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CARPET TALK

Notice how the days grow longer—the sun shines—housecleaning time is here, and you need Carpets, Curtains, Rugs, Oilcloths, Matting or Linoleums. Whatever your wants may be in this line we can fill it satisfactorily, both as regards price and quality.

When you start to buy Carpets what do you like to find? Carpets that will wear and keep their colorings—carpets that will suit your room—your wallpaper and your purse. We can supply your wants to your perfect satisfaction.

20 Patterns Union Carpets.

Full yard wide, reversible patterns, at 30c., 40c., 45c. 50c. and 60c.

5 Patterns of Wool Carpet.

Full yard wide, reversible patterns, 2 and 3 ply, at 75c., 85c. and \$1.00.

Woolen Carpets.

Best English make, some with borders to match. A very large range of all the newest designs and colorings, at 45c., 50c., 58c., 60c. and 75c.

Brussels Carpets

Jno Crossley & Son's best 4-frame Brussels Carpets—the name is a guarantee of the quality—none equal to it. Magnificent range of designs and colorings, at per yard, \$1.00.

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Jno. Crossley & Son's Velvet Carpets—others are cheaper, but none as good, either in quality or appearance, \$1.25 yard.

Wilton Carpet.

John Crossley & Son's Wilton Carpet—the finest Wilton Carpet imported into Canada.

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One hundred and fifty pieces just passed into stock—the newest, cleanest and most economical floor covering you buy—12 1-2c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 30c., and up to 50c. a Yard.

Thomas Stone & Son
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Do you realize the importance of perfect fit and comfort to growing feet of studying school children. If so you'll come to this store

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SCHOOL SHOES.

and secure perfect fitting School Shoes at moderate prices.

BOYS' Solid Stylish School Shoes \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00
MISSSES' " " " 1.25, 1.50, 2.00
CHILDS. " " " 1.00, 1.25, 1.50

TURRILL, The Shoe Man.

PHONE 248.

STILL IN IT.

JAS. A. KING,

the hardware merchant in Jno. A. Morton's stand, near the Market is now prepared to serve your wants in Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Paints, Oils, Glass, Builders' Supplies and Agricultural Implements. It will pay you to inspect my stock, which in completeness and price, is unequalled in the city. A full line of Fencing Material always on hand. A call solicited.

JAS. A. KING [J. A. Morton's Old Stand, Hardware and Implements] King St., Chatham

COURT OF REVISION

The adjourned meeting of the Court of Revision on Local Improvements met last night. Chairman Sheriff Gemmill, Ward Stenworth and G. D. Scott were present.

Re George Stephens' appeal against the frontage assessment on William St. The frontage was reduced from 85 ft. to 76 ft. The following is the revised frontage assessment in the block where George Stephens lives.—Geo. Smith 70 ft. 4 in., Geo. Stephens 76 ft., James Waugh 62 ft. 3 inches, and the Chatham Mineral Bath Co. 99 ft.

On motion, G. W. Cornell was allowed 20 feet flankage instead of 9 ft., at the corner of King and Sixth Sts.

Re Kenneth Urquhart's appeal. His assessment was increased to 23 ft. from 19 ft., and the frontage to the E. W. Scane property was reduced four feet.

Re Catherine Fleming's assessment, Wade St. Sewer. W. G. Richards stated that she would not be benefited to the extent of 48 ft., but only so far as the sewer runs in front of her lot. Assessment reduced to cover only the distance which the sewer fronts her lot and difference charged to the city.

W. F. Smith's assessment re Hill-yard St. sewer was reduced 41 ft. and same charged to city.

Re appeal of John Longwell and others, against the assessment on the Hilliard St. sewer. The frontages on said sewer were fixed as per statement made by E. B. Jones, city engineer, attached to the report and marked Schedule "A." Samuel Horn was assessed for outlet to the value of \$10 and the remainder of the assessment charged pro rata. William Horn was assessed for 37 ft. 9 inches, and for outlet 35 ft. 6 inches, and the balance charged pro rata. Mrs. Jane Baird was assessed 134 ft. instead of 66 ft., and Mr. Barthe was assessed 66 ft. instead of 134 ft. on Hilliard St.

