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Friday Bargain Day

Men's Socks
Men's Cotton Socks, all sizes, warranted absolutely fast black, regular price 15c a pair, on sale Friday at **10 Cents**

The First Friday Bargains
of August are on sale To-morrow, August is looked upon as rather a Jonah month, but not so with us. We keep up trade interest with specially low prices in all departments. Summer goods and new autumn goods share alike to make your shopping interesting here in August

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Long Cloth.
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Canton.
Extra fine and soft pure bleached Canton Flannel, 10 yards never comes amiss in the house, regular value 15c. a yd., on sale Friday Bargain at **10 Cents**

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Ladies' fine Shell Back Combs and Side Combs in a good variety of pretty and desirable shapes, regular value up to 25c., on sale Friday at **10 Cents**

BLACK DRESS GOODS.
6 pieces fine Dress Goods in such new and correct weaves Lama Canvas, Armure, Cashmerette and Lama Taffeta, pure wool, 42 and 44 in. wide, correct in weight and weave for suits, skirts and dresses, regular prices 75c. to 90c. a yard, on sale very special Friday Bargain **56 Cents**

Gloves
Ladies fine Cotton Lisle Gloves, embroidered backs, dome fasteners, in excellent shades of grey, tan and mode, regular price 25c. a pair, Friday Bargain, **17c**

Hosiery
Ladies' fine Embroidered Tan cotton Hose, reg. value 50c a pr., on sale Friday Bargain **25c**

Sheeting
Fine Canadian made Unbleached sheeting, 2 yards wide, seamless, even weave and free from blemishes, on sale Friday Bargain, very special value at a yard, **28c**

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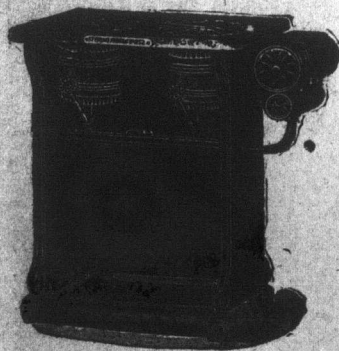
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PARK COMES TO CITIZENS

Enterprise and Energy of Mayor Cowan Secures Splendid Result

The Successful Co-operation of H. S. Clements, M. P.—The Government Correspondence.

Through the energy and enterprise of his worship Mayor Cowan Tecumseh Park will shortly be handed over to the city by the Government for the use of the citizens, with certain precedence to the militia.

The Mayor has earnestly applied his energies to this outcome and is to be congratulated upon the result. Notwithstanding the fact that Geo. Stephens informed him that nothing could be done, he did not give up. He sought out Herbert S. Clements, West Kent's popular young member, who at once tendered his co-operation. Mr. Clements arranged with the Minister of Militia for an interview with the Mayor and the following satisfactory correspondence ensued:

Chatham, Ont., June 10, '05.
Sir Frederick Borden, M. P.,
Ottawa:

Dear Sir,—Referring to our casual conversation on the 6th instant about the extensive improvements to be made by the Government in Tecumseh Park and the desirability of not only maintaining, but even improving its present appearance and usefulness for the citizens of Chatham, I beg to say that I can assure for the hearty co-operation of the City Council. The advantage of a beautiful park and play ground in the heart of Chatham is fully appreciated and I shall do all in my power to assist in and carry out what may be in the interest of the Government and the city. I might suggest, however, for your consideration, that if the grounds are to be beautified and maintained at our joint expense then a definite mode of selecting a commission or number of men to manage them, ought to be agreed upon, but if Chatham is to bear the whole expense as heretofore then the City Council ought to have the sole control of the Park and its care, so long as the grounds be not injured and the Militia have precedence for all purposes for which they might require them.

This was the state of affairs for 20 years or more until but a few years ago, and then a change was made rather to the dissatisfaction of the citizens of Chatham. I would be much pleased to have some definite suggestions upon these matters.

Believe me, Sir Frederick,
Yours sincerely,
GEO. W. COWAN.

Ottawa, June 12, '05.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., with reference to the Park at Chatham, and will at once take the matter up with my Deputy Minister and let you have an answer as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,
F. W. BORDEN.

