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EXCEPTIONAL

Millinery Opportunity —ON— Saturday!

Syndicate buying will save you dollars on your Hat or Bonnet. Our buyers went all the way to Paris, France, to secure these shapes, Flowers and Foliage from the very makers, and bought them at just one-half the price usually paid to jobbers here for them.

We Save You Dollars on Millinery.

20 Hats worth \$4.50 at \$3.50.
10 " 5.00 at 4.00.
15 " 7.00 at 5.50.

Bring in your old shape and let us trim it up for you. We are ready and willing to serve you in any capacity.

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We invite your inspection of our lace curtains if you need and want to save money on them. We have—
75 pairs at \$1.00, worth \$1.25.
100 pairs at \$1.50, worth \$2.00.
89 pairs at \$2.50, worth \$3.25.
and a little saving on every pair worth up to \$12.00.

Japan Mattings.

At 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 20c, 25c and up to 75c. Come and let us figure with you.

Linoleums.

We just want you to take a look at our linoleums if you need any. See, is believing, and when you go through our stock you will be convinced of three things—
1st.—The assortment is large.
2nd.—The quality is better.
3rd.—The prices are lower.
and the reason for it is plain. The combined members of the syndicate placed an order with one manufacturer for over fifteen thousand yards. As a result they bought them from 5c to 10c a yard cheaper. You can benefit by that large purchase if you get your linoleum here.

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We are sole Agents for -

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CLOTHING

This is the best finished and most up-to-date ready-to-wear Clothing manufactured in Canada.

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THE ARK LAWN MOWERS

Our supply is very complete—four styles.

Taylor & Forbes (Woodruff) 11 in. wheel.
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Taylor & Forbes "Star" 9 in. wheel.
"Daisy" 7 in. wheel.

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If you want the best Machine at the lowest price, see what we have to offer you at "The Ark".

See the Store lighted with **Black Lights**, on Saturday evening.

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WATER BOARD

City Commissioners Deal With Many Matters of Business at Last Night's Session.

The regular monthly meeting of the Water Commissioners was held last evening, with Chairman Dr. J. L. Bray, Commissioner W. D. Sheldon, Supt. Jones and Sec.-Treas. Weir present. The meeting, as usual, was short and business-like.

Chatham township assessors assessed the waterworks plant and sent in their slip. This aroused the indignation of the Board and the secretary was instructed to write the township clerk, drawing the Council's attention to the statutes. According to the statutes the waterworks plant is not assessable.

James Hermon, engineer of the plant, wrote asking for an increase in wages.

"I think the city should raise his wages, not us," said Chairman Bray. "We pay him \$40 per month at present and the city only pays \$10. The city should raise his wages."

Robert Murphy, chief engineer, asked for every second Sunday off. This was left in the hands of the superintendent to arrange. Both commissioners thought it perfectly right that his request should be granted.

Chairman Bray said he had noticed in the Detroit papers that Windsor was going to put down a ten-inch pipe line and had immediately written to the Windsor commission stating that Chatham had a good quantity under ground for sale reasonably. A return letter asked the price and condition of the pipe. In the meantime secretary Weir had written to several firms who supply pipe for new pipe quotations and found the present price ranges from \$22.50 to \$35 per ton. The Raleigh main was then offered to the Windsor Board for \$22.50 per ton, F. O. B. Chatham.

"The pipe cost us \$25 per ton when new," said Dr. Bray.

Petitions for short extensions of water mains were received from Elizabeth and Peggie streets and Lyndean Ave. All granted.

The Malcolmson Coal Co. wrote regarding the car of coal that Supt. Jones had reported was not up to the mark. They would make no reduction.

"Send them a cheque for it and we'll have nothing more to do with them," said the chairman. Mr. Sheldon acquiesced.

"What's the matter with the accounts, Mr. Weir? We haven't received a cent from either the Downey or Chaplin Wheel Works since their establishment here?" Chairman Bray was speaking.

"Yes, we'll have to hurry up and get some money or we'll be in debt," commented Mr. Sheldon.

The secretary was instructed to write the city, asking for payment of the Downey account.

So that those consumers who had had their water pipes thawed out could be fairly dealt with, the secretary was instructed to average up their accounts of the year.

