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## THOS. STONE & SON

**SHEETING**  
Fine Bleached  
Sheeting, even  
weave, soft finish,  
2 yards of wide,  
special Friday  
Bargain at a yd.,  
**25c**

### Friday Bargain ...Day...

The last Friday in July is Tomorrow. Our July Friday sales have greatly exceeded those of any previous year and we want to wind them up with a bumper day. Come Tomorrow and see the specials all through the store.

**RUNNERS**  
Pure Linen  
Runners, fringed  
all around, neat  
open work design,  
10 in. wide, 40 in.  
long, Friday at  
**12 1/2%**

**MUSLINS**  
18 pieces of fine Organdie and Dimity  
Muslins and Suitings, in plain  
White, light and dark colors, regular  
14 to 25c a yd., on sale very special  
Friday Bargain at,  
**8 1/2c**

**BLOUSE SILKS**  
Cream Corded Japan Wash Silks, in  
very neat cord stripes, all cream, will  
wash and wear beautifully, regular  
value 50c a yd., on sale very special  
Friday Bargain at,  
**29c**

### White Cotton

500 yards of pure bleached Cotton, fine even, round thread weave,  
weight suitable for general domestic use, free from dressing, good  
value at 11c a yard, on sale Friday Bargain at:—  
**8 cents**

**BOYS' DRAWERS**  
Boys' fine Balbriggan  
Underdrawers, well  
made, neatly finished,  
extra quality, all sizes,  
regular up to 40c a pr.,  
Friday Bargain,  
**23c**

**APPLIQUE COVERS**  
White Swiss Applique  
Shams and Covers, in fine  
close and heavy openwork,  
worth regular 40 to 75c  
each, on sale Friday Bar-  
gain at,  
**25c**

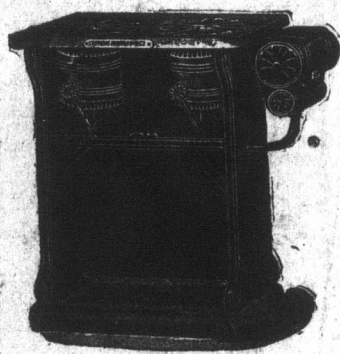
**HANDKERCHIEFS**  
Men's fine White  
Cambric Handkerchiefs  
correct size hemstitched  
with narrow hem,  
Special Friday Bargain  
at,  
**6 for 25c**

**BOYS' HOSE**  
Boys' Black Cotton Hose, heavy  
wide rib, sizes 6 1/2, 7 and 7 1/2, regular  
price 10c a pair, special Friday Bargain  
at,  
**5c**

**PEARL BUTTONS**  
2 hole and 4 hole Pearl Buttons, in  
White and smoked, put up 2 doz. on a  
card, good value at 12 1/2c a card, on  
Friday special at a card,  
**6c**

## THOS. STONE & SON.

Carpets and Wall Papers.



**Sterling  
Puritan**

THE  
Summer Stove,  
Works Perfectly,  
Very Economical,  
Low in Price.

**WESTMAN BROS.**  
Big Hardware

### W. W. SCANE

For the Best  
Cylinder Oil Farm Machine Oil  
Engine Oil Cream Separator Oil  
Gas Engine Oil Harness Oil  
Cup Grease Stainless Floor Oil  
Thresher's Supplies Gasoline  
Special Automobile Oil

**W. W. SCANE**  
Ice and Warehouse  
City, L. Canada Flour Mills.  
PHONE 147.

**J. H. K.**  
In Wiggell

**Coal AND  
Wood**

A call on John G. ...  
making down the old  
and will have no use  
material in his new brick

## GET YOUR'S NOW ....

2 Piece Suits in Stripes and  
Fancies, sizes 33, 34, 35, 36, 38  
and 40, our \$7.50 and \$8.50  
lines. We put these suits on  
sale to clear out quickly for

**\$5.95**

You cannot afford to let a  
chance like this go by  
See our Windows.  
We make Clothes to Your  
Order.

**MEYNELL**  
3 Doors West from Market,  
King Street, Chatham....

## TO RUN FOR FOUR MONTHS

Aberdeen Bridge Will be  
Open to Electric Road  
for Construction  
Purposes.

Conference Between City and Com-  
pany Reaches this Decision.

The trouble with the Electric Road  
over the Aberdeen bridge is deferred  
for four months. Such is the result  
of a meeting between the Railway  
representatives and the City Coun-  
cil yesterday afternoon. For four  
months the road may cross the bridge  
in its present condition, agreeing to  
save the city harmless from any dam-  
age that may occur and replace the  
bridge just as they find it.

