c. per package, the best at 5c. per pkg. Be patriotic and make a little excitement for the children and neighbors.

BUY THE BEST.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE...

King and 6th Streets

"The Japanese have re-occupied Koundian Sian."

NOTHING OFFICIAL.

St. Petersburg, May 17, 2.25 a. m.—Owing to the interruption of communication with Port Arthur, the admiralty has no information of its own, either regarding the blowing up of the Japanese cruiser Miyako on May 15, or the torpedoing and crippling of an armored Japanese cruiser in Ta Lien Wan Bay, May 10th, by a naphtha launch in command of a young Russian naval officer. The ad-

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\$3.00 Shoes.

If our store was so crowded that it could not hold another pair of shoes, we'd still make room for such shoes as these.

The Men's Shoes

Are made from Calf, Kid Skin and Patent Colt, medium sole, new lasts, and made by one of the best Shoe Manufacturers in the country. All sizes and widths.

The Women's Styles.

Are made from Patent Colt, Calf and Vici Kid. New Spring Styles, correct as shoes can be made. All sizes and widths. These shoes excel in every way any \$3.00 shoes on the market.

TURRILL, THE SHOE MAN...