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New Carpets...

We are ready now to show you our newest importations for the autumn in Brussels, Axminster, Velvet, Tapestry, Wool and Union Carpets. The new designs are quite distinctive and the coloring are exquisite.

In rugs we are showing a magnificent collection of Wools, Tapestry and Axminster in sizes to suit almost any room.

Tapestry Rugs, made with woven border all around, in excellent floral and conventional designs in these sizes and prices.

9 ft. x 9 ft. \$6.50; 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. \$7.50.
8 ft. x 12 ft. 9.00; 12 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. 11.00.

Table Linens.

New designs in unbleached table linens and better values than ever. 62 in. wide, warranted pure linen, fine damask finish, unbleached tabling, will bleach beautifully and give the best satisfaction possible, very special value at a yd, 50c

54 in. wide unbleached union table linen in an excellent range of designs, will give you very satisfactory wear and laundry nicely, special value at a yd, 25c

56 in. wide, extra fine and heavy unbleached union table linen, in splendid designs, extra for wear and appearance, special at 33c

72 in. wide, pure linen unbleached damask tabling in very elegant designs, will bleach beautifully and wear to the best of satisfaction, extra value at a yd, 75c

Millinery.

After a most successful opening our Millinery Department is now full swing. To get the full benefit of the entire season, better leave your order early and we will give you every attention.

Our New York Ready-to-Wear Hats have met with great approval from every customer who has seen them.

You get such chic styles and excellent qualities for such little prices—\$1.25 to \$3.00

Children's Coats.

We have made this season a special effort to provide coats for the little tots from 2 years to 6 yrs. old.

You find it hard frequently to get what you want—come to us this season and you will find it.

Coats made of fine cloths of Eider Flannels, very pretty and very reasonably priced, \$1.75 to \$3.00

THOS. STONE & SON...

G. Stephens & Co.

Come to the Peninsular Fair and see our exhibit. Biggest display by one firm. Exhibits direct from Toronto and London fairs. Best and biggest manufacturers in Canada will be represented in the Peninsular in our exhibit. Come and see some really choice goods.

G. Stephens & Co.

Binder Twine!

We are offering Twine for the corn harvest at the following prices, payable Oct. 1st, or 1 1/2 per cent. off for cash:—

600 feet pure Manila at 11c. per lb.

550 " " 11c. "

550 " mixed 10c. "

All twine guaranteed satisfactory or money refunded.

M.J. Wilson Cordage Co.,

LIMITED,

Corner of Colborne and Adelaide Streets, CHATHAM.

A STRONG CIVIC DEPUTATION AFTER LAKE ERIE CAR SHOPS

City Council Acts With Commendable Enterprise on Suggestion of The Planet—Ald. Martin Pays His Respects to this Journal—Mayor's Energetic Recommendation.

Aldermen at Sea on Telephone Franchise

Defeat the Offer of Their Committee Which the Bell Company Accepted—Matter Left in Abeyance—Other Business of an Important Meeting.

The City Council last evening rejected the report of the Finance Committee, which comprised the terms of the committee's proposition to the Bell Telephone Company in connection with a renewal of their franchise. The proposition after a conference with the aldermen, and the committee asked for a ratification of the agreement arrived at. A motion to this effect by Ald. Marshall and Edmondson was defeated.

Then the Mayor asked what were the Council going to do, and a chorus answered, helplessly, "We don't know."

Ald. Marshall said that the Finance Committee had met with the district manager of the Bell Telephone Co., and the following agreement had been discussed, submitted, and afterwards accepted by the company. This was—Two free telephones in addition to the eight already in use, one for the city clerk's residence and one for the library, one for each of the hospitals at half rates and \$125 in cash annually.

Ald. Marshall said he wanted to make the very best arrangement possible. He had written to eight cities and could say that in accordance with the revenue derived Chatham had made the best bargain of all. The city could either renew the franchise for five years or need not renew it. In the latter event the city would have to pay for the phones they use and lose \$125 per annum. Mr. F. D. Laurie, the local manager, was present at the request of Ald. Marshall, to answer any questions the Council might wish to ask.

Ald. Marshall moved that the conditions of the agreement be accepted. Ald. Edmondson seconded the motion.

Ald. Piggott asked if anything had been said about the phones at the west end. They could not be used with satisfaction after the electric light plant started.

Ald. Edmondson fully believed that the interests of the people using the phones would be safely guarded by the new franchise.

