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NEW DRESS GOODS

54 in. Tweed Dress Goods, canvas effects with neat silk stripe, very stylish for street costumes, in correct new shades of fawn, grey, castor and green, extra value at per yard \$1.50

54 in. wide Knicker Camelette Dress Tweeds, one of the newest effects for Spring Costumes, in shades of fawn, grey, green, navy and Oxford, special at a yard \$1.25

54 in. wide, fine all wool Costume Cloth, extra fine glossy finish, good weight, in every correct shade, special at \$1.25

New Prints

Pretty lot of Shirt Waist Patterns, excellent assortment of wrapper designs, large collection of small dark effects for children's wear—in fact everything you could wish or ask for in the print way is here now. The prices are: 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c

New Gingham

New goods of every description are rolling in on us every day now. You will be interested to come in and look around. No need to feel the necessity of buying. It is against the rules of this store for any customer to be urged to buy.

Our New Gingham appeal to the good taste of every customer. The patterns and colorings are just as pretty as you can imagine, and the prices are well within the most modest purse. 10c, 12 1/2c

Men's and Boys' Underwear

We are bound this season to clear out our entire assortment of men's and boys' underwear. If at all possible we do not want a single garment left, and these prices for the balance of the season will certainly do the deed.

Men's all wool and fine soft fleeced lined shirts and drawers, extra value at our regular price 50c, a garment, now on sale at 35c

Men's all pure wool and extra heavy fleeced lined shirts and drawers, excellent value at our regular price 75c, a garment, now on sale at 44c

Men's extra fine all wool shirts and drawers, correct weight for present and early spring wear, regular price \$1 each, now on sale for 63c

Men's all pure wool shirts and drawers, Turnbull's make, guaranteed for wear, extra value at regular price \$1.50 a garment, now on sale, very special, 98c

Thomas Stone & Son.

Scott & Co.

Chatham's Leading Clothiers & Outfitters.

Having purchased a large up-to-date stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings at St. Thomas, at an exceedingly low rate on the \$, we will, for the next few days, sell

Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Caps

At prices regardless of cost, to enable us to make room for our St. Thomas Stock.

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THE ANNOYANCE

Caused by using rusty and leaky kitchen utensils is all done away with by using the

Fine Enamelled Ware

we carry. It stands the test of constant use most satisfactorily. A large assortment of

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kept in stock. Every housekeeper should use it.

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Hardware Merchant.

ALL THE WELLS

William McCrae, representing the Canadian Oil Fields Company, was in the city to-day. He says that outside Gurd's Gusher, Hank's well on the Doyle place, 10th concession, is the most promising proposition. Mr. McCrae considers the well another gusher. The flow of water is very strong but, judging from the cuttings, he thinks that if the flow of water can be handled that the well will prove a profitable venture. Mr. VanTuyle is already putting down a well on the adjoining fifty acres. Mr. McCrae heard that James Kerr's drilling rig had struck a seven barrel well between Northwood and Thamesville on Saturday. In the opinion of the big oil men, there are at present six wells in Raleigh capable of producing oil. They are: Gurd's Gusher, Seaman's farm, 13th concession; Hank's well, Doyle farm, 10th concession; Stevens Strike, Edwards farm, 8th concession; McCrae well, Mills farm, 16th concession; Coryell and Gage well, Parlo farm, 13th concession; Steele and Berringer's well, Boyce farm, 13th concession. It is reported that the Coryell and Gage well is pumping two barrels per day.

NEW ARMY PLANS.

UNIONISTS JOIN WITH LIBERALS IN SHARP CRITICISM.

The Government's Position Sharply Assailed—Mr. Brodrick's Speech in Defence—Proceedings in the British Parliament.

London, Feb. 24—A vote of want of confidence was, virtually raised by a group of the supporters of the Government yesterday. Mr. Brodrick's army reorganization scheme was condemned by the Liberal Opposition two years ago as a superficial plan for providing a heavy expense six skeleton army corps, fully officered, but without soldiers. Mr. Beckett, the member for Whitby, and other Conservatives who have joined in the attack upon the War Office have taken up the Liberal argument, and have brought on a dangerous debate.

