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This Must Be Sold to Make Room For Other Goods

MEN'S SUITING—Best Scotch and Canadian Makes, in light and dark shades, made to your order by best Factors. Worth regular \$21.00, your choice at \$13.50.

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

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TO OVERHAUL WHOLE SYSTEM

Ald. McCoig's Plan to Solve Lighting Problem—No-voices now Experimenting.

Mayor McKeough Thanked for His Good Offices with County Council—Other Council Proceedings.

Ald. Arch. McCoig brought the much-complained-of and unsatisfactory electric lighting system to the attention of the City Council last evening. "There is certainly justification," he declared, "for the strong, general protest we hear from the people who are paying for light and are failing to receive it with any regularity."

The chairman of the Board of Works recommended the Property committee to apply themselves energetically to this serious problem. He suggested that with a view to reorganizing the whole system, the aldermen secure all the information obtainable concerning the present plant and what was necessary to secure an efficient, satisfactory and complete service. Ald. McCoig counselled overhauling the whole system, securing the consent of the people by by-law at the January elections and spreading the cost over several years. Mayor McKeough—I believe that is a good suggestion. Ald. Piggott said it was reported to him that there were two inexperienced men tampering with and fixing at the dynamo. The idea of having two apprentices and novices on this work at the present time was something that was creditable to those in charge and he thought the Property committee should look into the matter, investigate and report.

All the members of Council were present last evening, excepting Ald. Edmondson. Requests to trim trees from several citizens were referred to Chief of Police.

William Charles wrote, protesting against tapping into his private sewer. Board of Works.

Robt. Cucksey wrote, asking permission to lay granolithic sidewalk on Park St., at his own expense in front of his property.

The Clerk wrote, asking on what streets the city desired their mains lowered. The Clerk was asked to notify the company.

Petition for granolithic sidewalk on south side of Forest St. was referred to the Clerk.

Other petitions for local improvements were similarly dealt with.

Jas. T. Burke, factory inspector, reported that the sanitary arrangements in Harrison Hall were not satisfactory.

J. Cornell, County Clerk, wrote, accepting offer of settlement re administration of justice accounts.

Frank D. Laurie wrote on behalf of Bell Telephone Co., asking permission to trim trees. Board of Works.

Ald. Marshall, chairman of Finance, reported in favor of payment of Bell Telephone Co., The Planet, Wm. Drader and C. R. Hancock's accounts.

Also advising payment of \$6 payment of witnesses to Toronto in re Thompson. Also recommending substitution of Dr. Fleming's name for W. G. McGeorge's on city treasurer's bonds. Also advising payment of city solicitor's costs in re Lake Erie works shops. Report adopted.

Ald. McCoig, for Board of Works, reported that the St. George street sewer is now under repair. Report adopted.

Ald. Martin for Property committee reported in favor of better fire protection for Chaplin Wheel Works. A protest that the prayer of petition of Geo. Heyward and other merchants re market purchases be granted. The first clause was passed and the latter clause left over until a by-law was prepared.

Ald. Scullard asked the chairman of the Board of Works re proposed granolithic walk on Head street.

Ald. McCoig said that this was one of the works involved in the Chrysler matter.

Ald. Martin called attention to the tramping down and destroying of handsome boulevards by cattle being driven through the streets.

The Mayor said the matter was in the hands of the Board of Works. Ald. McCoig asked of the Property committee what were their intentions re the supplying of the uniforms to the call men.

In absence of Ald. Edmondson, Ald. Westman said he was personally unfavorable to the proposal.

On motion of Ald. Marshall the agreement with the County re Administration of Justice accounts was approved.

Ald. McCoig took occasion to congratulate and thank Mayor McKeough on behalf of the people for securing an amicable settlement. He moved a vote of thanks and Ald. Piggott seconded.

In a few brief words the Mayor acknowledged the words spoken. On motion of Ald. McCoig and Ald. Mounter a resolution of condolence was passed to Ald. Marshall on the death of his father.

On motion of Ald. McCoig the work on several new sewers asked for by

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HIS INDIGNATION WAS JUSTIFIED

Lord Dundonald Should be Praised not Blamed is English Press Comment.

