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THE RELIABLE STORE Thomas Stone & Son THE RELIABLE STORE

Millinery!

We haven't been advertising our Millinery Department very much lately. The fact is, our workroom staff has been overwhelmed with orders during the past two weeks. We are filling each one in its turn, so to those who have not already selected their Spring Hat, we would say **PLACE YOUR ORDER!** So that you may have it when needed.

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SERIOUS BLAZE AT MIDNIGHT

About Five Thousand Dollars Loss To The Chatham Gas Company

GOOD WORK OF FIREMEN

Fire broke out in the engine room of the electric light department of the Chatham Gas Company's plant at 11:30 Saturday night, and raged till 1:30 Sunday morning, at which time the firemen succeeded in getting it under complete control.

Fortunately, the wind was blowing in the direction of the river, and as the engine room is to the rear of the building, the sparks from the fire fell harmlessly in the water. The building is covered with a metal facing, and this made it extremely difficult for the firemen to get the water to the seat of the trouble. They first concentrated their efforts to preventing the spread of the flames, keeping a couple of lines of hose playing on the building adjoining that in which the fire was at its worst. Four lines of hose were used. Three of these lines belonged to the city, and one was the property of the Gas Company. Two lines were turned on the fire from the western side of the building, and two from the eastern side. In this way the blaze was met by constant streams from every direction.

For a long time, however, the flames stubbornly resisted all attempts to put them out. The inner lining of the building was eaten away by the fire, while the metal facing stood intact, thus making a water-tight barrier between the firemen and their enemy. An ascent was made to the roof, a hole torn in the roofing, and two streams were turned on the blaze from this point with good effect. The firemen finished their work at 1:30 Sunday morning.

To Chief Pritchard and his men much credit is due for the swift and successful annihilation of the fire. The work of destruction. Had the flames once got big headway, it would be difficult to estimate the damage which might have been done. The whole plant might have been wiped out, and the fire would have undoubtedly spread to the residential section on King street west. It is also a possibility that the flames might have reached the huge gas tank nearby. The result would have been a terrific explosion, and a further spread of the flames.

Manager Cox, who was on after the fire, said that he did not think that the boiler or engine would be injured. The only bad result of the fire would be that a portion of the residential electric lighting service might be off for a few days, but this would be repaired as quickly as possible.

Quite a large number were out to see the fire, and during Sunday crowds visited the gas works to see the result.

The loss will be far greater than was at first anticipated. There were three dynamos and two exciters destroyed and two engines also burned, making the total loss with the building, etc., fully four or five thousand dollars. This loss is fully covered by insurance.

The fire will not in any way interfere with the electric light service. "I'll tell you," said a citizen to a Planet reporter this morning, "that Chief Pritchard is the pluckiest fireman I ever saw. I witnessed the fire Saturday night, and I watched the actions of the firemen. They fairly took their lives in their hands, and their work was great. There is no fighting a fire from the outside where Pritchard is. They have to get right in and fight from the inside where they can do the best work, and whenever there is an order to go in, Chief Pritchard is always at the head of the gang taking the lead and directing every action. That man has more nerve and true courage than any other man I ever heard of."

MORTON-PRIMEAU

The wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church this morning of Mr. Geo. F. Morton to Miss Clara Primeau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Primeau, Wellington St. Mr. and Mrs. Morton left on the seven o'clock train for Toronto. On their return to this city next Thursday evening, a reception will be given at Mr. Primeau's residence.

A ROW IN EATING HOUSE

Jaen Sing's Restaurant Again To Front—An Unfortunate Pedlar

POLICE COURT DOINGS

Jaen Sing's Chinese eating house was the scene of another row Sunday morning about three o'clock. A crowd of young men, who it appears were all more or less the worse of liquor, started to create a rough house, when Officer Barr dropped in and spoiled their fun.

It seems that the young men, four in number, refused to pay the Chinamen after they had ordered up meals. On the Celestial remonstrating with them, they commenced to break his dishes and throw his furniture around. When the policeman made his appearance on the scene, the crowd scattered, but the officer was successful in catching one of their number, a young man named Malvern, and the names of the others are known. Malvern came up this morning, and the case was adjourned for a week till more information is hunted up, and summonses are issued to the balance of the party.

