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Important Sale Of Children's and Misses' Hats . . .

Commencing Friday morning we place on sale the finest assortment of Misses' and Children's Hats and Bonnets ever offered in Chatham, and at the lowest prices. Part of them were purchased in New York, the others made up in our own work-rooms—needless to say they are strictly correct in style—and the price $\frac{1}{2}$ less than regular.

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CO. COUNCIL IN SESSION

Members of Kent's Parliament
Conducting Much Municipal Business.

Many Matters of Importance
Under Consideration—Several Communications.

The county council resumed this morning, with the Warden in the chair.

The account of Westman Bros., \$8.98, was referred to the Finance committee.

The reports of the school inspectors of East and West Kent were referred to the Education committee. Both reports were very full and complete. There are at present 80 schools in West Kent, 34 brick, and 46 frame. The total value of these schools including equipment, is \$148,540.

In East Kent there are 62 school buildings, 39 brick, and 23 frame. The total value of the schools and their equipment is \$173,250.

On motion of Mr. McCoy, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, the members of the council of the township of Chatham were heard within the bar in the interests of building a bridge over the Sydenham river at Tupperville.

John Cooper was heard in reference to paying the expenses at the hospital of caring for a person who had his leg broken by an accident in the township of Chatham.

On motion of Mr. Vester, seconded by Mr. Sturgis, the county solicitor, John A. Walker, was heard in regard to the county's liability to assist in building a bridge over Long's Creek, on the county line between Kent and Lambton.

On motion of R. J. Morrison, seconded by C. L. VonGuten, the county council placed on record their thanks to the mayor and council of Wallaceburg and especially D. A. Gordon, for the many courtesies extended during the visit of the county council. The council took pleasure in recording its appreciation of the go-ahead business ability of the towns of Wallaceburg and Dresden in erecting immense beet sugar factories.

The council also extended their thanks to the Lake Erie Railroad for free transportation.

GOV'T GRANT WAS \$50 SHY

Shortage Puzzles the Library
Board Members—Mr. Scullard's Explanation.

The Proceedings at the Regular
Monthly Meeting Held
Last Night.

Mr. Sheldrick, Treasurer of the Public Library Board made a statement at last night's board meeting which caused much wonder and surprise among some of its members who are politically inclined.

It appears that the government grant, which is generally \$250, has come to hand, but the unaccountable part of the matter is that he grant is \$50 shy this year. Now where has that \$50 gone? Nobody knew. At last Mr. Scullard thought he had solved the perplexing problem and said humorously—

"Let me see. O yes. This was election year wasn't it? Ha, that accounts for it," and his face lit up with a knowing smile as he beamed down on the men who had gathered round the board.

"But," said Mr. Sheldrick, who was not yet quite clear on the whereabouts of the fifty, "the same amount was deducted last year. What became of it, then?"

This put an unexpected phase on the question, but Mr. Scullard was quite equal to the occasion.

"Well," said he, with another smile, "you know they had to commence last year to get ready for the campaign."

This seemed to satisfy Mr. Sheldrick but Mr. Twohey, who had hitherto listened to these political "jibes" in silence, broke in with—

"Well, it looks very much to me like the same old question, 'find the surplus.'"

This floored them all and ended the discussion, but there are a number of members who are still in the dark, as to what has become of the \$50.

There were present at the meeting, Chairman Thibodeau, and Messrs. Davis, Smith, Twohey, Scullard, Sheldrick and Humphrey.

After the regular routine business a letter was received from James Balfour, of Hamilton, who sent in a sample set of plans for the new library in the competition. Although his plans were not accepted he offered his services to the Board to assist them in any way he could.

As Mr. Balfour has a provincial reputation, the offer was much appreciated by the Board.

The following accounts were passed: Balfour's, \$3.

Chas. Duggan, \$1.50.

Gas account, \$3.75.

Waterworks department, \$4.00.

The Librarian's report for the month showed—

Books given out, 1249.

Received for fines \$2.64.

Township fees, 50c.

Cards \$15.55.

Tolls, \$14.89.

Mr. Davis reported that there are a number of books needing repairs. They were ordered to be repaired.

Mr. Scullard reported that he and Mr. Sheldrick had written on the county council and acquainted them with the proposition of the board to allow the county residents to take books from the Chatham library, if the council will agree to pay the board \$200 per year. Action will be taken by the council later.

W. H. Westman then addressed the board in the interests of the asbestos plaster, for which he is the agent. He asked that they put it in their new building. No action was taken last night.

The salaries and rent were ordered paid.

The members then fell to discussing the plans for the new library building.

Mr. Wilson, the architect, was present and a number of improvements were made on the competition plans.

All of the plans and specifications will be ready in two weeks, when the board will advertise for tenders. The contracts will be let by the middle of July, and the work will be commenced by the first of August.

After this discussion the Board adjourned.

OUT THE WEEDS

"I don't like to interfere with the City Engineer's business," said a citizen this morning, "but it seems to me it would be a good move if he would get his weed cutters at work again. The weeds all over the city are very thick and will soon be seeding. Why on Queen street you can hardly see a person walking, a few rods ahead of you, the weeds are so high. That may be exaggerated a little, but there is no use talking the weeds ought to be cut and that right away."

Lieut. Ed. Stevens, a member of No. 10 Fire Department, Sixteenth street, Detroit, met with a bad accident while out exercising his horses. An alarm came in while he was out with the horses, and the driver whipped up his team, causing a sudden jerk which threw Mr. Stevens from the wagon.

