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Wednesday

the last day of our great

Lace Curtain Sale

To-morrow will end the greatest Curtain Selling Week in the history of this store. Our buyer while in Nottingham together with other syndicate buyers, bought one thousand pairs, more Curtains than we ever had at one time before, but he got them so much less than regular prices, that quantity did not count. We have sold hundreds of pairs—hundreds more will be sold to-morrow—will you be one of the lucky people that gets some of them—note the prices.

Regular \$1.25	Lace Curtains	at 98c
Regular \$1.40	"	at \$1.19
" 2.00	"	at \$1.48
" 2.25	"	at \$1.89
" 2.50	"	at 1.98
" 2.75	"	at 2.12
" 5.00	"	at 3.98

This is a chance that should not be missed.

THOS. STONE & SON

IMPORTERS

Members Canadian Dry Goods Purchasing Syndicate, We save you Dollars.

HOUSE CLEANING!

Get your Pillow Shams, Door Panels, Dresser Covers, Tray Cloths, Stand Covers, Table Mats, Splashes, Doylies, Pincushions, Cushion Tops.

WELDON'S...

Spring Suits.

The Spring patterns this year in imported English and Scotch Tweeds and Worsted are the prettiest and Nobbiest that have been shown for many years.

Our stock is complete: Fit Guaranteed, Prices Right; We invite you to call and inspect. No trouble to show goods.

A. SHELDRICK, Tailor and Woolen Merchant, King Street, near Garner House...

New Babies Should Have a Nice Go-Cart or Carriage

Westman Bros.,

Have a lot of Beauties.

The Latest American Style,

All marked at Close prices for quick sale. Come and see our stock.

Westman Bros.

Big Hardware.

RAPID ONWARD STRIDES NOTED BY CITY ASSESSORS

The Wonderful Progress of Maple City During the Past Year Amazes Assessor W. H. Gonne—His Interview With The Planet.

Practically No Vacant Houses While Building Operations Are Everywhere in Evidence—Some Interesting Comparative Figures.

City Assessor W. H. Gonne and Thos. French have completed their report to the council. The figures this year are most interesting and encouraging and demonstrate the wonderful progress being made by our city.

In an interview with The Planet this morning Mr. Gonne said: "There are only 30 vacant houses in the whole city—and of these the majority are hardly worthy of the name houses, while the others are undergoing repairs."

"Besides I never saw so many new houses erected in a year in all my experience—and I have been assessing for 25 years—nor so much land and property change hands as in the past year. Usually a few years ago,

there were only three to four changes a year there were over 150 and prices were very high. In fact, there are very few building lots to be had."

"I mentioned the small number of vacant houses—30 in all—while the usual old time figures showed 140 to 150 vacant houses. It is a most satisfactory showing and really amazed me."

Mr. Gonne also made a professional valuation of the exempted properties for the government auditor during the year and included the statement in his report as follows:

Churches, \$214,550.
Schools, \$108,950.
Hospitals, \$58,000.
City Properties, \$357,325.
Dominion Properties, \$30,000.
County Properties, \$98,800.

TOTAL ASSESSMENT RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT LANDS														
Vacant Houses	Ward	Children between 5 and 21	Total Value of Real Property	Personal	Income	Total	Dogs	Bicycles	Total in Family	Cattle	Hogs	Horses		
5	1	502	367	564927	7100	2200	574227	101	8	1870	40	70	106	
9	2	626	439	624145	8300		632445	94	2	2272	18	94	94	
0	3	184	144	1172005	126250	28800	1327055	43	4	993	5	105	105	
9	4	479	356	528787	4500	4000	532787	93	4	1609	8	56	56	
7	5	800	592	754745	9000	200	763745	154	6	2843	38	55	108	
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1903														
1				541932	4200	4250	550382			1780				
2				599140	5200	1500	605140			2164				
3				1163275	120950	46250	1330475			130475				
4				521512	4700	6900	533112			347				
5				745620	9700	1100	756420			2728				
				3521479	144750	60300	3776529	497	19	9222	130	96	478	

ASPHALT BLOCK WINS OUT FOR PARK ST. PAVEMENT

Close Call Depending on Decision of the Clerk—Old Boys' Re-Union Project Gets Three Hundred Dollars.

Ald. Piggott is Docile and Forgets His Ugly Threat—Long Session of City Fathers to Midnight Hour—Will Go to Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night.

The City Council held an ancient time-breaking meeting last evening and outlast the time limit, necessitating the suspension of the by-law. At that, Ald. Piggott disappointed the scrap-seekers for he never even said "Boo" to the City Engineer—although that civic official was on hand to swallow the medicine he promised and prescribed for administration at the previous session—and sat docile and urbane throughout; that is, except when he got a little excited with the rest over the Park street pavement.

The Old Boys' Re-union enterprise was accorded the recognition of a \$300 grant with the possibility of a later increase if needed—a move that will generally be approved by the citizens.

Ald. McCole brought up a very important matter in reference to the teaming in the city. In doing so he said:

"Every spring there are a number of people who are not citizens who come into the city with teams and do work for which they receive handsome wages. Now we have many men in our own city who make their living out of doing teaming work around the city, and I don't think it is fair to ask our men to enter into competition to those men who come from outside the city. The local men winter their horses here and spend their money in no doing, and it is an injustice that a lion's share of the wages should go to outsiders. Our inside men should have a preference. I think, therefore, that we should demand a license fee from the outsiders."

Ald. Martin thought that such a license could not be levied, as it would be discriminating. We cannot favor one class more than another. If we license one class we must license the other.

Ald. McCole—Our men are licensed. Our merchants are selling the same kind of goods that pedlars are also

selling in the city yet the merchants were not charged a license and pedlars are.

