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TELEPHONE 153.

## An Early Reduction

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Thomas Stone

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If we offered you a $2.50 genuine Vici Kid, Tan Oxford, hand turned soles made by J. & T. Bell, of Montreal, for $1.25.

You would naturally think there was something wrong with the shoes, or with us.

This is the reason. These Shoes were sold to us at about half the wholesale price on account of their being made of a lighter shade tan than the average, and another reason, they are made on the medium round (very neat), and narrow square toe. We bought them in both shapes. The rage has been for the very pointed toes, thus making them slow sellers.

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THE UNCERTAIN FUTURE!

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Let the dead past bury its dead,
Act, act in the living present,
Heart within and God o'er head.

"TRUST"—well, that is a term we've expunged from our store vocabulary. But trusting to the future is a poor policy, unless backed up with lots of cash and a happy-go-lucky disposition. WE'VE KNOWN HOUSES to lay in a stock of goods which did not properly belong in their line of trade. They trusted the "pleasant future" to sell 'em, and the future didn't see 'em through in the deal. Then they advertised a clearance, slaughter, slashing, good-at-any-price sale, which still left them in a whole. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE, but it was a considerable while back. "We'll never go there any more. This house is an exclusive gents' hat and furnishing establishment. And we show everything the trade calls for. What more can we say?

JUST NOW:—Our fancy shirts are going at a mere fraction over cost.

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Always Friend Of the Cash Patron.

# IS WRONG.

## Had not Read the By-law

### At Least, so Says Wm. Douglas, Q. C.

**HE QUITE EMPHATICALLY DECLARES THE LIABILITY CLAUSES AMPLY PROTECT THE CITY IN EVERY RESPECT—REPLY TO MR. ATKINSON.**

Editor Planet,—Mr. Atkinson has published a letter in your paper of the 8th instant, that I think demands an answer from me, as one who was concerned in protesting the city's interests in the matter of the electric lighting of the city, and the Chatham City and Suburban Railway.

Mr. Atkinson has not read the by-law with care, or he would not have written the letter, and made the statements therein, which he has done.

I do not feel called on to answer all his statements, and do not intend to do so, but I wish it understood, that I do no not assent to them because I do not refer to them.

Whether the idea of rapid transit by electric roads in this rich, level and thickly settled part of Canada, is a wild-cat scheme, or not, is one which prople must judge of by the success of roads like the Hamilton and Grimsby, and Galt, Preston and Hespeler, electric roads, and others of a like character. The success of these, with no greater advantages than in Chatham, is known to everyone.

But what I particularly desire to call attention to is this. Mr. Atkinson by his letter seeks to convey the idea that the city is to issue two sets of coupons. One to go to the company on the completion of their plant, and railway, and the other set to remain in the hands of the city treasurer. Now, Mr. Atkinson could not have made this mistake if he had read the by-law. He says, "Now on doing these three things "they will be entitled to have these 20 "guarantee coupon debentures, and to "use and sell them in negotiating their "own debentures, and from that mo-"ment the city will be liable for the "$150,000, etc., etc."

Now I regret Mr. Atkinson should have written in this way, because there is not a thing in the by-law to justify such a statement. No bonus was or is asked or granted.

It is true that the company asked, and it is all it asked, that the coupons should refer to the Company's debentures, so that the company could show a means of paying its interest till the railway was paying. And the council thought fit so far to do this. And this was also the means suggested of securing the 20 years' contract to the company. But on the distinct and positive understanding that these coupons were not to be issued to the company, nor to be sold, until the city should be in arrear in paying any year's rent for the electric light. And that the coupons should express on their face exactly what they were issued for. See the 4th sec. of the by-law. Can English words make it clearer?

THE CLAUSE IS CLEAR.

Read then the 4th paragraph of the conditions. "The said works (that is the electric plant and light and the railway) to be completely free from all charge to the city save and except the payment of the said $7,500 which is the value of the said electric light, and is the sum agreed to be applied in guaranteeing interest as aforesaid, and if the company pays such interest so guaranteed by the city or if the company hold the bonds the city will pay the $7,500 to the company. And if the city pays any sum to any bondholder of the company for or on account of any of the said coupon debentures such sum so paid shall be held to be in payment and satisfaction of the liability of the city for such lighting to the amount so paid."

Then read the last clause of the conditions.

