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HOTELS UNCHANGED
BY-LAW WITHDRAWNSix Months' Holst Given to
Ald. Stone's Proposal by
Chatham Council

Chatham, March 1.—(Special).—At a special meeting of the city council last evening the by-law brought in at the last meeting by Ald. Stone, annulling the various by-laws passed last spring, by which the number of hotels was limited to 14, was given a six months' trial. Its sponsor saying that, owing to the false impressions that had gone abroad, he, with the consent of his second, would withdraw it at once. Ald. Edmondson, the second, gave his consent, and on Mayor Marshall suggesting a hoist, that was agreed upon. In the meantime, therefore, the city will have to be content with 14 hotels of all descriptions.

In course of his speech last night Ald. Stone repudiated the assertions about the streets that it was a political measure. There was no such intention on the council to carry it if that was the case. What they wanted was to leave the commissioners free to act as they saw fit. As for increasing the number of licenses the city was not to be concerned with.

It is stated in certain quarters that the measure introduced by Ald. Stone, gone through a license would have been given Mr. Pleasance; while others state that the alderman was being made the victim of a political move, whereby his opponents could have profited by extending or advocating a license for parties whose possession of one would not have been for the good of the city as a whole.

However, it is down and out for the present. The county council are showing an amount of independence that is said to be causing the city members of the C. C. I. board a good deal of concern. The county have an interest in the Ridgeway Collegiate that is greater than that which they have in the Chatham Collegiate, and, as there are continuation classes in Highgate, Thamesville, Bothwell, Blenheim, Wallaceburg and Dresden, they appear to be inclined to resent the threats of the board, the city members, at least, to put the county pupils out.

They claim the city gets from the county pupils about \$2,000 a year in the way of board, spending money, etc., and ask whether the city can, for the sake of splitting a point, afford to carry their threats to an ultimatum, let alone expulsion.

There is to be a special meeting of the C. C. I. board held to-morrow afternoon, and it will be fully discussed the attitude of the county and to which the city feel like to mitigate the danger of open rupture. It is just possible that the board may, in order to secure the Government grant, bring matters to a head and expel the county pupils outright.

Mrs. J. E. Thomas, wife of J. E. Thomas, manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce until about a year ago, died at the family residence, King street west, this morning. The deceased lady was married to Mr. Thomas in Windsor in 1883, and has resided in Chatham ever since. She was a Miss Sophie Caron, a member of one of Windsor's best families, and was universally esteemed for her many qualities of mind. She leaves three children, Helen, Frank and Marion, all of Chatham; two sisters, Mrs. Percy Ives, wife of the well-known Detroit artist; Mrs. Geo. McPhillips, of Windsor; and a brother, L. M. Caron, of Detroit. The funeral will take place on Saturday after 2.30.

MAKE WOODSTOCK A
DISTRIBUTING POINTAmerican Coal Company Con-
template Important Move
—Tailor Assigns

Woodstock, March 1.—Many important changes in connection with the facilities of the C. P. R. of this city are expected this spring. Arrangements are now in progress for making Woodstock the distributing point of a large American coal company, the Ellsworth Coal Company, of Cleveland.

It is proposed to have coal shipped here from the states by C. P. R. boats to Port Burwell and have it brought from there to this city over the C. P. R. lines. From here all shipments would be made to all Canadian dealers. The scheme will require siding accommodation for at least 500 cars. Some of the branch lines to be constructed by the C. P. R. will also touch this district.

The railway proposes taking immediate action in regard to any crossings on their line, which are considered in any way dangerous. During the month of February there were registered with the city clerk 21 births, 5 marriages and 11 deaths. T. Lyons, merchant tailor, of this city, made an assignment to-day to J. H. Brown.

Dr. Willoughby Buried
Funeral of Pastor Who Died in Blenheim Methodist Church.

Toronto, March 1.—The funeral of Rev. N. R. Willoughby, D. D., Brantford, who died at Blenheim on Sunday morning, just after preaching at the evangelistic conference, being held there, took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his son, Dr. J. C. Willoughby, 328 St. George street. The deceased clergyman was pastor of Central Methodist Church some years ago, and was also an ex-president of the conference. He had spent some forty years in the ministry.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Robinson, president of the London conference, assisted by Rev. J. J. Redditt, president of the conference, and Revs. Dr. Briggs, J. Wakefield, Dr. W. R. Parker, and Dr. W. S. Griffin. Messages of sympathy were received from former congregations at Listowel and Blenheim.

