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This store has long enjoyed a very enviable reputation for black dress goods. This season we have surpassed ourselves and make the greatest showing of black dress goods ever on our counters. Bought direct from British and French makers, personally selected in London and Bradford our stock represents values that cannot be equalled in the ordinary channels of trade.

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CANADA'S COMPETITION.

GREATEST DUMPER OF PIG IRON INTO BRITAIN.

Mr. Balfour Warned and Lord Rosebery Criticized—Arguments Presented Throughout Great Britain—Formation of Tariff Reform Leagues.

London, Nov. 17.—One of the directors of three of the large iron producing companies, which together make one-tenth of the total amount of British pig iron, writes a strong letter to the Daily Chronicle, calling upon the Government to prohibit the importation of Canadian bounty-fed pig iron. He quotes figures to show that Canada dumped in Britain in the years 1901 and 1902 nearly as much iron as Germany, Holland, Belgium and the United States put together. The figures are: Germany, 78,000 tons; the United States, 45,000 tons; Canada, 103,000 tons. The letter concludes:—"This is dumping with a vengeance."

Mr. B. T. A. Bell of Ottawa, who sails for Canada to-day on the Bavarian, says that British capital is greatly interested in the development of the Yukon. With the hydraulic power going in, the output next season will be 25 per cent. greater than this year. Mr. Bromley-Davenport, M.P., the Financial Secretary of the War Office, speaking at Macclesfield last night, condemned Lord Rosebery's statement that the country needed commercial reposes. The industries of Macclesfield and the neighborhood were nearly ruined, and unless this state of affairs was checked the country would soon enjoy the repose of a commercial corpse.

Sir Charles Dilke, speaking at Watford, said that Britain could increase the wheat-growing capacity of Canada at a price, but the country must not forget the export trade it did in British and Irish produce.

The Right Hon. Hy. Chaplin, M.P., speaking at Leicester yesterday, warned Premier Balfour in plain language that if a proposal was made to impose taxes upon manufacturers alone he would strenuously oppose it and call upon the agricultural interests to support him. The agriculturists, he said, were not going to assist and support the manufacturers while they themselves were left out in the cold.

Lord Cecil, speaking at Oxford yesterday, declared against a general tariff and no permanent levy of high import duties. He supported retaliation when brought to bear on alien Governments to enlarge the freedom of international exchange, and to be temporary.

Over fifty well-known gentlemen engaged in trade at Bradford formed the Bradford branch of the Tariff Reform League yesterday. Bradford has suffered severely through foreign markets being closed to finished goods and yarns. The clothing trade with America has been practically killed.

During the last twelve years the value of British exports to China and the east decreased £782,000, and the imports increased £348,000.

Foreign competition is so great that many Stafford potters are working only four days a week.

The Ealing District Conservative Association has passed a vote of confidence in the Government, and hopes that Lord George Hamilton will see his way to give it his support.

The whole of Chamberlain's speeches will be published on Friday in pamphlet form. He makes interesting statements as to how his views have been approached by the nation. Interest in Mr. Chamberlain's Cardiff meeting on Friday has grown more than any of the local political leaders imagined would be the case.

The Marquis of Bute has waived the usual rule and has sanctioned the use of the Drill Hall for the meeting.

Sir John Cockburn, formerly Premier of South Australia, declared that Mr. Chamberlain's policy was courageous and commendable during a meeting at South Norwood yesterday.

The Australian experience was that an import duty did not necessarily fall upon the consumer. The shilling registration duty on corn was not felt by the consumer, nor was the largely increased French duty on meat in 1892.

The East and North Scotland Tariff Reform League was established at Edinburgh yesterday. Promises of support came from all the manufacturing towns from Caithness to Perth.

The Hon. Mr. Foster, addressing the meeting, said the fiscal question started by the colonies had swollen and had become a stronger, deeper current until it had set in in such strength and force as to await the decision of the people of Great Britain.

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at Oxford, said Premier Balfour was occupying a perfectly meaningless and indefinite position, the purpose being to give Mr. Chamberlain time to talk himself out.

U. S. Senator Indicted. Omaha, Neb., Nov. 16.—The United States Grand Jury to-night returned true bills against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich and Postmaster Jacob Fisher of Hastings, Neb., charging them with bribery and conspiracy. The Senator is charged with accepting a bribe of \$25,000 from Fisher, in consideration of which the latter was recommended for the Postmastership at Hastings.

