CITY COUNCIL SOLD CITY HALL

Must Vacate the Premises For Local Bank By the First of July, 1911.

ONLY OFFER RECEIVED

The Mayor and Aldermen Considered $100,000 a Long Price and There Was No Objection to Closing the Bargain.

The city hall was sold last night at a special meeting of the city council to the Royal Bank of Canada for $100,000. The council was practically unanimous in accepting the offer, and City Solicitor Meredith was instructed to prepare the necessary bylaw to be submitted on Monday night next.

His Worship Mayor Beattie explained the reason for calling the meeting and City Clerk Baker read the offer of the bank.

The communication was as follows: "To the Corporation of the City of London:

"Dear Sirs,—We herewith offer to purchase the site of the city hall, having a frontage of 110 feet on Richmond street, and 110 feet to the market, for the sum of $100,000, possession to be had on or before July 1, 1911.

(Signed) "The Royal Bank of Canada,
"F. E. KARN, Manager."

"The matter is now in your hands," declared Mayor Beattie.

No Other Offers.

On motion of Ald. Cooper, the council then went into committee of the whole to discuss the matter.

Ald. Cooper moved that the offer be accepted, and Ald. Donnelly seconded.

"Were there any other offers?" asked Ald. Tancock.

"None whatever," answered Mayor Beattie. "There has been some talk of other offers, but none materialized. One gentleman spoke to me a week ago and asked if I would accept another offer. I said that I would consider it. A week passed and he came to me and said that the price was too high for him."

Ald. Cooper declared that the offer for the structure was a good one, and should be accepted. The price was very high, as a matter of fact. Some years ago an effort was made to sell the property, but no person seemed to want it at half the present price. The sale of the hall had been made public enough, and if there had been any others wishing it they would have made an offer before this.

Taking Possession.

Ald. Eckert favored the sale, the only question in his mind being the possibility of extending the time of taking possession. The special committee having in charge the erection of a new city hall could look into that matter, and make the necessary arrangements. The sale of the present hall would stimulate building throughout the city, and he looked for a building boom to follow.

Mayor Beattie declared that there were several places available for temporary quarters. The store owned by Mr. B. A. Mitchell could be secured, and there was another on Richmond street, lately vacated by John Marshall & Co.

Ald. Mitchell doubted that two bidders in the city could be secured who would give $100,000 for the hall. The Royal Bank had stipulated that if tenders were called for they would withdraw their offer, and he considered it in the interests of the city to accept it.

"What Ald. Mitchell has said regarding the offer is true," declared Mayor Beattie. "It does not stand after tonight."

Ald. Richter's Opinion.

Ald. Richter thought the matter resolved itself into three questions: Had the city the right to sell? Was it advisable to sell? Was the price right? As for the first, the municipal act was very clear in giving the city the right to sell the property. He considered it advisable to sell. The present building was inadequate, and out of date. The price was a good one. As a matter of fact, he considered it a long price, more than the property was worth for commercial purposes. Mayor Beattie had endeavored to get other and better prices, but had not succeeded. The offer was a public one, in a sense, and if any other bidder wanted to make an offer, there was plenty of opportunity. If the opportunity were allowed to slip, Ald. Richter doubted that the hall would bring within $20,000 or $30,000 of the present price.

Ald. Tancock thought that options should be secured on other sites before the present site was sold, as the city would be held up in purchasing the proper sites.

Half a Dozen Sites.

"With half a dozen sites in view I cannot see how we can be held up," unswered Ald. Donnelly.

After some further desultory debate, Ald. Cooper's motion carried. The committee arose and reported. The motion was again put, and carried 11 to 1. The yeas and nays were recorded as follows: Yeas—Mayor Beattie, Ald. Eckert, Ald. Richter, Ald. Bennett, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Donnelly, Ald. Tancock, Ald. Wilson, Ald. Morgan, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Cooper.—Nay—Ald. Stevenson.

A motion made by Ald. Eckert that the building committee arrange for temporary quarters was carried.

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Amusements

"The Fourth Estate."

"The Fourth Estate," a newspaper play, which has had great runs in New York and Chicago, attracted a rather small but decidedly enthusiastic audience to the Grand last night. It was written by J. Medill Patterson and Harriet Ford, the former having been for years a well-known newspaperman of Chicago. The story bristles with interesting situations, while in the third act there is a climax, which resulted in tremendous and sustained applause.

The play deals with the efforts of a certain idealistic young newspaperman to expose a corrupt judge of the supreme court of the United States, and the love story is worked out by means of the judge's daughter, who is engaged to Wheeler Brand, the idealist.

The first act shows the editorial rooms of the Advance. Brand loses his position as city editor because he has made a fierce attack upon Judge Bartelmy, friends of the judge using a "pull" on the paper. But it transpires that the sheet has just changed hands and that the new proprietor has a score to settle with the judge and his accomplices, and Brand is made managing editor.

The young editor continues his work for a year, always attacking the judge and his corrupt practices, and despite the threats and prophecies of the judge's friends, the paper prospers. But the new proprietor, Michael Nolan, has a wife and daughter anxious to break into society, and thereby hangs a tale.