Ald. McCaig said that he couldn't agree with his colleague in accepting \$125 a year and free phones for renewing the franchise. He thought it too small a remuneration for the amount of business he preferred to leave it an open matter and have an efficient service.

Ald. Marshall asked if the Finance Committee had not done all that it was possible to do.

Ald. McCaig said that as far as the efforts to secure a good deal were concerned, he believed that his colleagues had done the best they could, but an efficient service was what was wanted.

Ald. Marshall asked Manager Laurie if the city wouldn't get just as efficient a service if they renewed the franchise as they would if they didn't.

Mr. Laurie replied that, as well as receiving the equivalent of \$2,000, the Council were also protecting the interests of the city and securing a guarantee that Chatham would receive the best service given to any city. If the contract were not renewed the city had no agreement as to class of service. If it were renewed the city was receiving a guarantee. He, at the end of the year, some other city received a better rate, than the company were not living up to their agreement if they did not extend the same favor to Chatham.

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The Chief of Police.

Ald. McCaig moved that Mrs. Wm. Beaver's taxes be received less the dog tax. Her slip showed no assessment for dog tax, while the roll did. The motion carried.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture wrote that he was sending a map of the Dominion at the request of Geo. Stephens, the Clerk, to be constructed to thank the Deputy Minister.

Ald. Marshall presented the agreement between the county and city for the payment of the change of heating system in Harrison Hall. The cost would be \$2,000 less \$250 allowed for the old furnaces and the registers. The city pays a quarter of this. The Mayor's signature to the agreement was approved by the Council.

Ald. Piggott asked that the Bannerman's account for \$25 for 500 copies of the Industrial edition be referred with power, as all the copies had not been received.

Ald. Martin thought that the account should be paid.

Ald. Piggott's motion carried. A petition was received for a plank walk on Wade St., and referred to the City Clerk.

Those who pay for spaces on the market square asked that their places be kept for them, so that they would not have to get to market so early under the existing conditions of the roads. Referred to the Property Committee.

Mrs. Thomas Watson asked compensation for injuries received on Queen street nine weeks ago. Referred to Finance.

C. R. Atkinson wrote re the Chaplin bonus debentures. Received.

William Bradley and Dawson Bradley, through their solicitors in Petrolia, wrote in reference to a horse injured at the corner of West street and Lorne avenue. Referred to Finance.

Ald. Mounter said that no accident could have happened at the corner mentioned. There were no holes there.

Ald. McCaig—And it couldn't have happened on Queen street. There are no holes there—Laughter.

A communication from J. R. Stratton, provincial secretary, regarding a petition respecting motor vehicles, was referred to Finance Committee.

Ald. Edmondson desired to inquire of the Board of Works in regard to some street but he forgot the name.

Ald. McCaig suggested Emma street. Then Ald. Edmondson remembered that it was Delaware avenue. Mr. Pritchard had complained of a drain on this avenue by reason of which he was unable to get his coal in.

Ald. Mounter explained that instructions had been given to have a drain fixed and the city engineer said that this had been done to-day.

Ald. McCaig asked under what conditions and under what salary the ex-city engineer was working.

Ald. Mounter said that the city engineer had more work than he could do and had employed the ex-city engineer at \$3 per day to take the levels for the King street pavement.

Ald. McCaig asked if this would be charged to local improvements and Ald. Mounter said that it would.

Ald. McCaig asked that the ex-city engineer be asked to join with the other engineers in testing the cement. Complaints had been made as to the curb and gutter on Queen street in front of the post office and in front of David Canary's shop.

Ald. Mounter reported that Mr. Macnab had ceased his services that evening.

The city engineer was heard in regard to testing cement. He said that he would test about 100 yds to give a fair estimate of the cement about three months to set properly. Some brands set more quickly than others. He thought that the inferior work in the King street gutter was caused by the mistake, not by the cement.

On motion of Ald. Piggott, seconded by Ald. McCaig, it was decided to have the cement used tested.

Ald. Mounter moved that the civic employees receive a half holiday on Wednesday in order that they might attend the Fair. They had worked faithfully. The motion carried.

Ald. Edmondson called attention to the condition of Head street east. He said that it had been covered with yellow sand and he moved that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the railroad that if the street were left in that shape at once, the city would take some action.

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SOME PLAIN POINTED FACTS

Col. Rankin Dishes Them Up to Defaulting Council on Behalf of Citizen Soldiers.

Diplomacy and Duplicity Defined—Some Stern Truths for Electors to Ponder Over.

The following pointed letter from Colonel Rankin was received by the Council last evening. It apparently needs no explanation.

