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EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF LINENS

COMMENCING ON

Tuesday Next, March 12



OUR ANNUAL SPRING SALE OF LINENS COMMENCES ON TUESDAY MORNING.

We have been preparing and looking forward to it for two months, and have for you the largest assortment of Under-priced Linen we have ever offered.

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Quicksand Was Found By The G. T. R. Engineer At Queen Street Crossing

Mr. Crompton Here To Make Investigation Re C. W. L. E. Subway

KILLS THE G. T. R. APPEAL

The Council Will Meet Monday To Take Up The Matter—Resolutions From County

There has been considerable inquiry from citizens lately as to what the City Council intend doing with regard to the recent action of the G. T. R. Company in appealing the Railway Commissioners decision relative to the C. W. & L. E. crossing the G. T. R. tracks on Queen street. It is apparently up to the Council to do something at once to strengthen the representations of the C. W. & L. E. Company in their representations before the Governor-in-Council when the appeal comes up on March 16.

Mayor Stone was asked this morning, as to what action the Council would probably take.

He expects that the Railway committee will bring some kind of a report on the matter at Monday evening's meeting of the Council, he replied. "You see we have an agreement with the C. W. & L. E. that we will assist them in all matters of this nature, and I expect that the Council will pass a strong resolution."

Nearly all of the surrounding Township Councils have taken the matter up, and they are of the unanimous opinion that the Governor-in-Council should be petitioned to leave matters as they are at present by virtue of the Railway Commissioners' decision. Some of them, it is understood, have already passed resolutions to this effect. It is felt in some quarters that the Council should appoint a deputation to accompany the C. W. & L. E. representatives on the occasion of the appeal being made.

The demand made by the G. T. R. that the C. W. & L. E. shall construct a subway under their tracks on Queen street meets with the unanimous disapproval of the citizens of Chatham, who believe that the demand is most preposterous and would be a hardship both to the C. W. & L. E. and the city. The arguments against the subway have been outlined on previous occasions, and it is therefore unnecessary to repeat them.

A very important feature in the crossing dispute is the fact that Mr. Crompton, the Chief Engineer for the Grand Trunk, was in the city this morning, making tests of the soil in the vicinity of the Queen street crossing with a view to discovering its suitability for subway excavation. He made one boring to the depth of 17 feet, and though no information regarding his tests have been learned from the railway officials, it is definitely understood that he found quicksand and water in large quantities. This fact alone should prove disastrous to the G. T. R.'s arguments.

Mr. Crompton made another deeper test, the results of which, it is understood, were much the same as the one first made.

Dr. Neil Smith

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N. H. Stevens Gives Information On The Chatham Spring Freshets

Mr. N. H. Stevens has forwarded the following letter to Mr. John Piggott, Chairman of the River Thames Flood Committee:

Dear Sir,—As your committee are about to wait on the Government to discuss some remedy to prevent floods caused by high water in the River Thames, we herewith give you a copy of entries made in our books during and since 1887, which is as follows:

We shut down owing to high water Jan. 29, '87, for five days; Feb. 10, '87, for nine days; March 22, '88, water very high, shut down nine days; April 1, '91, one day; Nov. 25, '91, very high water, four days; Feb. 27, '92, one day; June 4, '92, four days; March 14, '93, very high water, 14 days; Dec. 20, '93, very high water, nine days; March 8, '94, four days; March 25, '95, six days; March 28, '96, nine days; March 8, '97, nine days; Feb. 14, '98, four days; March 10, '98, ten days; this year highest water since 1888; Feb. 12, 1900, four days; this year water was so high that we loaded nine cars of goods

Corporations Are Active To Overthrow Movement For Public Ownership

The Beck Power Policy Is Said To Be In Danger—McGarry's Action

PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS

Sensation Is Sprung In The Legislature When Matter Is Brought Up

Toronto, March 9.—Somewhat of a sensation was created in the Legislature yesterday by the publication of rumors concerning a corporation effort to overthrow the Beck power policy and check the movement for public ownership of public utilities as encouraged by the progressive Whitney Government.

The rumors were the outcome of opposition in the Private Bills Committee to the clause in the Ottawa bill enabling the city to have its power matters under the control of the Government Hydro-Electric Commission. This clause was fought by Mr. G. F. Henderson, counsel for the Ottawa Electric Light Co., who is a legal partner of Mr. D. J. McDougall, the Liberal member for Ottawa. It was charged that Mr. McDougall backed up the corporate pleading of his partner by his words and vote.

Mr. McDougall brought the matter up in the House and gave his assurance that no improper motives had inspired his action in the matter.

Best and Proper Tribunal.
Hon. J. P. Whitney, the Prime Minister, said he recognized that under any proper system of responsible Government it could not be expected that all the members of a legislative committee would see eye to eye with the Government. However, in this case, had he (the Prime Minister) been present he certainly would have voted with the majority. In his opinion the Hydro-Electric Commission was the best and proper tribunal to deal with the matter in the interests of the public at large. The Hydro-Electric Commission consisted of gentlemen who had made a special study of the power problems in the interests of the people. It was a part of the Government, an integral portion of the executive council. Rates had best be governed and settled by them if public rights were to be protected.

