

To-Night and Monday

There is sure to be something on the list for to-night and Monday that will be useful to you, and you can get it at a big saving. We cannot promise that everything advertised will be here on Monday—so better come to-night if possible.

Girl's Underwear.

Girl's heavy winter weight, shaped fleece lined, undervests and drawers, in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, to fit girls from 2 to 13 years, reg. prices 25c, 35c, 45c, 45c and 50c, according to size, on sale to-night and Monday in three lots, at 15c, 25c and 35c.

Handkerchiefs.

Men's fine white cambric taped handkerchiefs, large size, reg. price 10c each, on sale to-night and Monday at 4 for 25c.

Children's colored border hdkfs. at 1c.

Ladies' side combs, tortoise shell effect, on sale to-night and Monday only, very special at per pair 5c.

Hair Pins, 100 assorted in card board box, on sale special at a box 3c.

Ribbons.

Plaid silk ribbons, 4 ins wide, pure silk, suitable for boys' ties, etc., also fancy neck ribbons, in shades of rose, sky and pink, every ribbon reg. price 25c yd., on sale to-night and Monday for 14c.

Boys' Underwear.

Boys' extra fine and heavy wool fleece lined shirts and drawers, all sizes, to fit boys 3 to 16 years, specially priced at per garment 20c to 45c.

Silks.

Bright eye silks on spools, in shades of blue, green, yellow, rose, helio, etc., reg. price 5c, to-night for 3c.

Corduroy Velvets.

Corded Velveteens, in bright finish, medium width cord, suitable for ladies' waists and dresses, children's coats and girl's dresses in shades of pink, sky, old rose, brown and reds, green, reg. value 45c, a yd, on sale to-night and Monday at 34c.

Bootsies.

Infants' brand knitted bootsies, made of Shetland flees, fancy knitted top and tassels, in plain cream only, reg. price 20c, a pair, to-night and Monday for 14c.

Collars.

Ladies' fancy silk stock collars in mauve, sky, pink, old rose and cardinal, reg. prices 35c and 50c, to-night for 25c.

Cottons.

Circular pillow cotton, English make, good strong even weave, 40 ins wide, regular value 15c per yard, on sale for 12c.

36 ins wide, fine white cambric, pure bleached, even finish, regular value, 12c a yard, on sale very special at 10c.

Towels, Napkins and Spreads.

Linen color bath towels with red stripes, extra size 20x45 ins, fringed, on sale to-night and Monday only, pair 25c.

Bleached union napkins, 8 1/2 x 10 size, on sale to-night and Monday, special a doz. 49c.

White honey comb spreads, full double bed size, fine soft finish, reg. value \$1.00, on sale special at 84c.

THOS. STONE & SON.

DOROTHY DODDS ARE HERE

Are here in all their brightness.

Many new lasts and styles have been added to our stock.

We can fit any ladies' foot with a Dorothy Dodd Shoe.

Prices **\$3.75.**
\$4.00

Peace & Co.

SOLE AGENTS

DON'T MISS IT!

If you are going to purchase Fancy China or Lamps call and see our large assortment of very pretty goods at prices that will surprise you and save you money. A reduction of 10 per cent off these goods, bought for the Xmas trade.

Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sots at the usual low prices for good ware.

GROCERIES

New Cooking Figs, 5 cts. per lb.
7 lb. Pails Jam, 60c.
2 cans best Salmon, 25c.
Fresh Mackerel, 10c per can.
6 lbs. Cream Wheat Germ, 25c.
7 lb. best Rolled Oats 25 cts.
3 lbs. Raisins, 25 cts.
3 lbs. Currants, 25 cts.
Soda Biscuits, 7c. per lb.

John McConnell,
Phone 190, - Park St.

WATER COMS. INDIGNANT

Say the Auditors Report in Reference to Their Appointment is Insulting.

Mr. Macpherson Defends His Report and Refers Commissioners to Solicitor—Report Received.

"An auditor is always criticised. I expect your criticism and I am willing to take that criticism."

This was the stand taken by Auditor F. H. Macpherson at the meeting of the Finance committee yesterday afternoon, when the matter of the auditor's report on the Water Works Department was brought up. Commissioners Bray and Sheldon were present at the meeting and in spite of the fact that they tried to convince Mr. Macpherson that the report was misleading and insinuating the latter held that his report was perfectly true and correct and refused to have it altered in any way.

The difference arose over the criticism of the Commissioners in the report, over the recent coal contract with the Lake Erie, and for a time the discussion was lively and interesting.

