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It matters not what you want you can get it at very low prices here during this month. There are still many lines that must be cleared out—stylish and pretty—just what you need. Bring your dollars here, they do double duty just now

Dress Goods

15 pcs. Dress Goods in all pretty shades, worth regular 50c, 75c. and \$1.00, your choice, 29c.

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15 doz. Boys, and Girl's Ribbed Hose, heavy quality, just what you want for the children when they return to school, reg. price, 10c, clearing price, 7½c.

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Light and Dark Colored Print Wrappers in all sizes, clearing sale price, ¼ off.

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20 pcs. Japanese Silks, very newest colorings, for Suits, Waists, Children's Gowns, etc., reg. price 50c, clearing price 21c

Prints

50 pcs. fine English Prints in light and dark colors, full 32 in. wide, reg. price 10c and 12½c, clearing at 8c and 10c.

Ladies' Skirts

50 Ladies' Skirts, Frieze and Tweed effects, new styles, perfect fitting, reg. \$5.00 quality, at \$3.75; reg. \$7.00 quality at \$5.00.

Tweed Suits

One half dozen Ladies' Light Tweed Suits, neatly trimmed, all wool cloth, light weight and light color, regular \$13.50, clearing sale price, \$6.50

CITY TAX RATE AT 27 1-2 MILLS

Council Finally Strikes the Schedule of Assessment —The Estimates.

Ald. McCoig Issues the Board of Works Ultimatum and Secures Little Sympathy.

Twenty-seven and one-half mills will be Chatham's rate of taxation for the present year.

This was the decision arrived at by the City Council at their meeting last evening.

It has been generally known for some time that the rate would be very high this year so that the announcing of it at the council board did not come as a very big surprise. Alderman Marshall brought the matter up by introducing his by-law which gave the following estimates—\$21,464.00 for Public and Separate Schools.

\$4,945.00 for the Collegiate Institute.

\$1,500.00 Public Library.

17,753.84, Consolidated Debt Debentures, 1892.

\$2,891.50, Consolidated Debt Debentures, 1904.

\$8,385.77, Water Works Debenture, 1st issue.

\$1,734.39, Water Works Debenture, 2nd issue.

\$1,278.83, Queen and Thames Street debentures.

\$1,153.14, Electric Light debenture.

\$1,060.55, interest on Dowseley and Chaplin debentures.

\$46,257.20, local improvement.

The whole rateable property in the city amounts to \$3,834,057.00, of which sum \$422,320.00 is for Separate school supporters.

The rate was struck in the following way—

5-6-10 mills, Separate School.

1-2-10 mills, Collegiate Institute.

4-10 mills, Public Library.

5-4-10 mills, Consolidated debt debentures.

2-8-10 mills, Water Works debentures.

4-10 mills, Queen and Thames St. debentures.

3-10 mills, Electric Light debentures.

3-10 mills, interest on Dowseley and Chaplin debentures.

11 mills, general city purposes.

Total, 27 1-2 mills.

Ald. Marshall—Before fixing the rate I wish to say to the chairman of the different committees that in order to get the rate down to the amount of 27 1-2 mills in a number of cases the estimates of the different chairmen have had to be cut down.

I think it is within the power of the different committees of the council board to try to live within these figures. I do not wish to be arbitrary—far from it—but it appeared to me, to go to the citizens and ask 29 mills was too much of a good thing. Our rate last year was 25 1-2 mills and we failed by nearly \$5,000 to live within the estimates. This, added to the sum of the shortage, made \$54,565.00. There is no use to consolidate another debt. It is not businesslike. We have got to be economical but there is no use to strike a low rate and have another shortage. The first payment of the consolidated debt debenture comes due next January and we have to provide for that. We have had to expend \$1,300 for a new dynamo; \$1,200 was expended in extending water mains; the schools asked for \$4,000 more than last year; and our local improvement account amounts up to \$3,000 more than last year; so that taking into consideration all of these increased expenditures over which we have no control, any reasonable person will see that we are giving good account of ourselves in striking this rate. I would call your attention to the fact that of all the money raised by the council itself only has \$30,000.00 for the managing their part of the city's business, which includes the work of attending to all bridges, Board of Works, Cemetery work, charity, contingencies, electric light, fire department, legal business, printing and stationery, salaries and parks. This will amount up to about 8 1-2 mills and all of the rest of the 27 1-2 mills is beyond our control.

Ald. Archie McCoig, Chairman of the Board of Works, asked for the committee's estimates. The estimate for the Board of Works is \$7,500. This was certainly satisfactory to Mr. McCoig and he was on his feet in a moment. He said:

"Gentlemen, that amount is \$1,500 less than the Board of Works expended last year, and if that is the way you are reducing the rate the Board of Works should get all of the credit. Every precaution was taken by last year's Board of Works and I don't see how the Board can be managed any cheaper this year. However, it is for you gentlemen to say. I shall not expend \$1 over the estimate you allow me, and I shall try to make the money go as far as possible; but if you want the snow and slush to remain on your walks and gutters, your intakes filled up with mud and all of the other necessary expenditures abandoned, now is the time to say so, when you are cutting down my estimate \$1,500. My figures were as close as the engineer and myself could make them, considering all of the necessary expenditures. Of all committees, the Board of Works should not be deprived of funds, but this year the Board of Works will close down as soon as the estimates are all used up. The chairman of

Finance will not be in a position to say to me at the end of the year that I overdraw my estimate."

