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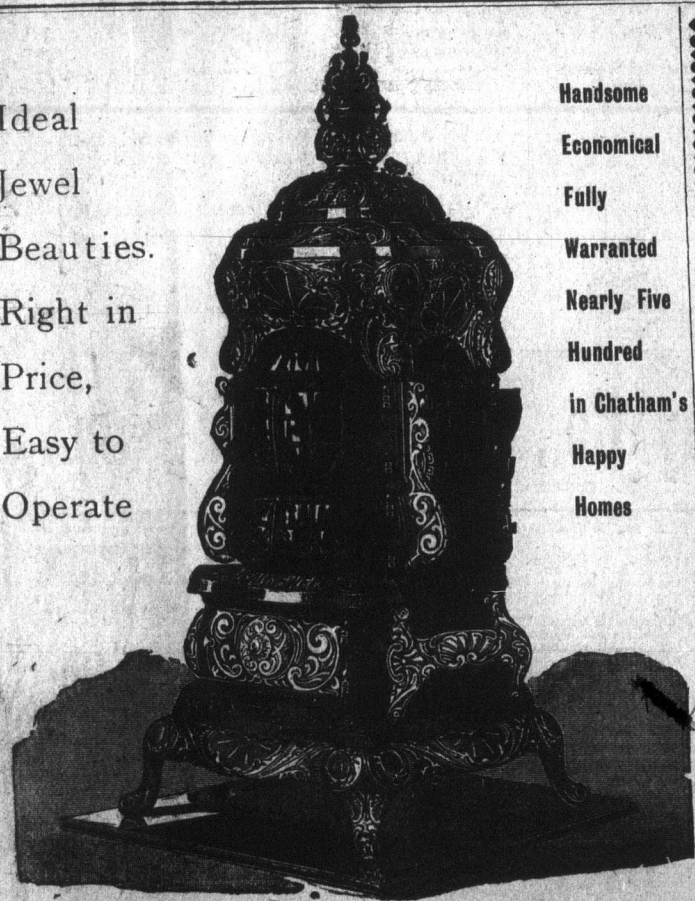
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The names of the artists taking
part will appear in a few days.

The chances are that the man who
looks before he leaps won't leap.

NATURAL GAS QUESTION DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE

Chathamites Will Be Assured of Cheaper Natural Gas Than Is Supplied in Almost Any Other City—Chatham Gas Company Is Now More Than Living Up To Its Franchise

A joint meeting of the Council and the directors of the Chatham Gas Company was held in the City Clerk's Office, Harrison Hall, last evening, for the purpose of discussing in an informal way, the present situation of the natural gas question. The meeting was called by Ald. Potter after consultation with both the Council and the company. The Mayor being absent from the city and therefore unable to attend, Ald. Potter was appointed to the chair.

In opening the meeting, Ald. Potter explained in a few words the object of the gathering. He had noticed in The Planet the list of prices which the new gas company intended to charge for gas, and he thought that the Council should be consulted in the matter, before definite action was taken. He had found the gas company willing to be represented at the meeting, and he thought an informal talk over matters might result in good to both the company and the citizens. He did not wish to under the Chatham Gas Company in their arrangements towards securing this gas, but he represented the people first, and there was a prevailing opinion that the prices as published in the press were too high.

MR. COATE SPEAKS.