The pall-bearers were: Revs. L. W. Hill, B. A.; E. N. Baker, B. A.; W. F. W. Hill, D. D.; J. H. Hartley, B. A.; Chambers, D. D.; and J. F. German, M. A. Interment took place in the Necropolis.

BUCKET SHOP FAILURES
Have Struck Prominent Woodstock Resident Hard of Late.

Woodstock, March 1.—(Special).—During the past three years a number of stock exchanges having branches in the city have failed and as a result their customers have lost considerable money. One citizen who should know whereof he speaks states that during the past three years more than \$10,000 of Woodstock money has been lost in the bucket shops of this city.

The speculation, he declares, is by no means confined to a few. Many prominent in church work are represented on the list and he ventures the opinion that the publication of those doing the shops would make trouble in many a household.

WILL INCREASE SALARIES
Berlin School Board to Adopt New Schedule for Teachers.

Berlin, March 1.—(Special).—The public school board will increase the salaries of the teachers and adopt a new schedule at a special meeting to be held to-morrow evening. A. H. Leake delivered a lecture on "Practical Education" at the Berlin Collegiate Institute auditorium last evening.

The Waterloo County Poultry Association has decided to conduct a show on a much larger scale than has yet been attempted before in Berlin. The officers are confident that they will receive the support of the leading fanciers in the province, as well as the farmers in the county.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS
Reports That 20 Advertised Petitions Have Not Been Presented.

Toronto, March 1.—(Special).—At a meeting of the standing orders committee of the Legislature, Chairman W. H. Hoyles reported that 20 petitions had not yet been presented which had been advertised in the Gazette. Six were one week short; 19 two weeks; 14 three weeks, and 6 five weeks. This means that a large number of bills will be struck out unless an extension of time is given. Twelve bills were reported to the House.

NOT ENOUGH HOSE
Hence Firemen of Ingersoll Could Not Aid Mr. Neal.

Ingersoll, March 1.—(Special).—The fire at Neal's greenhouses on Wednesday was the principal subject of conversation about town to-day. While the firemen are not supposed to go outside the corporation, had they had sufficient hose when the alarm was first sounded they would have been in a position to have rendered effective service in fact, it is doubtful if he will rebuild. At the annual meeting of the Ingersoll Blue Rock Gun and Rifle Club officers were as follows were elected: President, W. A. Edgar; 1st vice-president, Geo. Nichols; 2nd vice-president, Geo. Riddle; secretary, A. B. Walker; treasurer, Wes. Staples.

The official board of King Street Church have given Rev. E. E. Marshall a unanimous invitation to remain the fourth year as their pastor, and he has accepted the same. The work of all departments of the church is in a flourishing condition.

ASKING FOR GRANT
TO OFFSET FLOODSMontgomery and Eilber Intro-
duce Deputation to Hon.
Dr. Reaume

Toronto, March 1.—(Special).—Deputations of every size invaded the Parliament buildings this morning from all directions. Main corridor and wings were flooded, and the ministers were busier than bees.

Hon. Dr. Reaume was asked for a grant towards the cost of draining the Aux Sables River section on the Lake Huron shore between Lambton and Huron counties.

Large areas in Bosanquet, McGillivray and Stephen townships are yearly affected by heavy summer floods. The work will cost \$75,000 and nearly 100,000 acres will be benefited. Hugh Montgomery, M. P., East Lambton, and Eilber, M. P., P. P. South Huron, headed the deputation. Representatives of the Board of the Hamilton Sanitarium for Consumptives waited on Hon. Messrs. Hanna and Hendrie for aid to their institution.

Mr. Hanna also heard a deputation from Orillia who sought information on the method of enforcing a local temperance law. Some thirty years ago a by-law was passed in Orillia restricting the number of licenses, but somehow the by-law has not been observed.

A deputation waited on the Attorney-General from the Canadian Constables' Association in an effort to impress upon the department the wisdom and need of a municipal superannuation system, along the lines advised by the convention held here in September. They want the Municipal Act amended to allow this scheme to have legal effect.

The deputation for a Normal school this morning was from Lindsay.

NATURAL GAS
Dr. Jessop Asks for Government's Plans re Limiting Exportation.

Toronto, March 1.—(Special).—In the Legislature Dr. Jessop will ask: "What does the Government take any action in order to stop or limit the exportation of natural gas from Ontario into the United States?"

If not is it the intention of the Government to do so? The following notices of bills have been given: Mr. Downey, to amend the public works and the waterworks act, the municipal act, the street railway act, the electric railway act, to provide for the exemption of woodlands from taxation.

