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BUILDING SALE PRICES

The following list will show you what several of our departments are ready to part with for much less than regular prices. There's a money saving chance in every one of them, the third week of our Building Sale must be the largest. You'll note the prices are unusual enough to warrant early choosing.

White Goods

Yards and yards of white goods being used for waists and dresses this summer, and we are showing just the correct styles.

Fine sheer organdies at 15c, 20c, and up to 50c.

Fine thin India Linens at 15c, 20c, 25c, up to 40c.

Extra fine Persian lawns, at 35, 40c and 50c.

Satin striped Nainsook, the new effects, at 30c.

Victoria Lawns, 36 in., 42 in., and 45 in. wide, at 10c, 12-1/2c, 15c, up to 40c.

If buying a white waist or dress you cannot afford to pass our stock at present prices.

Millinery

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at \$1.75

The actual value of the material is \$2.50; the style is the newest, trimmed with chiffons, flowers and buckles.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at \$2.50

Hats of beauty are these. Come and see if you want to appreciate our \$2.50 hats.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at \$3.50

Practically an unlimited assortment at this price. You have paid \$5.00 and \$6.00 for not any better.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at \$4.00

Magnificent millinery, without a question, true copies of the latest New York styles.

Prints and Muslins

We have just passed through the customs an immense shipment of American prints and muslins, special for next Saturday selling. These goods are all from 10 per cent to 20 per cent less than regular values.

10 pieces guaranteed indigo dye, navy and white prints; regular value 12-1/2c; our sale price is—

11c.

10 pieces guaranteed real indigo dye, navy and white prints, regular value 10c a yard; our sale price is—

9c.

10 pieces white ground shirting prints, with neat stripes, spots and figures; our sale price is—

5c.

20 pieces fine American muslins, in the new shades of pink, old rose, new blues, linen shades, etc., in fine organdies and dimities, very special; sale prices are 15c and 12-1/2c.

5 pieces plain organdie muslins, in colors sky, pink, old rose, linen and cardinal, special sale price—

20c.

The new, plain, old rose gingham at 12-1/2c and 15c.

Yard wide navy blue percales, with white stripes, spots and figures, regular value 12-1/2c; our special sale price—

10c.

Our stock of wash goods is immense and contains all the newest American creations. We were successful in securing them below regular value and give you the benefit during our great building sale.

Lace Curtains

1.25 Lace Curtains for 98c.

1.50 Lace Curtains for \$1.35.

\$2.00 Lace Curtains for \$1.80.

\$2.50 Lace Curtains for \$2.25.

\$3.00 Lace Curtains for \$2.65.

and so on up the entire scale of prices and it reaches to \$15.00 a pair.

We would be pleased to show you our stock.

THE DARING DEED OF A TRIO OF PRISONERS AT THE CHATHAM JAIL

EFFECT THEIR ESCAPE BY THE REMOVAL OF THE IRON BARS
AND THE SCALING OF THE STONE WALL.

THE THEORY OF OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE IS ADVANCED.

FRANK ABRAM, ANDREW EPPERSON AND SAM SIDDALS BID
ILLEGAL FAREWELL TO CASTLE MERCER.

THE OPERATIONS FOR THE RECAPTURE OF THE ESCAPED CONVICTS

ANDREW EPPERSON, sentenced to five years in Kingston.
SAM SIDDALS, sentenced to a year and a half in the Central Prison.
FRANK ABRAM, held on the charge of receiving stolen goods.

These three men made a bold and daring escape from Castle Mercer yesterday afternoon. It was one of the coolest jailbreaking exploits on record.

It was well on three o'clock when J. H. Bogart and his brother Frank, of Minneapolis, were driving by the jail.

The Chatham citizen was pointing out to his brother the alterations made to the jail.

"That circular wall," said Mr. Bogart, "is one of the improvements. It takes the place of the huge wall that spoiled the front of the jail."

Just at this point Mr. Bogart noticed a further addition to the symmetry of the jail wall which appeared very unexpectedly. It was the head and shoulders of a man. He had a saw in his hand and was reaching the top of the wall he turned and beckoned with the saw to someone inside. He then dropped back in a moment three heads came up and three men climbed upon the wall, lay flat along the top for a minute, then dropped to the ground and made off up Stanley avenue towards Judge Bell's at a fairly fast walk.

Mr. Bogart says that it was the coolest and nerviest piece of work imaginable. There was no excitement, no hurry, and everything was done quietly and every effort made to avoid attracting attention. The way the men lay along the wall so as not to draw the observation of anyone in the neighborhood showed that they knew their business. Mr. Bogart says that Suddals wasn't in jail attire and yet he was so dressed at noon when Turnkey Somerville left him.

Mr. Bogart and his brother at once notified Governor Mercer. He rushed out but could see nothing of the men. Mr. Mercer at once notified Sheriff Gemmill, Chief Young, Judge Houston and other police officials. Detective McGregor, Major Coogan and other county constables were communicated with and sent out to scour the country and warn the constables in the townships.

NEAT WORK.

