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## January Clearance

....OF....

## Coats and Furs!

Entering up day of Coats and Furs is next week. Only a few days left to make big reductions in the stock. The past few weeks of mild weather has left our stock larger than we anticipated, and it is up to us now to make the prices so interesting that no matter what the weather may be it will pay you to buy.

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Misses' Box Calf Shoes, a mixed lot of \$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.25 Shoes, sizes 11 to 2, all to go at wholesale cost.  
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Sale Begins Wednesday, Jan. 24

**TURRILL** The Shoe Man

NOW IS THE TIME TO ADVERTISE

## ALD. POTTER TAKES ACTION TO SECURE NORMAL COLLEGE

Energetic Chairman of the Property Committee Has Taken up Splendid Enterprise—Submits Facts and Figures—Colleagues Heartily Endorse Him—Other Business

Ald. Wm. Potter submitted to the City Council last evening one of the largest and best enterprises which has ever come before its consideration, and one which every citizen will heartily endorse—the securing of the proposed Western Normal School for the Maple City. Ald. Potter has taken this matter up in an earnest, energetic and forceful manner; he has put himself in touch with the best authoritative information on the project, compiled an accurate statement of the advantages the institution will confer from the Provincial blue books, and has hearty "Up! And at them!" to his colleagues at Council night swung the aldermen enthusiastically into line and put them all in the road to win the prize. Ald. Potter is to be heartily congratulated on his diligence and enterprise on this matter and if his efforts prove successful—and there is no reason why they should not—the Maple City will owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

"There is a matter of great importance I desire to bring before the Council," said Ald. Potter in introducing the proposal. "Some days ago we doubtless all read in The Planet an interesting forecast of several of the important features likely to characterize the new Education Act, and I am sure that the Provincial Legislature, among other things, has decided to erect large Normal schools in each of the provinces. I took the liberty of at once instituting a personal investigation of the report and found it to be very authentic. The Government has under its consideration the erection of three large Normal schools in the Province at a cost of \$800,000, or \$100,000 each. These colleges will be adapted to accommodate 200 students each, and one of them will go to the Western Peninsula.

"It appeared to me that there was only one location for the Western Normal School—and that was our own Maple City. During the whole long regime of the late Provincial Government Chatham or Kent County was never honored with the location of a single Government institution, and our claims are very strong.

"I also took the opportunity of looking up the official figures at London Normal and other similar institutions, so that we could form some accurate estimate of what the establishment of this great institution would mean to Chatham and Kent County. Chatham is the most important centre in the west from a commercial, educational and social standpoint and there is no better place for a college for teachers-in-training.

"The enterprise would mean to Chatham the sale of a large tract of land without bonus and exemptions, and the erection of a magnificent building at a cost of \$100,000, with the consequent employing of scores of our mechanics and artisans. A comparative statement of the cost of salaries and maintenance shows that some \$25,000 will be spent annually for that purpose in the institution. Besides that, the residing of 200 students in the city means a considerable item. Even at the modest figure of \$200 each—supposing they could all live at that figure—it would total \$40,000 per year! This means a grand total of \$65,000 to be spent in our city annually. The benefit would be reaped by scores of boarding houses, of the best stamp, by butchers, bakers, grocers, dry goods merchants and all our tradesmen and citizens.

"I submit this very important matter," concluded Ald. Potter, "with the assurance that the Council will take it up at once and leave no stones unturned to secure a successful outcome of our efforts. I notice that the Legislature is likely to be called together very soon, so I bring this matter up in order that no delay may occur in bringing Chatham's claims before the Government."

The following resolution was then unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Ald. Potter, seconded by Ald. Scullard, that in view of the Ontario Government's intention to erect three new Normal Schools in this Province, one of which will be located in the west, that a committee be appointed, consisting of the Mayor, the chairman of the Industrial committee and the mover, to investigate the matter, and to report to the County Council representatives, chairman of the various School Boards, the President and Secretary of the Board of Trade, Inspector Park and Principal Ploves (who is a member of the Education Council of Ontario) to act as a committee to interview or visit, if necessary, Messrs. Philip H. Bowyer, M. P. T., and A. R. McGeig, M. P. P., and through them to at once convey to the Education Department the activity and earnestness of this city with its splendid advantages in its desire to secure the Western Normal School for the Maple City.

THIRD STREET BRIDGE. A communication was read from

the Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Railroad in reference to the Aberdeen bridge. They stated that they will build a bridge in place of the present one, the width of the new erection to be 24 feet, the present one being 18 feet wide. The company do not ask for any advance on the initial outlay but will require, in order to be paid to the railway in credit.

The communication pointed out that the present bridge is 20 years old and, although strengthened lately, would have to be rebuilt in a bad shape. They could hardly expect the railway company to bear all expense in a public necessity which would give Chatham a fine bridge for forty or fifty years without cost. The company only use eight feet of the present bridge once an hour. The public use this eight feet during the whole day and have all the rest of the bridge as well.

By-law No. 815 had granted them use of the bridge in its present strengthened state, but they wished, providing the city could not see its way clear to agree on the new bridge, to still further strengthen it in order to ensure the safety of the public.