After reading the report Ald. Marshall explained:

CIVIC FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUDITOR'S FINDINGS

Comprehensive Statement of the City's Position—Mayor Congratulates Committee—Other Business Transacted At Council Meeting.

A short, business-like meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Considerable business was done but the aldermen left the chambers before ten o'clock. Ald. Taylor and Ald. Edmondson were the only absentees.

Probably the most important matter brought up was the report of the Finance Committee on the Auditor's Report. It was as follows:—

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Chatham: The Finance Committee on the Auditor's Report, after having carefully considered the report in detail and believing that the City is in a sound financial position, has the honor to submit the following report to the Mayor and Council:—

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We, your committee, need not refer further to this matter for the reason that the full statement appears in the auditor's report, which has already been laid before the Council, and as the City is in a sound financial position, we consider that it is expedient and advisable to consolidate a sum of \$50,000 for the term of thirty years, and that debentures be issued for the amount.

After consultation with the City Solicitor, and in order to place the floating debt of \$40,734.09 in a more business-like shape than it is at the present time, we consider that it is expedient and advisable to consolidate a sum of \$50,000 for the term of thirty years, and that debentures be issued for the amount.

To improve the accounting methods and as the audit just completed is a very full audit and report, we recommend that the Corporation as on December 31, 1902, and as a number of new books are required by the Treasurer, we advise that new books be opened upon the basis of the audit report just as soon as the audit of this year, 1903, is completed, and we especially recommend that the incoming council shall use their best endeavours to have the audit of this year completed just as quickly as possible within two months from January 1, 1904, so as to enable the treasurer and other officials to have the above mentioned books of account put in shape as early in the year as it is possible to do so, and that in the opening up of such books and accounts, we advise particular attention be paid to the auditor's remarks more particularly the advice and suggestions as given in the report from pages 8 to 17 inclusive. This part of the report more particularly refers to the management of the arrears of taxes, poll tax collecting and the returns and the manner of making such returns within the time allowance as prescribed by statute.

This committee having received the Water Works Commissioners' reply to that portion of the auditor's report more particularly referring to their department, and as the recommendations as made by this body is something along the lines as recommended by the auditor, in order to place the water works department on a more equitable basis than it is in at the present time for the benefit of the whole city at large, and in order to give the water works department larger earning powers than they have at the present time, we advise that the commissioners proceed to follow the plans as laid out in their report, and that in doing so careful consideration be given this move so as to simplify as much as possible and equalize the service as much as possible, and we believe that if the commissioners and the auditor be united and those laid out by the auditor be followed out, it will materially assist in turning out a very much larger income than is coming in at the present time, and make the water works department more than self-sustaining, and thus materially assist in lessening our rate of taxation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN SPEAKS.

After reading the report Ald. Marshall explained:

"Not one of Chatham's Councils has raised enough money to pay their own expenses, and it now remains for the incoming Council to strike a rate which will pay off all their liabilities as they go along. I can remember when a rate of 25 mills was struck when it required 25 mills to pay bare expenses. In that year we ran behind seven or eight thousand dollars. We should have backed home enough to stand up and say 'We need it.'"

The Mayor—I must congratulate the Finance Committee on their excellent and full report. They must have given much of their time and thought to this report of the auditor. It is a matter of congratulation to the city that nothing irregular has been found in connection with the officials. Although we have gone behind we must remember that, during that time, we have paid the contractors \$448,000, debentures amounting to nearly \$200,000. The water works debentures amounting to nearly \$70,000, and the electric light debentures. Chatham is still on a firm and strong financial basis."

Requests from Mr. Bunyon, Pine street, and Mr. Hoffman, Wellington street, to cut trees were referred to Chief Holmes.

The Mayor placed on file a telegram and letter from Mr. Carpenter, of the City of Montreal.

A number of citizens near the corner of Richmond and Queen streets complained of the dust and dirt from the Warren Paving Company's plant. Referred to Board of Works.

A letter from David Merriam, one of the sewer contractors, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Robert Hoffer was allowed to change the number of his lots in the Maple Leaf cemetery.

Gilbert Lypnus and Noah Pritchard complained of an old ditch in front of their residence, which is no longer necessary. They asked permission to have the ditch filled up. Referred to the Board of Works.