Mr. Beckett's amendment to the address was phrased with much dexterity, and offered broad grounds for criticism of Mr. Brodrick's scheme as unsuited to the needs of the empire, and yielding no proportionate return in strength and efficiency for a largely increased expenditure. His force had not been broken by an official return showing that four army corps were incomplete, and that the fifth and sixth had not yet been formed.

The House of Commons entered upon the discussion of the complex subject with earnestness, and there was a general feeling that the most noticeable point of the Unionist Administration had been exposed. Mr. Beckett opened the debate with an outburst of candor, and vigorously condemned Mr. Brodrick's measures for reorganizing the army on paper, and Sir Charles Dilke was incisive and well-informed in his criticism of War Office policies.

Mr. Brodrick made an elaborate defence of what he described as a series of drastic reforms, which had inevitably excited opposition within and outside of the army. There were many clever passages in the speech, and it was delivered with an earnest, even intense, manner, but neither the criticism nor the opposition was silenced by the unconvincing excuses for the present condition of a series of skeleton army corps. With much impressiveness Mr. Brodrick announced that Lord Grenfell would be placed in command of the fourth army corps on April 1st. Everyone shouted with laughter at this oddly inopportune date. Lord Roberts himself was highly amused, and the merriment was sensibly increased by the fact that Mr. Brodrick could not understand the cause of it.

RIOT CARTRIDGES.

Will be Used by the U. S. War Department.

Washington, Feb. 24—The War Department has sent notice to the Governors of each state that it is prepared to supply them upon demand, and according to their legal allowances, with "riot cartridges." This is a new form of ammunition prepared by the experts of the Ordnance Bureau, to enable officers of the law and soldiers to repel rioters with the least possible loss of life to the "innocent spectator." The shell is like that of the regular one used in the army rifle, with the important exception that instead of a long nickel-plated and steel-clad bullet, two balls are placed in the mouth. The design apparently is to secure something of greater range than buckshot, yet not dangerous to persons at a distance. It is effective as to accuracy up to 200 yards.

A SERIES OF FIRES.

Great Damage Was Caused in German Villages.

Berlin, Feb. 24—Several gales swept over Germany Saturday and Sunday, and a series of destructive fires, spread by the wind, occurred. In the village of Huertgen, near Dueren, ninety-two houses were burned, and at Kleinenberg, Rhenish Prussia, forty-four buildings were destroyed. Smaller fires were reported elsewhere, with some casualties. At Dolina, in Galicia, more than a hundred houses were destroyed.

CHATHAM CITY COUNCIL HOLD BUSINESSLIKE SESSION

Many Matters Dealt with at the Meeting Last Night—R. A. Harrington Appointed to the C. C. I. Board—Price of Cemetery Lots Raised—Other Business.

The City Council held a short but businesslike meeting last evening. Sharp at eight o'clock Mayor McKough called the meeting to order with every alderman in his place. There was no special business to transact; just the regular routine, and the aldermen were through by half past nine o'clock—the shortest meeting held by the Council this year. The communications were many.

John McKerrall wrote asking the Council to change his assessment from \$5,500 to \$4,500. Referred to Finance. A letter from George Connibear, complaining of a high assessment, was also referred to Finance.

A list of the local improvement works was received from the Clerk. It was decided to hold the Court of Revision on these works on Wednesday, March 18th, at ten o'clock.

A letter was read from W. Woodlatt in reply to one from the Council re the Lake Erie track on the east end of Colborne street. Mr. Woodlatt stated that the track had been removed from the centre of the road to Mr. Couzen's side and only ran in front of his property and thus did not interfere with the residents on the other side of the street.

Ald. Martin—I think the Lake Erie people are just trifling with the Council. They were ordered to take that track up and they have not done it.

The Mayor agreed with Mr. Martin and ordered the Clerk to write Mr. Woodlatt again.

A letter was read from the Secretaries of the waterworks announcing a resolution passed by the Board of Water Commissioners that the members of the Board be elected for two years, their terms to expire alternately. Referred to Finance.

The Kent Children's Aid asked for two representatives to their Board from the City Council. Judge Woods notified the Council of the action of the Courts in placing three children—William Alfred May aged 6, Clarabel May aged 4, and Edna Ferne May aged 2, in foster homes.

The General Hospital Board will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 3, and asked for the use of the Council Chambers.

A petition to remove the electric light from King street east to the corner of Wellington and Duke streets was referred with power.

