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Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.

ROBINSON—On January 8th, 1905, Mary Jane Robinson, aged 77 years. The funeral will take place from her late residence, 86 Lacroix St., on Wednesday at 2.30 p. m., to William St. Baptist Church, thence to Maple Leaf Cemetery, Rev. Mr. Hoyt officiating.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Be sure you Register!

Y. M. L. S. Pedro social in St. Joseph's Hall Tuesday evening. Do you want a fur? Clearing at cost prices at Gordon's.

John Mulholland, of Dresden, was a visitor in the city on Saturday.

Visit our Shoe Parlor. William Somerville & Son. Peace's Old Stand.

Mrs. T. W. Wanless and daughter Ida left for London yesterday on a visit.

The man who wants to keep posted doesn't have to hang around the post office.

Meeting of Ward 2 Conservatives at John Darling's office, Queen St. at 8 o'clock to-night.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Phone 181.

Collarettes, ruffs and muffs, all styles, at prices to clear at the Gordon Store.

GOOD SKATING—GOOD MUSIC—GOOD TIME. ADMISSION 15c. OR TWO FOR 25c. AT THE DRILL SHED TO-NIGHT.

The third dance of the season, given by the bachelors of Chatham, will be held in the Auditorium on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11th.

Dr. Owens, eye, ear and nose specialist, will be in town on Wednesday next, Jan. 11th, office Radley's drug store. Glasses properly fitted and diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat treated. Remember the date, Wednesday, Jan. 11th.

The firemen had a run to box 13, corner of Wilson avenue and St. Clair street, last evening, about half past six o'clock. The cause of the alarm was a chimney fire on the residence of Henry Deenan. No damage was done.

THE MAYOR'S INAUGURAL

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obsolete wooden walks. In laying the walks care should be taken to secure a proper alignment with the streets and, further, avoid the irregularities existing upon some of the streets.

Our fire department has maintained its past efficiency and we are to be congratulated upon having such a worthy body of men.

In view of the constant recurrence of our yearly deficits, most marked in the past few years, I must draw your attention to the importance of seriously considering the immediate necessity of appointing a permanent auditor, whose duty will be to check all expenditure and to veto all outlays on a questionable or illegal character.

If such an officer can be appointed who will be independent of the council, it will relieve us of a great responsibility. Something must be done to stop these over drafts, as these continual deficits are a reflection upon the business ability of the council as well as a burden to the taxpayers. Last year the deficit was by way of interest paid to the bank on our current account alone was no less than \$3,755. Every estimate of expenditure of last year's Council, with the exception of four unimportant items, was exceeded. In the aggregate the overdrafts amounted to \$7,327.00, and had it not been for the relief afforded by the Waterworks Department, the deficit of \$5,000.00 the financial condition of the City would indeed be in a very bad plight.

This must be stopped. No private business could be successfully conducted in this manner and the principle which obtains in our own affairs should be applied in the interest of the tax payer, for whom we are the trustees.

The whole question of the financial condition of the city and a thorough enquiry into the methods of the Council in dealing with the finances must be gone into and such reports and recommendations made by the Finance committee as will steer us from the rocks upon which we have been drifting.

I lay before you—for your information and guidance—a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year, which also shows the sums estimated and consequently in cash the amounts of the overdraft.

Failing in our efforts to secure such an auditor, as I have suggested, I will feel it my duty to refuse to sign cheques for any sum in excess of the amount for which we shall strike a rate.

I will also direct the attention of the Finance committee to the system in vogue of wrongfully arguing, to the general council, the interest of the bank upon monies borrowed to meet current expenditure upon local improvement, in advance of the sale of the debentures.

This is a wrong upon the general tax payer. The subject of the assessment of the city is one that should be fully considered. If the assessment be equal a wrong is being perpetrated, and I care not how careful and conscientious assessors may be, they are apt, if continued in office too long, to become mere copyists and to repeat year after year former assessments, without a proper regard for new and changed conditions. This may largely account for inequalities that are so frequently complained of.

In view of the drastic changes in the assessment law made at the last sitting of the Legislature, no action should be taken in reference to the assessment until the whole subject is carefully looked into and the advisability considered of appointing assessors or relegating the assessment to a commissioner, as provided for in the Act.

The condition of the cemetery requires immediate attention. Means must be devised by which the receipts from the cemetery will more equitably meet the expenditure. Our cemetery is perhaps the most neglected institution we have, and compares very unfavorably with the cemeteries in much smaller towns. I recommend that the price of lots to persons who are not tax payers in the city be increased at least 50 per cent. The lots are being rapidly taken up by persons residing in the townships who are not city tax payers, and we will soon be compelled—at a large outlay—to purchase additional grounds.

The by-law having carried for the erection of a market building, the greatest care must be taken to secure a building thoroughly up-to-date in every respect. It should be equipped with every convenience, and so constructed as to answer for market purposes for the next fifty years.

