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Furs at Reduced Prices

For the balance of this week we will make a great reduction in all lines of furs, fur jackets, ruffs, collars, collarettes, muffs, gauntlets and children's sets, all are included in this sweeping sale. The choicest go first, so we would advise you to come early.

Jacket Sale

Ladies' and Children's Jackets

Twenty-five per cent. reduction on all Ladies', Misses' and Children's Jackets. If you require anything in these lines the chance is yours of buying them cheap.

THOS. STONE & SON



We commence our **Annual Stock-taking Sale at The Ark on January 4th.** In order to reduce our stock we will commence a special discount sale on **Tuesday, 29,** continuing until Saturday Evening, Jan'y. 2nd, on the following lines of goods.

Toys 50 per cent. off.	Dolls and Doll Furniture 25 per cent. off.
Books and Games 25 per cent. off.	Work Boxes 50 per cent. off.
China Ornaments 25 per cent. off.	Candelabras 25 per cent. off.
Jardiniere, 50 per cent. off.	Ebony and Gold Plated Mirrors 25 per cent. off.
Purses 50 per cent. off.	Silverware and Cutlery 25 per cent. off.
Crimson Band Haviland China 25 per cent. off.	Imperial Crown China and Japanese and Australian China 25 per cent. off.
American Beauty China 25 per cent. off.	Fancy Cups and Saucers 25 per cent. off.
English Decorated Ware, 50 per cent. off.	Stock Patterns in China and Porcelain Ware 10 per cent. off.
Banquet, Hall and Library Lamps 25 per cent. off.	All Stoves, except Pandora and Kitcheners Cooks, 10 per cent.
All Crockery and open stock 10 per cent. off.	
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by using only the best blend of Ontario and Manitoba wheat, cleanly and up-to-date milling. This Flour is put up for the Grocery trade in white **Ordinary Sacks.** Insist on your grocer sending "Kent" brand.

The Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

CHATHAM, ONTARIO.

THEY GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THEIR STEWARDSHIP

Committees of the City Council Tell What They Have Done During the Year—Some Good Records—Finance Committee Came Out About Even.

The Council Chamber might have been called Harmony Hall, last evening, everything was running so smoothly, and the aldermen were saying such kind things about their worthy mayor and themselves. Honeyed words were the features of an otherwise uneventful meeting.

Chief Holmes, poll tax collector, reported that there were 315 names on the poll-tax list. There had been 148 names added by the police. The police had collected \$772, \$99 more than last year. The reason so many names had been added was to be found in the number of outsiders working on the pavement and the new industries in the city.

The report was ordered filed and the usual grant of \$20 was paid to the police.

On motion of W. S. Marshall, the mistake of \$100 in Sydney Agar's assessment was rectified.

Ald. Scullard mentioned that Chas. Mount desired remission of taxes on the old rookery which he had purchased.

Mayor McKeough stated that a gentleman had called upon him in reference to the establishing here of a cloak and mantle factory to employ from 75 to 100 hands. The Mayor referred the matter to the Industrial Committee.

A letter from Frank D. Laurie, local manager of the Bell Telephone Co., re placing poles, was received.

The City Solicitor wrote in reference to the by-law authorizing the issue of \$50,000 debentures to cover the deficit at present existing. Every Council was expected to levy sufficient to pay the debts, but a rate of two cents on the dollar was the highest that any Council could levy, exclusive of school and local improvement taxes. In the event of the Legislature refusing to permit the issue of debentures, the whole \$50,000 will have to be raised next year, and this would mean all improvements in the city. The City Solicitor was able to contract any more debts. Those who had to approach the Legislature would receive great assistance if the by-law were supported by an almost unanimous vote. The City Solicitor also suggested that the by-law should be explained more fully to the people.

This letter was referred to the Finance Committee with power to publish it.

C. R. Atkinson, K. C., wrote the Council that if they attempted to pay any money to the 24th Kent Regiment he would issue an injunction. Received.

Ald. Marshall, chairman of the Finance committee, reported, advising no action re the petition of the soldiers of the 24th Kent Regiment.

That W. C. Brent's request for \$12.50 be not entertained, as the city was not liable.

That re the demand of the Forest City Paving Co. for the return of their \$500 deposit, no action be taken.

Re request of J. S. Robinson for a grant to the National Sanitarium, Muskoka, that it was not advisable for this city to make a grant at this time although the object was a worthy one.