Mr. Macpherson in his report called attention to the irregularity in the coal contract, where the Commissioners purchased coal from the Lake Erie and then sold it to the Mineral Bath House. Reference was also made to the fact that one of the Commissioners was a stockholder in the Mineral Bath Company. He pointed out that the Commissioners were entitled to buy coal for civic purposes only and that the Bath House coal should not be included in the civic contract.

Mr. Sheldon explained the situation to the committee. In making the contract with the Lake Erie the price quoted for the coal was \$1.25 per ton, however, by purchasing more, enough for the Mineral Bath Company, the Commissioners obtained a discount of 10 per cent on all the coal used by the city. He thought it was a good business proposition and did not think that the Commissioners should be censured for saving money for the city. All of the members on the Board also are stockholders in the Mineral Bath Company, and he did not think it right to select one and mention him in an insinuating manner. It was all done fairly, and he pointed out that the Board themselves had nothing whatever to conceal. He himself (Mr. Sheldon) was ill at the time of the meeting and so was not present when the contract was made.

Mr. Sheldon also claimed that the Water Works was self supporting, they had this year returned money to the Council, reduced the rates from 30 to 20 cents, and had saved money on their coal contract.

Dr. Bray thought that the report was a reflection on the Board, both as business men and personally. He also stated that Mr. Macpherson's recommendations were exactly the same as the Board made three years ago.

Mr. Macpherson stated that as to the coal contract that he had no personal interest in the matter whatever, and he would refer the Commissioners to their selection and let him advise them as to the irregularities.

Mr. Sheldon—Why did you select one Commissioner?

Mr. Macpherson—I got full information on the matter.

Mr. Sheldon—After hearing our explanation are you satisfied to let your report go?

Mr. Macpherson—If I changed the report at all I would make it read all of the Commissioners instead of one.

Dr. Bray—You think it not advisable to change the report.

Mr. Macpherson—Ask your solicitor.

Mr. Wilson thought the report was better as it is. There had certainly been an irregularity.

Dr. Bray—Our object was to get a better rate.

Mr. Sheldon—We asked several others to join us in the contract along with the Mineral Company. We were after a discount of 15 per cent.

Mr. Macpherson—It is my business to point out irregularities.

Those present at the meeting were the Mayor, Solicitor Wilson, Mr. Macpherson, Treasurer Fleming, and Messrs. Marshall, Scullard, Bray and Sheldon.

The following was the report of the Commissioners to the Finance committee with recommendations as to the improvement of the Water Works Department:

To the Finance committee of the City Council:

Gentlemen—All your request we wish to discuss the auditor's report, which has caused somewhat of a sensation in our city. We, the Water Commissioners, submit that we do not see anything in the report that would equalize or adjust the present water works system any better than the scheme we recommended some

three years ago, our report upon which may be found in the Water Commissioners' office.

That report sets forth the number of unmain streets in the city and the cost at that time to main and equip them, which was \$22,000.00, and also an estimate of the amount that could be derived from the sale of water to the parties along said unmain streets, which was about \$6,000, not including baths or closets, but about that time there was a by-law coming up to be voted on by the ratepayers, and it was decided by some of the aldermen at that time to let our scheme lay over, which was done. Since then about \$6,000.00 has been expended on capital account in laying mains and extensions, and about 250 new patrons have been obtained.

It would now take say \$15,000 or \$16,000 to lay the unmain portion of the city, which could be done by-law sanctioned by the ratepayers, and the debentures spread over a term of years, and we are satisfied water could be sold to justify the expenditure, as many wells in that case would be closed by the Board of Health.

Then there is another way which might be the easier one to carry out. Put in your estimates, say \$2,000.00 a year for extensions and mains, and pay for the water the city uses the same as if you were buying from a private corporation. Then at the end of the year after maintenance and operating accounts were paid, hand over the remainder to the City Treasurer. In this way the whole city would be paying for the additions to the plant and also for water used by the city, and in the fall would all participate in the surplus which we are satisfied would be more than enough to pay both principle and interest on the water works debentures, which is \$10,121.04 per year. To substantiate this statement here are the figures of last year.

Add to capital account in the way of extensions and mains, \$3,448.50; furnished water to city, \$5,644.50; cash handed to City Treasurer, \$3,000.00; total, \$12,093.00; showing a surplus over and above interest and principal on the debenture debt of \$1,971.96.

We made the statement last year that the water works was on a paying basis. The above figures fully justify the statement, and as we added last year one hundred and thirty new patrons, which we get the benefit of this year, the surplus this year would have been very much larger had we not, in justice to the water patrons, cut the rate down to 20c, a thousand gallons.

We have averaged the above increase every year since we held office, so you see it will not be long before every ratepayer will have city water.