In the Planet's report of the proceedings of the City Council on the evening of the 8th inst., it is stated that the "city solicitor" opinion, and found that the resolution was passed on June 26th as presented by the late E. W. Scane at the time it was intended to form a county regiment with three companies from the city and three from the county with headquarters at Chatham. Annual drills would have to be held in Chatham and thus soldiers would be brought into the city from the county and they would remain here while the drill lasted.

"No such regiment was formed, however, so that the Council was in no way liable to pay the sum promised."

There is not one atom of truth in the above statement, and you as Mayor of the city and every member of the City Council knew when the opinion was read at the Council meeting that it was wholly untrue.

There never was and never will be a regiment formed on any such lines, and it must have required the fertile imagination of the solicitor or the person instructing him to furnish such a masked battery to the citizen soldiers of Chatham.

If you publish the resolution, as passed it will contradict every statement in the solicitor's opinion, and show that the two conditions of making the grant were—Headquarters at Chatham, and annual drill at Chatham.

These conditions were inserted so that the headquarters should not be at Windsor, and that the annual drill should not be performed in Windsor.

If the opinion of the solicitor is to be trusted, it means that if the conditions of the resolution were complied with, the additional pay would be given. A certified copy of the resolution was sent to the government and the regiment was formed and the men enlisted in exact compliance with the resolution, and now, when the pay is asked for, a phantom regiment is declared to have been the intention and because, forsooth, such a regiment was not formed, and could never be attempted to be formed under any regulation in Canada or to my knowledge outside of Canada, the men who joined the regiment in good faith are to be done out of their pay by fraud and misrepresentation. This may be termed by some diplomacy, but the men would term it duplicity. I cannot understand why you as president of the ex-regimental band would support a grant of \$100 to that band and refuse to the 130 men in the ranks what your predecessors in the council promised and the men were told they would receive. It may be hostility to the corps that caused this refusing inconsistency, but if the council think that the regiment should be so treated and that no armories should be erected on the park, so as to give employment to the workmen and citizens of the city, and place in their pockets dollars for cents that it would take to pay the men, then I have nothing further to say. That is a well defined and definite policy which the council may properly adopt.

There is one point remaining, that every municipal council grants 25 cents per man to their regiment and pays it over without any promise, and Chatham occupies the unique position of refusing after the promise is made and carried out fully and in good faith on the part of the regiment.

In conclusion, I offer to pay the men myself if you can prove to any disinterested and unbiased person that there is any truth in the ground on which you refuse to keep the promise. This letter is written to satisfy you and the council that the facts as set out in the solicitor's opinion are a myth. It is also on my own behalf.

J. B. RANKIN, Lt. Col., Commanding 24th Kent Reg't.

HOLMAN AGAIN ARRESTED.

Windsor, Sept. 22.—B. Holman, former agent for Dominion Express Co. and C. P. R. in Windsor, who was arrested some months ago on the charge of embezzlement to the amount of about eight hundred dollars, was again arrested on Saturday on a charge of embezzlement preferred against him by Route Agent McKay of the Dominion Express Company. The money is alleged to have been taken from the Windsor Bent Goods factory by the former agent.

McKay is alleged to have no record of the deposit, the amount being \$80. Holman was allowed his liberty once more, a surety bond having been furnished for his appearance before the local judge a week hence.

MANY MARVELS IN MILLINERY TO DELIGHT MAPLE CITY LADIES

Alluring Fall Exhibits of Enterprising Chatham Merchants—The New Styles Comprise Many Novelties—Splendid Displays in all the City Stores.

This is the week of the autumn millinery openings and enterprising Maple City merchants have, as usual, done themselves proud. The displays in the various business houses are extensive, attractive and complete.

A summary of the good things noted by Planet reporters is appended:—

THOMAS STONE & SON.

This old established firm, which has been in existence as long as many of the present citizens of Chatham can remember, is, as usual, occupying a prominent position in the front ranks of Chatham's prosperous business houses. At present they are making special efforts in the line of a fall millinery display and their grand opening which was held to-day is but a repetition of former successes.

Miss Hayes, the head milliner, has always been a favorite with fashionably dressed ladies, and this year she has prepared a stock of opening hats which are modelled upon the latest styles and tastefully arranged.

It was one of the most successful openings ever held by this firm. From early morning until late in the evening, long past the regular hour of closing, the splendid show rooms were crowded with visitors who were anxious to see the latest creations in this most artistic line of art.

Everyone was delighted, and well they might be, for the sight which was placed before their eyes was one which it would be hard to excel.