That W. R. Baxter's assessment be corrected.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Scullard requested permission to say a few words in reference to the first clause of the report re the grant to the soldiers of the 24th Regiment. He asked this since he had been singled out personally in Mr. Atkinson's letter. Mr. Scullard considered it both his duty and privilege to present any petition of the people to the Council. He was personally of the same opinion now as before. He did not think the claim a legal one, but he thought that it was a proper case where a grant should be made. It was well known that most of the special grants were illegal. That was, in most cases any citizen could prevent the city paying over the money. In the face of the letter from Mr. Atkinson, he thought it unwise to take action, but he was still of the opinion that if a grant to any citizen was justified, this grant would be.

Ald. Mounteer, for the Board of Works, reported re the account of the Warren Co. for \$801.75 for extras on the Queen St. pavement. After consulting the City Engineer and the City Solicitor, the Board of Works recommended that \$44.75 be paid, and re the balance, that no action be taken.

The report was adopted.

Ald. G. G. Martin, for the Property Committee, reported in favor of paying Call Fireman George Pritchard \$4.50, being two weeks' salary, while he was sick. Adopted.

Ald. Piggott, chairman of the Industrial committee, gave an account of his stewardship for the year 1903. The Industrial committee had entertained deputations re the American Seeding Co. and the Wabash shops. Chatham is too far from the central point to get the shops. The American

Seeding Co. may be secured yet. The committee also secured a satisfactory settlement between the city and the Pere Marquette. The Committee was in communication with the Blaine Harrow Co., Toronto, and had also introduced the ham and bacon factory proposition to the aldermen. Negotiations had been entered into with German & Fairbanks with view to supplying the city with natural gas. Over 200 letters had been written during the year and a number of industrial propositions had been entertained.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Mounteer presented the report of the City Engineer, reviewing the work done by the Board of Works during the year. The report included a detailed statement of the pavements laid during the year, as already published in The Planet this month.

Nearly three miles of pavement were laid during the year.

The report also included a list and record of the plank and granolithic walks laid this year. The Rankin Dock had been built at a cost of \$1,256, the two wooden bridges over McGregor's Creek repaired at a cost of \$255.07, and a street scraper purchased for \$300.

Ald. Mounteer said that this was the first time that any city engineer in this place had undertaken to give an account of his stewardship and was a step in the right direction. Personally, he had every reason to be proud at the way his colleagues had treated him and the thanks of the Council was due to his colleagues.

W. H. Piggott said that this year was an important one for the Board of Works. The chairman of the Board of Works had spent a great deal of his valuable time in looking after the city's interest, and to do this he must have sacrificed his private business. He deserved a vote of thanks from the Council.

Ald. Martin highly approved of all Ald. Piggott had said. Ald. Mounteer had worked as hard for the city as the foreman of any factory. Ald. Martin was not talking from sentiment but desired to pay tribute to one who had worked zealously for the city's interests.

Ald. Edmondson said that the Property committee had no report to make of their year's work. They had been handicapped by the unavoidable absence of their chairman.

Mayor McKeough also paid a tribute to the Board of Works. He said that in no other year had there been so many permanent improvements to the city and that it involved a great deal of labor on the part of the Board of Works.

Ald. Edmondson moved a vote of thanks to the able chairman of the Board of Works and his colleagues.

Ald. Martin seconded the motion carried.

Ald. McKeough, chairman of the Parks and Cemetery Com., reported that his committee had a surplus. This committee had \$157.21 still to their credit.

Ald. Marshall, for the Finance committee, reported that it was impossible to give an accurate statement until the end of the year. Had it not been for the bills for the by-laws to be submitted next Monday, the committee would have had a few dollars in the treasury. On two items had jolted the committee considerably. The audit had cost about \$2,000, whereas only \$1,200 had been put in the estimates for this purpose. However, everything being taken into consideration, the committee had a credit of \$1,000 of last year's debts paid by this council, the Finance committee of 1903, would come out about even and the city was in better shape financially than it had been in some time. It just remained for the incoming council to say No, instead of Yes, and pay as they went. It would be necessary next year to cut close and stick to the estimates.

MAYOR MCKEOUGH.

Ald. McKeough said that considering the courteous, fair and impartial manner in which Mayor McKeough had conducted the affairs of this city and had presided at the council meetings during the past year, the council's appreciation of his services should be placed on record. Ald. McKeough moved that the Mayor vacate the chair, and that Ald. Mounteer should preside. The motion carried.

Ald. McKeough, seconded by Ald. Marshall, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mayor McKeough for his untiring energy and for the kind and courteous manner in which he had presided over the city council. The city was to be congratulated on having his services for another year, and the council all joined in wishing him success during the coming year.