As now adjusted, the water patrons' money pays all operating, maintains the plant, furnishes the city with water for fire protection, sprinkling, etc., and last year handed \$3,000.00 in to the treasurer, besides paying their share along with all other ratepayers of the water works debenture debt, while the non-patrons only pay their share of the debenture debt, and for it they get water for fire protection and the benefit of the surplus handed in to the treasurer. This is where, under the present system, it works unfavourably against the water patrons in favor of the non-consumers.

So you see, as has been pointed out by the commissioners, it is not quite a square deal to the patrons. Still, everybody seems to be satisfied with their water rate since the last reduction was made.

So far as the auditors' report refers to the favoritism, coal contract, patrons in arrears, Windsor's rate and several other minor matters, there is nothing in them when properly explained, but what will show to the credit and easy working of our system.

Yours,
WATER COMMISSIONERS.

COLOMBIA WILL FIGHT.

A Large Army is Marching to the Isthmus.

Guayaquil, Nov. 14.—General Plaza, President of Ecuador, has cabled to President Marroquin of Colombia, sympathizing with him in the recent events on the Isthmus of Panama. President Marroquin has replied thanking General Plaza, and adding that Generals Reyes, Cabellosa, Spinosa and Holygin are marching on Panama with a large army to subdue the Isthmians.

NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY.

Equal Rights for Women—No Religious Test.

Winnipeg, Nov. 14.—In the Northwest Legislature at Regina Premier Haultain moved the second reading of a bill to establish a university for the Northwest Territories. Mr. Haultain laid stress on the fact that no religious test would be required for any officials, no religious observances imposed upon them. The education of women would be provided for, and no person, by reason of sex, would be deprived of any advantage or privilege accorded by the university.

GALE ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

C.P.R. Steamer Alberta Forced to Shelter 24 Hours.

Fort William, Nov. 14.—The C. P. R. steamship Alberta, Captain McAllister, arrived twenty-four hours late. On her trip up the lake the steamer was detained by the severest storm of the season, a fierce gale and snowstorm raging on Lake Superior on Wednesday night and all day Thursday up to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when the steamer left the shelter of Michipicoten Island, after sailing up and down the northeast shore of the island for sixteen hours.

WILL PRODUCE "ROBIN HOOD"

24th Regiment Will Present this Splendid Opera in the Maple City.

Earl of Dundonald Included in List of Patrons—First Time Entire Opera was Ever Produced by Amateurs.

The Maple City—ever musical, ever artistic—is, during the coming season, to again witness the presentation of standard comic opera at the hands of her talented sons and daughters.

The exceptional and unvaried success of past productions has emboldened the officers and members of the 24th Kent Regiment, under whose auspices the coming performance is to be presented, to select that ever enjoyable and, perhaps, most popular of all operas comique of which the New York Herald recently said, "Still another view of 'Robin Hood' has served only to strengthen the opinion that it is the best of them all. It has poise, balance, rhythm, swing and, what is most unusual, a story that is dramatically consequential and would hold interest even without the charm which the music adds."

In inaugurating the presentation of at least one annual musical or dramatic artistic performance, the Regiment has in view also the development and appreciation of the refining arts of peace, and it will be the aim of the 24th each year to supply its members and friends with one of the most pleasurable and perfect local productions within the possibilities of the best Maple City talent. With the advent of the armories it is hoped to extend and multiply these opportunities for social and artistic enjoyment.

In securing the ever-popular and inspiring "Robin Hood" the officers of the Regiment have aimed to open with a veritable treat. This is the first and only time the right to produce this incomparable work has been granted to amateurs, and in securing it the Regiment acknowledges the generous courtesy of Mr. Reginald De Koven, the composer, who granted his personal permission for this production.

"Robin Hood" is well remembered and admired by musical Chathamites. It enjoys a perennial popularity—and deservedly. Its chief characters have grown to classics. There is the beautiful and beloved Maid Marian, soprano; the soulful and piquant Alan-a-Dale, contralto; the charming Anselm, the humorous Dame Burdon, the maid o' the woods and other delightful and graceful feminine characters. The male cast includes the dashing Robin Hood, tenor; the stalwart Will Scarlet, the accomplished Alan-a-Dale, contralto; the charming Anselm, the humorous Dame Burdon, the maid o' the woods and other delightful and graceful feminine characters. The male cast includes the dashing Robin Hood, tenor; the stalwart Will Scarlet, the accomplished Alan-a-Dale, contralto; the charming Anselm, the humorous Dame Burdon, the maid o' the woods and other delightful and graceful feminine characters.

