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Saturday Night and Monday Curtain Sale

Here's a chance for economical house keepers—these are the finest Nottingham goods, and the reduced prices will appeal to every lady—House cleaning time is not far off.

Regular \$1.00
Quality at 78c.

3 1/2 yds. long, 50 inches wide
floral lacy designs, wonderful
value at \$1.00. You shouldn't
miss seeing these at 78c pr.

Regular \$1.25
Quality at 85c

3 1/2 yds. long, 50 in. wide,
heavy rich effect, good wearing
Nottingham Curtains, very
special at per pair, 85c.

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floral designs in a variety of
patterns, this is a special bar-
gain.

Regular \$2.40 Mus-
lin Curtains, \$1.98

Dainty striped muslins in
colors light blue and yellow,
with white round lace trimmed
on both sides, newest type of
bedroom decoration.

Some Great Carpet Bargains

Brussels, Tapestry or wools. If you need Carpets it will certainly pay you to see this offering.

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FOR SPRING 1902

A careful study of the wants of the trade, an accurate knowledge of good shoemaking of Women's Shoes in Welts and McKay sewed, combined to make our spring line stronger than ever before. Styles are new.

Exclusive Agent for the
The Famous Empress Shoe
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REPAIRING NEATLY DONE

APPEARANCES

IF YOU WANT to make a presentable appearance at home or abroad you need the services of a good reliable tailor. Every man has a peculiarity of his own which, unless taken into consideration, his clothes cannot possibly fit him.

MORLEY & CO., The Leading Tailors

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN HOLMES OFFICIALLY SWORN IN TO-DAY

Proceedings When He Took the Oath of Office Before Judge Houston This Morning.

Officer Groves Tenders Congratulations From the Force—Books of old Regime Officially Closed—Good Record of Past—Many Congratulations.

At 9:07 this morning John Holmes took the oath prescribed and became officially Chatham's Chief of Police. Judge Houston and Officer Tom Groves, who is on duty this week, were at the Police Station early and had everything in ship-shape order for the advent of the new executive. City Clerk Merritt, secretary of the Board of Police Commissioners, was also present, and received all monies held by the late Chief Young and accuring since his demise, and receipted and stamped the books, which will be passed on forthwith to the city auditors. Every detail was found in perfect order and receipts and vouchers were found complete, accurate and regular.

Within a few moments of nine o'clock Mr. Holmes made his appearance. A few curious and interested spectators had gathered in the Chief's office, where the oath was to be taken, while many others stood around outside the building.

City Clerk Merritt had supplied the declaration blanks, which included the oath of allegiance and that of the office of Chief Constable for the city of Chatham, and Judge Houston, who was seated at the Chief's desk, carefully filled them out.

Officer Groves escorted Mr. Holmes to the desk and stood by his side while he took the oath before Judge Houston.

As Chief Holmes laid the Bible down Officer Groves stepped forward and took his hand.

"Well, Chief," he said, "allow me to congratulate you most heartily. I'm sure you'll find us all loyal, and that we'll all work together for the betterment of the city."

"Thank you, Tom, thank you," responded the new Chief. "I'm sure that we will."

Judge Houston, City Clerk Merritt, the press representatives and others also shook hands with Chief Holmes.

On his desk the officer found his first batch of correspondence addressed "Chief of Police." These, however, were nearly all letters of congratulation from citizens and friends in Toronto and Ottawa.

There were no cases scheduled for this morning and, with the assistance of Judge Houston, the Chief of Police began the study of the books and his new duties.

HIS INAUGURAL

After having taken the oath of office this morning Chief of Police Holmes was asked by The Planet as to the conduct of the department during the ensuing regime.

"I shall earnestly seek to follow in their entirety the lines laid down by my esteemed predecessor, the late Chief Young. His methods were evidently held in high regard by the Commissioners and the public and I do not think a green hand could better them. I shall devote myself wholeheartedly to the duties and seek to perform them in accordance with the oath I have just taken."

NEED THOROUGH OVERHAULING

City Engineer's Prompt and Full Report on Offices at Police Station.

