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WALL PAPER EVENT

- 12 1-2c Wall Papers for 5c.
- 15c. Wall Paper for 8c.
- 20c. Wall Paper for 10c.
- 30c. Wall Paper for 18c.

We have just purchased and passed into stock the surplus output of one of the largest Canadian Wall Paper Mills. These papers were bought at less than half regular prices. They consist of dainty bedroom designs, medium dark kitchen ways, tapestry and scenic effects for halls, dining rooms and libraries, floral designs for parlors.

In addition to the immense lot of new papers we have taken out many numbers of our own surplus stock and have reduced the price 25 per cent. and more.

In the job assortment we offer sidewall, ceiling and border all at one price per roll. This as you know, makes the reduction even greater than it appears.

Eleven Excellent Designs at 5c. a Roll,
Worth up to 12 1-2c.

This is an opportunity to paper your home at a low price with high class papers.

Sale commences Wednesday Morning and lasts one week

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Thos. Stone & Son

Carpets and Wall Paper.

Two Important Kitchen
Necessities—a good chef
and a good range.

THE JEWEL RANGES

in five different styles
will please the chef every
time. They are beauties;
call and see them at

WESTMAN BROS.

BIG HARDWARE

PLEASE REMEMBER WE SELL

Mason & Risch Pianos

—AND—

White Sewing Machines

We also have GARLAND and SOUVENIR
STOVES, and the best quality of GRAN-
ITE WARE in the city at low prices.

GEO. STEPHENS & Co.

STATEMENTS ARE FALSE

This Is City Solicitor Wil-
son's Answer To Ald.
Stone's Charges

A FEW EXPLANATIONS

It will be noticed that Alderman Stone, in his last attack, omits almost entirely, reference to his former assertions in effect as follows:—

1. That the auditors' report shows that I collected \$2,300 for fees alone for 1905.

2. That for local improvements I have been getting 4 per cent. for just looking over the by-laws therefor.

3. That I got \$70 "for this work" on one street alone.

4. That all told my fees would amount to more than \$3,300.

I showed you in my former interview that none of those four statements was correct, and those in his last are similarly misleading. He publishes for following with the evident purpose of leading the public to believe that I received these sums for my services:—

Legal expenses for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1905, as per Auditors' statement.

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
City vs. Thompson \$ 710.18

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
City vs. Thompson 325.00

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
Re L. E. & D. R. 50.00

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
Re J. J. Ross 40.00

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
Balance June 30th 50.00

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
Account June 21st 360.00

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
Opinion 40.00

Wilson, Pike & Gundy—
Balance to Dec. 31st, '05 50.00

Now, the truth is, that I, or my firm, did not receive one dollar of the first item of \$710.18, and we received out of the second item of \$325 only \$175.12, and out of the \$360 we received \$326.91 for general services and for the High Court suit of Labombard vs. Chatham, in which the city succeeded in its suit against Labombard. Then the \$40 items was paid to the City Solicitor of Toronto. Thus it will be seen that instead of receiving the above sum of \$1,625.18 for services the amount, was much less than one-half of that sum, and Mr. Pike tells me that the actual sum was \$689.40.

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OIL RUMORS EXAGGERATED

The Well Boomed With A
View To Selling
Stock

THE CROW WELL IS IDLE

Was the hub-bub about oil being struck on the Crow farm simply worked up by interested oil men to boom stock in the district? The fact that the workmen have quit work, and the well is idle is significant.

For some time all kinds of rumors have been afloat about this well. First it got about that the well had turned out to be dry, and that only dust holes had been struck; then next it was stated that the oil men were determined to go deeper until they struck the pay strata.

Saturday the enthusiasts encouraged the rumor that oil had been struck. As far as the oil men themselves are concerned, they are mum on the subject, although all inside information would indicate that good indications have been discovered at quite a depth in the Crow well. Saturday the workmen left off, and the well is now idle. The operators claim that the men are going to lay off till some of the larger capitalists visit the well.