Ald. Marshall was quite sure that all would agree that the council of 1903 had spent a very harmonious time together and the year had been prosperous one for the city. Had W. E. McKeough not proved himself an able officer, he would not have been returned to the most important and honorable office in the gift of the city unopposed. He wished all mem-

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CITIZENS UNITE IN TRIBUTE TO LOYAL AND ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE

Handsome Presentation to Major G. P. Scholfield at the Garner Parlors Last Evening—An Appropriate Acknowledgement.

A large and representative gathering of citizens assembled in the parlors of the Hotel Garner last evening for the purpose of giving tangible evidence of their appreciation of the friendship and esteem towards Major G. P. Scholfield, manager of the Standard Bank, on the eve of the happy event of his marriage.

The gathering was large and representative in the real sense of the words—it was a cosmopolitan tribute to the ability, efficiency and fealty of a worthy fellow citizen; it was a function fraught with spontaneity and heartiness.

As the citizens gathered in the halls and parlors DeCows' orchestra discoursed excellent music and when, at the invitation of Mr. N. H. Stevens, Major Scholfield was asked to step forward the halls rang with hearty applause.

The object of the gathering, Mr. Stevens explained, was the desire of the citizens of Chatham and the officers of the 24th Regiment to take the opportunity of conveying to Mr. Scholfield some slight evidence of the regard in which they held him.

Major Scholfield was received with round upon round of applause. He was evidently moved by the cordality of the reception and the handsome gifts then presented.

He had listened, he said, with profound feeling, and gratitude to the generous words of the address and the kind expressions it contained. The beautiful book wherein it was inscribed would ever remain the most valued treasure in his possession. He did not think there was one in the room, or in the whole of Chatham, that would not deem himself elevated by the reception of it.

"The magnitude of your gifts, I may well say, stagger me," continued Mr. Scholfield. "I was never prepared for anything so elaborate. I feel sure every one of you must realize how thoroughly I appreciate these gifts. I recognize in them the generous personality of my friends—something not every citizen is privileged to enjoy. I know, too, it cannot be what has been achieved, but that your intentions have been honest in advancing the welfare of our city."

"You have alluded to the Board of Trade—its associations to me have been a benefit and a privilege, the Curling Club—it has given me amusement and procured me lasting friendships; the 24th Regiment—of it I can only say that I have never been associated with anything but the most grateful—for—The Canadian militia man is taught to emphasize citizenship and develop a sturdy and lasting loyalty."

On behalf of her to whom the cabinet of silverware was presented, Mr. Scholfield made an appropriate acknowledgment and concluded amid applause.

Light refreshments were served and a very enjoyable social evening spent.

Continuing Mr. Stevens alluded to the marvellous progress and development during his regime of the financial institution of which Mr. Scholfield is the head—and what was true of that had been true of everything he had undertaken. Applause.

Mr. Stevens then read the following address, which was beautifully lettered on silk and handsomely mounted and bound:

George Percival Scholfield, Esq., Manager Standard Bank of Canada, Chatham, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—The near prospect of your departure from the ranks of the bachelors to those of the benedicts calls forth from your numerous friends in the city their most cordial congratulations.

Your sojourn amongst us throughout the past decade has been marked by the steady growth and uniform success of the financial institution of which you have been the head, as well as by the high esteem and general confidence in which you have been continually held by patrons of the Bank. Your business ability and methods have ever displayed tact and sound judgment, resulting, during the short time you have resided in the city, in the establishment of an enviable reputation; while the courtesy and never failing interest which you have shown in matters of daily routine have commanded our approval and highest admiration.

Apart from the demands made upon your time by the responsibilities of your position, you have been closely identified with the success which our city has attained as a manufacturing centre.

In consequence of your ability and public spirit your advice has always been eagerly sought, in connection with any public enterprise, and the result of accepting your suggestions has uniformly been beneficial and sat-

isfactory to all persons interested. As president and member of the Board of Trade your services to the city in forwarding its needs and advocating a true course for its advancement, have been invaluable to the Board and greatly prized by your fellow citizens.

The social side of your nature has been fostered by your connection with the City Curling Club, and the 24th Kent Regiment. We are pleased to testify that, as a member of the former, you were ever in demand for your proficiency with "bosom an' stane," while in the latter you have always been most highly appreciated for your unswerving loyalty to the corps, and for your able assistance in all matters relating to its efficiency and welfare.

Considering what we have already stated, and without further reference to the many good qualities which have made your residence amongst us so pleasant and enjoyable, we now have the pleasure of acceding these sentiments by requesting your acceptance of this antique recorder-of-the-hours, with sincerest wishes that it will long continue to chime happy ones for you.

Our pleasure will be further enhanced should your affianced be pleased to accept this cabinet, as a token of regard and esteem for the one you have chosen as your "fellow farer, true through life."

Signed on behalf of the citizens, N. H. STEVENS.

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