

# The Chatham Daily Planet.

CHATHAM, ONT., FRIDAY AUGUST 10, 1906.

NO. 191

VOL. XV.

## ...OUR... SATURDAY LIST ...OF... SPECIALS!

For Saturday of this week we give you one of the best lists we have prepared this summer. Seasonable goods every one of them, and carefully selected with a view of giving you extra good values.

### Men's Underwear 25c

Men's summer weight Beltrigan undershirts and drawers, all sizes, nicely trimmed, on sale Saturday special at

25c

### Muslins 13c

Fine American organdie and flimsy wash muslins, in the most elegant designs and colorings, worth regular up to \$3.50 a yard, on sale Saturday special at

13c

### Japan Silk 25c

27-inch wide ivory Japan silk, fine even weave, good value at 45c a yard, on sale Saturday special at

25c

### Girl's Hose 17c

Girls' fine black cotton hose, one considered in red, blue and white, all sizes from 6 to 12 inches, regular price up to 30c a pair, on sale Saturday special at

17c

### Ladies Vests 10c

Black and elastic ribbed bleached cotton vests, sleeveless, neatly finished, very special value at

10c

### Wash Suitings 8c

Wash suitings, including polka dot, ephra, linen suitings, striped gingham, etc., in shades of blue, pink, green, etc., worth regular up to 25c a yard, on sale Saturday special at

8c

### Plaids 25c

Plaid dress goods in a pretty range of new color combinations, very correct for children's school dresses, on sale, very special, at

25c

### Children's Belts 15c

"Buster Brown" leather belts, in shades of brown, blue, black, tan and green, on sale Saturday special, at

15c

### Ladies' Vests 12 1/2c

Ladies' fine, bleached cotton, ribbed vests, neatly trimmed, half sleeves, very special value at

12 1/2c

### Children's Vests 10c, 12 1/2c

Children's elastic, ribbed, white vests, neatly trimmed and well made, short sleeves and sleeveless, all sizes, very special values at 10c and 12 1/2c

## Thos. Stone & Son

Carpets and Wall Papers

### GREAT SWEEPING SALE

OR

## Summer Hardware!

25 per cent. cut off all Refrigerators, Hammocks, Oil Gas Stoves, Go-Carts, Express Wagons.

Come for one of the bargains to

## WESTMAN BROS.

BIG HARDWARE

## TWINE!

10c. a Pound

11c. a Pound

12c. a Pound

13c. a Pound

## GEO. STEPHENS & Co.

Mason & Risch Pianos, White Sewing Machines.

## WILL SIGN NO CHEQUES.

Mayor Marshall Speaks to The Planet on Isolation Hospital.

### MORE EXPENSE AHEAD.

Mayor W. S. Marshall returned yesterday from a business trip to Toronto. He was seen by a Planet reporter last evening just before the Council meeting commenced, and asked what truth there was in the report that he had notified the architect that he would refuse to sign any cheques as payment for work on the isolation hospital.

"I don't know whether the work at the hospital is being done on or not," said the Mayor. "I did not stop it as some would have it. I simply might say this, that they can go on with the work if they like, but they won't get any money. I'll sign no cheques for such work. The Health Board gave us to understand that after we had purchased the property that it would cost us above \$150 to put it in proper shape, and here first thing they come along with a proposition to make improvements amounting to \$15,000. And that isn't all. They want to build a new hospital, and I see more expense ahead if the improvement is made. They have no water main near the hospital. That will be the next bill we will be asked to foot. There was no provision made for any expenditure of this kind in our estimates."

Dr. O. R. Ollivier, chairman of the Board of Health, was very much surprised to learn of the Mayor's attitude. He thought it was a very economy, and that money is spent in many other ways that are of less benefit to the city than a hospital isolation hospital would be.

The Planet has been informed that the Board of Health may take steps to force the hand of the Mayor in the matter of signing cheques for the work. It is claimed that the Board can force the Council to pay for necessary improvements. Certain incalculable remarks made about the Mayor by one member of the Health Board, are said to be a cause of friction between the Mayor and the Board. The Mayor has been on record as believing that a new isolation hospital should be built instead of patching up an old one.

## THE PRICE OF GAS.

Mr. Gould States Natural Gas Quotations From Brantford—A Great Industry.

The Planet last night had a short interview with Mr. W. G. Gould, of Brantford, who is somewhat interested in the local natural gas question. Mr. Gould says that the natural gas industry has proven a success in Brantford, and that the citizens all over the city are using it for fuel and lighting purposes. The gas is taken to the homes and factories of the consumers through the medium of the Brantford Gas Co.'s mains. "What rates do they charge for natural gas in Brantford?" Mr. Gould was asked.