A request from the Fire Chief for 500 feet of hose was granted.

J. R. McGregor, Humane Officer, was granted a suit of clothes.

Petitions from Mrs. Paxton, Barthe street; J. Simpson, Mrs. Cartright, Joseph street, and John Cassidy, Emma street, to cut trees was referred to the Chief of Police.

The Finance committee reported as follows:

1. Re the Harrison Hall account for the quarter ending Dec. 1902, \$9212, we recommend payment.

2. Re the administration of justice account, city's share \$974.81, we recommend payment.

3. Re the account of Wilson, Pike & Gundy for \$89.85, we recommend the payment of \$84.35.

4. Re the account of Smith & Smith, \$37.50, we would recommend payment.

5. Re the request of J. Bannister for damages arising to the loss of a horse, the city disclaims all liability, but in order to secure an amicable settlement we would recommend the payment of \$25.

6. Re the request of Mrs. P. Emmerson claiming compensation for damages received through a fall on the sidewalk we the city disclaim all liability, but in order to make a fair settlement we would recommend the payment of \$25.

This report was adopted.

The Board of Works have no report.

The Property committee reported re the pound-keeper, Chas. Morrell, in North Chatham. They recommended that he receive a salary of \$50 a year and be empowered to also act as impounder.

This report was adopted.

Ald. McCoig for the Parks and Cemetery committee reported re the salary of Homer Turner, the caretaker. They recommended that his salary be increased to \$40 a month.

Ald. Taylor spoke in favor of this action and talked in very complimentary terms of the services of Mr. Turner.

The report was adopted.

Ald. Piggott for the Industrial committee, reported on several matters.

1. In the matter of the letter from the Orillia Board of Trade re petitioning the Government to pass a bill prohibiting the bonusing of industrial concerns by cities. No action.

2. Re Mr. Lister's proposition re cold storage be accepted and that a by-law be submitted when ever Mr. Lister wishes it.

3. Re the tender of Messrs. Fairbanks and Cameron re supplying the city with natural gas, we recommend that the offer be accepted if a satisfactory contract can be secured.

The report was adopted.

The last clause of this report created considerable discussion.

ed this it would injure the Chatham Gas Company.

P. S. Coate, Manager of the Chatham Gas Company, was heard, and explained how these people would not provide cheaper gas for the people of Chatham than the gas now used.

This, however, will all come out in the agreement is one is made.

Ald. Scullard called the attention of the Board of Works to a bad sidewalk on Kent and Dover streets.

The Mayor and Ald. Scullard were appointed to the children's Aid Society.

It was decided to accept \$3,000 more from Carnegie for the Public Library and also to give the Library Board \$300 a year more for the maintenance of the Library.

The matters of lighting Harrison Hall with less expense and other necessary improvements to the building will be dealt with by the joint property committees of the city and county councils.

Ald. Piggott reported re the Lake Erie car shops that nothing definite has been done. He is in communication with a number of firms who may come to Chatham.

Three by-laws were then put through.

The first, introduced by Ald. Marshall, appointed R. A. Harrington to a position on the C. C. I. Board.

The next, also introduced by Ald. Marshall, authorized the borrowing of money.

The last, introduced by Ald. McCoig, raised the price of cemetery lots to non-residents from \$24 to \$30 each.

The following are the accounts passed—

Chatham Electric Light Co., \$106.83.

G. T. R., \$1.82.

Chatham Electric Co., \$19.40.

J. Gilbert & Co., \$3.

Wm. Gray & Sons Co., Ltd., \$150.

Park Bros., \$3.

A. R. Crow, \$10.50.

C. P. R., \$1.90.

Bell Telephone Co., \$150.

Park Bros., \$18.55.

J. Couzens, \$15.

W. R. Baxter, \$3.

F. S. Carbon Co., \$21.

National Carbon Co., \$21.

Dominion Express Co., \$3.12.

Con. E. Shea, \$5.50.

United Typewriter Co., \$112.50.

Pay sheets ending Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, \$151.11.

B. Lonley, \$1.40.

GUARDS' STATEMENT.

Confesses the Shooting of Charles Shirley.

