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## SPRING 1906

New Goods for Spring are now tumbling in upon us. We have just taken out of bond several large shipments, which are now open for your inspection. Call and see the latest novelties in our

### Dress Goods Dept.

In this Department we are showing by far the largest assortment we have ever shown, in all the popular makes, imported direct from the best manufacturers in Europe, such as Barashea, Crepelle, Venetians, Chiffon Broadcloth, Cupoline, Lama, Taffeta, Panama, Armure, Henrietta, Brilliantine, Bolienne, and Crepe De Chene. In these lines we are showing all the leading shades of the season.

### Staple Goods Dept.

This year we are showing a larger range than ever before in Table Linens, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Gingham, Prints, White Linen Suitings, Persian Lawn, India Lawn, Victoria Lawn, Organdies, Nainsook, Batiste and Dimity.

A full range of Bleached and Unbleached Cottons bought at a big reduction on former prices, which we are now able to supply the demands of our customers at prices ranging from 5c to 18c per yard.

### Dressmaking

How about your new Spring Suit? Is it not about time you placed your order, so as to secure an early delivery? Our two Dressmaking Departments will open early in March. Orders will be filled in the order they are received.

## Thos. Stone & Son,

Carpets and Wall Paper

## THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Will cost \$150,000,000 and every citizen of Canada must pay his share. Start saving at once by opening an account at

### Westman Bros...

Our quotations on Builders' Hardware will prove a nest egg for a saving bank account.

## Westman Bros

BIG HARDWARE AND STOVE HOUSE



## HOCKEY SHOES

For Men at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50  
For Boys at \$1.25 and \$1.50

For Ladies at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50  
Call for Free Catalogue.

Wm. Somerville & Son  
4 Doors West of Market  
CHATHAM.

## THANKS!

We thank the residents of Chatham and vicinity for their liberal patronage—the continued increase in the amount of business we are doing is very pleasing to us, and we shall try in every way—both in the quality and price of our goods to make it satisfactory to all customers.

7 lbs. Best Rolled Oats, 25c.  
Mixed Pickles 13c. per Quart  
Brooms, 15c. 25c. and 3c.  
Corn Starch, 6c. per package  
Very Bright Syrup, 50c. per Gal.  
1 Corn, 1 Peas, 1 Tomatoes 25c  
8 Bars Soap 25c.  
Pickles 10c. per Bottle  
Naval Oranges 25c. per Dozen  
3 lbs. Mixed Biscuits 25c  
8 lbs. Buckwheat Flour 25c.

Clearing Sale of CROCKERY, CHINA LAMPS and GLASSWARE still going on. Lots of bargains left yet; come and get them.

John McConnell,  
Park St. Phone 190

Minard's Liment Cures Dandruff

## INSURANCE AND POWER

Hugh Clark, M.P.P., Wants Investigation Into the Former

Phil Bowyer, M. P. P., Desires Government to Have Some Say in Niagara Falls Electric Energy Distribution

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Two editors who write original and bright things in country weeklies, namely, Hugh Clark of the Kincardine Review and Phil H. Bowyer of The Ridgeway Dominion, entertained the Legislature and a couple of hundred gallery spectators yesterday. The former moved and the latter seconded a resolution that "an humble address" be presented to His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Clark for the speech delivered from the throne on the opening of the House.

Both speakers did splendidly. Mr. Clark advanced a strong argument for an investigation into life insurance company methods if the province has such authority. He said he had been assured that it was quite within the purview of the Legislature. Mr. Bowyer's strong point was the advocacy of Government control of the development of electrical powers at Niagara Falls. The Government, he said, should demand that a proportion of the power developed should be handed over to the province for distribution to the municipalities at cost, or failing that, it should undertake the development of electricity as a provincial enterprise.

Investigate Insurance.  
Mr. Clark touched on the life insurance scandals in this way: "I don't know whether it is in the purview of this Legislature to investigate the business of life insurance companies, but I have been assured by a barrister that the Legislature has such authority, and if it has the authority I think it ought to investigate the manner in which these companies do business."

