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PROBABILITIES. Special per G. N. W. Toronto, Aug. 29.—11 a. m.—Fresh east to north winds locally, strong, unsettled and showery. Sunday, fresh northeast to north winds, cool, occasional showers.

THE LOCAL BUDGET

Claude and Bert Liddy are suffering with typhoid fever. Boy wanted to learn the shoe business. Apply to Geo. W. Cowan.

J. A. Galbraith, of Dulton, is spending the day with his Chatham friends. James Causgrove, of the Blonde Co., spent Thursday at his home in Ridge-town.

Take your pick of all our \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 shirts today for 85 cents. Stone The Hatter. The Collegiate Institute and all city schools will re-open Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Miss Rose Coles, a gifted mezzo-soprano, of London, will sing a solo in Christ Church to-morrow night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Findlay, of Denver, Col., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Findlay, Queen street.

To-day was the most successful shirt sale we ever had. We continue to fill twelve o'clock to-night. The 2 Ts.

Sid Moses, who has been engaged as teamster for John McConnell, has gone to Toronto, where he has secured a position.

The 2 Ts are making money. So are you when you trade here; \$1.50 shirts to-night for 89 cents; last fall.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ball, of Bethel, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Murphy, Edgar street, have returned home.

Richard Holmes, head bookkeeper for the Carson Pierce Co., Chicago, is visiting his brothers, John Holmes and Col. Sam Holmes, this city.

We know—or think so—our business. We do not copy any one. Deception won't last. To-night any shirt in the house for 89 cents; each all sizes. The 2 Ts.

Lost, at Marine City, August 25th, Catholic Foresters excursion, one gentleman's gold threaded watch chain. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at this office.

Remember the auction sale of household furniture at the residence of Mrs. Mary N. Samson, 122 Thames street, opposite Scott's planing mill, on Friday, Sept. 4th, at 10 o'clock. A. Thomson, auctioneer.

A petition is being circulated on Victoria avenue for a ferry in front of Hugh Malcolmson's residence. The residents believe that a ferry across the stream at this point would add to the rustic appearance of the street and also afford permanent employment to at least three men.

City Property for Sale. Two story frame house on Lorne Ave., containing parlor, dining room, kitchen, pantry, one bedroom downstairs, and three bedrooms, bathroom and clothes closet, upstairs. Brick cellar and brick foundation. Large coal and wood shed. Everything in first-class repair. Price, \$1,560. Two story frame house, double parlors, dining room, kitchen, pantry, five bedrooms, cellar, large veranda, stable. Price, \$1,300. Money to Loan at 4 1/2 per cent.

DUNN & MERRITT, 15th St., Phone 295.

A Camera Snap. We have a Pocket Poco Camera with five extra plate holders, only used a short time, which we offer at \$7.00. It is as good as new and the outfit cost \$10.65.

A. J. McCall & Co., Limited. CHATHAM. DRUGGISTS AND OPTICIANS. DRESDEN

Miss Ethel Wilson, of Detroit, is a guest in the city for a few days. Wanted, good boy for trimming department. Apply Wm. Gray & Sons Company.

Fred Leeper, of the Lake Erie office, St. Thomas, is visiting friends in the city.

A reward is offered for the return of an emblem pin and a gold filled watch chain that was lost in this city.

You can buy \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 shirts to-day from Stone The Hatter for 85 cents. This is the snap of the season. Stone & Co., Garner Block.

Miss Grace Martin, Dover street, formerly of the millinery department of the Gordon Store, has accepted a good position in Detroit.

Herb Rankin, of St. Paul, Minn., an old Chatham boy, arrived in the city this afternoon and will spend a few days at his home here.

Lost, about two or three months ago, a small emblem pin, an enamelled gold plated oak leaf bracelet, W. A. No value to finder. Also after July 7th gold filled watch chain, small oblong links with gold charm, circular with square and compass on face and F. B. P. in old English letters on reverse side. Reasonable reward. F. B. Proctor.

STRANGE SITUATION. There is a little friction arising just now between the Waterworks Commissioners and the Council.

The Waterworks Board have been charging the Dowsley Co. for their water, while the City Council have passed a by-law granting the Dowsley Co. free water.