An important Communication Which Demands Consideration—Board of Works.

The civic Board of Works held a meeting in Harrison Hall last evening.

Re the Indian Creek bridge, it was decided to lay the matter over until Monday afternoon when the committee, in company with the City Engineer, will inspect the site for the proposed bridge.

The following is the Engineer's letter, re the repairs needed for the Police Station:

1. Replastering required.
2. Wash basin and toilet in officers' room requires to be generally overhauled and would recommend that it be replaced by marble back and sides and slate floor and open mouth and also a ventilation placed in the ceiling and the old tank taken out.
3. Magistrate's rooms, repaired and ventilated.
4. Court room, repaired, windows tightened and ventilator placed in the ceiling.
5. Intakes into the vent pipes in the cell room raised two feet from the floor and enlarged.
6. New blinds required throughout the building.
7. Move closet from cellar to vacancy at the top of the main stairs and replace the closet fixtures by those of a more modern design.
8. Soil pipes throughout the building removed. The old ones are decayed and leaking. Also place a ventilator in closet at head of stairs.
9. Closet in prisoners' department defective. This also requires to be replaced by a complete new outfit.
10. A down spout of pipe placed around the cell room. Also a two-inch coat of one to the Portland cement on top of cell floors to prevent water leaking down into the basement.
11. Cellar completely cleaned out and a new ground floor placed over whole area of cement in proportion one to five.
12. Sewer pipe connecting Police Station to Victoria avenue outlet be taken up and replaced by a new pipe, walls painted and portions of the floor removed.
13. Windows in several other portions of the building replaced.
14. Inside of the whole building thoroughly washed.
15. That a supply of disinfectants "Condy's fluid," be supplied to officers to be used every month during winter and once every week in summer. The whole cost would be about \$350 or \$400. This, I think, covers the ground thoroughly.

REAL REST

Rev Arthur Murphy Discussed it at the Oshet Church Mission Service.

The special services in Christ Church are attracting many interested people, and the addresses already given by Mr. Murphy have been interesting, earnest and instructive, and have proved a comfort and help to many of his hearers.

Last night Mr. Murphy delivered another earnest and practical sermon which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. He chose for his text the 31st verse of the 6th chapter of Mark.

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." The speaker described the rest which God had graciously provided for His people through Christ. The only place where we can find pure and sweet rest, said the speaker, is in Christ. He is a sure refuge, a strong fortress, and no matter how the storms may rage,

in Christ we are safe. The world cannot give rest, nor can the world take away that rest which God gives to those who trust in Him.

Mr. Murphy illustrated his subject in various ways and urged his hearers to flee for rest to Jesus. "If we are resting on the finished work of Christ, rest will be ours here, and rest will be ours hereafter, for our blessed Saviour, said the preacher, taught that Godliness has promise of the life which now is, and that which is hereafter, and rest, the rest of God, is something that begins here and is continued for ever and ever hereafter."

GOOD WORK

Ladies of the Home For the Friendless Meet and Transact Much Business.

The ladies of the Home of the Friendless held their regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon. There were present Mesdames Stevens, Ferguson, Fleming, Scane, Gardiner, Tisdman, Tyhurst, McDonald, and Miss Kingston. The usual business was transacted and the following accounts passed:

Ward Accounts.
Ward I.—J. McConnell, \$5.50; J. P. Taylor, \$2.50.
Ward II. and III.—E. Gammage, \$4.00; J. A. Wilson, \$4.50.
Ward IV.—Miss McMillan, \$11.20.
Ward V.—Beauchamp & Dunn, \$8.65; W. A. Wilson, \$6.50.

Home Accounts.
Wm. Potter, \$13.44.
T. Stone & Son, 30 cents.
R. Gorman, \$3.00.
Wm. Somerville, \$4.00.
H. Stephens, 22 1/4 cords wood at \$1.50, \$100.12.

Drawing Accounts.
R. Snyder, \$6.00.
G. Reddick, 25 cents.
C. Badgely, \$3.00.
J. L. Scott, \$4.14.

