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## A CARLOAD OF.... LINOLEUMS

During the past season we were scarcely able to keep our stock of Linoleums up to the point to supply the immense demand. The values we offered, the styles of designs and the careful way in which we laid them, all contributed to create this great trade.

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## THE COUNCIL MAY ADVERTISE FOR SALE OF MARKET SCALES

Interesting Discussion On An Important Question—  
Matter Was Referred To The Property Committee To Bring In Report

What shall be done with the city weigh scales on the market?

This was the question which troubled the minds of the aldermen at their meeting last evening. The matter was brought up by Ald. Potter, who rightly thought that it was his duty to report to the council that the scales at present were not paying expenses, and were in fact a serious menace to the city in the way of a deficit.

"For some time," said Ald. Potter, "I have been considering the city's position in reference to these scales, and the more I think of it the more I consider it my duty to bring the matter before the council. It is time that we were considering our position in reference to this question."

"We have now in dues outstanding on the market \$202.75, and we have collected in fees \$35.60. We have collected from the weigh scales during the past six months \$159.40, and taking into consideration the weighmaster's salary, that shows a deficit of \$80.20 in six months."

"This state of affairs has been going on for the past two years at least, and I see no reason why the city should go on and stand a deficit from year to year in this department. We are not bound to run the scales unless we see fit, and I think we should put a stop to this expenditure. This deficit does not include the expenses for light and heat which would make it much more."

"Mr. Northwood tells me that he does not think that conditions will improve in the next six months, because there are so many private

scales in the city doing business in opposition to the one on the market. I am satisfied that this will continue, and that the market scales will never be even self-supporting again. I have thought the matter over and I came to the conclusion that I could do nothing else than report to the council. The business does not go there, and we cannot expect the weighmaster to do the business if there is no business to be done."

"I have no other remedy than to ask for tenders for the scales. I am not anxious to see a revenue, but I think that they should be self-supporting. The committee can recommend nothing definite, but I would like the feeling of the council on the matter."

The Mayor thought that even if the scales did not return a revenue to the city, they should at least pay expenses, and if they do not, then the city should discontinue running this department. They are a benefit to the city all right, but the city should not be forced to pay too much for them."

Ald. Austen—Could you not consolidate the office of weighmaster and caretaker of the market. With a little additional salary, one man could look after the duties of both the positions."

Ald. Stone—When the Finance Committee looked over the estimates we found that there was a deficit last year of \$386 in the weigh scales dept. I would not throw the position on the caretaker, but I would advertise for tenders for the sale of the market scales. I am satisfied that we would not lose one cent if we did this. There is no complaint against Mr. Northwood. He is a good man but cannot do things which are impossible."

It was suggested that the matter

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## TENDERS FOR THE MARKET

Were Referred To The  
Property Committee To  
Report On

### NATURAL GAS SUPPLY

Tenders for the renovation of the old market front were opened and read at last night's meeting of the City Council. The tenders for the most part were commented on as being very high, and there are only a few of them that are complete. The following are the tenders submitted, the work to be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by J. L. Wilson & Son.

Hugh Gallagher & Son—Work and material, with the exception of brick and stone work, \$4172. Placing bell in tower \$25 extra.

Robert Cucksey—Carpenter work and lat. and iron work \$2249. Work complete \$6559.

James A. King—Iron and tin work \$430. Metal ceilings \$175.

J. C. Wanless—Galvanized iron work \$525, plumbing \$375, metal ceilings \$195.

Campbell & Crump—Metal ceiling \$525, galvanized iron work \$335.

C. R. Bowers & Co.—Plumbing \$320. Barfoot & Braddon—Electric wiring \$59.02.

J. W. Bowers—Work and material with the exception of metal ceiling \$6,426.

Hugh Gallagher & Son—Complete work \$6,522, placing bell \$25.

Hugh Gallagher & Son—Carpenter work \$2,070. \$140 deducted from this if the old tower is left on.

Jas. Watt & Son—Plumbing \$375. Dunkley & Guetner—Painting, glazing and material \$670.

Odeate Binnie—Lathing, plastering and material \$800.

Western Bridge and Construction Co.—Steel and iron work \$180.

Tilt & Hildreth—Painting, glazing and material \$800.

John McKay—Plumbing \$265, electric wiring \$60.

W. H. Carswell—Carpenter work, steel work and material, \$2,100, painting and glazing \$795.

Geo. Stephens & Co.—Cornice, piping, troughing, etc., \$471.92; piping for corner of building \$44.10.

Chatham Gas Co.—Wiring \$113.55.

## ROUTINE OF THE COUNCIL

Small Matters Which Were  
Acted Upon By Aldermen Last Evening

### ARCH'T RUTLEY'S BILL

The routine of last night's Council meeting was short and unimportant. Several matters of a minor nature were brought up and disposed of.

A number of estimates for local improvements were ordered paid. An account in favor of Hight & Fielder, on the Head St. pavement, was referred to the Board of Works.

An account from William Chrysler, for \$75, for cleaning out dump boxes, was referred to the Board of Works.

John Liddy was granted a rebate of \$2 on his taxes, he being a veteran fireman.

A number of ratepayers on Poplar St. asked that the granite sidewalk on that street be laid over for a couple of years.

The Mayor—Is it necessary for this walk to go down?

Ald. Edmondson—One part is all right and the other part is dangerous.

The Mayor—If a walk is needed it will have to go down, petition or no petition.

Ald. Edmondson—From Donovan's property west a new sidewalk is certainly needed.

The Mayor—Then it will have to go down from Sheldon avenue 556 feet east.

This was made a motion and carried unanimously.

The Warren Bitulithis Paving Co. offered to put down their pavement on Emma St., with a concrete foundation, at \$2.49 per square yard, and 55c. per foot curb and gutter.