The Evil Effect of Embroiling the Canadian Militia in Party Political Schemes.

London, June 13.—The Birmingham Post says, considering that Lord Dundonald was specifically appointed to bring the militia more into line, and had admittedly performed admirable service in reconstructing the defences of the Dominion, it is hardly surprising that he should have expressed some indignation. Nobody would be disposed to deny that the Ministry possess the power to revise actions in all departments, but the point is whether it is always wise on the part of civilians who in service matters must necessarily be amateurs, to exercise that prerogative. Between the office of Minister of Agriculture and the agency responsible for organizing the military forces there is not likely to be any affinity, and Dundonald should be praised rather than blamed for protesting against a course which in his opinion would only embroil the militia in party political and political schemes.

HAS AN ILL SAVOUR.
The Pull Mail Gazette says the incident which called forth Lord Dundonald's protest does not improve upon acquaintance. It is at least unfortunate that the name struck out was that of a political opponent.

MAMMOTH SALE

Something About the Big Enterprise Inaugurated by C. Austin & Co.

The attention of our readers is directed to the mammoth advertisement of C. Austin & Co., which appears on another page of this issue. This firm have practically demonstrated that advertising pays. The business was established eight years ago in the store now occupied by A. A. Jordan, the Jeweller. From its inception the firm used advertising on a generous scale, and this, coupled with the principles of cash and strictly one price to everybody, enabled them to build up the business which they have to-day, which is recognized as one of the largest in existence in Ontario outside of the large cities. Austin & Co. are exploiting a Red Tag Sale, to extend over the next six weeks. As the name implies, red tags will be in evidence everywhere, and wherever you see a red tag you may look for a radical reduction from the regular price.

The object of Austin & Co. in making this special effort early in the season is that, owing to the extra and unlooked for amount of unseasonable weather we have had this year, they have about \$30,000 worth of surplus stock, and in order to clear out this unusually large amount in addition to their regular business, before the demand ceases, they decided to inaugurate a sale on the generous scale outlined in their advertisement.

One of the strong factors in Austin & Co.'s success in the past is that they always carry out what they advertise, and as this sale will be no exception our readers can look for some stirring bargains.

COURT OF REVISION

The Court of Revision on the Assessment roll met yesterday. There were present, Chairman G. O. Scott, Ward Stenworth and Sheriff Gennill.

C. R. Atkinson, re Fifth St. property, claimed that the part assessed to Mrs. Cook was too high by \$100; also that the assessment on his residence, which had been reduced to \$500, should be lowered still further. Both appeals were dismissed.

A. Steven's dog tax was struck off. Joseph Gallipoli's appeal re dog was dismissed.

Harry Fitzsimmons' dog was struck off. Mr. Charteris' appeal re dog was dismissed.

N. H. Stevens' assessment, south side King St., where Burrows Bros. are, was reduced to \$1,550.

W. W. Scane's appeal was dismissed. Dorothea Martin's assessment was reduced to \$5,500.

Eliza Gordon's assessment was reduced to \$500.

J. L. Weir's appeal was dismissed. On motion, the C. P. R. warehouse (\$400) on east side Centre street, was transferred to the William Gray & Sons Co. as tenants and C. P. R. Co. as owners.

On motion, the assessment rolls of 1904, as amended, were confirmed, and the Court of Revision was finally closed.

The gang of bridgemen have completed the G. T. R. bridge over McGregor's Creek and have gone to Thamesville, where they are building a new bridge over the Thames.

800 RUSSIANS WERE TRAPPED

Manoeuvre of the Japanese Results in Appalling Loss to Czar's Men.

Russia's Big Casualty List—Kuroki Now Strengthening Fortifications.

New Chwang, Sunday, June 12.—(Midnight).—Information was received here at 10 o'clock to-night through heretofore reliable channels that part of the Japanese force left at Pu Lan Tien to checkmate the Russians' southward movement to relieve Port Arthur, was attacked southeast of Shungnam yesterday. After slight fighting the Japanese made a false retreat, the Russians hotly following them, when the Japanese made a flank movement, catching the Russians in a trap. The Russian losses are placed at eight hundred men. They then fell back on Kai Chou and began to retreat along the Baimatgu-Tsachou road.