Perhaps the citizens of Chatham do  
not fully appreciate the grave crisis  
that has occurred in the city's rela-  
tions with the railroad company, and  
a short history of the matter may  
not be out of place.

To begin with, there is no doubt  
that, before the road crosses the  
bridge finally, the bridge should be  
widened. The question is, can the  
railway company be made to widen  
it? The original by-law, upon which  
the people voted said, before crossing  
Aberdeen bridge the bridge should be  
"STRENGTHENED OR REPLACED."  
Which shall be approved of  
plans for which shall be approved of  
by the City Engineer. Notice that  
not a thing is said of WIDENING.  
Under the terms of this by-law these  
capitalists were induced to come here  
and invest their money. Here is  
where the whole mistake occurred—  
the city's interests were not protect-  
ed at this time. These capitalists  
were brought here under an agree-  
ment calling for the STRENGTHEN-  
ING OR REPLACING of this bridge.  
This is not the work of the present  
Council, but of the previous one.

A second by-law was passed, and  
when its terms were being settled the  
city representatives wished to incor-  
porate in it a clause calling for the  
WIDENING of the bridge in question.  
The railway company, according to its  
version, contented that they said if  
they were called upon to do that they  
would abandon the whole enterprise.  
The city says the point was side-  
stepped to come up for final considera-  
tion when the bridge came to be  
crossed.

Now, come to the history of the  
past few days. The railway company  
laid its approaches to the bridge. Ap-  
parently, the city officials consented  
thus far. When the company at-  
tempted to cross the bridge proper  
the Mayor told the Engineer to stop  
them, as the plans for the "strengthen-  
ing or replacing" of the bridge had  
not been approved of by the City  
Council. This was quite proper. But  
the railway company said these plans  
were in the possession of an expert  
bridge engineer and stated that they  
intended to strengthen the bridge,  
asking, in the meantime, that they  
be allowed to cross the bridge for the  
purposes of construction, i. e., use  
the bridge to push the building of  
the line out in the country, intending  
to fix the bridge when the plans  
should have been prepared. The  
Mayor asked for and received a let-  
ter from the company in the follow-  
ing terms:—

George W. Cowan, Esq.,  
Mayor:

Dear Sir:—Referring to our con-  
versation at Third street bridge this  
morning, in company with Ald. Aus-  
and in pursuance thereof I write  
to say that the work now being done  
by the railroad company on Third  
street bridge is done for the pur-  
pose of strengthening it temporarily  
so that material required for con-  
struction may be carried over it and  
to avoid delay. It is the intention  
of the company to comply strictly  
with the clause in the by-law re-  
quiring plans and specifications for  
the permanent work to be submit-  
ted to the City Engineer. These will  
be submitted as soon as possible.  
I may add that the city's interests  
are further safeguarded in this re-  
spect by the Railway Act, which pro-  
vides that plans and specifications  
for the proposed alterations must be  
approved by the Engineer for the  
Railway Commission before opera-  
tions begin. Plans are now in his  
hands for approval.

Yours truly,  
EDWIN BELL.

For the Chatham, Wallaceburg &  
Lake Erie Railroad.

The Mayor said, "This looks satis-  
factory," but, on later calling up the  
City Solicitor, found it did not meet  
with his approval, claiming it was not  
definite enough. When the company  
continued to go on with the work  
and refused to stop, the hose was  
turned on their employees.  
This brings the reader to yesterday,  
when the Council and City Solicitor  
met Messrs. Lily, Kipp and Bell.  
Mr. Lily acted as spokesman for his  
associates.

Mr. Lily—We would like to go

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## EDITORIAL

### THE CITY AND THE RAILROAD

The thinking citizen of Chatham  
—the tax-paying citizen, the worker,  
with no axe to grind and only the  
welfare of the community at heart  
—is doing some serious studying  
these strenuous days of attempted  
bridge-making and bridge-holding: of  
conferences and agreements observ-  
ed or broken; of high court writs  
and threatened injunctions; of vol-  
unimous legal technicalities; of the  
accumulation of bitter sentiment and  
multitudinous law costs.

It is to citizens of this stamp that  
The Planet feels the city should turn  
in the present crisis with the rail-  
road company—men who see both  
sides and all sides of the matter,  
men who have weighed the facts and  
conditions, men whose judgment is  
formed with the future welfare of  
our city seriously and honestly con-  
sidered—rather than to those look-  
ing for momentary personal aggran-  
dizement, those who may benefit  
financially, those to whom long liti-  
gation will do no injury, or those  
enthusiastic hot-heads who love a  
scrap, no matter what the cost or  
the outcome.

