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AND BLANKETS

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60x90 White Wool Blankets, 6 lbs., very small proportion of cotton in the warp, pink and blue borders, exceptional value at our regular price \$2.50 a pair, on sale, very special, at..... \$1.95

72x90, extra heavy Union Grey Blankets, 10 lbs. fancy colored borders, excellent value at our regular price \$3.50 a pair, on sale, very special, at..... \$2.65

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Men's extra heavy fine wool fleeced shirts and drawers, extra quality, regular price 75c., on sale, for..... 44c

Men's winter weight, all wool shirts and drawers, extra quality, regular price 75c., on sale for..... 56c

Ladies' all pure wool natural wool vests and drawers, Penman's famous make, reg. \$1.25 a garment, on sale for..... \$1.00

Ladies' heavy Union Ribbed Vests, fine soft finish, on sale very special, at..... 20c

Proportionate reductions on all lines of Boys' and Girls' Underwear.

DRESS GOODS.

Our January Sale Prices on Dress Goods afford you many opportunities for saving. Seasonable goods, suitable for immediate and early spring wear for Ladies' or Girls are in this sale lot, and prices run this way:

56 in. wide heavy all wool Frieze Suiting, correct weight for unlined suits and skirts, in excellent shades of Grey, Brown and Green, reg. price \$1.00 a Yard, on sale for 85c

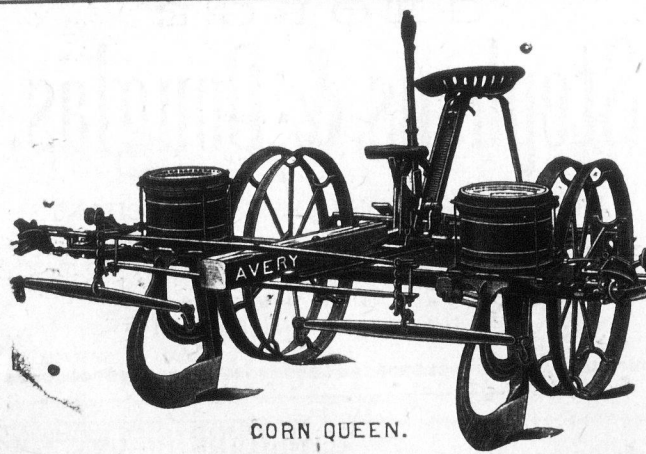
48 in wide Union Serge Suiting, extra weight and fine finish, in shades of Navy, Brown, Black, Fawn, Green and Grey, regular price 35c. a yd., on sale for 27c

Thomas Stone & Son.

ARE YOU GOING To Buy a CORN PLANTER?

There were more AVERY CORN PLANTERS sold in this section last year by Quinn & Patterson, Chatham, than any other make, and you might make a mistake if you bought any other.

Read the following testimonial, which speaks for the excellence of this machine.



CORN QUEEN.

Dover Township, Sept. 15, 1902.

MESSRS. QUINN & PATTERSON,
Gentlemen,—Replying to your enquiries about how I have been suited with the AVERY CORN PLANTER I bought from you last spring, I must say that it is all I could desire it to be. I cannot suggest any improvement on it, and I can recommend it to any one who may want a first-class and up-to-date Planter.

Yours Truly,
FRANK RANKIN.

FLOUR

Be sure our registered brand "Kent Mills" is on every sack. It is a guarantee of best quality.

Stevens' Breakfast Food

Is pure and wholesome. :: :: Your grocer sells it.

The Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.

RADIAL RAILROAD FOR KENT IS AIM OF NEW COMPANY

His Worship Mayor McKeough Makes a Practical Proposition to Present Holders of Franchise—Discussion of Enterprising Promoters.

A meeting of the provisional directors of the Essex and Kent Electric Railway, and a number of the citizens of Chatham was held in Col. J. B. Rankin's law office yesterday afternoon to consider the prospects for establishing an electric road in Kent. Among those present at the meeting were Directors Hickey, Geo. Stephens, M. P., Mr. Sutherland, M. P., Mr. Baird, Leamington; ex-Warden Rankin, of Dover; Selkirk and Simpson, of Leamington, and Gosnell, of Chatham; and Messrs. Mayor McKeough, J. B. Rankin, P. D. McKellar, J. G. Kerr, N. H. Stevens, W. D. Sheldon, Jno. Piggott, S. T. Martin and Mr. Morrison, of Raleigh.