FAGGED OUT TROOPS.

About two hundred Russian infantry from Kai Chou passed through New Chwang this morning, accompanied by a large supply and hospital train. Several carts contained bandaged men. The troops appeared to be fagged out and showed every indication of a long, forced march.

AGAINST LIAO YANG.

St. Petersburg, June 13, 2:05 p. m.—Military opinion here inclines to the belief that Gen. Kuroki has begun a serious advance by both flanks against Liao Yang.

There is no confirmation of the reported capture of two Japanese battalions 30 miles southeast of Hai Cheng, and the report is not believed.

The lack of official despatches from Kuroki during the last 48 hours is regarded as significant. It is believed to foreshadow important developments, though a decisive battle is not looked for.

The story that Vice Admiral Skrydloff recently left Vladivostok and engaged a Japanese squadron off Port Arthur is denied at the admiralty. No such despatch has been received from Skrydloff, whose squadron, according to the latest advices, is still at Vladivostok and in its neighboring waters.

The Government has no avowed renewed fighting before Port Arthur, but it is regarded as not unlikely that fighting of a more or less serious character on the Kwang Tung Peninsula may be in progress, although the war office is convinced that no serious assault on the fortress is yet possible.

MOVING SOUTHWARD.

Che Foo, June 13, 7 p. m.—Chinese who have just arrived here from Peking say that the Japanese stationed there have reloaded all of their provisions and ammunition for transportation with the intention apparently of moving southward down the Peninsula. The Japanese fleet, they also say, is cruising daily between Taitanwan and Kin Chou.

London, Tuesday, June 14.—The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been issued at St. Petersburg: Navy, 41 officers and 920 men killed; 13 officers and 220 men wounded. Army, 36 officers and 980 men killed, 103 officers and 2,080 men wounded. Taken prisoners, 20 officers and 696 men. Total losses, 5,112.

JAPS GET THE BEST.

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, June 12 (via Pu San, Corea): According to information here the only hostilities now occurring at the front are daily encounters between outposts resulting in the loss of a man or two every day. A few Russian prisoners are being brought into Japanese headquarters, but no Japanese are being captured. This is taken to show that the Japanese are getting the best of the encounters. Chinese are giving trouble by cutting the telegraph wires nightly; they probably are in the pay of the Russians. The work of keeping General Kuroki's army in supplies of all kinds continues to be performed with excellent results, and is beyond criticism. The conduct of the Japanese soldiers is irreproachable and their spirits are high.

DIED IN WINDSOR

Word has been received in this city of the death, in Windsor, of Chas. McLerie, youngest son of the late John McLerie, who was G. T. R. agent here some time ago.

Deceased was a young man of about 25 years of age and his death was very sudden indeed. He attended the Old Boys' Re-union here and to all appearances was enjoying the best of health. When he returned to Detroit he was taken suddenly ill and his death resulted, yesterday. Deceased was well known in this city, and the family have the undivided sympathy of a large circle of friends here.

He leaves a wife, who was a Miss Dickson, daughter of M. C. Dickson of the Grand Trunk Railway, and three sons to mourn his untimely death.

The funeral will take place here tomorrow afternoon at 2:15, from the Grand Trunk Depot to the Maple Leaf Cemetery.

MIDNIGHT FIRE BROKE OUT

Patterson's Warehouse and Contents Totally Destroyed by the Flames.

Good Work by Citizens and Firemen—Horses Were Saved.

The biggest fire that has occurred in Chatham for some time took place last night, when the old storehouse and stable on the river bank near the Third street bridge, owned by William Baby, was completely destroyed.

About a quarter to twelve o'clock last night Reg. Pleasance and Tom Fairbanks were crossing the Third street bridge, returning from North Chatham, where they had been spending the evening, when Tom noticed a small blaze in one corner of the roof of this ill-fated building. As soon as he noticed it the fire seemed to spread, and it did spread rapidly until the whole roof broke-out into one mass of flames.