The matter is a serious one, both  
for the present and future of our  
city, and The Planet hopes that the  
city representatives of the people  
will all get together and act unit-  
edly with the single purpose of the  
city's weal.

Each loyal citizen wants to see  
Chatham secure every possible  
legitimate advantage in its dealings  
and contracts with the company.  
Equally, too, does the taxpayer dread  
any reckless embarkation upon long  
litigation, the outcome of which is  
admittedly so problematical.

Would it not be better for both  
parties to eliminate the battle-front  
and the unseemly controversy and  
come together for their mutual weal  
in an honest and sincere effort to  
reach a satisfactory agreement that  
does injustice and injury to neither?

It is admitted, we understand, that  
the company is not called upon under  
the by-law regulating conditions to  
widen Aberdeen bridge. In this the  
city have erred, for it is undoubtedly  
necessary that the bridge to carry  
the railroad tracks and leave room  
for ordinary street traffic, should be  
widened. But the company is called  
upon to make a material expenditure  
in strengthening the bridge. This,  
we understand, they purpose doing  
and have the plans at the present  
time before the Railroad Commission.

It would appear that there are  
then two possible amicable basis of  
settlement. Let the city sell the  
present bridge and, with the proceeds  
and a material sum from the com-  
pany, saved by them from their work  
of strengthening the old bridge, erect  
a new bridge satisfactory to both  
parties; or let the city from saved  
law costs supplemented by the sum  
from the company widen the present  
bridge to satisfactory dimensions.

Both these proposals are surely  
worthy of careful consideration by  
our Council. Chatham has a past  
history—and experience is a useful  
teacher. We know that under the  
inspiration of eager lawyers and an  
enthusiastic fighting disposition it is  
possible to spend in long and costly  
litigation more than would build the  
bridge three times over; we know  
the cost and annoyance of years of  
bickering and unpleasantness with a  
large and strong corporation. Unit-  
ed and friendly the city and com-  
pany would work together to won-  
derful mutual advantage; divided  
and at arms they could do each other  
untold injury. Surely, then, both  
sides should choose the saner course  
of happy and prosperous relation-  
ship.

## ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Corey Purser, the genial and popu-  
lar Reeve of Dover Township, re-  
ports that the crops in Dover this  
year will be the finest ever.  
"Wheat, oats and barley will be  
the best we have had in years," he  
remarked. "Corn will be a little  
late and somewhat poor on low  
grounds, but on the high grounds  
the yield will be good. Beans are  
coming up well."

"In dredging matters the Town-  
ship is doing lots of business on ac-  
count of the last three wet seasons."  
A citizen who has just returned  
from a trip along the lake shore  
says that the farmers will have a  
bigger wheat yield than they have  
had in six years. Around Tilbury  
the crops are simply perfect. The  
corn is all tassel out and the  
oats will be ready to cut the latter  
part of this week.

## BOARDER GOT TEN DOLLARS

A Young Man Drops into  
the City, Works a Cer-  
tain Boarding House  
and Clears Out

Said He Was Going to Take a Course  
in Engineering and Then Shows  
How He Can "Engineer" a Job  
Without the Course.

He was a young man, about 21  
years of age, good looking, with  
bright eyes and rosy cheeks, stylishly  
dressed, good mannered, obliging,  
and a smooth talker. When he made  
his appearance at Mrs. Douglas's  
boarding house on Adelaide street  
Tuesday afternoon about two o'clock  
and applied for a room, no one  
would have suspected from his inno-  
cent and open countenance, that he  
was anything but what he appeared  
to be—a perfect gentleman. Mrs.  
Douglas felt that she was fortunate  
in securing such a desirable boarder.

His name, he said, was Walter  
Hayward, and he had just arrived  
in town from Toronto. He had been  
told that Mrs. Douglas kept an ex-  
cellent boarding house, and that was  
what he was looking for, as he would  
be in the city some time, having ap-  
plied for a course in engineering at  
the Canada Business College.

"But the Business College is closed  
for the summer," said Mrs. Doug-  
las, wondering.

"Oh, that's all right," quickly re-  
plied the young man. "This is a  
new summer course recently inaugu-  
rated in the college." And Mrs.  
Douglas seemed reassured, as the  
young man appeared to know what  
he was talking about.

"Well, I always make a rule that  
boarders shall pay in advance," put  
in Mrs. Douglas.

"That will be perfectly satisfac-  
tory to me," assured the new board-  
er, who was sure he would like the  
place, and was proceeding in the  
most of hand manner to make him-  
self perfectly at home.