Ald. Edmondson—There are not so many streets to keep in repair as there were last year.

Ald. McCoig—That argument will not hold water. No one has made more kicks about bad streets than Ald. Edmondson.

Ald. Westman—There is a small surplus of about \$700, and I am sure that the Property committee will let it go to the Board of Works.

Ald. McCoig—We want no charity and don't have to take it. We don't have to coax the Property committee for money. If the people want the work done they will have to appoint a man who will vote the money to have the work done. There are many people paying taxes whose only benefit is from the little expenditure of the Board of Works in improvements and repairs.

Ald. Edmondson—Ald. McCoig is being paid back in his own coin. He was one of the worst kickers when he was off the Board of Works.

Ald. McCoig—And I will continue to be a critic. I will express myself and I won't be dictated to by Ald. Edmondson. I will answer all enquiries that come to me to the best of my ability. I am not before Ald. Edmondson to be judged. The electors will do that.

Ald. McCoig—When the present Minister of Finance was in the Board of Works did he overdraw his estimates or live up to them?

Ald. Marshall—My estimates were \$5,000, but expended \$7,810. We had a bad season.

Ald. McCoig—I consider it flattery that Mr. Marshall thinks I can get along with \$250 less than he did some years ago, but it is impossible. There is more to attend to now.

However, if you want to take chances on bad sidewalks, I am in your hands. I will do the best with what ever money you give me. No wonder you all turned handsprings to get away from the chairmanship of the Board of Works, and one alderman who is now giving advice nearly had a fit when he thought he would even be a member of a committee.

The by-law went through as it was prepared by Ald. Marshall.

The Bell Telephone Company will be obliged to appoint an inspector to superintend the trimming of trees.

Some of the aldermen are of the opinion that Mose Robinson is doing too much slashing. Mose believes in the principle of trimming trees to suit himself. He doesn't pretend to be able to please every one. The inspector will be paid by the Telephone Company.

The Mayor—That is a timely suggestion, as I am afraid there would be some funerals to attend if the tree slasher comes up near the west end.

There were present at the meeting Mayor McKeough, and Ald. Marshall, Scullard, McCoig, Piggott, Westman and Edmondson.

The Separate school asked for \$300 on account.—Granted.

The City Treasurer's new bond was received. It has been duly signed. The bondsmen are Judge Bell, Dr. Fleming and J. W. Fleming. The bondsmen were accepted.

Eight and Faidler's contract for granolithic walks for 1904 guaranteed in the United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co., was received.—Referred to Finance.

Edward Mays, D. A. Gray and Albert Mills and O. Sawyer asked permission to cut down trees.— Referred to Chief of Police.

A petition was received for a granolithic walk on the east side of West Street from Cross to Harvey Street, was referred to the clerk.

A petition for a granolithic walk on the East side of St. Clair Street from Selkirk to Forest Street, was sufficiently signed and was referred to the Engineer to report.

A petition for a continuation of the brick pavement on St. Clair St., near the Aberdeen Hotel, was referred to the engineer.

A petition for sewer on King St., from Prince to Princess Street, was not sufficiently signed and so was referred to the Board of Health.

A petition for a granolithic walk on the west side of Dufferin Avenue, from Park Street to Dufferin Street, was referred to the engineer to report.

The contract of R. Stevens for the sewer on Lydecan Avenue, was received and signed by the Mayor and clerk.

The contracts of James Somers, for sewers on Jeffery Street and also on Forest Street, were also received and signed by the Mayor and clerk.

The T. H. Taylor Company asked that the work they petitioned for, being a granolithic walk in front of their property be laid over until fall.—Granted.

The Gas Company will be again notified to cut off their gas pipes near sidewalks.

The Dresden council asked for the charge for the use of the Chatham fire engine. The city council decided to charge nothing for the use of the engine.

John S. Fraser, for the Reeve of Chatham township, complained of garbage from the city deposited in that township.—Referred to Property Committee.

The guarantee from the Asphalt Block Company was referred to the Finance committee.

Lewis & Richards, on behalf of Harry Gonne, asked for damages caused by an accident which happened to Mr. Gonne on Park street. It is claimed that the city is liable.—Board of Works.

A communication from the Duplex Manufacturing & Foundry Co. was referred to the Board of Works.

ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

Possessing Wolf Hill Japs Are Now in Strong Position.

Have Now Opportunity to Be Great Danger to the Fortress—From Hitherto Reliable Source It Is Learned That the Japanese Are Renewing Their Attack on the Remaining Outer Positions of Port Arthur.

