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## REMNANT SALE

### Wednesday.

We place on sale Wednesday morning a splendid lot of Remnants, Mill Ends and Seconds ..of..

Prints, Gingham, Shaker Flannels, Wrapperettes, Cottons, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Dress Goods, Waistings.

This is a rare chance to buy these goods at less than they cost at the mills, quantity and price marked in plain figures on all of them.

## Whitewear Sale

Special inducements in ladies' whitewear—great stock—handsome goods—easily priced—you should see our whitewear now.

### Thos. Stone & Son.

## GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

THOSE CHEAP COFFEE POTS WENT OFF IN A RUSH.....

## Bargains This Week.

Triangular Stew Kettles, 35c.  
Granite—3 in 1—save gas bills. Cook three things and over one gas jet.  
Granite Pie Plates, heavy and large, 10c.  
White Enamelled Wash Dish, 20c.  
White Soap Dishes, 15c.  
Wire is up. No. 9 Hard, Plain, \$2.50 spot cash.  
No. 9, Crimped, \$2.85, spot cash.

## GEO. STEPHENS & CO.

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE...

Tuesday, Mar. 1, 1904.

"It was laugh, laugh, laugh," Boston Globe.

The Greatest of English Entertainers

George Grossmith

PRICES: \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c.

PLAN AT BRISCO'S.

60 ACRES choice river land, all tile drained, 10 acres young fruit trees, good buildings, 4 miles from Chatham, Township of Raleigh.

Smith & Smith

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, March 3

Goodhue and Kellogg present  
**HARRY BLAKEMORE**  
and a company of universal favorites in the big comedy success

### HELLO-BILL!!

By Willis Maxwell Goodhue

Every line a laugh. Now in its fifth year of unprecedented success.

PRICES—25c, 35c, 50c, 75c  
Seats go on sale Wednesday morning at Brisco's.

**WEDDING STATIONERY**  
—The latest in Wedding Stationery and Card Boxes can be had at the PLANET Office.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

## JAPS RETURN TO THE ATTACK

### Furious Bombardment of Port Arthur in Which Russian Cruisers are Damaged.

### Japanese Warships Withdrew in Good Shape and Escaped Entirely Unscathed.

London, Tuesday, March 1.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yon-Kow, dated February 29, says: "Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 o'clock until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruiser, Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition, the Novik was badly damaged, and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged. The Japanese withdrew in good order."

**FAMILIAR JAP TACTICS.**  
The pause in the war operations in the far East has been broken by another Japanese attack on Port Arthur, of which only the foregoing brief account is yet to hand. This report, however, shows a repetition of the now familiar tactics of the Japanese. It is presumed that this attack was made in bad weather, previous telegraphic advices having reported a severe gale raging at Port Arthur. As usual, the Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the gunners at the forts to get their range. Again, also, the same three cruisers—the Bayan, the Askold and the Novik—came out to the attack, and this suggests that either they were the only effective ships there or that the larger battleships were unable to get out.

**THE BLOCKADE OF VLADIVOSTOCK.**  
A St. Petersburg despatch says: "Direct confirmation of the report from Hakodate that Vladivostock is blockaded by Japanese vessels cannot be obtained here, but it is considered not improbable. During the Japanese landing operations in Korea, the Russian warships to the north were a constant menace, and blockading them would be the most effective means of securing non-interference. Furthermore, it is worthy of note that for more than one week no word has been allowed to come from Vladivostock, and this itself seems strong presumptive evidence that important events are transpiring."

**JAPS COMMAND THE SEA.**  
No news is published here to-day of operations or movements other than that at Port Arthur. As an indication that the Japanese possess full command of the sea, the Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says that the Japanese have been notified that the Japanese mail service between Shanghai and Japan will be resumed Saturday without naval escort.

**WILL REMAIN IN THE BALTIC.**  
The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris confirms the report that the Russian squadron, under Admiral Wierzenius, which was last reported in the Red Sea, is returning to Libau, Courland, and says it will remain in the Baltic until June.

**CONFLICTING REPORTS.**  
Many alleged dispositions of opposing military forces are published this morning, but they differ too much in detail to be of great value. According to a report from St. Petersburg a body of Cossacks from the South Ussuri Province, with quick-firing guns, is advancing along the east-coast of Korea to prevent the landing of the main Japanese army, and the comment is made that possibly the reported Japanese landing at Posselt Bay may have been made with the intention of attacking this force. A despatch from Shanghai to the Daily Chronicle says the Russians are transferring the guns from the disabled ships at Port Arthur to the forts there.