The visiting committee for March will be Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson.

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged: Park street church, three loaves bread and biscuits; Mrs. W. Moore, fruit and an overcoat.

BIG BUILDINGS

Building operations are starting in quite early this season. Jno. Pigotti & Sons report securing the order for three very large buildings this week, viz., the Dresden sugar factory, the Dresden canning factory and the Walkerville match factory, and are shipping two cars of lumber and frames for Wallaceburg sugar factory.

FROM WINDSOR TO CHATHAM

Electric Line Promoters Taking Active Steps for the New Road.

Will Ask Council for Right of Way—Want to Enter Windsor by Gleggery Avenue.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 28.—The first active step affecting local interests in the construction of the new electric line from Windsor to Chatham by way of Essex, will be taken on Monday evening at the meeting of the city council, when application will be made for entrance into the city and the right of way over the streets.

A. J. Nelles, of Hamilton, is in the city making arrangements for the presentation of the by-law.

"We have been very successful so far," said Mr. Nelles to-day, "in securing right of way, and have settled that part of the work with the exception of Windsor. We want to enter the city by the gravel road, coming down Gleggery avenue. I cannot tell when operations will be commenced, but work will be started from the Windsor end of the line first. As the country is comparatively level construction work should be hurried along, and the road finished in a reasonable time."

A. J. Nelles is one of the chief promoters in the new road, and is experienced in such matters, having promoted the construction of the 25-mile electric line from Hamilton to Beamsville several years ago. He has been manager of it until a few months ago, when he became interested in the present venture, and resigned his position.

In Liverpool shipping circles it is stated that owing to a disagreement of the owners of trans-Atlantic steamship services, the negotiations regarding uniform rates and fares have fallen through.

MAPLE CITY WILL ACCEPT NEW \$15,000 LIBRARY BUILDING

NEW LIBRARY

The decision of the joint committees of the City Council and Public Library Board in favor of accepting Carnegie's offer of \$15,000 for a library building practically assures the city of its erection.

The location of a site has yet to be chosen. It is hoped that the selection will be as central as possible and it is understood that an effort will be made to secure the property on King street west of the Aberdeen bridge corner, with a view to developing the business possibilities of that portion of our main street.

SOLDIERS DIE IN FIERCE STORM

Two Hundred Japanese Militia Men Frozen to Death and Buried in Snow.

They Burned Their Knapsacks to Keep Warm—Ghastly find of Frozen Corpses.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Details of the perishing of 200 Japanese soldiers in snow have just reached here by mail from Yokohama.

Col. Yamaguchi Shin and soldiers of the second battalion of the Fifth Regiment of infantry, numbering 215 in all, finding themselves checked in their march by a heavy snowfall, encamped in the Hakoda mountain on the way towards Tashiro-mura on Jan. 23, and all were frozen to death, with the single exception of a corporal.

Eighty army division was greatly alarmed, and immediately instituted a search and discovered Capt. Kamiguchi Bunkichi and two non-commissioned officers frozen in deep snow at Tamogino-mura. One of the non-commissioned officers was restored to life and, according to his statements, the second battalion stopped, after marching about three miles (about five and a half miles) from Tamogino-mura, and encamped there for two days.

On the 24th the snowstorm still prevailing, they could not march and were obliged to stay there. Towards night fuel was all gone, and they warmed themselves by burning their knapsacks and their muskets, but many were frozen to death. On the morning of the 25th they attempted to return to Tamogino, but Col. Yamaguchi, commander of the battalion, and numerous other soldiers were frozen to death, one after another, owing to the heavy snowstorm. On this account they could not march out, and came back again to the place of encampment. One hundred and thirty-nine soldiers were already dead by this time and only 71 were still surviving.

This remnant encamped the same night, and on the 26th the corps was disbanded, allowing the soldiers to proceed in any direction they preferred. On the 27th, when a relief corps arrived, Corp. Goto was found still surviving and standing erect.

Up to 3:50 p.m. on the 29th only four corpses of the members of the missing party were recovered. Nine hundred men of the engineering and infantry and 600 laborers were employed in search of work.