Re J. C. Wilmore's appeal re Delaware Ave. sewer. The frontage of his lot was reduced 24 ft.

Arthur Fisher was allowed a flankage of 20 ft. on lot 1, block L, west side Victoria Ave., and the same was charged to the city.

The frontage of Emily Knight was reduced to 170 ft., with 60 ft. flankage allowed.

The ratepayers on the east side of Fifth St. will be notified that their assessment is liable to be changed in connection with C. R. Atkinson's appeal.

The frontage measurements for a granolithic walk on the east side of Centre St. were fixed as follows:—C. P. R. 102 ft., Richard Wing 110 ft., and James A. Thompson 49 ft. 6 in.

David Holmes' appeal was dismissed.

13TH ANNIVERSARY

Yesterday was the thirteenth anniversary of the opening of The Ark and Hugh Macaulay, the owner, was busy all day receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

Mr. Macaulay began business in Chatham in March, 1890. When he opened up, he dealt exclusively in stoves, tinware, enamel ware and a few house furnishings. The proprietor of The Ark was ever a careful, shrewd business man, and by close application to work, he has built up a business to be proud of. When Mr. Macaulay began he had a stock worth about \$3,000. Today he carries a stock worth \$18,000. In 1890 The Ark had a staff of five. To-day a permanent staff of nine is employed the year round, but this number is more than doubled during the busy season.

In 1890 a floor space of 3,100 square feet accommodated the stock in The Ark. To-day a floor space of over 8,300 square feet is not sufficient for all requirements. About five years ago The Ark purchased the crockery business of Hugh Macdonald and added it to a business that had already shown a wonderful increase.

Mr. Macaulay did not make a name for himself as a Chatham business man all in a day, but by thirteen years of diligent attention to business, he has won a high place among Chatham's many successful merchants. On Saturday The Ark will have its thirteenth annual opening, when Mr. Macaulay will be pleased to greet all his old customers.

"VICK" DISABLED

The tug Vick, of Chatham, left that city yesterday morning to bring the vessel Erie Stewart to this city. The Vick is a very small boat, but succeeded in making the trip through Lake St. Clair in safety. At the head of Belle Isle, however, her machinery gave out and the Stewart drifted to Biggott's dock here with the little tug in tow. The current was strong enough to give the Stewart sternway. Capt. Robinson was in command of the Vick and Capt. Greenhill sailed the Erie Stewart.—Windsor Record.

GOOD SALE

J. B. Stricker & Co. report making the sale this week of their 150 acre farm at Belle River, adjoining the C. P. R. station, to C. Darocher, of Belle River. The consideration was about \$10,000. The farm, under the management of Geo. S. Hope, formerly of Chatham for the past six years, has been highly improved and is one of the best in the County of Essex. A feature of the farm is two choice full bearing apple orchards. Mr. Darocher has six sons to help him and is well pleased with his purchase.

GIVE THE FACTS

Within the past week The Planet has taken occasion to make public a statement of the facts concerning the Raleigh oil fields and the operations of certain stock-selling speculators in connection therewith. In so doing it was pointed out that foundation for many of the wild promises and assurances made by these speculators was found in a series of untruthful and grossly exaggerated reports of "great gushers, big strikes and enormous yields" that, from time to time, appeared in the columns of the Chatham Banner, which paper also contained an elaborate announcement offering for sale the stock of one of these concerns, quoted as "owing the only desirable oil territory in Raleigh."

The Planet's statement of fact was given in response to the solicitations of scores of individuals, far and near, who had been canvassed for stock, and in the interests of the hundreds—yes, thousands—who were urged to invest upon these exaggerated reports and ludicrous assurances.