Quebec, Feb. 24—The prisoner Guard was brought to the Police Court before any of the witnesses subpoenaed for the afternoon were around, and there he told a story in which he virtually confesses the shooting of Charles Shirley, and at the same time attempted to implicate the wife of his intended victim. He went so far as to say that he had been incited to the deed by Mrs. Shirley. Directly it was known what kind of a statement Guard was prepared to make Mrs. Shirley was sent for. She went from her home to the court, supposing that it was simply as a witness that she was required. On reaching the Court House she was taken into High Constable Gale's room, and there found herself virtually a prisoner. The authorities were apparently afraid that she might leave the city. When Guard had finished his deposition Mrs. Shirley was formally arrested and sent to jail.

Her own side of the story has yet to be given, but even if innocent of the charge made by Guard she is considered by the authorities to be too important a witness to be left at large. Mrs. Shirley can say nothing at all about the shooting itself. She did not witness it, for it took place in the stable while she was in the house, but just before her husband managed to crawl into the house, wounded and bleeding, carrying three bullets in his head and limbs, the prisoner Guard walked in with the revolver in his hand.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

Two Men Killed and Others Fatally Injured.

Connellsville, Pa., Feb. 24—Two Italians were killed, two fatally injured and a number of others slightly hurt by an explosion of dynamite today on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad double-tracking operations, near Rockwood, Pa. The men were throwing dynamite, when it exploded. Two were hurled into the Castleman River, a distance of 100 feet, and their bodies were horribly mutilated. The men are known only by their working numbers.

WILL CONSULT CANADA.

Before Appointing British Commissioners.

London, Feb. 24—Austen Chamberlain, the Postmaster-General, in behalf of his father, the Colonial Secretary, who is in South Africa, informed the House of Commons that the British Alaskan Commissioners will be elected after consultation with the Dominion Government.

THE TAFF VALE CASE.

AMALGAMATED RAILROAD SERVANTS HEAVILY TAXED.

The Final Act in a Long-drawn-out Suit Arising From a Strike.

London, Feb. 24—In accordance with an arrangement arrived at between the parties to the suit, the court has awarded the Taff-Vale Railroad Company \$115,000 damages against the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants.

After a long trial in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice the case of the Taff-Vale Railroad Company against the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants, involving many questions of great importance to trades unionism, resulted December 19 in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. The latter complained of malicious molestation, picketing, intimidation, etc., during the strike of 1900.

WHERE WINTER IS KING.

Traffic in Newfoundland at a Standstill.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 24—The trains which were snowbound in the interior, having secured relief, are now moving backwards to their starting points, where ample food and accommodation for the travellers are available. It was impossible for the trains to attempt to cut their way through the snowdrifts across the summit of the island. Another fierce gale raged last night, adding to the snowdrifts. An eastern train with forty-three passengers reached Norris Arm and is now on its way to this city, but it is not known when it will reach its destination, owing to the rainstorm and the subsequent frost which coated the tracks with ice. A train leaving St. John's was unable to proceed half a mile from the station, owing to the ice, and had to return, abandoning further attempt to leave until to-morrow. The western snowbound express is slowly retreating toward the Bay of Islands, with fifty-five persons aboard. It was deemed unwise to keep the train near the summit, owing to a possible long delay before that section of the railroad is clear. The passengers will be housed at Bay of Islands, near which settlement the American herring fishing vessels are frozen. The passengers of the express, which also carries large American and Canadian incoming mails, are likely to be detained at Bay of Islands for some time yet. Business is greatly inconvenienced by the delay in the arrival of the mails.

Three thousand seal fishers to the sealing steamers for next month's fishing operations are awaiting the clearing of the railroad tracks to reach St. John's.

A Prize Ship Handed Back.

Porto Cabello, Feb. 23—The Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador, which was captured by the Germans, was handed over by them to the Venezuelan authorities here to-day.

Topics of Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 24—A gang of "flamers" have been operating in the city.

The strike of cutters, trimmers and pressers has been settled.

Michael Nagle was killed by a train on a bridge west of Port Credit.

The city abandoned several points in the suit against the gas company.

The St. Paul's Anglican Church will be enlarged and improved at a cost of \$25,000.

The City Council has accepted the Carnegie offer and will provide sites without submitting a by-law.

Mr. Justice Britton dismissed the application to compel the Police Magistrate to impose more severe penalties on one of the men convicted of perjury.

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