Messrs. Pleasance and Fairbanks ran to the Rankin House and telephoned the news to the fire hall. Box 12 was rung and the firemen were soon travelling down King street at a breakneck pace.

In the meantime Policeman Dodson, Will Jahne and Charles Rutley had arrived on the scene and ran into the building through the flames to save three horses which were stalled there. P. C. Dodson secured one of the horses and Charles Rutley another and Charles Rutley tried to save a buggy. Tom Fairbanks arrived back on the scene just as Dodson and Jahne were immersing Tom in the flames with the two horses. With the cry of "there's another horse," Fairbanks darted through the door and was immediately lost to view on account of the flames darting across the doorway. In a short time he appeared again, leading the third horse. Mr. Rutley was unable to save the buggy. Mr. Dodson, Mr. Rutley and Mr. Jahne were burned badly about the face and hands but they did their work well and they all, with Mr. Fairbanks, deserve great credit for the coolness and bravery they displayed.

When the firemen arrived the whole building was wrapped in flames and it was impossible to save anything else besides the horses. They worked at it for three hours and finally extinguished the flames.

Geo. Young, the grocer, had his horse stalled next to the burning building and it was thought for a time that this building would also go. The prompt action of the firemen, however, saved it.

There was a large crowd of witnesses at the fire, who were attracted by the glowing blaze and the burning matchwood. The wind blew the burning cinders across the river towards Bloude's mill but the distance across the river saved the Bloude's mill.

The chief loss is A. E. Patterson, the hardware merchant, who had the building rented from Wm. Baby, and used it as a store house and stable. About \$6,000 worth of Mr. Patterson's stuff was destroyed, but the insurance covers \$5,000 of that. Among the stuff destroyed were one-half a car of lumber, one-half a car of nails, a dozen buggies, screen doors, machinery, \$1,000 worth of harness, hay, oats, etc. Mr. Patterson had a load of hay put in yesterday afternoon. In a conversation with The Planet this morning Mr. Patterson said:

"The cause of the fire is certainly a mystery to all. My man was there at half past six and there was no sign of fire then. It must have been burning inside for some time before it was noticed, otherwise it would not have broken out all at once as it did. It has been started by a spark from the City of Chatham."

Mr. Baby has insurance for \$800, but this will not cover his loss. He bought the building about three years ago. It was a very old building and heavily timbered. It was originally used for storing grain and at times from \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of grain has been stored in the building at one time.

The firemen deserve great credit for their work. About all they could do, however, was to save the surrounding buildings.

ORGAN RECITAL

Mr. Dolman, the talented organist of Christ Church, will give a recital this evening at eight o'clock in Christ Church, and the program promises to be an artistic and well worthy of patronage. Besides a number of organ selections, the following will take part in the program of vocal music:— Mrs. John Cooper, Miss Florence Stephenson, Miss Gertrude Somerville, Mrs. Milton Bogart, Miss Florence Glass, Miss Evelyn Barassin and Messrs. W. J. Wilson and R. W. Angus. Silver collection.

KUROKI REINFORCED.

A despatch from Seoul says twenty thousand men have been sent to reinforce Kuroki. He is still at Feng Wang-Cheng, but has pushed his advance into the Motien mountains.

Fred W. Woods, of Port Huron, was registered at the Rankin House yesterday.

Croquet!

The game that has stood the test of centuries must have some merits. There is no lawn game to-day that has given as much joy and pleasure to the masses as this ever popular and interesting game.

No lawn is complete without a set. Come and have a look at our selection. We have

Sets from \$1.00 up to \$3.00.

Ham-mocks.

A complete and superb assortment of superior goods at prices ranging from

75c. to \$4.00.

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Provided it's a good assortment of

CHILDREN'S SHOES

You are after. There's one thing this store prides itself on, and that is its stock of children's shoes, and the prices are low as the stock is large.

There's no lottery in buying of these.

Children's Slippers, sizes 8 to 10½, from 50c. to 1.25

Misses' Slippers, good at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Tupprill,

THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing Done at the store.