This journal certainly has pointed out—and pointed out repeatedly—to the Banner that its name has been used, and is being used, very generally to forward these fakes; that people were drawing the conclusion that it was either the fellow conspirator or the catspaw of the fakirs, and in a recent issue The Planet urged it to clear itself of all complicity in the affair by a full statement of the facts—a course, the pursuit of which was stated, would be universally applauded by the public and creditable to the paper.

Yesterday the Banner inserted a front-page double-column display-type explanation that it "does not vouch or hold itself responsible for statements made in space paid for by advertisers," and, on the strength of this explanation, asks The Planet to retract its condemnation.

The Planet regrets to be unable to comply with the request, as this journal deems the Banner's explanation yet inadequate.

However, should the Banner decide to act upon the suggestion to make amends for the past by a prompt and full statement of the facts, The Planet will evidence practical commendation of its course by reproducing the text of its atonement.

The Planet has no desire to "rub it in" to its contemporary. The latter's course in giving publication to the ridiculous and exaggerated stories has been viewed by this journal much more with regret at the injurious use to which they were being put by stock-selling speculators, than as affording an opportunity for a journalistic triumph over a course which must ultimately meet with angry public condemnation.

It has been the aim of The Planet from the first to give the people the facts—the full facts and nothing but the facts. The course has resulted in this journal being dubbed a "knocker," a traitor to the district, etc., etc., by its contemporary. But these detraction and libellous epithets have had no weight beside an adherence to the straight-forward and truthful policy adopted. The Planet has taken the ground that a public journal has no right—no matter what its temptation—to deviate from the truth in its news-distributing mission, more especially if by such deviation scores of innocent people are persuaded to part with their earnings with no probability—or even possibility—of any adequate return from the investment.

A journal may innocently err in handling despatches from a distant centre, but there can be little excuse for the publication of untruthful and grossly exaggerated reports of operations immediately at its door and professionally covered regularly by its own representatives—especially if they are being put to such a use as has been alluded to.

The Planet would therefore earnestly urge the Banner, in its own interests, as well as those of its subscribers, to make a frank and honest statement of the facts as it knows them.

The truth will injure no one.

CRICKET CLUB ADD SUPPORT

Unanimously decide to Heartily Co-operate in the Bungalow Project.

Annual Meeting of the Club—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Season—The Averages.

The Cricket Club at its annual meeting last night decided to heartily co-operate with the other athletic associations of the city in the endeavor to secure an athletic bungalow on Tecumseh Park.

W. G. Richards spoke most favorably of the project. He said: All the clubs of the city should go together and make this, the best project ever submitted, a great success. It is just what is wanted and we are greatly indebted to Mr. F. D. Laurie and the other young men who are pushing the matter. I would move that the Chatham Cricket Club co-operate with the other clubs. A. C. Woodward seconded the motion.

Edwin Bell thought the Club was not in a state to financially aid the project, but if the members were canvassed they would heartily respond.

W. B. Wells—I think all the members of the Club will be subscribers. The motion of Messrs. Richards and Woodward was put to vote and carried unanimously.

Edwin Bell was appointed chairman and J. W. Aitken, in the absence of secretary John Reeve, did the work.

There were present W. B. Wells, I. L. Nicholl, Jos. Kenny, W. G. Richardson, Roy Miller, A. C. Woodward, Stan. Allen, J. S. Lane, H. S. Northwood, S. A. Mercer, Frank Dennis, A. Richardson and H. Dennis.

The minutes of previous annual meeting were read and adopted. The secretary's report for the year of 1902 was read.

It showed ten games played, five won and five lost; three won and three lost with Detroit, two lost to Gordon McKay, Toronto, and two won from Highgate. Batting and bowling averages of the Club were given. They showed Roy Miller at the top in both. J. W. Aitken and Jos. Kenny come second and third respectively in the batting averages.