While being the best market town in Canada, Chatham is behind in the matter of accommodation.

The city has not kept pace with private enterprise in the matter of

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improvement of this nature, and as we have received the mandate of the people to go on and build, it must be of a solid and substantial character—omitting all frills—taking care to keep within the estimates of the architects and seek to justify, so far as we are able, the predictions of the Property committee, that it will be self-sustaining.

We will require to provide, meanwhile, suitable and convenient quarters for the farmers' wives who come to market, as well as for city buyers.

So much has been said, written and promised in connection with a radical road for the city, and so many promises have been broken in this respect, that it is high time the industrial committee placed themselves in communication with gentlemen with financial ability to proceed with the work. The city is greatly handicapped for the want of such a road.

It is intolerable that we should quietly submit to the treatment being accorded us by the railways, and we will never be in a much better position in this direction until we shall have secured an Electric Road. Every effort must be made to lower the rate, and the greatest care and caution must be exercised in the management of the city business. We must refuse all grants and discontinue all unnecessary expenditure until our affairs are upon a better basis, and we must lay down the same hard-headed business rules in connection with the city affairs that we exercise in our own.

I bespeak your assistance and indulgence in the multifarious duties that pertain to my office, and when I err please attribute it to the head and not to the heart.

GEO. W. COWAN.

Ald. Westman moved that Mayor Cowan and Ald. Austin be appointed to the advisory board of the Children's Aid Society.—Carried.

Ald. Bell then rose to move the civic committee slate as arranged at the caucus. He moved as follows: Finance—Ald. Bell, (chairman), Ald. Austin and Ald. Marshall.—Carried.

Board of Works—Ald. O'Keefe (chairman), Ald. Marshall and Ald. Ainsworth.—Carried.

Property—Ald. Westman (chairman), Ald. Edmondson, Ald. Potter, Ald. Ainsworth and Ald. King.

Upon this draft issue was taken and an interesting deadlock presented.

Ald. Potter said he believed that a committee of five was too cumbersome, and too severe a task upon the chairman in testing them together. He believed it in the city's interests to confine it to three, as previously done, and as done in the other committees. When he was in the council before the waterworks matter came up and they formed a special committee and he thought the council should appoint a special building committee for the market.

He thought this would give the best results to the city. He then moved in amendment that the Property committee consist of Ald. King, Ald. Westman and Ald. Potter.

Ald. Edmondson said he thought it better to put the slate through as it stood.

Ald. Westman wanted to know from Ald. Potter, who he made as chairman of the amended committee, whether he permitted the committee to choose its own chairman would prevail.

Ald. Bell said that while he believed Ald. Potter was anxious to resign, he did not see with him. If there were two committees then there would have to be two chairmen.

Ald. Austin favored Ald. Potter's amendment. He thought a committee of three was not so unwieldy. He also favored a special building committee for the market with two different chairmen. He thought there were good grounds for Ald. Potter's amendment.

Ald. Marshall said he did not want a chairmanship and had so expressed himself throughout. He thought there was much good reason for Ald. Potter's amendment, and would support it. He had found that with a smaller committee more effective work was done.

Ald. Edmondson appealed for the passing of the original slate.

Ald. Westman said he saw no reason to change the slate. He thought the committee of five was the better. If there were two committees, as suggested, he would favor two different chairmen.

Ald. Potter—that would be all right.

A division was then taken on Ald. Potter's amendment, as follows:—

Yea—Ald. Austin, King, Marshall, O'Keefe and Potter—5.

Nay—Ald. Bell, Ainsworth, Westman and Edmondson—4.

The Mayor—The amendment is lost. There were five voted for it, Mr. Mayor.

The Mayor—Yes, but I'm voting against it.

The vote was taken on Ald. Bell's motion and it was lost 4 to 5.

The Mayor—Well, what are we to do?

Ald. Westman then moved that the Property committee remain as slate

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90c. Fine Cambric Gowns, linen yokes, 10 hemstitched tucks, embroidery, insertion or lace trimming, high or V necks.

1.50 Fine Cambric or Nainsook, Marguerites, Empire or Z neck styles, lace embroidery and ribbon trimmed, sale price.

1.75—A few fine Gowns, V or Empire Yokes, trimmed with embroidery, insertion, tucking or lace with 28 tucks.

2.00 Gowns of Nainsook and Fine Muslin, 2 styles, embroidery insertion and ribbon trimmed, Cost Sale Price, \$1.25 and \$1.34.

2.50 Madallion Gowns, two styles, 110 pin tucks, trimmed with beading ribbon, tenenif inserting, Whole Cost Price Sale \$1.84.

3.50 extra fine Gowns, high, low or V neck, trimmed with lace, embroidery, medallions, ribbons, etc., our Great Sale Price, \$2.00.

