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New Berlin Wools ARE HERE.

We have opened up an assortment of Berlin Wools for the fall trade. In the stock is every imaginable shade in Zephyr Wools, Single and Double Berlins. The quality is the best we can get in the market, the colorings are the purest and the price is no higher than you pay for ordinary wools.

- 6c. per Oz. -

35c. Value Dress Serges for 25 Cents.

A chance opportunity threw this plum our way and we picked it. 38 ins. wide, pure wool, firm finish, coating serge, for dresses and skirts, especially suitable for girls' school dresses, in shades black, navy, light navy, cardinal, dark cardinal, old rose, cream, myrtle, brown, fawn, etc., reg. value 35c. a yd., on sale very special at 25c.

Linen Rollerings at 5c. Yard.

A good towelling for the price, that many of our customers buy because it is easy to wash—not too heavy. It is useful for dish cloths and rollerings. A new shipment just on sale at 5c.

Feather Boas.

Just the correct weight, size and appearance for immediate and early autumn wear, dainty and stylish, in plain black, black and white and grey, at \$4, \$5, \$7, \$10.

New Ready-to-Wear Felt Hats

Your summer hat may be getting soiled and shabby. You probably don't want to buy a new summer hat at this late date and here is just where the ready-to-wear comes in. The latest styles are just in from New York, colors and shapes to suit your style, no need to pay much for them, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$3.00.

Ladies' Skirts.

New walking skirts and dress skirts just to hand. The styles are exclusively ours—you will see them nowhere else and they are correct. The materials are the best that can be used for the prices and the fit and the finish are.

Flannelettes.

New plain colors and stripes for underwear and night gowns. If you want to start your sewing early you get large selection of very pretty stripes, checks and all plain colors. We are offering very special values at 5c., 8c. and 10c. yd.

Thos. Stone & Son.

SWEETING SALE.

20% Reduction

—ON ALL—

Refrigerators, Blue Flame Oil Stoves, Ice Cream Freezers, Hammocks, -- Screen Doors,

and other lines of summer goods.
Object is to clean out these lines.

These bargains are at

WESTMAN BROS.'

Big Hardware and Implement House.

WHAT ABOUT

That order for Groceries. We will take it to-day, please. Our goods are fresh. Our prices right.

Good Ginger Snaps, 6 cts. per lb.
Pickles, mixed, 10 cts. per bottle.
1 lb. can Sunlight Baking Powder 10 cts.
Lemon Biscuits, 9 cts. per lb.
6 cans Sardines, 25 cents.
Rubbers for fruit jars, 5 cts. per dozen.
Fine Flavored Japan Tea, 25c. per pound.
Fresh ground coffee, 15 cts. per lb.

Crockery.

A quantity of pretty glass water sets, will be sold at a bargain.
China, lots of it, new goods at out prices.
Dinner, Tea and Chamber Sets, at prices that make people look pleased to hand over the money for them.

John McConnell,

Back St. East, Phone 190.

BIG RAILWAY PROJECT.

To Connect Hudson Bay and Buenos Ayres.

Guthrie, Ok., Aug. 25.—Plans for a gigantic railroad with a trunk line connecting Hudson Bay with British Columbia and Buenos Ayres, South America, and having a network of branches, was disclosed, when articles of incorporation of the Pan-American Railroad Company, with a capital stock placed at \$250,000,000, were filed here with the Secretary of the Territory. The purpose of the corporation, it is said, is to build a line of railway extending from Port Nelson, Hudson Bay, in a southerly direction, crossing the line of the Canadian Pacific near Winnipeg, thence through the Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory to Galveston, through Mexico to the Isthmus of Panama, through Colombia to Ecuador, and finally through Peru to Buenos Ayres.

A charter was issued to the American Down Site Company, an adjunct of the railway corporation, with a capital stock fixed at \$10,000,000.

The pianoforte was invented in the year 1710.

CARSHOPS AND TELEPHONES INTEREST CITY ALDERMEN

Council Discusses Lake Erie and Bell Telephone Cases—Some "Playing to the Galleries"—Other Municipal Matters.

The renewal of the Bell Telephone Company franchise caused considerable discussion at the Council last evening. With a view to starting negotiations, the city will ask \$500 cash bonus and that the poles be removed from King street.

Instructions were also issued last night to the city solicitor to appeal to the Privy Council to have the damages, due from the Lake Erie for the non-establishment of the car shops, fixed. Ald. Piggott alone opposed this move.

A number of accounts for the title from J. & J. Oldenbush were referred to the Board of Works.

A petition was received for a sidewalk on the east side of Church street, from Murray street to Stanley street. The Clerk reported the petition sufficiently signed and it was referred to the city engineer to report on.

