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New Prints and Gingham

Another shipment of the prettiest designs yet produced this season in New Prints and Gingham. Dozens and dozens of designs for you to select from, all good fast colors, all new effects, and all one standard price—very special value at a yard.

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Extraordinary Millinery

This is millinery week in earnest in this store. Our display of millinery has never been so admired, never have our customers been so entirely satisfied with styles and prices, and never have our opening sales been nearly so large. This all goes to prove that we are the leaders in millinery this season, and that if you want to be "in it" at the most reasonable cost, you had better come to us for your hat.

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Are you buying new carpets? Do you want to see the largest and best selected stock in the city? We are not boasters, as you know, and merely repeat what customers tell us, when we say that we have without doubt the finest stock of carpets in this vicinity. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Come and see what your opinion may be.

Brussel Carpets at 1.00, 1.10, 1.15, 1.25, 1.40
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IN
REDUCING COST
OF YOUR
FUEL BILL
AT
LEAST
25
PER CENT P**

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Chatham, Ont., March 6, '06.
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Manager Chatham Gas Co.,
Chatham.
Dear Sir,—I have used Coke in my furnace for several seasons, and find it twenty-five per cent cheaper than hard coal. It has not damaged the fire pot and has proved satisfactory in every way. I can heartily recommend it.
Sincerely yours,
D. S. PATTERSON
Genuine Gas Coke will burn after he sold and delivered at \$5.00 per ton, natural size, or \$5.50 per ton crushed. There are no many heat units in a ton of Genuine Gas Coke as there are in the best quality of hard coal. Why not save the difference?

Chatham Gas Co.,
LIMITED.

Spring Woolens

Of the most attractive weave, selected especially for the coming season's wear, now await your inspection.

Also a full range of

...HOMESPUNS...

for Ladies' Suits, in all the popular shades.

For the next two months the store will be open every Saturday evening from seven till eight o'clock—for one hour only.

The T. H. Taylor Co., Limited

ADVERTISE IN THE PLANET

WILL MAKE AUTOMOBILES

Enterprising Company of
Young Men Formed
in Chatham

NEW INDUSTRY IS SURE

In an interview with the Chatham Motor Car Co. to-day we have been able to get a definite statement of the progress of what is to be one of Chatham's, and even Canada's, greatest industries.

There have been rumors afloat about the building of automobiles in Chatham, but now things have taken a definite form, as a number of progressive and influential young men of this city have applied for and received a charter to form a company of \$50,000 capital to manufacture and deal in auto-vehicles of all kinds, auto supplies and accessories. This syndicate has for some time been deliberating and carefully investigating this industry, and have gone to a great deal of trouble in selecting their designer and mechanics, and have succeeded in securing some of the most experienced men in the business, and are putting on the market a product that has been most thoroughly tried by the severest tests. Their object is to take advantage of the most modern mode of locomotion and apply this increasing and unlimited demand for pleasure and commercial auto-vehicles.

Their machines are to be the most modern that skill can produce, and cannot be surpassed in workmanship, beauty, strength and durability, and they will be sold at an exceedingly reasonable price.

This year they will put on the market a 16 horse-power runabout with two cylinder opposed motor under the hood in front and bevel-gear shaft drive, 84 inch wheel base and 30 inch wheel with three inch tires. Every part of the machinery is instantly accessible by simply lifting the hinged hood, thus never having to get under the car or disturb the occupants. They also will make a light powerful side entrance town car and a delivery motor.

This undoubtedly is to be a most progressive business, for automobiles are coming to stay, and in all large cities are almost totally replacing horses on all commercial vehicles, and this industry should receive all the encouragement which it deserves, for it will help greatly to advance our progressive city and swell our rapidly increasing population.

POOR HUBBIES ARE ABUSED

A Secret Society of Married
Women Has Been Formed
in Chatham

THE MEN WILL UNITE

A local married man poured a harrowing tale of woe into the sympathetic ears of The Planet this morning. He thinks that a movement should be set on foot to champion the rights of mere man—that is, of mere married man.