This by-law was passed after the city of Chatham had voted upon it and a majority of the ratepayers had approved of it.

That the by-law should be followed out and that the Dowsley Co. should not pay for the water are undeniable facts, but still they have paid. Both the Council and the Waterworks Board are servants of the people and the Council were merely carrying out the will of the people.

A citizen was laughing over the affair this morning and instanced Mr. Jones, who is city engineer and also superintendent of the waterworks department. "Must I," remarked the ratepayer, "first tell Mr. Jones that I am talking to him as city engineer when I wish to converse with him on city business? Must I then turn round and inform him that I am talking to him as superintendent of waterworks before I talk to him on waterworks business? Must I consider him split in two and talk to both sides individually lest his breath crosses? To me, the stand of the Water Board is absurd."

Hotel Rates Reduced. The Queen's Hotel, Toronto, American plan, from \$2.00 per day, with bath from \$3.00 per day.

WILL BE MISSED. Tommy O'Connor, Chatham's fast little home player, will not be in the game either to-day or on Monday.

The breaking of his nose in the Blenheim-Detroit game has been more serious than was thought a first, and Tommy will be sorely missed from the team.

Although not a home player, Webster will be taken from the defence and replace O'Connor on the home.

Captain Frank Babcock will likely take up the stick and play his old position at Cover Point. The line-up to-day will be about as follows:—Goal—Jahnke. Point—Mooney. Cover—Grant.

First defence—Fead. Second defence—Elliot. Third defence—Knight. Centre—Hayden. Third—Ross. Second—Webster. First—Dowling.

Outside—Wilson. Inside—Angus. Captain—Babcock.

STRANGE CASE AGAINST CITY

The Thompson Suit May Untangle Many Threads of Ancient History.

City Did Not Receive Satisfactory Dynamos and Claim \$400 is Not Owing.

The suit of the Thompson Electric Light Co. against the City, to recover \$400, held by the latter as a guarantee, has revived all the old rumors of mismanagement if not mis-dealings in connection with the installation of the civic electric plant.

After the defeat of the by-law, by which it was proposed to give the electric light contract and other inducements to a company on condition that they built an electric road here, the City Council on the 31st of May, 1897, decided to advertise for tenders for a civic electric light plant.

On the 7th of June the tenders were opened. A number of tenders were received.

The Thompson Co. tendered for the work at \$7,800, while the Stevens Mfg. Co. offered to do the work for \$6,496. There were other higher tenders, but all were rejected.

It afterwards developed in the suit of John Pleasance vs. Thompson & Co., and the city garnishes, that on the 14th of June, 1897,—seven days after the Council meeting when the tenders were rejected—an agreement had been drawn in the Merrill Hotel, on Merrill Hotel paper and in the handwriting of City Solicitor Douglas, whereby Thompson had agreed to pay the late George Rankin five per cent, or practically \$500, on condition that Thompson's tender or any variation thereof should be accepted and paid for by the city.

Rankin had given orders upon this \$500 to John Pleasance and others and the city was garnished.

On July 7, now and separate tenders were received by the Council for the different works. In every instance, as note the following, the Thompson tender was the highest and yet the Thompson Co. got the contract.

Dynamo-Stevens Co., \$1,875; Thompson Co., \$1,675; Aero lamps—John Abell, Toronto, \$1,600; Stevens Mfg. Co., \$1,625; Thompson Co., \$1,875. Construction of the line—Electric Supply Co., Detroit, \$4,783; Stevens Mfg. Co., \$5,220; Thompson Co., \$5,280.

The Fire and Light committee reported in favor of accepting the Electric Supply Co.'s tender for the construction but, on motion of Ald. Carpenter, seconded by Ald. Phelps, the Thompson tender was accepted, although in bulk it was \$1,672 higher than the lowest tender.

The garnish case was non-suited on the evidence of the City Clerk that the money was held as a guarantee for the dynamos.

Needless to say Judge Bell dismissed Pleasance's suit and the city held the \$400, which has proved wholly insufficient to set right the material supplied by the Thompson Co. under contract.

The city has been at a large expenditure in connection with the defective dynamos, but whether it shall have to pay over to Thompson \$400 more will depend upon the lawsuit now started against the city.