The job itself was one of the neatest of its kind. Abram, Siddals, Epperson, Thos. Huckle and John McKellar all occupied the day ward, which opens off the night cells. The latter are small compartments, only large enough to hold a cot.

Huckle, serving two months for bigamy, and McKellar, a vagrant sentenced to jail from Williamsburg, are both old men. Huckle was asleep on a bench and McKellar was inclined to take an interest in the business, but the three desperate criminals so scared the old man that even after their flight was discovered, it was some time before he could muster courage to tell what he knew.

Sheriff Gemmill and Jailer Mercer have succeeded in getting the old man to talk, and his information throws

some light on the escape and bears out the theory of outside assistance. McKellar told the Sheriff that shortly after Mr. Somerville had brought dinner and removed the dishes at one o'clock, Abram, who was the leader, produced a file or saw, which he had concealed in the corner. He, with the assistance of the other two, at once attacked the brass lock that fastened the huge iron shutter over the window inside. The brass lock was the hardest job that the men had to tackle. Although only a half inch thick the padlock was difficult to cut through. The brass blinds the saw. The jagged manner in which it was cut shows the difficulty the fellows had. They sang while they were cutting to drown the noise of the saw. Then as soon as they got the shutter open they were no time in getting away. They evidently didn't have to wait outside here. This is all that McKellar could tell. He knew nothing or would tell nothing.

THE WORK DONE.

To understand what work the prisoners did and what was apparently done for them, it is necessary to have some idea of how the window was barred. The inside was guarded by an iron shutter fastened with a brass lock, which the prisoners themselves had to cut through. Outside the window there are two iron gratings. The outside one is of iron 1-1/2 inches thick. Out of this an iron bar a foot and a half long was cut. At the top where the cross piece connected the shutter with the grate, it looked untouched. The iron grating between the shutter and the outside one was cut close to the bottom so that the window still concealed the inside of the cell and the crevice filled in with grease and dirt so that it looked untouched.

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OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

Barriester Ward Stanworth yesterday climbed the wall from the outside by means of these stones so that if some outsider cut the bar, he could easily have got over the wall at this place.

The theory of experts is that the outside bars were cut from without. They say that the marks of the saw show that it was worked from without. The stone slab beneath the window also shows the nail marks of shoes, as if someone had been standing there working. The window ledge inside the outer grating was covered with filings. This might mean that the man who did the sawing had blown the filings away and blown them inwards. On the other hand,

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The iron dust is white and would have been removed by the midnight cleaning to prevent its catching the jailer's eye. If the cutting had been done right handed, it was done from within. Prisoner McKellar's story, however, as told to Sheriff Gemmill, bears out the belief that the bars were severed from the outside. If his tale as to the shortness of time it took the men to get out is true, then the bars were ready cut for them.

Before the changes were made in the jail building, the windows were protected by tin covers, so that it would have been impossible to scale the wall as was done yesterday. The bars cut through are ones put in when the jail was renovated. It is said that the iron in these bars is softer than the old barriers. Thos. Wait, who was working at the repairs, says that he would much rather undertake the task of cutting through the new bars than the old ones.

LAST SEEN OF THEM.

The last report of the three desperate fugitives that the police had just secured was when they were seen crossing the Lake Erie bridge just after the escape. A young man named Tucker claimed to have seen Abram on Park avenue about 11 o'clock. Major Coogan reported that while driving out near Louisville on his round warning, the constables, he learned that three men had been seen stealing a ride on the east bound freight that left Chatham about 8 o'clock. Siddals was the only one attired in jail clothes, but he found an old pair of ragged pants in the ward, and left his jail garb behind.

Governor Mercer spoke sensibly and to the point this morning, when he said, "There is no use talking. We need more assistance when men like these are incarcerated here." Huckle, the other prisoner, told the sheriff that heard a kind of sawing but didn't wake up. He didn't know the men were gone till Mr. Mercer and Mr. Somerville came in.

Turnkey Somerville was in his room while the prisoners were making their escape.

Huckle told the officials that Abram was the leader. The tale fair fellow, meaning Siddals, did nothing.

The jail wall is about 15 feet high. It was reported round the city that Sam McCormack has seen the elusive trio near the second concession. This Mr. McCormack denies. He never left the gun boat all afternoon.

Mr. Mercer says that this is the second time that the bars were cut. Once before a prisoner saved through a hinge of the inside shutter, but protrusions on the shutter fitted in sockets, and the shutter, like the door of a safe, couldn't be opened with the hinges broken. The style of shutter has been changed since then. There were a number of prisoners in the cell at the time and the iron cutter was never discovered.

ALLEN'S STORY.

Chas. Allen, of the S. Hadley Lumber Co., claims to have seen the men jump over the wall. Abram came first, then Epperson, then Siddals. Abram had something under his coat and was holding it with his arm. It looked like a saw. Mr. Allen was going down to his brother-in-law's and was just returning with him from the K. O. T. M. parade. As soon as they saw the men go Allen asked Mr. Hamlet to follow them while he went and informed Mr. Mercer. Mr. Hamlet followed them to the 3rd concession of Chatham township and, seeing that no one else was coming to catch them, he returned home.