A poor, lame, broken-down and aged pedlar, who to all appearances is spending his last few days in this world, without friends, home or money, has been shipped into Chatham via the C. P. R. from Stoney Point. The man's name is McDonald, he is 87 years of age, and he has been engaged in a pedlar's business throughout Western Ontario for years. As he does not properly belong to this constituency, he has been refused admittance to the local charitable institutions. It is a case of another municipality trying to foist an indigent on the County of Kent or the city of Chatham. At Stoney Point an effort was first made to ship him here by way of the G. T. R., but the conductor refusing to take him in, the man was taken to Haycraft and put on a C. P. R. train. The police here have no authority to take him in, and they have given instructions that he be shipped back to Stoney Point. In the meantime the railway people have the man on their hands, and are talking of paying a charge of vagrancy against him.

"There is no Government provision for keeping the man here," said Chief Holmes this morning, "and we will have to provide him with a pass back to the place where he came from."

Someone kindly provided the poor old gentleman with food this morning, and he is being made as comfortable as possible in one of the rooms at the depot.

John McDonald, who was charged by his employer with theft, was dismissed, his suspended sentence being continued.

The young man Bailey was also allowed out on suspended sentence. His friends have raised fifty dollars of the sum he is accused of appropriating from his employer, and Bailey has promised to raise the balance. The terms of his dismissal are that if he comes up again within six months, he goes to Central.

Officer Groves took in a man this morning who was lying in a helpless condition on the pavement near the Rankin House. The man was so drunk that he did not know his name or where he came from. He was still lying asleep in his cell at eleven o'clock this morning. All the

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Sweet Cream

Direct from the farm every morning.

Whipped Cream

Ice Cream in Bricks

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MOUNTEER'S, KENT BAKERY.

MONEY SAVED AT THE C. C. I.

Education Last Year Was Cheaper Than In Many Places

AN EXCELLENT RECORD

According to the report of the Minister of Education, just out, the average cost per pupil per school year of the Collegiate Institutes of the Province is \$39.86. Below is the standing of the 42 Collegiates, with Chatham twenty-seventh:

Toronto (Jameson avenue) \$63, Ingersoll \$59.92, Toronto (Harbord street) \$54.20, Toronto (Jarvis street) \$53.04, Berlin \$50.50, Strathroy \$48.14, Cobourg \$47.63, Clinton \$44.52, Ottawa \$42.80, St. Catharines \$42.81, Galt \$40.88, Toronto Junction \$40.60, AVERAGE OF PROVINCE \$39.86, Brantford \$39.76, Whitby \$39.66, Aylmer \$39.32, Guelph \$39.32, Barrie \$39.23, Windsor \$39.07, London \$39.07, Lindsay \$38.57, Morrisburg \$38.49, Ridgeway \$37.46, Brookville \$36.93, Perth \$36.64, St. Thomas \$36.50, Stratford \$36.16, Seaford \$35.75, Woodstock \$35.75, Peterboro' \$35.72, Niagara Falls \$35.63, Hamilton \$35.58, Kingston \$34.70, Owen Sound \$34.16, Collingwood \$33.79, Goderich \$33.78, Renfrew \$33.48, Sarnia \$33.10, CHATHAM \$32.51, Orillia \$32.07, Vankleek Hill \$30.00, Nanawake \$29.97, St. Mary's \$25.64.

As Chatham had an average attendance of 805 last year, it is readily seen that the cost of educating them was \$2,333.25 less than the average cost in the Province; or it cost \$9.65 less than it would take to educate them at Jameson avenue C. I., Toronto.

CHINESE HOMELESS

Great Fire Destroyed Celestial Quarter at Steveston, B. C.

Vancouver, April 8.—The Chinese district of Steveston, the seat of the Fraser River canning industry, was totally destroyed by fire Saturday, and five hundred Chinamen were rendered homeless.

Fire started from a defective flue or stove-pipe in a house near the river bank at 3 o'clock, and to the piping of a southwesterly gale the whole Chinese section burned to ashes. Incipient fires broke out all over the town, and for a time it seemed that Steveston would be completely wiped out before the flames were got under control. The proprietor of the Star Hotel, one hundred yards distant, offered to sell all his interest in the building for a ten-dollar bill, and could not find a buyer, yet the hotel escaped practically undamaged.