Thompson claims that the works were accepted by the Council referring to the officials in 1897, and that the contract does not require a certificate in writing by the engineer of completion.

Mr. Thompson is suing on the ground that the dynamos were accepted by the city officials. The City Clerk, when asked about this, stated that the contract had never been accepted by the city, as the records would prove. On Oct. 25, Gilbert Wilkes, the expert from Detroit employed to superintend the installation of the dynamos, presented a communication to the Council referring to the failure of the dynamos to develop the necessary power.

On Nov. 20th, 1897, Gilbert Wilkes again reported as follows:—"In view of the fact that the insulation is low and the heating is high, the machines are not approved."

Gilbert Wilkes reported that \$400 would be sufficient to cover defects in the dynamos and that sum was retained. The balance of \$1,275 was reported to Council on Dec. 30 as having been paid by cheque of the city, signed by Mayor Smyth.

A peculiar feature of the whole case is that George Rankin, William Douglas, K. C., and Gilbert Wilkes are all deceased.

At the trial Rankin when asked what he was to do for the \$500, said that he had a room in the Merrill Hotel as the head office of the Thompson Co.'s interests and that he was seeing people and doing things in the interest of the company.

A letter dated July 16, 1897, also appeared from Thompson to Mr. Douglas, acknowledging a receipt of a telegram from the latter, but very respectfully declining to accept a draft on him, and a similar letter to Mr. Rankin declining to pay any money until the work was done and paid for.

All men may be born equal, but they don't stay that way long.

Love is blind and that may be the reason it makes spectacles of its devotees.

WE THE SELL! GMPRESS SHOE.



Are the best goods ever offered to the trade.

Our Empress, \$2.00. Our Empress, \$2.50. Our Empress, \$3.00. Our Empress, \$3.50. Our Empress, \$4.00.

We will defy all other competitors to beat these goods at these prices.

TURRILL, THE SHOE MAN.

MANY SOLDIERS KILLED. Result of Railway Accident in Italy.

Rome, Aug. 29.—A disastrous railway accident has cut short the festivities and demonstrations in honor of the King and Queen at Udine, on the eastern frontier, sixty miles from Venice, where the Sovereigns had gone to view the grand army manoeuvres.

A train overflowing with soldiers collided with a freight train, and sixteen soldiers were killed and over sixty injured. The trains took fire a few minutes after the collision, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Special trains brought a corps of physicians, who administered to the wounded. King Victor Emmanuel visited the hospital in person later to see the victims of the accident.

BAD DROWNING ACCIDENT. Three Young Women Thrown Over an Embankment into a River.

Pittsburg, Aug. 29.—While a party of young people were driving home from a social gathering near Evergreen their vehicle went over a high embankment into Girty's Run, and Myrtle Scott, aged 20 years, her sister Runnie, aged 18, and Nancy Clifford, a cousin, aged 20, were drowned.

RATTLESNAKES. Geb. Meynell has in his window three rattlesnakes captured by R. G. Martin, Wm. Somerset, of Chatham Township, was an interested spectator.

"Many a time I have shot snakes like those," commented he, "if was picking berries one day about four years ago when I heard one rattle a short distance away from me. I got a gun and shot it."

"Are there many rattlesnakes in Kent?" inquired a Spanet snake-baiter. "There are quite a few around Bodwell," replied Mr. Somerset, "and a number around Kent Bridge."

LABOR DAY. The different committees are working every evening completing arrangements for their demonstration on Monday, September 7th.

The program has been issued and a large number of prizes will be competed for.

Mrs. W. A. Hadley and two sons returned to-day from Amherstburg, where they have been spending the summer.

The special attraction committee, with Mr. C. Austin as chairman, are leaving nothing undone in the way of securing attendance, and everything that their hearts desire at Peninsula Fair, Chatham, Sept. 22nd to 24th.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. FOR SALE—Mare, rising five years old, 15 hands high, blocky, sound. Also, thoroughbred Shetland pony, harness and cart. J. W. White.

WANTED—A good mannered, bright young man, between 25 and 30 years of age, to learn the mineral bath business. A good opportunity for the right man. Apply at Chatham Mineral Bath House.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed, bulk or separate tenders will be received by the undersigned until noon, Tuesday, September 4th, for the erection of additions to the Chatham Co. factory. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley & Son, architects, Chatham, the tenders to be addressed to the undersigned marked "tender," and left at the office of the architects.