Geo. Stephens was elected chairman of the meeting and called upon P. D. McKellar to announce the reason for calling this meeting.

Mr. McKellar announced that it was the desire of the people of Chatham to have an electric railway running through Kent County. They wished to run a line north, taking in Wallaceburg, Dresden and other places, and also one south to Blenheim, Cedar Springs, Charing Cross and Erieau. The present charter owned by the Essex and Kent people, however, stands in the way of Chatham people procuring a charter for a road south to the Eau, as it (the Essex and Kent charter) provides for a line through this part of the country. He offered to purchase from the provisional directors that portion of their charter which governs the road from Tilbury East to Chatham.

Mayor McKeough said: "Chatham is interested in an electric railroad and ought to have one both north and south. We want to know if the Essex

and Kent people intend to build their proposed road. If work on it is not commenced by the 1st of May next the charter will fall through. If you are not going to push the erection of the road will you surrender your rights to people who will build it?"

Mr. Stephens was sorry that Mr. Bostwick was not present, as then a definite offer could be made and considered.

Mr. Selkirk, who has about \$1,000 invested in the first railroad, seemed quite willing as far as he was concerned, to sell the Kent portion of the charter to the Chatham people, provided a suitable price could be settled upon.

Mr. Hickey thought that considerable difficulty would be met with in inducing capitalists to invest in the scheme. "American capitalists do not like our law governing electric railways. By it no company is allowed to make over 8 per cent., and if they do they are forced to lower their rates. This is not fair to the speculator. This law should be amended."

S. T. Martin was heartily in favor of the road north. It should be started as soon as possible. He thought there would be no difficulty in procuring a charter for the road south.

It was finally decided that Mr. Selkirk should see the Bostwick's of Detroit and decide upon a price for the charter governing the Kent part of their road, which will be purchased by Chatham men if the price is reasonable.

If this charter is purchased there seems no doubt at present that Chatham will soon have an electric railroad extending both north and south of the city.

MANY MATTERS OF IMPORT CONSIDERED BY CITY COUNCIL

A Busy Meeting of the City Fathers held last Evening—Some Valuable Suggestions by Mayor McKeough—Ald. McCoig takes steps for the Abolition of Wards in Public School Board Elections—Other Matters.

William W. Brown, Buffalo, N. Y., wrote the Council, stating that he had secured several tracts in Harwich which promised to be productive in natural gas. Mr. Brown asked for a franchise for piping the city. Referred to Industrial committee.

G. A. Thompson, Sheldon Ave. is 1,500 feet from a hydrant; wants fire protection and says he will hold the city liable for loss till he gets it.

Judging by the large number of requests to trim trees, fuel is still scarce.

Ald. Taylor calls attention to a motion passed over a year ago, ordering that all coal bought by the city should be weighed on city scales. Ald. Taylor said that he would enforce the motion in future and no coal for the city would be accepted unless so weighed.

In one of the accounts he was presenting, Ald. Taylor found a word he couldn't make out. "Ga" was all that Ald. Taylor could decipher.

"I know what it is," spoke up Ald. G. G. Martin, "it is Gaelic."

Then even the other endman, who is also a Highland Scotchman, laughed.

Sam Lee wants to rent the draymen's shelter in the market building.

J. E. Thomas has resigned his position on the C. C. I. Board.

The Clerk of Raleigh wrote, enclosing \$77.61, the city's share of a refund on Indian Creek drain.

James D. Chaplin has transferred the Wheel Works to the Chaplin Co., which has a paid up capital of \$140,000.

North Chatham poundkeeper, Chas. Morrell, presented his annual report, and also some valuable suggestions.

Ald. McCoig gave notice of motion for a by-law for a systematic trimming of the trees in the city.

A typewriter will be purchased for the city clerk's office.

The City Engineer has been instructed to make drawings of all the sewers in the city.

The question of whether the city would replace the Rankin dock or not was discussed and laid over to hear

a proposition which the Chatham Navigation Co. have to make.

Ald. Edmondson called attention to the dangerous condition of the approaches to the Aberdeen bridge.

Ald. Scullard asked what regulations governed the measuring of cord wood sold on the market. There is a by-law providing that the market clerk shall measure the wood.

Ald. McCoig moved a special committee to deal with the abolition of wards for the election of school trustees and also a change in the law for the election of water commissioners.

Three propositions were received from parties desiring the franchise of piping the city for natural gas. Ald. McCoig proposed that the city seek for natural gas itself.