The assessment of Mr. Mann, Murray street, was changed on the roll from \$460 to \$400.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Chairman Marshall, for the Finance Committee, reported:

1. That the request of Mike O'Hara for an adjustment from his assessment from \$600 to \$500 be granted.

2. That the account of Dr. Musson, \$10, for attending Messrs James and Parker, be paid.

3. That without assuming any liability, we accept the claim of Phoebe Wanless for \$50, \$25 of which will be paid by the Gray Company and \$25 by the City.

The report was adopted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Mounter, for the Board of Works, reported:

1. That the account of the Dominion Paving Company, \$52.50, be paid.

2. That the account of the Blonde Company for \$316.69, be paid.

The report was adopted.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Ald. G. G. Martin, for the Property Committee, recommended that the work of repairing the lights be given to Joe Moore, and that he be given \$25 of Sam Moore's wages for this work, but that the engineer be held responsible for the lighting of the city.

Ald. Piggott—Did you consult with the engineer?

Ald. Martin—We don't consult with anyone to make out our reports, you understand!

The report was adopted.

Letters from two industrial concerns were referred to the Industrial Committee for investigation.

The matter of the Colborne street spur then came up. Ald. Martin asked if word had been received from the Railway Company in reply to the city's order to have the spur up within 30 days.

Ald. Marshall said that he had a letter from Mr. Woollatt, who referred him to L. E. Tillson, who had a proposition to make to the Council, which would get over the difficulty. Mr. Marshall had not yet seen Mr. Tillson, but would ask the whole Council to go over the ground with him and Mr. Tillson. It is understood that the railway will take up the spur if the Council will grant them the use of a dead spur on another small street in that vicinity.

Ald. Martin was up in arms when he heard this, but afterwards decided to hear Mr. Tillson's proposition. Mr. McKimley, of the Chapin Wheel Works, asked for better fire protection for the factory. The matter will be investigated by the Property Committee, who will bring in a report at the next meeting of the Council.

They will also do all they can towards putting an electric light on the corner of Raleigh street and Patterson avenue.

The Mayor called the attention of the Board of Works to the dirt on the sidewalks where new pavements were put down, and also to the unfinished ends of granolithic sidewalks.

Ald. Mounter will look into the matter.

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The by-law granting the Bell Telephone franchise was then put through its several readings and finally passed.

The following were the accounts: J. & J. Oldershaw, \$108.55. A. H. Patterson, \$6.90. Robt. Riddell, \$20.93—referred. James Cornhill, \$13.20. James Cornhill, \$28.00. G. N. W., 25 cents. Bell Telephone Co., 35 cents. The S. H. H. Co., \$1.55. John McCorvie, 58 cents. David Lee, \$1. Col. Martin, \$3.50. A. H. Patterson, \$25.91. Geo. Stephens & Douglas, \$26.12. Pay sheets, \$71.45. Canada Flour Mills, \$10.70. Backus & Dennis, \$7.23. A. H. Patterson, \$1.58. Geo. Stephens & Douglas, \$22.88. R. G. Fleming, \$12.60. Robert Riddell, \$1.55. A. H. Patterson, \$1.25. G. N. W., 71 cents. The News, \$20.50. F. H. Macpherson, \$1,630.47—referred. Finance Committee. Geo. Moore, \$6.67. Blonde Bros. & Co., \$306.92. W. A. Dumas, \$35.82. C. P. R. Telegraph, 62 cents. Warren Co., \$52. W. Caldwell, \$48. Geo. Jamieson, \$5. J. & J. Oldershaw, \$307.50. D. Jordan, \$56.45. Ed. Nagle, 85 cents. Council adjourned.

GOOD GAME

Championship Exhibition Football Match to be Played in Chatham on Friday Week.

At the meeting of the executive committee of the City Football Club last evening it was decided, following the successful precedent of last season, to bring the present year to a close with a championship exhibition game on Tecumseh Park and a banquet to the players and their friends.

By arrangement with Wm. McDonald, of Detroit, head of the Peninsular League, he will bring to Chatham a week from next Friday a championship Detroit and Michigan team of selected star players. This strong team will try conclusions with an eleven to be selected by Captain C. B. Sissons, of the Chatham Club, from the eastern division of the Peninsular League, embracing the Darrell, Kent Bridge and Chatham teams. This contest should prove a magnificent exhibition of fine football.