Even love for Judge Bartelmy's daughter, Judith, cannot shake Brand from his purpose to expose the corrupt jurist, and he gives up his sweetheart. The ambitions of the Nolan family, however, finally undermine the good intention of the proprietor, and when Bartelmy offers to propose Nolan at the club and introduce his wife and daughter into society, he cannot resist, and Brand finds himself "up against it."

Brand offers to prove that Bartelmy is corrupt, and would even stoop to bribe the editor. To get proof of this Brand pretends to be willing to be bought, and the judge is caught by a flashlight photo in the act of handing over the money.

Even this does not have the desired effect on the proprietor, and he orders Brand to not publish the story, which is destined to be a front page scoop, and also puts Judge Bartelmy off the bench in disgrace. Brand then takes his career in his hands, and despite the proprietor's wishes, he runs the story and exposes the judge.

Judith Bartelmy has heard her father trying to barter her to Brand in order to save himself from exposure, and she leaves her parent and cleaves to the man she loves, the curtain falling on this situation.

Certainly the story is well told and well acted, the cast being exceptionally clever and well balanced. In the different acts the audience were let into the inner workings of the editorial rooms and the composing room of a newspaper. Some excellent comedy was afforded by means of the conversation held by the editors with the staffs.

Mr. Charles Balsar proved himself a very capable actor in the exacting role of Wheeler Brand. He is intensely convincing.

Miss Selene Johnson, as Judith, gave a satisfying interpretation of the judge's dutiful daughter, torn by her affection for her father and her love for Brand.

Mr. Austin Webb, in the part of the judge, was splendid, as was also Mr. George Thompson, as Michael Nolan.

A neat bit of acting was that of Mr. Tom Headway, as Nolan's son, who was always going to "fire" the staff because they refused to accept his orders.

The work of Mr. Clarence Heritage, as Dupuy, and Mr. Joseph Woodburn, as Ross McHenry, was splendid.

Bessie McCoy in "The Echo."

Bessie McCoy, in Charles Dillingham's musical comedy, "The Echo," comes to the Grand Thursday evening next, Feb. 2. This will be Miss McCoy's first visit here in a number of years, and her first since she became a star. This foremost of American dancers leaped into sudden prominence when she played the Yama Yama girl in the "Three Twins," but she never appeared here in that piece, which enjoyed its great vogue largely on account of her personality. In "The Echo" Miss McCoy presents several new and strikingly original dances.

Bessie McCoy.
A vivacious little lady, who sings and dances in "The Echo," which comes to the Grand next Thursday night.

Lucy Weston an English Beauty.

Lucy Weston, the fragile English beauty, who has one of the leading roles in Lew Fields' production of "The Jolly Bachelors," which comes to the Grand Opera House, Feb. 3 and 4, and special matinee, has what a Londoner would call "a nice little bit of a way about her," which adds wonderfully to the effect of her songs. Miss Weston's specialty is the rendition of songs revealing a delicate hint of sophistication, with such an air of unsophistication and ultra-gullibleness that the gushing matinee girl and the mature matron involuntarily ex-

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Fenaghvale, Ont., Jan. 29, 1910.

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claim, "Isn't she a dear?" while the mere men remark that she's a bird.

"Seven Days."

The cast that will be in "Seven Days," when Messrs Wagenhals and Kemper present this comedy at the Grand next Monday evening, Feb. 6, is composed of players who have been at the Astor Theatre in New York, where this piece is in the second year of its run. A feature of this run is that it went through the summer, gaining for "Seven Days" the distinction of being the only comedy that has ever remained all summer in New York. This shows that "Seven Days" has greater popularity than any other comedy has ever had. Speaking of "Seven Days" Van Norden's Magazine said: "Everyone is compelled to laugh for two hours and a half, into which that eventful week is condensed upon the stage. A marvelous amount of fun is manufactured in 'Seven Days,' but it would take seven days to make clear the fun of this farce in words. It must be seen to be appreciated."

Mr. Edward Terry.

The announcement of the engagement of Mr. Edward Terry at the Grand Opera House in Tuesday evening, Feb. 7, will come as an agreeable surprise to many local theatregoers who have had the opportunity of seeing this admirable comedian at his theatre on the Strand, or during his former Canadian tour six years since. Of all the actors on the English stage today, none has a warmer place in the hearts of playgoers than this versatile comedian, who has given so many delightful conceptions. The exuberant humor, the quaint, sententious philosophy underlying the impersonations of this excellent actor, seem particularly adapted to excite the risibilities of his audiences, and the charm of his personality has made him the friend of a generation of theatgoers. His Dick Phenyl in Sir Arthur Pinero's charming comedy, "Sweet Lavender," has become a classic. Who could have so won the hearts of the untold thousands who have laughed and cried with the vagaries of this eccentric hero as has Mr. Terry?

CHRISTIANS SHOULD LEAD JOYOUS LIVES

Dr. Patterson's Plea Last Night in the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Patterson last night appealed to Christians to live joyous lives. He importuned the large crowd that almost filled the First Presbyterian Church to resolve to take the right view of life, and to make joy out of sadness. The duty of Christians is to look on the cheerful side of things. Although Christ was himself a "man of sorrows," yet he taught happiness and bequeathed joy to men.