The Mayor advised that owing to the scarcity of lots in the cemetery, the price to outsiders be raised.

The Finance committee will consider the collection of taxes half-yearly, acting on the suggestion of Mayor McKeough.

G. G. Martin sat in the Mayor's chair during the discussion of by-laws in committee of the whole. G. G. filled the chair with consummate skill, agility and capacity, but he seemed to have a little difficulty in seeing over the top of the big desk.

The by-law re the numbering of the houses was laid over. The Council are considering whether to pay for the work out of the general fund or not.

Mayor W. E. McKeough, and Ald. McCoig, Marshall, Scullard, Piggott, Mounter, Edmondson, Taylor and Martin, attended the meeting of the City Council last evening.

G. A. Thompson, Sheldon Ave., wrote that he had no fire protection, and that he would hold the city liable for any damages he might sustain. Referred to Property committee.

William W. Brown, Buffalo, wrote stating that he has secured several large tracts, in Harwich, which gave large promise of being rich in natural gas. Mr. Brown asked for a franchise from the city. Referred to the Industrial committee.

Richard Lowe wrote stating that he had built a house on Patterson Ave., and asked for a four feet walk. Referred to Board of Works.

Mayor McKeough—This is the first fruits of the opening of Patterson Ave.

Requests to trim trees were received from Silas Knott, W. G. Betts, R. Cucksey, John Grandbois, Henry Jacobs, C. R. Atkinson and Wm. Brown. These requests were referred to the Chief of Police.

Mayor McKeough—I am told that

the present Chief is not so great a lover of trees as the late Chief of Police Young was, and that Mr. Holmes usually grants all requests.

Ald. Mounter said that he knew differently. A man had been at his place to-day who had been refused permission to cut trees.

In presenting J. J. Couzens' account for \$850, for coal, Ald. Taylor called attention to the fact that the coal had not been weighed on the city scales. The chairman of the Property committee stated that he had introduced a motion over a year ago requiring that all coal should be weighed on the city scales. In future he would not move the payment of any account where the coal was not weighed on the city scales.

An account was received from A. R. Crow for two tons of coal, \$14.00. Ald. Taylor called attention to the difference in price between the coal sold by the two dealers.

The secretary of the Public Library Board wrote in regard to the establishment of an art glass in the new library building and also in regard to accepting an additional \$3,000 from Mr. Carnegie. This communication was referred to the Finance committee.

Sam Lee wrote asking to rent the room in the market building now occupied by the draymen as a shelter. He said that draymen could still use the room as a shelter. Ald. Taylor said that the room was small. The draymen paid no rent but they were all taxpayers and also paid licenses. The communication was referred to the Property committee with power.

J. E. Thomas wrote resigning his position as trustee of the C. C. I. Board.

The Clerk of Raleigh Township wrote enclosing a check for \$77.61, the city's share of refund on Indian Creek drain. Received.

C. R. Atkinson, solicitor for the Chaplin Wheel Works, wrote that James D. Chaplin had turned the Wheel Works over to the Chaplin Wheel Company, of St. Catharines, with a paid up capital of \$140,000. Referred to the Industrial committee.

F. D. Macpherson wrote accepting the position of auditor. Received.

The City collector wrote that in 1900 he had paid the treasurer \$47,246 taxes on a lot on Stanley avenue. He had not marked the amount off the roll. He asked that the treasurer be instructed to strike this amount off the rolls for arrears of taxes. Referred to Finance.

Charles Morrell, North Chatham pound-keeper, wrote enclosing his annual report. Referred to Property committee.

The Cranston Novelty Co. wrote in reference to dog tags. Referred to Finance.

Miss M. A. Green wrote re an error in the assessment on the Rice Block. Referred to Finance.

Ald. McCoig gave notice of a motion for a by-law to systemize the tree trimming in the city. He had seen the city solicitor and he had said that the only way to legally trim and thin the trees was to first pass a by-law.

Mayor McKeough said that he was pleased to see this matter taken up. Ald. Mounter gave notice of a by-law for the systematic numbering of the houses.

Chairman Marshall, of the Finance committee, reported for his committee recommending the purchase of a typewriter for the city engineer's office. The report was adopted.

Chairman Mounter, of the Board of Works, reported that the city engineer had examined the account of Blight & Fielder and had reduced it to \$133.74. The Board of Works recommended that this amount be paid, less amount due the city for cement belonging to the city and used in Sixth street work.