A petition was received for a plank walk on Forest street, from Van Allen street to Elizabeth street. The petition was referred to the Clerk to report on.

John McNaughton requested permission to trim a tree in front of his property on Park street. Referred to the Board of Works.

The City Clerk reported that the time had expired for the completion of the pavement on William street from Wade street to the G. T. R. Referred.

W. J. Moore wrote stating that it was the wish of a good many citizens that coal should be weighed on the city scales. He asked for the same rate, five cents per load, granted him when he was in business before. Referred to the Property Committee.

The Chatham Fruit Growers Association wrote asking they be granted the use of Harrison Hall on Thursday, August 26, when J. Philip Dominion Fruit Inspector would address the Association. The request was granted.

Ald. McCoig suggested that the visitors be asked to inspect the maple trees in the city in regard to the disease to which ex-Mayor S. T. Martin had called attention.

O. B. Hulin wrote asking that a crossing be built at the intersection of James street and Head street. Referred to the Board of Works.

J. C. Brown and John Brown wrote tendering to remove the garbage from the city for 50 cents per month for each house visited. Edward Kahue wrote tendering to do the work for 35 cents per house.

Ald. Martin suggested that the three men were willing to do the work for 25 cents per house per month. He asked that this matter be not referred to the committee as that meant delay.

The Mayor told Ald. Martin to prepare a motion and bring it up later.

Robert Golden wrote asking an increase of three cents per load for hauling the earth scraped from the streets. Referred to the Board of Works.

Ald. Mounseer for the Board of Works reported advising that the \$100 deposited by the contractors for the King street pavement from William street to Fourth street be retained, as the contractors will not repair the pavement, although notified so to do. The report was adopted.

Ald. Piggott for the Industrial committee reported that a majority of this committee to which was referred the matter of the Lake Erie car shops, decided that the city solicitor should be asked to apply to the Privy Council to have that body settle the amount of damages.

Ald. Piggott said that the report embodied the views of a majority of the committee, but were not his views. He refused to move the adoption of the report.

Ald. Edmondson moved the adoption of the report. He said the city had wasted long enough and the matter should now be brought to a focus.

Ald. Piggott said that it was better to wait a little rather than antagonize the Lake Erie Railroad and spend money in law. He had seen the general manager and engineer of the Lake Erie and they said that the location of the car shops had not been decided upon and would not be until an entrance to Buffalo was secured. They would locate in a live town and Chatham would be considered. It was better under these circumstances to wait.

Ald. Martin said that Ald. Piggott had forgotten to tell that five members of the committee were unanimous.

He was the only one opposed to it.

"Why should we dance to the fiddling of the company?" continued Mr. Martin. "They are laughing at us and tooting with Ald. Piggott. Ald. Piggott gets up in his pompous manner and tells how he is rubbing Mr. Woodhull. Every night he has a new revelation. He sees somebody. Ald. Piggott sees things, but I believe in doing something. We should take the steps the law provides for us. There is no quarrelling in the matter. I have it from one of the railway officials privately that the Lake Erie have no idea of building shops in Chatham. The railway has shown no friendship to the city since it was built."

Ald. Piggott—I would like to reply to my learned friend on the left. My learned friend says the company is doing me. I heard him tell the officials that if they would give him a bottle of champagne and a free pass they could win him over.

Ald. Martin—You knew that was in fact.

Ald. Piggott—He spoke of no possibility of getting the shops. I would like to know who told Ald. Martin that.

Ald. Martin—I don't know his name.

Ald. Piggott—He first talked of \$200,000 then \$15,000, then \$2,000. I don't know whether he has got his past yet or not.

Ald. Scullard said that he had supported the motion in committee because he thought it was very harmful to the city and the Council to have this matter repeatedly brought up and dropped without anything being done. If this motion carried, the matter would be definitely dead.

The motion was carried and Ald. Martin here glanced at Ald. Piggott and murmured quietly, "It looks bad for you."

Ald. Piggott called for the yeas and nays. Yeas—Ald. McCoig, Marshall, Scullard, Mounseer, Robinson, Edmondson, Taylor and Martin. Nays—Ald. Piggott.

Ald. Marshall then handed in the report of the Finance committee, which was the same as previously reported in The Planet, with the exception that in the case of Phoebe Winless, acting upon the solicitor's advice, the city disclaims any liability.

In reference to the Bell Telephone Company's franchise the report of the committee was the same as previously reported in The Planet.

Ald. Martin spoke up to know if he couldn't ring in for a telephone.

Ald. Mounseer thought that a telephone should be provided for the chairman of the Board of Works.