Mr. Little, to amend the Berberry school act, the municipal act. Mr. Labrosse, to amend the municipal act. Mr. Craig, to amend the assessment act. Mr. Sutherland, to amend the act to regulate the speed and operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways.

Mr. Carnegie, to amend the assessment act and the municipal act. Mr. Macdonald, bill to amend the act respecting boards of education in certain cities, towns and villages; bill to amend the municipal light and heat act; bill to amend the municipal act; Mr. Smellie, bill to amend the assessment act.

BRANT STABBING.
Brantford, March 1.—A matter has been reported to the police which may lead to a murder. Wallace intends to investigate to-day. Some days ago two boys living in the north ward had a tussle, in the midst of which one jabbed the other with his knife.

Two slight wounds were inflicted, one in the side and the other in the hand. Since then the injured boy, whose name is Wood, has been around, with his hand bandaged up, but it is possible that in as other cases, the knife cuts may prove serious.

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ARKONA ECHOES.
Arkona, March 1.—Miss E. M. Irwin is attending millinery openings at Toronto this week.

Miss Hodder, of Dresden, is visiting her uncle, Mr. John Hodder. Miss Elva Fuller is visiting friends in Toronto this week.

Mrs. Copperberger, of Port Huron, who has been visiting at Mr. Fred Jackson's for the past week, returned home on Monday.

Miss B. Foster is spending the week at Sarnia.

Mrs. James Pullen, Sarnia, and Mrs. Love, Parkhill, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Meadows, here last week.

Levi Bessars, who has been visiting his father here, returned to his home in Bailey, Mich., on Monday last.

Large crowds are attending the union revival services being held here this week, and much good is being done.

WIRELESS.
Ottawa, March 1.—The marine department has decided to construct three Marconi stations on the Pacific coast. This will cover the whole coast line, as messages can be sent 400 miles.

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Ladies' Underskirts, Saturday 50c

3 dozen Ladies' Underskirts, made of fine Lonsdale, some with deep flounce of embroidery and tucks, others with deep flounce of Lonsdale cambric with tucks and lace trimmings, sizes 38 to 42, some slightly soiled. Sale price Saturday 50c.

Ladies' Ex. O. S. Vests, 35c

Ladies' ex. O. S. Vests, in cotton and wool mixed, long sleeves, ribbed wrist, lace trimmed, button front, shaped waist, regular 50c. Saturday sale price 35c.

75c Men's Underwear, Saturday 39c

Men's Heavy Fleece Lined Undershirts, nicely finished, sizes; also heavy Scotch Wool Shirts and Drawers, ribbed, and ankles, and well made; regular 75c. Saturday 39c. Heavy Woolen Mitts, in white, black and cardinal, regular 25c, sale price 19c.

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4 dozen LADIES' OPEN DRAWERS, regular 35c, sale price 20c pair

15c Doyleys, Saturday 8c

7 dozen Linen Doyleys, oval or round, 11 in. by 15 in., with drop-stitch centre and pretty floral border with fringed edge; regular 15c. Sale price 8c each.

We have a few of those Silk Shawls and Fascinators left to clear at special prices.

Special Candy Offer for Saturday

Chocolate Dipped Dates, regular 20c lb. Sale price Saturday 10c lb. Pure Chocolate Drops, regular 15c lb. Sale price Saturday 10c lb. Fresh Buttercups, all flavors. Sale price Saturday 10c lb. French Peanuts, regular 20c lb. Sale price Saturday 10c lb.

Big Attractions in Our Wall Paper Department

Our Wall Paper dept. is filled with the most artistic papers we have, showing the quality, and prices will surprise you. We invite the public to come and see for themselves the values we are offering. Watch our ad. next week, as we intend quoting special prices for our spring opening.

Graniteware Sale on Saturday

8 dozen Berlin Kettles, with covers, two coats enamel, regular price 85c. Sale price Saturday 65c. 64 only Stove Pots, pit bottom, first quality; regular 65c. Sale price Saturday 45c. 120 only deep Pudding Pans, qt. first quality, regular 15c. Sale price Saturday 10c. 10 dozen Soup Ladies, first quality granite; regular price 15c. Sale price Saturday 10c.

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REPORT NOT YET.

Toronto, March 1.—The members of the university commission had a long interview with the Premier and other ministers this morning. At the conclusion the Premier stated that several matters had been discussed, touching the work of the commission. It is impossible to say yet when the report will be ready.

WILL INVESTIGATE.
Ottawa, March 1.—Carrying out his promise of yesterday at the artillery meeting, Sir Frederick Borden has decided to appoint a committee to investigate the charges against the system of teaching at Kingston, Gen. Lake will be chairman.

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