Full averages will be published in The Planet as soon as the official figures are made out.

The treasurer's report was read and a small cash balance was found on hand. The treasurer announced that he had heard from the Gordon McKay Co., and they would be here their usual time, namely, the first week in July.

The officers of the Club were elected as follows: President—T. A. Smith. Vice-Presidents—G. B. Douglas, W. Ball, W. S. Ireland, S. Perrin, F. W. Serath, Tilbury.

W. B. Wells moved, seconded by Jos. Kenny, that the offices of secretary and treasurer be amalgamated and nominated J. W. Aitken for the position. The motion carried.

Match committee—W. B. Wells, Dr. Nicholl and S. A. Mercer.

It was moved by Jos. Kenny, seconded by W. B. Wells, that the death of the late president of the Club, the late Andrew Hayward, be recorded on the books. Carried.

Dr. Nicholl moved, seconded by W. B. Wells, that the membership fee be the same as last season, \$5 for seniors and \$2 for juniors.

Messrs. Laurie and Anderson were now present as a deputation to interest the Cricket Club in the bungalow enterprise. When Mr. Laurie heard what the Club had already done, he expressed great pleasure at the interest being shown and outlined to a certain extent what it was proposed to do, the management and membership, etc.

HONORED HIM

E. E. Luce, better known among his many friends as Jimmie, who recently resigned his position at Thos. Stone & Son's, where he has been employed for the past two years, leaves shortly for his home in England. On Monday night James Flynn, of the firm of Thos. Stone & Son, honored his fellow employe, who is leaving the city, by inviting the staff of clerks to his home, where a sumptuous spread was partaken of and a pleasant evening spent in cards. During the evening Mr. Luce was presented with an illuminated address, a fine piece of work by Geo. E. Embrey, of the firm, and a beautiful gold locket from the fellow-clerks of the store.

LADIES' SOCIAL

The lady Maccoobees of this city gave a social to about 150 of their friends in their lodge room Monday evening.

The program consisted of games, music, recitations and refreshments. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by everyone present. O. Springer occupied the chair and made a capital chairman. John Northwood gave a number of recitations, Mr. Courtney made a speech and James Martin furnished excellent violin music. The evening closed with dancing.

The lady Maccoobees have a large membership here for a young lodge, and it is rapidly growing. The following are the officers:

Lady Commander—Mrs. Thompson. P. L. C.—Miss Ethel Baumhann. Lieut. Commander—Mrs. Zent. Chaplain—Mrs. Connibear. Sergt.—Mrs. Sissons. Mistress at Arms—Mrs. Link. Sentinel—Mrs. Owens. Pickett—Mrs. Burkby.

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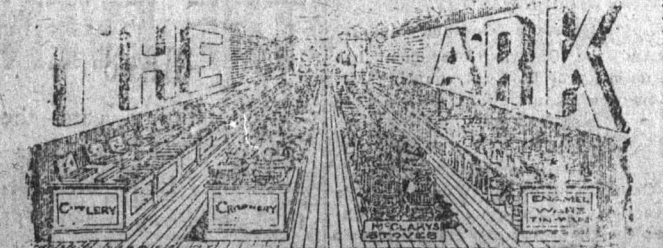
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SATURDAY, APRIL 4,

Will be the 13th Annual Opening at

"THE ARK."

We will be pleased to see as many as can possibly make it convenient to visit the store on this date, as there are many citizens of Chatham and residents of the surrounding towns and country that are and have been regular customers of "The Ark" ever since our advent in Chatham.

The continued and increasing success of "The Ark" is entirely due to the liberal patronage accorded us by the public during the past twelve years.

Will be pleased to have every person feel free to come in and take a look through the store—you will not be urged to buy.

The experience of the past, together with some knowledge of the requirements of the public, and our facilities for procuring goods, justify us in promising you even better service than in the past.

Yours respectfully,

H. MACAULAY, 89 KING STREET