The account of the waterworks department, \$40.72, for coal, he paid.

That the city engineer be instructed to make drawings of all sewers in the city. The report was adopted.

Ald. Mounter also presented a special report of the city engineer re the Rankin Dock. He had removed all of the dock that was good. All the spiles were rotten and unfit for use. The cost of a new dock would be \$1,336.26.

Ald. Mounter said that this was a matter that the council would have to take up immediately.

Mayor McKeough said that he understood that the Chatham Navigation Company had a proposition to submit, provided they received some concessions.

Ald. Mounter said that the matter should be taken up at once.

The Mayor said he had expected the proposition from the Chatham Navigation Company in that night.

Ald. Mounter said that personally he didn't see why the city should build and maintain a dock for the benefit of the Chatham Navigation Company.

Mayor McKeough said that President Ball's proposition was that the Chatham Navigation Company should build a dock, if they obtained a lease of the end of the street. They would bar the city from using the dock.

Ald. Edmondson said that it would be well to get the proposition of the Chatham Navigation Company.

Chairman Taylor, of the Property committee, reported recommending the payment of George Jamieson's account, \$120. The report was adopted.

City Engineer Jones reported defining the duties of the linemen. Received.

Ald. Piggott, for the Industrial committee, reported that the committee had met with Frank Walker and discussed the cold storage plant, but that nothing had been decided upon.

Letters from Mr. Carmen and the Chatham Oil Company asking for a franchise for piping the city for natural gas were referred to the Industrial committee.

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GLAD TIDINGS WRECKED.

END OF THE METHODIST MISSIONARY STEAMER.

The Bottom Fell Out of the Vessel Owing to a Second Accident, and She Has Been Abandoned.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 27.—The missionary steamer Glad Tidings, which cruised to the different coast villages with Methodist missionaries some years ago, is a total wreck at Shushartie Bay, according to news received by the Tees. The bottom has dropped out of the hull, and nothing remains, according to report, that is worth saving. The vessel, it will be remembered, was rowed to the beach at Shushartie Bay, a couple of months ago. She was being brought down to Victoria by the Nell for repairs, but in crossing Queen Charlotte Sound she sprang a leak, and was beached at Shushartie Bay to prevent her from sinking in deep water. A short time ago Messrs. J. C. F. Gosse and M. Gosse went north for the purpose of floating her and bringing her on to this city. They had succeeded partly in the work, when a storm came along, and the steamer again sank. This time she struck a reef, causing the bottom to fall out of her. In this condition she remained such a forlorn proposition that they decided to abandon her. They took passage on the Tees, carrying down on that vessel some anchors and the only other equipment that was worth bringing away.

The Glad Tidings was a small wooden craft, with accommodation only for few passengers. Prior to the beginning of the trip south she had been sold, and it was intended after her arrival to thoroughly overhaul her and place her in general service. She was built originally through the energy of Rev. Thomas Crosby, and the funds were provided to a large extent by Ontario Methodists.

IS THE TREATY GOOD?

Validity of Panama Canal Agreement Doubtful.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Morgan in the Senate offered a resolution questioning the credentials of Thos. Herran, who as Charge d'Affaires of Colombia signed with Secretary Hay the Isthmian Canal treaty. An executive session was at once held, and there Mr. Morgan, who is Chairman of the Inter-oceanic Canal Committee, contended that the Colombian Government is practically in the hands of a dictator. He said that the Colombian Congress had not been in session for three or four years, and insisted that this was vital, for the reason that under the constitution of Colombia no power was vested in any authority except the Congress of the country to enter into a contract affecting the treasury, as the canal cession does. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals authorized a favorable report on the bill now prohibiting the granting of contracts in relation to the proposed Panama Canal to any but American citizens.

ARCHBISHOP MACHRAY BETTER.

He Proposes to Return to This Country Next May.

London, Jan. 27.—Archbishop Machray proposes to return to Canada in May, accompanied by a nephew, probably Robert Machray, the writer. The ailment from which he suffered has been completely cured under the X-ray treatment. Sir Thomas Barlow describes it as one of the most remarkable recoveries known.

A Small Estate.

Quebec, Jan. 26.—A hotelkeeper named Ernest Charette, doing business at Fraserville, assigned last week, with liabilities amounting to \$8,444. The principal creditors in Montreal decided to contest the insolvent's statement, as it only showed assets amounting to \$23, consisting of four bottles of liquor, syrups and aqrated waters.

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