The following accounts were passed:

Express charges, 80c.
H. S. Gaine, \$125.
Park Bros., \$21.61.
Crown Oil Refining Co., \$28.80.
Walworth Mfg. Co., \$4.50.
Penn. Salt Co., \$35.
Buffalo Meter Co., \$50.76.
The following is the financial statement:

To cash in bank, \$479.09.
City of Chatham, \$195.86.
L. E. & D. R. R., \$46.25.
R. J. Morrison, \$12.
Water sales, \$367.98.
Total, \$1,101.18.

Contra.

By operating, \$495.82.
By maintenance, \$83.14.
Extensions, \$251.50.
Extensions house services, \$213.16.
Total, \$1,101.18.

GONE TO GODERICH

Mr. Theodore Smith, who recently sold out his laundry business here, left Saturday for Goderich, where he has accepted the leadership of the Goderich band at a salary of \$200 a year, with a good position in the Goderich organ factory. — Dresden Standard.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Regimental Band under Bandmaster Walker. He was greatly esteemed by his fellow bandmen, who are sorry to lose him from the band. He is a cornet player of extraordinary ability and a capable musician. His friends here are confident that he will not be in Goderich long before he has a good band under his control. They wish him every success.

CHILDREN'S WEAR

White Lawn Dresses 1 to 10 years 50c. to \$5.00.
White Skirts, Embro. trimmed, 25c. to 75c.
Nezareth Waists, 25c. to 40c.
Dresses, White and Black, 15c. to 40c.
Vests, 5c. to 40c.
Hose, All styles and sizes, 10c. to 50c.

WELDON'S

Next Door to Malcolmson's Open Evenings

NOW IN DANGER

OF ISOLATION

Port Arthur's Critical Condition—Jap Warships to the North and South.

It is supposed that the Japs Will Try to Cut Off the Town Before Arrival of Skrydloff.

London, Friday, May 6.—Viceroy Alexieff's departure from Port Arthur is interpreted here to mean that the place is in imminent danger of isolation and the Japanese preparations for landing are considered as confirming the belief that Port Arthur has been sealed up—probably by two of the sunken ships which Russia "failed to locate." In this connection, attention is drawn to the discrepancy between the Russian and Japanese accounts of the attempt to bottle up the port, the former stating that it occurred about three o'clock in the morning, while the latter said it took place in the afternoon. It is suggested that there may have been two separate attempts, each time with ten ships. It will be remembered that it has been previously asserted that Japan prepared twenty vessels for this purpose, and if this explanation is correct, the Russian accounts referring only to the early morning affair, may be justified in asserting that it was unsuccessful. It is supposed that the Japanese will make a supreme effort to cut off Port Arthur before the arrival of Vice-Admiral Skrydloff.

WILL LAND AT NEW CHWANG.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Tokyo correspondent, to-day's Jiji Shimpō says: "Our fleet has not returned to its rendezvous and is still engaged in the execution of a pre-arranged program. There is reason to believe that the Japanese intend landing their second army at New Chwang upon the successful bottling up of Port Arthur."

COAL CONTRACTS CANCELLED.

The Daily Mail's Paris correspondent hears that Russia has cancelled its contracts for a supply of coal en route to the Far East, which were made with a view to the despatch of the Baltic fleet.

RUSSIAN ANXIETY.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail asserts that the Russian military authorities are in a state of the most extreme anxiety regarding the chances of saving the baggage of the Yalu army. The roads are so bad that a wheeled transport is able to move only five miles daily and it is feared that the Japanese will capture all the stores accumulated at Feng-Wang-Cheng.

NO CHANGE.

Despatches received from Port Arthur yesterday (Thursday) afternoon and from New Chwang, Wednesday, report no change in the situation, and so far no confirmation has reached London of the Japanese preparations for landings on the coast of the Liao-Tung Peninsula.

AFTER CHINESE RAILWAY.

According to the Daily Telegraph's Shan-Hai-Kwan correspondent, M. Pavloff, Russian Minister to Corea, has gone to Peking for the purpose of endeavoring to induce China to cede to the Russian administration the Chinese railways from Kou-pang-Tze to Sin-Min-Tung and Yin Kow for military purposes.

A NORTHERN ROUTE.