Appliances for coping with the outbreak were of the most primitive description, but everybody turned out to fight the fire, and it was confined to the district waters it originated.

Thousands of dollars' worth of buildings, stores and personal effects were destroyed, and many inhabitants barely escaped with their lives. Vancouver owners of the burned buildings estimated the loss at a high figure.

CANADA AN EMPIRE.

Outlook Says Many Canadians Favor Political Separation.

London, April 8.—(C. A. P.)—The Economist says colonial statesmen do not yet know with what profound disbelief the majority of Englishmen regard the policy with which Chamberlain's name is associated in the last few years, at the same time not suggesting that it is impossible to draw closer the bonds of union with the colonies.

The Spectator discussing reciprocity and the colonial conference, says "Surely it would be wiser for the Colonies to leave our fiscal system alone while we leave theirs alone, and let each section of the Empire manage its own commercial affairs its own way."

The Saturday Review says "Mr. Bryce can hardly have enjoyed his dinner at the Canadian Club at Ottawa."

The Outlook says "Not a few Canadians agree with Judge Longley that the Dominion is an empire in itself and openly advocate the right to exist as a political entity; many more hold Longley's opinions but have not the courage to express them in public."

MR. ST. JOHN PASSED AWAY

Relapse Came On Friday When All Hope Vanished

OPERATION NECESSARY

Toronto, April 8.—Hon. J. W. St. John, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, died at noon Sunday at the Toronto General Hospital.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, preceded by a service at the Speaker's chambers in the Legislative Building, Queen's Park, at 2 p. m.

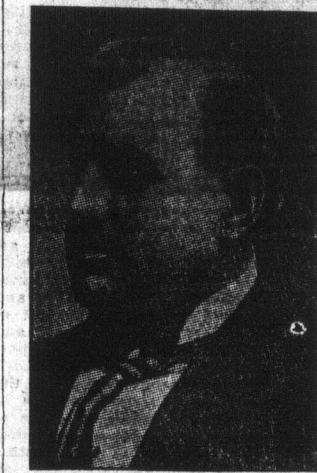
The deceased will be given a public funeral by the Ontario Legislature. It was two weeks ago this morning that the news of Mr. St. John's illness was made public, he having been operated on for appendicitis the night before.

On the previous Saturday night at 10 o'clock Mr. St. John was taken with pains and sought relief before retiring. Next morning he felt no better, and became confined to the house, while he sought local remedies to relieve the pain.

Operation Necessary.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the family physician, Dr. Bascom, was sent for. In the evening the Speaker became worse. Dr. W. P. Caven was called in consultation. His nephew, Dr. Glendinning, was also present. It was then decided that he had a very acute form of appendicitis, and that an immediate operation would give him the only chance of recovery.

Accordingly, he was removed to the Toronto General Hospital in an ambulance. He arrived there at 11 p. m., when an operation was immediately performed by Dr. Bruce. The operation showed a most critical condition, as his appendix was gangrenous.



HON. J. W. ST. JOHN

Immediately after the operation, Dr. Bruce stated that the bowel was almost perforated, and that, had the operation been delayed for a few hours more, death would have resulted from gangrene.

Mr. St. John made a most satisfactory recovery from the operation; so much so that, toward the end of the first week, the attending physician and Dr. John Caven considered him out of danger.

Unfortunately, however, he was suffering from a chronic malady, diabetes, which suddenly took on an acute form last Sunday.

Friends understood then the significance of the late Speaker's rapid reduction of weight, over which he had been wont to make merry.

Since then his life has been despaired of. He rallied, however, somewhat on Wednesday last, which improvement was maintained throughout Thursday. He had a relapse again on Friday, when he gradually passed into a condition known as diabetic coma. He died at 12 o'clock on Sunday.

He was unconscious from 2 a. m. Sunday until his death.

Public Funeral.

A Cabinet meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, as soon as the Ministers had been acquainted with the news. Preliminary arrangements were made for a public funeral (to be distinguished from a state funeral). The last public funeral in this province was that of Sir Oliver Mowat in April, 1903.

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