"You see," he continued, "my uncle  
in Toronto is sending me to college  
and just before I left he gave me  
a bank check. I will get it cashed  
first thing in the morning and pay  
you."

He was shown a room up stairs  
and remarked that he would like to  
have a bath and a little sleep be-  
fore he had lunch and Mrs. Douglas  
proceeded down stairs to prepare the  
lunch. Being naturally suspicious of  
strangers she took \$18 out of her  
brother's room before she went down  
stairs, and it was a fortunate thing  
that she did.

When the stranger came down  
stairs for lunch he spoke about go-  
ing to the station for his trunk.  
He found out there was no telephone  
near the house and all during lunch  
he retained Mrs. Douglas' attention  
with a most pleasant and engaging  
conversation. Lunch over, he an-  
nounced that he would walk to the  
station and get his trunk. He did  
walk to the station—just in time  
to board the 4:20 train for Detroit.

When the nice gentlemanly young  
Mr. Hayward did not come back Mrs.  
Douglas began to suspect. She ex-  
amined his room and found every  
drawer in the dresser pulled out and  
rummaged. A further investigation  
showed that every bedroom in the  
house was in the same state. Mrs.  
Douglas could find nothing missed  
and in several cases watches were  
passed over.

Yesterday at noon Mrs. Douglas  
told the incident to the rest of the  
boarders and an immediate searching  
of trunks and dressers was com-  
menced. One boarder, David Hamilton, a  
young Scotchman employed at Gray's,  
found to his dismay that \$10 was  
missing from his trunk. This was  
all that was taken. One of the  
boarders had \$60 in a tin box at the  
bottom of his trunk, but this was  
overlooked, the young man evident-  
ly did not have time to do his work  
thoroughly.

The police have been notified of  
the affair, but of course all trace of  
the thief is gone and he may by  
this time be looking for a boarding  
place in Chicago.

## Dominion Shorthorn Certificate.

Ottawa, July 27.—Registrar H. G.  
Wade of the Shorthorn Association  
announces that the Shorthorn De-  
partment of the National Live Stock Re-  
cords is now prepared to issue the new  
form of registration certificates to short  
horn breeders.

## Laborer Drops Dead.

Owen Sound, July 27.—Frank Jack-  
son, aged 54, a laborer, excavating for  
the new Y. M. C. A. building, dropped  
dead just as he quit work at 6 p. m.  
He leaves a wife and a small family.

## Minister Drops Dead.

Brighton, July 27.—Yesterday after-  
noon Rev. T. J. Edmison, B. A., dropped  
dead while mowing away hay in the  
lot.

## British Medicos Accepts.

London, July 27.—The British Medi-  
cal Association has accepted the invi-  
tation to meet at Toronto in 1906.

## Another Bargain

## CHINA

The 2000 Bread and  
Butter Plates are all sold;  
but for this week ONLY  
we are offering beauti-  
fully decorated and de-  
signed

## CAKE PLATES

—FOR—  
**15c EACH**

See them displayed in  
our front window. These  
goods are imported or  
they never could be sold  
at such prices. Call early  
in the week and make  
your selections.

## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE

King and  
Sixth Sts.

## No We Don't

GET BIG PROFITS, the large  
amount of business we do ensures our  
customers fresh goods at small profits.

Mixed Pickles 10c per Bottle.  
Ginger Snaps 6c per pound.  
Corn Starch 6c per package.  
Tumbler Fresh Mustard for 5c.  
Fruit Jars, Pints 6c, Quarts 8c, 1  
Gals., 95c per doz.  
Fruit Jar Rubbers 5c a doz.  
1 pound package of Sunlight Bak-  
ing Powder 10c.  
Malta Vita 10c a pkg.  
Red Salmon 13c a can.  
Beets, Cabbage, Onions, in fact all  
kinds of Vegetables at lowest prices, a  
fine lot of Melons at 30c each.  
Our large stock of Crackery, China,  
and Glassware, at bargain prices, call  
and see the goods.

**John McConnell,**  
Park St. Phone 190

## TANS! TANS! TANS!

Tan Shoes will be the  
great cry during the Summer  
season.

We always favored Tan  
Footwear—it's cooler and  
much easier to care for than  
black

## Get Correct Colors

Some shades of Tans are  
not the proper thing and  
won't do at all.

We are ready to Tan Shoe  
every man, woman and child  
in town.

We have some handsome  
new styles in Oxfords and  
Ties on new lasts. Come see  
the new-comers.

**Wm. Somerville & Son**

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