"Well now I wouldn't be sure as to the price, but I think the schedule of prices is about as follows: 30 cents to manufacturers, 30 cents where householders use the gas for lighting and heating purposes combined, and 40 cents where it is only used for one of these purposes."

Mr. Gould, who is chairman of the Brantford Public Parks Board, expressed himself as greatly impressed with the fine appearance of our city. "You have a beautiful city here," he said, "a beautiful city here. I have been greatly pleased with what I have seen of it, and I must say that it is quite up-to-date in every particular."

### SMUGGLERS BEWARE

The customs law which says that duty must be paid on the smallest articles has gone into effect and now all those who wish to carry even a ten-cent box of candy from Detroit to Windsor will have to keep it out of sight of the eagle-eyed officers of the same as they do with more valuable articles, or pay the duty. It has always been the custom of the officers to pass small, cheap articles free, but the new regulation leaves them no choice.

In the opinion of Detroit customs officers the law is a poor one. At the Detroit office, except where the duty amounts to 25 cents, the article is generally passed free. If an article shows wear, although slight, it is seldom that any questions are asked.

### COULDN'T TELL.

Oh! exclaimed the minister, fishing on the Sabbath. "What will your father say? Can't tell yet, replied the boy. "If I don't catch nothin' at all I'll catch it if I do, I won't."

Matrimony is an important step. In fact it's a whole flight of stairs.

## NATURAL GAS PROPOSITIONS REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE.

Special meeting of the City Council held last evening—Gas Speculators explain their schemes—Much valuable Discussion.

Last evening the first of what will probably be a series of very important City Council meetings was held in the Municipal Chambers in Harrison Hall. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the various natural gas propositions which are being made and will in the future be made to the city of Chatham.

All the members of the Council were present with the exception of Aldermen Potter and Thompson. Mr. George W. Cowan, who was in the audience, was called to a seat in the ex-Mayor's chair beside the Mayor. There was quite a large gathering of oil men and ratapayers present in the auditorium of the chambers.

The meeting was opened by Mayor W. S. Marshall, who explained that the business of the evening was to receive the propositions which the oil companies had to offer the city. One concern, the Leamington syndicate, had already handed in their proposition to the Council in writing. This proposition, the Mayor explained, had been handed in to the Council at a previous meeting, but as a syndicate had decided to give all the oil to give them all a fair chance to explain their propositions. The Beaver Oil and Gas Co. had also presented their proposition in writing, and he believed that there were a couple of other concerns represented at the meeting, whose agents would make verbal propositions.

It was then moved by Ald. Stone, that representatives of the various gas companies be heard before the Council. Carried.

A. Brackin, who represented the Beaver Oil and Gas Co., was first to speak. He said that it was the intention of his company to apply for a franchise from the city. They would not ask for an exclusive franchise. The Beaver Oil and Gas Co. had held leases on thousands of acres and held leases on thousands of acres. They had seven wells, and an expert had been tested by an expert who gave most encouraging results. They were certain that their field contained ample quantities of gas to supply the city of Chatham. They had made an application for a franchise and the application had been made in writing, but the Council had not yet entered into an agreement with the city as to terms for gas to consumers, and all other matters in connection with the securing of a franchise. If the Council desired any further information, members of the company would be most willing to give it at any time. They had maps of their wells with which they could more clearly outline the possibilities. The proposition belonged to the Beaver Oil and Gas Co. was adjacent to that owned by Mr. Reesman, and gas had been found wherever it had been drilled for in that district.

W. G. Richards, president of the Leamington Central Oil and Gas Co., whose proposition he said had been brought before the Council by his partner, Mr. Lewis, some time previously, and a written proposition had also been put in. The Leamington Central Oil and Gas Co. had 42,000 acres under lease, and had the necessary gas supply to meet the needs of the city. They would be willing to lay out the facts before the meeting, and he thought that the Council might be interested to hear what Mr. Gould, a member of their firm, had to say, and called upon that gentleman to outline further facts in connection with the Central Oil and Gas Co.'s interests.

Mr. Gould stated that when his company had laid their proposition before the Council at a previous meeting, the other company interested in the Leamington field had stated that they would be willing to amalgamate with them, and make a strong proposition for supplying natural gas to the city of Chatham. The Leamington field was the nearest to the city, and controlled 40,000 acres, and the most at the head of the company had previously made a splendid success of the gas business. It would be no child's play, he said, to bring a flow of natural gas to the city. One company had proposed to use the local gas companies mains for the distribution of the product. This he held would never prove satisfactory to either the citizens or the company. He thought that the city should handle one-fourth of the flow. For natural gas it was also necessary to regulate the flow of the gas according to its consumption. Thus at times when meals are being cooked, and large quantities of the gas is being used for heating purposes, the high pressure must be on. The question of natural gas was one that was only understood by practical men. Mr. Gould said that the company had twelve gas wells at present from which they could pump gas to Chatham at reasonable rates, and very shortly it was expected that more dry gas wells would be

developed. The company had all the finances needed to carry the project to a successful issue, and some of their active men had been eighteen years in the gas business.

