

The Daily Planet

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THAT RIVER CUT-OFF.

The Council is to be commended for their prompt action in appointing a representative from the city on the deputation which is being formed by Reeve Purser, of Dover, to interview the Government relative to a cut-off the river, as a means for preventing present severe losses through spring floods. Mr. Purser has taken an active interest in this question, and it now looks as if something will be done.

The question is one which has been argued out with the powers that be, on several occasions, and by men of both public and private rank. In this matter it is unity that counts. Every possible influence should be brought to bear on the Government, and it is hoped that they will see their way clear to grant something which will be of assistance to the afflicted farmers, merchants and citizens.

SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

Once again the Board of Health comes in for some strong criticism from the members of the Council, for the size of their bills presented to the aldermen for payment.

No one has yet disputed the oft-recorded statement that the Board of Health is one of the most expensive departments in the management of the city's affairs. It is a big spending body, and it is engaged in an important work which vitally affects the interests of every citizen.

It is not the present intention to say whether these bills are extravagant or otherwise, but it is the intention to once more emphasize the opinion that the members of a civic body with such unlimited powers for dipping into the city's strong box, and one appointed to look after such important duties as those which come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health, should be directly responsible to the people for their selection.

LIFE SAVING APPARATUS.

The action of the Council in moving towards the securing of the much needed and often spoken of life saving appliances for the river front, will be received with favor by every citizen who has been called upon to witness or read in the press accounts of the drowning accidents which seem to fall to Chatham's lot with unerring regularity every fall. This awakening on the part of the Council to the dangers which yearly threaten Chatham through the medium of the river, has not come any too soon for the good of the city.

It seems to take a considerable amount of persuasion to arouse a municipal body to action, even when the dangers through delay are quite imminent, and it is indeed regrettable that in this instance so many dear and costly lessons have to all appearances been necessary. Each lesson has brought with it its heart-rending effects, the city has been robbed of some of her brightest young men, and the only visible outcome so far has been the offering of universal sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends. There the matter has ended, and the authorities waited again for more proof that something should be done to prevent these yearly occurrences.

The nearest approach to action was the advertising for tenders for a life saving apparatus, which was done by the Council after the lessons of last year. It is hoped that there will now be no further delay, and that before this season is over Chatham will be equipped with the necessary instruments and appliances for rendering all possible human aid in saving persons from drowning. The past cannot be undone, but precautions can be taken to prevent disastrous recurrences.

GOOD THING FOR SOMEONE.

Once more this city is called upon to mourn the loss of a bright young son, who owes his lamentable end largely to the fact that he could not swim. The circumstance recalls a scheme advanced by this journal some years ago, and which has been advocated upon various occasions since—the establishment of swimming baths at some convenient spot along the river. It may safely be said that this is one of the greatest needs of Chatham to-day, and one which is repeatedly felt in the most forcible manner. Early in the spring of this year The Planet forwarded such a scheme, but it did not meet with the public interest which it deserved. It seemingly needs a lesson such as the one on Monday to cause people to think seriously and actively.

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most people will agree that it is advisable in the city's interest. Now is the time to pick out a man who would be willing to undertake the responsibility of managing such a concern, and one who would be fitted to satisfactorily perform the duties which would be required of him. It would be too late to wait until the summer is half over.

Apart from the benefit it would be to the citizens who have young sons and daughters who may be the next victims to be offered up on the public-lesson altar, it would undoubtedly be a great money-maker for the man who undertakes it. There is not a parent in the city who would not consider it money well spent, if children would be taught to swim, in return. It is a surprise that some capable swimmer has not long ago undertaken such a proposition. The capital outlay is comparatively small and the returns would no doubt more than warrant the initial expenditure.

It is up to some prospective alderman to place such a plank as this in his public platform. If he does there is no disputing the fact that he will make a better run than he otherwise would.

Have You Insured Your Skin?

A Northwest farmer died recently from blood poisoning following the prick of a rusty nail. A tin tack on which he trod, penetrated a Chicago boy's toe, and he died later from lockjaw. Both these deaths could have been averted if a box of Zam-Buk had been handy. This air is full of poisonous germs and microbes which settle on wounds and—and what? If left to go their own way they set up festering, suppuration and frequently blood poisoning. If Zam-Buk is applied these harmful germs are killed and the wound healed. One of the greatest living chemists has proved that Zam-Buk has more power to kill harmful microbes in wounds than crude carbolic acid, and it does it painlessly. A little Zam-Buk applied to a cut, a sore, a burn, or a bruise which breaks the skin, prevents the wound from taking the wrong turn, and speedily heals it.

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LETTERS

MORE ABOUT GAS.