"When the Big Three insurance companies of New York were being investigated one of the Canadian companies sent to Michigan for an expert who reported that the affairs of the company were in a sound condition. That was the first suspicion I ever had of that company. It appeared to me to be the act of a frightened man or set of them. It spelled hysteria. I wouldn't say a word to cause any policyholder any concern. Their policies are just as safe as the Bank of England; but they want to know if the profits are being applied to a reduction of the premiums or are being absorbed by families of the head men of the companies."

"It may be more in line with Dominion affairs, but I am afraid the influence of these gentlemen is too strong on the Government at Ottawa. But if we can we ought to take the matter in hand."

Power For the People.  
On the question of electrical power from our waterfalls, including Niagara, Mr. Bowyer said:

"The possession of great water powers put Ontario on the level of Pennsylvania, which had immense areas of coal; the generation of electricity would improve the facilities of transportation, and give the farmer cheaper power to lighten his burdens. The Government should press on and give the people cheap power. It should demand that a certain proportion be handed over to the municipalities at cost, or failing that, it should undertake the development of electric power."

Ross Moves Adjournment.  
Mr. Ross moved the adjournment of the debate at 5 o'clock. This, Mr. Whitney said, puts the debate over until Tuesday, according to the rules of the House. Mr. Whitney intimated that there would be a sitting on Monday, but no business till the address is disposed of.

Government Caucus.  
Government members held a caucus in the morning and discussed the sessional program, A. A. Mahaffy of Muskoka and R. F. Preston of North Lanark were reappointed whips. Another caucus will be held on Wednesday next.

### CAN'T WIND UP BUSINESS.

Lack of Inclination Apparently Delaying Hydro-Electric Report.

Geo. Patterson, M. P. P., for South Waterloo and a member of the Royal Hydro-Electric Power Commission, says that the latter has considerable business before it which will soon have to be disposed of. Reports that certain interests were declining to give information or were otherwise standing in the way of the commission were based only on surmises. A meeting was to have been held yesterday at the City Hall, but was postponed owing to the absence of Hon. Adam Beck, the chairman, who will be here next week.

At the City Hall there was a discussion among the legal men and the slow-witted of the Nicholls-Pellatt interests in furnishing a report was discussed. W. E. Middleton, the Nicholls-Pellatt lawyer, said to E. D. Armour, K. C., who represents the Government, that Mr. Nicholls did not feel that he could give the required information at the present time, as some of the directors were away, and he would not take the whole responsibility.

University Commission Report.  
The report of the university commission, which has entailed a lot of labor, will be in the hands of the Ontario Cabinet about March 1, or may be a day or so later should present arrangements be delayed.

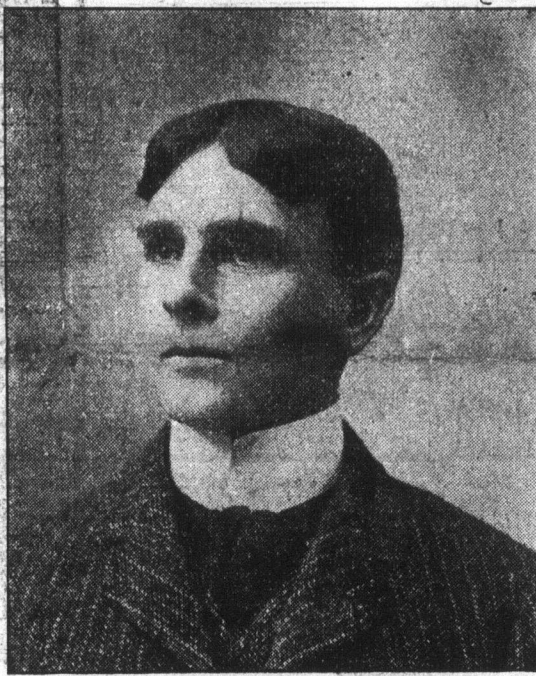
## WEST KENT CONSERVATIVES HOLD SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

Large Representative Gathering of Liberal-Conservatives Meet and Complete Organization Work—Officers Elected

The West Kent Liberal-Conservative convention held in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium to-day was without exaggeration one of the most representative and enthusiastically successful gatherings ever held in the city. Delegates were present from all over the riding and the speeches delivered this afternoon were well worth coming long distances to hear.