Chatham, Ont., July 17, 1905.
The Honorable Sir Frederick Borden,
Minister Militia, Ottawa:

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to once more encroach upon your time, but I feel the matter is an important one to our city; that is, in regard to my communication to you, concerning the management of Tecumseh Park. The season is passing on, and I would be very glad if you could find time to take action upon this matter.

Trusting to have an early reply, I am,
Sincerely yours,
GEO. W. COWAN, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE.

Ottawa, July 31, 1905.
Re Tecumseh Park.

Sir,—With reference to your letter to the Minister of Militia and Defence, relative to this matter, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister is prepared to recommend that your Corporation be given a 99 years' lease of the property at a nominal rent, under the following conditions, viz:—

- 1—Your Corporation to be permitted to plant trees and otherwise make improvements.
 - 2—The parade ground to be kept free and accessible to the militia at all times.
 - 3—The department to have the right to resume possession of the property at any time if required for military purposes and without paying any indemnity.
 - 4—The portion to be reserved as a parade ground to be selected and defined by the officer commanding Western Ontario.
- I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. J. PINAULT, Colonel,
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence.
His Worship, G. W. Cowan, Mayor,
Chatham, Ont.

THE CHAIRMAN SUCCUMBED

The Charming Young Lady Book Agent Secured an Order From Library

How it Was Dealt with Last Night—Other Business of Library Board.

J. W. Humphrey, Chairman of the Public Library Board, wore a hunted look when he walked in to the Board meeting last evening. He was evidently worried over something and acted like a man who had committed some act and was not sure whether he had done right or wrong. The other members around the Board noticed it and wondered, because generally it seems to be the proudest and most pleasant moment of his life when he is presiding over a Board meeting. Not so last evening, however, and his colleagues at once suspected that a woman was at the bottom of it—and they were not far astray.

Mr. Humphrey gave a little startled jump when under the head of donations, Mr. Stone asked if the chairman did not have a book donation for the library. An awkward silence ensued which was broken only by the heavy breathing of the chairman.

Mr. Stone continued smilingly: "I understood that Mr. Humphrey had purchased a book from two lady book agents and intended to donate it for the use of the public."

Mr. Humphrey who up to this time had been busying himself with a number of papers in front of him, now raised a pair of sheepish looking eyes, heaved a deep sigh and offered an explanation.

"You see," said he, as he glanced around the Board, "I was sitting in my office one day when a couple of ladies came in and informed me they were going to sell a book to the library. I told them I was only the chairman of the Board and referred them to Mr. Stone, chairman of the Book committee. They came back later with an order from Mr. Stone and I—well, I signed for a book," and as he made this confession he looked considerably relieved.

Dr. Charteris (dreamily)—They are good looking girls.

Mr. Humphrey (jealously)—Yes, but the best looking one didn't come back after I referred them to Mr. Stone.—Laughter.

Mr. Stone—I understand Mr. Twohey and Dr. Charteris also surrendered.

Dr. Charteris (resignedly)—Yes, of course I fell down. Who wouldn't?

Mr. Humphrey (nervously)—Mr. Stone ordered the book and I signed for it.

Mr. Sheldrick—Then you can pay for it between you.

At this Mr. Humphrey's face blushed and he was about to say something when Mr. Anderson said: "Considering the great temptation and the extraordinary force that was brought to bear upon the two members I think the Board should pay for the books."

"Carried!" declared Chairman Humphrey before any other member had a chance to raise one dissenting word.

There were present at the meeting Chairman Humphrey and Messrs. Stone, Sheldrick, Anderson, Dr. Charteris and S. M. Smith.

Miss E. Taaberry thanked the Board on behalf of the teachers of the Central school for a donation of magazines.

Miss E. Barassin, librarian, asked for the last two weeks in August. Carried.

An account from Leonard Scott & Company for \$8 was referred. One from the Library Bureau for 56 cents was paid.

The Roof committee, consisting of Messrs. Humphrey, Charteris and Sheldrick, reported that the necessary repairs to the roof of the library were two new decks, on the north and south sides, covered with galvanized iron, enlarged conductors, new slate shingles and a lot of soldering work. The committee was empowered to have the work done at once.