Having taken as his text, "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto thee." (Psalms li., 13), Dr. Patterson proceeded to draw some practical lessons from the story of David.

The Psalmist having asked for a three-fold blessing of cleansing, the Holy Spirit and the joy of salvation promises that if his request is granted he will teach transgressors the ways of God and convert sinners from their wickedness.

"David was too human for some people," declared Dr. Patterson, "but was any man more divine than David? David was a musician, singer, an organizer, and a friend.

"One thing the devil cannot stand is the power of sacred music. When David played on his harp the devil had to get out. David was a man after God's own heart, and his name was loved and revered throughout Israel, but yet David fell.

Sneer at David.

"Some men sneer at David's fell, but some people have not far to fall. Men do not fall out of cellar windows. Some Christians live far down in spiritual cellars and hence are in no danger of falling.

"When men fall, sometimes they become spiritually unconscious of their fall. When David became conscious that he had fallen and saw himself as God saw him, he cried out for the mercy of God. He did not try to clear himself by his own power or by the good he had done in the past. A vessel has no power to clean itself. So it is with us; man can no more cleanse himself than the leopard can change his spots or the Ethiopian his skin. David realized this great truth. God wants to come into our lives and cleanse us from all uncleanness and sin."

"These meetings," declared Dr. Patterson, "have a two-fold purpose: first, to quicken the Christianity of those on the inside; and in the second place, to bring others in from the outside. But those on the inside must be quickened first."

Before we can convert sinners and teach transgressors the ways of God, we must be cleansed ourselves, we must have the Holy Spirit with us, and we must have realized the joy of our own salvation.

Besides the regular evangelistic meetings at 8 o'clock each evening prayer meetings are held at 7:30, and a woman's prayer meeting at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The opening attendance at the first week-night meeting last evening was extremely favorable, and augured well for the success of the campaign.

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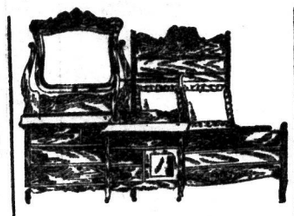
$15.95
Oak or Mahogany Dresser, hand polished, large British plate mirror.



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Bedroom Suite complete, Worth $28. Dresser has large bevel mirror.

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Neat Iron Bed, brass top. Over 150 different styles in Brass and Iron Beds, all at 1-3 to 1-2 off.

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Pedestal Extension Table, extends eight feet. Highly polished. 50 other designs to choose from.

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Eight-Foot Extension Table, massive legs, highly polished. Worth $12.00.

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Large Combination Buffet, worth $35.00; lined silver drawer.

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Full-size Baby Carriage, 1911 design. We have in stock at present 90 different styles in Cabs and Carts.

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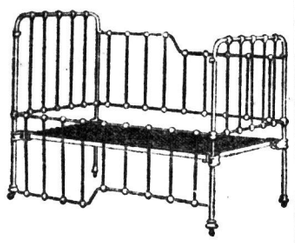
Steel Constructed Couch, solid oak or mahogany frame. Worth $12.50 regularly.



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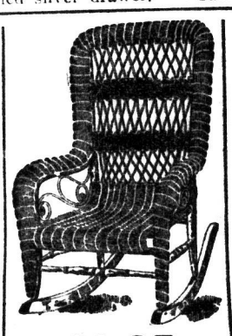

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[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, Jan. 30. — On recommendation of the hydro-electric commission the local light and heat commission have made some changes in the lighting rates. The 9 cents per kilowatt hour rate for residences and commercial places, has been withdrawn. The new rates are:

For Residences—Four cents a month per kilowatt hour, plus 4½ cents per 100 square feet, but no meter charge, and with a 10 per cent reduction for prompt payment, figuring out to a net rate of about 7 cents per kilowatt hour, compared with 12 cents and 25 cents meter rent under the old rate.

For Commercial Lighting — Twelve cents per kilowatt hour for the first hour's daily use of installed capacity, and 4½ cents per kilowatt, with free lamp renewals and 10 per cent discount for prompt payment.

The changes were made to conform with the recommendations of the hydro-electric commission, pursuant to the rates fixed upon by the municipality's engineers at the joint conference.

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WOMAN HITS BACK

Distinct Signs of Decadence in Masculine Looks.

London, Jan. 31.—After the attacks of the men artists upon the modern woman's figure comes the woman portrait painter, who declares that there are distinct signs of decadence in masculine looks. Such is the opinion on Miss Maud Porter, a society portrait painter.

One reason for it, she thinks, is "that boys are taken straight from school and put into occupations for which they are unfitted, and for which they have no taste. They become discontented and take no pleasure in their work, and their looks suffer accordingly."

A woman novelist says: "Half the men one meets clearly eat too much, to judge from their figures.

"The real British sportsmen — I mean men who live healthy open-air lives and avoid every kind of excess—are as good looking as ever their ancestors were, and probably handsomer, for the hard drinking of former days soon made its mark. British army and navy men are, generally speaking, as handsome as any one could wish, perhaps the best-looking men in the world.

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