To the Editor of the Planet:

A writer who is evidently ashamed to sign his name, contributes a letter to your Monday evening's paper, in which he seeks to place the Chatham Gas Company in a most unfavorable light before the people. There are so many inaccuracies and mis-statements in the letter, that it would seem necessary in justice to my company to correct them, and while I have not the slightest intention of entering into a newspaper controversy on the subject, I wish you would publish the following simple facts:

Some little time ago I suggested to Ald. Potter that he arrange a meeting between a committee of the whole Council and representatives of my company, at which the introduction of natural gas by the Chatham Gas Company might be discussed. I told Ald. Potter that we had thoroughly considered the matter of the prices to be charged for natural gas, and that the prices as submitted and published seemed to be absolutely fair in every respect, but that if my company's proposals were fair, it was the wish of the company to make it so.

Ald. Potter was good enough to arrange the meeting for the evening of November 22nd at Harrison Hall, when it was shown that the prices as submitted were lower than those charged by Brantford, Galt, Hamilton, St. Catharines, etc., and the aldermen present seemed to think the arrangement a good one for the city, with the exception that they thought the citizens should have some assurance that the prices as submitted would not be increased for a term of years. The representatives of the gas company agreed to this, and the Council now has a letter stating that gas company is willing to enter into an agreement with the city, whereby the prices will not be raised for a term of five years, provided the supply of natural gas is ample to supply the demand for all purposes during the term. Is this arrangement fair?

The gas company has a franchise under which it believes it has the power to distribute natural or any other kind of gas in Chatham. This franchise would permit the company to charge any price up to \$1.15 per 1,000 cubic feet; yet instead of taking advantage of the franchise, the gas company proposes "to make a charge which is, with one exception, the lowest in the city."

In reference to the prices charged for artificial gas by my company, I might say that from answer to enquiries it was shown that the Chatham prices were lower than the places to be averaged with according to terms of franchise, namely, Peterborough, Brockville, Guelph, Ingersoll, Port Hope, London and Ottawa, with the latter two cities as exceptions, they being five or six times the population; in the case of Ottawa, the price is but seven cents per thousand lower than Chatham. As explained to the committee of the Council, my company receives \$1.17 per thousand for all the gas sold, and it would be an advantage to the company to make this straight charge through one meter. This matter has been brought before the directors of the gas company, but up to this time the change has not been made for the reason that it would be a disadvantage to many of our customers. Under a flat rate of say \$1.15, all consumers using gas for power in engines, such as all printing offices, would be at a disadvantage, as they would be charged for gas for fuel only, and all consumers using gas for cooking and electric light for illumination, would pay 15 cents more than at present for their gas, and on this account only, it was deemed inadvisable to make the change. If it was thought that the change to \$1.15 flat would be agreeable to the majority of consumers, the change would be made without delay. Is this fair?

Referring to the statement of the man without a name that the gas company was charging two cents per kilowatt for electricity, as against another company named charging three-quarters of a cent, I would say that the assertion is so absurd that it is not worth refuting, but when I say no company in Canada can produce electric current at its power house for two cents per kilowatt, not to mention selling it at that price, the value of the statement may be estimated.

The question of the purity of the natural gas to be supplied may be answered by saying the regulations governing the purity.

In proposing to furnish natural gas to the people of Chatham, my company has asked the Council for nothing; it has not asked for a franchise, exclusive or otherwise, and the whole intention of the supply of the gas company, at the meeting with the committee of the Council, was to show them that the proposition was a fair and square business proposition, and if it was not, to find out why it was not. Is this fair?

The furnishing of natural gas will mean a large outlay to my company, and if the prices as submitted are fair, why should there be any objection? If the gas company furnishes the natural gas, payments will not have to be torn up all over the city, the boulevards destroyed, etc., etc. This should certainly be a great consideration, and again, gas will be furnished to a large number of the citizens from one to two years sooner by the present company than by any other.

In the matter of electric lighting, I might say that if the supply of natural gas is continuous and sufficient, it will be of particular advantage to my company as a fuel for the production of electric current, and this will enable the company to make substantial reductions in the prices for lighting and other purposes.

Yours truly,
P. S. COATE,
Manager.

A LEIPZIG GRADUATE

Wm. Norman Andrews, Managing Director of the Brantford Conservatory of Music, gives his opinion of a well known Canadian Piano.

The Williams Piano Company have perhaps the most extensive list of testimonial letters in regard to the merits of the New Scale Williams Piano from Conservatories of Music and Musical and other Educational Institutions than any other Piano manufactured in Canada.

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THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.)

At the Brisco Opera House—Bonnie Brier Bush—Dec. 1 and 3. Painting the Town—Nov. 22.

"PAINTING THE TOWN," the new musical play, which comes to the Brisco Opera House to-night, is a combination of opera, comedy, spectacle, ballet and panoramic scenery, startling mechanical features, sumptuous costumes and the latest novelties in electrical effects.