**ENTERED THE HARBOR.**  
A despatch from Chefoo to the Standard, dated Feb. 29, says: "Japanese cruiser and torpedo boat entered harbor without lights at one o'clock on the morning of 29th, and it is believed they embarked the Japanese who took refuge there after the attempt to bottle-up Port Arthur."

**OFF SHAN-TUNG COAST.**  
A correspondent of the Times at Wei-Hai-Wei, cabling under date of February 29th, says: "A Japanese fleet was seen off the Shan-Tung coast this morning."

**PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION.**  
A Tokyo correspondent of the Times cables that the steamers sunk by the Japanese on either side of Russian battleship Retvizan at Port Arthur, partially obstruct the entrance to the harbor.

**THE PING YANG SKIRMISH.**  
Chefoo, Feb. 29.—The twenty-ninth Japanese infantry, occupying Ping Yang, midway between Seoul and the Yalu River on Sunday met a body of Russian cavalry scouts north of Ping Yang and drove them back. It is estimated that 60,000 Japanese troops have landed at Champo. The transports now are escorted by war vessels.

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## GAMEY SPOKE TWO HOURS

### Meeting of Ward One Conservatives—Hotly Scored Opponents.

### Paid His Respects to Mr. James Connlee—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt Speaks.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at Dingman's Hall on Saturday night, when Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Dr. Pyne, Mr. W. R. Smyth, and Mr. R. R. Gamey were the guests of the Ward One Conservative Association. There were fully 800 present, young men forming a conspicuously large percentage of the gathering, while there were also a number of ladies in the hall. The main interest of the meeting, centered around Mr. Gamey, who was given a very cordial reception; he spoke upwards of two hours, at first on general political issues, and then plunged into a recapitulation of the recent political figure.

President Gould made an excellent chairman and opened the meeting with a very neat speech. With him on the platform, beside the parliamentary representatives were: B. Cairns, R. Jennings, S. R. Heakes, and John Wickett.

**MR. SMYTH FIRST SPEAKER.**  
W. R. Smyth, M. P. for Algoma, was the first speaker. He gave an interesting sketch of his riding, and the hardships encountered by the early settlers there. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Gamey, who, he said, was looked upon in New Ontario as one of the rising young men of the Provincial Legislature. Although Mr. Gamey's motives had been impugned, he believed in the honesty of the man, and that his course had been dictated simply by a desire to overthrow the government.

Mr. Smyth closed with a hearty eulogium upon Mr. Whitney, whom he regarded as an amiable gentleman, and a capable leader, who could be implicitly trusted to give the province a clean and efficient administration when his time came, as it certainly would ere long.—Applause.

**MUST NOT BE INDIFFERENT.**  
Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt was given a hearty reception. In dealing with Toronto's electoral affairs he attributed the defeat of the Conservatives to the indifference begotten by almost certain success, and the energetic work of the Liberal machine, which latter gave an idea of what it would be likely to achieve in the high. Judging by the interest now manifested amongst the young men, he anticipated far more encouraging results at the next election, and that the Toronto Conservatives would score a plurality of six or seven thousand.—Applause.

He described the present course of affairs at the Legislative building as "lady politics," and emphatically announced his desire to make the government's road as hard as possible by going after them in a business-like style.

The various bye-elections had exhibited the government in a most corrupt light, but the Gamey episode had beaten even the West Elgin scandal. He was convinced that Mr. Gamey had kept his hands clean throughout, but despite the long period which had elapsed, the government had so fought shy of the matter that the question, "Where did the money come from?" was as far as ever from being solved. Efforts had been made in 1896 by the Government to induce Mr. Gamey to turn, but the member for Manitoulin proved himself then, as since, a staunch Conservative, and a man of far higher principles than the gang which had made such a mess of trying to bribe him.—Applause.

### THE MAN FROM MANITOULIN.

Mr. Gamey was greeted with hearty cheers on taking the platform, and in opening he dealt with New Ontario affairs, sharply criticizing the government's policy with regard to the timber and fisheries resources of that country, as well as the unjust mining laws. The government's practice of handing over vast extents of pulp lands for small considerations to political friends was also roundly denounced as well as its policy of permitting nickel matte to be exported instead of enforcing the manufacture of the finished article in Ontario. The government had made vast sums out of the New Ontario riches, but was giving little in return for that country.

From this Mr. Gamey plunged into a lengthy recapitulation of his own political story, which he traced from the commencement, being listened to with keen interest throughout. Dealing with the \$1,000 deposit put up by Mr. Connlee, the man from Manitoulin cast reflections on that gentleman's veracity. The Premier was talking a good deal about "fight," but he appeared to depend more upon stealing things than fighting.—Applause.