"And also that if the said Company shall neglect, refuse or fail to construct, maintain and operate the said railway in manner hereinbefore set forth, and to supply the said city with the said electric light and power to perform the conditions hereinbefore set forth or any of them, either in respect of the said railway or electric plant, that the liability of the city for and the payment of the said sum of $7,500, either on the guarantee or coupon debenture, or to the company shall cease, and the city shall not be liable to pay any sum whatever in respect thereof."

Now I thought and think still, that is quite sufficient to protect the city. And no man knows better than Mr. Atkinson, that any person taking such debentures under such a by-law takes them subject to the provisions of such a by-law, and the conditions thereof, and not as a negotiable instrument. The law on that point is as clear both in Canada, England, and in the United States as it is possible to be.

But when the provision is added that these terms shall be expressed on the face of the coupons surely Mr. Atkinson should not talk about persons taking without notice and being entitled to demand payment, if the terms are not complied with, because it is not the case.

I do not intend to write a three column letter, but I beg to say that the by-law shows that the sole liability the city is incurring is that of $7,500 per annum for 20 years for which it gets the electric light in each of these years as provided in the by-law, and also the advantages of the electric railway.

The city does not incur any liability to pay anything till the money is earned by the company by giving the electric light.

When the money ($7,500,) is earned by the company, the company's bond holder can come in and say. "There is a coupon for this year's interest in your hands, Mr. Treasurer,—which also pays for your electric light. The money is due on it." Till then it can't be demanded.

If the work has been done it must be paid, and the bond holder can claim it. If it has not he can't. And payment to the bond holders or whoever has the right to be paid is payment for the electric light, and only one payment of $7,500 can be demanded each year.

Yours truly,
WM. DOUGLAS.

## HO, FOR WOODSTOCK!

**Come and Join the Cyclists on the Queen's Birthday.**

The Cycle Club will have their first outing of the year at Woodstock on the 24th, and hope to be able to take along a delegation of two hundred. The boys, with commendable enterprise, have chartered a special train from the G. T. R., which will leave here at 7.30 a. m. on the Queen's Birthday, and make a fast run to Woodstock, reaching there before 10 o'clock. The return rate is $1.50, good to return on any regular train Monday, the 24th, or the following day. The promoters of the excursion have had to guarantee the Railway Co. a sale of one hundred tickets in order to get this rate, and in view of what the wheelmen have done for Chatham during the past few weeks there should be a large turnout of their friends.

The local club is anxious to win out the fancy dress parade and the prize of $50 in gold, and can easily do so with a little support from the cyclists of the city. The City Band will probably accompany the wheelmen.

# THE NURSES' HOME

### Chatham's Jubilee Memorial Work.

**S. F. Gardiner, for the Ladies' Assisting Society, will Receive Contributions from all Interested.**

The Ladies' Assisting Society of the general hospital, having undertaking the erection of a Nurses' home, will be pleased to receive contributions from any quarter. This being Chatham's jubilee memorial work, the ladies feel that many citizens will esteem it a pleasure to subscribe to the fund. Mite collectors will be around, but as all cannot possibly be called upon it was suggested that some central place be fixed upon where contributions might be left. This excellent proposition met with ready approval and the ladies have arranged that donations towards this very commendable jubilee enterprise may be left with S. F. Gardiner at the Chatham Loan and Savings Bank where receipt of same will be promptly acknowledged.

By this means all our citizens will be given an opportunity of assisting in the building of the Nurses' Home. The ladies are not averse to large donations and will gladly receive amounts proportionate to the well known liberality of Chatham's citizens in support of any laudable undertaking; but smaller offerings to the proverbial mite will be as gratefully received. It is proposed to have the building completed by July 30 and, to the end that the home may be free from debt by the close of the year, it is sincerely hoped that all will at an early date, contribute according to their means.

Throughout entire Great Britain jubilee memorial work is being undertaken. This is Chatham's own and as a more worthy cause could not possibly be found the ladies sincerely hope that Chathamites as a community, and a progressive community, will take the matter to heart, make it a personal one and so assist them in the arduous task they have undertaken.

The Assisting Society are making arrangement for a garden party to take place in June, and will spare neither time nor labor in making it the most successful and enjoyable event of the kind ever held in Chatham. It will probaby take place on Jubilee day, June 22nd, and it is felt that in no way could it be better commemorated than by participating in the pleasures of this party, the receipts from which are to go to augment the memorial, or Nurses' Home, fund. The date will be definitely fixed as soon as possible so that all may keep it clear and prevent unpleasant clashing of engagements.