"The Scene on the Rooftops," which is one of the unusual novelties offered by the Charles H. Yale Amusement Co. in the production of the new musical burlesque, "Painting the Town," is not only one of, if not the, funniest comedies ever presented, but it is also a triumph of stage mechanism. It is of the trick or instantaneous order.

The scene preceding this represents the connected dining rooms of the Follie Cafe. There occurs the most exciting chase after Hogan and Brogan, the two Irishmen. Their pursuers, the police and others, closely press them, when Hogan discovers a fireplace in the room. Both agree to climb up the chimney to the roof and disappear up the fireplace. Their pursuers burst into the room. Instantly there is total darkness, and as instantly the lights are raised, showing the roof of the cafe. Hogan and Brogan are seen climbing out of the chimney and down to the roof itself. From thence on they are victims to hard luck. Realizing that to escape their pursuers they must make a night of it on the roof, they arrange to do so, but are beset by every discomfort and inconvenience, all of the most laughable order. Finally, a night of trouble, the police reached the roof, and in the chase that occurs, both Hogan and Brogan fall through the stained glass dome of the cafe roof to the grand banquet room below. All these unusual effects are carried out in the view of the audience, and the roof itself is the mechanical working out from the cafe dining room to the roof itself being without question one of the most notable effects ever offered the theatre-going public.

The able dramatization of Ian MacLaren's stories of Scotch life, "The Bonnie Brier Bush," comes to the Brisco Opera House on Saturday, matinee and night.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush" is an exposition in four acts of some of the most interesting features and strong dramatic incidents of the book, and mainly treats of the "Scotch marriage" entered into by Flora Campbell and Lord Hay.

Flora Campbell, daughter of a shepherd, is married to an Earl's son according to the Scottish rite—that is, the seion has declared her love and placed the ring upon her finger. The union is legal if the declaration is made in the presence of a witness. Flora keeps her wedding a secret and is cast from her home by her father, Lachlan Campbell, because he believes she has brought shame upon his name. The couple are separated by hardened fathers and the wretched girl fears she has been deserted. Then her father learns of the marriage, which was witnessed by the tippling "post-carrier" of Drumtochty from behind a hayrick. The young lovers are brought together. Flora Campbell's name, which her father had blotted from the family Bible, is re-entered and all ends happily.

The supporting company this season includes many of the players so long identified with this charming romance of "Auld Scotland" and the original production is used.

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DISTRICT

THAMESVILLE

Thamesville, Nov. 27.—The anniversary ten-meeting in St. James' Presbyterian Church last night was a huge success. The school room was filled for hours, where the ladies served a sumptuous supper.

The body of the church was filled even to the aisles to hear the splendid program which had been prepared. The following numbers were rendered: Short address of welcome by the chairman, Rev. John McInnis. Trio—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gordon and Miss Ruby Gordon. Walkabout—Miss Verlyn Lamont, Chatham.

Trio—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gordon, Miss Gordon. Solo—Miss Ruby Gordon. Speech—D. A. Gordon, M. P. Mr. Gordon spoke briefly on his trip to Germany.

Song—Miss Annie Cryderman. Address—Rev. Prof. Burgess. Anthem—St. James Choir. Recitation—Miss Verlyn Lamont. Address—Rev. Mr. Orton. Regret was expressed at the absence of Rev. Fulton Irwin, who was attending anniversary services at Cashmere.

In giving an account of Sunday's services we neglected to mention the splendid solo rendered by Miss Trotter, Florence, who sang with credit to herself and the pleasure of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gordon and Miss Gordon returned to Wallaceburg last night. Mrs. Coates and Miss Verlyn Lamont returned to Chatham this morning.

Miss Winnifred Edwards, Detroit, is spending some time at her home here.

DRESDEN.

Nov. 26.—The Ladies' Literary Club met at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) McDonald on Monday afternoon and studied a selection from Browning. The Whist Club met on Monday evening at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Galtbraith.

The young men of the Methodist Church gave a very successful concert on Monday night in the basement. Light refreshments were served. Mrs. George Francis left on Saturday to spend a few weeks with her son in Windsor.

W. A. Peace, manager of the Dominion Bank, has taken the leave of absence of the Presbyterian choir. He is a very competent instructor and good results are expected. Robt. Brandon gave the Methodist choir a talk on "The Objects of a Choir" on Friday night at the regular practice. The subject was thoroughly handled and much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Forshee was in Chatham on Saturday. Mrs. McDonald and daughter Eva were Chatham visitors on Saturday.

Misses Ethel and Maizie McKim visited the Maple City on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McVean returned from Toronto on Friday evening.

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