The Engineer's reports on a granite sidewalk on Fourth St. and a sewer on the south side of Head St. were received.

A letter was received from the Fourth Vice-President of the Grand Trunk Railway, acknowledging the receipt of the Council's communication relative to hose pens.

The M. Wilson Cordage Co. wrote the Council asking for a rebate of their business tax of 1905. They had not been in business that year, and the assessment was therefore unjust.

Ald. Stone—Mr. Wilson called on me and told me that he was not in business that year, and he had delayed payment of the taxes on that account. In the meantime Mr. Ran-

nie sent a bill to collect the amount, and had added considerable costs, which Mr. Wilson was called upon to pay. I am prepared to deal with the matter to-night.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.  
The Property Committee reported as follows:—  
1—That in reference to the bill of

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## FORMER RESIDENT OF CHATHAM SUES FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Mrs. W. A. Dixon Well Known Here Has Entered An  
Action Against A United States Senator—  
Had A Career In Canada

Mrs. W. A. Dixon, formerly of this city, is suing a United States Senator, for breach of promise. Dr. W. A. Dixon and his wife will be remembered by many of our citizens as residents of this city for about two years. The doctor had his office in part of the building occupied by John Pigott & Sons. At that time Mrs. Dixon was leading her husband a merry dance, and without any warning to his friends the doctor and his wife left the city.

The following is a New York Dispatch:

Senator Patrick H. McCarren, who a month ago was sued by Mrs. Mary A. Dixon for \$200,000 for alleged breach of promise of marriage, gave a new and interesting turn to the suit yesterday by producing an affidavit from Dr. William A. Dixon, who says he is the woman's legal husband, and securing from Justice Dickey an order for the examination of Dr. Dixon before a referee on Aug. 30.

Dr. Dixon is a physician living at 722 St. Nicholas avenue, this city. The discovery of Dr. Dixon was due to a trip to Canada of John J. King, who was sent there by McCarren's attorneys to investigate the antecedents of Mrs. Dixon.

In his affidavit Dr. Dixon asserts that he first met Mrs. Mary A. Dixon at Toronto in 1893. Continuing,

he says:

"I then lived in Toronto and was there engaged as a young practitioner in the practice of medicine. The plaintiff herein was also at that time a resident of Toronto and a writer for the Toronto press. She was then known as Minnie Downs La Ferte."

"She represented herself to me to be the widow of a Dr. Donald T. La Ferte, claiming that she had been married to him in January, 1891, and to have lived with him for two years at Detroit, in the State of Michigan."

"She delivered to me a paper which purported to be a certificate of her marriage to said Dr. La Ferte on Jan. 9, 1891, also a paper which purported to be a copy of the will of Dr. La Ferte and another paper which purported to be a copy of the inventory of his estate. She told me

the said estate amounted to about \$150,000, and that her share of it amounted to about \$50,000. She also produced a baby, telling me that it was her child by said Dr. La Ferte."

### PAPERS ALL FORGERIES.

"She subsequently, and after my marriage to her, confessed to me that the certificate of marriage, the copy of will and of inventory were forgeries, and she confessed to me that said child was not her child. "She was married to me at Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, on Dec. 23, 1893. The Rev. C. E. Whitcomb performed the marriage ceremony, and George S. Rennie and the Rev. R. F. Dixon were witnesses to the marriage. At the time of the marriage the plaintiff herein gave her name as Minnie Downs La Ferte, and then and there declared that she was a widow and that she was the daughter of Thomas and Emma Downs of Belleville, and that her religious denomination was that of the Church of England."

"After the marriage we lived first at Toronto, then at Alpena, Mich., and then at Chatham, in the Province of Ontario, where we separated in the year 1895."

"Soon after our marriage I learned that her representations of having a share in any such estate were false and that she was wholly without any property and means. She was very extravagant, and in a short while incurred debts against me in Toronto to the amount of about \$4,000. She often attempted to extort money from my father and mother by false representations, and by letters and telegrams to which my name was forged."

### NO LEGAL SEPARATION.

"I finally became so disgusted and disheartened by her misconduct that I refused longer to live with her. Therefore, in December, 1895, she instituted an action against me for alimony in the high court of justice, common pleas division at Chatham, Ont., which action I defended and in which action she was awarded judgment on March 17, 1898, for six dollars a week alimony."

"There has never been any legal separation or divorce between the plaintiff herein and myself; and no action or proceeding for a separation or for absolute divorce has ever been instituted by either of us against the other."

King, who went to Canada, states in an affidavit that he saw the record of the birth of John Embury Dixon, the child of Mrs. Dixon, born Dec. 30, 1896. This child, he says, was born a year after Mrs. Dixon began her suit for alimony.

## WILL BE A FAST GAME

Preparations Being Made  
To Meet The Corinthians  
Thursday

### LOCAL MEN PRACTICING

The Corinthian Football Team, which comes to Chatham on Thursday day to play the All-Kent team, are meeting with great success in their Canadian tour. Captain Parrott says that they will have the hardest game of the tour in Chatham.

The local men are out every night practicing for the game, and it is expected that they will make a creditable showing. The Corinthian team is a strong one, but the local boys are in good shape and are looking forward with a great deal of confidence to the contest.

The Chatham lineup will include two men from the St. Andrew's team of Detroit, and a goal keeper named Bass, of Walkerville. Bass is one of the fastest men in the business, and a great deal depends on him on Thursday.

The band of the 24th Regiment will play at the game and will discourage music at different intervals during the game.

Mr. Percy Pigott, who with William McDonald of Detroit, arranged for the Corinthian visit, deserves great credit for bringing this fast team to Chatham and they should receive every encouragement in their enterprise. There is no doubt that they will be greeted with a very large crowd of spectators on this occasion.

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