The convention was called for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. The delegates came prepared to do business and they took hold of the discussions and proceedings in a way that stamped them as men working in the interests of the county and men who believe in the grand future which is opening up for the Province of Ontario.

Two sessions were held, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. In the morning, some discussions



HERBERT S. CLEMENTS, M.P.  
West Kent's Popular Dominion Representative

were held relative to organization. The matter of finances was laid over until the afternoon meeting.

S. B. Arnold read the constitution which was drafted out by the city association, defining the objects of the association and the duties of its officers. The constitution was then discussed, many of the delegates present taking part freely. It was laid over until the afternoon for adoption or rejection.

The afternoon session opened at half past one o'clock with a very large attendance. At the opening of the meeting the following resolutions were passed unanimously amid much enthusiastic applause:

That whereas on the 25th of January, 1905, the people of Ontario, by an overwhelming majority, defeated the Liberal Government that for 32 years had conducted the affairs of

do that the faithful service already rendered is but an earnest effort of the honest and capable administration of public affairs which the people of this Province believe the Whitney administration is both able and anxious to give.

That the Conservatives of West Kent desire to place on record their appreciation of the statesmanlike qualities of R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party in the Dominion Parliament, and their belief that the policy enunciated by him and the course adopted by him in dealing with the many matters which have come before the Parliament of Canada have been such as to merit their heartfelt approval, and we hereby pledge him our support and assure him of our belief that the people of Canada in the not far distant future will place him in that

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### SUCCESSFUL SMOKER

The Macabees held a very successful smoker in their lodge rooms last evening. There was a large attendance and an interesting and profitable time was spent. Three excellent addresses were given during the evening by ex-Mayor G. W. Sulman, who was the chairman of the evening, C. O. Trussler and S. W. Trussler, two of the Supreme Tent officers.

The following was the program of the evening:  
Chairman's address.  
Piano solo—Frank Phelps.  
Reading—H. O. Springer.  
Irish monologue and song—A. L. Wrigley.  
Address—S. W. Trussler.  
Instrumental trio.  
"A. L. Wrigley made the hit of the evening with his Irish song, 'My Irish Daisy.' After the program was concluded a boxing match was pulled off between Black Diamond of Chatham, and Sacramento Pete of San Francisco, after which cigars and cards were indulged in.

Women may be more constant than men, and they are more apt to talk about it.

Remember Gordon's Sale of Ladies' Fine Mocha Kid Gloves, \$1.50 quality, for 98c, on Saturday night from 8 to 10.

### WILL START FARMING

The following, from the Merion Mirror, concerns Mr. Thos. Kendall, who, after a prosperous career of eight years as a fruiterer in England, sold out his business and emigrated to Canada to try his luck at farming. He has for the past two or three weeks been staying with his mother, Mrs. G. Kendall, Murray street.

"Mr. Kendall, late of Liverpool, England, has purchased Mr. Walter Tye's farm on the lake shore, and contemplates settling there with his wife and two boys as soon as arrangements can be made. Mr. Kendall, who previously spent some time in this vicinity, has been in business in Liverpool for the past eight years."

### PASSED AWAY

Hilbert Shell, an aged and much respected resident, passed away at his home on Queen street-south Thursday. He was 78 years of age.

The deceased had been a resident of Chatham for a great many years, and was very highly regarded by those who knew him for his many sterling qualities. At one time he was engaged in the milling business here. He leaves one son to mourn his loss.

## A THRIVING INDUSTRY

Bent Goods Company are Receiving Every Encouragement

Company is a Valuable Acquisition to Chatham's List of Industries—A Few Facts

The Chatham Bent Goods Manufacturing Co., Limited, who have established themselves near the bottom of Wellington street, are a pushful company, who deserve the thanks of citizens for the trade and money they have brought to Chatham.

They were formerly a Blenheim concern, but in the beginning of last year they decided to enter a larger field of operations and to modernize their plant to meet their growing trade.