But in the meantime all who feel so inclined are again requested to call upon S. F. Gardiner and give what ever they can afford toward the Nurses' Home.

## OPEN THE SEASON.

**Footballers Meet and Arrange for Matches—Will Probably Visit Dresden on Wednesday.**

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the City Football Club at the Grand Central parlors last evening, when considerable business of importance was transacted. Secretary Watt, of the Y. M. C. A., was unanimously elected to preside.

The name of Mr. Watt was added to the executive committee of the club, the members present testifying to their appreciation of his services and assistance to the organization.

The communication from S. J. Watts, of the Peninsular League, relative to the opening of the schedule, was fully discussed, and it was decided to acquiesce in the proposal to play the first match at Essex, on or about the 22nd inst., providing both teams registered their players at least ten days prior to the match.

The matter of new uniforms was also freely discussed, and a committee, consisting of R. Stark, M. Sheldon, A. Shambleau and H. Anderson appointed to canvass the citizens in aid of the club.

Arrangements were completed for the immediate opening of a schedule of exhibition games, and Secretary Errett was instructed to write Dresden and Cedar Springs with a view of obtaining matches for next week.

A vote of thanks to Irish Jack closed the meeting.

This morning the Chatham club received a telephone message from Capt. Hayhow, of the Dresden team, asking for a game in Dresden on Wednesday afternoon next, and promising a return game in the near future. The matter will be promptly considered at a special meeting of the executive committee to-night, and it is probable the matches will be arranged.

# THE LOVER

## Of Another Man's Wayward Wife

### Made a Target of by the Injured Husband

**BUT HIS AIM WAS POOR AND HE MISSED HIS MAN—ATTEMPTED TRAGEDY, WITH A HAPPY TERMINATION.**

(Special to The Planet.)

May 13.—A shooting scrape is reported from the Eau. One George Cleveland, of Cedar Springs, was spending a few hours on the shore of Rond Eau, near the foot of the second concession, with a young woman friend. His horse and rig were left a short distance up the road.

The day was fine and everything seemed lovely to the young people, when another rig drove up, and the man who alone occupied it got out and tied his horse near that of Cleveland. The newcomer then approached the young couple, and some sharp words followed between the two men. Suddenly the latest arrival drew a revolver and began shooting at Cleveland, who straightway took to his heels. One shot was fired as the parties stood still, a second as Cleveland climbed a pair of bars, and at the third report Cleveland fell. He only stumbled, however, and, jumping up, quickly removed his overcoat and then legged it faster than ever. A fourth bullet was sent after him; but the shooter was a bad marksman, and Cleveland escaped unhurt—at least, it is supposed so, for he is believed to be still running.

When Cleveland had disappeared the shooter, who seems to have been an outraged husband, returned to the female, and the two embraced and up. They shortly afterwards left together for home. Cleveland's rig was left at the Eau, and in it was found a woman's dress, etc., neatly wrapped up. A party from the Eau laid an information before Police Magistrate Gosnell last night, and Constables Hammond and Duffy went after the parties. The matter will probably be ventilated in the courts.

The husband and wife are said to be from Michigan and the fiasco the result of an attempted elopement.

A number of rumors concerning this affair reached Chatham last evening, the one most generally received being somewhat as follows: Cleveland, the man shot at, was down on the beach with the wife of another man, a resident of Uncle Sam's domains, supposedly preparing for an elopement. The husband, learning of their departure, gave chase and coming upon the couple at once opened fire upon his wife's lover mortally wounding him; he then bundled the woman into his own rig and drove off leaving upon the sand the man who had loved not wisely but too much. Some said that at the first shot Cleveland had fallen dead, pierced through the heart; others that he was mortally wouded and died shortly after the encounter. Still others declared that when the husband opened fire upon him he returned it and that both were seriously wounded.

Later advices from Blenheim have been received giving additional information concerning the affair. The husband in the case, who is said to have done the poor shooting, was one Benjamin Loomis who was just settling in Blenheim whence he had moved from Ohio with his wife, a former resident of that district. Her maiden name was Armina Wood.

George Cleveland, the man shot at, was, as our correspondent justly supposed, uninjured. The principals of the little domestic drama came before Magistrate Gosnell, Blenheim, this morning, and the case was remanded until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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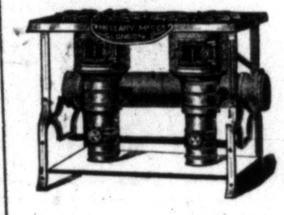

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