"I tell you what it is," he wailed to the reporter, "there are a number of us married men who have a grievance, that you mustn't give it away when you tell it. If you do, it will be all day with me. They may be around to ask you who gave it to you to put in the paper, but you mustn't tell them. Say you don't know, and it will only be a white lie anyway."

Then, with saddened eye, the disconsolate hubby poured forth his woes. It seems that a number of local married ladies in a certain section of the city, have formed a women's club. They meet any old time they feel like it, and assemble at some one of their respective homes. On the evening of these meetings the man of the house in which the session is being held, has to get out, as it seems that the club have a rule on their by-laws that no male person shall be present at their meetings. If he has no special place to go for the evening, he has to go to the kitchen and keep company with the cat, or else he must go to bed. He positively must not sit around and rubber.

The other husbands are forced to stay at home and mind the children, and attend to other household duties. If they don't, it's cold breakfast for them in the morning. The club will brook no interference.

This gentleman further asserted that the married men concerned are seriously thinking of forming a club of their own from which the women will be excluded. They have in mind a certain vacant house which they intend renting as a meeting place, and on evenings when they go out to her club meeting, there will be tall doings in some other section of the city.

MR. CLEMENTS, M.P., ADVOCATES CUT-OFF ON RIVER THAMES

Splendid Speech Delivered in the House of Commons
by Kent's Vigorous Representative—Some
Good Suggestions

ENGINEER MAY COME TO LOOK OVER THE GROUND

The following is the speech made by H. S. Clements in the House of Commons, on the subject of River Floods. The speech is copied from Hansard. It will be read with interest by everyone who is interested in this very important subject.

Mr. H. S. Clements, West Kent, moved:

For copies of all correspondence, plans, specifications, surveys, etc., pertaining to relief from River Floods, say between the city of London and Lake St. Clair, for the overflow of water from the said river, pertaining to canal or cut-off to Lake Erie or other points.

He said: Mr. Speaker, my object in moving for this return is to call the attention of the Government and the individual Ministers of this House to the very serious situation of that immense and valuable tract of land lying along the River Thames. I had occasion to bring this matter up in a somewhat different form last session. I want now, ministers to understand the position in which the people living adjacent to this river are placed. The River Thames is 160 miles in length running through a narrow peninsula comprising, I suppose, some of the best farming land in the province of Ontario. There is also a large population in the villages, towns and cities, including Chatham, Glencoe and London and extending up to St. Mary's as well as along the tributaries of the main stream. This River Thames is, on the average, about 300 feet wide and the territory upon each side of it is possibly 20 miles in extent. This river has to take care of all the overflow

THE MACAULAY CLUB SUPPER

Very Enjoyable Affair Held
in the Club Rooms
Last Evening

WITH SPEECH AND SONG

One of the most enjoyable functions ever held by the members of the Macaulay Club was the banquet provided by the ladies of the Turkish Booth last evening. It was the first affair of this kind ever held by the members in their own rooms, and it was in every way a pleasing success.

The energetic ladies of this Booth are to be complimented upon the excellent menu they provided. Many were the remarks passed on its excellence and every member of the Club present is sincerely grateful to them.

The toast list was a brilliant one, presided over by Dr. Musson and H. D. Smith. Many of Chatham's most intelligent and capable orators were seated round the board, and their speeches were received with much interest and enjoyment. The speech of the evening, possibly, was delivered by Thomas Scullard, who is aptly called "the father of the Club." Mr. Stone gave a most interesting account of his trip through the West, and Messrs. Lane, Beeston, Bell, Jewett, Arnold, Collins, and the other gentlemen on the list, all acquitted themselves in a creditable manner.

The rooms were very tastefully decorated for the occasion, the work of the ladies. It was the expressed hope that the Club would have many more such functions.