Ald. McCoig thought that it would be a better idea to have the franchise renewed from year to year. Many things are liable to turn up within the next five years which the Council cannot see at present. The Telephone Company should not be granted a monopoly any more than a business man should. If the franchise were renewed from year to year the city would always have a certain control over the company and when we want them to clear King street of their poles we could do it.

Ald. Piggott then sprang the idea of municipal ownership. He said letters from Fort William in which the Clerk of that place said that municipal phones worked perfectly in Fort William. In three years the plant there had paid for itself and the rates to subscribers are one-half of the rate previously charged by the Bell Company. The rate charged is \$1 per month for private residences and \$2 per month for business houses.

The Bell Company is now offering free phones but can get no one to take them. The cost of installing is about \$70 per phone. Port Arthur has the same system and it works perfectly.

Ald. Piggott also wrote to the International Telephone Company, of Chicago, who make a business of putting in municipal systems. They thought that in a city of Chatham's size 1,000 subscribers could be induced to take phones. These would cost between sixty and ninety thousand dollars for installment. Ald. Piggott thought the matter should be laid over and a committee appointed to look into it.

Ald. Edmondson thought with Ald. McCoig that the franchise should be renewed from year to year, as also did Ald. Martin.

The Mayor—We are not aware that the telephone company will accept our terms.

Ald. Marshall—I am willing to amend my report from five years to one. This report was brought in to start the discussion. As for that new municipal concern of Ald. Piggott's, I don't wish to side in with the telephone company, but I think the thing is no good.

The Mayor—What is no good?

Ald. Marshall—A municipal telephone plant.

The Mayor—It has been proven a success.

Ald. Marshall—People would have two phones in their houses.

The Mayor—They could go to the Central office for long distance telephoning. What the Bell people want is an exclusive franchise. It would

be well to refer the report back.

Ald. Marshall—I wrote Brantford, London, Stratford, West and St. Thomas. London gets 800 per year, St. Thomas gets 600, Woodstock \$200, Windsor \$500 and the poles removed from the streets. Stratford gets nothing. Brantford gets nothing.

Ald. Taylor also did not ask much of a municipal telephone plant. He looked at the matter in the light as Ald. Marshall.

Ald. Mounseer suggested that the report be referred back to the committee to enable them to consider adding a request for the removal of the poles from King St. present the committee had no opinion from the Bell Telephone Co.

Ald. Marshall said that a clause in his report was only from with a view to opening up negotiations.

Ald. Taylor said he beved the city should drive as hard bargain as they could.

Ald. Piggott said that not that the franchise was running out the Telephone Co. were giving subscribers everything they had a mind ask for. When the electric lights were lighted an ordinary phone was of use in the houses at the west end of King St. Long distance phones had to be put and \$5 extra was charged.

Mayor McKeough thought that long distance phones should be put in private houses for \$20 per year.

Ald. Mounseer said that wanted to talk to Windsor in connection with the city's business and telephone rates to change it to the city.

Ald. Piggott moved in amendment that the matter of the telephone franchise be laid over till the next meeting.

Ald. Marshall said he was willing to add anything to his report that the aldermen would suggest but wanted the matter dealt with at once.

Ald. Marshall having added the suggestions made, read his report. Referred, it was to the following effect:—

That the Bell Telephone Co. should pay the city \$500 a year as furnish the city with such free zones as might be required to the number of 10.

That they should charge half rates to the hospitals and should allow the city to use cross arms on the poles for the purposes.

That if at any time any are liberal terms were granted to any other place that the same terms should be granted to Chatham.

That the poles should be removed off King street.

That subscribers should be allowed the use of any other subscriber's phone in the city.

The motion carried.

Ald. Edmondson called attention to complaints about the bad poles on Victoria avenue.

Ald. Mounseer said they were being filled with the earth from James St.

Ald. McCoig called attention to the bad condition of Adelaide St. South. There was a bad hole in front of Mr. Piggott's residence.

Ald. Martin pointed out a similar spot on the same street near W. F. Cornish's grocery.

Ald. McCoig asked the Property committee what had been done in regard to the petition for a shed to facilitate weighing cattle at the market scales. Ald. Taylor promised to consider this and report at the next meeting.

Works to inspect the alleged gravel which was being delivered by the railroad on Head street.

Ald. Piggott called attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which the electric lamps were lighted all over the city.

Ald. Edmondson said that the line men claimed they were doing everything in their power. The blamed the carbons. Ald. Martin thought that Moore brothers should be given full charge of the lamps. The City Clerk stated that they had had now.

Ald. Taylor said that the carbons were the best that could be purchased. He had never seen any carbons that would suit the Moore brothers.