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## GOOD YEAR OF WORTHY WORK

### Ladies' Assisting Society Hold Successful Annual Meeting.

### Congratulatory Comments of Mayor and City Pastors—Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Assisting Society of the Public General Hospital was held yesterday afternoon in the Sunday school hall of Park street Methodist church. The attendance, owing to the exceedingly inclement weather, was not large, but was a representative one. Those present were President Mrs. W. J. Taylor, Acting Treasurer Mrs. McKeeough, Secretary Mrs. J. C. Pritchard, Mrs. W. R. Landon, Mrs. Jos. Hadley, Mrs. S. Gardner, Mrs. Sam. Glenn, Mrs. W. M. Drader, Mrs. G. H. Cobblecliek, Mrs. Oldershaw, Mrs. W. D. Sheldon, Mrs. Weir, Mrs. M. Campbell and Mrs. Stegman. Mayor W. E. McKeeough, Rev. A. H. MacGillivray and Rev. G. H. Cobblecliek were also present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Pritchard, and adopted. The annual reports of the officers were read and found to be highly gratifying in every respect. The work done by the Society, as shown by the reports, has been more successful during the past year than in previous years in some time past. The ladies have worked incessantly for an excellent cause and have every reason to be proud of themselves.

Mrs. W. R. Landon, seconded by Mrs. Sam. Glenn, moved that a most hearty vote of thanks be tendered the officers for the past year for their splendid work. The vote was met with approval and applause from the other ladies present.

President Mrs. Taylor responded by thanking, on behalf of the officers, all the ladies who had so ably assisted them in any work that was undertaken.

Mayor McKeeough now assumed the chair for the election of officers for the ensuing year. In a few remarks he highly complimented the ladies on their energetic endeavors during the past year, and then declared the election of officers closed. The election of officers was then held, Rev. Messrs. MacGillivray and Cobblecliek acting as scrutineers. The result follows:

President—Mrs. W. J. Taylor.  
Vice-President—Mrs. S. J. Gardner.  
Secretary—Mrs. J. C. Pritchard.  
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Sam. Glenn.  
Treasurer—Miss McKeeough.  
Assistant Treasurer—Mrs. W. R. Landon.

The Mayor congratulated the new officers upon their election and wished them every success during the ensuing year.

Rev. Mr. MacGillivray then spoke, congratulating the officers. That some of the officers of the previous year had been re-elected was a good omen of an even more successful year. There had been nothing irregular in the balloting. He spoke of the excellent work of the ladies of the Society. The Society was the means of bringing the ladies of the different church denominations in closer contact.

In conclusion Mr. MacGillivray thanked the ladies for their kind invitation, and said at any time that he could be of any service he would do anything in his power for the Society.

Mr. Cobblecliek said he was glad to greet the Ladies' Assisting Society in Park street church. He spoke of the highly successful work of the Society and the splendid institution. This was the first annual meeting that Rev. Dr. Battisby had not attended since the organization. Much regret was expressed at his absence.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the press, ex-Ald. W. M. Fleming for auditing the Treasurer's books, to the Board of Management of Park street church for the use of the school room, also to the retiring Vice-President, Mrs. N. H. Stevens, and Mrs. Kingman, retiring Assistant Treasurer.

Messrs. Cobblecliek and Drader were appointed as visiting committee for March.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Mrs. Alister McKay's, Centre street, on March 28.

The following is the full text of the report:

### SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1903.

As another Hospital year is now at a close it brings with it the eleventh annual report of the Ladies' Assisting Society of the Public General Hospital, being for the year ending February 29, 1904. It pleases me to say that the success which has been attained in 1903 is greater than was expected.

It has been a successful and prosperous one. The contributory causes are, undoubtedly, an indefatigable President and the hearty support her administration has met with at the

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## TENDERS FOR CIVIC WORK

### Local Contractors Are Lowest Tenders in Bidding for Paving Work.

### Ald. McCole's Strict Sabbatarian Principles Evidenced—Aldermen Brave Atmospheric Conditions.

Maple City aldermen have evidently no fear of the elements. Last evening, despite the inclement weather conditions, every alderman was in his place when the Mayor's gavel fell for business on the stroke of the clock—with two exceptions—The endmen, Ald. Tye and Ald. Martin, failed to materialize.

Ald. Marshall presented a request from the C. C. I. for \$1,200. Approved.

Ald. Marshall moved the payment of a Bell telephone account of 50c. Passed.

The 1903 account of \$16.32 was referred to Finance.

