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Towel Special.

Huck Towel, size 18x36, red border, hemmed, an extra good wearing towel and of very nice appearance, very special, at 10c. each.

Huck Towels, 18x36, plain white, both ends hemstitched, excellent quality—a very tempting bargain if you need towels, special at 15c. each.

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7 lbs. Rolled Oats, 25c.
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3 lbs. Mixed Biscuit, 25c.
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Maple Syrup, 25c. per quart.
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Broken Soda Biscuits, 5c. per lb.
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Are you looking for a DINNER, TEA or CHAMBER SET? We have them, also a lot of fine CHINA, LAMPS and GLASSWARE. To make a long story short, we will make a reduction of 10 per cent. on the above Crockery and China.

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In The Surrogate Court of the County of Kent

In the matter of the guardianship of Aubrey Osborne Little, infant child of Richard S. Little, late of the City of Chatham and County of Kent, engineer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of twenty days from the first publication of this notice, application will be made to the Surrogate Court of the County of Kent, for a grant of letters of guardianship of the above named infant to Charlotte Belle Bolton, of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, spinster.

THOMAS SCULLARD, of the City of Chatham, Solicitor for the applicant.

Dated the second day of April, A.D., 1903.

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OFFICERS ELECTED

At the regular meeting of the Victoria Avenue Methodist League last evening the officers for the coming fiscal year were elected:—
President—W. C. McArthur.
1st Vice-Pres.—Robert Clements.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mr. Trux.
3rd Vice-Pres.—Lindsay Parrott.
4th Vice-Pres.—Mr. Peck.
Secretary—Miss Maude Groves.
Treasurer—Herb. Side.
Planners—Miss Grace Irving.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss M. Irving.

B. C. LABOR TROUBLES.

WELFARE OF THE PROVINCE IMPAIRED.

Messrs. Smith, Macpherson and Puttee Discuss the Question in the Commons—Bills Introduced and Read.

Ottawa, April 4.—Friday is usually a dull day in the House, but yesterday an important and interesting discussion took place on the labor troubles in British Columbia. Mr. Ralph Smith brought to the attention of the House the seriousness of the situation created in British Columbia by these troubles, which threaten the progress, if not the national life, of the Province. He suggested that this was a case where the Government ought to have power to step in, and asked for the appointment of a commission to investigate the conditions which exist and make a report in order that the influence of public opinion might be brought to bear on the interests of the settlement. Mr. Macpherson (Burrard) and Mr. Puttee (Winnipeg) supported Mr. Smith's request. Sir William Mulock, after reviewing the position of labor legislation in Canada, promised prompt and careful consideration of the proposal to appoint a commission of inquiry. Good progress was made in supply, and the House rose at 11.

The following bills were introduced:—
To incorporate the Bank of Winnipeg.—Mr. Scott.
Respecting the Canada Northwest Land Company, Limited.—Lieut.-Col. Thompson.

Respecting the Brandon and South-west Railway Company.—Mr. Morrison.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier's motion taking Thursday for Government business was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Monk, the Speaker was directed to issue his writ for an election in St. James' Division, Montreal, vacant by the unseating of Mr. Brunet.

In the evening the following bills were given second readings in exactly five minutes:—

Respecting the Kingston & Pembroke Railway Co.—Mr. Hart.

To incorporate the Joliette & Lake Manuan Colonization Railway Co.—Mr. Barzant.

Respecting the Canada Permanent & Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, and to change its name to the Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation.—Mr. Osler.

Respecting the Central Ontario Railway.—Mr. Osler.

Respecting the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Co.—Mr. German.

Respecting the Edmonton Street Railway Co.—Mr. Davis.

To incorporate the Quebec, Saguenay & Gulf of St. Lawrence Railway Co.—Mr. Girard.

Respecting the Winnipeg Western Land Corporation, Limited.—Mr. McCarthy.

Respecting the Ontario & Qu'Appelle Land Co., Limited.—Mr. McCarthy.

Respecting the London & Port Stanley Railway Co.—Mr. McGugan.

To incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co.—Mr. McCarthy.

Respecting the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada.—Mr. Bruce.

To incorporate the Brockville & Western Railway Co.—Mr. Taylor.

To incorporate the MacLeod, Card & Coke Railway Co.—Mr. Scott.

To incorporate the MacLeod, Cardston & Montana Railway Co.—Mr. Scott.

BIG STORM.