One very noticeable feature about the opening this year, and one which finds sympathy in public sentiment, is the general modesty of the hats shown. Flaring colors and extraordinary shapes are not much in evidence, and where they are shown they are generally treated as a secondary consideration.

The Gainsborough, the Always good—the Torpedo and the Flat Iron are the popular shapes this year. All colors are shown, and fancy cut felt suits hats relieved by darts and quills are much used.

Moleskin is used extensively with petunia shade velvet. The popular trimmings are ostrich feathers, pom-poms, velvet flowers, and velvet foliage.

One hat at Stone's which drew from the visitors much attention and admiration was a white fur hat with lace facings, white feathers and an ornament.

Another was a flat hat of reseda green trimmed with white facing and applique.

Another mink hat, Louis XIV. shape, trimmed with mink bindings and a touch of burnt orange and black tips, was a general favorite.

One of the latest hats was a pretty purple hat with the new flat iron shape, trimmed with purple feathers and panne velvet.

It would be impossible to give an accurate description of the showing, and a satisfactory impression can be secured by a visit to the show room.

C. AUSTIN & CO.

Everyone in town knows where the Bargain Centre is, and everyone is acquainted with the courteous, obliging proprietor, Chas. Austin. Mr. Austin manages one of the largest stores in Western Ontario, and he is continually adding to his floor space and introducing new features into his stock.

At present the crowds are flocking to his store, and a visit to his millinery show rooms will give ample reason for the unusual rush. Every thing here is in harmony and the effect of the whole is most pleasing. The room is very tastefully decorated, but the hats are the attraction.

Miss Thompson, the head milliner, has fairly outdone all of her previous efforts in the line of millinery openings, and she must feel a certain amount of gratification at the many expressions of delight which come from her many visitors.

The radical changes that are introduced in millinery this fall and winter are those of color, new forms of trimming and new uses for fabrics, rather than any decided innovation in shape.

Toques and turbans will adhere very strongly this season to the military style of trimming. This is particularly noticeable in the smart, tailored styles for the younger element.

Wings, birds, aigrettes are the more favored trimmings for their toques and trimmings, which are made of felt and map beaver to a considerable extent. For the dressier styles, velvet, chenille and various novelties, whether large or small, will show an infinite amount of skilled millinery work.

The long turbans are quite the fashion at present. They require but little ornamentation. One long narrow turban is made of white appliqued felt. At the left of the front two pretty star-like rosettes, with sequin centres, trim the brim.

Another effective toque. The brim

is of sherry green velvet with a sequin crown, clasped with handsome bronze ornaments, front and back.

One beautiful hat is developed in sequin and lamb. The under trim is of draped panne velvet, the sole trimming being a handsome aigrette and finished with a bunch of black veils.

One dainty hat is made of brown velvet with ruchings of mink to finish the edge of brim. Two handsome feathers fall gracefully forward from crown, with ornaments.

The foundation of another popular toque is gray and black chenille with sequin aigrettes. The crown is of basque pattern velvet, being finished at back with steel ornaments. A handsome aigrette completing the design.

THE NORTHWAY COMPANY.

A glance at the millinery show rooms of the Northway Company is sufficient to convince any lady in Chatham of the excellence of the fall display. The opening commenced to-day, and the large staff of assistants were kept busy handling the crowds who always attend the openings of this popular establishment.

The opening has been very successful this year and a most gratifying one to the milliners as well as the proprietors.

In a short interview with Miss Hayton, the head milliner, some very interesting information concerning the hats this season was obtained.

Shapes this season are reproductions of 1830 styles. Hats of fur, beaver, plush, chenille, and velvet hair are in the lead. Large, high crown, upright tips and sweeping plumes, are marked contrasts to flat hats. The extremely popular turban, the Continental and the Torpedo, are fairly new.

Daintiest models, especially of the toque and turban variety, are trimmed with soft silky mottled, cream, blue and rich green, red, yellow and brown, bluet and moss blue. Velvets will be favorite as usual.

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Groceries—The business we are doing is positive proof of the satisfaction we give in quality and prices, this also insures fresh goods all the time.

7 lbs. Rolled Oats 25c; Ginger Snaps 5c; 2 lbs. Pure Lard 25c; Corn Starch 7c; Pickles 10c; bottles; 3 Large Cans Mustard 25c; 5 lbs. Tapioca 25c; 1 lb. Fresh Ground Coffee 15c; Vinegar and Spices—2 quality at lowest prices.

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