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## WE ARE INTO THE CHRISTMAS MONTH

We are coming very close to the season of gift-giving, and our advice to you is to begin your holiday shopping NOW. Do not wait until the last day or two when the store is crowded and the salespeople are rushed. You will get better attention earlier, you can do your shopping in greater comfort, you will find assortments more complete, and in every way will be better satisfied. SHOP EARLY.

Our assortment of goods, suitable for Holiday Gifts, is all that you could wish—useful gifts and reasonably priced gifts are what you want—we have them in

**Fancy Linens, Rugs, Furs, Kid Gloves, Neckwear, Ribbons, Silk Waists, Dress Lengths, Shawls, Fancy Knio-knacks, Sofa Cushions.**

**Reduced Prices in Ladies' Jackets...**

No matter the reason, the plain facts of the reductions are here before you and money-saving chances stare you in the face.

42 inch long, made of dark Oxford grey Zibeline cloth, lined throughout with black merized satin, strapped seams, and much stitched, regular price \$18.00, reduced to **\$13.00**

36 inch. long, made of fine lawn Kersey cloth, lined, strapped seams, velvet collar, regular price \$13.00, reduced to **\$10.00**

42 in. long, made of fine all wool Kersey Cloth in Black and Fawn, semi-fitting back, regular price \$16.00, reduced to **\$12.00**

42 in. long, made of fine all wool Kersey, new skirt coat style, seam slit up back to waist line, regular price \$16.00, reduced to **\$12.00**

42 in. long, made of fine Fawn Kersey, new skirt coat style, seam slit up back to waist line, regular price \$16.00, reduced to **\$12.00**

**Fancy Satcens and Muslins...**

New arrivals in Art Satcens in beautiful designs, exquisite colorings, 30 in. wide, very special at **20c**

Tinselled Silkolines in pretty colorings and designs, suitable for all sorts of draping at a yard, **10 and 15c**

Yard wide Silkolines in very dainty designs and sweet colorings, fine bright finish, at a yard **20c**

**Eider Flannels.**

Single and double width Eider Flannels in Plain Shades of Cream, Pink, Cardinal, Sky and Grey, and in excellent designs in fancy stripes, suitable for dressing jackets, bath robes, children's coats, etc.

27 in. wide at a yd. **40c**  
54 in. wide at a yd. **80c**

**Thomas Stone & Son**  
IMPORTERS

## LUXURIOUS OVERCOATS

**\$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.00.**

December usually completes the average man's winter outfit. The overcoat is generally last. Materials this season; the rough weaves continue in favor but the smoother kinds still preferable. Meltons, Kerseys, Beavers, Cheviots, Eletons, Montanacs and Vicunas; serge, silk or satin lined. Some have satin yokes with plaid wool lining.

As to styles, the long loose Chesterfield is the most popular with conservative dressers and business men. For the younger men have a slight variation of this coat, made fuller in the back. The newest creation is the Paletot, the back is form-fitting like a frock coat, and the skirt drapes gracefully from the waist. Professional men favor this style. It sets off an athlete's figure to an advantage.

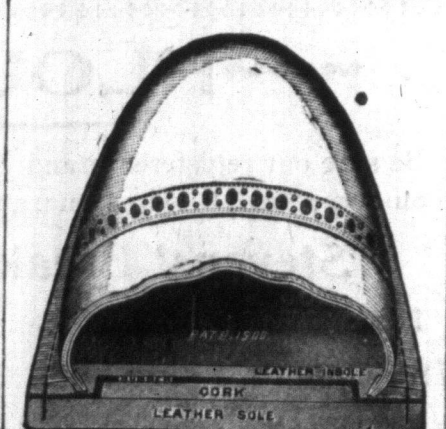
**THE 2 T's. THE OVERCOAT STORE THE 2 T's**

**Chatham Loan & Savings Company**  
42nd Half Yearly Dividend

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of six per cent. per annum upon the paid up capital stock of this Company has been declared this day for the current half year ending Dec. 31st, 1902, payable at the Company's office, on and after January 2nd, 1903.