W. G. McGeorge and Francis Jacques made application to trim trees. Referred to Chief of Police.

Two accounts of J. Somers, \$7.00 and \$1.50 respectively, for work on cemetery, were passed.

Account of Hazel Stringer, for typewriting, amounting to \$1.75, was passed.

The accounts of W. M. Drader, \$7.28, and Hamilton Packing Co., \$9.45, were referred.

The Mayor read a letter from Wm. Woodliff, superintendent of the Pere Marquette, acknowledging resolution of thanks for relieving the coal situation.

The Council of St. Catharines wrote asking Chatham to co-operate in petition to Legislature asking for an export duty of 20c. per cubic foot on natural gas. Referred to Finance.

Henry Dunn wrote, tendering his resignation as engineer of the City Electric Lighting Plant. Referred to Property.

Ald. Edmondson asked if the salary of caretaker Venables was charged to the markets or to the Board of works.

Ald. McCole replied that his work was almost exclusively confined to the markets, but if his services were at any time requisitioned for the Board of works he would be put on the pay sheet.

The tenders for pavement were opened and referred to the Board of works to report on at the next meeting of the Council. They were as follows:

M. Conn, Detroit—Asphalt block for Victoria avenue, \$2.47 per square yard, St. Clair street \$2.48 and Park St. \$2.23. Combined curb and gutter \$5.25 per foot. If the city of Chatham furnish the blocks he would put down the pavements, Victoria Ave. \$1.09 per square yard, St. Clair St. \$1.04 and Park St. \$1.09. His marked cheque was enclosed.

D. Brooks & Son, Windsor—Tendered for all of above streets, for asphalt block \$2.69 per square yard, and 42 cents per foot curb and gutter. The city to furnish steam roller with a man to run it.

The Ontario Asphalt Block Co. offered to furnish the city with blocks at the rate of \$1.47 per square yard in measured pavement, laid under their supervision.

The Dominion Paving Co.—Tendered for brick pavements, with a seven year guarantee for all the pavements, \$2.20 per square yard and 50 cents per foot curb and gutter. Asphalt block \$2.20 per square yard, 50 cents curb and gutter. They did not wish to guarantee the blocks.

Bitulithic Pavement Co., with a seven year guarantee, \$2.19 per square yard and 55 cents curb and gutter. This is for either their own or a concrete foundation.

The Macmillan Stone and Fire Brick Co. tendered for bricks.

Blight & Beider, for concrete 10c. per square yard, curb and gutter 58 cents per foot.

St. Clair street and Victoria Ave., brick \$2.12 per square yard, 58 cents curb and gutter.

Park St. brick, \$2.19 per square yard, 58 cents curb and gutter.

Asphalt block, Victoria Ave. and St. Clair street \$2.45 per square yard, curb and gutter in each case 58 cents per foot.

The tenders were then referred to the Board of works.

The Mayor—It might be well if the Board of works would out extra gangs of men at work cleaning out the intakes on the streets.

Ald. Prescott—We had a gang of men on King St. this morning, but they got drowned through and had to lay off. They will all be out in the morning.

The Mayor—I suggested to Ald. Prescott that he get the men out on Sunday. I don't know whether it would be breaking the commandments or not.

Ald. McCole—Personally I don't like to order men out to work on Sunday. I would not work on Sunday myself and I don't like to see others do it.

The Mayor (smilingly)—That is the Scotch Presbyterian part of it. The Council then adjourned.

Truth is stranger than any kind of fiction except war reports.

## Beads

### Are the Fad of the Hour.

Can you think of anything nicer to make than bead work? It will be the rage all summer. We have made arrangements accordingly and now have in stock a full assortment of all shades. We would be pleased to have you call and make inquiries about the work.

## Novels

Just at hand 2,000 of the best and most popular novels, at the price of 10c. each. Call and look them over.

## Toilet Soap

See the line we are using as a trade winner in our Sixth Street, Windsor, 3 for 10c, worth 5c. cake straight. It's good soap, we guarantee.

## Sulman's Beehive

Opp. Garner House.  
King and Sixth Sts.  
The Finest Retail Store in Ontario...

Shoe stores are of two sorts in regard to their

## Shoes.



Some buy of reliable makers and get good goods whether fine or not. The others give no heed to character, buy of irresponsible anybody, buy and sell by looks and by nothing but looks. You know which sort of dealers is rare.

The argument in favor of this business rests on these facts:—

Perfect Service  
Reliable Makes  
Exclusive Styles

and our guarantee to make right anything that's wrong. It seems that we understand just about what is wanted. Trade says as much.

## Turrill, THE SHOE MAN.

Repairing done at store.