The following was the librarian's report for July, which was read and received:

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.
New borrowers, 35.
Books given out, 1,638.
A supply of postal cards is required for notifying persons for whom books are retained.
The magazines that have been bound by The Planet have been received and will be placed in circulation as soon as possible.
Cash received for fines, \$6.97.
Cash received for cards, \$1.75.
For renewals, \$6.
For county fees, \$2.00.
Books asked for by public:
Gambler—Katharine Thurston.
An Old Fashioned Girl.
Demosthenes Oration—Kennedy.
Adventure of a Brownie.
Loves Cross Currents—Swinburne.
Lazare—Mary H. Catherwood.
Storm Centre—Murree.

PRaises OUR MAPLE CITY

Editor of the London Free Press has Many Kind Words for Chatham

Much Impressed by Mayor Cowan—City of Development and Progress.

Yesterday W. H. Greenwood, managing editor of the London Free Press, was a Maple City visitor. Mr. Greenwood made a fraternal call on The Planet and was enthusiastic in his praise of Chatham.

In to-day's Free Press he gives his views as follows:—

Chatham, Aug. 2.—(Staff special).—This city is leading the broad life, thinking in futures, laying firm foundations, assured of municipal progress and an era of merited prosperity.

There is a tradition that the citizens pretty much slept up to about four years ago. They are certainly wide-awake now, and piloted by as sturdy a mayor as was ever given to a Canadian town they are bidding for success, even at the expense of an increased tax rate.

Miles of pavements are down or planned; \$50,000 has been loaned to the Wallaceburg, Chatham and Lake Erie Electric Railway, payable 30 years hence; an underground street, franchise has been let to a subsidiary company of the Electric Railway for the purpose of installing a steam heating service; capital from across the line has taken a fancy to the city, and it is no unusual thing to have half a dozen Yankee millionaires pointed out to you in the hotel corridors.

MERCHANTS NOT SHOCKED.

The business men are not shocked by the fact that the Wallaceburg Electric Railway has a 50-year franchise that enables it to run freight cars over the city streets, excepting the main thoroughfares.

They consider that it is not so bad for the city, excusing the long term by the fact that the franchise is exclusive only for twenty-five years. They have another excuse, and it spells welfare for Chatham, but is making outside towns tremble.

The Electric Railway proposes to run north to Wallaceburg and south to Lake Erie. The small towns on the line see business going from them to Chatham, and they are making vociferous terms with the railway.

However, the promoters have the right of way bought, most of the track laid, and are prepared to side track some of the more obstreperous towns till the line is appreciated. Chatham sees itself the shopping centre of Kent.

HOPES TO BE COUNTY HUB.

With its factories given the reduced freight rate that is promised by the electric competition, it hopes to be the distributing centre also, and, in short, the hub of the fine agricultural county of Kent.

Present, though all the details of the \$50,000 loan to the company are settled and gone forever, there is going on through the press and on the streets a dog's days' controversy over how much the city will really have to pay the electric line.

Dr. Thornton, a worthy citizen, believes the municipality is due to pay as \$70,000 before the deal is settled.

The company agrees after five years to pay back the \$50,000 by 25 yearly instalments of \$2,000 each. The best opinion is that the city will be out not more than \$35,000.

NEVER LIVED IN CHATHAM.

And the man who said figures never lie, never lived in Chatham in the year of our Lord 1905.

A new thing, has entered Canada by way of Chatham in the steam heating plant. A company closely allied to the Wallaceburg Electric line is now laying pipes under the streets to carry steam to whomsoever will have it.

It is on the same principal of gas supply. The steam is got from the electric line's power plant, and all you have to do is to turn on the tap in your office or home, and presto! it is heated to any temperature you desire.

It is claimed that it will cut a fellow's fuel bill in two. The franchise for this is exclusive for 25 years.

In common with London, Chatham has its troubles with paving agents. Where there are paving agents there is always trouble, and the paving agents "we have always with us."

But Chatham is the wrong city to tinker with.

MAYOR COWAN IS FIGHTER.
Mayor Cowan has the reputation of a fighter, and when he really makes up his mind to silence the paving agents they will have to become human oysters. His clash with Manager Warburton, of the Electric Railway, shows what he can do.

Warburton, with his army of Italians, good people, mind you, but badly led this time, attempted to steal across a municipal bridge that, according to the agreement between the city and the railway, should not be crossed till the railway had its plans passed on by the Council.

Warburton disregarded a polite notice from the City Hall couched in the form of a policeman. His watchword was, "The bridge for mine." He

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