The Transfer books will be closed from the 20th to 21st December, inclusive.

S. F. GARDNER, Manager  
Chatham, Nov. 6th, 1902.



**Commercial Printing.**

When in need of anything in the line of Commercial Stationery, Visiting Cards, etc., leave your order at the

**Planet Job Department.**

**PRICE \$5.00.**

**PEACE & CO.,**  
Sole Agents.

### SOUTH OXFORD

**ABRAHAM YOUNG DENIES HIS FORMER STORY.**

**CLAIMS THAT HE MADE A MISTAKE IN THE DATE.**

**PERSONAL CHARGE AGAINST R. SUTHERLAND.**

Woodstock, Dec. 2.—The hearing of the South Oxford election trial was resumed here before Judge Street and Judge Britton. Interest in the case has apparently decreased, judging by the attendance.

The whole of the afternoon was devoted to the charge that Donald Sutherland, the respondent, paid Richard Lloyd, hostler at the Queen's Hotel, a dollar to induce him to vote. Abraham Young, who or firm Lloyd's statement, was recalled for cross-examination. In answer to leading questions by Mr. Blake—allowed by the court as being part of the cross-examination—Young flatly contradicted his previous testimony. He said that on the day on which he swore he saw the money given to him by Lloyd, he was working on the railway, and that it was earlier in the season that he was off work. He was not off during May. Constable Fick saw him about giving evidence, and Fick and Lloyd told him to stick to the story he had told at the previous trial. He was persuaded to tell what was not true. George Sutherland saw him in Woodstock, and told him to stick to it, and there would be a good thing in it, that "two tens and a five" would be handed to him in an envelope when the trial was over. Lloyd told him there was a good thing in it for him.

To Mr. Watson witness admitted that he had made the statements he made at the previous hearing to several parties before the trial. The story he told today he had not told to anyone before entering the box, except to the lawyer. He had been with McNab, his former, yesterday, working. After the previous hearing McNab said to him: "You were wrong in the time, and the best thing you can do is to withdraw." Mr. Maxwell, one of the St. Thomas solicitors engaged on the case, was with McNab at the time.

Witness said that he did see Mr. Sutherland in the Queen's barn. He saw Mr. Sutherland hand Lloyd something, and Lloyd showed him the money, but he might have had the money in his pocket and pulled it out with his hand. He believed the story he told at the previous trial to be the truth, until he found out his mistake. He started to study it out about a week ago. Fick and Lloyd were present when Sutherland handed Lloyd the money. He admitted that on election day he was drawing for himself and the sectionmen, but was paid for his time by the Michigan Central.

G. H. Mabey swore that he saw Young in the Queen's Hotel barn between 3 and 4 o'clock on the day after the meeting. Young was there, and was working in the Queen's barn on the morning after the meeting, and saw Young splitting wood there. This confirmed Young's story.

Lloyd was recalled, and swore that he was with Fick when the subpoena was served on Young. Young was paid \$25.00, and there was no promise of \$25.00 and no effort to persuade him to give evidence. Young made a declaration which was produced in court. He did not even know George Sutherland.

Albert McNeil, the foreman over Young, produced his time sheets, showing that Young had not been off duty during May.

George Brown, a young sectionman, working with Young, did not know that Young was off at any time during May. There was a row about Young's evidence at the last trial.