"The biggest snow storm I ever remember came at the end of March in the year 1868. The weather got mild right after and the result was the biggest freshet I have ever seen in this vicinity in fifty years," remarked Judge Houston, this morning. "I had just completed my term at Ann Arbor and I came home on the last G. T. R. train that crossed the Raleigh and Tilbury plains in some time. After our train, passed the tracks were washed away and the G. T. R. trains to Detroit had to be sent around by the M. C. R. I took a boat and rowed across the river over where the police station now stands and down Dover Street to the residence of Mr. Northwood, which is now the offices of the Canada Flour Mills Co. The water was about level with Tecumseh Park. Boys in Canoes were boating around where the old river works stand, and on King Street near where Dr. Beaver's residence was."

CITY IS DEALING FAIRLY WITH THE WORKING MAN

Civic Board of Works Takes this View—Report of Engineer Jones on Letter of Labor Union—Sidewalks in Dangerous Condition.

At a meeting of the Board of Works yesterday afternoon City Engineer Jones made a report of his investigations into the labor question, which has been under consideration of the Board for some time. Mr. Jones' report read as follows:—

Chatham, March 27, 1903.
Report of communication of James Le Ber, secretary of Labor Union 10,390, "re wages and nine hour day."

"We humbly beg your honorable body to allow your laborers on the corporation \$1.50 for a nine hour day."

I may say we have fairly met the above requirements of wages before we received Mr. Le Ber's request, as we are paying those men who have been working at our work 10 1/2 to \$1.50 for a nine hour day, being 1 1/2 cents short. We hire all of the above men by the hour, as we could not very well do otherwise, owing to our work being out of doors, so many of our hours up to ten are liable to constitute a day's work.

We give a full day's pay for nine hours work on Saturdays. I think Mr. Le Ber will agree with me, that it would be unfair to the men working nine hours for \$1.50, when by working an hour longer they receive 15 cents in addition.

"I ask that the men working in the bottom of sewers be paid 25 cents more per day."

In answer I may say, our sewers are all let by contract, so this clause would not apply to corporation work. "They only work nine hours per day's pay in the city of Toronto and other cities. Why not have same for Chatham?"

I question if it would be exactly the right thing for me to recommend to the Council, the adoption of a nine hour day, for the following reason: We have now, I am pleased to say, many large industrial institutions in our city, and considering the few men we employ and the large number of employees and interests at stake of the above institutions, I feel it would be placing myself and probably the city, practically in the position of a dictator to the several industrial firms, and it would be nothing but human nature, and quite excusable, for the Union to refer industrial Co's on contractors to the example set by the city.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. B. JONES, Engineer.

Chairman E. A. Mounter said he had communicated with most of the towns and cities in Ontario and a few outside as to the wages paid laborers

and he showed the answers he had received. The pay in all heard from ranged from \$1.25 per ten hour day to 20 cents an hour. "We are doing much better for the men than almost any other city near our size," said Ald. Mounter. "The men want \$1.50 per day for nine hours work where they are getting now \$1.65 for ten hours work. It would just mean that they take home 90 cents a week less on Saturday night. I'm in favor of a nine hour day for ditching and other heavy work, because a good man can do as much in nine hours as he can in ten, but ten hours is not too long for 'white wings' and crossing sweepers and other light work."

Ald. Piggott—Chairman Mounter deserves great credit for the statement he has prepared and the trouble he has gone to in preparing it. I think the Engineer's report is all right and would move the acceptance of it. The laborers of the city have been most fairly dealt with and have no cause for complaint.

Ald. Robinson, the other member of the committee present, did not express his views on the subject but, after some deliberation, seconded Ald. Piggott's motion for the acceptance of Engineer Jones' report and the motion carried.

Ald. Mounter reported that Manager Wollatt, of the Lake Erie, had been notified again to put Head street into passable shape as per agreement by the Erie & Huron.

It was decided on recommendation of City Engineer Jones to recommend the purchase of a Geo. Studebaker street sweeper at a cost of \$300 f.o.b. Chatham, from Geo. Heaman & Co., London, Ont.

It was decided to advertise for tenders for granolithic sidewalks in two ways—one for use of broken stone and one for Point Edward gravel.

The City Engineer reported the following sidewalks as beyond repair:

East side Prince street, between Park and Wellington.

West side Foster street, between Park and St. Patrick.

East side William street, from C. P. R. to Wellington.

East side of William, from Witherston to Wade.

West side of Raleigh, from Lorne avenue to Richmond street.

West side of West street, from Lorne avenue to Grey street.

East side of West street, from Lorne avenue to Grey street.

South side of Water street, from alley to Adelaide.

West side Adelaide, from Water to Stanley avenue.

South side King, from Princess to Duke.

West side of Bedford, from end southerly to Forest.

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IN AULD LANG SYNE

Interesting Local Extracts from the Planet of Fifty Years ago—Looking Backward for Half a Century.