According to statements of old men the heavy snowfall in the vicinity of Anmori was unprecedented for 30 years.

LEAGUERS

They Presented an Excellent Program at Victoria Avenue Methodist Church.

A concert was given at Victoria Ave. Methodist League meeting last evening, which included some excellent numbers. The concert was a free one and was very much enjoyed by the large number present.

Two weeks from last night the young ladies of the league will give the gentlemen and their friends an entertainment, which will have no gentlemen's contributions. The program of last evening's entertainment was as follows:

Vocal Solo—S. Noble Gardiner.
Flute Solo—Earl Sheldrick.
Vocal Solo—Miss Aleworth.
Recitation—Miss Hicklin.
Vocal Solo—Miss Vera Hayward.
Inst. Solo—Miss Mary Brackin.
Vocal Solo—Harry Horstead.
Vocal Solo—Robt. Knight.
Vocal Solo—Harry Horstead.

Decision Reached by a Joint Committee of City Council and Library Board Last Night.

Care Will be Exercised in the Choice of a Site—Annual Cost not to be Increased—The Land to Cost \$2,000—Possible Gymnasium.

The meeting of the joint committee of the City Council and the Library Board, met in the clerk's office, Harrison Hall last evening to consider the Carnegie offer of \$15,000 to the Public Library. Those present at the meeting were—From the Council—Aldrs. Marshall, Fleming, Mounteer, McKeough, and Waddell and from the Library Board, Messrs. Sheldrick, Charteris, Thibodeau and Humphrey. Alderman Marshall occupied the chair.

He called upon Mr. Sheldrick to explain the offer from Mr. Carnegie.

Mr. Sheldrick then read the communication from Mr. Carnegie, and also several letters from different places, where offers from Mr. Carnegie have been accepted and libraries put up. These latter communications showed that Mr. Carnegie made no restrictions in the offer except that the council should guarantee one-tenth of the amount given, each year for the maintenance of the library.

Mr. Mounteer—Have the Board made out an estimate of the probable cost of running the new library?

Mr. Sheldrick—Mr. Davis has gone into that quite fully, and there is no doubt but that the new library will be sustained for the same amount of money we now expend on the present library.

Mr. Humphrey—You know we will have a gymnasium and art school in connection with it, for which we will collect fees, and a grant from the government. During the last ten years the average yearly expenditure in the library has been \$1,520.

The meeting decided to recommend to the council that the offer be accepted as per Mr. Carnegie's agreement, and that in the opinion of the meeting a suitable site could be secured for about \$2,000.

The ways and means for paying for the site will be arranged by the Council.

DID JUSTICE TO MAJUBA DAY

Lord Kitchener Sends Forth Cheering News From South Africa.

Over Six Hundred Boers Captured, Commandant Killed and Dewet's son Taken.

London, Feb. 28.—General Kitchener gives the details of the disaster which befell the British convoy near Klerksdorp on Feb. 24. Sixteen officers, including Col. Anderson, the commander, were captured, as were also 651 men. One officer and 105 men have since been released. General Kitchener makes no mention of the loss of guns. The Secretary of war, Mr. Brodrick, referring to this matter in the House of Commons, said the British casualties were 120.

The heavy casualties, the apparent certain loss of two guns, and the capture of nearly 500 British troops by Boers near Klerksdorp, will dull the enthusiasm caused by the success of Gen. Kitchener's second big drive. The prisoners will doubtless be released, but their arms are gone, and such incidents in the past have always tended to give heart to the Boers and stiffen their resistance. Gen. Kitchener's first despatch to-day lengthily summarizes the result of several days' combined operations in an area of about 2,500 square miles, in which the engagements of Feb. 23 and 28 occurred. One incident was the killing of the Boer leader Manie Botha and 35 other Boers, in addition to the losses previously reported. The Boers made other small attempts to break through the British lines. In two cases they succeeded. The biggest coup was yesterday when 450 Boers, with their rifles and horses, were captured. Unofficial telegrams describe this as

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