Wm. Ferguson, poll clerk, swore to Lloyd's taking the oath. Lloyd then told him he had not received money from either candidate. He had him sworn to find if he had paid out money. Donald Sutherland, the respondent, swore that on the day after the meeting he asked Lloyd to hitch up his rig. He could not recall anything that was said at the time. He did not say: "Here is a dollar; vote for me, and it will be all right." He never asked Lloyd for his vote, or paid him anything for his vote. It was quite likely he gave Lloyd a tip. He did not remember seeing Abraham Young or Fickhand in the barn. He had several times been in the Queen's barn. He could not remember whether he had given Lloyd tips in April, 1902, and on the 26th of May. He could not recall what was said the day after the meeting, but had money been talked of he would have remembered it. He gave Lloyd money, but could not recall how much. It was quite possible that there were two men near the door of the barn during his talk with Lloyd. He would not contradict paying Lloyd 50 cents, but he would not pay him a dollar, as it would be all in ten cents, and might have given tips of five cents. He had given tips of 25 cents, but could not fix any instance. He had no recollection of paying Lloyd a tip in April, 1902. The evidence in the charge was concluded at 6 o'clock, and argument of counsel will be heard to-morrow morning.

**To End Macedonian Troubles.**

London, Dec. 2.—The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph at Vienna telegraphs that Russia and Austria have agreed to make a determined effort to end the perpetual Macedonian question by carrying out specific reforms under their combined control.

### ACROBATIC ALDERMEN DO THE LIGHTNING CHANGE ACT

**Chairman of Industrial Committee Bobs up Serenely in a New Roll on Civic Bonuses—Ald. Taylor Gives Him a Heart to Heart Talk—Other Interesting Features of a Busy City Council Session.**

Although at the previous Council meeting the umbrella that Ald. McCoig and Thomson stood under in asking that the by-law granting concessions to the Perth concern be submitted to the people, was small, still Ald. Cowan managed to squeeze under it at last night's Council meeting.

At the previous Council meeting Ald. McCoig and Ald. Thomson stood alone in asking that the bonus to the Perth concern be submitted to the people, but, at last night's meeting, they had a recruit.

The Council decided to bonus the Dittick factory from Perth without submitting a by-law to the people.

Frank Carmen, of Petrols, and a local company each asked for the franchise to pipe the city for natural gas.

Joe and Sam Moore, electric light trimmers, want the city to buy them rubber suits.

Harwich doesn't think it fair that they should buy a city pauper and have to buy the lot from the city.

W. W. Woodliff wrote that the Lake Erie would attend to the repairs to Head St. along where their track runs.

The city's by-law closing the bridges during the noon hour is no good.

Ald. McCoig wants all the accounts against the city in his hands at the next meeting of the Council.

The by-law appointing deputy returning officers was passed.

Ald. Marshall and Ald. O'Brien were the only absentees at the Council meeting last evening.

A request from Thos. Stephenson for permission to trim trees was referred to the Chief of Police.

Ald. Cowan stated that he had got an answer to the letter he had written to the industrial committee, to let the city in Chatham. They had decided to accept the Council's offer of a free site, exemption from general taxes, free water and a fixed assessment of \$5,000 for five years.

Under the head of new business, Ald. Cowan stated that he was opposed to granting exemption from taxes unless the matter were submitted to the ratepayers in the proper way, and so far as he was concerned he wouldn't endorse any such motion from this out. He moved that a committee be empowered to have a by-law prepared and submitted to the people. There he was met by a resolution which was stated at the last meeting, but it was wrong, so for that reason he would ask that the city solicitor draft a by-law.

Ald. Mounter asked if the time had not arrived for the Council to know what the factory was.

Ald. Cowan replied that the concern manufactured carriage parts, screws and machine bolts in Perth. John Dittick, an expert mechanic, had started the business, but he found he was working only for the benefit of the wholesale houses, and had shut down. A joint stock company had been formed, capitalized at \$150,000, with a paid up capital of \$35,000. They would put up a steel and concrete building 240x60 and employ from 30 to 40 hands. The promoters were confident of making from 20 to 25 per cent. the first year.

Ald. McCoig enquired the name of the company.

Ald. Cowan—That will be in the by-law.

Ald. Fleming considered that the purchase of a site involving the expenditure of \$500 was a small matter indeed to take to the people. The cost of advertising the by-law would be great. He moved in amendment that the by-law making the grant be passed by the Council.