Che Foo, Aug. 10.—From a source hitherto reliable it is said there is good reason to believe that the Japanese are renewing their attack on the remaining outer positions at Port Arthur.

The officers of the German cruiser Fuerst Bismarck, lying at the outer edge of this harbor, express the opinion that the firing heard Monday night was an encounter between detachments of warships, twenty miles northwest of Che Foo. From the cruiser the flashes of the guns could be seen.

Six Miles From Fortress.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—The following despatch from Viceroy Alexieff, dated Aug. 7, has been received by the Czar:

"General Stoessel reports as follows:

"At five in the morning of July 27, the enemy having advanced a strong force, their artillery opened fire along their whole front, followed by a series of attacks, one of which, directed against Yupaiza Mountain, was especially vigorous.

"At about eight in the evening the enemy were everywhere repulsed with enormous losses. I remained in the advanced positions we have held for two days against an army very much stronger than ours.

"At four in the morning of July 30, about five divisions of Japanese took the offensive against our position on the Wolf Hills. In view of the enormous superiority of the enemy's forces and weakness of the position, our troops were ordered to retire to the rear positions without fighting. The movement was effected in complete order under the protection of artillery, which by accurate fire at short ranges, completely stopped the Japanese advance.

Our losses have not yet been ascertained, but they were not great. The losses of the Japanese were very considerable. In the engagements of July 26 and July 27 the Japanese had about 70,000 men, and a considerable number of guns.

"The morale of the Russian troops is excellent, and their health good."

Gen. Stoessel says the real assault of the Japanese was made on the Russian positions on Wolf Hills which, he points out, are only six miles northward and near the railroad station.

Aim to Attack Simnantung.

Mukden, Aug. 10.—The Japanese are using Shanhaikwan-Yinkow Railway for provisioning the army and mobilizing troops for an attack on Simnantung, about 30 miles west of Mukden.

To Relieve Kuropatkin.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.—It is reported in military circles that Lieutenant Linevitch is marching with troops from the direction of Vladivostok to create a diversion in the rear of Gen. Kuroki's army, with the object of relieving Gen. Kuropatkin's force.

Ready to Defeat Plans.

Liaoyang, Aug. 10.—Gen. Kuropatkin is ready to defeat the Japanese plan for cutting off Liaoyang. The Japanese forces are concentrated in three groups—the first at Simou-cheng, Haicheng and Newchwang; the second threatening Liandanian and Liaoyang, and the third threatening Siksevan, Liaoyang and Mukden.

According to a Chinese reports the Japanese are massing in the direction of Saimatzu, evidently flanking Liaoyang and a strong column is ascending the Liao Valley from Newchwang, also for the purpose of flanking Liaoyang. A reliable Chinese merchant declares this column includes ten thousand Chinese, Japanese subjects, from the Island of Formosa. This most unwelcome development may induce other Chinese to join the Japanese. It is hard to tell a Formosan from a Manchurian.

Drove in the Japs.

Sintsintin, 66 miles east of Mukden, Manchuria, Monday, Aug. 8.—(Delayed in transmission).—A column of Russian troops, consisting of two companies of Cossacks, two companies of sharpshooters, a company of infantry and a couple of mountain guns, set out Aug. 4, on the Saimatzu road toward Tsianshan, 36 miles southward, and drove in the Japanese outposts. A hundred men stubbornly resisted at three consecutive passes, but were routed by the Russian artillery, leaving ammunition and equipment behind them. One Russian was killed and four were wounded. The Russian pursued the Japanese so far as Tsianshan. According to the Chinese, 2,000 Japanese are holding that place.

Fight at Port Arthur Aug. 8.

London, Aug. 10.—It is reported from Shanghai that the Russians are retreating northward from Anshan-shan. The Daily Telegraph's Che Foo correspondent reports a great land and sea fight at Port Arthur, Aug. 8, and the Japanese were repeatedly repulsed. Over 1,000 Russians were killed, the correspondent says. The Russian troops have now been reinforced by civilians at Port Arthur.

FANCY GOODS

To the Ladies:—

We are pleased to say that we have a full and choice line of Cushion Tops, Battenburg Patterns, Centre Pieces and Doylies on hand at present. We can also show you all the material for working these such as Belding's Silks (in filo, twisted, royal and rope), Cotton Floss, Linen Floss, Etching Cotton, Mending Cotton, Padding Cotton, Crochet Cotton, Knitting Cotton Silco, Lace Thread (from 100 to 1000), Glasgow Lace Thread, Barbour's Linen, Battenburg Braids, Point Lace Braids Pins, Needles, Embroidery Hoops, Thread (both cotton and silk), Netting Needles, Crochet Hooks, and all the other articles used by a lady to beautify her home and dress.

Let us also remind you that the season for **Bedroom Slippers** is near at hand, and we have just received a large shipment of not only the **Hartford Soles** but also the famous all leather one, with the detachable wool sole.

So we take pleasure in extending to you a very cordial invitation to visit our store and enjoy the inspection of our choice goods.

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