Mr. Reesman, of the Leamington syndicate, when called upon said that his company had not yet been incorporated, but their application for a franchise was already before the Council. All he had to say was that his company had gas in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the city, and they were prepared to prove that they could do so. The combined interests of the Roth Argue and the Church syndicates were represented by J. G. Kerr, who said that his company were the first to come before the Council with a proposition. At the time when they had applied for a franchise, the Central Company, which had been represented earlier in the evening by Mr. Richards, had agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there. They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there. They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there.

They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there. They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there.

They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there. They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there.

They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there. They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there.

They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there. They were all present there, and they had all agreed to combine their interests with these two companies, which were all present there.

## THE GRAND TRUNK SEWER.

Permit To Tap Queen St. Obtained After Work Was Started.

### ENGINEER JONES' REPLY.

To the Editor of The Planet:

Dear Sir,—I see by a letter in The Planet, August 9, that Mr. Pritchard, Agent G. E. R., has had a surprise at some wild and startling statements made by me, some of which are entirely devoid of truth, and that he did not obtain a permit until after the work was begun. Now, have all the facts. Mr. Pritchard came to me at 13 a. m. July 13, for a permit to open up the street for the purpose of enlarging the G. E. R. sewer entering Queen St. sewer, which I granted. After dinner of the same day I went to view the site of the proposed opening to be made in the street, and I was surprised to find the trench had been dug out from the Queen St. sewer to the property line of the G. E. R. The new sewer pipe had been cut, and the trench partly filled in. Now, it is very evident that the work could not have been completed within an hour's time, as I arrived there about 8 p. m. Therefore the work must have been started before the permit was granted. It is possible that Mr. Pritchard was not aware that the work was in progress, and that he should have notified me so as to inspect the trenching to the main sewer.

Mr. Pritchard states that an agreement was made between the sewer companies. When I should the sewer require to be enlarged, the only reasonable answer to this is, there is a greater quantity to be discharged in the future. I need not go into the details of the question, as the residents on Queen St. can furnish all necessary information with regard to any wild or startling assertions that may have been made in the future.

Thanking you for above quote,  
Yours truly,  
E. R. JONES,  
City Engineer,  
Chatham, Aug. 10, 1906.

## HOLIDAY VISITORS

Interesting Budget of news from Irwin's—People who are well Known here

Irwin, Aug. 10.—Miss Carrie Barnes, of Tapperville, is visiting old friends in Irwin this week.

Mrs. Geo. Davidson entertained a few of the young people on Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Freeman, of St. Thomas.

Mrs. Colville, of Chicago, has returned home after a month's visit with Mr. Frank Sutor.

Mr. George Lyons, of Toronto, is spending his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. T. Lee.

Rev. Mr. Dobson, of Tilbury, administered Holy Communion in the Union Hall on Sunday last.

Master Ray Rouse, of Toledo, is spending the vacation with his uncle, Mr. Frank Sutor.

Mrs. Harry Webster and children, of Chatham, are spending a few days in Irwin this week.

## YOU MUST CALL AT ONCE

To see our Baby Buggies and Express Wagons.

### BABY CARRIAGES

The most stylish gears and Fancy Tops—Lowest possible prices.

### GO-CARTS

Any style you want. Prices from \$1.35 up

### EXPRESS WAGONS

Prices from \$1.75 to \$2.50. The most substantial wagon you can buy.

### SEE KING STREET WINDOW

## SULMAN'S

BEEHIVE, King and Sixth Streets...  
PHONE 96

## SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES

The value and convenience of a Safe Deposit Box cannot be overestimated.

A safe place to keep bonds, deeds, securities and other valuable documents, plate, jewelry, etc. The surest and most economical method of insurance. For rent, accessible any business day from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Ask for rates.

### THE SOVEREIGN BANK OF CANADA

A BANK FOR ALL PEOPLE  
Open for business Saturday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.  
Opposite Market Square, Chatham.



**Tan, Vici Kid Oxfords (Welt.)**  
**Tan, Russian Calf (Goodyear Welt.)**  
**Newest Colors.**  
These are this season's shoes, regular price \$3 and \$3.50, now **\$2.00 A Pair.**  
Winding up our Low Shoe Stock, all sizes and widths from A to E.

**Geo. W. Cowan.**

Continued on Page 8.