Ald. McCoig—I am glad to see that the industrial committee are at last getting on the right track. They reported the other way last Council meeting. I am pleased to see that they are coming round. Let the people say whether they want the by-law or not. The ratepayers may have considerable objection to increasing the taxes next year. We will have the Chaplin Wheel Works debentures to pay next year as it is. In addition to the expenses we had this year, if the statute provides a way to do a thing, that is the legal way and that is the only way to do it.

Ald. Thomson agreed with Ald. McCoig. He wouldn't support anything not legal if he knew it.

Ald. Taylor remarked that it seemed strange that Ald. Cowan should have been ignorant of the law after being in the Council as long as he was.

Ald. Cowan said the work was important and had put considerable property on the market. Mr. Jones was a capable man. The only point was that he wouldn't undertake to draw the property lines as the law

required this work to be done by a provincial land surveyor.

Ald. Mounter said he would like to correct this impression. Mr. Jones was both able and competent but he was busy with the pavement and the Board of Works thought that it was in the interest of the city to have this work done at once and pay for it.

A petition for a sidewalk on the south side of Wade street from William street to the east end was reported sufficiently signed. Received.

Joe and Sam Moore, electric light trimmers, asked the city to furnish them with oil cloth suits as they were out in all kinds of weather and their pay was small. Referred to the Property committee.

James McCormick, Harwich Township, wrote re death of Stephen Corbett, that although he had been killed in Harwich Township and that Township had paid for his burial, he belonged to the city and a grave had to be purchased from the city. Referred to the Finance committee.

The petition asking for an extra policeman on Queen street was referred by the Police Commissioners to the Council. Received.

Thos. Scullard wrote re the taxes on the Victoria Block, that they be reduced from \$36,000 to \$35,000, the extra \$1,000 having been charged in error. Referred to Finance.

W. W. Woodliff wrote re repairs to Head street, that he would have the matter looked into and attended to. Referred to the Board of Works.

The chairman of the Industrial committee read a letter from the firm in the States whom Ald. McCoig had said he was treating as a bonus. The firm wanted a liberal cash bonus and free site. Referred to the Industrial committee.

Ald. Cowan asked the Board of Works when Ursula avenue would be opened through.

Ald. Mounter reported that a crop had been in on the land where the street would run but the avenue could be opened through any time now.

The chairman of the Board of Works reported as follows:—

The C. Bechtel's work he raised so as to run the water off.

That Frank Grenville be paid \$10 for ropes broken on schooner Ontario by reason of the boat running into the bridge, closed during the noon hour.

That the tender of the Dominion Paving Co. for William street pavement from Colborne street to Stanley avenue be accepted.

That C. R. Atkinson's communication re eve troughs on his building on Fifth street had been referred to the city engineer.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Mounter read a letter from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries stating that the city's by-law closing the bridges during the noon hour was not valid.

Ald. Fleming, chairman of Parks and Cemetery, reported as follows:—

Re Mrs. DeGaur's request that she be allowed a refund of amount of single grave, less cost of digging it. That the caretaker of the Park had been laid off Nov. 21.

The report was adopted.

The Mayor asked the Finance committee to investigate Mrs. Courtney's request for plankage on walk put down at the corner of Pitt and Dover streets.

Ald. McCoig asked that all accounts against the city be in by next meeting night so that a financial statement could be prepared.

A request from J. B. Johnson to trim trees was referred to the Chief of Police.

The by-law appointing deputy returning officers and polling booths was then passed.