A year ago, last fall, The Planet celebrated its jubilee. During the 50 odd years that this G. H. J. has been published, much news has been furnished in its columns to the people of Chatham and Kent County. That Planet readers may compare the news of fifty years ago with that of to-day, it is proposed to reproduce each Saturday interesting items from The Planet files of the corresponding week, half a century back. Many events long since past may thus be recalled to the older residents.

WELLINGTON LODGE.

We have much pleasure in announcing to the Masonic World that a new lodge has been lately established in this town; and is now in working order. The installation of the Worshipful Master, and his officers took place, at the lodge room, on Friday night last, April first.

The installation delegation consisted of Bros. Bullock, Dawson, Woodbridge, Leighton, and Hunt, from Rose Lodge, Sandwich. The first officers of Wellington Lodge are as follows:—Bros. George Thomas, W. M.; J. S. Voeberg, S. W.; Thomas Glendinning, J. W.; Stephen I. Davis, Secretary; Wm. B. Armstrong, T.; Walter McCrae, S. D.; Matthew Craig, J. D.; Samuel Poole, Tyler.

After the ceremony of installation had taken place, with which the audience seemed much delighted, the members of the fraternity retired to Mr. Biles' Hotel, where a suitable repast was provided for the occasion. The members of the new lodge have fitted up their room in a manner becoming the worth and dignity of the Order, and the Worshipful Master and his subjects will be most happy to receive

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

John Renard was killed by the explosion of a boiler in Francis Patterson's steam flouring mill.

This issue contains an announcement that Jenny Lind is to visit this country with a troupe of operatic singers.

John Waddell was sheriff of the county at this time, Duncan McColl, town clerk, A. McKellar reeve and George Duck, jr., clerk of the peace.

The issue for April 15th contains an account of the spring assizes before Honorable Justice McLean, William Benjamin Wells, Judge of county court, Geo. Duck, Thomas McCrae, William Baby, Matthew V. Dolson, James Smith and Adam Laidlaw. Col. John Prince was Queen's Counsel. James Batty was foreman of the grand jury, and Richard Abbs, Timothy Dillon and Archibald Walker and others were on the jury.

Capt. Walter Ebberts announces that the People's Line will run the new, fast, low pressure steamer Ploughboy daily between Chatham and Detroit.

April 22nd edition contains a petition headed by Alexander Charteris against the borrowing of \$10,000 (\$50,000) by the town council.

This same edition expresses delight at the new arrangements in the post office. Benjamin Barfoot was postmaster.

Israel Evans announces he has an excellent hearse for rental for the first time.

COMMISSION ADJOURNED.

HEARING OF GAMEY CHARGES APRIL 13.

Witnesses From Manitoulin—A Special Boat to be Sent—Production of Documents Ordered.

Toronto, April 4.—Several distinct steps of progress were made at the organization meeting of the Gamey Commission yesterday, but at the request of the prosecution the commencement of the taking of evidence was deferred until a week from Monday next. At first Mr. Gamey's counsel appeared ready to go on early next week, as Chancellor Boyd suggested, but on second thought they asked for an adjournment until the 13th inst. Mr. Johnston, for the accused, was ready to meet the Judge's suggestion, but gave way to the representations of Mr. Blake, on whom, as the Chancellor said, the onus rested. An order was, however, made for the production by Monday next, and following this, Mr. Blake will formulate his charge definitely, and Mr. Johnston will prepare his reply. The order will, of course, call for the production to the Registrar of the court of the short-hand notes taken in the Crossin Piano Factory, and other documents which the prosecution are said to have in reserve.

The Chancellor was about to name Monday as the day of resuming, when Mr. Blake interposed. He said "he would like an order for the production of documents. He would also like a reasonable time to consider the answer to be made to them, and an opportunity to present the charges to the court in as intelligible a shape as they could."

The Chancellor—I understand the onus is on you, and you need a little time to prepare; you initiate the proceedings, I suppose?

Mr. Blake—I am in the hands of the court.

The Chancellor—The charge has been made by you, I suppose?

Mr. Blake—Yes.

The Chancellor—You necessarily will open the matter?

Mr. Blake said he had only very brief notice of the meeting. He had consulted with Mr. Ritchie and Mr. McPherson, and they thought it desirable to move for the production of documents in the matter.

The Chancellor—I suppose mutual production will be asked?

Mr. Johnston—Oh, yes, my Lord.

The Chancellor—The usual order will go for production on both sides.

Mr. Blake asked to be furnished with a copy of the commission, and Mr. Johnston handed him a copy at once.

"It will not be depriving you?" Mr. Blake remarked with Chesterfieldian courtesy.