If oil were struck on the Crow farm, leases in the Raleigh district would take a big jump, and the speculators who have invested largely in the vicinity would thus be enabled to unload to investors who would carry the work on to completion.

In view of these facts the canny investor will wait for something of a more definite nature to turn up before putting his dollars into the scheme. Oil may or may not be struck on the Crow farm, and as has been stated before, as far as can be learned the indications are most promising. There are speculators who have been awaiting good reports from the Crow well, when they will buy up leases in the vicinity by the wholesale. These men are in many cases go-betweens who will afterwards sell to the oil operators, expecting of course to make a fair margin on their deal.

The Raleigh field is being watched with interest, but at present the Tilbury field is the one in which the real strikes are being made. There has been an immense amount of capital sunk in the Crow well.

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CHANGE ON P. M. RAILWAY

Ald. Austin Succeeds In
Getting Connections
At Fargo

P. M. TRAIN WILL WAIT

For some time much complaint has been made by oil men and others about the lack of connection between the Pere Marquette and the Michigan Central at Fargo. Passengers returning from the Tilbury oil fields in the evening were unable to make connections at this point on account of the Pere Marquette train leaving Fargo fifteen minutes before the arrival of the Michigan Central.

Ald. Chas. Austin took the matter up, and wrote to local City Ticket Agent Hood, of the P. M., about it. Mr. Hood, in turn, drew the attention of Superintendent Pycatt to the complaint.

Since then Ald. Austin has been in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Pycatt, which explains the success of Ald. Austin's request:—

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 6, '06.
Mr. Chas. Austin, Chairman of Industrial Committee, Chatham, Ont.:
Dear Sir,—Referring to your letter of August 10th, addressed to Mr. Hood, I have arranged with the Michigan Central that we will hold our No. 23 five minutes at Fargo for Michigan Central connection when they have passengers for our No. 23, providing they will telegraph the agent at Fargo to this effect, which I trust will afford the service desired.

Yours truly,
J. S. PYCATT,
Superintendent.

Ald. Austin is to be commended on taking this matter up, and in securing better connections at Fargo, which will not only be of benefit to the oil men, but many other local citizens as well.

Ald. Austin says that many of the oil men intend to bring their families here, and set up their winter quarters in the Maple City.

NEW INDUSTRIES A BUDGET OF NEWS

Three New Concerns Are Now Being
Considered By The City—One
Re-Innery Sure

A large oil refinery is now almost a certain industry for Chatham. The capitalists of the concern are from Philadelphia, and they have held a number of interviews with Ald. Austin, chairman of the Industrial committee of the City Council. The matter will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the City Council next Monday evening.

The company will require fifty acres of land as a site, and they will employ 75 men to start with. These men will all be highly paid, and it is likely that the plant will run night and day. The factory will be built in units, and will be increased as the oil fields develop.

Another industry which is likely to come here is a factory for the manufacture of drillers' tools and supplies. Nothing definite has yet been heard from the promoters, but if the concern is landed, it will undoubtedly prove a good thing for Chatham.

Some time ago attention was drawn by this G. H. J. that Mr. John Pillans, who accompanied the English bowlers to Chatham, had stated that he was thinking of coming to this country to locate a branch of his bolt and screw manufacturing business. This gentleman was from Carluke, Scotland. Ald. Austin has since written Mr. Pillans with a view of getting him to locate in Chatham, which would be a good centre for his business. Mr. J. S. Black, of the Manson Campbell Company, says that such a business should flourish in this country, as all bolts and screws have at the present time to be imported from the States and England at a large cost. He has also written to Pillans asking for quotations.

Mr. John Black, Sr., and Mr. A. Story are both in a low state of health.

Mrs. C. Reynolds move to Stratford to-day. Mr. Reynolds has been there some time working in H. L. Merritt's lumber mills.