The lowest nor any tender not necessarily accepted. W. R. LANDON, Manager.

Fashionable Dressmaking. C. AUSTIN & CO. Reliable Furs...

NEW DRESS GOODS.

No time like the present for picking out your new fall suit when goods are new and the assortment not broken. Early buyers have the largest stock and finest selection to choose from. The following is a few of the many from our large stock of dress goods.

Black and grey Venetian, 52 inches wide, two shades of grey, price \$1.00 per yard.

Black, Broad and Ladies' Cloth, 54 inches wide, price 75c, \$1.15 and \$2.

Brown, Grey, Garnet, Fawn, Green, and Navy Blue Ladies' Cloth, from 50 to 54 inches wide, price 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50.

Fancy Zebeline, in mixed effects, in all the leading shades, from 44 to 54 inches wide, from 1.00 to 2.00 per yard.

Black Silk Mohair, 46 inches wide, extra fine material, price \$1.75 per yard.

Cream Silk and Wool Fancy, with stripe and dot, lovely material for waists, 40 inches wide, price \$1.00 per yard.

Fancy Stripe Homespun, in navy blue, brown, black and grey, 56 inches wide, price 90c per yard.

Crepe De Chine, in blue, brown, grey, pink, cardinal and castor, 44 inches wide, price 50c, 75c and \$1.00 per yard.

Hurrah for the School Boys ...and Girls

The holidays are nearly over and every mother will be getting her children ready for school, and after the romp of 8 weeks vacation there is no doubt whatever that they are looking after. We have prepared something special in the way of a STOCKING SALE FOR SATURDAY and mothers should take advantage of these prices.

Boys' Stockings. Boys' heavy ribb cotton stockings, fast black, sizes 7 1/2 to 10, regular value 20c and 25c, for per pair 18c.

Boys' ribb cotton stockings, warranted fast black, double knee, splice heel and toe, good value at 25c, our price 20c.

Special values in little fellows' stockings, the sizes are broken up, price per pair 10c.

Girls' Stocking. Misses' ribb cotton stockings, thread finish, double knee, spliced heel and toes, sizes 5 to 6 1/2, special value 15c.

Misses' black maco stockings, double knee, splice heel and toe, Hermsdorf dye, sizes 5 1/2 to 6 1/2, 20c value for 15c.

Misses' fine ribb cotton stockings, warranted fast black, sizes 5 to 6 1/2 at 12 1/2c, sizes 7 1/2 to 10 at 20c.

Waist Goods

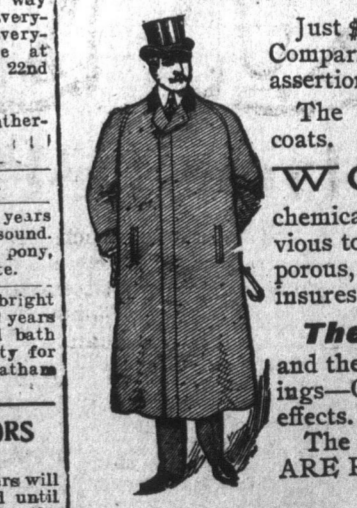
Have you seen our New Waistings? If not, why not. Everything new and nobby. Patterns are good and will make up a very stylish garment for this time of the year.

A few of the colorings and prices. 27 in. wide, all wool, in black and red, grey and white, blue and white, fawn and white, red and white and white with satin stripe. Prices—50c, 65c, 75c and 85c.

36 in. wide, all wool fancy stripes in blue and white, blue and fawn, fawn and white, and old rose. Price 90c per yard.

MEN, SEE HERE!

If you want the best for your money buy Austin & Co's Rainproof Coats... \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00...



Just 2 1/2 to \$4 less than most stores ask. Comparison is all we ask to prove the above assertion. Come in and look.

The rainy August days suggests coats. They are made of all

WOOL CLOT chemically treated so that they are avious to rain, but not air tight. The porous, allowing the circulation of air, insures comfort and no overheating.

They Will! Keep You Dr and they always look well. Dressy C ings—Oxford Grey, Olives and effects.

The coats are right and the PR ARE RIGHT.

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