PREVIOUS ESCAPES.

Two men previous to yesterday had escaped from the jail. William Remo got away about ten years ago by scaling the wall by means of the water pipe. He was in for stealing and was sawing wood at the time in the yard. Chas. Dyson, a noted foot racer, shipped away about 20 years ago. He was in for stealing and secured his liberty by climbing through a fan-light over the door and then scaling the wall.

BAD RECORDS.

All the men have bad records. Epperson is the man who created such an uproar in Court last week and who when sentenced on Saturday cried out defiantly that he would.

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Now
is the
Season

When One
Requires
a Cool and
Comfortable
Shoe.



TURRILL'S

Rubber Heels attached to any Shoe for 50c.

A SURE THING

Ex-Commissioner Wm. Hickey Thinks
That There is no Doubt Concerning Electric Road.

"The electric road has got to go and I feel more sure every day that it will," said ex-County Commissioner W. Hickey to The Planet on Saturday.

"If we can now get the power to increase the bonding of the road," continued he, "the road is sure to be put down. Mr. McLachlan, of Windsor, who represents a firm of New York capitalists, was interviewed by Mr.

Hickey, Mr. Bostwick, of Detroit, and Mr. Sutherland, M. P., three promoters of the road, and it was ascertained that he (Mr. McLachlan) could give sufficient of capital to carry us over until the bonding of the road is increased. Mr. Bostwick is also very enthusiastic over the prospects of establishing the road. Mr. Plummer, of Toronto, who was in the city a short time ago went over the route of the proposed Essex & Kent electric road, accompanied by Mr. Sutherland, Mr. Bostwick and Mr. Hickey. After the trip he was highly delighted with the country along the route and said, "If that road does not pay, there is no place in Ontario where an electric road will pay."

HONORED ALL THEIR DEAD

Knights of the Macabees Hold
Impressive Memorial Ceremonies at the City of the Unseen.

Attend the Sanctuary in a Body at the
Evening Service—A Magnificent
Parade and Appropriate
Sermon.

The Maple Leaf Cemetery never presented a more beautiful appearance than it did yesterday afternoon, when the Macabees from the city and vicinity marched there in a body to decorate the graves of their deceased brothers.

It was the largest lodge turnout that has been witnessed in Chatham for a great number of years. Visitors were present from Blenheim, Clachan, Dresden, Wallaceburg, Tilbury and Comber.

The Sir Knights to about 300 in number assembled at the lodge room at two o'clock in the afternoon, formed into a procession (the officers of the local tent coming first), and headed by the 24th Regimental Band, marched to the cemetery via King, William and Park Sts. A large wagon laden with evergreens and palms, also formed part of the procession, arriving at the cemetery the column was divided into sections, each commanded by a separate section commander. They then gathered around the mystic mound, which is a symbol of the religious grave, and held a short burial service. During this service the Band played a hymn. The sections then dispersed, each in a different direction—north, south, east and west—and decorated the graves.

The following is a list of the deceased members whose graves were decorated:—Dr. Springer, George McKay, James James, W. G. Mills, John Collop, S. French and W. F. Pen-ton.

After returning to the mystic mound and reading another service the members returned to the lodge in the evening they again assembled at the lodge room and marched to the William St. Baptist Church, where Rev. J. J. Ross preached their annual sermon. Before commencing his discourse the reverend gentleman welcomed the lodge on behalf of the officers and members of the church.

He chose his text from James 1: 27, "Pure religion is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." From this he preached an excellent sermon. He traced the order back to its origin and dwelt on the oaths which bound the members together.

Special music was rendered by the choir. Mrs. James and Miss Addie Lilywhite sang as a duet, "Hark My Soul."

The following is a list of the officers of the lodge who officiated yesterday:—
P. Commander, J. M. Pike.
Commander, R. O. Springer.
Lieut.-Commander, W. Owens.
Recorder, G. W. Sulman.
Finance Keeper, F. F. Quinn.
Sergeant, W. Deszila.

First Master of Guard, A. Jacques, Jr.

Second Master of Guard, Harry Jacques.

Master-at-Arms, Jos. Tilt.
Sentinel, J. H. Reardon.
Piqueur, Chas. Hammond.
F. A. McKensie acted as Marshal of the day.



Hot Weather Necessaries

Are many and varied, but they should include what insures comfort and health. A Summer Cook Stove for gas, gasoline or coal oil, should be in every household in warm weather. Coal Oil Stoves at 50c, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.50. The Blue Flame, a perfect worker, for \$5.00. The American Wickless burner, \$5.00. American Gasoline Stoves, \$3.50, \$5 and \$6.50. Handy Gas Stoves 90c, \$2 and \$3. Cabinet Gas Ranges for \$15. Gasoline and coal supplied to customers at lowest prices.

Now is the time for screen doors and windows. Measure the size required before leaving your order.

H. MACAULAY, "THE ARK"