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75c. Waists for \$1.13; 8c. Waists for \$1.34; 8c.25 Waists for \$1.50; 8c.50 Waists for \$1.86; \$3 and \$4 at the same reductions.

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75c. Lins of very special Corsets of fine Contile, straight front, Hab- it hip, white or grey, sale price, 49c.

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25c. Covers, lace and embroidery trimmed, at wholesale cost, 19c.

40c. and 45c. Covers, trimmed with wide lace, embroidery insertion at wholesale cost, 25c. to 33c.

50c. Marguerite Covers, lace and embroidery trim at wholesale cost, 38c.

75c. Covers, tuck and embroidery trimmed, at wholesale cost, 50c.

80c. and 85c. Covers, captivating trim, 56c and 63c, \$1, \$1.35 and \$1.50 covers for 75c, \$1.0 and \$1.13.

Infants' Slips, Dresses

1.00 Nainsook Slips, tucked yokes, embroidered, ruffled, at wholesale cost.

1.25 fine Slips, beauties, whole sale cost.

1.50 fine Nainsook, beautifully trimmed, sweet things, \$1.13.

1.25 Dresses of fine Lawn, Lace and insertion trim, at wholesale cost, 84c.

2.00 Dresses, fine tucked skirt, all over embroidery yoke, ruffles and ribbon, sale price, \$1.67.

Sheets and Pillow Slips

20 Dozen Pillow Slips of good cotton, wide hem, 18c. value, our White Sale Price, 12c.

10 Doz. Hemstitch Pillow Slips, large and fine quality, 25c. value, sale price, 19c.

18 Doz. Ready-Made White Sheets, 72x90, good heavy round thread, 70c. value, on sale, 49c.

Ready-Made Sheets, Utica Mills 8-4 for 70c, and 9-4 for 80c.

Petticoats

75c.—Of Cambric, lawn flounce, torchon insertion in fell, whole sale cost price, 56c.

90c.—Of fine Cambric, deep lawn flounce, tucked and torchon lace trim, Great Sale Price, 56c.

1.00.—In three styles, deep lawn flill, embroidery, insertion, hemstitching, Great Sale Price, 75c.

1.50 Skirts, 18 inch. flounce, lace, tucks, embroidery, insertion, etc., at wholesale cost, \$1.00.

1.75—Skirts, 22 inch flill and dust flill, 2 rows of insertion, tucks and lace, at wholesale cost, 1.25.

2.00, 2.50 and 3.00.—Extra fine skirts, as some reductions, \$3.50 to \$12.00, exquisite skirts, whole sale cost, \$2.50 to \$8.50.

Chemises

75c.—Of fine Cambric, with torchon and fine lace trim, whole sale cost, 50c.

1.00.—Fine Cambric, chemise embroidery, insertion, or lace, sale price, 60c.

1.50 Chemise and Skirt Combination, beautifully trimmed, at wholesale cost, \$1.00.

36c.—Cambric, lawn flounce, lace trimmed, at wholesale cost 25c.

50c.—Of fine Cambric, Hemstitching, lace and insertion trimmed, at wholesale cost, 33c.

60c.—Of Cambric, insertion and lace trim, 38c. and 42c.

75c.—A fine Cambric, drawers splendidly trimmed, whole sale cost 50c.

Other charming garments, \$1.25, \$1.84 and \$2.00.

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ed and name from its membership a building committee with a different chairman.

This was lost on the same division, 4-5.

Ald. King then moved that the Property committee consist of Ald. Potter, Edmondson, King and elect their own chairman.

This was carried 5-4 but negatived by the Mayor.

Ald. Edmondson then moved that the Property committee consist of only three, Ald. Westman, Potter and Edmondson, and a special Building committee be appointed for the new market.

This motion the Mayor declared carried and the dead-lock was at an end.

Ald. King declined the chairmanship of the Parks and Cemetery committee, but was willing to work thereon. The committee as moved by Ald. Bell carried, viz., Ald. Potter (chairman), Ald. Marshall and Ald. King.

The Industrial committee was also adopted as follows: Ald. Austin (chairman), Ald. King, Ald. Edmondson, Ald. Westman and Ald. Ainsworth.

The Council then adjourned till this evening.

Smith—My boy at college is always at the head.

Jones—Indeed!

Smith—Yes, He's now taking a course in phrenology.

To witful men the injuries that they themselves procure must be their schoolmasters.

WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

Representatives of the Chatham, Tilbury, Thamesville, Blenheim and Ridgeway hockey clubs met at Ridgeway Friday night last, with a view to arranging a league schedule for the Newman Trophy. W. O. Newman, the donor of the trophy, was present at the meeting and explained the way he would like to have had the trophy played for. He had given the trophy to the Ridgeway Club to be put up for competition.

Ridgeway representatives wanted all games for the cup played in Ridgeway, no other games counting on the cup. Blenheim sided with Ridgeway, but the other representatives took exception to it and no agreement or schedule was arrived at.

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