Mr. H. S. Clements, M. P., who was to have responded to the toast to Canada and the Empire, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present.

The following was the toast list:
The King—God Save the King.
Canada and the Empire—F. Stone, C. E. Beeston.
Army and Navy—W. A. Collett, A. E. Jewett.
Club—S. B. Arnold, H. Collins.
Song—R. W. Angus.
Letters—J. S. Lane, Edwin Bell, R. W. Angus.
The Drama—F. D. Laurie, Chinnick, J. M. Pike.
Learned Professions—Thos. Scullard.
Song—F. D. Laurie.
Sports—J. W. Aitken, H. Poile, Jas. Fleming.
Song—R. W. Angus.
Ladies—W. Houston, H. Jackson.

PRACTICES ARE NOXIOUS

Mr. Shepley, K.C., Characterizes Some Insurance
Doings

MR. FITZGERALD'S VIEW

Ottawa, March 31.—The Insurance Commission adjourned yesterday afternoon, to reassemble at Ottawa on April 17.

No new matter was taken up yesterday, although one or two points heretofore made were thrown in sharp relief. Among these was the \$43,000 paid by the Manufacturers' Life to George Gooderham. It is claimed by the company that the money was really due their cost price some undesirable real estate and accounts from the company. This payment recouped his loss. Mr. Gooderham at the time was president of the company.

Another point developed yesterday morning was that the Home Life has been at an expense of \$190 for \$100 worth of new business. Its impairment of capital was \$22,000 in 1900, \$37,000 in 1901, \$63,000 in 1902, \$77,000 in 1903 and \$18,000 in 1904.

What Fitzgerald Didn't Like.

"I don't like so many of these weak companies. Some of them will fail before these days, and I would rather the failure took place when not under our jurisdiction."

This statement was culled from a letter sent to Mr. Blackadar when that gentleman was in charge of the Dominion Insurance Department by Mr. Fitzgerald, in reply to Mr. Blackadar, who wrote telling him that the Central Life Insurance Co. was applying for a license. Shortly after Mr. Fitzgerald's return to Ottawa the license was granted.

Holding Silent Assets.

Counsel questioned the superintendent as to his opinion regarding the policy of holding silent assets, as enunciated by the president of the Sun Life. At first Mr. Fitzgerald said he rather approved of the practice, as it was perhaps desirable to have a margin of safety over the published assets. If the company was going to err at all, it should err on the side of safety.

He said that the policyholder might desire to insist upon full publicity of assets, as it might affect the value of dividends distributed. The holding of

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BABY BUGGIES
is now complete from \$1.00 to \$20.00. A perfect range at equitable prices. Come and see them if you want a baby buggy.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, King and Sixth Streets...

SOMETHING NEW IN CHATHAM...

The Dolly Varden
Shoe for Women

All Leather. New Styles,
Low or High; Button or
Lace. The newest novelties in footwear for Spring.
Dainty Women—Dainty
Spring Outfits—DOLLY
VARDEN—the dainty shoe
for dainty women.

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silent assets also made it possible for directors to deal with such assets in an improper manner.

"You can, no doubt, imagine several improper manners of dealing with such assets," said Mr. Shepley. Counsel also elicited the admission that silent assets made unauthorized investments possible.

Part of this impairment had been apparently made up by advancing the ledger value of its head office building in Toronto.

Noxious Practices.

The Home Life had bought \$44,000 bonds of Grand Valley Railway, which carried \$50,000 bonus stock. An uncured loan had been made to a director of the company. An overdraft was allowed to the managing director. A loan of \$20,000 had been made to the Canadian Homestead loan on the security of the bare receipt.

These were "noxious and improper practices," according to Mr. Shepley. "Do you think your powers are wide enough to enable you to deal with these matters?" asked counsel.

"The most efficient way would be to enable me to withhold licenses," was Mr. Fitzgerald's answer.

A barrier, to a coit, means something to jump over.