The matter was allowed to stand during investigation and further consideration. It was decided that the loan of \$10,000 be not given the railroad until this matter is settled.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT. Fire Chief Pritchard's report for half year ending Dec. 30, 1905, was read. In it the Chief stated that the brigade had done good work during the amount of damage done by fire during that period to be: Damage to buildings.....\$660 Damage to stock.....\$304

Total loss by fire.....\$964 The appliances were all in good shape with the exception of hose wagon No. 1, which skids when turning corners, making riding on it very hazardous. The hose possessed by the brigade was 3,000 feet first class hose and 600 feet second class hose. In conclusion he asked for repair of the fire hall.

RE MARKET CANOPIES. The collapse of the market canopy came before the Council. Ald. Potter said he was disappointed in not having architect's report to hand.

The architect had, however, communicated with him by telephone and stated that he had a scheme for strengthening the canopies by 30 two-inch iron pillars. Ald. Austin said that brackets of a nuisance than an obstruction busy market days. On the question of who was to blame in the matter, opinions were expressed that the blame rested on the designer, but as The Council had accepted his plans it was questionable whether they were not legally bound to defray some or all of the cost of repair or reconstruction.

Referred to Property committee, BRIDGES.

Ald. Potter brought up the matter of the Indian Creek, William street and Adelaide street bridges. City Engineer Jones stated that \$220 would be needed to permanently repair the William street bridge, \$65 would be needed for temporary repairs on the Indian Creek bridge and \$250 for temporary repairs to the Adelaide street bridge.

In regard to the latter bridge, the Engineer said that bridge should be repaired immediately or closed.

The matter was referred to the Property committee.

RE BELL TELEPHONE.

Ald. Scullard said that having received news that St. Catharines was enjoying greater privileges than this city in their dealings with the Bell Telephone Company, he had written the City Clerk of St. Catharines for information on this subject. He then read the City Clerk's reply, in which it was stated that the extra privileges granted St. Catharines were on account of special franchise granted by the city to the Bell Telephone Company for five years and other reciprocal concessions. In the letter it was said that although the Bell Telephone Company had treated St. Catharines square and generously, they had not given them any more than they deserved.

Mayor Marshall said the company's agreement with this city was to the effect that should any concessions be made to any other town or towns that, as St. Catharines was evident, they would participate, and said by receiving greater concessions in regard to long distance phones, etc., he would ask Ald. Scullard to further investigate the matter.

After the passing of a couple of by-laws the Council adjourned.

Misses Leila Whitebread and Matilda Edmondson attended the dance in Wallaceburg last evening.

## GOOD WEATHER

Col. Sam Holmes Says the Farmer Are Hoping That Present Mild Weather Will Continue

Col. Sam. Holmes, who owns and works a fine farm up the river, Harwich, is rejoicing in the present spring-like weather. In conversation with The Planet this morning he said:

"The farmers could not wish for better weather than this for their fall wheat. The crop looks better now than it has since it was put in last fall. Everywhere in the country fall wheat is looking fresh and green and is growing at a great rate. There is no frost in the ground now, and as long as we do not get too much rain, this weather is all right. Why the farmers could have worked with a plough all day yesterday."

"Edward McKerrall, up the river, has some of the finest wheat I ever looked at. He must have about 75 acres of fall wheat and, judging from present appearances, he will have a fine bumper crop. In fact all of the farmers in that vicinity are perfectly satisfied with weather conditions."

## BAD SIDEWALKS

Board of Work Should Take a Walk Around Town and Get a Few Pointers

The present wet and rainy weather is causing considerable inconvenience and annoyance to pedestrians who have to walk on sidewalks which are not in the best state of repair.

One citizen complained very strongly of the sidewalk in front of Tillson's coal yards on Adelaide street between King street and the creek bridge. The plank sidewalk is submerged with mud and water fully two inches deep. This should receive immediate attention.

In front of Milner's carriage works on Wellington street there is no sidewalk at all and pedestrians have to wade ankle deep in mud. This has been mentioned before but nothing has as yet been done. It is up to the Board of Works to get busy.

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—ABOUT—

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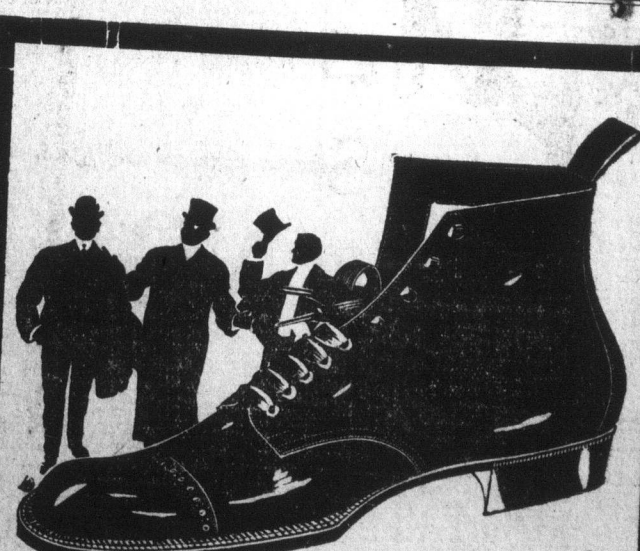
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**Geo. W. Cowan**