Mr. Coate was called upon to present the company's side of the question. He said that the company wanted to do what was fair to all concerned. Under their franchise they had the privilege of charging for artificial gas what prices they wished, as long as they were within those charged in seven places named in their franchise. In making the price for the natural gas, they had considered all the places in Ontario where natural gas was used and he (Mr. Coate) had gone personally to Brantford, and had made investigations. The places considered were Brantford, Galt, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, and the prices struck for Chatham were the lowest of any place in Ontario with possibly one exception. If the Council would state why they considered the rate high, the company would be in a position to offer a defense. The Council and the people should be satisfied if they are getting gas cheaper than it is sold in any other city in the Province. In the franchise granted to the Symmes Company, the prices were put at 10 cents for factories, 20 cents for domestic use, and 5 cents for schools. No company could afford to give gas for these figures. They would be at such a loss that they would have to discontinue the supply. The prices set by the new arrangement were 15 cents for manufacturing concerns, 25 cents for heating and cooking during the winter months, 35 cents for cooking during the summer months, and 35 cents for the year round use of it. In Brantford the rate is 30 cents for heating and lighting in winter and 35 cents in summer. If not used for heating, the rate is 40 cents, and if it is not used for cooking either, the rate is 50 cents. In St. Catharines it is 30 cents the year round for all purposes and 40 cents if it is not used for heating, 20 cents for factories. In Brantford the rate is 30 cents for heating and lighting in winter and 35 cents in summer. If not used for heating, the rate is 40 cents, and if it is not used for cooking either, the rate is 50 cents. In Galt they have a flat rate of 35 cents.

Ald. Potter—How far are they from the gas fields?
Mr. Coate—Brantford is about 38 miles away and St. Catharines is about the same distance away. Hamilton is closer.
Ald. Stone—What about the metre rent?
Mr. Coate—We did not specify that. It will be the same as before.
Ald. Stone—In our agreement with the Symmes Company, they agreed to supply the metres free.
Mr. Coate, continuing, said that in St. Catharines they had a privilege of 25 cents, but they were privileged to sell gas as high as 35 cents.
Ald. Benson—How about Windsor?
Mr. Coate—They have no gas there now, but when they did have it they charged 25 cents in winter and 30 cents in summer.

WILL NOT RAISE RATES.

Ald. Edmondson—I find from the people with whom I have spoken that the great trouble seems to be that the people have the idea that you will give these prices for one year and then at the end of that time the prices will go up. As far as I am concerned, I do not put confidence in the gas company, and I believe that they will do what is right at all times, but these people have to be satisfied, and that is the way they are thinking at the present time. I don't think there is any complaint at the prices quoted. All that

is necessary is a guarantee that they will not be increased to a greater amount.

Mr. Coate—What is the feeling of the other aldermen as to the prices quoted?
Ald. Scullard—I think, from the opinions of those with whom I have come in contact that there is general satisfaction with the rates quoted, but the people want some assurance that these prices will be maintained.

Ald. Edmondson—That is the vital question. You should let them know that these prices will be assured for a period of five or ten years.

Mr. Coate—I think that my company will agree to guarantee these prices for five years, and as long afterwards as we can secure the gas.

Ald. Austin—Could you not agree to furnish gas at those prices as long as your present agreement with the Symmes Company holds out?

Mr. Coate—We could, if we were sure of getting a sufficient supply for all purposes. If the natural gas supply plays out at any time, we will have to commence manufacturing gas again.

Ald. Edmondson—Does your agreement with the Symmes Company call for them to make all possible effort to supply you with gas?

Mr. Coate—Yes, and it is in their interests to keep us in good supply in order to keep their investment good. Our only way is to sell lots of gas. We will have to make a big expenditure, and we will have to do the business to make our investment a paying one. We will have to put in regulators and change the metres.

USE PRESENT GAS STOVES.

Ald. Edmondson—Will the present gas stoves be suitable for burning natural gas?

Mr. Coate—Yes, only they will have to be fitted up with flat tops and connections will have to be made with the chimneys, just like an ordinary cooking range. The present customers will not have to change their stoves.

PRESENT GAS RATE LOW.

Mr. Coate—The Council asked the Clerk to write to the places mentioned in the present charter of the Chatham Gas Company and find out what the prices were for artificial gas, to see if we were living up to our agreement, in selling it as cheaply as possible. I don't know what the result of his writing was, but I took the trouble to write myself at the same time, and I have received answers from the places mentioned. I wanted to make sure myself that we were not robbing the people. Our present prices for artificial gas are \$1.00 for fuel, and \$1.25 and \$1.75 for light. All together, we have a net rate of \$1.17.