In the evening a banquet will be tendered to the visiting club and citizens, when the reports of the season will be formally made public. A very gratifying feature in connection with the present season is the fact that the Football Club have not called on the citizens for a cent of support—and they feel that they will be heartily backed in their present enterprise in billing a championship exhibition match.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Pelee Island cable is broken again. Sixty employees of the Census Bureau have been discharged.

The Winnipeg early closing by-law has been sustained by Judge Richards.

An information has been laid against the Toronto Junction Recreation Club.

The Countess of Minto and party have returned to Ottawa after a tour of Japan.

Russia is surprised at the aggressive attitude adopted by China in regard to Manchuria.

Colombia has protested to Great Britain against the action of the United States in Panama.

A man named Henkle was killed in a collision on the Canadian Northern Railway at Winnipeg.

Premier Seddon of New Zealand introduced his proposals for preferential trade with Great Britain.

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SOLE AGENTS

JUDGES BIRTHDAY

H. Honor Judge Bell, senior judge of the county, celebrated the 63rd anniversary of his birth yesterday. The judge is still retaining his vigor and is remarkably well preserved man for his years. He is perhaps one of the best known men in the county and has been a member of the bench for 18 years. He has been a member of the bench for 18 years. He has been a member of the bench for 18 years.

There is always a little friendly rivalry among the congregation of any church when a new minister is being selected, and the meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church last night proved no exception. The only trouble with the friendly rivalry kept developing until a large number grew tired or something else—and withdrew. The discussion evidently wasn't all completed that night and a goodly portion of it was continued in serial form this morning on King street. Prominent members of the church could be noticed on almost every corner perpetuating the discussion, and invariably adjoining with a "continued in our next" look.

There were three first favorites, Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Shellburne; Rev. Mr. Findlay, of Niagara Falls, and Rev. Mr. McGillivray, of Newmarket.

Mr. Anderson won the final ballot by a majority of 18. Then the friends of Mr. McGillivray wanted a new ballot between their choice and Mr. Anderson. A standing vote showed that Mr. McGillivray had a majority of 18. Then the meeting decided to adjourn till Thursday night, November 25th, when the same ones say a choice may be made.

The supporters of Mr. Anderson claim that they are up against the society faction in the church who want a stylish minister, and so want to discriminate against the poorer members of the church. The supporters of the other two deny this allegation and say they are working only for the good of the church.

Rev. J. C. Tolmie, of Windsor, presided at the meeting, which was a very representative one, and the general suavity and characteristic adroitness of this gentleman were said to be taxed to the utmost to preserve a semblance of decorum. Messrs. Law, Urquhart, Robinson, Fred. Stone, Rankin and Farquhar, members of the church were allowed to vote. Mr. Tolmie explained that a ballot would be taken on all the names and the lowest name each time would be dropped.

When the ballot resulted in a majority for one name, they would take a ballot between the winner and any of the losing candidates. This latter stipulation led to all the trouble.

When the Anderson faction won they objected strenuously to another ballot and said at such a system of balloting were persisted in a decision would never be reached.

On the first two ballots Messrs. Graham and Nixon were dropped. On the third ballot Mr. McGillivray was dropped. The contest then had dwindled to one between Messrs. Anderson and Findlay. The vote on these two gentlemen was a tie—76 to 76.

The fourth ballot was still a tie but it was said that there were more ballots than voters. A motion was passed that every member should sign their name on the ballot and each voter should place his or her own ballot upon the plate and not allow a second person to handle it.

The fifth ballot was then taken and stood 77 for Mr. Anderson and 72 for Mr. Findlay.

Then the chairman said that Mr. Anderson and Mr. McGillivray should be voted upon. The contest was then voted upon. The followers of Mr. Anderson opposed. A standing vote was taken, however. The supporters of Mr. Findlay switched to Mr. McGillivray and he had a majority of 18.

A ballot was asked for and this was opposed. The supporters of Mr. Anderson then began to leave and it was thought that in the interests of harmony the meeting should adjourn till Thursday night, Nov. 26.

One of the older members of the church stated this morning that the three ministers were two good men to be tossed about the way that was done at the meeting. The unity of the congregation should be looked to as much as anything else. He thought the congregation would be blessed with either one of them.