Ald. Tye—Thought that last year the teamsters outside the city were licensed. Those inside were not.

The matter was referred to the Finance committee to investigate.

The Dowley Company wrote enclosing statement of waterworks account. Finance.

Several citizens wrote asking permission to trim trees. Referred to Chief of Police.

Hugh Garrett, Duluth street, asked permission to extend sewer at his own expense. Board of Works.

M. Conn wrote asking the return of his other cheque, which, Ald. McCole explained, had been held pending the decision on Park street. Received.

Petition for sidewalk on west side of Raleigh street was referred to the Clerk for certification.

Thos. McKie, Gray street, wrote protesting against the sewer on that street. Board of Works.

Robert Cucksey wrote re improvements to market scales. Property.

Jos. C. Tucker wrote that he had been confined to house and asked his salary, \$2.10. Property.

The Chatham Electric Co. wrote that they would supply with dynamo and equipment for \$1,300 and \$1,800 respectively delivered or a second hand machine for \$425. Property.

Owners on St. Clair street asked the appointment of W. H. Crow as inspector of the new pavement. Board of Works.

The Board of Health reported resolutions instructing sewers on Park street from Prince to Princess and on Adelaide street from Stanley avenue and on Florence street from Amelia to Joseph and on Brock street from St. Clair street westerly and the cleaning of manholes. Board of Works.

Petition from residents of Victoria avenue and St. Clair street asking that it be not sprinkled this year Continued on 8th Page.

SAD DEATH OF BLENHEIM BOY

Willie Bennett Killed by Accidental Discharge of Gun While Hunting.

Was With Companion in the Boat When the Gun Went Off and was Struck in the Hip.

(Special to The Planet.)

Blenheim, Ont., April 19. — A sad shooting accident occurred near here yesterday afternoon. Willie, the 14-year-old son of Robert Bennett, and a young companion, named Handy, started out for the purpose of shooting pike in a small creek near Morpeth.

Handy had put the gun in the boat and was getting in himself, when, in some way, the firearm fell or was knocked down and discharged.

The lad Bennett received the full charge in his hip and bled so profusely that when help did arrive nothing could be done and the unfortunate lad died early in the evening.

Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents of the dead lad.

OVERCROWDED

Inspector So Reported on the C. C. I.—Important Meeting of the Board.

The C. C. I. Board held a special meeting yesterday afternoon. There were present Rev. Dr. Battaby, chairman, and Messrs. Arnold, Liddy, Smith, Richards and Thornton.

Mr. Collins, the commercial master, asked that there be examinations for the commercial class and that the Board grant diplomas. The department at Toronto used to hold these examinations but have abolished them. Mr. Collins says that they are beneficial, as it encourages better work on the part of the pupils. Referred to the Internal Management committee.

Col. Peters, D. O. C., wrote requesting the Board to insure the rifles lent to the cadet corps. The Secretary was instructed to insure the rifles for \$200 and send the receipt to Col. Peters.

It was moved by Dr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that the report of the Inspector be referred to the Internal Management committee.

It was moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Dr. Thornton, that the verbal report of the Committee appointed to meet the educational committee of the County Council be adopted.—Carried.

Mr. Arnold made the report which was to the following effect:—That the committee had met the educational committee and, having examined the cost of maintenance of pupils for the past three years, had decided to fix the cost per pupil paid by the county at \$41.74.

Inspector Seath in his report said that the school was so crowded that he couldn't make a fair report. He advised that the commercial classes be moved to the old building and that the lower floor in this building be fitted up for use.

The average number of pupils enrolled during March was 259 and the average attendance was 291.

KING IN DANGER

Copenhagen, April 18.—The Nyborg-Fuenen train, conveying King Edward and Queen Alexandra from Copenhagen on their way to London, was derailed this afternoon when passing the steam ferry running from the island of Zealand to the island of Fuenen.

The last carriage but one left the rails.

Their Majesties were in the last carriage and sustained no damage, the mishap only resulting in a slight delay.

NEW MANSE

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church have decided to provide a manse for their minister, Rev. Mr. McGillivray. The ladies themselves desire to build, but it was learned that the managers preferred that a house should be purchased. They considered this the more practical method. A joint meeting was held last night of the Ladies' and Managers to discuss the matter. E. D. McKellar presided. Three properties were offered—the Sheriff Mercer house on First St., \$3,000; the Lamont house, Dufferin Ave., \$4,500, and the James Waugh residence, William St., \$4,500.

It was decided to adjourn the meeting until it could be ascertained what it would cost to build a manse.

Word was received in Chatham this morning of the death of W. H. Collier, one of Blenheim's most respected citizens. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CALL AT

SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

AND SEE THE FINEST ASSORTMENT OF

WALLPAPER

IN CANADA

OUR \$3.00 SHOES...

To meet the growing demand for a high grade shoe for Men and Women to be sold for

\$3.00

we have bought a special line of shoes that we are proud to be able to say we can retail for

\$3.00.

The material is there, the style is there, and we guarantee their durability. In fact they are as good shoes in every respect as many others charge \$3.50 for.

We Want Your Trade

and it is by special uses we hope to get it. It will pay you to see us when footwear, and want \$3.00 are World

val- an it. to call wanting Shoes they Beaters.

Turrill THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store

Army in London recently found a girl cooking a cabbage stalk which she had picked up in the street as a meal for her father and mother, an infant and herself.

Minard's Liniment for Sale Everywhere.

Had he acted within the four corners of the law the author's check would have been drawn for precisely \$0.00. Od—London Outlook.

Young Hyson, Best English Breakfast Tea, 35c. 40c. and

can always be obtained at THE PLANET Office.