They selected this city as a good site for a new factory and built it during the months of July, August and September last year. They moved here in October, bringing with them many of their employees with their families, numbering fifty-nine persons in all.

The company are installed in most up-to-date quarters, fitted with new and expensive machinery and steam-heated throughout. The factory itself is a brick building, 220 feet by 60 feet and is one storey high, while the adjoining warehouse and shipping room is a large corrugated iron and wood structure 216 feet by 34 feet. Both buildings have been specially designed to resist fire, and no expense has been spared to fit them up with modern appliances to minimize danger of accident to the employees.

There are eleven bending factories in Canada, but experts are unanimous in declaring this latest one to be the finest of its kind in the Dominion, both as regards equipment and size.

The machinery is driven by a 150 horse power steam engine, and the boiler used is a large one measuring 16 feet long by 68 inches diameter. It was specially made to order for the company by Park Bros.

In the engine room there are also plants for supplying the factory with steam heat and electric light, and there are six large arc lights in the main building, which light the whole factory in a splendid manner.

The company have purchased and put into use a "Simplex" watchman system, by means of which a track is kept on the movements of watchmen during the night. This system by enforcing discipline on the watchmen, militates against the chances of fire during the night. Thirty men are on the company's pay roll at the present and more will be added next July, when additions will be made to the manufacturing plant. The company is in a most flourishing condition and their employees are at present working steadily on a series of large orders.

### RAISED A ROW

Three Young Men Imbibe too Freely and Have to Pay for Their Fun

A trio of penitent offenders faced Judge Houston at the Police Court this morning. The charges were drunk and disorderly. The three young men came out of the Garner House last evening about eleven o'clock and proceeded down King street towards the C. P. station. They had evidently got a whiff of some bartenders' towels as they started to whoop and yell as they passed along. The merry jollification was cut short by Officers Darr and Groves, who stopped the fun by marching them to the Police Station.

They pleaded guilty this morning. Harry Farby was fined \$6, Geo. Summers \$7 and David E. Kenny \$4. When the trial was over the young men kept the telephone busy trying to raise the money, for if they do not pay they will have to spend a few days in jail at hard labor.

Paul Reardon and John Larkin were fighting on King street a few nights ago and broke Mr. Murray's front window. Their case was adjourned until the Judge finds out if they intend to pay for the window.

### WAS ACQUITTED

Mr. Harry Ball, the market Square auctioneer, takes exception to an article published in this journal relative to a case which was tried recently in the Police Court, in which he was the defendant. In this case Mr. Ball was charged with receiving a watch knowing the same to be stolen property. Mr. Ball, however, as has since been stated in The Planet, proved his innocence, and he was acquitted of the charge. O. L. Lewis defended him.

It is not what a man hears but what he believes that makes him wise or foolish.

A good many poets are neither bora nor made. They are periphrastic.

## Hair Brushes AND... Cloth Brushes.

For One Week we will continue our sale of these two lines at a lower than import price.

Hair Brushes, 14c, regular 25c  
" 19c, " 35c  
" 29c, " 50c  
" 39c, " 75c  
" 49c, " 1.00

Cloth Brushes, 19c, regular 35c  
" 39c, " 50c

All Brushes of good goods. We bought 25 gross of these goods and we intend to sell them in a RUSH.

Come and get your share of them or you make a mistake.

## SULMAN'S BEE HIVE

King and Sixth Streets.

P.S.—We have received two cartloads of our new WALL PAPERS. They are the greatest value ever in Canada. You'll say so when you see them.  
SULMAN'S



A GENTLEMAN'S SHOE

## We Don't Make

A very heavy charge on your pocket-book, but we do figure to give you a deal of vim and life to the styles and a whole lot of good points as to quality. That's why

## Cowan's Shoes Head the Race.

We have spared no pains to bring our entire stock to the highest pitch of both looks and quality.

One of our biggest sellers is the line shown in our Men's Window this week. It's a

\$2.50 Man's Dongola Blucher, Solid Leather Soles, Insoles and counters. A splendid fitting reliable shoe.

"This is one of many."

GEO. W. COWAN