The following are the polling booths and deputy returning officers:—

1. Thompson's wagon shop, Joseph Northwood.

2. Henry Marshall's store, John Rice.

3. Police station, Robert Brunner.

4. W. F. Cornish's store, Isaac Smith.

5. Mrs. Etches, David Holmes.

6. Chas. Cherry, W. O. Bentley.

7. Old Town Hall, Henry Robinson.

### SALE OF WHISKEY.

**CHARGE AGAINST A LADIES AID SOCIETY.**

**A YOUNG LADY SECRETARY ACTED FOOLISHLY.**

**A SOCIETY SENSATION AT NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.**

Niagara Falls, Dec. 2.—When the four-page leaflet was distributed in town, headed "Whiskey sold privately by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church, in aid of the organ fund," it created a sensation. Rev. Thomas Collings, pastor of the church was interviewed on the matter. The reverend gentleman was astounded on reading the charge in the pamphlet and said he knew nothing of such business being transacted by the Ladies Aid, and consequently could say no more on the subject until it had been investigated. The President of the Ladies Aid, Mrs. J. B. Stephens, whose name is said to have been signed to the document, appealing to Hiram Walker & Sons for samples of goods for sale at the association's trades sale room was also astounded. Mrs. Stephens said the association she knew was ignorant of any appeal being made on Hiram Walker & Sons for any of their liquor to be disposed of as samples at the trades sale, and it had occurred through an error on the part of her young daughter, who was acting Secretary of the Trades Sale Committee of the organ fund. The young lady, Miss Carrie Stephens, who is a bright and business-like young lady, told the story of the affair. Miss Stephens states that in September the ladies of the Methodist church held what is known as a trades sale for the benefit of the organ fund. This idea is an American one. A salesroom was procured, and in order to get a stock of goods the following circular was sent out to the principal manufacturers in the Province:—

"Dear Sir,—The Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church are arranging for the sale of the first week in sample sales about the first week in September, the proceeds to go towards purchasing a pipe organ for the church. We ask kindly for samples of your goods, which we can realize, in return for which we will thoroughly advertise your signs to be hung on walls of salesrooms and any other advertising matter to be distributed. Thanking you in advance, I am yours truly (signed), Mrs. J. B. Stephens, President."

Miss Stephens, in order to get the names and places of the different manufacturers of the Province, wrote to the Secretary of the Manufacturers' Association of Toronto, who kindly sent her in book form a list of all the manufacturers. She, as Secretary of the committee, took this list and addressed the envelopes therefrom, and enclosed one of the circular letters that the pamphlet dupe as "the request for the whiskey."

Miss Stephens claim she did not know Hiram Walker & Sons were in due course, much to her surprise, she received a letter from the whiskey firm of Hiram Walker & Sons, addressed to her mother, the President, which she, as Secretary, opened, stating they had sent two cases of small bottles of best brand of "Canadian Club" together with a list of attractive signs and some small cards for disposal at the salesroom. The girl was at her wit's end what to do with the undesirable goods, and conferred with two members of the special committee, and a trio, having a knowledge that other churches received assistance from the firm, and having a desire to swell the church organ fund, took upon themselves personally to dispose of the goods, not wishing to incur the expense of returning their gift.

Miss Stephens wrote personally the private letter which the whiskey firm published throughout the Province, asking their permission to dispose of the goods, and in which not a soul in the Ladies Aid or a member of the church had anything to do with but herself. She sold the goods and placed the money in the fund. Miss Stephens takes the whole responsibility upon her shoulders.

Following is Hiram Walker & Sons' letter to Miss Stephens:—

"Dear Mrs. W.—We acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday, and we note therefrom that the Ladies Aid Society are unable to carry out the agreement to dispose of the samples at their sale, for which they made a request in June last. Your suggestion to sell these privately for the benefit of the organ fund is perhaps the best way out of the difficulty, and we authorize you to do what you like with them. Yours very truly, (signed) Hiram Walker & Sons, Ltd. By C. C. Ambury, Assistant Secretary."

The liquor men of the town, upon hearing the whole story, stopped the circulation of the pamphlet.

**The Quirk Inquest.**

Brantford, Dec. 1.—Detective Murray is in the city again this afternoon in connection with the Quirk inquest, which will be resumed to-morrow evening before Dr. Fieser, Coroner. Chief Vaughan says it is not yet decided whether any more evidence will be submitted to-morrow night, but the probabilities are that nothing further will be submitted to the jury.

What did you get out of your garden this year?

Not a day went by that I didn't have one of my neighbor's chickens for dinner.