Mrs. Ross of Winnipeg, who has been in the General Hospital, Chatham, is visiting her cousins, Mrs. Teetzel and Miss Cornwall, prior to her return to her home.

Miss Leta Elliott has been very successful with her exhibits at the Industrial Exhibition.

Wishes never fill a sack.
It doesn't require much practice to acquire the art of being lazy.

MAY STRIKE OIL TODAY

There Are Only Indications
On The Crow Farm
In Raleigh

BANNER GETS STUFFED

Saturday the Banner took wild and extravagant liberties with the King's English in a flurried, hurried and excited endeavor to tell the people that oil had been struck on the Crow farm in Raleigh—that it hadn't been—that maybe it had been—perhaps it would be—there was a chance that it was—Goodness, it must have been, too, at that!

When the Banner started out it was positive that oil had been discovered. Then it began to doubt its own story. So it contradicted itself. This was a good idea—they were bound to catch the people either coming or going. Next it made up its mind to be consistent, and was positive that oil had been struck. Dear me, there was no doubt about it.

The Banner thought it had a scoop, and made a good joke of itself by getting frisky over it.

It revelled in all kinds of spontaneous literary combustion. The fireworks commenced with a cut of a wild man on horseback. Presumably some of the madness of the picture got into the Banner's language factory, and it tore loose with a stupendous volley of death-defying, nerve-racking phrases.

The writer's gushing, bubbling, seething, spouting, foaming, bursting imagination could stand the strain no longer, and he struck out for a home run on the journalistic diamond.

But after the paper went to press, they found that it must have been a foul tip. The only oil that had been discovered, was the stuff that must have somehow trickled into the Banner man's cranium.

Needless to say the Banner's wildcat yarn created no end of amusement, although a few were at first inclined to take it seriously. These few soon had their dream dissipated on making inquiry of the oil men, who emphatically informed them that no oil had yet been discovered, but that there were good indications that it would soon be discovered. It was thought Saturday night that oil might be struck on the Crow farm by to-day.

GETS GOOD POSITION

The many friends of Alphonse Thibodeau, the bright young son of Mr. J. U. Thibodeau, of this city, will be pleased to learn that he has secured the position of assistant biologist for the Province of Ontario. This position is in connection with the Provincial Board of Health, and it is estimated that it is worth fully three years of active practice in medicine. The appointment was made last month. Mr. Thibodeau is a clever young man, and has a very bright future before him in his chosen profession of medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Campbell were visitors at the Industrial Fair this week.

Mrs. Herbert Russell, who has been visiting at Mr. S. Russell's for some time, has returned to New York. Mr. Russell is teaching the primary room at the Public School.

A very successful Pumpkin Pie social was held at the Baptist Church last evening.

Mrs. Mason, Daart, is visiting at Mr. John St. John's, Sandy's St.

Mrs. C. Vivian returned home to-day from Mt. Clemens, Mich. She was accompanied by her son and daughter, Mr. John Vivian and Mrs. C. Chase of Minneapolis.

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MONDAY MORNING,
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Wallpaper at Half-
Regular Prices. Absolutely

NO CHARGE FOR BORDERS

You know what that means.

We have 100,000 rolls to sell before Oct. 1st at this rate, prices will then resume their normal standing. Early buying means a better selection.

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE,

King and
Sixth
Streets...
PHONE 96

PEACHES

I shall be prepared about September 15th, to furnish all parties desiring that finest of all peaches, the Crosby, either personally or through my agents, C. D. Williamson and Thomas French, with what they may want. Peaches fresh from the trees delivered twice daily in all parts of the city. All peaches put up graded No. 1, 2, 3, and fancy, and each basket guaranteed to be honestly packed. Phone 46A. Milton Backus.



THE BEST SCHOOL SHOES

Is like most others he gives his shoes a hard rub. Our school shoes for this fall's trade have been given special care and made to stand boys' wear.

They are made on manish lasts in the strongest leathers. Solid wearing values. In large variety of styles and prices.

GEO. W. COWAN.