Ald. Martin began to talk about the garbage question, but as there was no motion before the Council, Ald. McCoig called attention to the fact that Ald. Martin was out of order.

Ald. Mounseer referred to the complaints about weeds growing on the streets. Time for having the weeds cut and charged to the Property expired on the 10th of July. Police court prosecution was now the only procedure. He moved that Jas. McGregor be appointed to attend to this matter.

Ald. Piggott seconded and the motion carried.

Ald. McCoig suggested that the Sanitary Inspector be asked to do this work.

The tenders for the pavement on William street from Wade street to the G. T. R. were opened. Blight & Fielder were awarded to do the work for \$220 per square yard for the pavement and 62 cents per foot for curb and gutter. The Dominion Paving Company wanted \$225 per yard and 65 cents per foot for curb and gutter.

The contract was awarded to Blight & Fielder conditional on their finishing the work within a satisfactory time limit.

The by-law covering the vitrified brick pavement on William street from Wade street to the G. T. R. was then passed and the Council adjourned at 10:30.

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

The following accounts were passed:

Chief Pritchard, \$1.
George Thomas, \$18.
The Planet, \$40.82.
W. R. Baxter, \$3.
Chatham News, \$7.
Dominion Paving Co., \$495.50.
Pay sheets, two weeks, \$1,033.55.
James Cornhill, \$21.50.
Park Bros., \$1.65.
The Ark, \$1.91.
G. T. R., \$2.36.

FIFTY BURNED TO DEATH.

TERRIBLE RESULTS OF A FIRE
AT BUDAPEST.

Sixteen Victims Jumped For the Fire Nets, Missed Them, and Were Instantly Killed.

Budapest, Aug. 25, 1 a.m.—Between 40 and 50 persons were burned to death, according to reports at this hour, in a fire last night in a four-story building.

The lower floors of the building were occupied by a fancy goods firm and the upper floor as residential flats. There were 200 working people in the building, and the escape of many of them and of the residents on the third and fourth floors were cut off. The warehouse contained piles of flimsy material, and the flames spread with great rapidity.

Only the work people near the doors below were able to escape. The residents above, seeing their escape cut off, clung desperately to the windows, screaming for help. Fifteen persons were saved by jumping into fire nets. Many in jumping missed the nets, thirteen being killed in this way.

Sixteen others were mortally and nine seriously injured. Several buildings near by caught fire, but the firemen extinguished the flames in these before heavy damage had been done.

Vienna, Aug. 24.—According to a special despatch received here 120 persons perished in the fire at Budapest.

TO SUCCEED VAUGHAN.

Right Rev. Francis Bourne is Recommended.

Rome, Aug. 25.—The Congregation of the Propaganda met yesterday under the direction of Cardinal Gotti, the Prefect. After some discussion it was decided to propose to Pope Pius that he appoint the Right Rev. Francis Bourne, Bishop of Southwark, Eng., as Archbishop of Westminster, in succession to the late Cardinal Vaughan.

London, Aug. 25.—The decision of the Congregation of the Propaganda to propose to the Pope the appointment of Bishop Bourne of Southwark to the Archbishopric of Westminster somewhat surprised the English Roman Catholics. He was the third choice of the Bishops, who nominated him by a majority of only one vote. Since he became Bishop of Southwark, Monsignor Bourne had been energetic, but he was considered arbitrary, especially in regard to the finances of the diocese. On one occasion he publicly declared that he was accountable, therefore only to God and the Pope.

ADRIANOPLE MASSACRES.

Many Christians Slain, Others in Flight.

Sofia, Aug. 25.—Travellers who have been arriving since Monday from Adrianople state that a massacre of Christians took place in that town on Sunday morning. According to one account, the guns of the forts opened fire on an insurgent band which had attacked a military outpost in the neighborhood. A panic followed in the town. The Mohammedan population on the Christians and slaughtered them. Another version states that a Turkish officer endeavored to force an entrance into a Bulgarian house for the purpose of molesting one of the inmates. The latter resisted, whereupon the Mohammedans became excited, and, with bands of soldiers and Bashas, attacked the Bulgarian quarter of the town. The foreign Consuls, it is stated, energetically protested to the Vah, who declared his inability to check the fanaticism of the Muslims.

A Negro Embezzler.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Henry T. Elby, Treasurer of the Olivet Baptist Church (colored) of this city, was arrested and arraigned before Justice Bradley to-day on a charge of having embezzled the church funds to the extent of \$2,000.

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If you contemplate travelling and need a good serviceable trunk. Take advantage of our 20 per cent. discount sale.

All trunks now in stock are offered at a big cut price to clear them out as we do not intend to handle any more after those we have are sold.

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