His arm and face were badly injured. He is a brother to Mrs. (Fireman) Robt. Potter, Cross St.

TWO TOWNS OF PROGRESS

County Council Visit These Industrial Centres and are Amazed at Activity.

Splendid Development of Dresden and Wallaceburg—Notes of Fine Trip.

Fine weather and a well spent time attended the visits of the members of the County Parliament to Wallaceburg and Dresden yesterday.

At nine o'clock yesterday morning, assembled on the platform of the C. P. R. station waiting for the L. E. & D. R. R. train to Wallaceburg, were Councillors Sturgis, Vester, Somers, Robinson, Ross, VonGuten, Morrison, McCoy, French, Johns, Rycraft, Crowder and Sifton, County Treasurer Shambleau, Dr. Charteris and Master Coogan.

The train left Chatham about 9.30 (the railroad company very liberally giving free transportation to the party) and made the run to Wallaceburg in about three-quarters of an hour, stopping at Eberts, Innitt, Dresden and Tupperville. Warden Rankin met the party at Wallaceburg.

To say that the party was royally entertained at Wallaceburg would be putting the matter very mildly indeed. At the station they were met by some of the Town Council, the Mayor, and a number of handsome rigs drawn by spirited horses, and were driven immediately to the glass factory.

They were here met by one of the finest men in the County, namely, David A. Gordon, who showed them through the immense works, describing the different modes of manufacture, the machinery, how there were over four hundred men and boys employed in the factory, half of which worked in the daytime and the other half at night. And other particulars about the factory too numerous to mention.

Mr. Gordon then accompanied the visitors to the beet sugar plant, where he has considerable interests.

The immensity of this concern cannot be told here and one can only be satisfied by seeing it for oneself. Suffice to say that the buildings themselves cover about 27 acres, the brick stack is over 135 feet high, the diameter at the top being between 18 and 20 feet, and the stack containing 400,000 bricks. The large crystallizers weigh 24 tons. Forty houses are about completed and about a hundred will be built altogether, making a good sized village of themselves. All the councillors and party expressed their wonder and delight at the immensity and thoroughness of the factory.

After the inspection of the factory they were driven back to town and were billeted at the different hotels for dinner.

After dinner the party adjourned to the dock and while waiting for the steam launch which was to carry them to Dresden, a number of speeches were given.

Mayor Heath said he was very much pleased with the visit and courtesy shown by the council in coming to Wallaceburg. He hoped they would not consider their time mispent and that they would repeat the visit at no distant date.

Councillor Morrison replied, saying that he was pleased to be there and never imagined he would.

"You say you thank us for our visit. Well, it should be just the other way round," continued Mr. Morrison, "and we should deeply thank you for the kindness you have shown to us. I have visited Wallaceburg on several occasions and always been received very hospitably, but this has exceeded anything heretofore."

"We are met at the station by a number of carriages, which one would think were just out of the factory, again we go to foot the hotel bills and other incidentals and we find everything paid."

In conclusion he again thanked them on behalf of the council.

Warden Rankin followed. "While I was here to-day I was asked if I was sure I was in Wallaceburg, and after I had gone through the glass factory and seen the beet sugar structure I thought I was in Chicago."

"The residents of the town deserve the greatest credit for their courage and enterprise, which has succeeded in getting for them such large and paying concerns as the glass factory and the beet sugar industry; and I don't think these factories are surpassed in the Dominion."

After thanking them for their excellent treatment the Warden concluded.

The Mayor replied: "We do not intend that our factories should be surpassed and I don't think they will be."

Mr. Heath again invited the Council to call on Wallaceburg at the next session, by which time the sugar factory would be in operation.

The steam launch had now arrived.

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\$250,000 GRANT TO KITCHENER

Announcement Made in British Commons—Also Created a Viscount.

Irish Nationalists Declare They Will Oppose Recognition of His Services.

London, June 4. — In the House of Commons to-day the Government leader, A. J. Balfour, presented a message from King Edward, as follows:—

"His Majesty, taking into consideration the eminent services rendered by Lord Kitchener, and being desirous in recognition of such services to confer on him some signal mark of his favor, recommends that he, the King, should be created a Viscount."

A resolution giving effect to his Majesty's message will be discussed to-morrow.

The Standard says there is a general feeling in the House of Commons that the Government erred on the side of parsimony in the matter of the grant to General Kitchener. Even the Radicals think that General Kitchener's proposal, tact, and humanity in the closing stages of the war did much to render it easier for the Boers to acknowledge defeat. The Radicals are much more favorable to General Kitchener than to Lord Milner.

It is expected that a special invitation will be sent to Dr. Kuyper, the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, to take part in the coronation festivities, in view of the good offices of his Government in connection with peace.

Lord Kitchener, who has hitherto been a lieutenant-general, has been promoted to be a general.

The dredge Ontario is working in the river. It deepened the water at the dock of the S. Hadley Co. this morning. James M. Jones, the North Chatham gunsmith, was watching the operations. He said that the River Thames is filling up all the time, owing to the great number of drains that have been constructed in Kent County, emptying into the river.

Forty or fifty years ago when Mr. Jones came to Chatham, three master vessels used to go up to Louisville, but they can't do it now. If the Thames had a rapid current like the Mississippi, Mr. Jones says that the river bed wouldn't fill up.

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