A splendid company of talented young Chathamites have generously agreed to assist the Regiment in this undertaking. A full chorus of 75 voices has been selected, including those of the Tinker's Band, the milk maid's chorus, the song of the woodmen, etc. J. W. Wilson, choir conductor of Christ Church, has been chosen to direct the choir, and will superintend rehearsals and conduct the production. Bandmaster Watson H. Walker will be in charge of the orchestration and accompaniment.

One particularly gratifying feature of the cast will be the presence of two Detroit favorites, well known to Maple City lovers of music, Marshall Pease, the celebrated tenor, will sing the title role of Robin Hood. Mr. Pease is no stranger to the field of opera and his interpretation of this part will be one of the features of the production. Samuel I. Slade, who is especially accorded such a royal reception here, and travelled for several seasons with Lillian Russell, will personate the stalwart woodsman and armorer, Will Scarlet. To hear Mr. Slade in the celebrated armorer's song is, in itself, a treat such as rarely falls to the lot of a Chatham audience. The remainder of the cast will be contributed by the Maple City's popular musical talent.

The costuming and special scenic effects are being secured from Arthur W. Tams, the well-known New York expert, whose work for this production is especially recommended by Mr. De Koven himself.

The Regiment also expects upon this occasion to have the pleasure and privilege of entertaining the Earl of Dundonald, Canada's G. O. C. The General Officer Commanding has already graciously extended his patronage to the production and an earnest effort will be made to arrange the date to secure his presence. Colonel Peters, D. O. C., and Mrs. Peters have also kindly and courteously lent their patronage to the occasion.

The response of the Earl was as follows:—

Militia Head-Quarters,
Canada,
Ottawa, Nov. 11th, 1903.

Sir: I am directed by the General Officer

Commanding the Canadian Militia, in reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, to inform you that the Earl of Dundonald has much pleasure in allowing his name to be included in the list of patrons in connection with the forthcoming amateur production of the opera "Robin Hood" by the officers and men of the 24th Regiment and their friends.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
AYLMER,
Colonel,
Adjutant-General.

The presentation will take place under the esteemed patronage of the following ladies and gentlemen:—

The Earl of Dundonald, G. O. C.
Colonel J. Peters, D. O. C., and Mrs. Peters.

Lieut.-Colonel J. B. Rankin, and Mrs. Rankin.

Major G. P. Schofield.

His Honor Judge Bell and Mrs. Bell, His Honor Judge Woods and Mrs. Woods.

His Worship Mayor McKeough and Mrs. McKeough.

George Stephens, Esq., M. P., and Mrs. Stephens.

Mr. J. R. Gemmill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ball.

Dr. and Mrs. George T. McKeough.

Mr. and Mrs. Manson Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Stephenson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Malcolmson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Witherspoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Stegmann.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Nichol.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Heyward.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Landon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Keefe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rispien.

Never before has Chatham and Kent County had better prospects for the establishing of an electric road than at the present time—in fact it will be a surprise to many if an electric road is not operating in Kent County in a very short time. The road now under consideration is the Chatham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Electric Railway. It is proposed to build the Chatham-Wallaceburg line first, and at present it is thought the road will proceed direct through on the Chatham-Dover townline to Wallaceburg, with two branches lines, one along the 4th concession, Dover to Pain Court, and the other down the 13th concession to Mitchell's Bay.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening to hear the proposition to the city from the promoters of the road. The promoters asked for either of three things, a loan of \$50,000, free from interest, to be paid back \$2,000 a year, on and after the fifth year, a bonus, or that the city should take \$50,000 in stock in the company. After hearing the speakers, several members of the Council expressed themselves heartily in favor of the project and it is likely a by-law of some nature will be submitted at the next municipal elections.

N. H. Stevens was the first speaker. He gave a complete history of how the project has been worked from the start until the present time.

"To-day we had a meeting with the Township Council," said he, "and they are all enthused with the scheme. We can get plenty of money providing we can show good security. We do not propose to build without the support of the municipalities. I need not say of what benefit the road would be to Chatham. During the last year or two under the industrial committee we have brought many industries to the city, but I think this road will be worth four times as much to the city, as all the factories we have brought here. We made a great effort to get the charter and we have a good one. We would carry freight and passengers, had immense quantities of grain, stock, timber, etc., would be easily carried into the city."

J. N. McKendry, of Toronto, one of the promoters of the road, then spoke. He said:

"One year ago the scheme for a road was laid before a number of Toronto people, and as a result we now have a definite project to lay before you. The electric railway has come to stay. There are from four to five thousand electric roads in the United States, and it is found that people will ride in an electric car both for business and pleasure."

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