"Oh, not at all," Mr. Johnston replied.

Mr. Johnston, in reply to the Chancellor, said he could produce his papers at once, and it was decided that the production should be on Monday.

Mr. Blake said Wednesday was the earliest day he could produce his papers for examination. He then entered into conversation with his assistant counsel for some minutes, and at the end announced that he did not see how he could be ready before a week from Monday. The difficulty was in getting witnesses from Manitoulin.

The Chancellor remarked that though some witnesses were still in Manitoulin he understood "the chief actor in the matter was here, and was available."

Mr. Johnston—We appreciate the difficulty of reaching the island at this time of the year, but provision will be made by which a boat will go there for the purpose of bringing down all witnesses that may be required on either side. We will send at once for that purpose, and that means that communication will be open for my learned friend's witnesses.

The Chancellor—Will one boat be enough?

Mr. Johnston—We can send two.

The Chancellor—That will expedite matters.

Mr. Blake remarked that there were practical difficulties in the way of navigation at this season.

Mr. Riddell—I presume the examination and cross-examination of the person making the charge will take up two or three days. In the meantime we could be going on.

It was, however, decided that if the papers are produced on Monday, the charges will be formulated on Wednesday or Thursday, and the court will again take evidence on Monday week.

Court was accordingly adjourned by the clerk until Monday, April 13th.

FELL THIRTY FEET.

Orlando Harrison of Woodstock Badly Hurt.

Woodstock, April 3.—A cable attached to a hoist broke at the Bain Wagon Works this morning and precipitated Orlando Harrison and Fred Scott from the third floor to the basement, a distance of about thirty feet. Mr. Harrison is seriously injured, and as he still remains so, a complete examination of his injuries has not yet been made, but it is thought his hip bone is broken. His companion was not hurt. The hoist ascended in perfect order, its load had just been removed, and the men were preparing to descend when they took the plunge.

The woman detective doesn't consider it improper to be after a man.

A VERITABLE TREAT

As has been previously mentioned, the Oddfellows' Auditorium, on Tuesday evening next, will be the scene of a joint musical recital by Messrs. Edythe Hill, mezzo contralto, and Mr. Frank E. Blackford, violinist, who, assisted by excellent instrumental musical talent.

In speaking of these artists, Miss Hill has a mezzo-contralto voice of rich color and excellent quality and has evidently been artistically trained. Handel's beautiful air, "I have no voice to fine advantage, and she rendered it with well-assured mastery of tone and refined expression. Her character of voice and singing will make her a valuable addition to the ranks of our concert artists. The London Times (London) says of Mr. Blackford's playing:—"The first sweep of the bow, the light strings demonstrated the art master."

BLEW HIS BRAINS OUT.

Suicide of James White of Carleton Place.

London, Ont., April 4.—James White, a retired Carleton Place farmer, 75 years of age, committed suicide a day or two ago. Early in the morning he shot his gun from its usual place and out his brains. He had lived in Carleton Place and Elford for 40 or 50 years in good circumstances, and no cause assigned.

THE KING IN SPAIN.

Paid a Visit With King Carlos to Friendly Reception.

Lisbon, April 4.—King Edward King Carlos, accompanied by his wives, and with an escort of 1000 men, visited Cintra, the summer residence of the Queen Dowager, other points of interest in the neighborhood of the capital, returning this evening. Their Majesties greeted with enthusiastic demonstrations at various points along the route. A reception was given to-night in honor of King Edward to the members of the diplomatic corps, members of Parliament, and many social notabilities. The reception was followed by a magnificent pyrotechnic display.

INSURGENTS ROUTED.

The Fighting in the Philippines is Not Yet Over.

Manila, April 3.—A force of troops and constabulary, commanded by Captain Perry, overtook and routed insurgents who recently attacked the shore of Lake Kina, March 31, for a time held possession of Sur Island of Mindanao. The details of even fighting have not been received. Captain Perry is pursuing the enemy to the northward, and has captured a number of 125 men, defeated 200 insurgents in two fights near Ibad, Province of Cavite, yesterday, killing several of the enemy and wounding twelve. The Government force had no casualties.

EXPLOSION IN A MINE.

Eight Men Killed and Fourteen are Entombed.

Gleiwitz, Prussia, April 4.—Eight men are known to have been killed and fourteen entombed as the result of an explosion of gas yesterday in the Koenigin Luise mine at Ostf.

Mr. Haycock is Lower.

Kingston, April 3.—Mr. J. L. Haycock is lower, but his condition is feared, he has not the constitution to overcome the attack of pneumonia.

Student—And was the operation successful? Eminent Surgeon—No. We found that he didn't have a uniform appendix and he got well.

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