The Paris Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent has had an interview with General Vilkitzky, chairman of the commission appointed to examine into the possibility of establishing a northern route to the Far East, in the course of which the General said the commission was unanimously of the opinion that such a route was practical during two summer months and was so far preferable to the Suez route that every effort ought to be made to overcome the difficulties in the way of making use of it.

SECRET WELL KEPT.

The Tokyo correspondent of the London Times says the strategic plans of the Japanese general staff are still shrouded in impenetrable mystery. The correspondent also says it is regarded as certain that the transport Hagimura Maru, which was reported as missing is identical with the Japanese steamer Nakamura Maru, which the Russians sank April 26.

HEADS TOGETHER

Ross and Laurier Figuring Out a Scheme for the Forthcoming General Elections.

Ottawa, May 6.—Evidently with the purpose of ascertaining the likelihood for a federal general election this fall, and governing himself and his government accordingly, Hon. G. W. Ross is in the city and this morning was in long private consultation with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. His visit here and certain inquiries he made tend to revive and establish the rumor that Mr. Ross is contemplating an appeal to the province simultaneously with the federal government going to the country.

"What are the chances of a provincial general election this fall?" was asked of Mr. Ross this morning by a correspondent.

The premier hesitated for a minute and then asked in reply—"Is there to be a Dominion election before another session?"

He was told that the indications pointed strongly that way, but when questioned further as to what he was going to do, he would merely state that his government was not bothering about the election.

"If there is another session of the provincial house will more stringent temperance legislation be enforced?" was asked.

"That," replied Mr. Ross, evasively, "is something that remains to be seen. Strong representations have been made and the subject deserves serious consideration."

The belief is general that Mr. Ross is here to take counsel of the federal ministers as to the most suitable date for his appeal to the province.

When the pending protests are disposed of his majority will have vanished and an attempt to have the provincial contest at the same time as the other, might, in view of the combined influences, tend to improve his chances, now admitted to be at a very low ebb.

NO HOTELS

Late License Holders in Blenheim Suspended All Business—Temperance People Hustling for Billets.

Ald. W. T. Piggott, chairman of the Industrial committee, was in Blenheim yesterday. On his return he told The Planet that the withholding of the liquor licenses had wrought a serious situation in the town.

"With to-night," said Ald. Piggott, "all the hotels close completely to the travelling public and all guests. They have combined together and decided to close up 'in toto.' Not a guest will be received or a horse stabled or watered. Woe betide the commercial men and travelling public!"

"The temperance people are out hustling to arrange to have all transient visitors billeted at private houses for the time being. It's hard to tell how the affair will come out."

SITUATION IN BLENHEIM.

Blenheim, May 5.—Owing to the refusal of the license commissioners of East Kent to grant licenses to the hotels in Blenheim the three hotelkeepers have decided to lock up their doors to-morrow.

They say it is impossible to run commercial hotels and pay expenses without the aid of the bar.

The temperance party in town are providing accommodations in boarding houses for the hotel boarders, and a meeting has been called to-morrow to lay plans to overcome the inconvenience to which travellers will be subjected.

This is the outcome of the fact that the temperance people of Blenheim carried the local option by-law. Now the hotel men are getting even. They have gone the limit in their idea of squaring matters, for they have even boarded up the pumps in front of their hotels, and farmers coming to town are forced to go to private houses to secure water for themselves and horses.

HEAVY FINE

Thomas Kelly of Newburgh, Ont., is one of the company of medicine men who are now showing at the Opera House. He is known as the "Doctor." Chas. Rose, detective for the Ontario Medical Association, was in the city and laid a charge against Mr. Kelly of practicing medicine without the necessary qualifications. Kelly pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, \$104 in all. Judge Houston said that he wouldn't have made the fine so large only he had been fined at Wallaceburg last week. The judge said that in lieu of the money Mr. Kelly could take a month in jail. "This weather is too warm for that," remarked the vendor of medicines as he whipped out a roll and peeled off \$105.

"The street sweeper on Queen street here makes a terrible amount of dust," remarked Wm. Potter, the Queen street grocer, this morning. "We have to close all our doors and windows when we see it coming. There must be some remedy for it. After the sweeper has gone over the street it seems just as bad as before."

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