The Prime Minister hoped no improper motives had prompted the course of any member in the matter, he did not believe there had been. But members should always be guarded. It was easy to place themselves in an unfortunate light. He had once been unjustly blamed for getting involved with corporate influences himself, for no one cared less for the corporations than he.

Mr. McGarry Explains.
Mr. McGarry said the consideration of the Ottawa bill was the first occasion on which he had taken part in the Private Bills work this session. He had not seen or been interviewed by anyone. Some one had told him that the reason the Ottawa Electric Co. opposed the Hydro Power Commission was a personal one, because the solicitor was related to one of the Commissioners. He supported the Government and approved of the Hydro-Electric Commission but he thought this was a valid reason, coupled with the fact that the Ottawa City Council had by a vote of 13 to 11 voted to take out the proviso. Mr. McGarry challenged anyone to show he had been tampered with or his vote in any way influenced. He was not bound to accept any policy in the matter. He would resign rather than be driven in and forced to vote any particular way. He had moved the resolution to take control from the Hydro-Electric Commission himself. The vote was a tie and Chairman Lucas gave the casting vote against it. It was a non-party vote. He felt sure that neither Mr. McDougall, Mr. Ferguson or himself had retainers for any corporate concern in the matter. He had no interest beyond that of doing his duty as a member of the House.

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DRAINAGE DECISION

The Tilbury East vs. Tp. of Raleigh appeal from Engineer Baird's report on the Pike and Dauphin Works, came before Drainage Referee Rankin this morning for confirmation.

This appeal first came before the Referee last December, and he made an order that certain amendments be made. J. M. Pike acted for Raleigh and J. G. Kerr for Tilbury East. An important feature of this case is, that under the new works introduced the large volume of water from the Pike and Dauphin schemes running into the river at the Raleigh and Tilbury town-line will have a tendency, it is believed, to break up the ice early in the spring and thus avert the usual ice jam at the mouth of the river.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE

The death occurred on Monday of Mr. Mulvane at the age of 48 years. Deceased was a son-in-law of Capt. Johnston, of Chatham Township. On Saturday Mr. Mulvane was in the city and was taken suddenly ill with heart failure. He was taken to the General Hospital, where he died on Monday morning.

Deceased was a native of England and came here about seven years ago and took up his home in Raleigh Township. He was educated for a lawyer.

THE TALK OF THE CITY

Miss Helen Byron, supported by a cast of sixty-five people, appears at the Brisco Opera House Monday night in the military comedy opera, "Sergeant Kitty." This is without doubt one of the best comic opera attractions that ever appeared in Chatham, and it is to be hoped the theatre-going public of Chatham will show Manager Brisco their appreciation by packing the house.

VISITED THE SCHOOLS

A committee from the Board of Education, composed of Messrs. Somerville, Morley and Brackin, accompanied by Fire Chief Pritchard and Bert Riddell, yesterday made a tour of investigation to the various public educational institutions, with a view to reporting to the Board on the matter of equipping these buildings with fire escapes.

It was decided that the Collegiate and the Central school should be fitted up with one fire escape each. On account of the peculiar layout of McKeeough school, it was thought advisable that three escapes should be installed on that building.

Mr. Riddell was instructed to draw up a sketch and plans for the proposed work, and submit the same to the Board for their consideration, with the estimated cost. Tenders will be opened for the work.

The Chatham Lyceum Course

The third and best number of this excellent and popular course will be given in the Opera House on Thursday next, March 14, when the silver-tongued orator, Ernest May O'Neal, will deliver his thrilling and eloquent lecture on Popular Fallacies. This will be the literary treat of the season. Any unused tickets of previous numbers are good for this entertainment. Single tickets 50c, pupils 25c. Plan opens on Tuesday.

THE CUT-OFF DEPUTATION

Warden Somers, of Wallaceburg, was in the city to-day making arrangements for the deputation from the County which is to accompany the city representatives to Toronto to make representations re the Thames cut-off.

The deputation representing the Council will be, Warden Somers, Clerk Gosnell, Corey Purser and John Piggott, Sr.

Inhuman Father Beats Daughter Until Agonizing Screams Arouse Neighbors

The Police are at present investigating a case of alleged child beating on the part of a father who lives over the creek. Complaints have been laid with Chief Holmes that this brutal treatment has been occurring quite frequently of late. It is alleged that this man has been ill-treating a daughter of about 20 years of age, as well as a younger one. Last night between nine and ten o'clock, pedestrians who were passing near the house could distinctly hear the young girl's piteous screams of pain as her

brutal father belabored her with a strap. It is said that the girl's cries can be often heard in the neighborhood.

No information has yet been laid against the man, but the police intend taking the matter up themselves if they hear of any recurrence.

It is claimed that the father has no cause whatever to ill-treat his children. They are not wayward, and no one knows of any reason why he should act in this very inhuman and unnatural manner.

PERSONAL

If the lady with the dark hair and blue eyes, that had an absorbed expression in a Wallaceburg car on Saturday last and who became provoked because the gentleman in the seat in front of her turned over a page of his novel before she had finished reading it over his shoulder, will send her name and address and \$1.25 to Sulman's Beehive, Cor. King and 6th Sts., she will be spared in future the necessity of manifesting her displeasure at such rudeness. Please mention the name of the book to avoid an error.

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