In Port Hope, the rate is \$2.00 net and \$1.25 for fuel.

In Guelph, the rate is \$1.25 and \$1.40 for light and \$1.00 for fuel. This has recently been made a municipal plant, and until it was the rate was \$1.25 and \$1.80 net.

In Ingersoll the rate is \$1.50 for illuminating and \$1.30 for fuel.

In Brockville the rate is \$1.25 for illuminating and \$1.25 for fuel.

So, he pointed out, these rates in Chatham are better than these places. The company would willingly place their rate at \$1.15 net if the people were agreeable, but it would effect the people who use the electric light. They would have to pay 15 cents more, while it would be cheaper for the people who use gas for lighting.

THEY ARE NOT ROBBERS.

Mr. M. Houston—This will let you know that the Chatham Gas Company is not robbing the people under present conditions.

Mr. Coate—Take the average all through and you will find that Chatham's rate for artificial gas is lower than any of them.

REDUCE ELECTRIC LIGHT BILLS.

Continuing on the subject of natural gas, Mr. Coate pointed out that it would be a great advantage to the Electric Light Company, for they would be able to run their engines cheaper, and in this way they expected to be able to make material reductions on the prices now charged for electric light.

TO USE PRESENT MAINS.

Ald. Massey—Will you be able to distribute the gas in your present mains?

Mr. Coate—Yes. It will mean that we will close down our present plant. The natural gas can be used for lighting with the present fixtures, but in lighting, mantles will have to be used, as the flame light is not strong enough to give sufficient light. The heat from the natural gas is much greater than that from the artificial gas. It is estimated that natural gas at 30 cents is cheaper than hard coal.

CORRECTS ERRONEOUS REPORT.

J. G. Kerr, who was present at the meeting in the interests of the Volcanic Oil Producing Company, the company which is to supply the Chatham Gas Company with natural gas, wanted to clear up a few wrong impressions which have got out in Chatham.

FINE MUSICALE AT THE PINES

St. Cecilia's Day Marked by Entertainment of Great Artistic Merit

PRAISE FOR MRS. COOPER

The feast of the glorious patron of music, St. Cecilia, was fittingly celebrated last evening at the Ursuline Academy by a charming program of music and song. The brilliant two piano duet, which was the opening number, was rendered with much taste and verve by the Misses L. McDonald, G. Laird, A. Crotty and L. Walsh.

The second number was an exquisite vocal selection, "Waltz Song," by Mrs. Cooper. This contribution needs no eulogy to commend it to our readers. Mrs. Cooper is undoubtedly one of the most gifted singers in our city, and the years she has spent among us have but heightened the popular appreciation of her exceptional vocal gifts.

"The Pilgrims of the Night," by the vocal class of the Academy, assisted by Mrs. Cooper, was one of the most enjoyable numbers. The solos were sung with sweet expression by Miss Olive Mather, and a charming duet between this young singer and Mrs. Cooper was a much admired feature of the selection.

The "Rose Drill" by the Minims was a unique presentation. The little ones, clad in white, with flowing hair rose-crowned, and carrying long festoons of roses, performed a pretty drill, the figures of which were interspersed with recitation and song.

Rheinhold's G-sharp minor impromptu received a faultless rendering from Miss Ila Stephens, whose genuine musical ability and excellent training were evidenced by the equal perfection with which she executed the delicate first movement and the pathetic trio.

A delightful vocal number, "Desire," was given by Miss Mather with a beauty and expressive grace that won a recall. Miss Mather responded with a short but most attractive song, "Her Eyes."

Miss Dnelid, Foreman's playing of Liszt's "Spinnelied" was greeted with warm applause. The tender expression with which she rendered the cantabile melody and the flowing grace of the accompanying figures mark her out as a young musician of ability and promise.

The final chorus, "St. Cecilia," was a bright, joyous song of triumph and praise of the blessed Saint, whose feast was so appropriately brought to a conclusion.

A large number of friends and patrons of the Academy were present, and all were delighted with the pleasant entertainment provided for them.

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